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Rosé

2017 Domaine Montrose, Prestige Rosé, France £31.00
Made from Grenache (70%) and Rolle (25%) with 5% Syrah the wine has a pale colour, lovely citrus and spice aroma and perfect balance on the palate. Very moreish!

2017 Whispering Angel Rosé, Côtes de Provence, France £47.00
This silver/pink rosé from Sacha Lichine of Caves d'Esclans is wildly fashionable for its very appetising floral aroma and refreshing clean style.

Lighter, aromatic reds from the Old World

2016 Pinot Noir, Puy-de-Dôme, France £27.50
This old-world Pinot from high vineyards in the Auvergne (Central France) has a purity of fruit and peppery finish which we like very much.

2017 Beaujolais "Le Ronsay" Jean-Paul Brun, France £33.00
Brun is a genius and this wine expresses his style very well. Fresh crunchy fruit and sour cherry aromatics. Can be drunk slightly cooled on a hot day!

Lighter, aromatic reds from the New World

2017 Valpolicella, Allegrini, Italy £36.00
Crunchy red cherry fruit gives this great example a refreshing quality.
On a hot day ask for the bottle to be served cool-not cold!

2017 Felicité Pinot Noir, Newton Johnson Vineyards, South Africa £29.50
This is an elegant, delicious rather old-world style Pinot from cool climate Hemel en Aarde.

2015 Tom's Block Pinot Noir, Neudorf, New Zealand £52.00
Glorious Pinot fruit from a top grower in Nelson.

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Medium and full-bodied reds from the Old World

2017 Château Fontarèche, Corbières, Vieilles Vignes, France £24.50

This is a lovely round and generous wine with hints of spice and "garrigue" made from Mourvedre, Syrah, Grenache and Carignan.

2015 Lote 3, M. O. B. Dao, Portugal £29.50

Portuguese reds can be blockbusters, like unsweetened Port, but we chose this one for its civilised leathery tannins. With a dry finish and elegant supple structure.

2017 Negroamaro, Imuri, Puglia, Italy £28.00

Made in southern Italy from old bush vines, this wine has freshness and balance as well as surprisingly modest alcohol (13%) Flavours of blackberries combine with more savoury notes in a very rounded whole.

2014 Château Mourges du Grès, Les Galets Rouge, France £31.00

Glorious wine from Costières de Nimes made from Syrah with some Grenache, Mourvedre and Carignan. Dark fruits, Mediterranean herbs and supple tannins make up a delicious mouthful.

2015 Faugères, Domaine des Trinités, Languedoc-Roussillon £34.00

Hillside vineyards, biodynamic practices, poor schist soils and cool hillside sites, conspire to make a wine which has a ripe spicy nose and supple and characterful palate. Made from Syrah (60%) Grenache Noir (25%) Carignan (10%) and Mourvèdre (5%)

2015 Barbera d'Asti, Cipressi "Nizza", Italy £45.00

Very fine and elegant Barbera fruit in a perfectly rounded and balanced Piemontese package

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2016 The Liberator Francophile Syrah, Stellenbosch, South Africa £24.50

Black fruits, savoury notes and a slightly spicy finish are the hallmarks of this characterful Syrah.

2014 Vina Falernia, Elqui Valley, Chile £32.00

Made by a winemaker of Italian origin who uses some dried grapes in the mix which gives a touch of Amarone "sweet and sour cherries" style to this wine which is very attractive. Rich but not heavy.

NV Bedrock Wine Co. The Whole Shebang, Cuvée X1, California £33.00

From a very smart Californian source this wine is made from Zinfandel and plenty of other varieties as the name implies. The wine has voluptuous blackberry fruit and mouth filling round tannins.

2016 Lake Breeze, Bullant Shiraz, Langhorne Creek, Australia £36.00

Rich powerful wine with plums and chocolate overtones and an earthy complex finish.

2015 Journey's End Merlot, Stellenbosch, South Africa £49.00

A big rich and round wine with nice upfront fruit and some minty undertones on the nose. Fruit cake and herbal eucalyptus notes. Gentle ripe fruit on the palate, with firm tannins and a supple sweetness that gives the wine a lingering aftertaste.

2013 Ata Rangi Celèbre, Martinborough, New Zealand £59.00

A gorgeously expressive blend of Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, giving plum, spice and herbal flavours in a rich and generous combination.

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More mature reds from the Old World

2008 Urbina Crianza, Rioja, Spain £35.00
This much-loved Rioja has an aromatic almost Burgundian style.

2015 Solanera Vinas Viejas, Yecla, Spain £47.50
This opulent Spanish red from the little-known region of Yecla and made mostly from the Monastrell grape (Mourvedre) is a favourite with Parker who gives it 94 points and says, "this amazing red wine displays notes of lead pencil shavings, acacia flowers, black raspberries, blueberries and blackcurrants."

Port

Grahams 20-year-old Tawny £7.00 Glass
Typical Graham richness and remarkable freshness abound in this oak aged tawny.

Niepoort Ruby Dum Port £53.50 Bottle
Dark red in colour with a fresh vibrant aroma of dark fruits along with an almost mineral character, a youthful wine with good extract and great balance. £5.50 Glass

Quinta do Vesuvio Port £78.00 Bottle
Rich, dark and concentrated. Very smooth and elegant in the mouth with aromas of violets and gum cistus. £8.50 Glass