

OUR WINE LIST

Ours is a small and uncomplicated list. We feature our favourite wine styles from around the world, with a distinctive New Zealand focus.

For the explorers amongst you we introduced, in mid-2015, the **Coravin** system to offer more unknown or rarer wines by the glass. This system works by displacing wine in the bottle with argon gas, without having to remove the cork. This means your wine will arrive at your table in the optimal condition — safe from premature exposure to oxygen, while allowing us to serve it by the glass.

If you have questions about our wine list in general, our Coravin wines or would like a recommendation with your meal, please do not hesitate to start up a conversation with us. We love talking about wine!

*"Water assumes cooking colours as the sun
Directs the unwilling downcast clouds
To pattern it constantly in change
They call the sun a hotted kitchen range"*

— Extract from Wellington Harbour - A Shepherd's Pie by Denis Glover —

Charley Noble Seasonal Showcase

March 2019

The Wines of the Loire Valley

As France's longest river, the Loire carves out diverse wine regions from the Western Atlantic coast to the Massif Central of Southern France. In the West, the oceanic influences permeate the air, the cuisine, and enrich the subtle wines of the Pays Nantais. The internal sub-regions of Anjou-Saumur and Touraine are brimming with intensely concentrated, soulful iterations of Cabernet Franc and Chenin Blanc along with often overlooked local varieties. Further east still, in the Centre-Loire one will find the famed appellations of Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé-appellations that have long defined Sauvignon Blanc. In spite of the independent identities, varieties and styles of the different sub-regions, the Loire Valley is defined by a cooler climate and wines hallmarked with tradition.

Charley Noble Seasonal Showcase-March 2019

	g	½g	½B	B
Domaine Bonnet-Huteau , Gautronnieres, Melon de Bourgogne, 2016	11.5	6	34	62
<i>Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, Pays Nantais</i>				
Gérard Fiou , Sancerre, 2017	14	7	42	79
<i>Sancerre, Centre-Loire</i>				
Vincent Carême , Le Peu Morier, Chenin Blanc, 2015	17	8.5	51	91
<i>Vouvray, Touraine</i>				
Domaine des Pothiers , La Chapelle, Gamay Saint-Romain, 2016	13	6	34	75
<i>Côtes Roannaise, Centre-Loire</i>				
La Grange aux Belles , Primera Vez, Grolleau, 2018	11	6	33	60
<i>Anjou-Saumur</i>				
Domaine des Roches Neuves , Les Roches, Cabernet Franc, 2017	15	7.5	45	82
<i>Saumur-Champigny, Anjou-Saumur</i>				
Domaine de Noiré , Elégance, Cabernet Franc, 2015	14	7	42	77
<i>Chinon, Touraine</i>				

CHAMPAGNE TAITTINGER

"Taittinger, in my eyes, is an oasis. Our rocks are a family, a history. Our coconuts are the best grapes. Our water is the best juice. Every day, I am trying to elaborate Taittinger as the last reliable, sexy and pleasant thing on earth. A wine to lift you in heaven and make you stay there!"

— Clovis Taittinger, August 2016 —

	g	B
Taittinger, Cuvée Prestige, Brut, NV	21	115
Taittinger, Cuvée Prestige, Brut, NV (375ml)	-	69
Taittinger, Prélude, Brut, NV	-	160
Taittinger, Rosé Prestige, Brut, NV	-	160
Taittinger, Brut Millésime, 2012	32	170
Taittinger, Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs, Brut, 2006	-	435

NOBLE NOTES

Pierre Taittinger had fallen in love with the Château and vineyards that comprise the modern day estate well before he purchased it in 1932. That initial passion that inspired Pierre to settle in Champagne has persisted through the generations; it is, after all, the last Grande Marque Champagne house to remain family owned and operated.

The strong backbone of these wines lends them to a wide array of fare including richer and more wholesome items; an obvious choice for a kitchen that works so harmoniously with bold flavours and wood fire.

Champagne & Magnums

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Gatinois , Grand Cru, Brut, NV, Aÿ, <i>Vallée de la Marne</i>	105
Domaine Vilmart & Cie , Grande Réserve Brut 1er Cru, NV, <i>Rilly-la Montagne, Montagne de Reims</i>	110
Larmandier-Bernier , Longitude, Blanc de Blancs, Extra Brut, NV, <i>Côte des Blancs</i>	115
Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin , Rosé, Brut, NV	169
Pol Roger , Blanc de Blancs, Brut, 2008	235
Bollinger , La Grande Année, Brut, 2007	310
Dom Pérignon , Blanc, Brut, 2006	435

MAGNUMS

Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin , Rosé, Brut, NV (MAGNUM)	350
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Sparkling

PROSECCO

Sartori, Prosecco, V.S.Q.A Brut NV, *Veneto, IT*

g **B**
9 52

MÉTHODE TRADITIONELLE

Kumeu River, Crémant, NV, *Auckland, NZ*

13 72

Quartz Reef, Rosé Brut, NV, *Central Otago, NZ*

9 60

NOBLE NOTES

Bubbles in your wine can arise from several different methods, resulting in quite different flavours. Méthode Traditionelle (the Champagne method) derives its bubbles from a second fermentation that happens in the bottle, after which the wine is aged for years on the fermentation lees to gain the classic complex, toasty, brioche aromas and creaminess on the palate. Prosecco's bubbles arise from fermentation in large tanks for a much shorter period before being bottled, which is why it is much fruitier and fresher without toastiness.

Last Bottles - White Wine

WHITE

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Terrazas de Los Andes , Torrontés, 2015, <i>Salta, AR</i>	60
Tenuta Benanti , Etna Bianco, Catarratto, 2016, <i>Sicily, IT</i>	87
Viñátigo , Marmajeula, 2015, <i>Tenerife, Canary Islands, ES</i>	87
David Moreau , Santenay Blanc, 2014, <i>Burgundy, FR</i>	107
Szent Tamás , Furmint, MÁD, 2016, <i>Tokaji, HU</i>	77
Terras Gauda , o Rosal, 2017, <i>Rías Baixas, ES</i>	71

NOBLE NOTES

These bottles represent either rare finds of small quantities or discontinued wines from older vintages, which we have kept in the cellar. We endeavour to keep this up-to-date, but due to their limited numbers, please accept our apologies if your selection is no longer available.

Smaller Plantings

LISTED FROM LIGHT TO COMPLEX ↕

	g	½g	½B	B
Tua Marina Vineyards , Arneis, 2016, <i>Marlborough, NZ</i>	11	6.5	33	57
Churton , Viognier, 2015, <i>Marlborough, NZ</i>	13	6.5	39	71
Zephyr , Gewürztraminer, 2016, <i>Dillon's Point, Marlborough, NZ</i>	7	3.5	21	39
Burn Cottage , Riesling/Grüner Veltliner, 2016, <i>Central Otago, NZ</i>	19	9.5	57	104

Sauvignon Blanc

LISTED FROM CLASSIC TO OAK-AGED ▼

	g	½g	½B	B
Dog Point , 2018, <i>Marlborough, NZ</i>	10	5	30	55
Craggy Range , Te Muna, 2018, <i>Martinborough, NZ</i>	10	5	30	55
Supernatural Wine Co. , The Supernatural, 2016, <i>Hawke's Bay, NZ</i>	-	-	-	56
Clos Henri , Name Me, 2013, <i>Wairau, Marlborough, NZ</i>	24	12	65	127

NOBLE NOTES

The Spiritual home of New Zealand's most popular white wine variety is Central France's Loire Valley. This is where villages like Sancerre, Pouilly Fume, Quincy and Reuilly produce some of the world's best examples of this variety. Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire sees wines with beautiful mineral lines, racy acid, citrus and soft green herbs and wonderful texture.

Riesling

LISTED FROM DRY TO MEDIUM-SWEET ↕

	g	½g	½B	B
Prophet's Rock , 2017, <i>Bendigo, Central Otago, NZ</i>	12.5	7	35	69
Angsar Clüsserath , Trittenheimer Apotheke Kabinett, 2016, <i>Mosel, DE</i>	12	6	36	65
Terrace Edge , Liquid Geography, 2018, <i>North Canterbury, NZ</i>	8	4	24	45

Pinot Gris/Grigio & Pinot Blanc

LISTED FROM LIGHTEST TO RICH & FULL ↕

PINOT BLANC

Greenhough, Hope Vineyard, Pinot Blanc, 2015, *Nelson, NZ*

g	½g	½B	B
13	6.5	39	70

PINOT BLANC & PINOT GRIS BLEND

Colere, SolEra, NV, *Marlborough, NZ*

13	6.5	39	67
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PINOT GRIS / PINOT GRIGIO

Erste & Neue, Pinot Grigio, 2017, *Alto Adige, IT*

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Aurum Vineyard, 2017, *Lowburn, Central Otago, NZ*

10	5	30	60
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Bott-Geyl, Les Éléments, 2015, *Alsace, FR*

15	7.5	45	80
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The Elder, 2017, *Te Muna, Martinborough, NZ*

12	6	37	73
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NOBLE NOTES

Where Pinot Gris is a lighter-skinned blue-pink mutation derived from Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc is a green-yellow mutation derived from Pinot Gris. One step further removed from the original variety, it is less spicy, more textural and with crisp apple flavours. Think unoaked Chardonnay with a crispness, and you'll be in Pinot Blanc territory. Perfect with seafood.

Chardonnay

LISTED FROM CRISP & MINERAL TO FULL-BODIED & OAKED †

	g	½g	½B	B
Vincent Dauvisset , Chablis, 2016, <i>Chablis, FR</i>	-	-	-	105
Dry River , 2017, <i>Martinborough, NZ</i>	21	11	62	112
Greywacke , 2015, <i>Marlborough, NZ</i>	13.5	7	39	73
Les Héritiers du Comte Lafon , Mâcon Milly-Lamartime, 2016, <i>Mâconnaise, Burgundy, FR</i>	19.5	10	56	105
The Boneline , Barebone Chardonnay, 2016, <i>Waipara, North Canterbury, NZ</i>	9	4.5	27	48
Te Awanga Estate , The Loom, 2017, <i>Hawke's Bay, NZ</i>	11.5	6	35	64
Philippe Colin , Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru 'Les Chaumées, 2014, <i>Burgundy, FR</i>	-	-	-	230
Bell Hill Vineyard , 2013, <i>Waikari, North Canterbury, NZ</i>	-	-	-	214

Rosé/Orange

ROSÉ	g	½g	½B	B
Triennes , Rosé, 2017, <i>Provence, FR</i>	10	5	29	54
Tribute to Grace , Grenache, 2017, <i>Santa Barbara Highlands, CA, US</i>	13	6.5	38	70
Huntress , Rosé, 2018, <i>Wairarapa, NZ</i>	10	5	29	53
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ORANGE				
Millton , Libiamo, Field Blend, 2017, <i>Manutuke, Gisborne, NZ</i>	10	5	29	53
Terpin , Quinto Quarto, Rebula, 2015, <i>Gorizia, SI</i>	14.5	7.5	44	80

ORANGE

NOBLE NOTES

Orange wine is all the craze in wine bars from London to Tokyo, New York to Sydney, but what is it? Quite simply, it is white wine that has been made by fermenting on the grape skins for extended periods, much like how you would make a red wine. This results in a wine with a much darker colour, often hints of spicy oxidation, richer flavours and distinctive dry, grippy tannins usually only found in reds. Savoury and rich, they call out for food!

Beaujolais/Gamay & Last Bottles - Red Wine

BEAUJOLAIS/GAMAY

g **½g** **½B** **B**

M&C Lapierre, Raisins Gaulois, 2017, *Beaujolais, FR*

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LAST BOTTLES-RED

I Custodi, Pistus, 2016, *Sicily, IT*

75

NOBLE NOTES

The region of Beaujolais offers a myriad of stylistic iterations of the Gamay grape, from the powerful and finessed to the juicy and perfumed. With low tannin and opulent fruit, the latter style can offer an excellent alternative to a rich white or rosé. For a bit of palate rejuvenation, opt for the Château de Grand Pré 2016 chilled. The cooler temperature focuses the fruit and structure, and makes it terrific for food matching.

Pinot Noir

LISTED FROM FRUIT-DRIVEN TO SAVOURY ↴

	g	½g	½B	B
Peregrine , 2016, <i>Central Otago, NZ</i>	16	8	45	89
Rippon , Rippon Mature Vine, 2016, <i>Wanaka, Central Otago, NZ</i>	22	11	66	110
Fromm , Pinot Naturel, 2018, <i>Renwick, Marlborough, NZ</i>	11	5.5	33	60
Greystone , 2016, <i>Waipara, North Canterbury, NZ</i>	16	8	44	82
Evesham Wood , 2014, <i>Willamette Valley, OR, US</i>	17	9	49	86
Chantal Lescure , Clos des Topes Bizot, 2014, <i>Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, FR</i>	-	-	-	99
Ata Rangi , 2016, <i>Martinborough, NZ</i>	29	14.5	80	150
Domaine Drouhin-Laroze , Gevrey-Chambertin, 2013, <i>Côtes de Nuits, Burgundy, FR</i>	-	-	-	175

Cabernet Sauvignon Dominant

LISTED FROM ELEGANT TO BOLD ▾

	g	½g	½B	B
Château Peymartin , Saint-Julien, 2015, <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>	-	-	-	90
Yalumba , The Cigar, 2015, <i>Coonawarra, AU</i>	12	6	36	62
Kidnapper Cliffs , Cabernet Merlot, 2013, <i>Gimblett Gravels, Hawke's Bay, NZ</i>	16	8	45	85
William Murdoch , Cabernet Sauvignon, 2010, <i>Hawke's Bay, NZ</i>	11	5.5	33	61
Ornellaia , Bolgheri Superiore, 2013, <i>Tuscany, IT</i>	-	-	-	440

NOBLE NOTES

Te Mata Coleraine ~ 2017 Release

Te Mata, Coleraine, 2017, Havelock Hills, Hawke's Bay, NZ... Bottle \$205- Glass \$37 - 1/2 glass \$18.5 - 1/2 bottle \$110

March in New Zealand marks the seasonal shift into the autumnal months, along with it, the highly anticipated release of the new vintage of Te Mata Coleraine. The Coleraine ranks amongst the most sought after wine releases in New Zealand, even being described by Jancis Robinson as ‘...A New Zealand national treasure’.

We are proud to feature the new release, the 2017 vintage, both by the glass and the bottle. The 2017 Coleraine features a 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot blend, with an exceptional liveliness and svelte character. Allocations are small, so enjoy a taste while you can.

Merlot & Cabernet Franc Dominant

LISTED FROM ELEGANT TO BOLD ▼

	g	½g	½B	B
Craggy Range , Sophia, 2016, <i>Hawke's Bay, NZ</i>	36	18	108	190
Château La Chapelle Maillard , 2017, <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>	10	5	30	55
Bogle , Merlot, 2015, <i>Clarksburg, California, USA</i>	10	5	30	55
Château Lagrange , Pomerol, 2015, <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>	-	-	-	145

NOBLE NOTES

Cabernet Franc often gets overlooked alongside its more famous bedfellows Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot but it is widely planted across the world and produces wines full of heady strawberry and cedar aromatics, fine structure and supple tannins.

Grenache & Mourvèdre Dominant

LISTED FROM MEDIUM TO FULL BODIED ↕

	g	½g	½B	B
Montirius , La Muse Papilles, Côtes-du-Rhône, 2015, <i>Southern Rhône, FR</i>	13	6.5	38	70
Telmo Rodriguez , Al Mourvèdre, 2016, <i>Alicante, ES</i>	8	4	24	42
Clos St.-Jean , Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 2012, <i>Rhône, FR</i>	-	-	-	134

NOBLE NOTES

Most recognised as contributing to the famous blends of the Southern Rhône and some of Spain's greatest wines, Grenache gifts gorgeous bright and crunchy red fruits, spice and juiciness. Mourvèdre on the other hand plays a more savoury role with wines full of rustic, leathery spice, dried herbs and dark fruits aromatics, fine structure and supple tannins. They are wines with a serious side but also a flirtatious edge.

Syrah & Shiraz Dominant

LISTED FROM FRUIT-DRIVEN TO SAVOURY ↕

	g	½g	½B	B
Cypress Wines , Terraces Syrah, 2014, <i>Roy's Hill, Hawke's Bay, NZ</i>	14	7	40	77
Molly Dooker , The Boxer Shiraz, 2017, <i>McLaren Vale & Langhorne Creek, SA, AU</i>	14	7	39	73
John Duval , Entity Shiraz, 2016, <i>Barossa Valley, SA, AU</i>	-	-	-	119
Romaneaux-Destezet (Hervé Souhaut) , Sainte Epine, 2016, <i>St Joseph, Northern Rhône, FR</i>	-	-	-	170
Cedalion , Sam Harrop, Syrah, 2015, <i>Waiheke Island, NZ</i>	20	10	57	109

NOBLE NOTES

Syrah and Shiraz are the same grape variety. Syrah cuttings were taken from the hills of Hermitage in the Northern Rhône of France to South Australia where it was given a new name. Eventually a new style of wine emerged. Classically, “cool-climate” Syrah is perfumed with hints of white pepper, whereas Shiraz is rich and sweet with black pepper.

Sweet & Fortified

LISTED FROM MEDIUM TO FULL BODIED ▾

SWEET WHITE

	g	B
Château Garonelles de Climens , 2013, <i>Sauternes, Bordeaux, FR</i> (375ml)	14	63
Framingham , Noble Riesling, 2018, <i>Marlborough, NZ</i> (375mls)	16	73
Vinoptima , Noble, Gewürztraminer, 2007, <i>Ormond, Gisborne, NZ</i> (375ml)	-	293
Chambers , Muscat, NV, <i>Rutherglen, VIC, AU</i> (375ml)	13	59

SWEET RED & PORT

	g	B
Churchill's Reserve , NV, <i>Douro, PT</i> (750ml)	9.5	88
Churchill's 10 year Tawny , NV, <i>Douro, PT</i>	9	-

SHERRY

	g	B
Bodegas Hidalgo , <i>Trina, NV, Pedro Ximénez, Xérès-Jerez, ESP</i>	12	-