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I remember when I started doing this job French wine was king, the new world didn't even exist as such, Italy had nice wines for pizzerias and Spain was just Rioja. Then along came Australia with the USA, Chile and South Africa on its coat tails and the question was where did France go wrong? Well the answer was, it didn't go wrong, everything was good, its just the cheap dross that drifted away. France is still the top dog, it is home to regions and styles that the rest of the wine world wants to copy just look at the Bordeaux lookalikes from South Africa, Chile and the US. Or the Burgundy imitations that appear across the globe and then the GSM blends from Oz that pay homage to Chateauneuf du Pape. What are the most expensive and sought after wines in the world? Well they are French that's what they are.

Now this praising of all things French is not to diss any other wine producing countries, in fact I think that at the moment there has never been a better time to be a wine drinker in terms of quality. It is just that as much wine as I drink and from as many countries as I have the opportunity to try from I just always go back to France. It is a country that just relaxes me and it's not just the wine but the scenery, the people, the food, the general all round joie de vivre. So let's have a month of French fun and celebrate the magnificent wines from this wonderful country.

**Cheers
Rob Hoult**



Bordeaux and it's near neighbours

Bordeaux is the largest wine producing area in France and is home to some of the world's most expensive and well known wines. Global demand for these wines has pushed the prices to levels that have turned them in to traded commodities but there is still value in Bordeaux and there are terrific wines if you tread a little off the beaten track. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are the two principal grape varieties and the 'Bordeaux' style is imitated the world over most successfully in California and South Africa.

Honore de Berticot Sauvignon, Cotes du Duras.....	£10.00	£90.00 for 12
<i>"This wine has been a firm favourite for 20 years now and this vintage is possibly the best yet. Textbook Sauvignon Blanc that will give even the great wines of Sancerre and Marlborough a run for their money"</i>		Save £30.00
Baron d'Ardeuil Blanc, Buzet.....	£16.00	
Chateau Baron de Bellevue, Cotes de Bourg.....	£12.50	
Chateau le Peuy Saintcrit, Bordeaux Superieur.....	£12.00	
Buzet Tradition Rouge.....	£13.00	
Ch. Mayne-Vieil, Fronsac.....	£14.50	
Chateau de Gueyze Rouge, Buzet.....	£22.50	
Silice, Cahors.....	£20.00	
Chateau Pinteraie Tradition, Cahors.....	£14.00	
Chateau Pinteraie Cuvee Authentique, Cahors.....	£25.00	
Ch. Lyonnat, Lussac St-Emilion.....	£19.00	
Ch. Carcanieux, Cru Bourgeois Medoc.....	£20.00	
Chateau Milon Saint Emilion Grand Cru.....	£17.50	Was £22.50
<i>"Merlot dominated, well structured and crying out to be paired with roast beef and Yorksire puddings. The grapes come from a vineyard which dates back to the middle ages."</i>		Save £5.00
Chateau Lanesan, Haut Medoc.....	£25.00	
Chateau Leoville Barton, Saint Julien 2008.....	£135.00	

Burgundy

Home to some of the most recognisable names in wine and in the red wines from Domaine de la Romanee Conti it also has the most expensive wine in the world with a bottle of the 1945 selling for half a million dollars last year. Whites are made from the Chardonnay grape with the pernicious Pinot Noir grape being carefully crafted in to some sublime reds.

Macon Charnay, Reserve Personelle.....	£13.50	
Louis Jadot Macon Blanc Villages.....	£10.00	Was £15.00
<i>"From the sunnier southern region this is Chardonnay with a little more ripeness and texture to the fruit. Unoaked, rounded and perfectly balanced it is a joy with salmon."</i>		Save £5.00
Domaine de la Motte Chablis.....	£15.00	Was £19.00
<i>"Chablis sits on its own at the very top of Burgundy and the cooler climate means that the wines here are a little more taut, mineral and elegant. This particular wine is quite simply the dictionary definition of Chablis, utterly, utterly perfect."</i>		Save £4.00
Bouchard Montagny 1er Cru.....	£23.00	
Domaine de la Motte Chablis 1er Cru Vauligneau.....	£24.50	
Chateau des Jacques Clos de Loyse Bourgogne Blanc.....	£15.00	Was £20.00
<i>"The Chateau des Jacques property is really a red wine chateau but there is a walled vineyard of Chardonnay grapes which produce this delicious white. Barrel aged this wine is rich, toasty and creamy with spot on balance."</i>		Save £5.00
Domaine des Maillettes, Pouilly Fuisse Grande Reserve.....	£29.00	
Les Heritiers Saint-Genys Santenay Blanc.....	£23.50	
Domaine Berthelemot Meursault 'les Tillets'.....	£37.50	Was £50.00
<i>"One of the big name villages and a village which is renowned for producing wines with some real oomph. This is full on white Burgundy, wine with character, wine with attitude, wine to really put a smile on your face."</i>		Save £12.50
Domaine Bouchard Beaune du Chateau 1er Cru Blanc.....	£37.00	
Domaine Berthelemot Puligny Montrachet 'Les Levrans'.....	£50.00	
Bouchard Cotes de Beaune Villages.....	£24.00	
Vallet Freres Gevrey Chambertin.....	£45.00	
Bouchard Nuits St Georges.....	£40.00	
Domaine Bouchard Beaune du Chateau 1er Cru Rouge.....	£29.00	Was £39.00
<i>Value is not really a word you would associate with the red wines of Burgundy but occasionally there are wines which have a whiff of sensible pricing about them. This ever so elegant red is a sublime example of the absolute joy that a seriously well made Pinot Noir can deliver. Lighter in weight but packed full with layer after layer of the most complex wild hedgerow fruit flavours and expertly judged acidity.</i>		Save £10.00

Beaujolais

Long gone are the days of naff nouveau and now the true class of the lovely lighter reds of this region can shine. The 10 different cru showcase everything that is terroir. One grape variety, a little carbonic maceration, all from the same region and yet the resulting wines are all so individual.

Louis Jadot 'Combes aux Jacques' Beaujolais Villages.....	£9.00	Was £13.00
<i>"A wine to brighten up the dullest of days this is a simple wine drinking joy. Serve a little cooler to allow that juicy freshness to really shine through and all those black cherry notes will dance about your palate with joy"</i>		Save £4.00
Chateau des Jacques Moulin A Vent.....	£15.00	Was £24.00
<i>"The other style of Beaujolais from one of its 10 Crus this is a wine which is meatier, bolder, bigger but still retains that lovely lightness of touch around the edges. Unlike many Beaujolais wines it will age impressively and as an accompaniment to a quality pork pie there are few wines its equal."</i>		Save £9.00
Domaines Les Roches Bleues, Brouilly Reserve de Vieilles Vignes.....	£13.50	
La Madone Fleurie 'La Reine de l'Arenite'.....	£13.50	

Alsace

A region which has bounced back and forth between France and Germany enough times to confuse anyone is also home to some of the world's greatest wines. Whilst the Germanic looking bottles may put some people off it is worth noting that this is the only one of the main regions of French wine production that actually lists the grape variety on the label, how very modern. Wines here are loaded with flavour and the sheer versatility of these wines is a delight for food lovers too.

Hugel Gentils.....	£15.00
Hugel Classic Pinot Blanc.....	£16.00

Turckheim Reserve Gewurztraminer.....	£16.00	
Turckheim Sables et Galets Gewurztraminer.....	£14.00	Was £18.00
<i>“Perfume, lovely, lifted, floral, heady perfume. That is what I want from my Gewurztraminers and that is what we have here all of those delicious rose petal, musky aromas lead on to a palate which is rich not sweet and they are then tempered by a little acidity and a dash of spice. The perfect wine to go with Thai food.”</i>		Save £4.00
Hugel Classic Muscat.....	£18.00	

The Loire Valley

From Nantes, through Tours and on towards Sancerre half the length of the river Loire runs through some of the most spectacular scenery in France and is home to some of its prettiest wines. Generally lighter and fresher in style they suit the rich abundance of vegetables grown in this region, known as the market garden of France. There are reds and roses but principally it is a white wine region with Sauvignon Blanc and Chenin Blanc the stars.

Domaine du Moulin Camus Muscadet Sevre et Maine Sur Lie.....	£13.00	
Domaine du Moulin Camus Folle Blanche IGP Loire.....	£12.00	
Philippe Guerin Muscadet Sevre et Maine Sur Lie ‘Abstraction #1.....	£13.00	
Phillipe Guerin Sauvignon Blanc Vin de France Abstraction #2.....	£13.00	
Domaine des Echardieres Sauvignon de Touraine.....	£14.00	
Domaine des Echardieres Touraine-Chenonceaux Blanc ‘Le Long Bec’...	£19.50	
Blason Sauvignon Blanc Pays de Loire.....	£11.00	
Cheverney ‘Les Bruyeres’.....	£12.00	
Domaine Michel Girard Sancerre.....	£20.00	
Joseph Mellot Menetou Salon Les Threureux.....	£14.00	Was £22.00
<i>“Forget the more famous Sancerre this is the region in the central Loire where I think the very best Sauvignon Blanc comes from. Smaller than its more famous neighbour but this wine has a little more weight of fruit, a touch more complexity and is seriously world class Sauvignon Blanc. Drink heartily with industrial quantities of Crottin de Chavignol, the local goats cheese.”</i>		Save £8.00
Rose d’Anjou 1749, Selection Pierre Chainier.....	£10.00	
Domaine du Pre Semele Sancerre Rose.....	£23.00	
Joseph Mellot Sancerre Rose Le Raibault.....	£16.00	Was £25.00
<i>“Classier than a very classy thing and more beautiful than Audrey Hepburn in Breakfast At Tiffnays this is just an absolute joy”</i>		Save £9.00
Le Ligerien Chinon Clos Noire.....	£20.00	
Saumur Champigny ‘le Page’.....	£16.50	
Joseph Mellot Destinea Pinot Noir.....	£14.00	£60.00 for 6
<i>“I discovered this wine whilst canoeing down the River Loire and enjoyed more than was nautically safe but when a wine is a rich, juicy and crunchy fresh as this black cherry laden delight then why not. Try it chilled on a hot day”</i>		Save £24.00
Domaine de la Roche Honneur Chinon Cuvee de Paques.....	£16.00	
Domaine de Rocheville Saumur-Champigny ‘Le Page’.....	£15.00	

The Rhone Valley

Divided in to two very distinct areas Rhone Septentrional (north) and Rhone Meridional (south) it is known for big warming reds produced mainly from Syrah and Grenache. There are an abundance of varieties used and the white and rose wines should not be overlooked as they are seriously world class.

Boutinot Rhone

“This project was created by a lovely chap named Paul, from Stockport and over the last decade has become something of a stalwart for us. The reds are as lovely, rich, rounded and warming as one would expect but you really need to look at the white and the rose as these two wines are truly excellent and are proof positive that the Rhone is not a monochrome region.”

Boutinot ‘La Fleur Solitaire’ Cotes du Rhone Blanc.....	£9.00	Save £2.00
Boutinot Les Cerisiers Cotes du Rhone Rose.....	£9.00	Save £2.00
Boutinot ‘Les Coteaux’ Cotes du Rhone Villages.....	£9.00	Save £2.00
Boutinot Les Coteaux Schisteaux Seguret Cotes du Rhone Villages.....	£13.00	Save £3.50
Boutinot Cairanne Cote Sauvage.....	£13.50	Save £3.50
Boutinot ‘Les Coteaux’ Cotes du Rhone Villages 1.5 litre.....	£24.00	

Lutece Viognier Marsanne Roussanne, Paris.....	£21.50	
Les Hauts du Monteillet Blanc Collines Rhodaniennes.....	£20.00	
Guigal Cotes du Rhone Blanc.....	£14.00	£66.00 for 6

“Unusual in the fact that this wine is predominantly Viognier which is seen as a little pricey for Cotes du Rhone blends but wow what a punch it packs. This is all rich, viscous, fruit laden loveliness. I defy anyone to cram any more flavour in to a single bottle.”

Domaine Monteillet Petit Viognier.....	£25.00	
Guigal Condrieu.....	£49.00	
Domaine Chante Cigale Chateaneuf du Pape Blanc.....	£30.00	
Chante Cigale ‘Cicada’.....	£11.50	
E Guigal Cotes du Rhone.....	£14.00	
Turbigo Cinsault Vin de France.....	£21.50	
Tom & The Peleton Ventoux Rouge.....	£14.00	
Cuvee Papale, Chateaneuf du Pape.....	£26.00	
E. Guigal Crozes Hermitage.....	£25.00	
Domaine Chante Cigale Chateaneuf du Pape.....	£25.00	Was £31.00
<i>“One of the most well known wines on the planet there are many different levels of quality within this appellation. This domaine is at the forefront of quality wine making and as such this wine tastes like it should, luxuriously soft with dense bramble fruits, a lick of oak and a nice twist of spice at the finish.”</i>		Save £6.00
E. Guigal Cotes du Rhone 37.5cl.....	£8.00	
E. Guigal Cotes du Rhone 1.5L.....	£30.00	

The rest of France

The principal regions of France are rightly famous across the globe but there is so much more to France than just those regions and only a fool would ignore the swathe of vineyards that cover much of the rest of France. With lesser names there is better value, without some of the almost archaic rules there is more freedom for winemakers to experiment and innovate. So take a little time to wander around wild France and delight your taste buds a little more.

Cuvee Jean Paul Sec, Pays de Cotes de Gascogne.....	£7.50
Les Mains Noires, Cotes de Rousillon Blanc.....	£8.50
Bellefontaine Chardonnay, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Pasquiers Sauvignon Vermentino, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Le Petit Chat Malin Blanc, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Domaine de Vedilhan Viognier, Pays d’Oc.....	£10.00
Les Volets Chardonnay, Pays de la Haute Vallee de l’Aude.....	£9.50
Mas Belles Eaux Grenache Blanc Pays d’Oc.....	£12.00
l’Ormarine ‘Duc de Morny’ Picpoul de Pinet, Coteaux du Languedoc.....	£11.00
<i>“Imagine if you will that you are relaxing on a barge gliding down the Gorge du Tarn with the sunlight dappling through the trees. Well that’s how this wine makes me feel, superb.”</i>	
Domaine les Ors Chardonnay Mauzac, Limoux.....	£14.00
Fontan Cotes de Gascogne Sauvignon Blanc Gros Manseng.....	£12.50
<i>“This is Bridget’s favourite white wine and given that she is more of a red wine fan I was very surprised when we tasted this as to how it hit the spot with laser guided accuracy. The zesty freshness of Sauvignon is tempered by the breadth of the Gros Manseng. Bridget is definitely right about this one.”</i>	
Cuvee Jean Paul Rose, Pays des Cotes de Gascogne.....	£7.50
Pasquiers Grenache Cinsault Rose, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Domaine de l’Orangerie Grenache Gris, Pays d’Oc.....	£11.00
Le Petit Chat Malin Rose, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Domaine de la Vielle Tour Cotes de Provence.....	£15.00
The Palm by Whispering Angel, Cotes du Provence.....	£15.00
Whispering Angel, Cotes du Provence.....	£22.00

“Provence rose is bang on trend and none more so than this particular wine. A triumphant blend of very good winemaking and a very smart marketing. Believe the hype.”

Cuvee Jean Paul Rouge Pays de Vaucluse.....	£7.50
Bellefontaine Cabernet Sauvignon, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Pasquiers Grenache Noir, Pays d’Oc.....	£8.50
Le Petit Chat Malin Rouge, Pays d’oc.....	£8.50
Vignobles du Sud Grenache, Pays d’Oc.....	£9.00
Vignobles du Sud Merlot, Pays d’Oc.....	£9.00
Les Volets Pinot Noir, Pays de l’Haute Vallee de l’Aude.....	£10.00
Chateau Seguala Cotes du Rousillon Villages.....	£15.00
Domaine Mas Belles Eaux Petit Verdot, Pays d’Oc.....	£12.00
Chateau Belles Eaux Vieilles Vignes, Languedoc Pezenas.....	£22.00
Chateau Belles Eaux ‘Carmin’ Syrah, Languedoc Pezenas.....	£28.00
Chateau des Jaume Cru Maury Sec.....	£16.00
Clos Bagatelle ‘Origine’ Saint Chinian.....	£13.50
Gamay Rouge ‘Les Volcans’ Puy de Dome.....	£12.00
Domaine Plan de l’Homme Khi, Terrasses du Larzac.....	£18.00
Faugeres ‘Les Collines’.....	£17.00
Corbieres ‘Clos Combe Long’.....	£13.00
Petite Selve Rouge Coteaux de l’Ardeche.....	£16.00
Domaine Berthoumieu Madiran ‘Charles de Batz’.....	£21.00
Domaine Lafran-Veyrolles Bandol ‘Cuvee Speciale’.....	£35.00



The wines of Domaine Terres Georges

Our love affair with this property started 15 years ago and they are now our best selling wines. That's no surprise as the wines that Anne-Marie & Roland Coustal craft are as charming as they are. In the last few years a rose and a white wine have joined the ranks and the quality improves to ever more amazing levels with every passing vintage. Whilst the Quintessence Minervois gets all the plaudits in the French press it is the humble 'et Cetera' which is not just my favourite wine from this property but my favourite wine in the shop. Rustic, charming and humble it is a wine which never fails to make me smile.

Special Mixed Case Offer



One bottle each of the Lulu Blanc, Rose, et Cetera, Cameleon, Quintessence & Racine for only £66.00 a saving of £22.00

Domaine Terres Georges Lulu Blanc.....	£14.00
Domaine Terres Georges Cinsault Rose.....	£11.00
Domaine Terres Georges et Cetera Minervois.....	£11.00
Domaine Terres Georges 'Cameleon', Pays d'Oc.....	£15.00
Domaine Terres Georges 'Quintessence' Minervois.....	£18.00
Domaine Terres Georges 'Racine', Pays d'oc.....	£19.00

Champagne

What a wonderful treat Champagne is the mere idea of a glass adding a certain lustre to even the most mundane of occasions. Here are two houses who both produce fantastic Champagne but on very different scales. Lallier is a smaller producer focusing on the details and shaking things up a little (hopefully not too much otherwise it'll go everywhere!) They only ever use grand cru fruit and the labels have more information on them than you can imagine such as disgorgement date, and dosage levels. This attention to detail and transparency leads to wines which are incredibly complex, compelling and utterly delicious, just without the big name. Taittinger on the other hand is definitely a big name and a large producer too but it is still a family owned property and the wines deservedly win plenty of plaudits. The combination of world class winemaking and the ooh la la of a big name certainly makes me smile.

Gremillet Brut Selection.....	£30.00	
Lallier Grand Cru Grand Reserve Brut.....	£35.00	
Lallier Brut R:014.....	£28.00	Save £7.00
Lallier Grand Cru Brut Rose.....	£30.00	Save £10.00
Henriot Brut Souverain.....	£40.00	
Henriot Brut Blanc de Blancs.....	£60.00	
Henriot Brut Rose.....	£60.00	
Henriot Demi Sec.....	£40.00	
Taittinger.....	£29.00	Save £11.00
Taittinger Brut Prestige Rose.....	£39.00	Save £16.00
Taittinger Brut Vintage.....	£45.00	Save £20.00
Lallier Grand Cru Ouvrage.....	£65.00	Save £10.00
Lallier Grand Cru Grand Reserve Magnum.....	£65.00	Save £14.00
Henriot Brut Souverain Jereboam.....	£290.00	
Taittinger Comtes de Champagne - Blanc De Blancs.....	£135.00	Save £30.00

Sparkling Wines

JJ Laurens Methode Ancestrale.....	£18.00
Salasar Carte d'Azur Cremant de Limoux.....	£13.00
Salasar Carte Noire, Cremant de Limoux.....	£13.00

Top notch everyday drinking with amazing case deals

Cuvee Jean Paul

"We've been selling these wines for nearly 30 years and over that time the quality has improved year on year. What we have now is a crisp, crunchy white a subtle, elegant, dry rose and a juicy, fruity, quaffable red. All in all brilliant wines which reflect the approachability of French country wines perfectly."

Red, white or rose	£7.50
	£36.00 for 6
	Save £9.00



Pasquiers

"These wines have been expertly assembled from carefully selected parcels of fruit by wine making duo Eric Monnin (a genius and a thoroughly lovely man) and Guillaume Letang. The wines reflect the sunshine and vibrancy of the South of France and the typicity of the grape varieties used. In short, they are very French."

Pasquiers Sauvignon Vermentino, Pays d'Oc
Pasquiers Grenache Cinsault Rose, Pays d'Oc
Pasquiers Grenache Noir, Pays d'Oc

	£39.00 for 6
	Save £12.00

Events

France, A Guide To The Classics

An opportunity to taste and learn more about the great regions of French wine-making glass by glass. We'll taste wines from Alsace, Burgundy, Bordeaux, Champagne, the Loire and the Rhone. Some lovely meats and cheeses to give you sustenance in between and illuminating, entertaining and sometimes baffling waffle from Rob Hoult as he takes you on a vinous tour of France.

Thursday 12th September 6.30pm

Tickets £20 each available through Eventbrite

France, The Beautiful South

The south of France holds so many wine delights and whilst it isn't one of the classic regions it is where wine production in France began. It has always been home to innovation, daring and that very Yorkshire trait, value for money. Join us as we taste some of the most interesting wines you can find from regions well known and some a little more obscure. We'll accompany the wines with some lovely meats and cheeses and plenty of quality waffle from Rob Hoult.

Wednesday 25th September 6.30pm

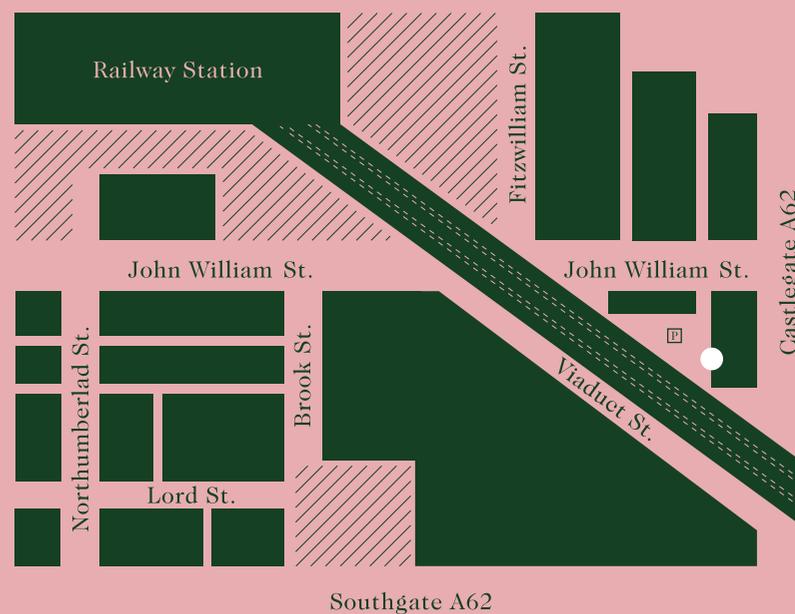
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