Cellar Wine

White

Jean Collet & Fils Chablis 2018 **60**
A wine with a nose of citrus fruit and candied fruit, with a discreet, elegant entry on the palate. A wine with good length and a liquorice finish. This fruity Chablis is excellent as an aperitif, and also goes wonderfully with seafood and cold meats. Ready for drinking.

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 2023 **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.

Louis Jadot 'Boucherottes' Beaune Premier Cru 2017 **85**
The 2017 vintage benefited from ideal growing conditions, resulting in a beautifully balanced Pinot Noir.
On the palate, it is medium-bodied with fine, well-integrated tannins, offering layers of fresh red fruit, a touch of minerality, and a hint of oak.

Saperavi Bedoba 2023 **50**
A Georgian wine (our first on the list). Bedoba means faith & luck and is traditionally linked to the 2nd of January. "The way in which you spend the 2nd of January determines the rest of that year" *available all year...
Ripe black cherries and dark plums in this full bodied red. Enjoy with grilled red meats or the pork chop.

Chateau Troplong Mondot 2017 **110**
The nose has a gentle spice, notes of fragrant plums and cherry. On the palate the fruit is generous, there is plenty of volume and lavish fruit interspersed with fine minerals. A tannic spine gives purpose and direction. 14.2% vol, 85% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc.

Chateau Chasse-Spleen 2000 **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.

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.