

**DUNS CASTLE
WINE LIST**

March 2018

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 2016 (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 19

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.

Furmint/pinot gris/riesling, Dveri Pax, Slovenia 21

More details: 2015, 13%, no oak

Furmint is the principal grape in Tokaji dessert wines. In its dry form it produces crisp whites. The pinot gris gives this blend some extra body, and the small amount of riesling lifts it with some acidic zing. Good value.

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.

Riesling '1000 Eimerberg', Franz Josef Gritsch, Austria 29

More details: Wachau, 2014, 12%, aged in large old oak vats, but there is not much impact from the oak on the taste of the wine

Lively, dry, Riesling with a distinctive taste. Slightly on the unusual side, but we really like it.

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.

Kerner, Cantina Valle Isarco, Italy 32

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

FEWER THAN 6 BOTTLES IN STOCK

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, 2015/16, 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. Not heavy, a little earthy, and great value.

Tempranillo/Cabernet/Syrah 'Equus', Vina Santa Marina, Spain 22

More details: Extremadura, 2013, 14%, aged 6 months in oak barrels

Conventionally robust, full-bodied, good value Spanish red, with a helpful amount of bottle age.

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 large old barrels.

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

Made in a 'natural' style. This is mainly about the bright and appealing fruit, but there is also some good, lingering medium-bodied substance here.

Grenache, Domaine Raspail-Ay, France 38

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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RED (continued)

Sangiovese (Prugnolo Gentile) 'Riserva', Cantine Innocenti, Italy **41**

More details: DOCG Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, 2009, 14%, 3 years in oak barrels

We chose this to provide an option with longer bottle age. Powerful, rich, and a little perfumed (in a good way). It has been through a long barrel-ageing, but is far from being an oak monster. This wine benefits from a couple of hours in a decanter.

Pinot Noir 'Champ Nalot', Domaine Parize, France **42**

More details: AOC Givry Premier Cru, 2016, 13%, 12 months in oak barrels

Young but already mellow. More fruity than oaky, and there is plenty of substance to it.

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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