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Wine Notes

These wine notes were created on 16-Feb-2020.

Half bottle of Stanton and Killeen Rutherglen Muscat, 12 Years Old

Voted a Wine Champion in our 2018 blind tastings to find the best of our best for drinking now, this is a gloriously rich, lusciously sweet fortified Australian muscat. Its deep colour and complex flavours are the result of lengthy maturation in barrel. It oozes raisins, treacle, grilled coffee beans and nuts, and would cap off any meal in style. A style that exists nowhere else in the world.

Product Code	AU10522	Dominant Grape	Muscat
Product Type	Other Fortified	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Victoria	Alcohol Level	18.0%
Style	9 (of 9): Intensely sweet	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	-	Price £	17.00 / Half Bottle

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Origin	Victoria	Alcohol Level	18.0%
Style	9 (of 9): Intensely sweet	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	-	Price £	17.00 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (45% chardonnay, 28% pinot noir and 27% pinot meunier) from excellent sources.

Product Code	CH332	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	17.50 / Half Bottle



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Half bottle of Champagne Pol Roger Brut Réserve NV

This is the perfect aperitif Champagne: clean, floral, elegant and with a delicious biscuity flavour.

Product Code	CH12	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	22.00 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of Cayetano del Pino Palo Cortado Viejísimo 1/5

An outright Champion and Wine Society exclusive, this exquisite sherry, bottled by Romate, from an almacenista specialising in palo cortado, regales the palate with gorgeous aromas of hazelnuts and vanilla, the result of an estimated 30 years in cask. Minimal handling and filtration may cause it to form a haze, or precipitate tartrate crystals that won't interfere with the enjoyment of the wine.

Product Code	SH552	Dominant Grape	Palomino
Product Type	Sherry	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Spain	Alcohol Level	21.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Screwcap
Vintage	-	Price £	23.00 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan 2008

A wine of true class in an elegant, classically structured vintage. The Bernards celebrate 36 years at Domaine de Chevalier in 2019, during which the quality of the red wine has soared.

Product Code	CM13072	Dominant Grape	Cabernet Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2030
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2008 vintage	Price £	25.00 / Half Bottle



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Magnum of Soave Ca`Visco, Coffele 2016

More than deserving of a centrepiece-sized bottling, this absolutely delicious Italian white raises Soave to a whole new level. A blend of carefully selected garganega (80%) and trebbiano di Soave (20%), with generous citrusy aroma and full, dry, mouth-filling flavour.

Product Code	IT24124	Dominant Grape	Garganega
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2023
Origin	North-East, Trentino, Veneto	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2016 vintage	Price £	33.00 / Magnum

Half bottle of Château Climens, Barsac 2009

Wonderfully complex and expansive Climens, with a creamy, luscious richness, balanced by an enchanting citrus freshness to give the wine 'lift'. Will age magnificently, confirming Climens' position at the top of the quality tree.

Product Code	BW3852	Dominant Grape	Semillon
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2050
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	9 (of 9): Intensely sweet	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2009 vintage	Price £	45.00 / Half Bottle

Half bottle of Vouvray Le Haut-Lieu Demi-Sec, Domaine Huet 1973

Pale gold and off-dry, rather than off-sweet, relatively low in acid but with some bready notes and delicious lemony flashes. Not very complex but very well balanced and perfect for goose or pork rillettes.

Product Code	LO9382	Dominant Grape	Chenin Blanc
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	11.5%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	1973 vintage	Price £	55.00 / Half Bottle



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Magnum of Eagles' Nest Shiraz, Constantia 2012

From beautiful high-altitude, wind-blown vineyards, this cool-climate yet seductive South African red offers a fresh take on new world shiraz. Rich black and red fruits are complemented by the beginnings of more savoury, peppery aromas lifted by Rhône-like floral notes; fragrant and silky, rich and gentle.

Product Code	SA12014	Dominant Grape	Syrah/Shiraz
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	South Africa	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2012 vintage	Price £	65.00 / Magnum

Half bottle of Vouvray Le Mont, Moelleux, Domaine Huet 1973

We loved the plush upholstery in this wine. Not really sweet, but ample, tender and very much alive, with notes of lemon citrus and white flowers. A particularly luxurious match is Brun de Noix, a semi-hard Loire cheese washed in walnut liqueur.

Product Code	LO9282	Dominant Grape	Chenin Blanc
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	11.5%
Style	3 (of 9): Dry, rich	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	1973 vintage	Price £	65.00 / Half Bottle

Magnum of Champagne Boizel Brut Réserve NV

Evelyne Roque-Boizel is the fifth generation of her family to run this Champagne business. The blend, from as many as 50 different crus, is dominated by 55% pinot noir with 30% chardonnay and a little pinot meunier. Delicacy and lightness of touch describe the house style.

Product Code	CH464	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	65.00 / Magnum



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Magnum of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

The style of Gratién; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food.

Product Code	CH334	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	68.00 / Magnum

Magnum of Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc 2010

When Cantemerle gets it right, as it emphatically has in 2010, this is one of the best buys in Bordeaux. Here is fragrance, elegance, charm and delicious flavour and also the perfect balance that ensures it will give pleasure over an extended life.

Product Code	CM14944	Dominant Grape	Cabernet Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2034
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.0%
Style	Medium Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2010 vintage	Price £	80.00 / Magnum

Magnum of Champagne Pol Roger Brut Reserve, Non-Vintage

Winston Churchill's favourite grande marque, made from equal parts pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot meunier, is a model of style and finesse. Its floral quality, fine, delicate mousse and intensity of flavour make it both perfect aperitif and food option. Toasty, classy and pure.

Product Code	CH14	Dominant Grape	
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	85.00 / Magnum



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Magnum of Alfred Gratien Brut 2005

The 2005 is made from two-thirds chardonnay and approximately 15% each of pinots noir and meunier. An excellent vintage Champagne, from the house behind our own Society's Champagne, with a rich brioche and lemon-curd note on the palate, delicate thread and a very long finish.

Product Code	CH3924	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Now to 2022
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2005 vintage	Price £	86.00 / Magnum

Magnum of Nyetimber Blanc de Blancs 2007

The soils and undulating slopes of Nyetimber in West Chiltington, West Sussex, are perfect for growing the classic Champagne grapes. This fine fizz, made from 100% chardonnay, is elegant, toasty and mature.

Product Code	SG1644	Dominant Grape	Chardonnay
Product Type	Sparkling Wine	Drink Dates	
Origin	England	Alcohol Level	12.0%
Style	2 (of 9): Dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	2007 vintage	Price £	120.00 / Magnum

Hochheimer Hölle, Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese, Künstler 2015

This is a wonderfully concentrated and complex dessert riesling with flavours of pineapple, crystallised citrus peel and angelica. Outstanding.

Product Code	GE11222	Dominant Grape	Riesling
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2032
Origin	Rheingau	Alcohol Level	6.5%
Style	9 (of 9): Intensely sweet	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2015 vintage	Price £	125.00 / Half Bottle



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Half bottle of Vouvray Le Haut-Lieu Moelleux, Domaine Huet 1959

An exquisite rarity from the domaine's reserves, made by Gaston Huet himself. Brilliant yellow-gold in colour, this is a wine of elegance and finesse from a great, great vintage. Creamy textured and very well balanced, and for reverential sipping.

Product Code	LO9342	Dominant Grape	Chenin Blanc
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	
Origin	Loire	Alcohol Level	11.5%
Style	5 (of 9): Medium sweet	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	1959 vintage	Price £	135.00 / Half Bottle

Jeroboam of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

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Product Code	CH1331	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	136.00 / Jeroboam

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Product Code	CH1331	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	136.00 / Case of 1



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Magnum of Hermitage La Chapelle, Jaboulet Aîné 2006

Chapelle 2006 is a distinguished Hermitage. There is less of it being made as the new owners have insisted on stringent selection during the blending and this is reflected in the price.

Product Code	RH20144	Dominant Grape	Syrah/Shiraz
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2035
Origin	Rhone	Alcohol Level	14.0%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2006 vintage	Price £	195.00 / Magnum

Methuselah of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

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Product Code	CH1333	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	290.00 / Methuselah

Half bottle of Château d'Yquem, Sauternes 2001

Three years before Pierre Lurton took the reins at the iconic Sauternes property, now part of the LVMH portfolio, a modern benchmark was established by this truly great d'Yquem. Reckoned to be on a par with the legendary 1921, its seductive and blossomy aromas, lush and profoundly complex palate and seemingly endless finish are good for half a century. Magnificent.

Product Code	BW2642	Dominant Grape	Semillon
Product Type	White Wine	Drink Dates	Now to 2050
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	13.5%
Style	9 (of 9): Intensely sweet	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2001 vintage	Price £	295.00 / Half Bottle



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Magnum of Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac 2010

One of the most exciting wines of the year. The bouquet jumps from the glass and the palate is balanced, long and quite deliciously full of promise. Everything is present so this will reveal more weight and depth as it ages. This is the first vintage certified biodynamically cultivated, a process Alfred Tesseron began in 2004.

Product Code	CM15334	Dominant Grape	Cabernet Merlot
Product Type	Red Wine	Drink Dates	2022 to 2040
Origin	Bordeaux	Alcohol Level	14.5%
Style	Full Bodied	Closure type	Cork, natural
Vintage	2010 vintage	Price £	300.00 / Magnum

Salmanazar of The Society's Champagne Brut NV

This comes from Alfred Gratien and is just as Champagne should be. The blend is made up of all three Champagne grape varieties (pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay) from excellent sources. Fermentation takes place in barrel rather than stainless steel, which gives the wine more depth. The malo-lactic fermentation is suppressed so the wine retains a high level of acidity and, therefore, an ability to age very well. The style of Gratien; dry, full flavoured, very long and well rounded, is quite distinctive. Enjoy on its own or with food. Equivalent to twelve bottles.

Product Code	CH1334	Dominant Grape	Pinot Noir Meunier Chardonnay
Product Type	Champagne	Drink Dates	Within two years of purchase
Origin	Champagne	Alcohol Level	12.5%
Style	1 (of 9): Bone dry	Closure type	Champagne cork
Vintage	-	Price £	495.00 / Salmanazar