

DUNS CASTLE WINE LIST

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This is a short list, with an emphasis on value for money. The two merchants we use specialise in small growers, many of whom minimise the use of chemicals and additives both in the vineyard and in the winemaking process. We think your head will thank them for it.

If you would like a grape, region or style that doesn't appear here, please let us know. We may have a few other choices up our sleeve, especially given some advance warning.

WINES BY THE GLASS (175ml)

SPARKLING

Prosecco Frizzante, Cantina Bernardi (100ml) 4.5

WHITE

Gros Manseng/Ugni Blanc "Cuvee Marine", Domaine Menard, France 4.5
More details: AOC Cotes de Gascogne, 2015, 11.5%, no oak

RED

Tempranillo, Gran Cerdo, Spain 4.5
More details: Rioja, 2015, 13%, no oak

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

SPARKLING

Prosecco Frizzante, Cantina Bernardi	21
Prosecco Superiore “Undici”, Tenuta Col Sandago (limited quantity)	26
Champagne, Nicholas Feuillate	39
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

Gros Manseng/Ugni Blanc “Cuvee Marine”, Domaine Menard, France 18
More details: AOC Cotes de Gascogne, 2015, 11.5%, no oak

Surprisingly elegant for a wine at this price, with pleasant citrus flavours and some minerality.

Trebbiano d’Abruzzo, Gianni Masciarelli, Italy 20
More details: 2015, 12.5%, no oak

A simple, refreshing white that is mildly floral, with gentle apple and almond fruit.

Gruner Veltliner ‘Strassertal’, Arndorfer, Austria 24
More details: Kamptal, 2014, 12.5%

FEWER THAN 6 BOTTLES IN STOCK

Crisp, dry, refreshing Gruner Veltliner from a young husband and wife team.

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 and offers good value for money.

Chardonnay “Classic”, Jean-Paul Brun, France 28
More details: AOC Beaujolais Blanc, 2014/15, 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.

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

WHITE (continued)

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

Grown at altitudes of 600-950m in northern Italy, this impressive wine is full-bodied with flavours of peach and apricot. It has a pleasing level of acidity, which keeps it lively rather than heavy. It can be drunk as an aperitif, and is also rich enough to work with a variety of foods. The Kerner grape is a cross of Riesling and Trollinger.

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

RED

Tempranillo, Gran Cerdo, Spain **18**

More details: Rioja, 2015, 13%, no oak

Fresh, fruity, and easy-drinking, this tempranillo is remarkably good value for a naturally-made wine.

Pinot Noir, Casa Azul, Chile **20**

More details: Casablanca valley, 2014, 13.5%, no oak

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

Graciana, Familia Cecchin, Argentina **22**

More details: Mendoza, 2014, 13.8%, organic grapes, no oak

The grape may not be the most familiar, but this is a typically full-flavoured, fruity Argentinian red that also retains more freshness than most Malbecs found at this price.

Primitivo, Fatalone, Italy **27**

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 rich, warming, and very satisfying. The merchant claims to identify flavours of sweet tobacco, sour back cherry, plum and toffee, and we think he's probably right. The wine is not as heavy as the high alcohol content might suggest, it just fills the mouth with all those flavours and lingers pleasantly.

Cannonau 'Sartiu', Giuseppe Sedilesu, Italy **28**

More details: DOCG Cannonau di Sardegna, 2015, 14%, no oak

The ripe fruit flavours keep this wine feeling fresh, but it also has some satisfyingly persistent depth to it.

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.

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

RED (continued)

Barbera d'Alba Superiore 'Conca del Grillo', Silvano Bolmida, Italy 35
More details: DOC Barbera d'Alba, 2011, 14.5%, barrel-aged

This is a hearty, delicious wine that achieves great balance between power and elegance. Made by a very dedicated winemaker in a small vineyard, it punches well above its weight.

SWEET

Semillon/Sauvignon/Muscadelle, Domaine de Grange Neuve, France 22
More details: AOC Monbazillac, 2009, 13% (500ml)

Petit Manseng 'La Magendia', Clos Lapeyre, France 25
More details: AOC Jurancon, 2012, 13.5% (375ml)

BIN ENDS

(for quantity, not quality, reasons: only 1 or 2 bottles remain)

Cannonau 'Sartiu', Giuseppe Sedilesu, Italy 28
More details: DOCG Cannonau di Sardegna, 2012, 14%, light barrel-ageing

The ripe fruit flavours keep this wine feeling fresh, but it also has some satisfyingly persistent depth to it. Drinking very well now.

Sangiovese, Fattoria Rodano, Italy 30
More details: DOCG Chianti Classico, 2011, 14.5%, barrel-aged

Ripe, gutsy, unfiltered, smooth Chianti, with classic cherry flavours and a long finish. Very tasty, and great value.

Grenache/Syrah 'Grande Reserve', Domaine de Mourchon, France 37
More details: AOC Cotes du Rhone Villages, 2007, 14.5%, the Grenache is aged in barrel and the Syrah in concrete vats

Big, smooth, and spicy. The merchant reckons it rivals wines from the somewhat more prestigious Gigondas appellation, which is only a few miles from these vineyards.

