

DUNS CASTLE WINE LIST

January 2025

WINES BY THE GLASS (175ml)

SPARKLING

Prosecco Frizzante 'Ai Casali', Cantina Bernardi (100ml) 4.5

WHITE

Cuvee Marine, Domaine de Menard, France 6
More details: IGP Cotes de Gascogne, 2023, 11%, no oak

RED

Carmenere, Metic, Chile 6
More details: Colchagua valley, 2021, 13%, no oak

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

SPARKLING

Prosecco Frizzante 'Ai Casali', Cantina Bernardi	26
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Champagne, Brut, Nicolas Feuillatte	50
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Various champagnes available in very limited quantities – please ask if interested

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

WHITE

Colombard/Ugni Blanc 'Cuvee Marine', Domaine de Menard, France 23

More details: IGP Cotes de Gascogne, 2023, 11%, no oak

Tangy, fruity, and easy-drinking. Excellent entry-level wine.

Muscadelle/Mauzac 'blanc sec', Chateau Clément Termes, France 26

More details: AOP Gaillac, 2023, 12%, no oak

A lively, fragrant wine that is light on its feet yet packs bags of fruit flavour. The pear drop finish softens in intensity soon after opening. Very good value. Silver medal winner at the 2024 Concours Général Agricole in Paris.

Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay, Domaine du Salvard, France 30

More details: AOC Cheverny (Loire), 2023, 12.5%, no oak

Our merchant encourages us to think of this as "junior Sancerre", full of gooseberry crispness. The small proportion of Chardonnay rounds out the palette, providing a little more weight.

Riesling '1000 Eimerberg' Federspiel, Franz Josef Gritsch, Austria 39

More details: Wachau, 2021, 12%, aged in large old oak vats

This is made in the lighter, fresher Federspiel style and sits at the drier end of the Riesling spectrum. Quite spicy, very distinctive, and a great vintage. The 'neutral' old oak vats are not supposed to impart any flavour to the wine, though some think they can taste it.

Roussanne/Chardonnay 'Frissons d'Ombelles', La Marfée, France 43

More details: Vin de France (Languedoc - Montpellier), 2021, 13.5%, 1 year in used barrels, organic

This is a classically opulent, barrel-aged, southern French white. Aromatic and complex, it manages to be soft and approachable, yet beautifully poised and structured at the same time. Think of something along the lines of a white Chateauneuf-du-Pape and you'll be close.

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

ROSE

(May be available on request)

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

RED

Carmenere, Metic, Chile 23

More details: Colchagua valley, 2021, 13%, no oak

A soft, easy-drinking Carmenere, with ripe dark fruit flavours.

Tempranillo '4 meses', Bodegas Fuentenarro, Spain 26

More details: DOP Ribera del Duero, 2022, 14%, 4 months in barrel

Luscious ripe fruit, with a satisfyingly dusty mouthfeel and relatively light oak influence. No surprises, just very solid.

Merlot 'Les Boissieres', Vignes de l'Arque, France 28

More details: IGP Pays des Cevennes (Languedoc), 2019, 14.5%, 9 months in new barrels, organic.

Full-bodied, ripe, plummy, oaked smoothness, like a particularly accessible Bordeaux.

Garnatxa de Cerveles, Cerveles, Spain 34

More details: DO Costers del Segre, 2019, 15%, light oak, organic

Generous, pure Grenache fruit. Pretty full-bodied, though fresher and more refined than the 15% alcohol might suggest, with a surprising hit of strawberry at the finish. Part of the fermented juice spends 4 months in a single 4,000 litre oak tonneau. Lovely stuff. Limited quantity remaining.

Syrah 'Sommières', Chateau l'Argentier, France 43

More details: AOP Languedoc Sommières, 2017, 13%, 1.5 years in concrete tank

Complex and elegant, with a clear emphasis on fruit and the structure to age. The blend is 70% Syrah, 20% Carignan, 10% Grenache.

Pinot Noir 'Champ Nalot', Domaine Parize, France 43

More details: AOC Givry Premier Cru, 2020, 14%, 1 year in used barrels

Lovely burgundy, with beautifully integrated fruit and oak.

Classic bin-ends

Margaux de Brane, Henri Lurton, France

55

More details: AOC Margaux, 2015

3 BOTTLES remaining

Chateau Pavil de Luze, France

60

More details: AOC Margaux, 2014

3 BOTTLES remaining

WINES BY THE BOTTLE

SWEET

Petit Manseng ‘Grappe d’Or’, Domaine de Montesquiou, France 37
More details: AOC Jurancon, 2017, 13% (750ml)

Chenin Blanc ‘Saint Lambert’, Vincent Ogereau, France 39
More details: AOC Coteaux du Layon (Loire), 2017, 12.5% (750ml)