

Rough Lockdown? Reserve Wine List

White Wines

ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY RESEERVE TO KALON NAPA VALLEY **FUMÉ BLANC** 2017

NAPA VALLEY / USA / 14%

£90

There are few names as iconic in American winemaking history as Robert Mondavi.

Robert Mondavi's namesake winery was founded with one vision: to see Napa Valley wines standing amongst the finest in the world.

A complex, exotic expression of Sauvignon Blanc from their deep rooted, old vines at To Kalon, the Reserve Fume Blanc wraps layers of Mandarin orange, ripe Anjou pear and juicy, white peachfruits with delicate white blossom and a ginger lift into each rich, creamy sip.

DOMAINE ROBERT-DONOGENT **MÂCON-VILLAGES** "LES SARDINES" 2017

BURGUNDY / FRANCE 2017 / 13%

£50

The Macon Village "Les Sardines" by Domaine Robert Denogent is a white Burgundy wine made from Chardonnay grapes from the Maconnais area. Aged for about 24 months in used barriques and expresses a balanced and very elegant organoleptic profile, marked by notes of white peach, citrus, almonds e lemon custard, with iodine details. At the mouthfeel it is slightly buttery, of excellent freshness and wide salinity. Artisanal Wine, made with old style methods

DOMAINE LATOUR GIRAUD **MEURSAULT** 1^{ER} CRU 'GENEVRIERES' 2016

BURGUNDY / FRANCE / 13.5%

£105

Jean-Pierre Latour is your archetypal small Burgundian grower. A visit to the winery involves little more than popping under the garage to the cuverie and barrel cellar, squeezing in amongst the tanks to find a perch for your glass. The quantities here are tiny, with Jean-Pierre's vines split amongst over thirteen vineyards in Meursault, Puligny, Pommard and Volnay. Ask nicely and you might even get to try the miniscule amount of red Meursault made here.

This white wine has aromas and flavours of white flowers, spice and citrus fruit, with a long fresh finish. It combines intensity with elegance.

CAROLINE LESTIME **CHASSAGNE MONTRACHET** 'LES CHAMPS GAIN' 1^{ER} CRU 2018

BURGUNDY / FRANCE /14%

£120

Caroline Lestime rocked the Burgundian status quo.

And not with her wine style, as you would think, but by being a woman winemaker in traditional Burgundy. Like many Burgundian winemakers, Caroline is the child of a vigneron. Pushing past the often-sceptical local attitude towards her as an ambitious, forward-thinking woman producing in Chassagne-Montrachet, she's spent years managing her father's domaine and making the classically styled wines.

DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINÉ **HERMITAGE BLANC** 'CHEVALIER STERIMBERG' 2015

RHÔNE VALLEY / FRANCE /13%

£100

A blend of 70% Marsanne and 30% Roussanne, the 2018 Hermitage Le Chevalier De Sterimberg Blanc is a vibrant, racy white offering impressive intensity in its apple blossom, crushed citrus, salty mineral, and white flower-like aromas and flavors. A touch more honey and spice notes emerge with time in the glass, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a nicely concentrated, elegant style, and a great finish. This cuvée under the helm of Frey always leans towards the fresher, more elegant end of the spectrum, yet her 2018 has impressive richness, moderate fat and opulence, and is going to evolve for 20 years or more.

Red Wines

MARCEL LAPIERRE **MORGON** 2018

BEAUJOLAIS / FRANCE / 14%

£70

Marcel Lapierre was a leading light in France's natural wine movement and Domaine Marcel Lapierre has been run by Marcel's son Mathieu and daughter Camille since 2010. They continue the ethos of producing one of the finest wines of Beaujolais as naturally as possible. Old vines, natural yeasts and minimal intervention.

LA RIOJA ALTA GRAN RESERVA 904 2011

RIOJA / SPAIN / 14%

£90

An impeccable Spanish gran reserva from the masters of Rioja's traditional style. One of the few to be offered after four years in cask and proper bottle age, allowing it to develop stunning bouquet and fine, long-lasting flavour. The new 2011 (a testament to how seriously La Rioja Alta take ageing these wines!) is full, fleshy and generous.

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES '**CLOS DU MARQUIS**' 2008

SAINT JULIEN / BORDEAUX / 13.5%

£100

At twelve years of age, the 2008 Clos de Marquis is drinking beautifully. This is pitch-perfect claret: understated as great St-Julien should be, there's notes of prune and wild flowers, as well as cedar box and a real graphite note on the palate. Long, elegant, and incredibly mineral, this is such an endearing, charming bottle of wine. Simply delicious: not to be missed.

BIBI GRAETZ **TESTAMATTA ROSSO** 2015

TUSCANY / ITALY / 15%

£140

"Testa-Matta" in Italy is someone with a strong personality, a distinctive style and positive attitude and creativity. No other name could describe better Bibi Graetz flagship wine. Supertuscan made with 100% Sangiovese from old vines, this wine is the result of the combination of tradition and creativity, elevating the idea of Tuscan Sangiovese and bringing the word "Supertuscan" to the next level.

CHÂTEAU KIRWAN **MARGAUX GRAND CRU CLASSÉ** 2010

BORDEAUX / FRANCE / 13.5%

£120

Château Kirwan is a 3ème Cru Classé Margaux property that has hit form in the last decade after years of producing wine not meriting its Cru Classé status. Kirwan takes its name from its Irish proprietor who was, rather unfortunately, guillotined in 1792.

VIETTI **BAROLO BRUNATE** 2012

PIEDMONTE / ITALY / 15%

£190

The 2012 Brunate is another sensational Barolo from Vietti in this vintage. This exceptional Barolo is sourced from the Brunate cru, located in La Morra. The vines in Brunate are 43-years-old and planted to Calcareous-clayey soils, resulting in its gorgeous terroir driven characteristics. As this begins to open it reveals gorgeous aromas of dark cherries and ripe strawberries followed by fresh floral, sweet spices, tar, licorice, mint and minerals.

BIONDI SANTI TENUTA GREPPO ANNATA BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO 2010

TUSCANY / ITALY / 12.5%

£170

This stunning wine shows remarkable balance and structure, with fine, silky tannins, which lend to the seamless texture, before everything firms up on the long, pretty finish. Today, this legendary wine only begins to show its true character and charm and is ultimately an age-worthy wine that will demand extended bottle age before it will show its full potential. It's certainly rare to come across a wine that tests the limits of perfection, but that is exactly what Biondi-Santi has demonstrated in 2010.