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## Wine Notes

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### Half bottle of The Society's Exhibition Fleurie 2018

Attractive, floral Beaujolais, in keeping with its name, with intensely perfumed aromas and a ripe yet fresh palate.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ7912	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	5.95 / Half Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Côte de Brouilly 2018

A fruity yet elegant Côte de Brouilly that captures both the ripeness of the vintage whilst maintaining the characteristic 'grip' of this Beaujolais cru. Produced for us by Les Vins Aujoux, this showcases dark cherry, blackberry and spice flavours with a full, concentrated palate and supple tannin.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ7931	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	9.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Fleurie 2018

Attractive floral Fleurie, in keeping with its name, with intensely perfumed aromas and a ripe yet fresh palate. 2018 was an outstanding vintage for Beaujolais with this wine being crowned a Wine Champion in 2019 to boot.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ7911	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.50 / Bottle




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### The Society's Exhibition Limarí Chardonnay 2019

These vineyards, situated about 25km from the coast in the Limarí Valley, are producing some of Chile's most exciting chardonnay. The cool climate and limestone content of some of the soils there produce a distinctive mineral wine style which is firm and fresh and ages well. This was carefully made for us by Marcelo Papa and Ignacio Recabarren of Concha y Toro to emphasise this mineral style. The wine was fermented in predominantly second, third and fourth-use barrels to develop flavour through contact with lees and oxygen while imbuing it with just a hint of oak flavour. Delicious as it is, but particularly lovely if decanted 20 minutes before serving.

<b>Product Code</b>	CE10751	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Chile	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.50 / Bottle

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### Half bottle of The Society's Exhibition Sauternes 2016

Deliciously fresh and fruity Sauternes made at the Dubourdieu's small, beautifully managed estate, Cantegril. The 2016 has excellent balance with hints of apricot and orange marmalade.

<b>Product Code</b>	BW6092	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Semillon
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	6 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.95 / Half Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Mendoza Malbec 2018

2018 is a lively warm vintage in Argentina, and this has bright floral aromas and a silky palate. It has been aged for about 14 months in barrel until the tannins sweeten and the palate rounds out.

<b>Product Code</b>	AR4211	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Malbec/Cot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Argentina	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Rapel Merlot 2017

Matured for about 14 months in barriques, this is a ripe and concentrated Chilean red, which has had time to soften in barrel contributing a cedary top note to a plummy palate. Made for us by Ignacio Recabarren of Concha y Toro.

<b>Product Code</b>	CE10581	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Chile	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	10.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2019

An elegant citrus-tinged, textural and mineral focused New Zealand sauvignon blanc which is a textbook example of top Marlborough quality, made exclusively for us by the talented Jane Hunter. This is never less than very smart sauvignon indeed.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ11281	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2019 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Moulin-à-Vent 2017

Concentrated yet richly fruity, fragrant and succulent, this is a delicious example of Moulin-à-Vent from Les Vins Aujoux. The wine is starting to show complex savoury leather and dried-cherry flavours with the classic tannin of this Beaujolais cru coming through towards the finish. A wine that is impeccable now but which will age gracefully for a few years yet.

<b>Product Code</b>	BJ7971	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gamay
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2021
<b>Origin</b>	Beaujolais	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition DO Los Lingues, Colchagua Carmenère 2017

Made for us by Koyle from a coolish vineyard for carmenère at Los Lingues at about 500m altitude in Alto Colchagua in Chile, this is an intensely flavoured wine with a ripe yet fresh palate of black fruit and notes of clove and black pepper. Matured in barrels for 18 months.

<b>Product Code</b>	CE10351	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Carmenere
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Chile	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Vacqueyras 2017

Vacqueyras is a key appellation in the southern Rhône, where our old friends at Clos des Cazaux have, again, produced a humdinger! Laden with dark, peppery, plummy fruit, overlaid with hints of raspberry and cherry, our Exhibition Vacqueyras is already bewitching and will continue to evolve over the next few years.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH53751	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache Syrah
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pinotage, Stellenbosch 2017

Satisfyingly rich and full-bodied, with spiced plum and red fruits couched in velvety tannins and smooth smoky flavour. Created in 1925 as a cross of pinot noir and cinsault, pinotage is South Africa's very own grape, planted hardly anywhere else around the world. It is typically spicy but can range from light and fresh, to fuller bodied, satisfying and rich. And that's what specialists Kanonkop do for us, here in a very fine Cape vintage indeed.

<b>Product Code</b>	SA14721	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinotage
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	South Africa	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, agglomerate
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	11.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Mature Medium Dry Oloroso Blend

An intensely flavoured dry Oloroso where years of barrel ageing have concentrated the flavour and added layers of complexity. Members who have been fans of this will notice that this new, excellent blend is slightly paler in colour (because we have removed the vino de color) but just as rich, mature and intense. The entire maturation process takes place in the presence of oxygen. The result is a wine with a distinct nutty aroma and is amber in colour, making this one of the best value wines in our range. Sánchez Romate is an independent company specialist in the Oloroso (which means fragrant) style. One of the world's great wines.

<b>Product Code</b>	SH411	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Sherry	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Spain	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.5%
<b>Style</b>	4 (of 9): Medium/off dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Mature Medium Sweet Oloroso Blend

Produced for us by Sánchez Romate, this is a wonderfully rich and figgy oloroso. Ageing has concentrated not only the flavour but also the structure giving an intensely sweet wine that is opulent without being cloying. Its powerful structure allows it to stand up to most puddings, including those incorporating chocolate.

<b>Product Code</b>	SH421	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Sherry	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Spain	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Hawke's Bay Red 2016

This full-flavoured gem has a glorious cassis-laden nose, with firm tannins supporting plum, dark cherry and leather notes. A full but fresh New Zealand red with a touch of mocha on the finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ10081	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chianti Classico 2016

This is pure sangiovese from the Bartoli family's excellent Poggiopiano estate in San Casciano, packed with lovely, scented fruit. A finessed yet powerful Italian red which will develop savoury notes as it ages – if you can hold on to it that long!

<b>Product Code</b>	IT27301	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sangiovese
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Central - Tuscany, Umbria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	12.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Rheingau Riesling 2018

We're delighted to announce our first ever Exhibition German riesling. Rheingau rieslings were popular in Victorian times and early Society Lists featured several. We asked leading producer Gunter Künstler to provide us with a modern take on this dry riesling classic. Clean lines, fruit and lovely length of flavour, this is a must with South-East Asian cooking. There's also an introductory dozen saving to help make the mouth water!

<b>Product Code</b>	GE13441	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Riesling
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rheingau	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Crozes-Hermitage 2017

This textbook northern Rhône syrah has a lovely depth of colour and flavour and you can expect plenty of blackberry, blueberry and spice flavours, all in delicious balance, and ripe tasting in 2017.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH53851	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Douro 2014

We've been holding back the latest vintage of our Exhibition Douro, made for us by Quinta do Vale Meão, to allow it a little more bottle age. A fragrant and well-structured blend of traditional Portuguese grape varieties, all foot-trodden in granite lagares, this will benefit from decanting while still so young, but its succulent fruit is opening up beautifully now alongside clove and cedar spice.

<b>Product Code</b>	PW6551	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2014 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	13.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Albariño, Rías Baixas 2018

From producers Pazo Señorans, masters of the grape, this is a pristine example of Spanish albariño from its Galician heartland of Rías Baixas. Dry, crisp and oak-free, with whistle-clean, lemony fruit and peachy aromas, it's an excellent expression of a modern Spanish white. The perfect accompaniment to coastal cuisine

<b>Product Code</b>	SP14671	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Albarino
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Spain	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Tasmanian Chardonnay 2018

Made exclusively for The Society by Claudio Radenti of Freycinet, this has great elegance typical of Tasmania. Lemon and green-apple flavours are well balanced by subtle oak notes, while a nicely textured mouthfeel and chalky mineral flavours develop on the elegant finish.

<b>Product Code</b>	AU22101	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Tasmania	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Victoria Shiraz 2017

World-class shiraz at a world-beating price. Made for us at Mount Langi, from small parcels of estate-grown grapes, this vibrant shiraz is a silk-clad delight of black fruits, spiced with black pepper and wonderfully fresh on the palate. Enjoy with beef or venison.

<b>Product Code</b>	AU21781A	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Victoria	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Alsace Riesling 2016

Versatile riesling from a legendary Alsace house. The late Jean Meyer constantly thought about food when making his wines and his daughters maintain the gourmet tradition. Classically framed, with the developed floral aromas and silky mouthfeel of riesling picked ripe and vinified dry this is a food-matching Harlequin to uncork with pork, charcuterie, smoked fish, creamy onion tarts, quiches – the choice is yours.

<b>Product Code</b>	AL13921	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Riesling
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Alsace, Lorraine	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Ribera del Duero 2016

We have worked with the small Bohórquez property to create our first Exhibition bottling from Ribera del Duero in Castilla y Leon, one of Spain's leading fine wine regions renowned for its rich reds from the tempranillo grape. Many members will already be familiar with the wines of this estate despite the tiny production here. Its proximity to many a prestigious winery assures access to some of the region's finest vineyards. Decant this before serving to release its bold, satisfying and intense flavours. Sit back and savour!

<b>Product Code</b>	SP15301	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Ribera del Duero	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	14.95 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir 2018

We're thrilled to welcome this classic Californian wine to our range. 2018 was a wonderful vintage but also quite large. This allowed Schug, a producer we have worked with many times in the past and whom we hugely respect, to offer us a parcel of wine that is an exclusive blend at a great price for the Exhibition range. Sonoma Coast has been a driving force in the Californian movement 'in pursuit of balance.' Expect vibrant red-berry fruit with wonderful finesse, perfume and great length

<b>Product Code</b>	US9001	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	California	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, plastic
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Rioja Reserva 2013

Winner of a Silver medal at the 2019 Decanter World Wine Awards, this is a smooth, savoury and stylish reserva from La Rioja Alta in the very successful 2013 vintage. Graceful, mature and made from 100% tempranillo, it was aged traditionally in American oak barrels and is now showing vanilla and mocha notes alongside dried cherry and plum on the long, elegant finish after a number of years slumbering in our cellars.

<b>Product Code</b>	SP14931	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Rioja	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Alsace Gewurztraminer 2015

Predominantly from the grand cru vineyard Sporen and in a rich and powerful vintage, this is a generous, creamy gewurz, lifted by hints of citrus peel on the finish. The Hugel estate is one of the best-known houses in the Alsace region of France, with a reputation for excellence going back to the 17th century. They are masters of the spicy gewurztraminer grape.

<b>Product Code</b>	AL14581	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Gewurztraminer
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	Alsace, Lorraine	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	3 (of 9): Dry, rich	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition New Zealand Chardonnay 2018

A single-vineyard wine made exclusively for us from Kiwi chardonnay maestros Kumeu River. A delicious wine showing a touch of struck match and vanilla on the nose, with green apple and citrus peel coming through on the fine, balanced and refreshing palate. Very classy.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ11131	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2023
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pouilly-Fumé 2017

Bottled for us towards the end of last year by Sophie Landrat-Guyolot, who gives her wines longer ageing on the fine lees for freshness, finesse and complexity. An exquisite example of Loire sauvignon blanc.

<b>Product Code</b>	LO14741	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Loire	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	16.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Sancerre 2018

The excellent Serge Laloue has been producing our Exhibition Sancerre since 2008 and has kept the warm 2018 vintage in check beautifully with this fresh, mineral sauvignon blanc. Lemon and grapefruit-pith flavours on the palate give way to blackcurrant leaf, stony minerality and grassy undertones. Round and generous with deliciously fresh acidity, this is a great ambassador for this world-famous Loire region.

<b>Product Code</b>	LO15101	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2022
<b>Origin</b>	Loire	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	1 (of 9): Bone dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Tawny Port, 10 years old

Fragrant Tawny Port with a smooth, silky texture and subtle oak nuances from ageing in small oak barrels, this has lovely sweet nutty flavours on the palate that resonate with the creamy savouriness of Stilton. It is matured in cask, here for an average of 10 years, before bottling.

<b>Product Code</b>	PN111	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Port	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Stopper cork, ie sherry
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Crusted Port, Bottled 2013

This new blend was bottled by Symington Family Estates in 2013 and comprises three earlier vintages. Intense in colour, voluptuous and rich, with the aromas of ripe black fruits - plums, blackberries - given greater complexity by the start of more herbal, woody notes, this offers velvety texture and great length of flavour. Crusted Port is made in the style of a Vintage wine but is a blend from different harvests, in this case 2009, 2010 and 2011. It was made for us by Symington Family Estates, the biggest landowners in the Douro. This wine was bottled in 2013 with a natural driven cork, and a 'crust', or sediment, will form over time. It should be stored and treated like a Vintage port, with the white mark on the bottle uppermost, and ideally stood upright for 24 hours before decanting and serving.

<b>Product Code</b>	PN231	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Port	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2030
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Alto Maipo Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Cabernet sauvignon thrives in the Alto Maipo's warm, alluvial, gravelly soils formed by the Maipo River. The climate is moderated by the high altitude and the cool nighttime air that descends from the nearby Andes producing a fine, firm and linear style rather than 'fruit bombs'. This bottling assembles wines from two of the Alto Maipo's greatest communes. 76% is from Pirque, which brings elegance and length of flavour, and 24% from Puente Alto, which fills out the mid-palate with its ripe, blackcurrant-scented fruit. It was matured in barrels for 16 months to develop exquisite cedary aromas and silky tannins and was made exclusively for us by Chilean producer Concha y Toro's outstanding winemaker, Ignacio Recabarren.

<b>Product Code</b>	CE10761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Chile	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Gigondas 2013

Produced exclusively for us by Louis Barruol of Château Saint-Cosme, this Gigondas needed some time in our cellars, but has woken up in style! Showing sweet-and-sour cherry and dried redcurrant from the grenache and beautifully rich, savoury spice and pepper from the syrah, this is stunning now but will age gracefully yet.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH41211	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache Syrah
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Gigondas 2016

This splendid southern Rhône red was blended and aged in barrel by Louis Barruol of the celebrated Saint-Cosme estate. It comes from the exceptional 2016 vintage: generous, full-bodied yet never heavy. Packed with flavours of plum, cherry, fig and spice.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH50561	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache Syrah
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2030
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	15.0%
<b>Style</b>	Very Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	17.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Central Otago Pinot Noir 2018

This is textbook Central Otago pinot, from one of New Zealand's most respected winemakers, Paul Pujol. This has an expressive nose of cherry and clove and a well-structured palate, with dark cherry and plum flavours. The cold night time temperatures have ensured plenty of freshness.

<b>Product Code</b>	NZ11261	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	New Zealand	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Screwcap
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	18.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pomerol 2015

Pomerol conjures up images of tiny properties, exquisite wines and stellar prices, although it has never been officially classified. Here, on the right bank of the Gironde, the two Ms – Moueix and merlot – reign supreme, working together to deliver supple, red-fruit flavours, and attractive secondary aromas with good freshness and structure on the palate. 2015 was an excellent vintage in this part of Bordeaux, and the wine is drinking beautifully (although there is no hurry).

<b>Product Code</b>	CS11041	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	19.50 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Sauternes 2016

Deliciously fresh and fruity Sauternes made at the Dubourdieus' small, beautifully managed estate, Cantegril. The 2016 has excellent balance with hints of apricot and orange marmalade.

<b>Product Code</b>	BW6091	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Semillon
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2027
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	6 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	20.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2016

Dark and fruity Châteauneuf, refined and richly textured with a flavour of ripe fruit and gentle spice. There are hints of fig and bay leaf. Perfectly rounded and ready to drink.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH47681	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache/Garnacha
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2028
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	15.5%
<b>Style</b>	Very Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, colmate
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	21.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015

Perfectly rounded and ready to enjoy, but with the structure to age well, this is a dark and fruity Châteauneuf, refined and richly textured with a flavour of ripe fruit and gentle spice.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH47301	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Grenache/Garnacha
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, colmate
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pouilly-Fuissé 2017

We worked closely with Frédéric Burrier to produce this rich and powerful wine from southern Burgundy, matured in barrel for a year until smooth and round.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU69571	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2017 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Chablis Premier Cru Montmains 2018

Montmains is one of Jean-Marc Brocard's best premiers crus, so we often select it for our Exhibition label. This 2018 wine was matured two-thirds in tank and a third in oak foudres to develop the aromas without marking its bright fruit with oak. A light white-peach scent on the nose complements a firm, broad palate that is taut and tense. This is truly excellent with seafood and poultry but also most cheeses, including the bloomy rinded variety that plays havoc with most reds. Its fresh acidity is a fine foil to gammon too. Ideally decant 10 minutes before serving, if possible at 11-13°C.

<b>Product Code</b>	BU72751	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	White Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Burgundy	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2018 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pauillac 2011

Benchmark Pauillac from the vineyards one of the commune's grandest châteaux, this is a stylish, classically structured claret with hallmark notes of stone fruits and spice. A wine of considerable class.

<b>Product Code</b>	CM20631	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2011 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	22.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Margaux 2015

Few can claim to have persuaded a second growth Bordeaux property to produce wine especially for them! This major coup for The Society is sourced from the younger vines of fabulous Brane-Cantenac and aged for 12 months in the château's cellars. Perfumed and plummy, with supple, generous fruit alongside classic cedar and pencil-shavings complexity on the finish, this is sensational Margaux from a superb vintage.

<b>Product Code</b>	CM20641	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	23.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition English Sparkling Wine NV

Made for us by Ridgeview in Sussex, this has class, finesse and freshness thanks to the classic blend of Champagne grapes: pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot meunier. Perfect for sipping and celebrating.

<b>Product Code</b>	SG2741	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
<b>Product Type</b>	Sparkling Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Within two years of purchase
<b>Origin</b>	England	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	12.0%
<b>Style</b>	2 (of 9): Dry	<b>Closure type</b>	Champagne cork
<b>Vintage</b>	-	<b>Price £</b>	23.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Margaux 2016

Made by top château Brane-Cantenac, this is a beautifully fresh, plushly textured claret with notes of dark fruits and chocolate. The cabernet sauvignon grape ripened to perfection in the 2016 vintage, and this wine (a blend of 73% cabernet with 27% merlot) has all the fine, perfumed hallmarks of Margaux.

<b>Product Code</b>	CM22331	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2016 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	24.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Pauillac 2010

Just released having been stored in our warehouse until ready to drink, this is classic, perfumed but powerful Pauillac from a superb Bordeaux vintage. Made by one of the commune's most famous names.

<b>Product Code</b>	CM15761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Cabernet Merlot
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Bordeaux	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.0%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2010 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	24.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Barolo 2013

Silvano Bolmida's wine, selected specially for our standard-bearing Exhibition label, comes from the great Bussia vineyard in the heart of Barolo and shows the pedigree of great nebbiolo. 2013 is a classic vintage in this part of Italy, and this has needed some barrel and bottle age, but it is now just starting to show its rich and distinguished worth. Seize it, keep it a little longer if you can, and savour it.

<b>Product Code</b>	IT24491	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Nebbiolo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2026
<b>Origin</b>	North-West, Piedmont	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	25.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Barolo 2015

Silvano Bolmida's wine comes from the great Bussia vineyard in the heart of Barolo and shows the pedigree of great nebbiolo in a ripe vintage. Rich, distinguished and good to go with game, wild mushrooms and other seasonal delights.

<b>Product Code</b>	IT27841	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Nebbiolo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2028
<b>Origin</b>	North-West, Piedmont	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, diam
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	25.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Barbaresco 2015

We are thrilled with this wine, which has been selected specially for our flagship Exhibition range. It comes from the brilliant Rizzi winery in one of the region's best ever vintages. Two thirds of the nebbiolo comes from Nervo for its powerful bouquet and a third from Pajoré bringing incredible depth of flavour. They combine to give a beautifully scented wine with a haunting red-fruit fragrance, body, class and great length of flavour. It will age very gracefully indeed.

<b>Product Code</b>	IT24761	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Nebbiolo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	North-West, Piedmont	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.5%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2015 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	29.00 / Bottle

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### Magnum of The Society's Exhibition Rioja Reserva 2013

A smooth, savoury and stylish Exhibition-label bottling from La Rioja Alta. This is a graceful, mature reserva made from 100% tempranillo using the traditional method of long ageing in American oak barrels.

<b>Product Code</b>	SP14934	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2024
<b>Origin</b>	Rioja	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	13.5%
<b>Style</b>	Medium Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2013 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	32.00 / Magnum

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### The Society's Exhibition Hermitage Rouge 2009

From a sun-drenched vintage comes this full-bodied Hermitage that has been lying in our cellars at Stevenage since 2012. It is dark and richly flavoured, with the complexity of age, and is a great wine.

<b>Product Code</b>	RH34511	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	Syrah/Shiraz
<b>Product Type</b>	Red Wine	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2027
<b>Origin</b>	Rhone	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	14.0%
<b>Style</b>	Full Bodied	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	2009 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	39.00 / Bottle

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### The Society's Exhibition Vintage Port 1985

From the Smith Woodhouse stable of the Symington Group, this is a fine, concentrated and richly flavoured Port with excellent 'grip' and ripe tannins.

<b>Product Code</b>	PT1871	<b>Dominant Grape</b>	
<b>Product Type</b>	Port	<b>Drink Dates</b>	Now to 2025
<b>Origin</b>	Portugal	<b>Alcohol Level</b>	20.0%
<b>Style</b>	7 (of 9): Dessert sweetness	<b>Closure type</b>	Cork, natural
<b>Vintage</b>	1985 vintage	<b>Price £</b>	55.00 / Bottle