

THE RED LION WINE MENU

The Merlots - Much maligned in 'Sideways', consistent in St-Emilion & Pomerol. Bordeaux's most planted black grape, mistaken & sold as Carménère in Chile but always delivers an abundance of soft red fruit whilst the Carménère has more weight. Merlot loves lamb & Carménère is terrific with Venison or Bacon.

110	Vizamar Brisa Merlot - Chile	2009	B	☆	3.50	13.00
111	Casa Lapostolle Merlot - Rapel Valley - In collaboration with Grand Marner, the famous liqueur	2006	C	☆		19.00
112	Merlust Merlot - Stellenbosch	2005	C	☆		27.00
114	Sterling Vineyard Merlot - Napa Valley - Much sort after, rich soft & delicious	2005	C	☆		25.00
115	Terrunyo Carménère Block 27 - Curicó Valley Chile (Fosterhouse Carménère)	2005	D	☆		19.00
116	Apaltagua Carménère Reserva - Colchagua Valley Chile. Another big unfiltered Carménère great extraction and use of oak	2007	C	☆		18.00
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117	Casa Silva Colección Carménère - Colchagua Valley - This multi award winning vineyard has the accolade of 'Best Chilean Carménère' so at this price how could you not give it a try!	2006	C	☆		16.00
Pinot Noir - Difficult to work with but well worth the effort of a good viticultural Rules Burgundy with some other most expressive & expensive wines in the world and showing some class in little pockets of the world. Delicious at any time of day! Love it!						
120	Louis Laturon Domaine De Valmossière. Pinot Noir with flavour and without the usual killer Burgundian price. Bargain!	2008	B	☆		21.00
121	Estancia Pinot Noir - Monterey County Pinastates Ranches. Subtle Pinot, sweet ripe nose, luscious raspberry overtones.	2008	C	☆		18.00
122	Mirassou Pinot Noir - Healdsburg California. Bright full flavours of simple Pinot from one of the oldest generations of American wine makers.	2006	B	☆		19.00
123	Ta Kairanga - Martinborough Full fat raspberry Pinot with outstanding length & acidity	2008	B	☆		23.00
124	Devils Corner - Tasmania A really tasty from way down under, with cherries in a glass.	2008	C	☆		20.00
125	Apaltagua Pinot Noir Reserva - Curico Valley 14.5% ABV for pinot shows that the hand picked fruit has not lost any of its flavour and presented at an exceptional price!	2007	C	☆		17.00
126	Chorey-Les-Beaune - Domaine Tolle-Besart - Delicious Pinot controlled balanced sublime, yum!	2007	C	☆		39.00
127	Domaine Serene Evenstad Pinot Noir Reserva - Oregon One of only 2 outstanding producers of Pinot in Oregon - Robert Parker calls it a "champion effort of Oregon"	2005	C	☆		70.00
128	Belle Glos Clark & Telephone Vineyard - Brilliant wine making from Jo Wagner of the Caymus family just amazing Pinot!	2008	C	☆		49.00
129	10X by Tractor Pinot Noir - Mornington Peninsula (Soft berry fruits, with a touch of oak spice. Quiet red fruits, with fresh meaty acidity and supple tannins. Very juicy. Drink from 2011 *** (15/8/09) Anthony Rose, Decanter Magazine March 2010	2008	C	☆		32.00
Southern Rhône style blends - Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache & Cinsault to name a few grapes create spice & autumn fruit in a glass. Try with braised beef, ven or game.						
130	Clos De L'Oratoire Des Papes - Chateaufort-du-Pape Lovely purity with mineral & mocha notes. 50 points in last years 'vine spectator'. A stunner!	2008	D	☆		32.00
131	Vacqueyras Domaine Le Clos De Carvea Fruit Sauvage Smoky abundance of riping grenadine fruits, full and ripe - A winner!	2007	C	☆		21.00
132	Barrica Boraso Campo de Borja Garnacha from 25yr old vines create this silky smooth & spicy Spanish red	2007	C	☆		17.00
133	Devois Des Agneaux D'Aumales - Coteaux Du Languedoc Syrah & Grenache again with a year in oak to make a spicy, vanilla style intense red	2001	D	☆		18.00
134	Mitchell The Growers Grenache - Australia - Substantial, powerful & vigorously fruity. 15/16/07	2003	D	☆		19.00
135	Seidelberg Vineyard, Roland's Reserve Pinotage - S.Africa Pinot Noir & Cinsault at its best, good medals galore already. Will soon be out of stock!	2003	D	☆		22.00
136	Cristobal Bonarda - Argentina Unusual grape but would be at home here. Great steak wine!	2006	C	☆		17.00
Gamay - Always fresh light & distinctive, gentlemen's lunch wine! Another exciting grape but delicious with terrines, pheasant or cheese						
140	Brouilly - Domaine de Mendevet - Gabriel Jambon (piper) style steeped in red & black peppery fruits to give a deep yet soft finish.	2007	B	☆		20.00
141	Flourie Du Beaujolais - Appellation Fleurie Contrôlée Gamay with a screw cap, the times they are a changing! Fresh picked black cherries in a bottle.	2008	A	☆		21.00
142	Morgan - Georges Dubouff The best vintage for 70 years! Sweet soft red cherries & strawberries in a glass.	2009	B	☆		20.00

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Tempranillo-The staple grape of Spain & grown around the world. Can be blended to create some stunning wines from Rioja & Ribera del Duero usually with some Grenache.

Love roasted meats, mild game & sausage.


150	Condesa De Lagana - Crianza Sol vanilla oak aged & ready!	2005	C	☆	3.50	13.00
151	Ramirez De La Piscina - Rioja - Open ripe & ready, depth in abundance brilliant wine making. Even rated by Parker!	2001	D	☆		20.00
152	Marques De Cáceres Reserva - Great year, spicy, soft & ripe Rioja.	2004	D	☆		21.00
153	Torres Celeste Crianza - Ribera del Duero - Spectacular Tempranillo from one of the most expensive regions in the world. Spicy & intense with cherry & black pepper, full bodied & ready!	2007	D	☆		25.00
154	Estola Gran Reserva - La Mancha - Cabernet and Tempranillo (Carcabel to give it its local name) 11 years old, hand numbered and aged in small oak barricas gives it that juicy plummy palate with sweet overtones from aged Spanish wine. A steal!	1999	C	☆		20.00
155	Via Aduana Reserva Structure and elegant beauty	2000	D	☆		60.00
156	Bodegas y Viñedos Alon Ribera Del Duero Top 1000. Ask any Spaniard!	2000	D	☆	120.00	110.00
157	Quinta Sardonía - Forget the now infamous Pingus; this was made across the road at a tenth of the price!	2004	D	☆		110.00
159	Tinto Pesquera Ribera Del Duero A stunning vintage & 93 points from Robert Parker.	2004	D	☆		80.00
160	El Sequé - Alicante Afforded 14 months in part-new French oak, it is Juan Carlos' best vintage to date. Raspberry confit and creamy vanilla chronicle a triumph for local, fennel, licorice, wild herbs and mocha all evidenced, comfortable on the plush of a seamless structure.* (Simon Field MW, RBR Buyer)	2005	D	☆		60.00
161	Faustino Du Aduar Reserva Especial - Only grown in great years. Faustino flagship wine!	1998	C	☆		39.00
162	Palomero - Dugalliera The 2004 Palomero a Bodega Livagalliera's best effort since the sensational 2007. 93+ Points, Parker	2004	C	☆		90.00
Amarone , Sangiovese, Nebbiolo & a taste of Italy - Still the world's largest producer of wine with many varieties & blends available but these are some classics. Try with rich red meats and mushroom based pasta & saucis.						
170	Amarone Della Valpolicella - i Castelli - Italy's famous wine produced from partially dried grapes to give a more powerful structure, intense flavours & body to the wine.	2004	E	☆		35.00
171	Amarone Della Valpolicella - Sartori - Game, red meat or aged cheese. Delicious!	2006	E	☆		37.00
172	Don Cristobal Bonarda - Argentina Lovely ripe fruit thought to be an Italian grape but grown heavily in Argentina	2007	C	☆		18.00
173	Morellino Di Scansano Sempala Tuscan - 100% Sangiovese great full on bramble fruit not typical	2005	D	☆		23.00
174	Rogolo Sartori - Verona Beautiful soft layers of fruit from grassy style intervention!	2006	C	☆		20.00
175	Barolo - Franco Serra DGG This must be opened when you arrive to get the full benefit of the malleable, luscious grape.	2003	E	☆		32.00
176	Barolo Vendemmia Luigi Calissano DGG - Well priced Barolo that again needs a bit of air!	2005	E	☆		25.00
177	Fattoria I Veroni - Rosso Dei Colli Della Toscana IGT 75% Sangiovese 20% Merlot 5% Syrah produce this stunning Tuscan gem at a great price!	2007	C	☆		19.00
178	Guidalberto, Tenuta San Guido - 80% Cab 40% Merlot made across the road from the Sassicaia vines using 20% in the blend. A steal for the price!	2007	D	☆		60.00
Shiraz/Syrah - Everyone's favourite big juicy steak red!						
180	Moondarra Shiraz - Warm quaffing ideal anytime!	2008	D	☆	3.50	13.00
181	Bonny Doon Shiraz - Santa Cruz Elegant yet still big, terrific wine making from Randall Grahm.	2001	D	☆		27.00
182	McGulgan Hand Made Langhorne Creek Shiraz - Top draw wine making, silky & elegant!	2006	D	☆		39.00
183	The Octavius Old Vine Shiraz - Barossa - The flagship wine of Yalumba, top vintage & top wine, a must for all Shiraz lovers! Full on mocha chocolate hit!	1998	D	☆		90.00
184	Clairaut Shiraz - Margaret River The Shiraz of a recent making for me, made by the wine maker from Yass Felix fame and now producing stunning wines.	2005	C	☆		18.00
185	Three's Company GSM - Barossa - great Shiraz & Mourvèdre blended by Lindsey Stanley, big red wine!	2006	D	☆		20.00
186	Jim Barry Lodge Hill Shiraz The Lodge Hill vineyard is the highest in the Clare valley to ensure cool nights & warm days.	2006	E	☆		23.00

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187	Post House Penny Black - Stellenbosch 15% ABV and a blend of Shiraz Cabernet Merlot & Petit Verdot resulting in an inky black blend with supple tannins for food and great length of finish.	2006	E	☆		23.00
188	Saxenburg Private Collection Shiraz - Stellenbosch 100% Shiraz with it great warm & spicy flavours, 15% abv will keep anyone!	2004	E	☆		26.00
189	Grant Burge Mamba - Barossa Always great wine making, silky smooth mocha chocha hit!	2008	D	☆		26.00
Zinfandel - This is the big red fruit bomb section. Zin carries some wild characteristics and always please the better the quality. Forgive me I have Zinns!						
190	Scotts Old Vine Loti Country - 5 th generation of family winemaking balanced with a subtle hint of everything good Zin is about.	2007	C	☆		21.00
191	Rancho Zabazo - Sonoma Heritage Vines - Bench mark 'Zin', a pure definition of the variety. Try first then compare!	2004	D	☆		23.00
192	Sebastiani Zin - California Family owned since 1904, (what about prohibition... just north)	2008	D	☆		19.00
193	Blaauwvlei Zinfandel - South Africa - As the old style vignerons used to make Zin! Massive extraction of fruit with weight, power & character!	2005	E	☆		21.00
194	Kemfiedfield Hawkes Bay Zin - New Zealand - One of the 1 st Zins from New Zealand to be in the UK. A site selected by 2 Californian wine makers in 1992, waited 7 years for the vines to come out of quarantine then produce a masterful silky smooth Zin but still with its terrific bramble fruit.	2005	C	☆		22.00
195	Decoy Zin - Duckhorn Wine Co From the stable of the great Duckhorn Merlot, an everyday wine for the well informed!	2008	D	☆		30.00
196	Beaulieu Vineyard Zin - Old school winemakers great anytime	2006	D	☆		21.00
197	Heitz Cellar Zin - Another one tried never forgotten wines... try!	2005	D	☆		32.00
*STICKIES - Now making a comeback with vast numbers of different dessert wines available and their subtle way of totally completing your meal. Cheese should not just be reserved for the Port, by the combination of orange Muscat & Sitten cheese or foie gras & Sauternes						
200	The King's Series A Sticky End! Noble red Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand... totally delicious!	2009	7			20.00 Half Bt
201	Forrest Estate Late Harvest Pinot Bunches left on the vines to concentrate the grapes, a favourite from our recent tasting!	2007	6			17.00 Half Bt
202	Don De Bortoli Val & Botrytis Semillon Soft balanced fruit not too sweet but full in aromatic flavours, always enjoyed!	2007	6		5.95 125ml	16.00 Half Bt
203	Mission Hill Ice Wine VQA - Canada - The 'best' ice wine in the world here in Stoberloff! Quality goes have a price!	2007	5			60.00 Half Bt
204	Essencia Orange Muscat - Andrew Quady - Orange blossom & apricot delicious with chocolate puddings.	2007	7		6.50 125ml	17.00 Half Bt
205	Elysium Black Muscat - Andrew Quady - Almost rose petal & lychee like flavours great with blue cheese or summer pudding!	2008	6		6.50 125ml	17.00 Half Bt
Armagac, Brandy & Cognac 35ml 70ml						
Courvoisier V.S 3.00 5.00						
Remy Martin VSOP 4.00 7.00						
Remy Martin X.O 8.00 14.00						
Martell X.O 8.00 14.00						
Jannou Armagac VSOP 3.75 6.50						
Lepanto Solera Gran Reserva 4.00 7.00						
Calvados VSOP 3.50 6.00						
Malts Blends & Premium Spirits						
Ardbeg 4.75 9.00						
Dalwhinnie 15yr 3.75 6.50						
Glenkinchie 12yr 3.50 6.00						
Glenmorangie 10yr 3.50 6.00						
Talisair 10yr 3.50 6.00						
Oban 14yr 3.75 6.50						
Singleton 12yr 3.75 6.50						
Macallan 10yr 4.00 7.00						
Macallan 15yr 4.75 9.00						
Johnnie Walker Blue Label 13.00 24.00						
Knob Creek 9yr Bourbon 3.00 5.50						
Black Bush Irish Whiskey 3.00 5.50						
Jameson Irish Whiskey 2.50 4.50						
Bacardi 8yr 3.00 5.50						
Tanqueray Export Gin 2.30 4.80						
Bombay Sapphire 2.30 4.80						
Port & Sherry						
Tio Pepe 4.50 100ml						
Harveys Bristol Cream 3.95 5.00						
Pedro Ximenez Bodegas Hidalgo 'Liquid Xmas Pudding' 3.75 4.75						
Skiffington Ruby Port 4.00 7.00						
Australian Choc-a-Bloc (Chocolate on the nose, tawny taste!) 3.00 5.00						
Taylor's Late Bottled Vintage 2004 6.00						
Kohn Late Bottled Vintage 2004 5.00						
Very good						
1904, 1920, 1924, 1934, 1944, 1947, 1948, 1960, 1985, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1997						
1910, 1911, 1917, 1922, 1933, 1942, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002						
Good						
1910, 1911, 1917, 1922, 1933, 1942, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002						

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Checklist For Tasting Wines

Sight - To see the colour & clarity to your glass against a white background and look at the edge of the wine in the glass. Red wines alter with age, getting lighter from purple-red to ruby to orange-red and finally showing a brownish tint. White wines gain colour with age changing from very pale yellow to gold and even taking on a brownish hue. Be wary of something young that is already dark or brown, it has probably oxidised. Rosé wines from a pale salmon pink to rich raspberry red and most are best when consumed young. Swirl the glass to see the 'legs' running down the inside of the glass. A young dry light wine will have thin legs that disappear quickly when as full-bodied or sweet wines will have thicker viscous legs. The legs are only an indication of alcohol content and not necessarily quality.

Smell - 2/3rds of your sensory information is gathered by the wines bouquet. Swirl the wine again to bring it into contact with the air & release the bouquet, put your nose right into the glass and inhale. The nose will be anything from light and fruity to flowery or complex. Obviously the age & colour will have a lot to do with the nose.

Mouth - Tasting is your final analysis, take a little wine in your mouth and 'pull' air through it, almost chew it to release all the flavours. Too much acidity is unpleasant & tart, too little is flat & dull, properly balanced acidity gives a pleasant lively sensation. Tannin in young red wines almost makes your cheeks join together inside your mouth and appearance of having 'dry teeth' Tannin however is essential to the development of any good red wine and diminishes as the wine gains balance with some bottle age.

Training - Our official training technique for staff which anyone can try (great for a small party if everyone brings one bottle) is to buy 6 bottles of your favourite grape variety from different countries and see the subtle differences between not only the winemakers but also the terroir of each country. Then try it with another grape variety and your knowledge will build just through your subconscious.

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Bordeaux Vintage years

Outstanding	1900, 1920, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1953, 1955, 1961, 1982, 1985, 1989, 1990, 2000, 2003, 2005
Very good	1904, 1911, 1921, 1924, 1925, 1925, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1986, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1997, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2004
Good	1905, 1906, 1914, 1918, 1919, 1924, 1933, 1943, 1946, 1948, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1988, 1992, 1994, 2007, 1996, 2001, 2002

Port vintage years

Outstanding	1900, 1908, 1912, 1927, 1931, 1935, 1945, 1955, 1963, 1966, 1970, 1977, 1994, 2000, 2003, 2007
Very good	1904, 1920, 1924, 1934, 1944, 1947, 1948, 1960, 1985, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1997
Good	1910, 1911, 1917, 1922, 1933, 1942, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002

