

HAWKSHEAD WINES



FINE WINE LIST 2011/12

Welcome to part 3 of our selection of fine wines for 2011 and into 2012. Here is our list of sparkling, fortified and dessert wines, each with a short description and tasting note. Please note that all stocks are limited but where we have less than 12 bottles, the wine is marked with a ⚡. Wines we particularly recommend are shown in red.

SPARKLING, FORTIFIED AND DESSERT WINES and ARMAGNAC

CHAMPAGE and SPARKLING Wines

FR2900P **Domaine des Baumard Brut Rosé NV, Cremant de Loire, France** **£15.99**

This is Baumard's top sparkling rosé made from Cabernet Franc grapes and aged 3 years on its lees. 'Very pale, bright pink with a steady bead. Shy aromas of strawberry, blood orange, rose and spices, plus a hint of honeysuckle. Very fresh and expansive on the palate, offering pure red fruit and sweet citrus flavors and subtle minerality. A strikingly elegant, precise, understated bubbly that makes plenty of pink Champagnes seem somewhat crude... precise, spicy finish. 90pts.' Stephen Tanzer To 2014

FR2886S **Domaine des Baumard Tirage 2006, Cremant de Loire, France** **£16.99**



This vintage Cremant de Loire is mainly Chardonnay with a little Chenin Blanc. Light straw colour and pure, mineral aromas of peach, lemon and a hint of currant leaf. Good weight on the palate with ripe fruit flavours of peach, almond and hazelnut and even a touch of coffee. Crisp apple acidity and a fine, gentle mousse. Lingering, slightly creamy finish. Enjoy now through to 2014.

IT0970S **Borgo Molino Prosecco NV, Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartize, Italy** ⚡ **£17.99**

Cartize is the finest region for Prosecco. Similar to Grand Cru Chablis, it is a perfectly situated area that produces the ultimate in Prosecco. From just 3ha of immaculately tended vines and with a long, slow secondary fermentation, Borgo Molino have crafted a refined sparkling wine with rounded, almond, pear and biscuit flavours and fine, elegant mousse. Premium quality for a very reasonable price. To 2013

UK0056P **Denbies Vineyard Select Rosé Cuvée 2006, England** ⚡ **£18.49**

This delicious sparkling rose is made by the traditional method using the classic Champagne varietal of Pinot Noir. Quite a deep rose/red colour and filled with lots of summer fruits flavours, quite a sweet impression though there is a low (2.5g/l) dosage. 'Soft, sweet, herby nose with a buttery edge. The palate is rounded, fruity and creamy with a gently herby edge.' Jamie Goode, Wineanorak.com To 2013

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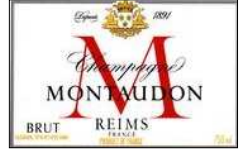
CHAMPAGNE and SPARKLING Wines continued

FR4020P Champagne Veuve Ricoteaux Rosé Brut NV £21.99

The Austréau family have been making wine since 1670 and produce a richer, fuller style of Champagne. Their delicious sparkling rosé has a fresh lively mousse with juicy cherry flavours and notes of strawberry and brioche. Attractive and expressive with a lightly creamy, gently sparkling finish. Drink now to 2013

FR2420S Champagne Montaudon Reserve Brut NV £23.95

Montaudon is a family-owned house and their Reserve Brut is mainly Pinot Noir with minimal dosage. Attractive aromas of ripe apple, brioche and dried fruits. On the palate it is clean, refreshing with flavours of apricot, fig, biscuit and notes of almond. Good finesse, balance and lingering finish. To 2013

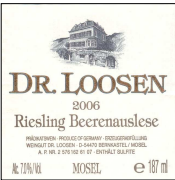


FR3233S Champagne Austréau Reserve Grand Cru 2003 £29.95

This fine Champagne from Austréau is not only a vintage wine but the grapes are all from Grand Cru vineyards. It is predominantly Chardonnay, with a little Pinot Noir, which results in a powerful opulent style. The lively mousse gives intense aromas of brioche, biscuit and lemon zest. Rich and full to taste with a very long, slightly creamy finish in which the wine's class shows through. Enjoy now to 2013

DESSERT Wines

DE0326Q Dr. Loosen Riesling Beerenauslese 2006, Mosel, Germany 18.75cl £9.99



The 2006 vintage produced normally rare botrytised grapes in abundance. So Ernie Loosen decided to include grapes from his best vineyards in a generic Beerenauslese, releasing it in quarter bottles at a third the price of the 2005s. 'Sweet, plump wine, filled to the brim with lush tropical fruit flavours. The aromas show remarkably pure pear and pineapple scents, with just a touch of dried apricots but also a sense of slate-driven minerality. 93 pts' Wine Enthusiast Magazine To 2013

ZA0876H Hazendal 'The Last Straw' 2006, Stellenbosch, South Africa 37.5cl £13.75

Made from 30 year old bush vine Chenin picked very ripe and dried on straw to concentrate the flavours. Matured a year in French oak barrels to give additional complexity. Dried apricot and fruitcake on the nose, with a rich palate crammed with dried fruits and lightened by fresh citrus flavours. To 2012

AU1049H Tamar Ridge Botrytis Riesling 2009, Tasmania, Australia 37.5cl £14.49

Vibrant floral aromas with hints of apricots and tropical fruits. Luscious fruit flavours with apricot, pineapple and some hints of lime. Great mouthfeel with lovely viscosity and length of flavour, all kept in balance by crisp, fresh acidity that prevents the wine from being cloyingly sweet. To 2017

FR1646H Baumard Quarts de Chaume 2006, Coteaux du Layon, France 37.5cl £21.95

Quarts de Chaume is an outstanding *Grand Cru* appellation that produces rich, powerful dessert wines from nobly-rotted Chenin Blanc. 'The aromas of dried fruits do not show the sweetness and unctuousness of this ripe, botrytized wine. It has sweet honey flavors, spice, orange peel and a pure streak of acidity. 94pts' Roger Voss, in The Wine Enthusiast. To 2018+



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DESSERT Wines continued

FR2414W **Domaine des Baumard 'Cuvee le Paon' 2004, Coteaux du Layon, France** £24.95

The Cuvée le Paon comes from the same vineyard as the Carte d'Or but is a special selection from the oldest vines and not made every year. 2004 was a classic vintage with fruit and acid in perfect balance. 'Gorgeous scents and flavors of lime, anise, pineapple, quince, and orange liqueur. Lush and sweet yet juicy and pronouncedly fresh-fruited on the palate, it finishes quite hauntingly, with distinct wet stone and a hint of caramel adding further complexity. 92 points' Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate To 2018

FR3847W **Baumard Clos de Sainte Catherine 2007, Coteaux du Layon, France** £25.95

Clos Ste Catherine is a tiny 1ha vineyard, beautifully situated just outside Rochefort sur Loire. Of similar concentration to 'Le Paon', it has an additional level of complexity from the unique terroir. 'Among the standouts released this past year are Florent Baumard's perennially outstanding late-harvest Chenin Blanc bottlings... Clos de Ste Catherine shows the perky acidity of the vintage, admirably offset by bright, juicy flavors of yellow and orange fruits. 92 points' James Molesworth, Wine Spectator To 2017+

FR1656H **Baumard Quarts de Chaume 1996, Coteaux du Layon, France 37.5cl** ⓪ £31.95

Rare mature wine, displaying 'honeysuckle, liquid minerals, and touches of almond paste aromatically as well as a stunning, driven character with virtually perfect harmony and balance between its sweet superripe fruit and acidity. This floral and quince-laden, well-delineated wine has a seemingly unending finish. 96 points' Robert Parker, The World's Greatest Wine Estates 2005 edition Now to 2020+

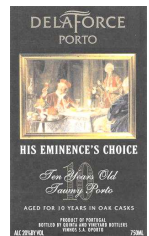
FORTIFIED Wines

FR3326R **Oorain Victoria Luxe d'Exception 2006, France** £19.95

Something different from Eric Fabre, former winemaker at Ch. Lafite. This is a richly fruity blend of Syrah and Grenache with a small amount of Maple Syrup. Though not actually fortified this red wine is best thought of as a Port-style with a lower alcohol. Dates, prunes and sweet caramel on the nose and rich fig and apricot jam flavours on the palate. Full, richly fruity and off dry, this is the perfect wine to serve with chocolate or at the end of a meal. Consume with 2-3 days of opening. To 2015

PO0020F **Delaforce 'His Eminence's Choice' 10 Year Old Tawny Port** £16.99

Tawny ports are kept in oak casks for many years and each release is a careful blend of barrels with different ages, but with an average of 10 years. This is a great example of the Delaforce style. 'Very aromatic and enticing. This is very rich, with toffee and caramel aromas and a fruity undertone. Full-bodied and very sweet, with an almond, candied fruit and light fruitcake aftertaste. 89 pts. (JS) Wine Spectator To 2013



PO0220F **Graham's 20 year old Tawny Port, Portugal** ⓪ £28.95

This 20 year old is a blend of casks with an average age of 20 years. Over time the deep purple colour of the youthful wine has given way to pale amber, whilst simultaneously becoming smoother, richer and more elegant. Full, nutty bouquet with ripe berry fruits and exotic spices. The classic Graham's richness and creamy texture comes through on the palate with the youthful sweetness being replaced with a lovely caramel and fruit cake character. The soft lingering finish is nicely aromatic and complex. To 2013

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ARMAGNAC

FR3850B Samalens 8 year old VSOP, Bas Armagnac 70cl Ø £30.95

Founded in 1882 by Jean Samalens, the family owned company is now run by Jean's great, grandson Pierre. The distillery is situated at Laujuzan in the heart of the Bas Armagnac area and distils wines exclusively from the best soils of the region, from the small area known as 'Grand Bas Armagnac'. The Samalens distillery is now the most important in the region with eight stills, the oldest of which, dating from the 19th century. This VSOP is made from distilled wines aged a minimum of 8 years in casks of black Gascony oak. The colour is a bright, amber gold. Very fine, fruity bouquet with crushed berry fruits and a touch of vanilla. Smooth, round and generously flavoured, with excellent balance and some nice complexity. Finishes very long and wonderfully smooth.

Limited stock of 70 cl bottles but we also have a few 150cl magnums at £59.95, code FR3850M



FR4150M Samalens Vieille Relique, Bas Armagnac 150cl Ø £89.95

Vieille Relique is a blend of wines aged a minimum of 15 years in oak casks. Rich, slightly amber colour with ruby and golden reflections. Subtle perfume of liquorice mixed with peach blossom and tobacco. Flavours of candied fruit with good body and roundness, yet also pleasantly soft. Remarkably long persistence in the mouth. This is perhaps the most successful of all the Samalens Armagnac. Note our special price on this 150cl magnum is almost the same as the 70cl bottle direct from the estate!