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CLUB WINES

1. **Villarica Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile** **£12.20**
Fresh, crisp and unoaked, with prominent citrus, elderflower and tropical fruit flavours which fill the mouth and culminate in a lingering finish.
2. **Menard Colombard Sauvignon, Gascony, France** **£12.20**
GOLD Medal Winner (Concours Général Agricole Paris). The grapefruit and lemon characters of the Colombard are augmented by the zippy gooseberry flavours of the Sauvignon. Crisp, refreshing and balanced characterful white.
3. **Menard Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé, Gascony, France** **£12.20**
A combination of fresh cherry zippiness with luscious raspberry fruit. Wonderful balance. Medium bodied, crisp but luscious.
4. **Copeland Shiraz Cabernet, South East Australia** **£12.20**
Vibrant red with notes of spicy dark berries, plum, blackcurrant and chocolatey flavours. An oak influence adds to the soft but persistent finish. Mike Awin, the man behind the label, spent his childhood in North Down and named this range after those famous islands off the coast!
5. **Les Yeuses Merlot, Languedoc, France** **£12.20**
“SILVER Medal” (Concours des Grands Vins du Languedoc Roussillon)
Medium bodied, ripe red with damson and plum notes. In the style of quality St. Emilion/Pomerol Bordeaux. Balanced and great value.

WINE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

6. **Terra Firma Inzolia, Sicily, Italy** **£13.20**
Made by Master of Wine, Michael Palij. Bright, zesty white from the Sicilian speciality white grape, Inzolia. Unoaked, with delicate pure peachy fruit, this does everything that Pinot Grigio can do, but with considerably more charisma.
7. **Villarica Cabernet Sauvignon, Maule Valley, Chile** **£13.20**
A smooth, lush, easy-drinking red, with ripe berry and black bramble flavours. Soft tannins but enough body to handle full-flavoured dishes.
8. **Terra Firma Nero d’Avola, Sicily, Italy** **£13.20**
Made by Master of Wine, Michael Palij. Medium to full bodied, with juicy dark fruit and spice. Great structure. Goes great with beef-based dishes from Spag Bol to Beef Stew.

HALF BOTTLES - WHITE

9. **Domaine des Lauriers Picpoul de Pinet**, *Languedoc, France* **£8.50**
“GOLD Medal” (Concours Général Agricole de Paris 2009) Fine notes of honey, citrus fruit, green lemon skin and asparagus which intensify in the mouth. Supported by a lively finish.
10. **Tindall Sauvignon Blanc**, *Marlborough, New Zealand* **£10.50**
Textbook Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc with strong red capsicum character, fresh ‘zingy’ acidity and crispness.
11. **Simon Hackett Chardonnay**, *McLaren Vale, South Australia* **£10.50**
Fermented in French and American oak. Rock and honeydew melon aromas with white peach. Creamy, toasty oak in the background. A big, rich wine with ripe melons and stone fruits integrated with spicy oak. A delicious butterscotch and crisp citrus finish.
12. **Domaine Denis Pommier Chablis**, *Burgundy, France* **£13.50**
“One of the most improved Chablisien estates. Though they started out making good wines, the progress has been marked.” (Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate)
From 3 hectares of 25 year old vines. Silky with notes of citrus zest, white grape and gunflint, this medium-bodied wine is fleshy yet mineral and focused.

HALF BOTTLES - RED

13. **Principe de Viana Cabernet Crianza**, *Navarra, Spain* **£8.50**
85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Tempranillo. Aged for 12 months in American and French Allier oak. Fruit aromas (blackcurrant, cassis and strawberry) are perfectly assembled with vanilla and cinnamon notes.
14. **Simon Hackett Shiraz**, *McLaren Vale, South Australia* **£10.50**
Exciting peppery spices leap out of the glass followed by luscious, sweet berry fruit. Careful use of oak imparts lingering vanilla and toasty notes. Warm, rich yet balanced elegant wine.
15. **Palacios Remondo La Montesa**, *Rioja, Spain* **£11.95**
“90/100”. (Penin Guide to Spanish Wine 2009) 45% Tempranillo, 40% Garnacha, and 15% Graciano and Mazuelo. Aged in French oak for 14 months. A rich and generous palate, with notes of hedgerow, blackberries, vanilla and spice all evidenced. Excellent length and fine tannins.
16. **Domaine du Vissoux Fleurie Poncié**, *Beaujolais, France* **£13.50**
“91/100...smells intensely of fresh black raspberry and cassis, along with hints of wood smoke and salt spray... this superbly concentrated Beaujolais beautifully demonstrates why there is something called “cru Beaujolais”
(Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate)

WHITES

17. **La Casada Pinot Grigio, Lombardy, Italy** **£12.95**
Light with a delicately honeyed, floral aroma, a dry yet soft palate that is surprisingly full and rounded.
18. **Bosca La Linda Viognier, Mendoza, Argentina** **£13.50**
Viognier is one of southern France's (and now the world's) most exciting white varieties. Well defined hints of orchids & fresh apricots on the nose. Unctuous texture on the palate, long finish with marked acidity.
19. **Domaine des Lauriers Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc, France** **£14.95**
"GOLD Medal"(Concours Général Agricole de Paris 2009) Fine notes of honey, citrus fruit, green lemon skin and asparagus which intensify in the mouth. Supported by a lively finish.
20. **The Jumper Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand** **£14.95**
"****. Elegant and very poised wine, yet it also has weight. Quite pungent aromas of limes and tropical fruit salad, with more of the same on the palate."
(Winestate, Australia) Winemaker James MacDonald is only 24, yet has worked every vintage since he was 14 years old. Nephew of Jane and the late Ernie Hunter he is fast becoming a Kiwi talent to look out for.
21. **Bon Courage Gewurztraminer, Robertson, South Africa** **£15.95**
This is the finest New World Gewurztraminer we have tried for the price. Fresh spices, rose petals and limes to be detected on the nose with extra tropical fruit and lychees characters on the palate. Wonderful long and crisp refreshing finish. Very varietal and delicious.
22. **Siegel Riesling, Mosel, Germany** **£16.95**
Light-bodied wine with grapefruit, lemon and mineral flavours. There is a grapey sweetness balanced by integrated acidity and mineral notes that linger nicely. Medium-dry style. Great aperitif and perfect with all spicy dishes.
23. **Bodegas Cerrosol Verdejo, Rueda, Spain** **£16.95**
This estate, founded in 1998, owns many old vineyards of the indigenous Verdelho. A wonderful elegant wine. Excellent aromatics of white peach and fresh citrus fruit. Crisp, dry and rich palate. Superb by itself or with white meat and fish.
24. **Pommier Petit Chablis, Burgundy, France** **£22.50**
"87/100. From vineyards situated high above the Grand Cru...smells and tastes of ripe fresh apricot and oregano. With harmonious acidity and hints of crushed stone, it is a model of what these once-denigrated sites can deliver in warm vintages and good value."
(David Schildknecht, Wine Advocate)

REDS

25. **Corinto Merlot, Central Valley, Chile** **£12.95**
From the award winning Botalcura winery of Chile. Jancis Robinson MW picked out Botalcura as one of her personal favourites at the recent inaugural Wines of Chile Awards. Medium bodied, juicy red with plum and damson notes.
26. **Bosca La Linda Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina** **£13.95**
“87/100. Toasty with plum, vanilla and mocha notes followed by a medium weight, slightly firm, smoky finish.” (Wine Spectator) The palate has balanced tannins produced by 3 months ageing in French oak. Great structure.
27. **Palacios Remondo La Vendimia, Rioja, Spain** **£16.95**
“88/100.” (Wine Enthusiast) 55 % Tempranillo, 45% Grenache. Sweet and juicy red fruit on the palate with good freshness and soft, liquorice tannins. Medium bodied. From one of Spain’s finest winemakers, Alvaro Palacios.
28. **Domaine des Anges Côtes du Ventoux, Rhône, France** **£17.50**
Owned by Gabriel McGuinness of Limerick. Made by Ciaran Rooney of Dublin. Rich raspberry flavours with touches of liquorice and chocolate on the nose. Subtle woodland fruits on the palate, followed by silky tannins leading to a full, rich finish. Only organic methods of agriculture are practiced at the Domaine.
29. **La Pieve Chianti, Tuscany, Italy** **£18.95**
‘SILVER MEDAL WINNER’ (Decanter World Wine Awards 2009) Classy Chianti. Elegant with pure fruit/cherry swirl aromas and flavours, good structure and all important balance. Organically produced. From the Montaione district; an emerging region of the Florentine Chianti. Medium to full bodied.
30. **Campbells Shiraz Durif, Rutherglen, Victoria, Australia** **£18.95**
Well-balanced, full bodied and fruit driven. The Shiraz component contributes vibrant raspberry fruit and spice aromas, with the Durif adding violet and black cherry characters with richness and firm tannins. “Outstanding winery regularly producing wines of very high quality and typicity” (James Halliday)
A family estate very proud of their Scottish roots.
31. **Tamar Ridge Devil’s Corner Pinot Noir, Tasmania, Australia** **£20.50**
“From northern Tasmania, this is a delicious, soft, seductive pinot, just oozing black fruit flavours. It is especially redolent of black cherries . 90/100.”
(Courier Mail, Brisbane)
33. **Le Chêne du Château Puynard 2004, Côtes de Blaye, Bordeaux, France** **£22.50**
‘Trophée Prestige award’ (Les Citadelles du Vin International Wine Competition 2007) 100 % Merlot. The vineyard covers 16 hectares on a slope 65m high. Aged in oak barrels for 16 months (1/3 of new barrels). Very dark and intense colour. Notes of coffee, menthol and blackcurrant. Tannins are silky and harmonious. Medium to full bodied. Recommended with cheeses and red meat.
A class act.

FINE WINES - WHITE

34. **Hunter's Sauvignon Blanc 2008**, *Marlborough, New Zealand* **£22.95**
World famous estate set up by Belfast man, Ernie Hunter. "TROPHY Best Dry White Table Wine and GOLD medal" (National Wine Show of Australia)
"Very concentrated, with lime, grass and Brazil nut flavours. Tangy citrus, wet stone and herb notes extend through the finish." (Wine Spectator)
35. **Inama Soave Classico Superiore 'Foscarino' 2007**, *Veneto, Italy* **£30.95**
Single vineyard Soave. Enticing, lifted nose showing succulent aromas of honey, apricot and herbs. The honeyed palate shows stone fruit flavours, a slight hint of spice and a long, intense length. From one of the best producers of Soave, this is one complex and powerful Italian white not to be missed.
36. **Auville Pouilly Fuisse Les Crays 2007**, *Maconnais, Burgundy, France* **£32.95**
A superstar Chardonnay which can proudly boast the highest quality, vibrant juiciest fruits. From a traditional, low yield winery which concentrates on 'quality not quantity', has emerged this deliciously ripe and spicy white wine with a spectacular minerality. The winemaking here is traditional using wooden cask ageing and minimum treatment.

FINE WINES - RED

37. **Viñedos McAlindon e Hijos Creu Celta 2005**, *Priorat, Spain* **£29.95**
From the McAlindon family of Belfast and the perfect wine for all beef and steak dishes due to the complexity of the tannin, acid and fruit balance.
"Congratulations on your Priorat venture. I'm particularly pleased to see you're using Samsó (Carignan). I really liked the way you'd held the ripeness in check yet maximised Priorat character. Good old Ulster restraint mixed with Celt indulgence. Keep up the good work." (Oz Clarke – Jan 2009)
38. **Château Baret 2002**, *Pessac-Leognan, Bordeaux, France* **£30.95**
"87/100. Lovely perfumes in this wine with blackberry and Indian spices. Medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a fresh finish. Nice balance to this delicate wine. Best after 2007." (Wine Spectator)
39. **Domaine de Cristia Châteauneuf du Pape 2007**, *Rhône, France* **£30.95**
"If you haven't figured it out yet, this is one of the up-and-coming new superstar producers in Châteauneuf du Pape" (Robert Parker) "90-92/100. A blend of 90% Grenache and 10% Syrah. It is ripe, full-bodied, with superb fruit freshness and purity, and overall, a full-bodied equilibrium that is extremely vibrant and fresh." (The Wine Advocate)
40. **Terredora Taurasi DOCG 2003**, *Campania, Italy* **£32.95**
A superlative example of Aglianico in its inky ruby colour, explosive nose of raspberry and blackberry fruit, violets, lava rock, and tar, and its dense and sumptuous flavours, mouth-filling, velvety, deep, exceptionally long and resonant. Handpicked, estate-grown grapes from vines with an average age of 20 years. Matured in French oak for 18 months before being aged a further 24 months in bottle. Southern Italy's finest red wine.
41. **Vega Sicilia Valbuena 5 Year Old Reserva 1999**, *Ribera del Duero, Spain* **£79.95**
Vega Sicilia is undoubtedly Spain's finest bodega. A favourite of Winston Churchill, it has been produced for over 100 years from classic vines including Bordeaux's Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot and the Spanish classic variety Tempranillo.

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

42. **Botter Verduzzo Prosecco N.V., Veneto, Italy** **£14.95**
From the hills around Treviso. A blend of Verduzzo and Prosecco. Delicately fruity, slightly aromatic bouquet with hints of flowers among which honey and wild apple scents can be perceived. Well balanced and light bodied.
43. **Hunter's Miru Miru N.V., Marlborough, New Zealand** **£24.50**
Made by Hunters, winner of more Gold Medals than any other New Zealand winery. The nose exhibits light yeasty characters with peach and citrus aromas. An elegant palate showing a blend of peach/citrus chardonnay components followed by the light berry fruits of the pinot noir. The mouth filling mousse completes the palate that is full and persistent. Production overseen by the winemaker of Dom Perignon!
44. **Moutardier Cuvée Carte d'Or N.V., Champagne, France** **£48.95** **£29.95**
"With an unusually high content (85%) of Pinot Meunier grapes and the balance Chardonnay, this attractive non-vintage style shows fresh aromas and an appealing appley richness on the palate with fine depth of flavour and texture. Great value at this price and deserves to be better known."
(The Wine Gang April 2009) Moutardier is now run by Englishman Jonathan Saxby, who married Jean Moutardier's daughter Elisabeth in 1992.
45. **Moutardier Rosé Prestige N.V., Champagne, France** **£49.95**
"89/100. This is all about texture, with finesse and silkiness prevailing until the juicy finish. In between are dried berry, dried rose and spice notes."
(Wine Spectator) "Based on the vintage blend of 80% Meunier and 20% chardonnay, this includes 20% of Meunier vinified as red wine, which gives a wonderfully velvety texture and fragrant aroma." (ChampagneGuide.net)

DESSERT WINE

46. **La Fleur d'Or 2006 Sauternes, Bordeaux, France (Half Bottle)** **£19.95**
90% Sémillon, 10% Sauvignon. "Has the tang of a botrytised wine with real freshness and excitement though no shortage of luscious sweetness and admirable persistence. Clearly this is a charming wine to be drunk now rather than cellared for a while.. Bill Blatch of Bordeaux négociant Vintex is one of the most popular figures on the Bordeaux landscape." (Jancis Robinson)

PORT

47. **Smith Woodhouse Wood Matured LBV 2003, Douro, Portugal** **£23.65**
Bright deep ruby colour. Brimming with aromas of red and black berry fruits, with very attractive floral nuances and a twist of pepper. A full bodied palate, with intense fruit flavours, excellent grip and a long, lingering finish.
48. **Smith Woodhouse 10 Yr Old Tawny, Douro, Portugal** **£32.95**
"90/100. Another Symington family brand that often shows well, Smith Woodhouse's 10-Year Old is big and firm, quite tannic even, and very rich and dry. This is a good, solid, powerful wine, with great finishing acidity."
(Wine Enthusiast)

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