



ANCESTRAL
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Ours is a small collection - tightly-curated by Master of Wine, Stephen Wong, to reflect what we believe in at Ancestral; a moderate approach combining tradition, innovation, new and old flavours, but above all, celebrating difference, diversity, and exploration. Our list uses style categories to represent the wide world of wine available to us beyond the well-known varieties. We prefer estate or domaine wines, made by growers, hand-tended, and lovingly nurtured as naturally as possible. The vast majority of our wines are organic or biodynamic, and several have little to no additions during winemaking.


To assist in exploring these wines, everything which is available by the glass can also be ordered in half glass sizes. For peace of mind, we use the Coravin system, Le Verre du Vin and argon blanketing - where appropriate - to ensure that wines served by the glass are preserved properly. We also offer regular supplementary lists of both intriguing and classic wines, and there is a small collection of 'reserve' bottles which your server will be more than happy to show you.

Drink, be merry; and we wish you a long, prosperous, and happy life!

SPARKLING WINES

**These are listed with the
freshest wines at the start and
most developed at the end**

There are many ways to get bubbles into a bottle of wine; from the popular méthode traditionnelle used for Champagne and Cava, to secondary fermentation in tank for Prosecco, to the méthode ancestrale or pétillant naturel which harnesses the last gasps of primary fermentation in bottle. For the freshest, fruitiest and bright styles, 'pet nat' delivers the most immediate joy at the expense of persistent effervescence. méthode traditionnelle provides the deepest, most developed and toasty flavours with the finest bubbles.



		125ml	
			
• 2017	The Hermit Ram Ancestral Method Waipara, North Canterbury		55
• 2017	The Super Nat Te Awanga, Hawke's Bay	11	60
• NV	Domaine de la Taille aux Loups Montlouis Brut Loire, FR		70
NV	Quartz Reef Brut Méthode Bendigo, Central Otago	11	60
• 2011	Huia Blanc de Blancs Marlborough		69
• 2017	Framingham F-Series Pet Nat Rosé Marlborough		59

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VIGNERON CHAMPAGNE

**These are organised with
the most delicate, bright wines
at the start and the most brooding,
savory wines at the end**

The rise of Vigneron, or grower Champagne, has vastly expanded the palette of flavours bearing the name Champagne. Often individual site and village expressions, they tell a completely different story than those of the blended wines made by the big houses. Each grower will often use different conventions; bottling each vintage separately, preferring bone-dry wines, or even showcasing less popular grape varieties from Champagne. Often great value, we find these grower wines hugely exciting and interesting!

		 	
NV	Larmandier-Bernier Latitude Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut Côte des Blancs	22.5	120
• L.V13	David Léclapart l'Amateur 1er Cru Blanc de Blancs Pas Dosé Trépail, Montagne de Reims		165
• NV	Vincent Couche Cuvée Chloé Extra-Brut Côte des Bars		155
• NV/11	Roses de Jeanne Les Ursules Blanc de Noirs Brut Côte des Bars		195
• NV/13	Jérôme Prévost La Closerie Les Béguines Blanc de Noirs Extra Brut Gueux, Montagne de Reims		255
NV	Egly-Ouriet Brut Grand Cru Montagne de Reims		205
NV	R.H. Coutier Grand Cru Brut Rosé Ambonnay, Montagne de Reims		127
NV	Gatinois Aÿ Grand Cru Rosé Brut Vallée de la Marne		149

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CRISP, FRESH WHITES

**We have arranged these
in order of driest to sweetest**

Acidity, crunch and refreshment define these wines. Whether it is minerally, dry Chablis, racy, piercing Riesling or herbaceous Sauvignon Blanc, you can always rely on these wines to cleanse the palate, wake the senses and deliver a lip-smacking level of crisp acidity. Sweetness doesn't matter to these wines, as the acids always balance out any sugar, resulting in rapier-like balance.



		 125ml	
2016	Petit Clos Sauvignon Blanc Wairau, Marlborough	9.5	49
• 2016	Seresin Osip Sauvignon Blanc Omaka, Marlborough	10	50
• 2015	Philippe Bornard Les Chassagnes Savagnin Ouillé Côte du Jura, FR	17.5	88
2015	Domaine Testut Chablis Rive Droite Burgundy, FR	12.5	68
2014	Folium Reserve Sauvignon Blanc Brancott, Marlborough	12	67
2014	Rippon Mature Vines Riesling Wanaka, Central Otago	12	65
• 2015	Clüsserath Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling feinherb (off dry) Mosel, DE	15	76

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LUSH, AROMATIC WHITES

**These wines are listed from
lightest to fullest in body**

These varieties epitomise decadence and perfume. Often full of ripe and exotic fruit, the common thread with these wines is their texture. Slippery, oily, almost viscous and honeyed, some will harbour a good dose of residual sugar but others will rely on body and weight for that texture. Gewürztraminer, Viognier, Pinot Gris and the many warmer-climate whites of the Mediterranean inhabit this category. They make fantastic companions to richer-flavoured dishes.



		 	
	2017 Circuit Pinot Gris Akaroa, Canterbury	9.5	49
•	2014 Andert Gemischter Sotz Burgenland, AT		77
	2016 Neudorf Pinot Gris Moutere, Nelson	11	59
	2014 Bott-Geyl Pinot Gris Les Eléments Alsace, FR	13	72
•	2014 Pierre Frick Pinot Gris Vinifié Sans Soufre Alsace, FR		98
	2017 Stonecroft Gewürztraminer Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay	10	54
	2014 Dry River Viognier Martinborough Terraces	15	80
•	2015 Domaine Romaneaux-Destezet (Souhaut) Ardèche, Northern Rhône, FR		78
•	2015 Pyramid Valley Kerner Pinot Blanc Waihopai, Marlborough	14	75

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RICH, LAYERED WHITES

**The further down the list you go,
the creamier and oakier the wines get**

If dry, full-bodied, complex, creamy and oaky wines excite you, then this is the category for you! Ruled by Chardonnay, it also encompasses wines which have been fermented in oak or aged for extensive period in barrel to achieve the layered, subtle, textural palates which make these the most more-ish and weighty of white wines.

			
• 2014	Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestizaje Blanco El Terrerazo, ES		56
• 2016	Domaine des Causses Marines "Les Greilles" Gaillac, South West, FR	11	62
• 2015	Domaine Goisot Sauvignon de St.-Bris Exogyra Virgula St.-Bris, Burgundy, FR	13	70
2015	Millton Opou Chardonnay Manutuke, Gisborne	12	66
2014	Domaine Alain Gras St.-Romain Blanc Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, FR	22.5	130
2015	Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon Mâcon-Milly Lamartine Mâconnais, Burgundy, FR	18.5	98
2015	Domaine Rewa Chardonnay Lowburn, Central Otago	13.5	72
• 2014	Bell Hill Old Weka Pass Chardonnay Waikari, Canterbury		145
2014	Mountford Chardonnay Waipara, North Canterbury	15	85

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ROSÉ & ORANGE WINES

**These are listed with the softest
wines at the start and the firmest
and most tannic at the end**

One of the most interesting sections of a wine list, this is where techniques and varieties cross over. Most Rosés are made either as short macerations or saignée; in essence, white wines made with black grapes. Orange wines, on the other hand, are white varieties which have been fermented for extended periods on their grape skins and often also aged for long periods where they deepen in colour. In short, red wines made from white grapes! Expect intense flavours and dry, grippy/tannic palates with fuller body when you drink orange wines.



ROSÉ

2017	Neudorf Rosé Moutere, Nelson	10	51
2016	Château Hermitage Saint-Martin Cuvée Enzo Côtes de Provence Rosé Provence, FR	12	63
2017	Fromm La Strada Rosé Marlborough	9.5	49

ORANGE

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| • 2016 | Carrick The Death of Von Tempsky
Bannockburn, Central Otago | 12.5 | 62 |
| • 2016 | Mammoth Rare White Sauvignon Blanc
Moutere, Nelson | 14 | 75 |
| • 2015 | Millton Libiamo Field Blend
Matawhero, Gisborne | 14 | 75 |
| • 2012 | Az. Ag. COS Pithos Bianco Amphora
Sicily, IT | | 78 |
| • 2008 | Franco Terpin Pinot Grigio Sialis
Collio-Gorizia, Friuli, IT | | 86 |
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SOFT, JUICY REDS

**The lightest wines
are at the top of the list**

If Rosé and Orange is the most interesting, the this section is the most fun! Natural winemaking has seen a rise in ‘vins de soif’, meaning wines of thirst, and shorter-maceration red wines which emphasise vibrant, immediate charming fruit over long-ageing structure and oak. Most of these have not seen any oak at all and are all about bright, juicy fruit. The most popular wine of this style is Beaujolais.

		 125ml	
• 2017	Black Estate Treble "Rosé" (chilled) Waipara, Canterbury	10	53
• 2016	Marcel Lapierre "Raisins Gaulois" (chilled) Beaujolais, Burgundy, FR	11	59
2012	Terrace Edge Pinot Noir Waipara, Canterbury	11	56
• 2015	Le Temps des Cerises Fou du Roi (chilled) Beziers, Languedoc, FR	12.5	68
2016	Easthope Family Winegrowers Gamay Noir Hawke's Bay	12.5	68


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PERFUMED, DELICATE REDS

**These are listed with the fruitiest
wines at the start and the
most mineral at the bottom**

The ethereal combination of silky, lacy,
intricate texture with intensely beautiful perfume
is a quality of great Pinot Noir.

This section is naturally dominated by wines
made from this noble grape, but also include
delicate alpine reds like Zweigelt and the majestic,
perfumed wines of Piedmont.

		 125ml	
• 2016	Aurum Estate Pinot Noir Lowburn, Central Otago	14	72
2014	Colere Te Muna Terrace Pinot Noir Te Muna, Martinborough	12	63
2016	Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir Bannockburn, Central Otago		110
• 2015	Jean Foillard Morgon Eponyme Beaujolais, Burgundy, France		109
• 2015	Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir Cromwell, Central Otago	22	125
2015	Fromm La Strada Pinot Noir magnum Southern Valleys, Marlborough		125
• 2013	Gut Oggau Atanasius Zweigelt/Blaifränkisch Burgenland, AT	15.5	88
• 2013	Sato L'insolite Pinot Noir Pisa, Lowburn, Central Otago		152
• 2015	Sottimano Nebbiolo Langhe Piedmont, IT	14.5	76
2013	Domaine Chevalier Père & Fils Gevrey-Chambertin Côte du Nuits, Burgundy, FR	31.5	164

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RICH, VOLUPTUOUS REDS

These are listed with the most charming wines at the start and the biggest, more powerful wines at the end

The domain of generous, mouth-filling reds like Shiraz, Grenache and Tempranillo, this section is all about sheer hedonistic pleasure. These styles are generally from warmer climates like Spain and the Southern Rhône where abundant sunshine produces very ripe grapes, chocolatey tannins and plenty of body.


		 	
• 2014	Stonecroft Serine Syrah Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay		58
• 2016	Paxton Now Shiraz Mclaren Vale, SA, AU	10	55
• 2015	Te Whare Ra Syrah Renwick, Marlborough	14.5	79
• 2016	Hervé Souhaut Syrah Ardèche Ardèche, Northern Rhône, FR		80
• 2015	Domaine les Aphillanthes 1921 Rasteau Southern Rhône, FR		82
2014	Acústic Celler Montsant, ES	13	69
• 2012	Franck Balthasar Cornas Chaillots Northern Rhône, FR		165

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FIRM, STRUCTURED REDS

**We have listed these wines
from most subtle and restrained
to the most powerful and
intense at the end**

The classic big red lives here, from the King of red grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon and its Bordeaux cohorts, to obscure regional varieties like Saperavi and Tannat. If it has a big, grippy structure, this is where you'll find them! Although hard to resist with strongly-flavoured food, they are equally enjoyable for their drying tannins if you're a fan of structured wines.

		 125ml	
• 2015	René Mosse Bois-Rouge Anjou, Loire, FR	10	54
2015	Château La Chapelle Maillard Dordogne, Bordeaux, FR	9	49
2010	William Murdoch Merlot Malbec Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay	11	59
2012	Château du Seuil Graves Graves, Bordeaux, FR	15.5	79
• 2011	Arretxea Irouléguy Tradition Irouléguy, Basque, FR		72
• 2013	Pheasant's Tears Saperavi Kakheti, GE		89

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SWEET & FORTIFIED

**The lighter, more elegant wines
are listed at the start, the rich,
fortified wines are at the end**

Sweet wines can be made in a number of ways,
many of which are regional traditions.
For some, late-harvests and botrytis are the
main source of concentration of sweetness.
For others, it is as a result of straw-drying or
fortification with spirit.

		75ml 	
2013	Les Garonelles de Climens 375ml Sauternes, Bordeaux, FR	13	60
2016	Framingham Noble Riesling 375ml Marlborough	15	67
2015	Churton Petit Manseng 500ml Waihopai, Marlborough	14	78
2011	Anselmi I Capitelli Recioto di Soave 375ml Soave, Veneto, IT		88
NV	Alvear Moscatel Vino de Licor Montilla, ES	8	75
2013	Domaine Cazes Rivesaltes Grenat 375ml Roussillon, FR	13	57
NV	Ferreira Quinta do Porto 10YO Tawny Douro, PT	11	100

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