

Cellar Wine

White

Chassagne Montrachet Domaine Fontaine Gagnard 1er Cru, 2017 **130**

A classic white burgundy. A hint of reduction to the aromas of pear, stone, menthol and herbs; a bit wild in a positive way. Dense, rich and sappy, with its touch of sweetness perfectly countered by crushed-stone minerality. At once broad and vibrant, with tactile flavours of grapefruit & lemon.

Louis Jadot Chablis Vaudesir Grand Cru, 2017 **95**

A strong Chablis offering from Louis Jadot, and worth the price. Rich aromas of pear, white flowers, and a touch of vanilla. Full bodied palate with tropical fruit, citrus, pear, and racy minerality. Strong acidity and a touch of white pepper on the lengthy finish.

Saint Joseph Blanc Chays d'Oeuvre 2020 **55**

A 60% Roussanne, 40% Marsanne mix but with all the floral notes of its adjacent neighbour, Condrieu. This wine is perfumed, sophisticated and, quite simply, beautiful.

Clos Des Papes White 2004 (last two) **130**

These whites age beautifully with that edge of oxidisation that adds layers to flavour to the honey and apricot fruitiness and the stone and almond that emerge with age. Needs opening for at least half an hour.

Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara County California 2020 **60**

One of our favourite wines and truly a fantastic example of a great chardonnay. Creamy & buttery taste with a well rounded fruit flavour, this is a wine to be enjoyed. Goes well with poultry dishes.

Meursault-Charmes Louis Jadot 2012 **100**

Fresh peaches and honeyed spring flowers and a hint of caramel with a touch of mineral acidity that lightens this wine beautifully. Yes there is the butteriness of Meursault but with Premier Cru sophistication and complexity.

Red

Louis Jadot Savigny-Les-Beaune La Dominode 2017 **80**

Savigny produces exclusively almost red wines (90%) under the village and premier cru appellations. The Dominode vineyard is very suitable to Pinot Noir because the soil is deep and benefits from a large variety of fallen rocks from the top of the hill. A wine great with anything, even just company.

Jones Fitou, 2017 **60**

This wine has a dense dark red / purple colour. The nose is full of aromas of dark fruits, hints of strawberry, blackberry confit, spicy, peppery notes and hints of anise. Leading onto the palate there are flavours of cherries, cherry stones, dark fruit and pencil boxes with an almost jammy, but dry, finish.

Languedoc: Mas de Daumas Gassac 2020 **70**

Described as the 'Lafite of the Languedoc'. Generous intense bouquet of dark fruits, blackcurrant, with spicy notes. Harmonious palate, fruits, good tannins, elegant finish. Decant if at all possible.

Chateau Pauillac Haut Batailley 2005 **110**

From an exceptional vintage for Bordeaux, the 2005 Chateau Haut Batailley has a very classic nose with lots of mint, blackberry and cedar. The palate is a terrific expression of ripe Cabernet - pure and well-defined with coffee, black fruit and spice notes on the powerful finish. A sophisticated Pauillac that is just hitting its stride.

Chateau Poujeaux Moulis-en-Medoc 2005 **80**

The 2005 Poujeaux has a medium to deep garnet colour and delivers expressive blackberry preserves, prunes, sautéed herbs and fragrant earth notes with hints of tobacco and fallen leaves. Medium-bodied with refreshing acidity and a chewy texture supporting the earthy flavours in the mouth. Drinking well right now!

Argentina: Michel Torino Altimus Malbec 2017 **65**

61% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc. This is made high in the Andes and is MASSIVE. Without cheese or red meat, the fruit, oak and alcohol may overwhelm the delicate drinker.