

**DUNS CASTLE
WINE LIST**

October 2017

WINES BY THE GLASS (175ml)

SPARKLING

Prosecco Frizzante, Cantina Bernardi (100ml) 4.5

WHITE

Viura (80%) blended with other varieties, Gran Cerdo, Spain 4.5
More details: Rioja, 2016, 13%, no oak

RED

Sagesse (Languedoc blend), Pierre Besinet, France 4.5
More details: vin de pays d'Oc, 2015, 13%, no oak

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

SPARKLING

Prosecco Frizzante, Cantina Bernardi	22
Petillant naturel (pink, dry), Fuchs und Hase, Austria	38
Champagne, Nicholas Feuillate	40
Champagne, Mumm (limited quantity)	45
Champagne, Lanson Rose (limited quantity)	55
Champagne, Taittinger Rose (limited quantity)	55
Champagne, Bollinger Special Cuvee (limited quantity)	65
Champagne, Krug Grande Cuvee (limited quantity)	150

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

WHITE

Viura (80%) blended with other varieties, Gran Cerdo, Spain 18

More details: Rioja, 2016, 13%, no oak

Fresh, fruity, medium-bodied, and easy-going, this is unusually good value for a small production, naturally-made wine.

Semillon/Sauvignon blend, Chateau Martet, France 26

More details: AOC Sainte-Foy-Bordeaux, 2015, 13%, no oak

Fresh, clean, and gently fruity, with a little body from some short ageing on the lees, it makes for a good all-rounder.

Chardonnay "Classic", Jean-Paul Brun, France 28

More details: AOC Beaujolais Blanc, 2015, 12%, no oak

If you've never tried white Beaujolais before, you'll be far from alone. This is similar to Macon-style chardonnay from Burgundy. Less acidic than some other grape varieties, especially sauvignon blanc, it has a classic buttery feel to it, and ends with a gently mineral finish.

Chenin Blanc 'Renaissance', Radford Dale, South Africa 30

More details: Stellenbosch, 2011, 13%, barrel-fermented and matured 11 months

FEWER THAN 6 BOTTLES IN STOCK

This is a serious wine that delivers complexity, minerality and elegance, and is priced to be very good value. The oak flavours (mainly from used barrels) are pronounced but not overpowering.

Riesling '1000 Eimerberg', Franz Josef Gritsch, Austria 31

More details: Wachau, 2013, 12%, aged in large old oak vats, but there is not much impact from the oak on the taste of the wine

Lively, dry, complex, Riesling from a very good vintage.

Kerner, Cantina Valle Isarco, Italy 32

More details: DOC Alto Adige, 2014, 14%, aged on the lees in stainless steel vats

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Grown at altitudes of 600-950m in northern Italy, this impressive wine is medium-bodied with flavours of peach and apricot. It has a pleasing level of acidity, which keeps it lively rather than heavy. We have very few bottles left (2 at the last count), we probably can't get any more, and it is tasting very good now.

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ROSE

'Les Papilles', Vignobles Gueissard, France <i>More details: AOP Cotes de Provence, 2015, 12.5%</i>	21
'Cuvee G', Vignobles Gueissard, France <i>More details: AOP Bandol, 2015, 13%</i>	28

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RED

Sagesse (Languedoc blend), Pierre Besinet, France 18
More details: vin de pays d'Oc, 2015, 13%, no oak

Commissioned by one of our merchants, the aim here is to produce a consistent wine to provide regular refreshment, and to this end the blend of grapes can vary from year to year. It delivers pure, refreshing fruitiness.

Pinot Noir, Casa Azul, Chile 20
More details: Casablanca valley, 2016, 13%, no oak

Fresh strawberry and raspberry fruit, quite delicate, and great value.

Primitivo, Fatalone, Italy 23
More details: DOC Gioia del Colle, Puglia, 2014, 15%, organic grapes, natural yeasts, minimal sulphur, 6 months in stainless steel and 6 months in oak.

This is rustic, rich and warming. It is certainly not what you might call an elegant wine, but if you like this kind of thing it can be very satisfying, particularly on cold winter nights.

Carignan 'L'Antidote', Domaine Les Terres Promises, France 32
More details: Vin de Pays de la Sainte Baume (Provence), 2016, 13%, no oak

Pure fruit, medium-bodied, and at the elegant end of the natural wine spectrum. Simple pleasures!

Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec, Chateau La Claymore, France 33
More details: AOC Lussac St Emilion, 2011, 14%, 18 months in old and new barrels

A rich and approachable style of Bordeaux. The oak does not dominate and the fruit is generous.

Grenache, Domaine Raspail-Ay, France 37
More details: AOC Gigondas, 2014, 14.5%, aged in large oak 'foudres'

Strictly speaking it is quite early to be drinking this vintage, but it still delivers a satisfyingly robust, full-bodied, full-flavoured experience, particularly if we make sure to open the bottle a couple of hours in advance.

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SWEET

Semillon/Sauvignon/Muscadelle, Domaine de Grange Neuve, France <i>More details: AOC Monbazillac, 2009, 13% (500ml)</i> 3 BOTTLES IN STOCK	22
Petit Manseng 'La Magendia', Clos Lapeyre, France <i>More details: AOC Jurancon, 2012, 13.5% (375ml)</i> 2 BOTTLES IN STOCK	25
Gewurtztraminer 'Holzweg', Andre Scherer, France <i>More details: Alsace, 2013, 12.5%, semi-sweet (750ml)</i> 3 BOTTLES IN STOCK	34