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KOPKE PORT | MÂCON-LUGNY PARCEL | LUIS CAÑAS RIOJA SPECIAL AND MUCH MORE

"Here it is, that time of year, the snow is falling there's lots of cheer..." so begins my son's favourite bedtime book at the moment. I don't mind this opening but then it descends into the arrival of Father Christmas and my desire to read on is severely tested. With this in mind, and the seemingly ever earlier arrival of Christmas adverts and offers, we've tried to keep this issue of the Grapevine a little more winter and a little less Christmas. We haven't succeeded in all areas though. In honesty, the wines are totally interchangeable and, we hope, will cover all of your festive needs. Don't forget that this is only a snippet of what we have and to check in our shops and online if there's something in particular you're after. Thanks for your continued custom throughout the year and, my apologies, merry Christmas to you all! *Matt Parkinson*

Country key:

AG – Argentina | AU – Australia | EN – England | FR – France | GM – Germany | IT – Italy | NZ – New Zealand | PG – Portugal | SP – Spain

## CHRISTMAS TASTING

*Is the selection a little bit overwhelming or perhaps you'd just like to try lots of our winter wines? Make sure you join us for our one and only Christmas Tasting of 2016...*



**CHRISTMAS TASTING | PULBOROUGH HQ,  
FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016, 1830 TO 2030 |**

Tired of the same old bottles? Looking for that perfect bottle of vino for Uncle Bob's present? Perhaps you just love trying wine or are looking for an excuse to use up someone's offer of babysitting? Whatever your reason we will welcome you with more festive bottles than you can shake a cork at. This promises to be our

best Christmas tasting yet and will feature many of the wines in this issue plus some extra bits and pieces to really help you get your festive game on! As with last year we've chosen two local charities, Winston's Wish and Mount Noddy Animal Rehoming Centre, to share £5 from each ticket. Come and find your festive bottles and while you're here you'll also have contributed to the kids and cats! **£15 per person**

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TO VIEW ALL OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS**

## DROUHIN PARCEL

*A typo or an error at the printers? Surely wines from one of the world's most famous Burgundy houses, founded in 1880, should be more than this...*

Sometimes we'll receive an offer, price it up and think the importers have made an error — perhaps they've put a price per 12 but they mean per six or they've missed a nought off. This was certainly the case with this pair from famous Burgundy house Joseph Drouhin. We checked, and then checked again, and then again and then again etc. Low and behold the figures were correct so we tasted it and then ordered as much as we could! These two wines will fly out of the door so get in quick.



### **BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES DROUHIN**

**2013, BEAUJOLAIS – FR |** A lovely fresh raspberry, violet and peony nose with a delicious silky fruit palate. Aged in stainless steel to allow the fruit to shine through. **RRP £11.99. Parcel price £7.99 while stocks last**



### **MÂCON-LUGNY DROUHIN 2013, BURGUNDY – FR |**

Floral and fruity with some nice lemon and white flower aromas. Very neat, precise and an absolute steal. Like the Beaujolais this is 100% aged in stainless steel. **RRP £13.99. Parcel price £7.99 while stocks last**

**...the figures were correct so we tasted it and ordered as much as we could!**



# BODEGAS LUIS CAÑAS

*Wines for Christmas? Wines for gifts? Wines to just kick back with and enjoy? Look no further than our favourite Rioja producer Luis Cañas. Words and tasting notes by Steph Aburrow*

"...I'd suggest buying a bottle or two, gathering round your friends and family...it's what Luis and Juan would want."

*Image above: Bodegas Luis Cañas*

A while back, I received a tweet from a lovely customer that simply said 'someone opened a bottle of Luis Cañas Rioja yesterday and I told them *the story*'. It made me smile as wine is all about stories, sharing and enjoyment. As we approach the festive period it seems incredibly apt to feature a producer that embodies these ideas. The story, or ethos, of Luis Cañas is quite simple and can be summed up in one word — family.

Luis Cañas, 88, is head of the family and still spends every day in the vineyard lovingly tending to the vines. Luis has been making wine since 1970 but in 1989 decided that his 33 year old son, Juan Luis Cañas, should take

over. Juan's approach, to age the wines for longer to increase their complexity, changed the path of the bodega forever and brought about worldwide acclaim. He has also founded a new range called Bodegas Amaren — which means 'house of my mother'. This premium range lovingly pays tribute to Juan's mother Ángeles who devoted her life to the vineyard until she sadly passed. Her legacy of striving for the utmost quality in their wines certainly shows through in this multi-award winning range.

I happened to visit Cañas a few years ago. It's an incredible place where you're welcomed in as extended family. If you're lucky enough to visit them yourself one day then you'll see first

hand the care and attention to detail that the family prides itself on from the vineyard and the winery to the spectacular accommodation.

If a visit isn't on the cards any time soon then I'd suggest buying a bottle or two, gathering round your friends and family and then enjoy — it's what Luis and Juan would want."

## Win some wine!

*Post photos of yourself sharing any Luis Cañas wine with friends or family on Twitter — the best picture, as judged by the Hennings Team, wins a mixed six-pack of Luis Cañas Rioja. Don't forget to include @henningswine and @bodegaslc in your tweet to enter.*

**LUIS CAÑAS BLANCO 2015, RIOJA – SP** | "A dreamy oaky delight, toasty hazelnut flavours and just enough zippy acidity to balance a ripe fruity finish." **£11.99 reduced to £9.99**

**AMAREN BLANCO 2015, RIOJA – SP** | "All the white Burgundy fans out there need to introduce themselves to this immediately! Aromatic, rich and indulgently elegant." **£19.99 reduced to £16.99**

**AMAREN CRIANZA 2012, RIOJA – SP** | "The newest addition to the Amaren range, 12 months in both new American and older French oak, packed with complex red fruits and soft spices, then bottled up for further ageing before release." **£17.50 The Grapevine introductory price £14.99**

**AMAREN TEMPRANILLO RESERVA 2006, RIOJA – SP** | "This wine is sublime, an abundance of deep black fruits, roasted coffee and a silky smooth creaminess. Powerful persistent perfection." **£35.50 reduced to £29.95**

**LUIS CAÑAS RESERVA SELECCIÓN DE LA FAMILIA 2008, RIOJA – SP** | "The first 'Hennings' wine I took home to my family, and my 'go to' wine when I'm asked to recommend something special." **£21.95 reduced to £18.95**

**LUIS CAÑAS GRAN RESERVA 2008, RIOJA – SP** | "A new addition to our range and one I've been eagerly waiting for; Rioja Gran Reserva this good at this price isn't easy to come by. Aged to give a deep concentration of juicy black jammy fruit, tobacco and leather, it goes on and on." **£27.50 The Grapevine introductory price £22.95**

**DOMINIO DE CAIR BY LUIS CAÑAS 2011, RIBERA DEL DUERO – SP** | "Head an hour and a half south of Rioja and you'll be in Ribera del Duero. The hotter climate beefs up Tempranillo to add colour and a fuller body. Cigar box, dark chocolate, black cherries and supple sweet tannins. It's got 'new cheeseboard favourite' written all over it." **£25.00 reduced to £21.50**



# JOSEPH PERRIER

*As if the Champagnes of Joseph Perrier weren't already attractive enough, the house has now pulled out all the stops with a gorgeous new bottle shape. There's never been a better time to discover...*

Founded in 1825, Joseph Perrier has been owned and run by the same family since 1888 and the affable Jean-Claude Fourmon, the current CEO, represents the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the family. The house, based in Châlons-en-Champagne, has three kilometres of wonderful underground galleries whose origins date back to the Gallo-Roman

period. Several million bottles age here in perfect conditions for a minimum of three years before release.

We have been proud to work alongside them as one of their UK agents for many years and as the festive season approaches we're delighted to announce the



**CUVÉE ROYALE BRUT NV, CHAMPAGNE – FR** | Fine delicate and complex with notes of apple and pear. Supple, round and perfect for any occasion.

375cl £15.50 reduced to £12.99 | 75cl £29.95 reduced to £25.95 | 150cl £59.95 reduced to £52.95

**CUVÉE ROYALE BRUT ROSÉ NV, CHAMPAGNE – FR** | Red and black fruit aromas with notes of wild violet followed by a touch of liquorice. Ripeness on the palate, with hints of sweet red fruits. Elegant with a long finish.

375cl £21.50 reduced to £18.95 | 75cl £37.95 reduced to £35.50 | 150cl £79.50 reduced to £74.50

**CUVÉE ROYALE BLANC DE BLANCS NV, CHAMPAGNE – FR** | Luminous pale gold with a fine and delicate mousse. Complex with floral notes, touches of spice, vanilla and rich brioche. Aged for a minimum of five years, this is our pick of Joseph Perrier's NV range.

75cl £37.95 reduced to £35.50 | 150cl £79.50 reduced to £74.50

Images opposite l-r: the gates at Joseph Perrier; hand harvesting under way; the loading of the traditional Coquard press; harvested Chardonnay grapes; a small section of Joseph Perrier's chalk galleries

**CUVÉE BLANC DE NOIRS BRUT NATURE 2008, CHAMPAGNE – FR** | Ok, so it's not in the new packaging but we had to include this recent release as it's the best new Champagne we've tasted for years. Do we need to go on? 100% Pinot Noir from Cumières, the grapes come from a plot that's next to one of the world's most famous deluxe cuvée vineyards. Zero dosage so it's bone dry, and good for your waistline, it's all about honey, salt and mirabelle on the nose with ripe dried cherries, kirsch, and dried fruits on the palate that develop into an intense finish. This is Champagne of the highest order. **£50.00**

release of their brand new presentation range for Christmas 2016. In the planning for years and kept away from prying eyes, the new packaging, utilised for their Cuvée Royale NV range, is stunning and features a specially commissioned bottle, unique to this Grande Marque, as well as brand new labelling and packaging details. This new

presentation perfectly complements the stunning small production Champagne inside and is sure to be appreciated by all over the festive period.





# LESSER KNOWN FRANCE

*Bordeaux, Burgundy, the Rhône, Beaujolais...they make some brilliant bottles but it's time to break out of the French wine rut and discover some new gems. Words by Chris Goldman*

**I**t can be very easy to get drawn into drinking the same wine over and over again, safe in the knowledge that it will most likely taste identical to the previous bottle you had. However, with so many grape varieties and styles on offer, a little exploration can go a very long way. Fear not, this is not a clarion call for you to disregard all wines without twigs floating in or that are a psychedelic shade of blue. This is about taking the road slightly less travelled yet steeped in history that rewards with wines that are better value and often more interesting.

Cahors, for any who have visited or passed through will know, is a beautiful place full of castles, art and history. However, wine has also been made here since Roman times with the first vines planted around 50BC. This is Malbec's home and the

**Château Combet-La-Serre Le Pur Fruit du Causse** is all about the fresh brambly fruit flavours of the grape with no oak.

Journey south west from Cahors and you come across an appellation called Madiran. In the heart of Gascony, it is rammed full of rich food and rich wines. These are not shy wines, the reds are made from Tannat, but are concentrated and full of power. However the best examples, like **Tour Bouscasse** from the region's master Alain Brumont, balance power with complexity and depth of flavour. This wine, made from grapes from 50-100 year old vines, is a wine to savour, luxuriate in and take your time over.

Darting eastwards, as I didn't promise an organised journey, you'll find yourself inland at the western

**TOUR BOUSCASSE 2011, MADIRAN – FR** | £17.50 reduced to £14.99

**CHÂTEAU COMBEL-LA-SERRE LE PUR FRUIT DU CAUSSE 2014, CAHORS – FR** | £13.99 reduced to £12.50

end of Provence bordering the Rhône Valley with mountains springing up everywhere. This is bargain hunting territory and we've found what is essentially a 'declassified' Gigondas with all the trappings of its more expensive counterpart but for under a tenner. **Burle Domaine Florent et Damien Burle** is big, hearty and gutsy – you can taste the Gigondas pedigree and your wallet will thank you at the same time.

A stone's throw away from here is the Ventoux region. In the stony soils of the southern slopes of the Dentelles de Montmirail is a 7.5 acre plot of Grenache and Syrah. Hand-picked and lightly crushed, the grapes receive the same care as the vineyard does and this is echoed in the resulting wine. **Mégaphone** is fresh yet structured with notes of liquorice and what the French term *garrigue*

**MÉGAPHONE 2015, VENTOUX – FR** | £17.50 reduced to £15.50

**BURLE DOMAINE FLORENT ET DAMIEN BURLE 2015, VDP VAUCLUSE – FR** | Christmas parcel £9.99

— essentially a catch-all phrase to describe the herby aromas from this part of the South of France — think thyme, rosemary, lavender and you'll be along the right lines.

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A little exploration can go a very long way and you can find some world class French wines for less than you might have thought as these sub-£20 beauties demonstrate. Until next time à bientôt!"



Image opposite: Château Bouscasse's gardens in Madiran



# KOPKE PORT

*If you missed our stunning Kopke tasting in September you'll be delighted to hear we've teamed up with them again to bring you a world-class range for winter and beyond...*

Where do we begin with Kopke Port? It's the oldest Port house, established in 1638, so it'll easily be the oldest wine producer you've never heard of! Kopke are a little bit different to the houses you may be familiar with though. The well-established names that we all know and love specialise in bottle aged Ports; Kopke's specialism is Port aged in barrel

for an extended, sometimes very extended, time. These wines are all about the harmony of fruit and barrel flavours and their offerings are stunning. With current release Ports dating back past 1934 they have an enviable archive of historic elixir waiting patiently in old barrels to be bottled upon order. Don't pigeon-hole these wines into a winter drink, as the brilliant

thing about these wines, which need to be drunk chilled, is that once you open them they will last for ages, unlike a bottle of vintage Port which will start to lose flavour within anything from a few hours to a few days. Just keep a bottle of Kopke in the fridge and dip in throughout the year!

**"...difficult to describe as words simply do not do it justice...it is unmissable..."**



**KOPKE LBV 2011, DOURO – PG** | This is one of the best LBVs I've tasted and comes from the outstanding 2011 vintage — arguably the 21st Century's best and lined up to be amongst the greats. This is all about ripe dark stone fruit and hints of cacao and chocolate. Full bodied and tight, this is showing some nice notes from its extended period in cask. **£17.50 reduced to £15.99**

**KOPKE 10 YEAR OLD WHITE PORT, DOURO – PG** | No other producer has stocks of aged white Port like Kopke and this 10 Year Old is utterly unique. The star of our recent Kopke tutored tasting it's actually an average of 15 years old but this isn't a recognised age for cask aged Port. There's simply nothing else like this. It is deep golden, complex and difficult to describe as words simply do not do it justice. Deep and textured, drinking this reaffirms the adage of the importance of trying something new. I say this a lot but you must buy one of these for Christmas — it is unmissable. Serve from the fridge. **37.5cl £19.95 reduced to £17.95**

**KOPKE 10 YEAR OLD TAWNY, DOURO – PG** | Sweet fruits and molasses with masses of nuts, chocolate and vanilla — festive enough for you? Younger stated age Tawny Ports can taste a little bit harsh and unbalanced but not a bit of it with this from Kopke. Perfect balance and length and it'll last for ages once you open it. Serve from the fridge. **£18.95 reduced to £16.95**

**KOPKE 30 YEAR OLD TAWNY, DOURO – PG** | In search of something with more concentration? This 30 Year Old Tawny represents outstanding value for money and is amazingly balanced. Vanilla and honey on the nose with a soft and concentrated palate of nuts and dried apricots. Sublime with an endless finish — rich but not unctuous. Take out of the fridge 15 minutes before serving. **£57.50 reduced to £52.50**

**KOPKE 1998 COLHEITA, DOURO – PG** | As some of you may know, a Colheita is a barrel aged Port from a single year. These Ports vary from vintage to vintage and this 1998 hits all the right notes. Bright brown colour with reddish hints and a mass of dried fruit and spice. This is unctuous and utterly irresistible. Take out of the fridge 15 minutes before serving. **£36.50 reduced to £34.00**

**KOPKE 1966 COLHEITA, DOURO – PG** | Yes, you read that correctly — 1966. I think this is the oldest wine to ever feature in The Grapevine. Intense brown with a brick red halo, it's full of dried fruit aromas and a touch of smoke illustrating superbly its longevity. As soon as you sip/taste/knock-back this the intensity of apricot, dried fig, walnut, coffee and vanilla is addictive. Bottled this year, it is liquid history. Take out of the fridge 15 minutes before serving. **£127.50 reduced to £117.50**



## WHAT'S IN A NAME? LARGE FORMAT NOMENCLATURE

Nothing quite gets the party started like a large format bottle of wine. Not only do they look impressive but the contents will age at a much slower rate and have increased complexity over time compared to the same wine in a smaller bottle. Each size has its own, usually Biblical, name and the most commonly seen are:

**MAGNUM** 1.5 Litres or 2 bottles. Latin for great; **JEROBOAM** 3L or 4 bottles. Biblical ~ first King of the northern Kingdom of Israel; **DOUBLE MAGNUM** 3L or 4 bottles. The equivalent of a 3L Jeroboam in Bordeaux; **REHOBAM** 4.5L or 6 bottles. Biblical ~ first King of separate Judea; **BORDEAUX JEROBOAM** 5L or 6.75 bottles. As above; **IMPERIAL** 6L or 8 bottles; **METHUSELAH** 6L or 8 bottles. Biblical ~ oldest man at 969 years old; **SALMANAZAR** 9L or 12 bottles. Biblical ~ Assyrian King; **BALTHAZAR** 12L or 16 bottles. Biblical ~ one of the Wise Men; **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** 15L or 20 bottles. Biblical ~ King of Babylon; **MELCHIOR** 18L or 24 bottles. Biblical ~ one of the Wise Men; **SOLOMON** 20L or 26 bottles. Biblical ~ King Solomon; **GOLIATH** 27L or 36 bottles. Biblical ~ stoned by David; **MELCHIZEDEK** 30L or 40 bottles. Biblical ~ King of Salem

Image below: Château du Bousquet's pigeonier/colombier



**LA CÔTE SAUVAGE CAIRANNE CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES 2013, RHÔNE – FR** | A serious glass of Rhône — rich and drenched in dark fruit. In recognition of the quality of wines it produces the village of Cairanne was awarded AOC, or Cru, status this year. This means that from the 2016 vintage it will drop Côtes du Rhône Villages from its label and join such illustrious names as Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Crozes Hermitage. This magnum is testament to this village's potential. **150cl / £29.95 reduced to £19.95**

**VIEW OUR FULL RANGE OF MAGNUMS IN OUR SHOPS AND ONLINE AT [HENNINGSWINE.CO.UK](http://HENNINGSWINE.CO.UK)**

# MAGNUMS

*The word Magnum means great in Latin and we don't think anyone could argue with that! Charge everyone's glasses with one of our four for the party season*



**CHÂTEAU DU BOUSQUET 2014, BORDEAUX – FR** | You will not find a better magnum of Claret for less than £30. Dark and brooding with notes of black fruit and cherry. **150cl / £27.50 reduced to £22.50**

**LE VERSANT PINOT NOIR 2015, VDP D'OC – FR** | We were thrilled when the producers of this wine told us they were bottling some magnums. We took as many as we could of this elegant and silky Pinot. Lots of bright fruit but pretty serious with it. **150cl / £18.99 reduced to £15.99**

**VIÑA ALBINA CRIANZA 2014, RIOJA – SP** | Breaking up the French magnum love-in, Viña Albina is a cracking glass of wine. Juicy with smacks of red fruit, spice and subtle oak following 18 months in barrel. **150cl / Christmas parcel £19.50**



# BORDEAUX

*Left bank? Right bank? Whichever, you don't need to rob the bank to find great wines in this bastion of fine wines. Words and tasting notes by Matthew Hennings*

"Claret, Classed Growth, Grand Cru Classé, I love a nice St. Estèphe, don't you? It all sounds a little intimidating to a potentially newly found enthusiast and at certain levels, it can be. Bordeaux is undoubtedly the largest fine wine region of the world, however, it also has immensely exciting wines that are very affordable. Whilst the top châteaux have become a luxury investment commodity, the quality of some of the lesser estates, second labels and even everyday 'AC Bordeaux' labelled wines have sky-rocketed and are real value for money. Perfect wines, at every budget, for Christmas and beyond."



Images above: some highlights from a tour of Château Montlabert

**LA RÉSERVE DE MALARTIC 2011, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN – FR** | "The second label of one of my favourite estates, Château Malartic Lagravière, that showcases the newer wave of younger, dynamic owners of some great Bordeaux estates; employing a great balance of traditional and modern techniques, extracting as much quality and character as possible from every grape. The Bonnie family have produced a wonderful wine on some of the oldest wine producing land, situated to the south of the city in Pessac-Léognan. Medium bodied, dark fruits with a swipe of leathery tobacco spice." **£22.50 reduced to £18.50**

**CHÂTEAU MONTLABERT 2013, SAINT-ÉMILION – FR** | "You could probably stand in the vineyard with a tennis racket and ball and with a hefty forehand hit the roof of the winery of first growth Cheval Blanc, that's how close this fantastic estate is to true St-Émilion excellence, yet at a fraction of the price. Again, a recent purchase followed by a towering investment from the Castel family, coupled with consultant winemaker Hubert de Bouard of the famous Château Angelus, made this one of the best value 'Grand Cru' status wines you will come across. Perfect for both a 'claret-nut' or a special occasion, it's medium-bodied and drinking beautifully with really complex pic 'n' mix flavours of plum, cocoa, liquorice and spice. Dive in headfirst, its deep enough here." **£31.50 reduced to £26.50**

Image opposite: Château Montlabert's beautiful press

**CHÂTEAU DU LORT 2012, BORDEAUX – FR** | "A vinous wolf in sheep's clothing, this is no lowly Bordeaux rouge and punches well above its price and would give a lot of château-bottled wine a bloodied nose. This is mainly due to the incredible investment the Castel family have put in to both the vineyards and the winery. It's full bodied, smooth with a velvety texture and such finesse for the price." **£11.99 reduced to £9.99**

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# FESTIVE FAVOURITES

*There's no need for financial excess on your mid-week tipple. Here are five of our best value wines for autumn, winter, Christmas and beyond*

## WANDERLUST SAUVIGNON BLANC

**2015, MARLBOROUGH – NZ** | Do you like classic Marlborough Sauvignon — all nettle and gooseberry? If it's a yes then this is the bottle for you. Fresh, clean and delicious. **£9.95 reduced to £7.95**

## LES COTEAUX SCHISTEUX SÉGURET CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES 2013,

**RHÔNE – FR** | Sourced from 'Les Turcs', a single 7ha east-facing, terraced, high altitude vineyard in the hills behind the village of Séguret; planted with mostly Grenache intermingled with some Syrah, vines whose minimum age is 50, many older still. 98% Grenache with a smidgen of Syrah. This is as good as CDR gets. Plush, opulent and spicy with masses of rich fruit and integrated oak. Phwoar! **£13.99 reduced to £9.99**

## PROSECCO BISCARDO SPUMANTE MILLESIMATO 2015, VENETO – IT

Elegant, delicate and aromatic Prosecco with hints of apples and honeysuckle. Very easy to enjoy! Vintage Prosecco for under £10. **£11.99 reduced to £9.99**

## THE COURTESAN RIESLING 2016,

**CLARE VALLEY – AU** | Excuse me? £8.99 for a Clare Valley Riesling? And the grapes even come from the famed Watervale sub-region? Yep, silly season is definitely upon us! Capturing all the mouth-watering lime and elderflower character one expects from great Riesling, The Courtesan has a voluptuous palate with dabs of grapefruit, ripe melon and quince. **£11.99 reduced to £8.99**

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**...as good as CDR gets.  
Plush, opulent and  
spicy...**

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## MONT ROCHER VIELLES VIGNES

**CARIGNAN 2015, LANGUEDOC – FR** | Juicy red colour with intense red berry aromas and vanilla hints. Soft, full flavoured and very easy drinking. A real crowd pleaser. **£8.99 reduced to £6.99**





# BURGUNDY PARCEL

Maison Jaffelin offer up some seriously good Burgundy at very reasonable prices. We've managed to secure an allocation of two highly acclaimed wines that are perfect for the festive lunch...

## AUXEY-DURESSES LES DURESSES PREMIER CRU 2013, BURGUNDY

—FR| “Expressive wild strawberries, cranberries, thyme and violet aromas explode from this classy, pure Pinot Noir. Very appealing svelte, crunchy red fruit on the palate with an excellent tannin structure. Lots of energy following through to the long and impressive finish. A very appealing, pretty wine.” *Decanter Wine Awards 2016: 95 points/100 Gold Medal, Platinum Trophy and Trophy for Best Red Côte de Beaune over £15. Christmas parcel £25.00 (normal price £29.50)*



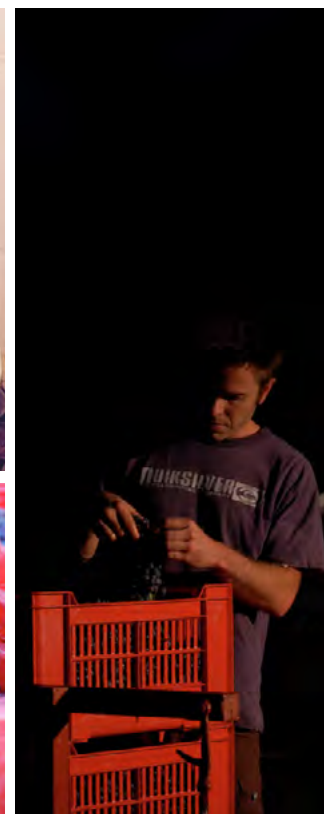
Images above: Jaffelin's winemaker Marinette Garnier; the subterranean barrel store; Jaffelin's glorious HQ. Pinot Noir grapes ready to meet their destiny

# NEBBIOLO GIFT PACK

Looking for the gift that every wine lover would adore? Look no further than our 'nebb-head' selection from Aussie winemaker abroad Dave Fletcher...

**FLETCHER 'NEBB-HEAD' ITALIAN SELECTION, PIEDMONT – IT** | What on earth is a 'nebb-head' I hear you cry? It's quite simple — someone who is obsessed with Nebbiolo! Dave Fletcher, Aussie winemaker, is so obsessed with this variety that he's relocated his family to Piedmont, where this grape is King and has been grown since the 14th Century, in northern Italy to make wine. Piedmont is Nebbiolo's home and is the variety that creates such iconic wine like Barolo and Barbaresco. So why the obsession? Nebbiolo is pretty unique and marries the ethereal qualities of great Pinot Noir with the aristocratic nature of great Cabernet Sauvignon. It's incredibly aromatic, complex, has brilliant grip and acidity and the best wines age imperiously. You don't need to have, as Dave says "a heavy addiction to Nebbiolo" to appreciate and enjoy this selection — just a love of great wine. **£93.49 individual purchase price. 'nebb-head' wooden selection gift box £75.00**

Pack includes 1 x Fletcher Barolo 2011, 1 x Fletcher Barbaresco 2012, 1 x Fletcher X13 Langhe Rosso 2013, 1 x wooden presentation box and tasting notes.



Images above r-l: Dave Fletcher carrying out some night time grape inspection post-harvest; perfectly ripe hand picked Nebbiolo awaiting sorting; a lush Nebbiolo vine



# BEFORE AND AFTER

Winter and Christmas are the perfect excuses for indulging in a spot of pre/post dinner imbibing. Matt Parkinson has pulled out four of his favourites that should see you through...



Drink on its own

**GONZÁLEZ BYASS  
VERMOUTH LA COPA,  
JEREZ – SP** | "In the UK

Vermouth's most common incarnation is as a small piece of a wider puzzle. Travel to Spain though and you'll find it stands shoulder to shoulder with any other apéritif. La Copa eschews the traditional wine base and blends aged Oloroso and Pedro Ximenez Sherries with a selection of botanicals like clove, cinnamon, wormwood and orange. This is festive, warming and, at only 15.5%, perfect for guzzling over Christmas. Makes a mean Rob Roy." 50ml Scotch, 25ml La Copa, a couple of dashes of Angostura bitters. Shake over ice, strain and garnish with some orange zest.

**£14.99**



Drink on its own or with/instead of dessert. Great with apple

**DOMAINE DU PETIT MÉTRIS COTEAUX DU LAYON 1ER CRU CHAUME 2011, LOIRE – FR** | "I want four things out of a bottle of 'dessert' wine — aroma, viscosity, flavour and acidity. So often

though they seem to lack that final one. Acidity isn't always seen as a positive in wine but it's so important for balance. This, even with some bottle age, retains a lovely zippy finish once the rich fruit has passed. This is stunning and it's a full size bottle! Don't bother with anything else — this is the Christmas 'dessert' wine sorted." **£17.99 reduced to £14.99**

Drink on its own or with anything particularly hard cheese and cold meats

**FERNANDO DE CASTILLA ANTIQUE  
OLOROSO, JEREZ – SP** | "I'd be more than

happy if this was the only fermented beverage I consumed on Christmas Day! Masculine and earthy with walnut, spice and orange peel aromas — festive enough for you? Whatever food you throw at this dry bottle of perfection it will sing the descant parts over them throughout the day. A bottle of red or white of similar quality would set you back £75+." **50cl / £27.50 reduced to £19.50**

Drink with cheese, chocolate or on its own

**BLANDY'S 10 YEAR OLD BUAL,  
MADEIRA – PG** | "I'll bang on about how

underrated Sherry is until the matadors come home but my latest 'soapbox' stance is barrel aged Port (see Kopke on pages 10 and 11) and Madeira. A decent bottle of the latter, like this 10 Year Old Bual, can be picked up for less than £20. It's unique, delicious and once you open it, it will still be okay next Christmas in case you don't finish it, which you will..." **50cl / £21.99 reduced to £16.99**



# ENGLISH FIZZ

*The growth of English fizz this year and critical acclaim that it has garnered has been nothing short of miraculous. From the dozens we've tasted this year we've picked out two of our favourites...*

**WISTON ESTATE BLANC DE BLANCS NV, WEST SUSSEX – EN** | On a recent visit to Wiston Estate the team were introduced to this wine and were instantly bowled over. Combining wines from 2014, 2013 and 2009, this Blanc de Blancs is already starting to show some lovely butter and biscuit notes with a mouth-watering finish. About one quarter of the cuvée was aged in puncheons and old Burgundy barrels which adds to the complexity. **£28.95 reduced to £24.95**

**NYETIMBER CLASSIC CUVEE MV, WEST SUSSEX – EN** | It wouldn't be a Christmas Grapevine without the English fizz that started it all! Nyetimber have recently moved their Classic Cuvee to a 'multi-vintage' blend comprising of reserve wines from older vintages. The resulting wine is a lovely pale gold with gentle, fine bubbles. Toasty, spicy and complex with a great combination of intensity, delicacy and length. **£31.50 reduced to £27.50**



Image opposite: Nyetimber's snow-covered vineyard





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## DELUXE CHAMPAGNE

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1 x bottle of Boizel's deluxe Champagne Joyau de France 2000

# THE PERFECT PRESENT

Join the team on a tour through some of Australia's finest wines on the Matthew Jukes 100 Best Roadshow 2016/17

We're delighted to welcome back antipodean expert and international wine critic Matthew Jukes for, we can't quite believe it, a fifth consecutive 100 Best Roadshow. If you haven't attended one of these events before and you're a lover of wine then you're really missing a trick. Every year Matthew chooses the best and brightest of Australia's wines to feature in his Top 100. From this he hand selects up to 50 to show throughout the country. The tasting itself is an informal walkaround and is equally enjoyable on your own or in a group. Make sure you book your tickets early as this event always sells out.



Estates at the tasting include well-known names like Leeuwin Estate, Brokenwood, Tamar Ridge, Tyrrell's, Jim Barry, Hardy's, Yalumba, Brown Brothers, Grant Burge, Penfolds and Tim Adams as well as smaller boutiques like First Drop, Larry Cherubino, Fox Gordon, Paringa Estate, Lake Breeze, Innocent Bystander, Pewsey Vale, Vasse Felix, Yabby Lake, Shaw + Smith, Giant Steps, Mitolo, Wakefield, Jansz, Skilloalee, Howard Park, Pertaringa and Riposte.

**FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2017 | 6:30PM - 9PM | £20 PER TICKET | THE MINERVA THEATRE, OAKLANDS PARK, CHICHESTER**

# ITALIAN TRIO

*It's hard to beat a good bottle of Italian red and even though names like Barolo, Chianti and Barbera d'Asti might be well known, the quality of this trio means you'll be back for more!*



Drink with antipasti  
**SAN FELICE CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013, TUSCANY – IT** | Lecter's red wine of choice in the film version (it was Amarone in the book) of Silence of the Lambs although you don't have to pair it with the same food! This is everything a bottle of Chianti should be — generous, lifted and spicy with fresh red cherry flavours and integrated acidity and polished tannins. **£12.99 reduced to £9.99**

Drink with roast goose or porcini risotto  
**BAROLO DEL COMUNE DI BAROLO ESSENZE 2011, PIEDMONT – IT** | The King of Piedmont, arguably the entire country, Barolo is rightly regarded as one of Italy's greatest wines. This Essenze only comes from the village of Barolo itself, hence the repetitive name. Complex tobacco, red berry and clove nose with a concentrated and dense fruit palate and a long, firmly dry finish. £6 off too — a bargain. **£29.50 reduced to £23.50**

Drink with pizza or roast gammon  
**RIVE BARBERA D'ASTI 2014, PIEDMONT – IT** | This wine has been a Hennings' favourite for years and once you taste it you'll see why. It's a mass of black cherry, chocolate and toasty oak aromas with a palate that matches up and finishes with a touch of spice. Balanced, taut and perfect for a winter's eve. **£12.99 reduced to £9.99**

# MALBEC

*A perennial favourite for many, Malbec from Argentina has become the go to wine for those long and cold wintry nights. Damian Wingate has picked out two of his favourites for your enjoyment...*

**CARMELITA VISTA MALBEC 2014, MENDOZA – AG** | "Finally, it's cold and it's dark! Please don't misunderstand me, as an enthusiastic wine drinker, I greatly appreciate the summer sunshine. However, to really get pleasure from (and I really, really do) wines like Carmelita's Vista Malbec, you need the classic autumnal and wintry weather. The rich, almost Port-like characteristics that I enjoy so much, are obtained by combining grapes from high altitude vineyards in the Uco Valley with 9 months ageing in French oak (10% new). With more complexity thanks to the thicker grape skins, a characteristic of high altitude vineyards, rich flavours of dark berry fruit and a finish that is smooth and wonderfully long, this is one I'll be enjoying for some time to come!" **£18.99 reduced to £15.99**



**NIETO SENETINER MALBEC 2014, MENDOZA – AG** | "As it states on our website, 'our best selling Malbec, by the proverbial country mile', you should investigate our new website if you haven't done so yet. Once you purchase this Malbec, and quite frankly you really should at this price, you will soon understand why. This is a classic example of Argentina's signature black grape. The juicy fruit palate is wonderfully complemented by a spicy, sweeter vanilla character obtained through ageing in oak barrels. This may quickly become a favourite of yours too, where you'd be in excellent company." **£10.99 reduced to £8.99**



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