

BRASSERIE
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CARTE DE VINS

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Though I source all our French wines direct from small vineyards, some of our guests have requested some fine wines. These are in many ways easier to find but harder to bring in direct. They are by their nature also much more expensive, much like famous brand items in shops. I have found buying small quantities direct too difficult but there is something I can do about price. Most restaurants work on a percentage system; the more expensive the wine the bigger the mark up. I find this a rather unfair way of treating my guests. So my simple solution is to have a maximum mark up, this way we only add a maximum cash amount leaving the selling price extremely reasonable. Judge for yourself and try and find these wines cheaper in other restaurants, you will find us substantially cheaper. Santé

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BORDEAUX

75cl Bottle

Château D'issan, Cru Classé, Margaux, 1998 France

£68.00

One of the oldest Chateaux, tracing it's roots back to the late 1400's. Though not the best vintage, the 1998 Issan produced a rich and elegant Margaux, drinking well since 2002. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot)

Château Talbot, Crus Classé, St Julien, 2001 France

£70.00

Allegedly named after the general who lost the Aquitaine region to the France, maybe because he went into battle unarmed having sworn not to bear arms against the French. Talbot is now run by the daughters of the formidable Jean Cordier. The 2001 was a great year and is drinking well since 2003. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot)

Château Pontet Canet, Crus Classé, Pauillac 2000 France

£83.00

For four generations the Tesseron family have tended the vineyard now boasting a balance of respect for tradition and science. Of the 2000 many great things have been said including James Suckling in the Wine Spectator who rated simply as "the best Pontet Canet ever" The 2000 is drinking well from 2007. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc)

BORDEAUX continued

75cl Bottle

Château Gruaud-Larose, Crus Classé, St Julien,
2000 France

£108.00

One of the younger Bordeaux Chateaus, established in the early 1700. The 20th Century has seen the vineyard pass through several owners but Georges Pauli the Technical Director has since 1970 headed a drive for increasing quality. The fabulous 2000 vintage shows Gruaud-Larose at it's best and it will stay like for quite a few years to come. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec)

Les Forts De Latour, Pauillac, 2000 France

£190.00

This Pauillac is the second wine of the famous First Growth Château Latour. Made with grapes from the "young vines" of the "Grand Enclos" (the main 47 hectare vineyard) and from the grapes grown on three plots situated outside. The 2000 vintage is fantastic and this wine is drinking well now, but could last till 2020. (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot)

WHITE BURGUNDY

75cl Bottle

Corton Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Côtes De Beaune,
Bourgogne, Vincent Girardin 2006

£87.00

Tracing his roots in the region back to the 17th Century, Vincent was born in Santenay and started modestly with two hectares in 1982. Having since inherited his father's vineyards he has gone from strength to strength, even making it into the Wine Spectator's top 100. This Corton reminds us why so many people fell in love with Chardonnay and why Burgundians can still make the best examples. A very good year in Burgundy and drinking well now but will improve. (Chardonnay)