

WINE LIST

THE 2013 OPENED CHAMPIONSHIPS

To create our new 2013 wine list, we opened more than 50 different bottles.
Only 12 made the cut. Introducing our Opened Champions.

WHITE OPENED CHAMPIONS

Bodegas Penafiel Alba de Miros Verdejo £18 (bottle) / £5.50 (glass)

Rueda, Spain : 2011 : 100 % Verdejo : 13% vol

A fresh vibrant gem from Ribera del Duero, full of apple and pear fruit.
Crisp acidity and soft body for deliciously ripe flavour. A superb 'all-rounder'.

Picpoul de Pinet Domaine de La Mirande £19.50 (bottle) / £6 (glass)

Languedoc, France : 2011 : 100% Picpoul : 13% vol

Picpoul is the new Pinot Grigio. Gentle, soft and very easy drinking.
Crisp, citrus and floral before revealing soft acidity, touches of melon, and the lightness of a feather.

Manawa Sauvignon Blanc £22 (bottle)

Marlborough, New Zealand : 2011 : 100% Sauvignon Blanc : 13% vol

A second wine from Seresin Estate, one of the very best Marlborough producers. Zesty notes of grapefruit and freshly cut grass for something soft, balanced and silky smooth, with lovely concentration.

Albariño Abadia de San Campio, Bodegas Terras Gauda £26 (bottle)

Rias Baixas, Spain : 2011 : 100% Albarino : 13% vol

A fuller wine with incredible flavour. Bright citrus, pineapple, mandarin flavours that leave you with a lovely velvety complexity. Great on its own, even better with food.

Sancerre La Vigne Blanche Maison Henri Bourgeois £29 (bottle)

Sancerre, France : 2011 : 100% Sauvignon Blanc : 13% vol

The Sancerre of the Bourgeois family has long been hailed by the critics as one of the finest in the land.
Vinous with herbaceous notes of elderflower and kiwi fruit. Deliciously ripe, perfumed and crisp.

RED OPENED CHAMPIONS

Li Veli Primonero £18 (bottle) / £5.50 (glass)

Puglia, Italy : 2010 : 85% Negroamaro 15% Primitivo : 13.5% vol

A little known producer whose organic methods and expensive French oak deliver taste and value in equal measure. Lively ripe cherry and brambly fruit that is smooth and velvety with soft tannin.

Mas Montel Petit Syrah, Vin de Pays de Gard £19.50 (bottle) / £6 (glass)

South of France : 2010 : 100% Petit Syrah : 12.5% vol

An up and coming domaine near Montpellier whose wines are all about easy drinking and exceptional value.
Here notes of red fruits, spice and leather give way to soft, velvety aromas of wild blackberry.

Fincas de Landaluce Crianza, Rioja Alavesa £24 (bottle)

Rioja, Spain : 2009 : 100% Tempranillo : 14.5% vol

A critically acclaimed Rioja from a winemaker who keeps production low and quality high.
Juicy, ripe red fruits of cherry and vanilla for round and complex flavour with silky tannin and great balance.

Manawa Pinot Noir £27 (bottle)

Pinot Noir : 14% vol

What can match Manawa's Sauvignon Blanc? Its Pinot Noir: light, elegant and silky. Start with aromas of black cherry, mocha, new leather and hints of spice. Finish with succulent red fruits layered over smoky oak and fine mouth-coating tannins.

Domaine Georges Vernay, Saint-Agathe, Syrah £29.50 (bottle)

Rhone, France : 2011 : 100% Syrah : 14.5% vol

Georges Vernay, 2012 Wine Person of the Year serves up the Syrah of your dreams (and his Condrieu). Hints of white pepper, slightly smoky with plenty of ripe dark berry perfume. The results: light, juicy and elegant, soft tannin, and lovely acidity.

Petroni Rosso di Sonoma £41 (bottle)

California

The ripe flavors are balanced nicely with tangy acidity and subdued tannins to keep this wine dense, fresh and easy to drink.

Barbera d'Alba Paiagal £46 (bottle)

Italy

Purple-red in colour with sweet fruits on the nose, this fairly structured wine has good acidity and fine tanin making it deliciously fresh and easy drinking.



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