

the rock inn

steadfastly traditional


wine list

Great pride and importance is placed on our wine list.


Wines from around the world are carefully selected and listed according to style in order to make choosing a wine an enjoyable experience for our guests.

ALLERGENS: All wines on this list contain sulphites and some may contain egg or milk products. Please ask if you require further guidance.

Champagne

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| <p>1. GREMILLET Brut Sélection NV
  Aube, Champagne, France [70% Pinot Noir; 30% Chardonnay]
 <i>An extremely elegant, Pinot dominated Champagne, resulting in a wine which is quite creamy in texture with a lovely depth of biscuity fruit.</i></p> | 49.95 |
| <p>3. POL ROGER Brut Réserve NV 'White Foil'
 Épernay, Champagne, France [33% Pinot Noir; 33% Pinot Meunier; 34% Chardonnay]
 <i>Elegant and feminine with white peach aromas, a delicious biscuity finish and great length. The Non Vintage is only released when it is at least three years old.</i></p> | 70.00 |
| <p>4. VEUVE FOURNY & FILS ROSÉ 1^{er} Cru Brut NV
 Vertus, Champagne, France [33% Pinot Noir; 67% Chardonnay]
 <i>This rosé is crisp, stylish and utterly ravishing. "Fine and persistent as well as rich and seductive. It may become one of the most recherché wines in Champagne." Robert Parker.</i></p> | 62.50 |
| <p>8. BOLLINGER 'La Grande Année' 2007
 Reims, Champagne, France [66% Pinot Noir; 34% Chardonnay]
 <i>Rich and full - one of the world's great Champagnes - only made in exceptional years. 75% of the fruit is from Grand Cru sites, the remaining 25% from the finest Premier Cru, first fermentation is in 100% old oak barrels, aged for 5 years on its lees. La Grande Année is the ultimate expression of the Bollinger house style.</i></p> | 135.00 |

Sparkling Wines

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| <p>10. LYME BAY BRUT RESERVE NV
 Lyme Bay Winery, Axe Valley, England
 <i>This is a 100% Seyval Blanc, fruit driven sparkling wine with lemon citrus notes and a gentle, persistent mousse. Extremely delicious and perfect for drinking at any time.</i></p> | 35.00 |
| <p>12. CRÉMANT DE BOURGOGNE ROSÉ NV
 Cave de Lugny, Burgundy, France [11.5% ABV]
 <i>Light and fresh, this 'Methode Traditionelle' rosé has a persistent, lively mousse with wonderful, fresh red berry aromas and flavours.</i></p> | 29.00 |
| <p>13. PROSECCO SUPERIORE 'Mionetto'
  DOC Treviso, Italy [Glera]
 <i>Full of fruit flavours, good mousse with floral notes, good acidity and that added dash of minerality, this is Prosecco at its best.</i></p> | 24.00 |

champagne & sparkling wines

White Wines

Superb as aperitifs, or with lighter fish and poultry dishes listed in order of dryness, driest first.

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| 14. MUSCADET DE SEVRE ET MAINE Sur Lie 2017 Domaine de la Bretonnière, Loire, France 25.00
<i>If only all Muscadet tasted this good! Bone dry, but packed with delicious citrus fruit flavours.</i> | |
| 15. CHABLIS 2015 Domaine Bois d'Yver, Chablis, Burgundy, France 38.50
 <i>Certified Organic, this Chablis has a delicious mineral fruitiness combined with a clean, crisp freshness, generous weight, and excellent finish.</i> | |
| 16. CHÂTEAU CARBON D'ARTIGUES BLANC 2016/17 Graves, Bordeaux, France 26.50
<i>A perfectly balanced blend of deliciously fresh Sauvignon Blanc with the lovely rounded weight of old-vine Semillon. A versatile match for many fish and chicken dishes.</i> | |
| 18. POUILLY FUMÉ 'Villa Paulus' 2017 Domaine Masson-Blondelet, Loire, France 38.50
<i>With terrific balance and depth, and the elegance and the smoky richness that only Pouilly-Fumé, of all Sauvignon Blancs, can achieve.</i> | |
| 19. GRENACHE/SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017 Les Terrasses, IGP Ardèche, France 18.00
 <i>A fresh, clean and fruity white from the Cevennes mountains. Hints of passionfruit and citrus fruit.</i> | |
| 21. LUGANA 'Ella' 2016 Ancilla, Lombardy, Italy 29.50
<i>Attractive aromas of yellow fruits, grapefruit and ripe citrus. Crisp, refreshing and balanced, with a hint of minerality on the palate and a lingering finish.</i> | |
| 23. PINOT GRIGIO 2016 Bivio, IGT delle Venezie, Italy 21.50
 <i>Light straw colour. Fine, elegant, clean and intense aromas. Dry to taste with a pleasant green apple aftertaste. A lively, easy-drinking white.</i> | |

Superb with spicy foods and smoked fish dishes.

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| 24. VOUVRAY SEC 2016 Domaine Coteau de la Biche, Vouvray, Loire, France 28.00
<i>Intense grapey, lime fresh fruit flavours, very dry with a hint of acaicia honey.</i> | |
| 25. SAUVIGNON BLANC 'LANARK LANE' 2017 Marlborough, New Zealand 28.50
<i>Intense green nettle aromas of gooseberry, redcurrant and citrus. The palate is well-balanced and vibrant with persistent flavours and crisp acidity.</i> | |
| 26. SAUVIGNON BLANC 2017 Casas del Bosque, Casablanca, Chile 24.00
 <i>A lime, grapefruit and fresh ginger nose, with a palate of bright tropical and citrus zest flavours and a tight mineral backbone with rapier-like acidity.</i> | |
| 27. 'SANDBAR' BACCHUS, 2015 Lyme Bay Winery, Axe Valley, Devon 30.00
 <i>Off-dry, crisp and displaying refreshing notes of grapefruit, nettle and elderflower, with an exceptionally long finish</i> | |
| 29. VIOGNIER 2017 Domaine St. Hilaire, Pays d'Oc, France 26.50
<i>Aromas of ripe apricots, peaches and honeysuckle. The palate is full with lush and unctuous fruit flavours, the result of 20+ year old vines.</i> | |
| 30. GEWÜRZTRAMINER 2017 Villa Wolf, Pfalz, Germany 25.50
<i>Crisp, fresh with delicate flavours of rose petal and lychee, hints of honeysuckle on the nose and a lingering, zesty finish.</i> | |
| 31. RIESLING KABINETT 2016 - Halbtrocken Koester Wolf, Rheinhessen, Germany 21.50
<i>A mineral-scented, off-dry Riesling which shows flinty, lime aromas with a rounded yet refreshing palate.</i> | |

lighter, crisp, fruit-driven

aromatic, and spicy


White Wines cont....

Perfect with richer fish, and creamy dishes

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| 32. RIOJA BLANCO 'Hacienda Lopez de Haro' 2016/17 Bodega Classica, Rioja Alta, Spain
<i>Unoaked, full, ripe apple and peach fruit overlaid with the clean, crisp Viura texture.</i> | 25.00 |
| 33. PICPOUL DE PINET 2017 Domaine St. Peyre, Languedoc, France
<i>Dry, crisp and fragrant, with a distinctive nutty nuance.
Very fashionable - the perfect match for white fish dishes.</i> | 24.50 |
| 34. CHATEAU THIVIN 'Cuvée Marguerite' 2016 Odenas, Beaujolais, France
<i>White Beaujolais-Villages made from 100% Chardonnay. It has an exceedingly fine nose of white flowers and citrus and a round and complex palate. Outstanding!</i> | 30.00 |
| 36. PULIGNY MONTRACHET 'Les Charmes' 2015 Domaine J. L. Chavy, Burgundy, France
<i>Classic White Burgundy with tremendous purity of fruit and a concentrated, rich, creamy finish.</i> | 70.00 |
| 37. CHARDONNAY 'Whistling Duck' 2017 Calabria Family Wines, N.S.W., Australia
 <i>Unoaked, a fresh Chardonnay rounded and well-balanced with lemon zest and stone fruit flavours.</i> | 21.50 |
| 38. DART VALLEY RESERVE 2016 Sharpham Vineyard, Totnes, Devon
 <i>A blend of Madeleine Angevine and Pheonix grape varieties to produce an off-dry, light and fresh wine which works well with or without food.</i> | 25.50 |
| 39. CÔTES DU RHÔNE Blanc 'César' 2015 Dom. Roche-Audran, Southern Rhône, France
<i>Made from Grenache Blanc and Viognier with aromas of honeysuckle and acacia.
Full-bodied with a perfect balance between fruit and acidity. .</i> | 31.50 |

Rosé and Blush Wines


perfect as aperitifs but also good with salads and spiced dishes.

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| 73. ANJOU ROSÉ 2017 Domaine des Essarts, Loire, France
 <i>Deliciously fresh rosé from the heart of the Loire valley. Leaning towards off-dry with a clean strawberry fruit that is perfectly balanced.</i> | 24.50 |
| 74. #LOU ROSÉ 2017 Peyrassol, Côtes de Provence, France
<i>A blend of Cinsault, Grenache and Syrah, it is brimming with light strawberry and citrus fruits as well as mineral notes.</i> | 24.50 |
| 75. GRENACHE-MERLOT ROSÉ 'Les Terrasses' 2017 Les Vignerons Ardéchois, France
<i>A crisp rosé from the Cevennes mountains, dry, but full of summer berry fruit.</i> | 18.00 |

Red Wines


these are great without food, or with salads, light meat and many fish dishes.

These wines may be served chilled, so please ask if that is your preference.

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| 42. FLEURIE 2015/16 - Olivier Ravier, Beaujolais, France
<i>Produced from 100% old vine Gamay, this is fresh, light and ultra-juicy.</i> | 32.50 |
| 43. PINOT NOIR 2017 - Whale Point, South Eastern Australia
 <i>A soft red fruit nose, very smooth palate with cherry and raspberry fruit and supple tannins.</i> | 23.50 |
| 44. GAMAY 'Eclat de Granite' 2016 - Robert Serol, Côtes Roannaise, Loire, France
<i>A delicious fresh red bursting with rich raspberry fruit, complex with an intensely long finish.</i> | 30.50 |

Red Wines Cont...

Classic wines to accompany food, these are stylish and elegant, perfect with all meat dishes, and for those who prefer a less fleshy style of wine.

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| 45. CÔTES DE NUITS VILLAGES 2015 - Domaine Xavier Durand, Burgundy, France
<i>Top quality with a wonderful purity, surpasses many a Nuits St. Georges and is phenomenal value</i> | 44.00 |
| 46. GEVREY CHAMBERTIN 'En Champs' 2015 - Domaine des Tilleuls, Burgundy, France
<i>Elegant with full dark berry and cherry fruit, hints of liquorice, excellent acidity and light earthy notes on the finish.</i> | 70.00 |
| 47. CHÂTEAU DES JOUALLES 2010 - Bordeaux Supérieur, France
<i>This is a deeply coloured, ripe, fruit-driven Claret with excellent structure. [60% Merlot; 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc]</i> | 25.50 |
| 48. RIOJA CRIANZA 'Hacienda Lopez de Haro' 2016 - Bodega Classica, Rioja, Spain
 <i>A smooth Crianza with spicy dark fruit with hints of leather, coffee and dried herbs. Great value - highly awarded in the wine press.</i> | 26.00 |
| 49. PINOT NOIR 2016 Paul Cluver, Elgin, South Africa
<i>Burgundian in style, lots of wild berry fruit on the nose complemented with hints of chocolate, violet and coffee.</i> | 35.50 |

Listed in order of weight (lightest first) these wines are mostly fuller bodied with fantastic concentration of fleshy, ripe fruit.

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| 50. CHIANTI DOCG 2016 Villa Domiziano, Tuscany, Italy
<i>Classic black cherry, raspberry flavours of 'proper' Chianti. Velvety with great tannin structure and a fruitcake finish.</i> | 25.50 |
| 52. APPASSIMENTO ROSSO 2016 - Vino Passito, Puglia, Italy
<i>Made from carefully selected grapes that are sun-dried on the vine which concentrates the flavour producing a rich, complex wine with notes of ripe dark cherries, herbs and vanilla.</i> | 23.00 |
| 53. PINOTAGE 2016 - Slowine, Overberg, Western Cape, South Africa
<i>A deliciously juicy Pinotage full of summer plums and spice with a big, luscious mouthfeel and a peppery finish and a "Padloper" tortoise, native to the area, on the label.</i> | 20.50 |
| 54. MERLOT- SYRAH 'Les Terrasses' 2017 - Les Vignerons Ardéchois, Ardèche, France
 <i>A soft, rounded and fruity red. Deep-coloured with a bouquet of red cherries, this is well balanced and very approachable with an emphasis on ripeness and 'crunchy' fruit.</i> | 18.00 |
| 56. MONASTRELL 'La Tremenda' 2016 - Enrique Mendoza, Alicante, Spain
<i>Intense, succulent bramble fruit with complex spicy nuances. Ripe, supple, complex and very drinkable.</i> | 24.00 |
| 57. MERLOT 2017 - Cornellana Estate, Rapel Valley, Chile
 <i>Rich, deep and plummy with hints of chocolate on the nose. It is easy to see why Chile has become a spiritual home for Merlot.</i> | 20.50 |

elegant, fruit-driven
ripe, rounded, reds



Red Wines cont....

wines with more tannin, made to be drunk with flavoursome foods.

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58. CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES 'Visan' 2016 - Domaine Roche-Audran, Rhône, France <i>A deep-coloured meaty, fruity and supple red. Wonderfully complex with a long finish.</i> [ORGANIC & BIODYNAMIC]	29.00
59. MASSAYA 'Le Colombier' 2017 - Tanail Estate, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon <i>A Franco-Lebanese partnership which results in smooth, supple and spicy blend of Cinsault, Grenache, Tempranillo and Syrah, it's amazing and quite unique.</i>	32.50
60. MALBEC 'VINEYARD SELECTION' 2017 - Altivo, Eugenio Bustos, Mendoza, Argentina  <i>Intense aromas of red and black fruits on the nose with spicy overtones. A complex, concentrated palate of ripe fruit with smooth tannins and a hint of chocolate on the finish.</i>	25.50
61. SHIRAZ 'Whistling Duck' 2017 - Calabria Family Wines, New South Wales, Australia <i>A sumptuous Aussie classic with rich flavours of ripe plums, dark cherries and fresh blackberries, and a dash of peppery spice on the finish.</i>	21.50
62. PIC ST LOUP 'Dame Jeanne' 2015 - Bergerie du Capucin, Languedoc, France <i>A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre, oak aged for 6 months, this is lush and jam-packed with silky, spicy, gamey, blackberry and cherry fruit with hints of liquorice and chocolate.</i>	35.00
63. CABERNET SAUVIGNON 'BMW' 2011 - Botham Merrill Willis, Coonawarra, Australia <i>Made by Australian Geoff Merrill for cricket legends Sir Ian Botham and Bob Willis. On the nose, intense notes of menthol, black olive, mint and capsicum with subtle complex oak. The palate is supple with fine, firm tannins providing excellent structure.</i>	41.00
65. BAROLO RISERVA 2012 - Costa di Bussia, Piedmont, Italy <i>Matured in oak casks for three years it develops the gamey, spicy tones for which Barolo Riservas are famed. It has firm tannins combined with ripe fruit flavours and a long finish.</i>	66.00
66. CHÂTEAU BÉARD LA CHAPELLE 2012 - St Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France [90% Merlot; 7% Cabernet Franc; 3% Cabernet Sauvignon] <i>With a mix of blackcurrant and vanilla aromas, this opulent wine is well-balanced with layers of rich black fruit flavours and a long mineral finish that is silky smooth.</i>	47.00
67. CARMENÈRE RESERVA 'In Situ' 2016 - Viña San Esteban, Aconcagua Valley, Chile <i>Ripe, rounded and packed with concentrated plum fruit with hints of liquorice, dark chocolate and spice. Soft, elegant tannins and a long finish. Delicious.</i>	27.00
68. CHÂTEAU SOCIANDO-MALLET 2010 - Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France <i>This classic 2010 has a dense purple colour, a nose of blueberries, black currants and minerality, with a full-bodied palate, stunning concentration and sweet refined tannins.</i>	80.00
70. 'LYTTON SPRINGS' ZINFANDEL 2014/15 - Ridge Vineyards, Santa Cruz, California, USA <i>Classic Californian Zinfandel, this is a big, opulent and decadent wine with a voluptuous texture and a focussed, fleshy, black cherry and spicy fruit finish.</i>	69.00

heavy, powerful reds with real backbone