

Wine List

This wine list, uniquely, has been put together by two leading Scottish wine merchants - Inverarity Vaults Ltd and Forth Wines, with the expertise of Hamish Martin and Malcolm Ogilvie working together to deliver a truly unique, quality-led wine list offering the full spectrum of flavours and wines for all occasions.

Hamish Martin, Managing Director of Inverarity Vaults, has an all-consuming passion for wine. After completing his Diploma in wine he co-founded Inverarity Vaults Ltd in 1991 and successfully built the company to be 'Scotland's leading independent wine merchant'. He has recently become a Citizen and Vintner of London in recognition of his achievement in the trade and is in fact the only Scottish wine merchant to have this accolade. He is also a member of the Champagne Academy and the L'Ecole d'Alsace'.

Malcolm Ogilvie, Sales Director of Forth Wines, is delighted to be associated with The Portland Hotel Group. They have been established at Milnathort in Kinross-shire for 40 years. Over the decades they have built up an enviable portfolio of agencies, now representing over 40 world-wide wineries. Their close association with these, mainly family run wineries, allows them to handle wines that have been crafted with care and consideration for both the local style of wine but also for the markets for which they are destined.

We trust that you will enjoy these wines that have been specially selected for you.



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Champagne

No other wine can challenge its claim to be the world's most famous wine. Champagne is the product of three specific grape varieties - Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Each house has its own style from the refined and elegant Billecart to the more weighty, rich style of the Bollinger. Whatever your favourite there can be no denying that Champagne is the best aperitif and the best 'party starter'.

We very much hope that you enjoy the careful selection of our favourite Champagnes.

1	Chimere Brut, France <i>A quality dry Champagne with lemony, biscuity flavours, fine bubbles and a touch of ageing.</i>	NV		34.50
2	Champagne Lanson Brut, France <i>Bouquets of ripe fruit and citrus fruit create a sensation of fullness, fruitiness, and lightness. A pleasant racy wine with a long and lingering taste.</i>	NV		47.50
3	Laurent Perrier Brut, France <i>A blend of 45% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir & 15% Pinot Meunier. This Champagne has a delicate and fresh nose, with good complexity and notes of citrus and with fruit. It is fresh and supple upon entry with rounded and expressive flavours from which the fruit progressively emerges. Good balance and length. This won a Silver medal at the 2006 Decanter World Wine Awards.</i>	NV		51.50
4	Champagne Mansard Brut Rosé, France <i>An excellent, delicate pink champagne made in the traditional method of adding still red wine to the still white wine before second fermentation in bottle. The result of the addition of the Pinot Noir is a soft, more fruity style of wine which is delicious.</i>	NV		42.50
5	Champagne Mansard, France <i>Blended with the three main champagne grape varieties Pinot Noir gives elegance and length, Pinot Meunier gives body weight and Chardonnay contributes aroma and finesse. There is a good amount of bottle age on the brut non-vintage, making this a very attractive Champagne</i>	NV	22.50	

Sparkling Wine

There is no doubt that sparkling wine should be enjoyed for its pure 'fun' aspect – it lifts the spirits without breaking the bank. Its sparkle is slightly harsher than Champagne and never as complex or elegant but it is fruity, fizzy and exuberant.

6	Prosecco Di Valdobbiadene, Botter, Italy <i>Straw yellow colour, intense fragrance, elegant and fruity Soft and well balanced, with a delicious aftertaste</i>	NV		19.95
7	Echo Point Sparkling, Langhorne Creek, Australia <i>A blend of 60% Chardonnay and 40% Pinot Noir, the wine is a very delicate salmon pink in colour, has a lovely clean nose of green apples and red fruits, and full ripe fruit flavours on the palate which balance the refreshing sparkle.</i>	NV		18.95

White Wine

Chardonnay

The greatest dry white wine grape in the world, this classic variety is responsible for producing the best white Burgundies. Its flavour ranges from the classic, flinty pure clean flavours of Chablis to the other end of the scale – the new world Chardonnay, with rich, buttery vanilla, oaky flavours. It is hard to go wrong with Chardonnay when matching with food because of its versatility.

8	Unoaked Chardonnay, Willowood, California <i>This wine is made using state of the art techniques to produce a crisp dry white wine with refreshing citrus fruit characters and a typical light buttery finish.</i>	NV By the Glass 175 ml 250 ml	14.95 3.75 5.00
9	Chardonnay, Cape Bay, South Africa <i>A fruity nose with a hint of oak, good ripe fruit on the palate and long length.</i>	2008	15.00
10	Echo Point, South Australia <i>Straw gold in colour with a fruit salad of flavours including grapefruit, pineapples and melons.</i>	2003/4	14.95
11	Chablis Moreau, Burgundy, France <i>Rich, tropical fruit flavours, full and rounded.</i>	2006/7	26.75
12	Pouilly Fuissé Louis Latour, Burgundy, France <i>Seductive on the bouquet, this wine leads you into a palate of herbal fruitiness with a crisp satisfying finish.</i>	2007	35.45
13	Franciscan Oakville Estate, Napa, California <i>Clean, mineral and perfumed nose with flavours of figs and fresh spices.</i>	2005	31.00
14	Pouilly Fuissé Louis Latour, Burgundy, France <i>Seductive on the bouquet, this wine leads you into a palate of herbal fruitiness with a crisp satisfying finish.</i>	2003	27.00

Chenin Blanc

Chenin Blanc is a magical grape in its Loire homeland – it is one of the few grapes that undergo a complete personality change on leaving France with more honeydew melon character specifically associated with South Africa. The two examples highlight the different styles.

15	Chenin Blanc, Cape Bay, South Africa <i>This popular young wine gives delicious ripe Chenin fruit balanced by a dry, long finish.</i>	2007/8	14.95
16	Vouvray, Domaine Brunet Loire, France <i>A medium sweet wine with good, ripe mouth filling fruit made from the Chenin Blanc grape.</i>	2006/7	17.50

Sauvignon Blanc

A very aromatic grape producing a dry but rich fruit dominated wine with flavours reminiscent of green apples, gooseberries and lychees. The best known of these must be Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé, where it is encountered in its purest form. It has however found fame in New Zealand where its aromatic flavours seem to reach unparalleled levels of concentration.

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| 17 Sauvignon Blanc, Valdemoro, Chile | 2007 | 14.95 |
| <i>Brilliant pale yellow with green reflects. Fresh tropical fruits with floral and typical herbal notes from the variety. In the mouth it is fresh and crisp with a good balanced acidity that provides a pleasant aftertaste.</i> | By the Glass | |
| | 175 ml | 3.75 |
| | 250 ml | 5.00 |
| 18 Sauvignon Blanc, The Jibe, Marlborough, New Zealand | 2006 | 23.95 |
| <i>Youthful, refreshing fruit flavours overlay a structure of fresh, racy acidity. Nectarine and passion fruit flavours are layered with ripe herbal characters, with delicate yeast lees complexities creating wonderful palate weight and mouthfeel.</i> | | |
| 19 Pouilly Fumé, Les Champs, Roger Pabiot, Loire, France | 2006/7 | 23.95 |
| <i>A complex wine from a classic small domaine with lovely fresh Sauvignon aromas.</i> | | |
| 20 Sancerre Domaine du Moulin Granger, Loire, France | 2007 | 29.50 |
| <i>Aromas of citrus fruits and gooseberries - this is a crisp, dry wine with well-balanced acidity.</i> | | |

Pinot Grigio

This is the famed grape of Northern Italy where, Pinot Grigio reigns. In this form, in its lightest style, it has a wonderful cream soda, crisp, and clean and fresh appeal. However, in the form of Pinot Gris from Alsace, it takes on a much more richer and exotic style. Both these wines have an enormous scope for pairing with food.

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| 21 Pinot Grigio, Ca'Lunghetta Botter, Italy | 2007 | 14.95 |
| <i>The bouquet is unmistakable and immediate with an intense aroma of acacia flowers.</i> | | |

Riesling

This is one of the world's few truly great grapes but has fallen victim in the world of fashionable drinking. Real Riesling is a complex patchwork of flavours – from peaches, apricots, honey and apples, plus a whiff of smoke and minerals - it has qualities that make it match for a wide range of foods.

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| 22 Mount Cass Dry Riesling, Waipara, New Zealand | 2007 | 19.75 |
| <i>Lime and spice aromas that combine with a complex ripeness of fruit on the palate.</i> | | |

Gewürztraminer

There is no more distinctive, aromatic grape than Gewürztraminer – a wine so strident of character might sound a nightmare with food, but there are similar flavours that it compliments –the real marriage in heaven, however, is with smoked salmon!

28	Gewürztraminer Hugel et Fils, Alsace, France	2002	13.99	27.50
	<i>This is an incredible wine – it is so rich and full of sweet lychees and perfumed flavours it will send your taste buds in a swirl.</i>			

Red Wine

Merlot

Merlot is the dominating grape in the exclusive vineyards of St Emilion and Pomerol. Here, it boasts an inky deep purple colour with a cedar box nose and soft, ripe plummy fruit flavours. Merlot has soft tannins, higher sugars and achieves wines of great richness which is highlighted even more so in the New World wines, where they offer incredible weight and concentration.

31	Aimery, Vin de Pays d'Oc, France <i>Elegant and soft with plums and damson flavours.</i>	2003 By the Glass 175 ml 250 ml	13.95 3.50 4.75
32	Torreón de Paredes, Chile <i>Black fruits, cassis, herbal and floral aromas with touches of liquorice, plum and chocolate.</i>	2004 9.50	14.95
33	Red Earth, Adelaide Plains, Australia <i>Mulberry and blackberry fruit with a touch of spicy oak – velvety smooth and soft.</i>	2003	19.95
34	Santa Ema Merlot Reserva, Maipo Valley, Chile <i>This is a big, rich, full-bodied wine with loads of plummy fruit and vanilla essence crammed in.</i>	2002	24.00
35	Clos Canon, St Emilion Grand Cru, France <i>From one of St Emilions top properties – chocolate, cedar and blackcurrant fruit all jostling for prime position on the palate.</i>	1998	48.00

Cabernet Sauvignon

This is the noblest of all red grape varieties. Capable of developing great complexity with age, and the aristocrat of Bordeaux varietal, this is the main contributing grape to the famous appellations of the Medoc – arguably some of the best wines in the world. However, just as important are their new world cousins whose Cabernet Sauvignons win hands down with wonderful fruit domination – layers of rich wild black currants, chocolate and cassis. It is above all a wine for red meat.

36	Robert Skalli, Vin de Pays d'Oc, France <i>Flavours of bilberry and blackcurrant add to the structure of this intense wine.</i>	2003	14.50
37	Santa Ema, Maipo Valley, Chile <i>Soft, rich, smooth wild forest fruits abound.</i>	2002 8.75	15.95
38	Beresford McLaren Vale, Australia <i>Typical Australian minty blackcurrant fruit that is toned down by the maturation in soft French oak.</i>	2001	19.95
39	Château Cissac, Cru Bourgeois Haut Médoc, France <i>Ripe deep berry fruit aromas across the smooth elegant palate and finishes with a great length of flavour.</i>	1998 17.95	32.95

Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir is thought to be the first vine cultivated by man. Pinot Noir has no one single recognisable flavour, but the overall suggestion of sweetness is apparent, as is the relatively high alcohol. In young red Burgundy there is the taste of freshly crushed raspberries but as it matures it exhibits some of the most extraordinary flavours. New World counterparts range from the plummy Californians through to the rich strawberry jams of New Zealand. Pinot Noir can partner most meats and game.

40	Louis Latour Pinot Noir Bourgogne AC, France <i>Noble and full, it has a resplendent colour combining grace with vigour and associating strength with finesse.</i>	2002/3	19.50
41	Francesca Bay, Marlborough, New Zealand <i>An abundance of sweet strawberry, cherry and dark berry fruit.</i>	2003	23.90
42	Fonty's Pool, Pemberton, Australia <i>This is big and powerful – rich and full – with a great length of flavour.</i>	2001	27.95
43	Beaune Les Mariages Domaine Rossignol-Trapet, France <i>Soft and sensuous combined with a velvety fruit and seductive tannins make it truly satisfying.</i>	2002	30.00

Syrah/Shiraz

Syrah is the red grape of the Rhône Valley in France and is known as Shiraz in the southern hemisphere. French style, it produces stunning and complex wines and you can expect to find rustic fruit flavours with leathery, vegetal overtones and good tannins. The new world, and in particular Australia, offers massive explosions of flavour and oak.

44	Jacobite Ridge, South Eastern Australia <i>Ripe, dark berry fruit and a sweet, velvety texture enhanced by the presence of oak.</i>	2002	16.50
45	Côtes du Ventoux, J Vidal Fleury, Rhône Valley, France <i>A refined and elegant wine with a soft peppery finish.</i>	2003	18.95
46	de Waal Uiterwyk Estate Stellenbosch, South Africa <i>Low yielding 25-year-old vines release a well-concentrated full flavoured wine.</i>	2001	21.95
47	Châteauneuf du Pape Maison Bouachon, Rhône, France <i>This well known taste is powerful, full-bodied and warm with the presence of soft tannins.</i>	2000/1	31.95
48	Gypsy, The Icon Range, Forrester Meinert Stellenbosch, SA <i>A blend of Grenache and Syrah, this is becoming a cult wine and needs to be tasted to be believed – only 25 cases come in to the UK each year.</i>	2000	42.00

Pinotage

A beefy crossing of Cinsault and a strain of Pinot Noir, Pinotage is one of South Africa's gifts to the wine world. The vine is easy to grow, achieves high sugars very easily and relatively early and thrives without disease in all sorts of conditions. The best examples are those produced from well-pruned vines allowed to ripen well, producing good colour with the ability to age well – as this wine highlights. It is an excellent choice if having a robust meat dish, stew or game.

49	Petit Pinotage Ken Forrester, Paarl, South Africa	2003		13.95
	<i>This is truly fantastic – rich and unctuous, full bodied and soft.</i>	By the Glass		
		175 ml		3.50
		250 ml		4.75

Sangiovese

This grape which, for many wine drinkers, epitomizes the taste of Italy is the hallowed grape of Chianti – its cherry-skin flavour and youthful, fruity forms washes down pasta, sausages and almost any other food that relishes its acidity. The Ceravolo, an Australian Sangiovese, is perfect with grilled and roasted meats bathed in herbs.

50	Chianti Classico La Vigna Botter, Italy	2002/3		18.50
	<i>Ripe cherries, the palate delivers an invigorating mouthful.</i>			
51	Ceravolo, Adelaide Plains, Australia	2002		24.50
	<i>A truly unique wine highlighting all the black cherry fruit and spice one would normally get with a Chianti Classico but due to the Southern Hemisphere climate, it has much more weight and body.</i>			

Gamay

Gamay is the grape responsible for Beaujolais – light, uncomplicated and bursting out with strawberry fruit and fresh acidity. However, the deeper flavoured, fuller bodied Fleurie can accompany richer dishes.

52	Beaujolais Villages, Dom. des 40 Ecus, Henry Fessy, France	2002/3	10.50	17.95
	<i>This Beaujolais epitomises the liveliness, freshness, charm and vitality of a fruity wine.</i>			
53	Fleurie Les Garans, Louis Latour, France	2003/4		26.95
	<i>Delicate fruity aromas which finish with blackberries on the palate.</i>			

Tempranillo

Tempranillo is Spain's best-known grape and is the main ingredient in one of the world's favourite wines – Rioja. Its flavours are surprisingly difficult to pin down – somewhere between red Bordeaux and red Burgundy. It has its own rounded strawberry, toffee and spice flavour and can achieve great richness. It marries well with a variety of medium to quite flavoursome foods.

54	Astrada La Tierra de Castilla, Spain	2002/3		13.95
	<i>Round and persistent in the mouth. A clean fresh and modern wine, easy to drink.</i>			
55	Marques de Caceres Rioja Reserva, Spain	1996/8		25.50
	<i>The palate combines deep black berry fruit with hints of spice and soft seductive tannins.</i>			