



## A PASSION FOR WINE

Please enjoy my carefully selected choice of wines from around the world as you dine on authentic Italian cuisine at our award-winning restaurant, Il Mare. In making this selection, I have tried to include something to suit all tastes.

Whether you are a wine connoisseur or a novice with an appetite for knowledge, I would be delighted to lead you on a world tour of the vines, unravelling the secrets behind what makes a great wine, recommending food pairings and, I hope, satisfying your passion for wine. If you would like to share with me your passion for wine or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

*Nith Ishantha*

Wine Guru



# THE VINE CHRONICLES

## CHARDONNAY

Wines made from Chardonnay are finely textured, beautifully aromatic, long on the finish, and ages particularly well. Their bouquet is dominated by hazelnut, honey and hawthorn or acacia, usually underlined by notes of butter, brioche and toast. Chardonnay often displays lively scents of ripe lemons, tropical fruit, especially pineapple and melon in Australia.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

Possesses a very characteristic aroma, best described as lemon, grapefruit, Muscat, peach, blackcurrant bud, linden, passionfruit, fresh-cut grass, gooseberries or boxwood. Sauvignon is the king of dry white wines of Bordeaux where it contributes its acidity and freshness to blend with Semillon and Muscadelle.

## RIESLING

Riesling wines may be dry or sweet but they are always full-bodied, well-structured and aromatic. Their delicate, distinguished aromas are composed of subtle notes of lemon, Muscat and spices. One of the most distinct features of older Riesling is the smell of petrol. Riesling demi-sec and sweet wines are teeming with grapefruit and orange notes after some time in the bottle.

## PINOT GRIS

This wine aroma is often spicy and honeyed with floral and fruity notes such as pear and apple, and usually a hint of mushroom. The Pinot Grigio style of Italy is a light-bodied, often lean wine that is light in colour with occasional spritzy flavours that can be crisp and acidic.

## VIOGNIER

Viognier wines are golden, dry, soft and full, with an extremely rich nose of Muscat, apricot, acacia, honey and violet. The white grape alone gives rise to Condrieu wines and blended with the red grape, Syrah, to make Côte Rôtie.

## GEWÜRZTRAMINER

An extremely aromatic wine, its most frequent notes are lychee, rose and clove. Late harvested Gewürztraminer wines can present scents of apricot, peach, tropical and candied fruit.

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon is rich in tannin and colour, giving the wine solidity and wonderful cellaring potential. The well-known Haut Medoc grape is remarkably well-structured and elegant, displaying intense aromatic complexity. Young wines smell of red fruit – blackcurrant, raspberry and sometimes, bilberry in particularly sunny years. As the wine matures in new oak barrels, it becomes suppler and can develop superb such as coffee, caramel and dark chocolate.

## MERLOT

Merlot wine aromas are plums, fruitcake, leathery, gamey and meaty. The tannins may be softer and lesser-bodied than the Cabernet. Other characteristics may be blackcurrant, spice and coffee. Often blended with other Bordeaux varieties, this grape is softer with less stringent tannins.

## SYRAH/SHIRAZ

The wine from Shiraz is powerful and full-bodied, with concentrated aromas like raspberry, blackberry, liquorice, black pepper, plum, spice and prunes. With maturation, added complexity and further interesting earthy notes of wet leather, game flavours and aromas often become present.

## PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noir wines are light in tannins, possessing aromas and flavours of strawberry, cherry, plum, raspberry, mushroom and beetroot. Red berry characteristics become more prominent as the ripeness of fruit increases. Other notable flavours on further maturation include earthiness, barnyard, straw, spice and nuttiness.

## ZINFANDEL

The wine tends to exhibit a dark purple hue with hints of strawberry, plum, raisin, spice, leather and tar. Zinfandel has a mouth-filling characteristic that is sometimes described as being jammy or chewy. The wine colour is deep red, bordering on black. This is a spicy, peppery wine with a hint of fruity flavour. Berries or dark cherries are often the taste range but these characteristics intensity may vary.

# CHAMPAGNE

## VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

Dom Pérignon Brut, France, 2013

325,000

Pol Roger Vintage Brut, France, 2016

105,000

## NON-VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Brut, France

82,000

Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial, France

71,000

Laurent-Perrier La Cuvee Brut, France

71,200

Pol Roger Brut Reserve, France

55,000

Taittinger Brut Reserve, France

45,000

## ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE

Dom Perignon Brut Rosé, France, 2004

375,000

Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rose Brut, France, NV

122,000

Taittinger Brut Prestige Rose, France, NV

58,000

## SPARKLING WINE

Santa Margherita Brut, Prosecco Superiore di Valdobbiadene, DOCG, Veneto, Italy, NV

22,000

Sacchetto Spumante Brut Rosé DOC, Veneto, Italy, NV

14,000

Pares Balta Cava Brut, Catalonia, Spain, NV

13,000



## WHITE WINE

### FRANCE

Puligny Montrachet AOC, Olivier Leflaive, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, 2014, 2011	95,000
Joseph Drouhin 'Drouhin-Vaudon', Chablis Premier Cru, AOC, Burgundy, 2018	51,000
Maison Louis Jadot Chablis, AOC, Burgundy, 2021	46,000
William Fevre Chablis, Burgundy, 2020	40,000
Pascal Jolivet, AOC, Sancerre Blanc, Loire, 2020	39,000
Gewürztraminer, AOC, La Classique Leon Beyer, Alsace, 2015, 2018	32,000
Pouilly-Fuisse, AOC, Bouchard Aîné & Fils Mâconnais, Burgundy, 2018, 2019	29,000
Albert Bichot Macon-Village, AOC, Burgundy, 2020	24,900
Hugel & Fils Riesling Classic, AOC, Alsace, 2022	24,400
Hugel & Fils Classic, Gewurztraminer, AOC, Alsace, 2018	23,000
Bordeaux Blanc, AOC, Robert Giraud La Collection, Bordeaux, 2016	12,500
Muscadet Marcel Martin, AOP, Sevre-et-Maine, Sur Lie, Loire Valley, 2021	10,300

### AUSTRIA

Singing by LAURENZ V. Gruner Veltliner, Niederosterreich, 2021	21,500
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### SPAIN

Bodegas Bilbainas Vina Pomal Blanco, DOC, Rioja, 2020	20,500
Torres Vina Sol Parellada, DO, Penedes, 2019, 2021	11,750



## WHITE WINE

### ITALY

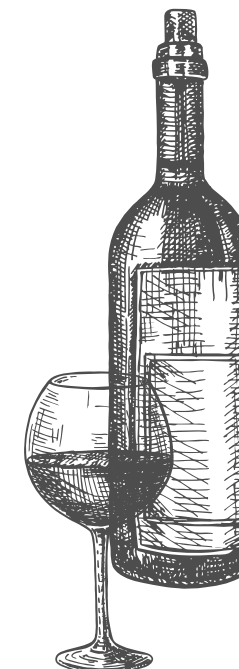
Alois Lageder Lowengang, IGT, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2020	74,300
Alois Lageder, Sauvignon Blanc, DOC, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2021	28,900
Marchesi Frescobaldi Castello di Pomino Bianco, DOC, Tuscany, 2021	21,500
Zenato Lugana di San Benedetto, DOC, Lugana, 2021	20,500
Santa Margherita, Pinot Grigio Valdadige, DOC, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2020, 2021	20,400
Marchesi Antinori, Villa Antinori Bianco, IGT, Tuscany, 2022	18,000
Marchesi Frescobaldi 'Remole', Bianco, IGT, Toscana, 2021	17,750
Ruffino, Orvieto Classico, DOC, Umbria, 2018, 2019	16,800
Bottega, Soave Classico, DOC, Veneto, 2021	14,600
Marchesi Antinori, Santa Cristina Bianco, IGT, Tuscany, 2022	14,200
Villa Cardini, Garganega - Trebbiano, DOC, Veneto, 2021	11,500

### ARGENTINA

Familia Zuccardi 'Zuccardi Serie A' , Torrontes, 2021	15,500
Fuzion Chenin Blanc - Chardonnay Mendoza, 2019	13,000

### CHILE

Casillero del Diablo Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, 2017	15,500
Cono Sur Reserva Especial Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, 2019	12,000
Valdivieso Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, 2022	11,200



## WHITE WINE

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Barefoot Sauvignon Blanc, California, NV



12,250

### AUSTRALIA

Ian Botham Wines 76 Series Chardonnay, Margaret River, 2020

20,850

Yalumba Organic Chardonnay, South Australia, 2018

15,500

Sandalford Sauvignon Blanc - Semillon, Margaret River, 2022

15,350

Ian Botham Wines 'The All-Rounder' Chardonnay, South Eastern Australia, 2021

13,700

Deakin Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Murray Darling, 2022

13,600

### NEW ZEALAND

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2022

53,000

Sileni Estates Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2022

19,600

Mud House Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2022, 2021

19,100

Hans Greyl Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2021

18,000

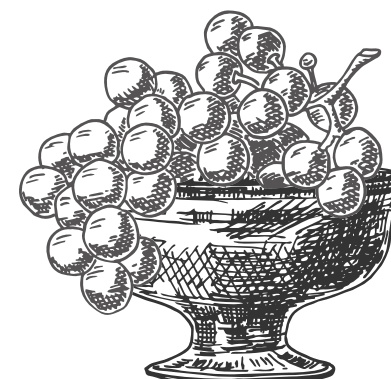
### SOUTH AFRICA

Nederburg The Winemasters Chardonnay, Western Cape, 2021

13,900

Obikwa Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2022

10,000



## ROSÉ WINE

Chateau d'Esclans Cotes de Provence 'Rock Angel', AOC, Cotes de Provence, France, 2020, 2021	35,000
Marcel Martin Rose d'Anjou La Jaglerie, AOP, Loire, France, 2021	15,400
Mateus The Original Rose, Portugal, NV	11,900



## RED WINE

### FRANCE

Château Latour Premier Grand Cru Classé, AOC, Pauillac, Bordeaux, 2004	595,000
Château Mouton Rothschild Premier Grand Cru Classé, AOC, Pauillac, Bordeaux, 2005	525,000
Château Margaux Premier Grand Cru Classé, AOC, Margaux, Bordeaux, 2004	475,000
Joseph Drouhin Nuits-Saint-Georges, AOC, Cote de Nuits, 2016	76,900
Chateau Clarke, Listrac-Medoc, 2015	43,500
Vieilles Vignes Chateauneuf-du-pape, AOC, Rhone, 2017	41,300



## RED WINE

## ITALY

Ornellaia, DOC, Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, Toscana, 2011, 2017	275,000
Baffonero, IGT, Maremma, Rocca di Frassinello, Toscana, 2011, 2013, 2017	210,000
Marchesi Antinori, Tignanello, DOC, Tuscany, 2020	116,700
Barolo, DOCG, Elio Altare, Piemonte, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017	85,000
Marchesi Frescobaldi Castello di Nipozzano, Mormoreto, IGT, Tuscany, 2019	83,600
Tenuta San Guido, Guidalberto, IGT, Tuscany, 2018	65,000
Marchesi Antinori Pian delle Vigne, Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG, Tuscany, 2018	60,000
Bottega, Prêt à Porter Riserva, DOC, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2012, 2015	58,000
Marchesi Frescobaldi Tenuta Calimaia Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG, Tuscany, 2020	40,000
Dezzani, Barbaresco, DOCG, Piedmont, 2018	38,500
Ruffino Riserva Ducale, DOCG, Chianti Classico Riserva, 2016	34,500
Zenato Ripassa Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, DOC, Veneto, 2019	30,800
Bottega Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, DOC, Veneto, 2019	30,000
Barbera d'Alba, DOC, Elio Altare, Piemonte, 2019, 2020	28,900
Dolcetto d'Alba, DOC, Elio Altare, Piemonte, 2016, 2020	26,800
Dezzani Ronchetti, DOCG, Barbera d'Asti, 2020	20,200
Marchesi Frescobaldi, Pater, Sangiovese, IGT, Tuscany, 2022	17,500
Creto In Italia, DOC, Montepulciano D' Abruzzo, 2021	14,350
Campagnola Bardolino Classico, DOC, Veneto, 2021	11,750
Campagnola Cataldo Nero d'Avola, DOC, Sicily, 2021	11,500





## RED WINE

### SPAIN

Vega Sicilia, Pintia, DO, Toro, 2016	110,000
Torres Mas La Plana Cabernet Sauvignon, DO, Penedes, 2011, 2012	48,000
Gratavinum 2πr, DOC, Priorat, Catalonia, 2018, 2019	34,000
Camino, DOC, Dominio Romano, Ribera del Duero, 2018	23,000
Bodegas Bilbainas, Vina Pomal Crianza, DOC, Rioja, 2017	20,500

### CHILE

Valdivieso Caballo Loco Grand Cru, Sagrada Familia, Curico Valley, 2020	21,000
Casillero del Diablo Reserva Carmenere, Central Valley, 2020	15,300

### ARGENTINA

Flechas de los Andes, Gran Malbec, Mendoza, 2017	31,000
Dona Paula Los Cardos Malbec, Lujan de Cuyo, 2022	14,400

### AUSTRALIA

Penfolds St. Henri Shiraz, South Australia, 2018	82,000
Glaetzer Amon-Ra Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019	55,000
Glaetzer Bishop Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 2018, 2019	33,000
Sandalford Estate Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Australia, 2018	21,500
Ian Botham Wines 80 Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, 2019	20,850

### NEW ZEALAND

Schubert Block B Pinot Noir, Wairarapa, Marlborough, 2016, 2018	43,000
Oyster Bay Pinot Noir Marlborough, 2020	24,750
Mud House Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2021	20,100



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### SOUTH AFRICA

Vilafonte Series M, Paarl, 2010, 2011, 2018	80,000
The Bernard Series Basket Press Syrah, Stellenbosch, 2012, 2015	44,000
Bellingham The Bernard Series Bush Vines, Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2020	40,600

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rutherford Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2018	40,000
Calera Central Coast Pinot Noir, California, 2016	30,000

## DESSERT WINE

Marchesi Antinori Castello della Sala Muffato, IGT, Umbria, Italy, 2019	37,000
St. Stephan's Crown Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Hungary, 2013	21,000
Sandalford Element Late Harvest Margaret River, Australia, 2015, 2021	18,600



# TALES OF THE VINE

Because all the best stories begin with a glass and end with a bottle.

## CHAMPAGNE

Pierre Mignon Grande Reserve Brut, Champagne, France, NV



7,800



38,000

## SPARKLING WINE

Bottega 'Il Vino dei Poeti' Prosecco, Brut, Veneto, Italy, NV

3,300

15,750

## WHITE WINE

Bottega, Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie, Italy, 2021

2,650

12,500

The Beach House, Sauvignon Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa, 2022

2,800

13,250

Cono Sur Bicicleta Reserva, Chardonnay, Central Valley, Chile, 2021

2,550

12,000

## ROSÉ WINE

Torresella Pinot Grigio Rose, Veneto, Italy, 2022

2,600

12,500

## RED WINE

Vina Chocalan Reserva Merlot, Maipo Valley, Chile, 2020

3,000

14,250

McGuigan Black Label, Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia, Australia, 2020

2,450

11,500

Casillero del Diablo Reserva Shiraz, Rapel Valley, Chile, 2020

2,750

13,000



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