

LA ROUSSE WINES



After a great year in 2014 we are continuing to push forward and source more exciting wines from near and far for our list in 2015. Again the focus is on keeping it real, terroir-driven, food-friendly and, above all, made by people who are true to their fruit and really craft their wines. It is a really exciting time in the wine trade at the moment, the diversity and variety available is truly staggering. Now that food sourcing, quality and provenance are arguably better than ever before in Irish restaurants, wine has to follow the same path.

To start off this year we have added new wines from Méo-Camuzet, Champagne Bérèche, Mark Haisma and Samuel Billaud. These high-quality producers, some new to La Rousse, make very small amounts of wine but we have been fortunate enough to snap up a portion of their production. Along with these new additions we are working hard on our by the glass offering to make it stronger than ever before. Altacena is our latest Spanish offering, along with Maretti from the Piedmont. Both are very high-quality examples that over deliver on value. There is a lot more to come throughout the course of the year.

As well as the addition of many new wines to our list, we are still constantly improving our service levels.

We believe our service is one of the best in the trade. We can offer:

- 6 day, next day delivery in Dublin and most regional centres, meaning you can hold less stock.
- Consistent and transparent pricing, with flexible order quantities and split cases.
- Personalised web-based ordering.
- Restaurant staff tasting and sommelier training for the wines that you list.

We hope that you enjoy browsing our new list. We will continue to build on it and will keep you up to date with a few more announcements throughout the year.

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Montagne de Reims



Bérèche & Fils

With only nine and a half hectares under their belt, Bérèche & Fils has managed to create a reputation for itself around the world, thanks to top vineyards (three Premier Crus & one Grand Cru), great attention to detail and no chemical intervention in the vineyard. Once the preserve of a few sommeliers in the know (Noma, The Ledbury, Mugaritz, The French Laundry), their wines are now recognised as some of the most exciting grower champagnes on the market. Supply is finite but we have managed to secure a small allocation of these special wines.

		vintage	case
B0000703	Bérèche & Fils Brut Réserve	NV	6
M0000703	Bérèche & Fils Brut Réserve Magnum Coming soon	NV	3
B0000706	Les Beaux Regards Coming soon	NV	6
B0000704	Campania Remensis Rosé	NV	6
B0000707	Reflot d'Antan Coming soon	NV	6

Côte des Blancs



Raphaël & Vincent Bérèche Limited - Allocation Only

Maison Bérèche created the Raphaël & Vincent Bérèche négoce with the intention of making wines that reflect the traditional terroirs of Champagne. At the moment, the collection extends to six cuvées (two Premiers Crus & four Grands Crus) and a paltry 9,000 bottles. We finally have our hands on a couple of tiny parcels:

Côte NV: Chardonnay from Avize and Grauves aged for 62 months on lees, with low dosage.

Côte 1999 Grand Cru: Chardonnay from Le Mesnil, just 600 magnums produced.

Côte 2001 Grand Cru: Chardonnay from Oger.

		vintage	case
B0000705	Côte NV, Premier Cru, 62 mois de cave	NV	6
B0000708	Côte 2001, Grand Cru Côte des Blancs Coming soon	2001	6
B0000706	Côte 1999, Grand Cru Côte des Blancs Magnum	1999	6

Dizy



Gaston Chiquet

Gaston Chiquet has made a name for itself as one of the best grower Champagnes. In a region with thousands of small producers, it is a credit to owners Antoine and Nicolas Chiquet. Based in the evocatively named Dizy, the family first planted vines in 1746 but did not produce Champagne until 1935, when brothers Ferdinand and Gaston Chiquet took the bold step of setting up their own label, rather than merely selling grapes to the larger houses.

		vintage	case
B0000700	Gaston Chiquet Brut Sélection	NV	6

La Vallée Noble

ALSACE

Domaine Léon Boesch



The Boesch family have been making wine for generations – eleven to be precise - and have been amassing quality vineyards since 1640. The result is 13 hectares of remarkable terroir managed by Gérard Boesch and his son Mathieu. Boesch father and son have been practising organic viticulture since 2000 and only use indigenous yeasts. The wines are aged on the lees until the summer following the harvest to give plenty of texture to the wines.

		vintage	case
B0000140	Pinot Blanc La Cabane	2012	6
B0000180	Riesling Les Grandes Lignes	2012	6
B0000182	Gewürztraminer Les Fous	2013	6
B0000181	Riesling Luss	2012	6

Arbois

JURA

Domaine de la Tournelle Limited - Allocation Only



Evelyne and Pascal Clairet founded Domaine de la Tournelle with less than one hectare in 1991. Following advice from other winemakers, they decided to go organic in 2000. In 2006, the estate went biodynamic and was later fully certified in 2010. Nowadays, Domaine de la Tournelle is a 7 hectare estate with marl and clay soils located around Arbois in the centre of the Jura. The wines are only aged in old oak barrels and on fine lees with a regular *ouillage* (topping-up the barrel with juice to avoid oxidation) for some cuvées. They are bottled according to Maria Thun's biodynamic calendar and are lightly filtered if needed.

			vintage	case
B0000915	Terre de Gryphées, Arbois	Chardonnay	2011	6

Chablis

CHABLIS

Samuel Billaud



We are very excited to welcome Samuel Billaud to our list of producers. After finding family politics at the famous Billaud-Simon tough going, Samuel has set up his own shop taking his 18 years' of winemaking experience with him. The house style is evident once more, and being from one of the longest established producing families in the region has allowed him to source top quality fruit. All vineyards are managed directly. The wines are fermented with native yeasts and truly are what good Chablis is all about. We have recently been granted a new allocation of another of his Grand Cru Les Preuses.

			vintage	case
B0001710	Chablis Les Grands Terroirs		2013	12
B0000712	Chablis 1er Cru Les Fourneaux		2012	12
B0000711	Chablis 1er Cru Mont de Milieu		2012	12
B0000713	Chablis Grand Cru Les Preuses Limited Availability		2013	12

Chablis

CHABLIS



Marcel et Blanche Fèvre

The Fèvre name is one synonymous with Chablis, they can trace their history in the wine trade back to 1745, Marcel was the first to turn their hands from growing to production. Now the Domaine is in the hands of Nathalie et Gilles Fèvre whom we believe are producing some excellent Chablis with real character. All of the wines spend some significant time on lees leading to a rounder, fuller style. These are utterly moreish and approachable at the same time.

		vintage	case
B0000715	Chablis	2013	12

Côte d'Or

BURGUNDY



Le Grappin Limited - Allocation Only

Andrew Nielsen, the man behind Le Grappin (The Hook), turned to winemaking after throwing in city life and working vintage after vintage with some of the world's best producers of Pinot Noir: Felton Road, Kosta Browne, Simon Bize and Coldstream Hills. Andrew is now considered one of the rising stars in Burgundy. These wines are made with intense attention to detail. No bells, whistles or tricks to speak of, just a winemaker that understands his fruit extremely well.

		vintage	case
B0000820	Savigny-les-Beaune Blanc	2013	6
B0000821	Beaune 1er Cru Les Grèves Blanc	2013	6
B0000823	Savigny-les-Beaune Rouge	2013	6
B0000824	Beaune 1er Cru Les Boucherottes Rouge	2013	6

Côte d'Or

Mark Haisma Limited - Allocation Only

In a continued bid to find some truly interesting wines from the 2012 Burgundy vintage, and after a year of pestering, we have finally scored an allocation from Mark Haisma. Mark learned his craft as the right hand man of Dr Baily Carrodous at Yarra Yering in the Yarra Valley. Now living in the UK, Mark has turned his hand to Burgundy, with stunning results. His 2012 vintage release drew praise from Jancis Robinson and Tim Atkin who have both listed him as an over-achiever. The wines are true expressions of Burgundy terroir: very fine, linear and elegant with excellent balance and length.

		vintage	case
B0001730	Saint Romain Le Jarron	2013	6
B0001735	Santenay Blanc Saint Jean	2013	6
B0001731	Bourgogne Rouge	2013	6
B0001732	Nuits-Saint-Georges La Charmotte	2013	6
B0001733	Gevrey-Chambertin Croix des Champs	2013	6
B0001737	Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru Les Chaffots	2013	6
B0000734	Cornas Les Combes (Northern Rhône)	2012	6

Côte d'Or

BURGUNDY

Domaine Méo-Camuzet Limited - Allocation Only



We are very excited to welcome Méo-Camuzet to our portfolio, undoubtedly one of the finest estates in Burgundy. Surprisingly, for many years the family's vineyard holdings were leased out, it was only in the 1980's that Jean-Nicholas Méo, with the guidance of Henri Mayer, started the Domaine on the path that it is on now. Since then Méo-Camuzet has marked itself out as a top producer with a distinctive style, encapsulating intensity and elegance. These are without a doubt some of the best wines from the region.

		vintage	case
B0000740	Clos Saint Philibert, Haute Côtes de Nuits Blanc	2012	6
B0000741	Fixin	2012	6
B0000743	Gevrey-Chambertin	2010	6
B0000745	Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru	2012	6

Côte d'Or

Maison Camille Giroud



Established in 1865, Maison Camille Giroud has carved out a reputation for being one of the best small négociants in Burgundy. With no set formula to the way David Croix makes his wine, every commune speaks for itself.

		vintage	case
B0000690	Bourgogne Blanc	2012	6
B0000691	Auxey-Duresses	2011	6
B0000692	Meursault	2011	6
B0000694	Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru	2011	6
B0000695	Santenay Rouge	2011	6
B0000696	Maranges 1er Cru	2011	6
B0000698	Vosne Romanée	2011	6
B0000693	Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru	2011	6
B0000699	Chambertin Grand Cru	2011	6

Bouzeron

Domaine A.&P. de Villaine



Aubert de Villaine, heir to Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, and co-director since the 1960s, is the man behind this project. In the 1970s, Aubert and his American wife, Pamela, settled in the village of Bouzeron, one of the last forgotten enclaves of Burgundy, situated between Chassagne-Montrachet, Santenay, Rully, and Mercurey. Bouzeron boasts the best Aligoté in Burgundy, the Aligoté Doré, (instead of the lesser clone, Aligoté Vert) which gives smaller yields to produce wines with more expressive aromatics.

		vintage	case
B0000688	Bouzeron Aligoté (Aligoté Doré)	2011	6
B0000685	Rully Les Saint-Jacques	2012	6
B0000689	Mercurey Les Montots	2012	6

Mâcon

Collovray et Terrier



The Collovray and Terrier families are from Davayé, a small village located in the south of Burgundy, thought to be one of the most beautiful vineyards of the Mâconnais, next to the limestone rocks of Vergisson and Solutré. When it comes to their Mâcon Village, this producer is focussed on quality not quantity with classic rich white peach and apricot flavours complemented by subtle oak and refreshing minerality.

		vintage	case
B0000150	Mâcon Villages	2012	12

Morgon

Marcel Lapierre



Arguably the most sought after producer in Beaujolais today, the wines of Lapierre are legendary and along with Foillard, Breton and Thevenet they were instrumental in breathing a new lease of life into the wines of the region. Lapierre led the return to using the 'old methods' starting with old vines, never using synthetic herbicides or pesticides, harvesting late, rigorously sorting to remove all but the healthiest grapes, adding minimal doses of sulfur dioxide or none at all, and disdaining chapitalization. These wines are what good Beaujolais is all about: they are full of life, have great character and are very, very drinkable.

		vintage	case
B0000810	Raisins Gaulois	2014	12
B0000811	Morgon	2014	12
B0000813	Cuvée Marcel Lapierre MMXIV Coming soon	2014	12

Hermitage

Domaine J.L Chave



The Chaves have been growing vines on the famous Hermitage hill for over 500 years. Gérard Chave took over from his father in 1970 and rapidly achieved star status due to the extraordinary quality of his wines. The Chave family owns 15 hectares of vines on Hermitage hill which is spread across 9 of the 18 different *climats* (vineyard sites) on the hill. Each site has a different aspect and soil type, giving varying nuances to the wine. This allows the Chave family to produce a blend that reflects the separate characteristics of the site with a perfect balance of aromatic complexity, power and finesse.

		vintage	case
B0000560	Mon Coeur, Côtes du Rhône	2012	12
B0000572	Silène, Crozes-Hermitage	2012	12
B0000570	Offerus, St Joseph	2010	12
B0000561	Blanche, Hermitage	2008	12
B0000562	Farconnet Rouge, Hermitage	2010	12
B0001568	St Joseph Rouge	2012	12
B0000563	Hermitage Blanc Limited Availability	2011	6
B0000564	Hermitage Rouge Limited Availability	2011	6

Brézème

NORTHERN RHONE

Éric Texier



Éric Texier is now the leading light of Brézème, a small appellation in the northern Rhône. While reading a book on the Grands Terroirs de France (published in 1880), Éric discovered that Syrah grown in Brézème used to be some of the best in the world. By 1961, however, just one hectare remained. Éric decided to try and revive the appellation and acquired a vineyard, working the land biodynamically. His Syrah is characteristically warm and spicy but whole bunch pressing gives the wine crunchy plum skin tannins.

		vintage	case
B0000801	Vaison La Romaine	2012	12
B0000802	Brézème Rouge	2012	12
B0000803	Brézème VV Domaine de Pergault	2011	12
B0000809	Opâle (Viognier, 7% ABV)	2012	12

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

SOUTHERN RHONE

Famille Perrin



Famille Perrin's wide range of wines spans all of the terroirs that contribute to the richness of the Southern Rhône. The family highlights the characteristics of each terroir with the same expertise and the same passion as it does when making Château de Beaucastel. The Perrins combine the art of blending and the freshness of the Southern aromas with organic and biodynamic methods to create wines with authenticity and specificity.

		vintage	case
B0000650	Famille Perrin Lubéron Blanc	2014	12
B0000651	Famille Perrin Ventoux Rouge	2014	12
B0000652	Famille Perrin Côtes du Rhône Réserve Blanc	2011	12
B0000653	Famille Perrin Côtes du Rhône Réserve Rouge	2012	12
B0000654	Famille Perrin Vacqueyras Les Christins	2012	12
B0000655	Famille Perrin Gigondas La Gille	2012	12
B0000656	Famille Perrin Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Les Sinards	2012	12
B0000657	Famille Perrin Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge Les Sinards	2012	12
B0000649	Famille Perrin Muscat Beaumes de Venise 375ml	2011	12

Château de Beaucastel



Château de Beaucastel has been run by several generations of the Perrin family, beginning with the late Jacques Perrin, then brothers Jean-Pierre and François, and now their sons Thomas, Marc, Pierre, and Mathieu. The Perrins own an impressive portfolio of wines, from extraordinarily good value entry-level, to top-end world classics. Beaucastel was one of the very first domaines to practise organic viticulture. Unusually, all 13 permitted grape varieties are grown although it is Mourvèdre which is Beaucastel's signature grape, often making up a third of the final blend.

		vintage	case
B0000658	Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge	2001	6
B0000659	Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge	2004	6

Sancerre

Daniel Chotard



Daniel Chotard is a small producer whose family has been farming the slopes of Crézancy-en-Sancerre for well over 200 years. This Sancerre immediately sprang to mind when we were looking for a new producer. Organically farmed, fermented with wild yeast and aged on lees, this wine is much rounder than most Sancerres with excellent texture and a unique aroma and flavour profile. These wines are complex, lush and long and are the antidote to the thin wines that are flooding the market at the moment.

		vintage	case
B0000714	Sancerre Blanc	2013	12
B0000715	Sancerre Rosé	2013	12

Vouvray

Vincent Carême



Despite being descended from a family of grape growers in the region, Vincent Carême is a relatively new name among Vouvray producers. After working in both France and South Africa, Vincent has adopted a very minimal intervention approach to winemaking, using only natural yeasts and no additional sulphur. The Carême cellars are dug into a limestone cliff and all of the winemaking and ageing are done in the most traditional of Loire ways.

		vintage	case
B0000720	Vouvray, Spring	2013	12
B0000721	Montlouis, Jumeau	2013	12

Chinon

Domaine Nicolas Grosbois



The Grosbois family has produced wine in the Loire since 1820. Today, Nicolas Grosbois produces four cuvées of Chinon, vinified by geographic parcel. In the past, Nicolas has made wine in Chile, Oregon, Australia and New Zealand but nowadays he prefers to focus all of his energies on 9 hectares of vines, mostly Cabernet Franc (known locally as Breton), the oldest of which are around 60 years-old. All of his wines showcase Cabernet Franc at its very purest.

		vintage	case
B0000815	Chinon La Cuisine de ma Mère	2013	6
B0000817	Chinon La Gabare	2012	6

Lussac St. Emilion

Château Lyonnat



After a long search for a Right Bank producer that makes a classical style of wine we discovered Château Lyonnat. Château Lyonnat covers 52 hectares in the community of Lussac and is one of the oldest estates in the Lussac Saint-Emilion AOC. Classic notes of cedar wood, roasted herbs, loamy earth and soil undertones as well as abundant black cherry and blackcurrant fruit juice make this a fine example of the appellation.

		vintage	case
B0000569	Château Damase, Bordeaux Supérieur	2010	6
B0000559	Château Les Hauts de Plaisance, Haut Médoc	2011	6
B0000557	Château Lyonnat, Lussac St Emilion	2011	6
H0000272	Château du Levant, Sauternes (375ml)	2010	12

Cahors

Clos la Coutale



The Bernède family has headed up one of the region's oldest domaines since before the French Revolution. Today, Philippe Bernède, continues the family tradition and farms sixty hectares of land along the alluvial terraces of the Lot Valley that are rich in siliceous, clay, and limestone soils. The microclimate of the vineyards is ideal, with southwest sun exposure and topographic protection against the frost. Over the years, Philippe has tinkered with the house blend to achieve a greater balance. Today, the blend consists of 80% Malbec and 20% Merlot, creating an intense wine with subtle, elegant tannins.

			vintage	case
B0000518	Cahors	80% Malbec, 20% Merlot	2012	6

Limoux

Château d'Antugnac



Château d'Antugnac's vines are planted on slopes at 500 meters on very meagre, shallow, clay-limestone soil. The angle of the slopes and the elevation allow the vines to be well aired with cool winds from the Pyrenees, helping to mitigate the effects of the warm Mediterranean climate, especially at night. This domaine proves that the Limoux terroirs are capable of producing great wines. The Chardonnays are absolutely magnificent, displaying a finesse and an elegance almost unheard of in the Languedoc.

			vintage	case
B0000315	La Closerie Les Fruitières Blanc	Vermentino / Chardonnay	2013	12
B0000316	La Closerie Les Fruitières Rouge	Cabernet Franc / Merlot	2013	12
B000050	Château d'Antugnac Las Gravas Chardonnay		2012	12

Corbières

Castelmaure



We've been searching high and low for wines like these for a couple of years now: the wines of Castelmaure are proper old school Corbières with bright dark fruit and a little bit of trademark funk. Carefully selected parcels of fruit from higher ground in the Corbières appellation makes its way into these two cuvées. Castelmaure is a fruit-driven style with bright berry fruit, spice and excellent length while St Félix sees some time in older oak and produces a darker style with an abundance of leather, spice, dark chocolate and herbs.

			vintage	case
B0000541	Castelmaure Corbieres		2013	12
B0000542	St Félix de Castelmaure Corbieres		2012	12

Minervois

Domaine La Rouviolle



The Domaine La Rouviolle, in the renowned Minervois region, close to Carcassonne, has been in the Léonor family since the 1950s. La Livinière is in the heart of Minervois and is one of the most prestigious AOC in the Languedoc, producing wines with great power and elegance from Syrah, Grenache, Carignan and Cinsault. This truly is a region that deserves further exploration and consideration.

			vintage	case
B0000544	Minervois Cuvée Baroque		2011	12
B0000547	Minervois La Livinière		2010	6

St. Jean de Minervois

Le Clos du Gravillas



This tiny domaine, up in the Minervois hills is producing some of the most interesting wines in the Languedoc from local grape varieties. Nicole and John set up here in the late 1990's taking on some old vines and reviving some lesser known vines like Carignan, Terret, Grenache Noir and Grenache blanc. Their style is definitely their own and their wines are in high demand. Organically farmed and vinified with care, the wines are very lively, concentrated and have loads of personality.

		vintage	case
B0000674	Emmenez-Moi Au Bout Terret	2013	12
B0000676	Sous les Cailloux des Grillons	Red Blend 2012	12
B0000677	Sur la Lune	Syrah /Carignan 2012	12
B0000678	Lo Vièlh Old Vine Carignan	2012	12

Murviel-les-Beziers Vin de France

Mas Coutelou



Back in 1987, Mas Coutelou was one of the earliest estates in France to be officially certified organic. Nowadays, Jeff Coutelou is renowned as one of the foremost producers of natural wine in the Languedoc. These are natural wines of the best sort: they don't taste tainted or unusual, just really delicious. Jeff only makes the wines that suit a specific vintage, so if that means introducing a new cuvée in one year or skipping vintages of an existing one because the conditions don't suit, then so be it.

		vintage	case
B0000600	Syrah, 7 Rue de la Pompe	2013	12
B0000601	Syrah Grenache, Vins des Amis	2013	12

Picpoul de Pinet

l'Etang de Sol



l'Etang de Sol's vines are aired by the salty sea breeze straight off the famous oyster beds of Bouzigues. Picpoul has become a fixture on wine lists across Ireland and rightly so as it is perfectly suited to oysters and other sea foods that are so underrated in this country. Everything about this wine screams of the Mediterranean. This is a refreshing, bone-dry white with a mineral and grapefruit tang, green apple and hint of white pepper. A good match for pan-fried white fish and crustaceans.

		vintage	case
B0000360	Picpoul de Pinet	2014	6

Ludovic Engelvin



Ludovic Engelvin is an unusual combination: young (in his twenties) and talented with some serious winemaking experience under his belt. As a teenager, he worked closely alongside Didier Dagueneau honing his craft in the Loire Valley. He then moved to the Languedoc where, thanks to the Northerly positioning of his vineyard and winemaking technique that belies his years, he has succeeded in making wines of an elegance that rarely grace the region. Wines like this don't come along very often but when they do they remind you of why you joined the wine trade in the first place.

		vintage	case
B0000900	Espontaneo Blanc de Noir, Vin de France	2013	6
B0000909	Cru-Elles, Vin de France	2013	6

Côtes Catalanes

Domaine Matassa



Although still relatively young, Domaine Matassa is already well-established with listings in the likes of Noma. Winemaker Tom Lubbe (ex-Domaine Gauby) prefers a natural approach and has mostly done away with the use of sulphur although a tiny amount is added to some wines after malo. Thanks to schist and slate soils, a mineral note runs through the wines. Indigenous yeasts give the whites a somewhat funky character but this is tempered by great freshness and texture. Meanwhile, the Matassa reds show good acidity thanks to early picking, and natural concentration from old-vine fruit.

		vintage	case
B0000840	Matassa Blanc	2011	12
B0000841	Cuvée Marguerite	2011	12
B0000845	Matassa Rouge	2012	12
B0000846	Cuvée Romanissa	2011	12

Côtes Catalanes

Domaine de Majas



Alain Carrère and his wife Agnès founded the Domaine de Majas in 1992 but after experiencing distribution problems that left them on the verge of bankruptcy, Alain began the long process of converting all 30 hectares to organic viticulture under the guidance of Domaine Matassa's Tom Lubbe. The vineyards are grown on schist, volcanic stone and mountainous limestone in the commune of Caudiès-de-Fenouillèdes, between 350 and 400 metres above sea level. The wines are fermented using indigenous yeasts and minimal intervention resulting in wines with fresh fruit character and lively minerality.

			vintage	case
B0000844	Majas Blanc Grappes Entières	Rolle (Vermentino)	2011	12
B0000849	Majas Syrah Ravin des Sieurs	Syrah	2012	12

Côtes de Thongue

IGP & VIN DE PAYS

Domaine de Bertier



Domaine de Bertier lies in the hills that run down to the Mediterranean to the west of Cap d'Agde in the Côtes de Thongue and covers around 350 hectares, of which just over 120 are planted with vines. The owner, Philippe de Bertier, is a charming and unassuming individual who, with the help of his consultant œnologist and his maître de chai Bertrand Waris (from Champagne), makes exceptionally good and well presented Vin de Pays wines with varietal character.

		vintage	case
B0000668	Sauvignon Viognier	2014	12
B0000669	Merlot Cabernet	2014	12

Aude

Maison de Parnasse



For years we've been searching for well made Sauvignon from down south that we could really be proud of, this example grown high in the hills around Limoux is definitely it. Parnasse is named after the mountain grass that flowers above the vineyards each spring, marking the beginning of a long, languid summer. Françoise Estier weaves the character and strengths of a number of individual regions to create a wine style truly expressive of the South of France: beautifully ripe and expressive whilst softly structured and easy to appreciate.

		vintage	case
B0000619	Sauvignon Blanc	2014	12

Aude

Bertaine et Fils



The high elevation and cooling evening breezes in the Aude valley result in a clean and fresh Pinot with balanced tannins and true varietal character. Bernard Schurr produces this excellent example, which sees some time in old oak. An elegant and restrained nose with red and black berries mixed with floral notes and spice aromas. The palate is rich and full bodied with an array of berry flavours. The class of the vintage is shown in the delicate and precise finish with varietal red berry overtones.

		vintage	case
B0000621	Pinot Noir	2013	12

Krems

Josef Ehmoser



Weingut Josef Ehmoser is run by third generation winemaker Josef Ehmoser and his wife Martina in the village of Grossweikersdorf, between Krems and Vienna. Josef believes in minimal intervention in the vineyard and achieves phenolic ripeness through deep understanding of the vine and its environment. This philosophy is also applied in the wine cellar where Josef aims to support the potential of the vines and highlight their innate character without forcing them on a prescribed path. The result of these efforts is a classic Wagram Grüner Veltliner of great purity and a Zweigelt with good texture and freshness.

		vintage	case
B0000894	Von den Terrassen Grüner Veltliner	2013	6
B0000895	Zweigelt	2012	6

Kamptal

Heinz W



Over the years, Strass in the Kamptal has developed a reputation for being a bit of a pioneering winemaking region. It is also home to Austrian's oldest winemaking establishments including the Weixelbaum winery. Weingut Weixelbaum is managed by Gabi and Heinz Weixelbaum, the third generation of the family of the same name although Heinz's mother still helps out in the vineyard. Plentiful clay, loess and primary rock soils help create a distinctive Grüner Veltliner. Heinz, who is in charge of the winemaking has two simple aims: "To make wines we love to drink ourselves and to see others enjoy them."

		vintage	case
B0000897	Joseph Grüner Veltliner	2014	6



Bechtheim

RHEINHESSEN

Matthias Runkel

At 26, Matthias Runkel has a surprising number of vintages under his belt. The son of a winemaker, he added to his existing knowledge by studying oenology and has now taken over the winemaking at the family winery. Matthias spends most of his time in the vineyard. The result of this careful viticultural work is wines with character and good varietal typicity. (Not always easy to find as, even in Germany, the “international” varieties are making their presence felt). His pure, mineral style of Grauer Burgunder is a joy to drink while his leafy, savoury Spätburgunder is a fabulous alternative to Burgundy on any list.

		vintage	case
B0000955	M Runkel Grauer Burgunder	2013	6
B0000956	M Runkel Spätburgunder Estate	2013	6



Ayler Kupp

MOSEL - SAAR

Peter Lauer

Weingut Peter Lauer of Ayl is currently one of the top estates in the Saar. A relatively recent addition to the notoriously discriminating VDP Mosel-Saar-Ruwer or *Grosser Ring*, the winery is now run by Florian Lauer (the son of the second Peter Lauer). Unlike other well-known producers that favour styles with plenty of residual sugar, Florian is focused on making dry to slightly off-dry Riesling with great tension and precision or, as he likes to describe them, “Rieslings for advanced learners”.

		vintage	case
B0000890	Peter Lauer Mosel Riesling Faß 16	2013	6
B0000892	Peter Lauer Faß 12 Unterstenberg	2012	6
B0000893	Peter Lauer Faß 15 Stirn	2012	6

Rioja Alta



Hacienda López de Haro

Located on a hill in the historic village of San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Hacienda López de Haro's vineyards are flanked by the river Ebro and the Sierra de Toloño. The winery specializes in producing quality aged reds. This range of simple and elegant Riojas represents excellent value in what has become a very overpriced category

		vintage	case
B0000270	Hacienda López de Haro Rioja Blanco	2011	6
B0000271	Hacienda López de Haro Rioja Rosado	2014	6
B0000273	Hacienda López de Haro Rioja Crianza	2012	6
B0000272	Hacienda López de Haro Rioja Reserva	2009	6

Rioja Alta



Palacio del Camino Real

From Ricardo & Raul at Hacienda López de Haro comes this relatively new Rioja project, focussed on crafting wines mainly from Garnacha. This is a style of wine that dominated the Rioja Alta in the 1950s. The Crianza is a wonderfully lush and fragrant style with very well balanced oak. These are very impressive Rioja wines that have great freshness and vivacity.

		vintage	case
B0000615	Garnacha Joven	2014	6
B0000616	Garnacha Crianza	2011	6
B0000617	Garnacha Reserva	2007	6

Rioja Alavesa



Lanzaga - Telmo Rodríguez

The Rioja vineyards for Telmo Rodríguez' wines are located in the cool Lanciego zone within Rioja Alavesa, in the foothills of the Sierra de Cantabria mountains. It is here, on the clay and calcerous slopes, that some of the most interesting vineyards of Rioja coexist alongside hundred-year-old olive groves. Descendants of the same families that pruned these vines over two centuries still work in the bush vine vineyards, using the same methods of cultivation. Telmo's wines come from a combination of estate vineyards and those of growers in the area who cultivate under Telmo's supervision. The fruit is 100% bush vine grown at between 500 metres to 600 metres altitude. Indigenous yeasts are favoured and fermentation takes place in cement tanks.

		vintage	case
B0000582	LZ	2013	12
B0000583	Lanzaga	2009	6

Bodegas Monteabellón

Bodegas Monteabellón is based in the heart of Ribera del Duero around the town of Nava de Roa. For many generations the Garcia family have been involved in viticulture, Monteabellón was established in 2000 with the family behind it. The inspiration for this venture comes from Isaac Fernandez, nephew of ex-Vega Sicilia winemaker Marino Garcia, whom he worked under for many vintages. The wines from Monteabellón manage to break free of the dusty style that many produce. These are wines with very pure fruit, freshness and life.



		vintage	case
B0000519	Verdejo Rueda	2013	12
B0000520	Avaniel Tempranillo	2013	6
B0000523	Avaniel Rosado	2013	6
B0000521	5 Meses Tempranillo	2011	12
B0000522	14 Meses Tempranillo	2012	6

Toro**TORO****Bodegas Matsu**

Toro is an area that has traditionally not interfered with the vineyard too much. Thanks to its climatic conditions (low humidity and sandy soils) there is no need to apply any chemical treatments to avoid diseases as other regions do. This may have contributed to the tradition of allowing nature to play its role and helps explain the region's commitment to organic wines and biodynamic agriculture. All three of these wines are made from Tinta de Toro which grows on vines aged 80 to 100 years that have a very low yield per vine. The temperature is kept at 24 degrees or below, during fermentation. This is an essential factor in preserving the freshness that is so characteristic of these wines.



		vintage	case
B0000460	El Picaro	2014	6
B0000461	El Recio	2012	6
B0000462	El Viejo	2011	6

Moncayo/Aragón/Priorat**NORTHERN & CENTRAL SPAIN****Proyecto Garnachas de España**

Proyecto Garnachas de España pays homage to a grape variety that was relegated to the background for some years and which current consumer tastes have brought back to the limelight. This collection is the result of a very personal project by Raul Acha from Bodegas Matsu. For some time, Raul has been searching for vineyards in different areas of Spain that best reflect the essence of this variety. The result is a collection of monovarietal wines from very old vineyards that capture the concept of terroir as each wine expresses all of the nuances and singularities typical of its area.



		vintage	case
B0000610	La Garnacha Salvaje del Moncayo	2012	6
B0000611	La Garnacha Olvidada de Aragón	2010	6
B0000612	La Garnatxa Fosca del Priorat	2012	6

Alicante

Al Muvedre - Telmo Rodríguez



Basque-born Telmo Rodríguez and business partner Pablo Eguzkiza met at Bordeaux University. Their shared love of indigenous Spanish varieties, the intoxicating landscapes and terroirs of their native land (and surfing) have made this a lasting partnership. They travel across Spain to create interesting wines in multiple regions. Al Muvedre is produced near the town of Monovar in Alicante and is made from handpicked bush vine Monastrell fermented in concrete and stainless steel vats using indigenous yeasts.

			vintage	case
B0000579	Al Muvedre	Monastrell	2012	12

Alicante

Bodega Sierra Salinas



With this project, the Castaño family is looking to create wines of high quality in an area of Alicante that is truly breath taking, nestled in a rolling valley of hills between the tree lined ridges of the Sierra Salina Mountains. Monastrell is the native grape here and it provides a nose that shows raspberries, rich wood notes, and pepper spice.

			vintage	case
B0000525	Mo Monastrell		2011	12

Rueda

Basa & El Transistor - Telmo Rodríguez



Rueda is the second area Basque-born Telmo Rodríguez and business partner Pablo Eguzkiza explored in Spain, and it was here that the Basa project was born. Basa Rueda is made from bush vine and trellised fruit grown in different areas from the Rueda DO on loose soil, gravel and limestone giving it a distinctive mineral character. El Transistor is produced from 40-year-old vines cultivated organically, and the wine is fermented and aged in oak. A truly unique wine.

			vintage	case
B0000578	Basa Rueda		2014	12
B0000584	El Transistor Oak Aged Verdejo		2011	12

Valdeorras

VALDEORRAS

Gaba Do Xil - Telmo Rodríguez



Another noteworthy initiative of the Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodríguez is the recovery of abandoned or forgotten vineyards such as La Falcoeira, located in the town of Santa Cruz, in the Valdeorras DO. La Falcoeira is an ancient vineyard and phylloxera did enormous damage to it but, today, the surviving plots are achieving great things. Telmo has focused his energies on the native varieties, white Godello and red Mencía, to great effect.

		vintage	case
B0000580	Gaba do Xil Godello	2013	12
B0000581	Gaba do Xil Mencia	2012	12

Rías Baixas

RÍAS BAIXAS

Bodegas As Laxas



We have searched high and low for real Albariño as we feel that some of the examples on the market lack varietal character. Luckily we came across Bodegas As Laxas, who are a family owned *bodega* located in the Condado do Tea subsection of the Rías Baixas region. The estate vineyards are terraced with a southern exposure overlooking the Mino River, which separates Spain from the northern border of Portugal. Bodegas As Laxas was also one of the first bodegas in the region to be awarded the status of DO Rías Baixas.

		vintage	case
B0000419	Albariño Lagrima	2013	12

Rías Baixas

Igrexario de Saiar - Benito Santos



The winemaker Benito Santos was instrumental in the creation of the Rías Baixas DO and the conservation of the Albariño grape. US winemaker Todd Blomberg worked with Benito Santos for some years and eventually took over the running of the estate after Benito's death. Todd now farms three vineyards in the Val do Salnés subzone of Rías Baixas. Our Albariño, a single vineyard bottling of Saiar, is certified organic, something that is not easy to achieve in the rainy climate of Rías Baixas. The wine displays very vibrant, zingy acidity and inherent minerality, which sets it apart from other, richer and more tropical styles of Albariño.

		vintage	case
B0000420	Igrexario de Saiar Benito Santos Albariño	2013	12

La Mancha



Elefante

The vast, high and dry plains of Castilla la Mancha account for over 50% of Spain's vineyards. The ancient soils and high altitude ensure the richly flavoured fruit maintains structure and tannin while vineyards planted on the slopes of mountain ranges in the North and North East add a degree of elegance to the wines.

Created by Riojano winemaker Javier Murua, the Elefante wines are contemporary in style, with rich and approachable fruit-driven flavours. Expressive and perfumed on the nose with juicy berry fruit and sweet smoky spice. The palate is medium-bodied and vibrant with decadent layers of ripe cranberry and red berry fruit while savoury spice and fresh acidity provide definition to the finish.

		vintage	case
B0000629	Elefante Garnacha	2012	12
B0000627	Elefante Tempranillo Shiraz	2012	12

La Mancha



Marques de Tezona & Altacena

Spain is really proving time and time again, that it is leading the way in producing high-quality wines at the entry-level of the market. The new Marques de Tezona Tempranillo & Macabeo Sauvignon are further proof. Grown at altitudes ranging from 500 to 650 metres, from vines around 25 years old in La Mancha, the two wines show good fruit character and depth that is rarely seen at this price point. The Tempranillo has a classic black cherry, smoked meat and dry liquorice character. Excellent value.

		vintage	case
B0000265	Marques de Tezona Macabeo Sauvignon	2014	12
B0000266	Marques de Tempranillo	2013	12
B0000263	Altacena Macabeo Sauvignon	2014	12
B0000264	Altacena Tempranillo	2013	12

Peso da Régua

DOURO



Quinta do Vallado

Established in 1716, Quinta do Vallado, is one of the oldest and most famous *Quintas* in the Douro Valley. In 1993, under the guidance of Professor Nuno Magalhães, a deep restructuring of the vineyards was started, with the objective of increasing the production of high-quality grape varieties. These new vineyards were planted with the best varieties in single plots, breaking with the old tradition of planting many different varieties in the same vineyard. Twenty years later, the winery has built a reputation for quality wine thanks to 50 hectares of 6 to 15 year-old vines and 20 hectares of the best old plots, with vines over 80 years old.

		vintage	case
B0000530	Quadrifolia	2012	12
B0000535	Vallado Douro White	2013	6
B0000536	Vallado Douro Red	2012	6
B0000537	Quinta do Vallado Touriga Nacional Red	2011	6
B0000538	Quinta do Vallado Reserva Field Blend Douro Red	2011	6
B0000539	Quinta do Vallado 10-Year-Old Tawny Port	N/A	3

Valpolicella

Corte San'Alda



“The quality and characteristics of a wine are the result of daily decisions. From tilling the land, planting vines, to the moment of bottling, nothing should be left to coincidence or excessively manipulated. This is more important than any organoleptic characteristic”. So believes Marinella Camerani who is in charge of winemaking at Adalia and Corte Sant'Alda. Whether it's the light and supple Adalia Valpolicella, the perfectly-balanced Corte Sant'Alda Ripasso or the silky and appetising Amarone, all of the wines are a testament to Marinella's lightness of touch in the vineyard and the winery.

		vintage	case
B0000165	Adalia Valpolicella	2013	12
B0000168	Adalia Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore	2012	12
B0000167	Corte Sant'Alda Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore	2011	6
B0000192	Corte Sant'Alda Amarone della Valpolicella	2010	6

Soave

Monte Tondo



The Monte Tondo estate is nestled among the gentle hills of Soave, just a few kilometres from Verona, on a slope overlooking the valley. The twenty-five hectares of vineyards are situated on the best plots that the Soave region has to offer: Monte Tenda, Monte Foscarino and Monte Tondo. Together with his family, third generation winemaker Gino Magnabosco produces intensely aromatic Soave laced with scents of exotic fruits, almonds and hazelnuts. The palate is full-bodied but well-balanced with great minerality on the finish. Great drinking now, it will improve with one to three years in bottle.

		vintage	case
B0000220	Soave Mito DOC	2014	12

Bardolino

Monte del Frà



Monte del Frà (“Monk of Hills” in Italian) is located in the heart of the Bianco di Custoza DOC, on the East side of Lake Garda, only 15km away from the centre of Verona. It was founded by brothers Eligio and Claudio Bonomo in 1958 and has since developed a reputation for being one of the most progressive and dynamic producers in the region. The pale, fruity rosé and the soft, supple Bardolino are well-made and represent great value for money.

		vintage	case
B000224	Monte del Frà Bardolino Red	2014	6

**Radikon**

The Radikon wines occupy a special place in our hearts here at La Rouse. Not only are they fantastic wines in their own right but they are also the first orange wines we ever tried (back when we were whippersnappers...). So when we got an opportunity to import them into Ireland we jumped at the chance. These wines are completely unique; nothing like the “New Wave” from the Loire or the Languedoc. Instead they are one Slovenian man (Stanko Radikon)’s interpretation of 11 hectares of Friuli terroir. This labour of love includes a fermentation that lasts around 4 months, 3 years’ ageing in large wooden barrels and 1 year in bottle before release.

			vintage	case
B0000910	Slatnik 75cl	Chardonnay/Tocai Friulano	2011	6
B0000911	Ribolla Gialla 50cl		2007	6

Chianti Rufina**Il Colognole**

Il Colognole is arguably the best producer in Rufina and is home to the Spalletti family, who have lived on the estate for generations. Chianti Rufina is geographically quite distinct from Chianti Classico. The topography in the region is wilder, with the vineyards surrounded by mountains that provide cool night breezes that are good for growing Sangiovese. These conditions produce wines with a developed bouquet of dark cherry, dried leaves, woody herbs and cedar.

			vintage	case
B0000348	Il Colognole Chianti Rufina DOCG		2009	6

Colli Ascolani**Saladini Pilastrini**

Saladini Pilastrini has practised sustainable, low-impact organic farming in the limestone hills of Spinetoli and the sunny hills of Monte Prandone and Porto d'Ascoli, since 1994. The elegant and full-bodied Falerio is produced using a blend of Trebbiano, Passerina and Pecorino. The Pecorino grape, native to the Ascoli region, thrives in the fresh environment of the mid-mountain slopes, which experience wide temperature variations. This early-ripening grape produces a wine of great structure and character with good minerality and citrus notes.

			vintage	case
B0000280	Falerio		2013	12
B0000281	Rosso Piceno		2013	12
B0000409	Pecorino Offida DOC		2012	12

Veneto

Cipriano



Casa Vinicola Botter was founded in 1928 by Carlo Botter. Today it is managed by a third generation of the family, and is a market leader for the sale and export of wines from the Veneto. Currently, the company works with different producers in Apulia, Molise, Abruzzo, and Sicily, carefully monitoring the entire production process. Pale yellow in colour, with fine perlage, Cipriano is delicately fruity with a gentle, floral bouquet.

		vintage	case
B0000193	Cipriano Prosecco Grandezza	NV	6

Valdobbiadene

Belstar



The Belstar vineyards are located in the steep hills that lead from Valdobbiadene towards Conegliano, the most prestigious area of the appellation. Gianluca Bisol, managing director of the company, sums it up effectively: "We work tirelessly with passion so that Conegliano will gain the same prestige as Reims, Valdobbiadene the same charm as Epernay and Prosecco the same notoriety as Champagne". This is one of our best selling wines and we think that it is one of the best examples in the market at the moment.

		vintage	case
B0000269	Belstar Prosecco Di Valdobbiadene DOC	NV	12

Langhe

Maretti



Maretti Langhe Rosso is produced by Fontanafredda in Barolo, the aim being to show that this region can turn out serious wines that don't have to cost the earth. 70% Barbera and 30% Nebbiolo fermented using only wild yeast, the wine is aged 8 months in small French and large Slavonian oak, blended and given a further 4 months in large oak casks. We think that this is a great example of the Piedmontese style. The nose is fruit-driven and vibrant with aromas of fresh red fruits, dried herbs and a smudge of aniseed. The palate is rich and full, medium to full bodied, driven by a core of supple raspberry and dark plum flavours courtesy of the Barbera. Nebbiolo adds structure and length alongside fine tannins

		vintage	case
B0000640	Langhe Rosso Barbera Nebbiolo	2013	12

Erice



Mandoleto

The vineyards of Erice, near the western tip of Sicily, rise steeply above the ancient city of Trapani. Mandoleto is inspired by the groves of almond trees (Mandorlo) that flower in spring, providing a dash of beauty to this dramatic landscape. On the lower slopes, the region's warm Mediterranean climate is moderated by cooling sea breezes providing an ideal location for Sicily's signature red grape: Nero d'Avola. The higher vineyards are further aided by cool afternoons and nights to create a crisp and refreshing Catarratto.

		vintage	case
B0000630	Pinot Grigio (Frlui Venezia)	2013	12
B0000632	Nero D'Avola	2013	12

Swartland

SOUTH AFRICA



Lammershoek

Made by Craig Hawkins, formerly the head winemaker at Lammershoek, an organic (almost biodynamic), minimal intervention, family-run winery in Swartland, South Africa. Craig also makes wine under his own label, Testalonga, from bush vine Chenin Blanc. Though still young, Craig has travelled extensively in Europe and in South Africa working for some of the world's top natural wine-makers. Influenced by the likes of Dirk Niepoort, Tom Lubbe and the wines of the Loire valley, (and skin contact wines, particularly those from Friuli) his wines really stand out among their South African peers. His Pinotage has to be tasted to be believed.

		vintage	case
B1000	LAM white	2013	12
B1001	LAM Pinotage	2013	12
B1002	LAM Syrah	2013	12
B1003	Lammershoek Chenin Blanc	2011	6
B1004	Lammershoek Syrah	2010	6
B1005	Cellar Foot Underwater Wine	2013	6

Barossa Valley

AUSTRALIA



Rolf Binder

Rolf, a fine red wine maker responsible for the some of the most highly-rated Shiraz in Australia and his sister Christa, an award-winning white wine maker, are leading Rolf Binder Wines forward with exceptional wines from classic Barossa and Eden Valley fruit.

Their philosophy is to draw on the tradition and knowledge gained from generations of winemaking and continue to make both distinctive and individual wines from the great wine region that is the Barossa.

		vintage	case
B000019	Highness Eden Valley Riesling	2014	12
B000021	Hales Barossa Valley Shiraz	2012	12

Yarra Valley

Luke Lambert Arriving June



Lambert is obviously inspired by his experience making wine in Piemonte and Australia yet firmly believes that "...the shape of a wine should be governed by what soil you're on, the aspect, the amount of sunshine and rain." In other words, the personality of a wine will be dictated by its "place". Lambert's source vineyards (in poor, rocky and elevated pockets of the Yarra Valley) are therefore managed in order to bring out their unique geographic signature in the final wines. All Luke Lambert wines are handpicked and of single-vineyard origin. They are wildly perfumed with moderate alcohol, fresh acidities, powdery tannins, and limited oak influence. The floral and ferrous Syrah as well as that mind blowing Nebbiolo are standouts.

		vintage	case
B1115	Crudo Chardonnay	2013	6
B1111	Yarra Valley Shiraz	2013	6
B1112	Yarra Valley Nebbiolo	2012	6

Victoria

Jamsheed Arriving June



Jamsheed was the grandfather of wine making, the Persian Prince cited in ancient writings, who observed the transformation of grapes to wine through the happy accident of inadequate protection from the environment. It's an ancient reference, but to us, the wines represent the new wave of cooler climate production in Australia. Pure, expressive and unencumbered wines showing that adaptability in Australian wine making might be its biggest asset. Gary Mills' Syrah certainly are some of Australia's most compelling. He has worked in Western Australia, California (with Ridge, for two years) and Oregon. In 2003 he decided to make his own wines, sourcing fruit from interesting vineyards in Victoria and working naturally in the cellar.

		vintage	case
B1108	Harem Syrah	2013	12
B1100	Beechworth Syrah	2013	12
B1101	Garden Gully Syrah (Great Western)	2013	12
B1102	Seville Syrah (Yarra Valley)	2013	12

