

WINE LIST

The stories behind the wines – dare to be different

Here at No.15, we like to be different, quirky and elicit your curiosity in all things, including our wine list. As such, we have sought out some truly delicious gems from both expected and unexpected regions to bring you a one-of-a-kind list to pique your interest *and* your palate. You can think of it as a voyage of discovery, and you can rest assured that you will not find most of these beauties anywhere else in Bath, or indeed, the entire South West. . .

FIZZ 125ml Bottle

Montelvino Asolo Prosecco Superiore NV £8.50 £38
Veneto, Italy

This is without doubt the most stylish bottle of Prosecco we have ever seen, and with fabulous fizz inside it, we would describe it as fruity, fragrant and seriously chic.

Hattingley Classic Cuvée £10 £52
Hampshire, England

We are big fans of all things quintessentially English, which is why we have picked this multi award-winning fizz from Hampshire. Made in just the same way as Champagne, it exudes style, elegance and creamy richness and often trumps Champagnes in blind tastings.

Le Noble Cuvée Intense Champagne NV £11 £55
Champagne, France

A little jewel of a champagne that we have unearthed from one of the few totally independent and family-owned champagne houses left, it is in keeping with our own independent spirit, by being made with passion and heritage while retaining its classic refined style.

Le Noble Rosé Champagne Terroirs £13 £70
Champagne, France

From the same family grower, we think this beautifully-made pink fizz, in its supremely elegant bottle, is just right for No.15. Tantalising and seductive, its soft, perfumed red fruit character beguiles and entrances.

Pol Roger Extra Cuvée de Reserve NV £15 £80
Champagne, France

The favourite Champagne of Sir Winston Churchill, he was rumoured to have drunk two imperial pints of this fine fizz a day. We recommend slightly more abstemious measures of this rich, toasty delight.

Pol Roger Brut Rosé 2008 £120
Champagne, France

Seductive and inviting, Pol Roger only make rosé Champagne in great vintages. This wild-strawberry scented and pale-rose hued Champagne possesses the ultimate in style, substance and poise.

Pol Roger Cuvée Winston Churchill 2004 £195
Champagne, France

Made in the style of the favourite 1928 vintage of Sir Winston, and with as big a personality as the man himself, this Champagne is as charismatic as it is powerful.

Dom Perignon 2009 £200
Champagne, France

A Champagne icon and true classic. Supremely elegant, with richness and grandeur in its heady aromas and flavours of brioche and creamy orchard fruit.

WHITE**125ml 175ml Bottle****CRISP AND REFRESHING**

Fleur de Pays, Moulin de Gassac 2018 £6 £7.50 £25
Languedoc, France

There cannot be many fortunate enough to say that the most revered wine producer in Southern France, Mas de Daumas Gassac, supply their house white, but we are thrilled to say that we can. Delicate, fresh, crisp and lemony, with a super-clean edge, it is a lovely introduction to our list.

Folle Blanche, Pierre Luneau Papin 2017 £6.50 £8.50 £32
Loire, France

As light and bright as a summer breeze, this is your all-year-round alternative to Muscadet. Crisp and streaked with lemony freshness, Folle Blanche is the grape and the beautiful Loire Valley is the region. Zesty and crystal clear, this is a wine that is tongue-tinglingly refreshing.

Valençay, Sebastien Vaillant 2017 £35
Loire, France

If you like Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, then we would recommend you try this delight, which nestles in the shadow of the beautiful Renaissance Château de Valençay, just to the west of Sancerre. Similar in style, but in our opinion, far better value, this superbly fresh Sauvignon Blanc is supported by a smidge of creamy Chardonnay, which gives it extra depth and flavour. A fantastic white for a cheese board.

Verdejo Martinsancho 2017 £33
Rueda, Spain

Angel Rodriguez Vidal, the owner of this vineyard, is known in Rueda as the godfather of Verdejo as he fought to preserve the variety when all around him were pulling it up in favour of more commercial varieties. With white fruit and white flower aromas, and a lively burst of stone fruit and citrus on the palate, it is refreshing and food friendly in equal measure.

Mohua Sauvignon Blanc 2017, Peregrine £7 £10 £36
Marlborough, New Zealand

There is good Sauvignon Blanc and then there is the great stuff. Happily, this one falls into the latter category, having just won a much-coveted gold at the International Wine Challenge. Named after a bright yellow bird from the South Island of New Zealand, it is about as clean, crisp and mouth-watering as you can get.

Gruner Veltliner Handcrafted £35
Kamptal 2017, Austria (natural)

Indie winemakers Martin and Anna Andorfer make wonderfully terroir-expressing wines and this one is based on grapes from three separate vineyards, reflecting all the nuances of the village of Strass. The wine is unfiltered and slightly cloudy, with spicy yellow plum aromas and hints of ginger. On the palate it is fresh, tingling and refreshing with flickers of white pepper.

Terras Gaudas Rias Baixas O Rosal 2016 £45
Galicia, Spain (organic)

This Albariño comes from vineyards about as close to the Atlantic as you can get, hence its almost crisp, sea-salt tang. Full of crunchy green apple with a lovely citrus kick, this is a white that is lip-smackingly fresh.

AROMATIC AND FRUITY

West Cape Howe Chenin Blanc 2016 £29
Western Australia, Australia

Most Chenin Blanc at this price comes from South Africa, but we have been to the exclusive Mount Barker in Western Australia to find this one. They only make 900 cases of this deliciously fruity dry white and you will not find it anywhere else in the south of England. It is bright and zesty with ripe peach and apricot flavours.

Cazes, Le Canon du Marechal, Muscat Viognier 2017 £32
Languedoc, France

If you love dry-but-fruity whites, this is the one for you; and it happens to be from the largest organic and biodynamic winery in France. Floral, exotic and packed with scents of orange peel, rosewater and acacia honey, with notes of lively passion fruit and tangy pink grapefruit, it is deliciously enticing.

Attention Chenin Méchant 2017, Nicolas Reau £45
Loire, France (natural)

Nicolas Reau is a jazz and blues pianist turned winemaker, and this natural Chenin is light and very expressive with a pale straw colour and citrus and mineral aromas. Lemon verbena and grassy notes mingle with racy acidity and freshness. The name is a play on words of – attention, chien méchant; beware of the dog – seen outside many French homes.

Wigan Riesling, Peter Lehmann Masters, 2011 £45
Eden Valley, South Australia

Known for producing world-class Riesling, the soils of the Eden Valley are shallow and rocky and the resulting wine is a vibrant lemon yellow with a green tinge. Expect fresh lime juice characters on the palate with hints of honey from bottle ageing that will only get better with more time in the cellar.

Clos Henri Sauvignon Blanc 2015 £62
Marlborough, New Zealand

In 2001, the Bourgeois family, who are one of the most respected producers of Sancerre, bought an old sheep station in Marlborough and converted it into a vineyard. 12 years later they released their first wine onto the market. This totally organic wine is a combination of Marlborough terroir and French style. With some passion fruit and citrus blossom notes combined with firm minerality and brisk acidity, it has complexity and elegance.

SMOOTH AND CREAMY

Gavi di Tassarolo Fornace Bergaglio 2017 £8 £11 £42
Piedmont, Italy

From a small estate in the village of Tassarolo, which is slightly to the North of the commune of Gavi, this wine has slightly more concentration and finesse owing to the attention to detail applied in the growing of the vines. Lime green in colour with hints of toasted almonds, apple and sage. Supple on the palate but clean and bright on the finish.

Money Spider Roussanne 2017, D Arenberg £7.50 £10.50 £39
McLaren Vale, South Australia

Colourful and ebullient winemaker Chester Osborn loves storytelling. In 2000, about to make his first crop of Roussanne, he found the grapes covered by a sea of tiny money spiders. Since these bring good luck, and also because he is a kind-hearted soul, he left the spiders *and* the grapes, starting again the following year. With ripe peach and mango, a hint of spice and grapefruit zestiness, this wine is delicious.

Chardonnay, Toques et Clocher Limoux 2015 £8 £11.50 £44
Languedoc, France

This wine is truly a mini-Meursault. Select Chardonnay fermented in oak gives complex buttery flavours but with a delicious lemony twist for balance. The name, which means starchy white chef hats and church bell towers, refers to an annual auction with a gala dinner cooked by a celebrity chef, the proceeds of which are used to restore the local clock towers.

Ashbrook Semillon 2016 £38
Margaret River, Western Australia

Made in tiny quantities, this is a truly special wine with stellar quality. From a little-known producer in Margaret River, this five-star rated, super-fresh dry white is bursting with lime and citrus flavours and has the evocative scent of wild herbs.

Mercurey Blanc, Château de Santenay 2014 £52
Burgundy, France

From one of the top estates in the area, and from vineyards dating back to the 9th century, this is simply a glorious white Burgundy. Having picked up a coveted silver medal at the International Wine Challenge, we are delighted to offer it to our guests as a top-notch white from a classic region. It is rich, creamy and full of baked apple and hazelnut flavours – if you love white Burgundy, this is the one for you.

Heathcote Fiano, Chalmers 2013 £55
Victoria, Australia

The Chalmers family are pioneering wines made from Italian grapes in South Australia. The result? Italian charm mixed with Australian sunshine and a real adventure in purity, poise, elegance and creamy ripe fruit. Once tasted, never forgotten.

Meursault-Blagny, Premier Cru, Domaines Matrot 2007 £95

This first-rate classic from a fourth-generation family grower is a simply superb example of the best of white Burgundy. It is polished, complex and multi-layered.

ROSÉ **125ml** **175ml** **Bottle**

Fleur de Pays Rosé, Moulin de Gassac 2018 £6 £7.5 £25
Languedoc, France

Another southern French house wine from the revered house of Mas de Daumas Gassac, this delicate rosé is refreshing, enchanting and full of delightful strawberry fruit.

Hole in the Water, Sauvignon Blanc Rosé £7.50 £9.50 £34
Waihopai Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand

Sauvignon Blanc with a touch of Pinot Noir, from Marlborough – it is every bit as quaffable as it sounds. The name comes from the fact that the Waihopai Valley is one of the sunniest and driest parts of New Zealand, resulting in the crisp, lip-smacking freshness of this pale pink beauty.

Château Sainte Marguerite Cru Classé 2017 £46
Côtes de Provence, France (organic)

Tremulously pale and evocatively fragrant, this perfectly-pitched Provençal rosé from a family-owned estate will transport you straight back to the French Riviera. Deceptively full-flavoured – think ripe summer pudding– it is organic too.

RED**125ml 175ml Bottle**

SOFT AND FRUITY

Fleur du Pays Rouge 2017

£6 £7.50 £25

Bright reddish purple in colour, this Southern French red has a nose of strawberry and blackcurrant with hints of liquorice. The palate is well balanced, round, supple and fruity.

Casas del Toqui Pinot Noir Reserva 2017

£30

Cachapaol, Chile

Smooth, silky and full of Latin charm, this dusky little beauty exudes seduction and charm, and is packed with soft raspberry and pomegranate. A lighter, softer style of red, this is another glittering gem from a small producer that you will not find elsewhere.

Gamay Rouge Roannaise 2017

£34

Loire, France

Planted in the very South East of the Loire Valley, where it almost meets Burgundy, this lively and cheerful organically-farmed red is also deliciously chilled. It is almost what the French call vin de soif, which is known for its ability to quench your thirst. Expect juicy blueberry fruit with some smoky overtones.

Mohua Pinot Noir 2015, Peregrine

£8 £11.50 £44

Central Otago, New Zealand

From a family estate in the most southern wine region in the world, this seductive red is packed with the heady scent of violets and is bursting with gloriously ripe, crushed berry fruit vim. Pinot Noir lovers will struggle to resist.

Pinot Noir, Peter Max, Crystallum 2017

£58

Walker Bay, South Africa

This tiny producer is fast becoming a new-wave icon in the wine world and we are thrilled to have it on our list. From one of the cooler regions of the country, close to the ocean, this is sensual, silky Pinot Noir at its very best. Full of sweet strawberry and spice, it is definitely one to watch.

Karasi, Areni Noir 2014, Zorah

£68

Vayots Dzor, Armenia

Bordered by Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan, wine culture in Armenia goes back 6000 years, and small producer Zorik Gharibian makes his wine at 1000m above sea level. The result? A gentle red which beckons enticingly with its smooth plum and redcurrant fruit flavours, tinged with wild mountain herbs.

WARM AND SMOOTH

Rioja Garnacha Cepas Viejas 2017

£7.50 £9.50 £36

Alma de Forcada, Rioja, Spain

An unheard of gem exuding wonderfully ripe, seductive flavours, we fell in love with this wine as soon as we tasted it. It is as soft and silky as you can get, with strawberry, vanilla and gentle oak, all wrapped up in a blanket of rich elegance.

Primo Scuro, Cannonau di Sardegna 2017

£7.50 £9.50 £36

Sardinia, Italy

Our head chef, Roberto, is Sardinian, so it felt only right to have a wine from his native island on the list. A lighter style of red, but packed with wild herbs, red berries and the scent of violets, this wine is bright, edgy and different, much like the man himself! It is also the ideal partner to a charcuterie platter.

Lacrima di Morro d Alba 2017, Cantine Belasario

£34

Le Marche, Italy

We love discovering the unusual and this little-known Italian delight, full of velvety smooth cherries, blackberries and classic Italian charm is rich and seductive, with a cheeky spicy edge.

The Cenosilicaphobic Cat 2011, D Arenberg £48
McLaren Vale, South Australia

Can you pronounce it? What does it mean? Another story from colourful winemaker and art collector Chester Osborn, the word means - fear of an empty glass - which we can all relate to! His cat, aptly named Booze, loved the odd drop of wine, when he could find it. Vibrant and something different, it is bright and full of juicy cherry fruit.

Minervois, Lo Mainatge, La Croix de Saint-Jean 2014 £48
Languedoc, France

Without a doubt, one of the most elegant reds on the list, and having won a gold at the Sommelier Awards, it seems many of the experts agree with us. It is perfumed with violet-scented fruit and flavours that burst of sweetly-ripe red berries and warm spice.

Château Larose-Trintaudon 2014 £11 £14 £54
Haut-Médoc Bordeaux, France

Every wine list needs a true classic and this is ours. We have pinpointed a beautiful, well-known chateau with a bit of age, from a great vintage. Majestic, poised and sophisticated, this is a deep, rich red, with intense flavours of blackcurrant, vanilla and sweet spice, which linger on and on.

Brunello di Montalcino, Cantina di Montalcino 2012 £86
Tuscany, Italy

You do not get much better than a treasured gold at the most important wine competition in the world, The International Wine Challenge. A true thoroughbred of Tuscany, this perfumed beauty has richness, style and pedigree in spades. Evocative, sensuous and full of enticing black cherry fruit, it is laced with scented sandalwood.

RICH AND SPICY

Casarena Malbec, Winemakers Selection 2017 £6.50 £8 £30
Mendoza, Argentina

Malbec is the hot, sexy red wine of the moment and you won't find many with more awards to its name than this one, which is why we have snapped it up exclusively for our guests. Rich, sensuous and gloriously smooth, it is deep, brooding and full of Latino charm.

Nitida Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 £7 £9 £34
Durbanville, South Africa

The wine is as beautiful as the label, which represents the flora and fauna of South Africa. From a tiny producer that we discovered recently, this is Cabernet Sauvignon at its best. Bursting with sweet, plump blackcurrant fruit, it has poise, style and character.

West Cape Howe Cabernet Merlot 2014 £42
Margaret River, Australia

Another little gem from a tiny producer in Western Australia, which just oozes class and polish. Crammed full of pure blackcurrant and fresh mint character, with depth and an incredible purity of fruit, it is irresistibly smooth.

Sokol Blosser Evolution Red 6th Edition £48
Oregon, USA

In 1971 Bill and Susan Sokol Blosser were the first to plant vines in the Willamette Valley in Oregon and now produce award-winning Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. This unconventional blend of Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Syrah and some white grapes is full of cherry and red plum fruit with raspberries, a hint of cinnamon, and has a finish that is long and juicy.

Two Steps West Cape Howe Shiraz 2014 £60
Western Australia, Australia

If you like big, bold reds, then this one really stands up to the test, and then some. Jampacked with rich, voluptuous dark fruit, hints of mocha and spice, this is sure to bring a smile even after the toughest of days.

Casarena Jamillas Vineyard Malbec 2011 £65

Perdriel, Mendoza, Argentina

Life is all about discovering new places and new adventures, much like wine. The Jamilla Vineyard is a tiny plot of land in Perdriel, a small area high up in the foothills of the Andes, which is producing some of the best reds in Argentina. Intense, deep, brooding and full of rich, sweet, voluptuous fruit, there are not many cases of this wine, so you will need to enjoy it while you can!

Terre di Pietra Rosson Amarone della Valpolicella 2011 £100

Veneto, Italy

Made at a small family-owned estate up in the hills north of Verona, this wine is made from a blend of five local grape varieties, some of which are left to dry after harvest. Extensive ageing in old, large oak barrels adds character to this wine which has hints of port, slow-cooked red fruits and raisins. It is smooth, deliciously chocolately, with notes of liquorice.

SWEET **75ml** **Bottle**

Chambers Old Rosewood Rutherglen Muscat £9 £34

Victoria, Australia

Dark tawny in colour, rich and mellifluous in flavour, this toffee, mocha and raisin-filled delight is decadent and glorious and a little like drinking sticky toffee pudding. It is perfect with chocolate.

Gewurztraminer Vendange Tardive 2015 £10 £38

Trimbach Alsace, France

Exotic, luscious and honeyed, with entrancing lychee and rosewater sweetness from one of the greatest Alsace winemakers.

SHERRY

Fino Inocente Single Vineyard, Valdespino NV (37.5cl) £5 £22.50

Manzanilla Deliciosa, En Rama, Valdespino 2016 (37.5cl) £5.20 £26

Pedro Ximénez, La Luna NV (37.5cl) £4.75 £22.50

PORT

Quinta do Infantado unfiltered LBV Port 2011 (75cl) £6.60 £45

Quinta do Infantado 10-year-old Tawny (37.5cl) £4.60 £36

Dows Vintage Port 2005 (75cl) £7.75 £75