

Cellar Wine

White

- Chassagne Montrachet Domaine Fontaine Gagnard 1er Cru, 2017** **135**
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 (last one)** **100**
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.
- Xavier Gerard Condrieu L'Arbuel France 2021** **100**
A highly-regarded, elegant dry white wine from France's Rhône Valley, made from 100% Viognier grapes grown in granite soils, offering complex notes of peach, apricot, flowers, and minerality, balancing richness with freshness, ideal for pairing with poultry or seafood.
- Francoise et Julien Silex Noir Vouvray 2019** **65**
From the family run Pinon estate, organically and sustainably grown Chenin Blanc grapes from vineyards featuring the rare black flint ('Silex noir'). Green apple and citrus, with well used residual sugar balanced by amazing freshness. Luscious and textured. A wine recently described at a tasting as wonderful and a "buttery b*****d".
- Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara County California 2020** **65**
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.

Red

- Domaine Chanson Savigny-Dominode 2020** **85**
Aromatic nose of raspberry and red cherry, with a touch of black plum and some violet overtones. Surprisingly powerful and structured on the palate with muscular, rippling tannins that wrap around a core of red cherry, black plum and blackcurrant.
- Chateau Chasse-Spleen 2005** **100**
The aromas here suggest fragrant red fruits, with a currant-leaf quality. The palate is well-proportioned with abundant stone-fruit, and good freshness. The tannins are quite assertive but there is sufficient flesh and volume. A refined Chasse-Spleen, quite natural and unforced in style with a degree of sophistication. Very good indeed. The château produced 20% less this year. Certain to be highly sought-after.
- Jones Fitou, 2021** **70**
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.
- Chateau Gruaud Larose Saint-Julien 2002** **100**
A big wine matured in oak for 18-20 months, using new oak, more solid a structure than one normally expects from St. Julien. Full bodied, rich and plummy, with masses of fruit. It's spicy blackcurrant flavour is supported with a powerful structure of ripe tannins.
- Michel Torino Altimus Malbec 2017** **75**
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.