

Wine List

The Horse & Groom
Upper Oddington

Wine is my absolute passion and I am proud to present our evolving list. Always learning, I'm guided in most instances by my customers, suppliers and often by Jason our Head Chef – he adores the big powerful reds and of course, Sally my wife who loves New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. I am guilty of selling what I enjoy, so forgive me if some grape varieties appear more than once.

We are delighted that the "Good Pub Guide 2009" has bestowed upon us a Wine Award for the third year in succession.

If a particular wine appeals, it may well be open and available by the glass (26 at the last count) so please do ask me for a taste before you decide.

White Wines

	BOTTLE	175ML GLASS
1. Ponte Pietra Trebbiano, Veneto, Italy 2008 Crisp, zippy AND dry with enticing, peachy aromas. This wine won Decanter Magazines <i>Wine of the Month</i> for April!	£15.25	£4.05
2. Kintu Chardonnay, Maule Valley, Chile 2008 Fresh, vibrant and mouth-watering with tangy citrus and tropical fruit overlaid with nutty nuances.	£15.95	£4.45
3. Pinot Grigio, Nagyréde Estate '07 Excellent example of this popular grape variety: crisp and dry, no oak in sight and a delightful scent of almonds make this a delicate yet fruity wine.	£16.95	£4.65
4. Alpha Zeta Soave, Veneto, Italy 2007 Made by the "wizard" Kiwi, Matt Thomson. Bursting with crisp citrusy fruit – very easy drinking and like no other Soave!	£17.50	£4.65
5. Santa Florentina Pinot Gris (organic), Argentina 2007 This is richly fruited & opulent with fresh grape must, peach and apricot flavours and low acidity, making for very easy drinking.	£18.45	£4.90
6. Nostros Reserva, Sauvignon Blanc, Chile 2008 Sourced from Chile's premium Sauvignon Blanc region, Casablanca, this is a pure, exuberantly fruity Sauvignon packed full of grassy, tropical fruit. Instantly refreshing and moreish with a lovely tangy finish.	£19.95	£5.40
7. Gruner Veltliner "Lois", Fred Loimer, Austria 2008 A perfect & versatile food wine. Delicious, marked white pepper, grapefruit and citrus aromas, elegant and long on the palate.	£26.50	£6.95
8. Tin Pot Hut, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, NZ '07 Produced by Fiona Turner from her vineyard in Blind River. Lovely depth and intensity and a sauvignon pungency that is leavened by an outstanding minerality on the nose and the palate.	£28.50	£7.15
9. Macon – Peronne, Jaffelin, France 2007 Formerly known as Macon Fuisse this wine is made in the north Ripe & forward with a lovely floral perfume, fermentation is in old oak giving a complexity surpassing the majority of wines in the region.	£28.50	£7.25

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| 10. Chaumiennes A&E Figeat '07 | £30.50 | £8.25 |
| Pouilly Fume & Sancerre are the world renowned Sauvignon Blanc vineyards of the Central Loire Valley. These are lean, racey wines with grassy, gooseberry flavours & pronounced minerality. | | |
| 11. Shaw & Smith Sauvignon Blanc, Adelaide Hills, Aus. 2008 | £30.75 | |
| Made in a very cool climate of the Adelaide Hills & is recognized as Australia's benchmark sauvignon. It's creamier than NZ Marlborough SB's and arguably more food- friendly for this reason. Absolutely wonderful! | | |
| 12. Chablis, Domaine Vincent Dampt, France 2007 | £33.75 | |
| Vincent Dampt was highly acclaimed recently by Decanter magazine. This is a text book example of cool climate Chardonnay. Generous, citrus and green apple fruit with a steely, mineral laden complex finish. | | |
| 13. Montagny 1er Cru, Domaine Aladame, Burgundy, 2006 | £34.00 | |
| A small domaine producing terrific wines. Elegant & complex With a nice length & minerality. A real stunner! | | |
| 14. Puligny Montrachet Meix, Olivier Leflaive, Burgundy 2006 | £52.00 | |
| Top Producer and vintage. Understated but undoubtedly complex with refined citrus fruit to the fore with underlying, richer mango notes and vanilla brioche notes on the finish. | | |
| 15. Meursault Blagny, Thierry et Pascale Matrot, Burgundy 2005 | £69.00 | |
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Rosé Wines

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| 16. Veneto, Italy '07 | £16.40 | £4.35 |
| Made from the Corvina grape by the New Zealand winemaker Matt Thompson offering easy drinking, juicy cherry fruit with a crisp finish. | | |
| 17. La Brouette, Plaimont, France '07 | £17.50 | £4.60 |
| This is made by Producteur Plaimont who is, in the eyes of Tom Stevenson and Hugh Johnson, the top co-operative in France. Delicate, cherry pink with understated red berry fruit underpinned by creaminess on the finish. For quaffing in the sun... if it ever shines again! | | |
| 18. Charles Melton "Rose of Virginia", Barossa Valley 2009 | £29.95 | £7.50 |
| The "Aussie rules" of rose – outstanding deep colour, almost red with massive exuberant strawberry & cherry fruits. Amazing! | | |

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19. Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2008 Juicy, fruit packed red with supple bramble and blackberry fruit, soft creamy tannins and a lip smacking finish.	£15.95	£4.35
20. Mas Oliveras Tempranillo, Catalunya, Spain '08 This historic estate in Catalunya has received numerous accolades for producing great quality wines at very reasonable prices. A fruit driven palate with cranberry & ripe cherry to the fore, soft integrated tannins & a suggestion of oak on the finish.	£16.95	£4.75
21. Domaine de la Jonction Syrah, Vin de Pays d'oc 2007 Pre Syrah made in an elegant Northern Rhone style with fresh red berry & cherry kirsch flavours. One of my best finds this year!	£19.75	£5.25
22. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Gran Sasso, Italy 2008 Rich, full-flavoured yet supple with hints of damson & chocolate Terrific value, this works well with most dishes.	£19.75	£5.25
23. Carmenere Seleccion, Chocolan Estate, Chile 2008 Carmenere is originally from Bordeaux but has found a new home in Chile where it makes wines somewhere between Merlot and Cabernet. Robust, dense red with hints of green pepper and Blackcurrant. Gorgeous with red meat!	£22.75	£5.95
24. Vinamar Reserva Pinot Noir, Casablanca, Chile, '08 The cooler climate of the Casablanca valley enables Pinot Noir vines to thrive, resulting in a delicious mid-weight red with juicy black cherry and raspberry fruit and violet cream on the finish.	£24.50	£6.25
25. Fairview Pinotage, South Africa 2008 The Cape's Pinotage is a hybrid grape being a cross between Cinsault and Pinot Noir. This fine example made by Charles Black is vibrant with brambly character and great depth.	£27.95	£7.15
26. Solar di Samaniego, Rioja Crianza, Spain 2004 Delicious, mellow, cedary Rioja with masses of fruitcake, dark berry & vanilla flavours Wonderful vintage & a real stunner!!	£27.75	£7.25
27. Mitolo Jester Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia 2006 Mitolo have shot to fame in the last few years as one of McLaren Vale's leading producers. Ben Glaetzer makes this rich opulent wine with hallmark spice & black pepper on the finish. Awesome!!	£29.50	
28. Eradus Pinot Noir New Zealand '08 Having blazed a trail with its Sauvignon Blanc's, NZ is now producing some of the most exciting Pinot Noir's in the New World. This boutique winery makes one of the most opulent, violet scented wines with delicious cherry and plum fruit and an understated smoky oak finish.	£33.00	

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29. Palazzo della Torre IGT, Allegrini, Italy 2006 **£35.75**

This terrific wine uses the "ripasso" process of combing Corvina and Rondinella grapes along with just crushed dried grapes which makes it rather like a "baby Amarone" in style. Muscular yet supple, this is a serious wine and from one of Italy's top producers.

30. Crozes Hermitage Le Millepertuis Guyot, Rhone, France '06 **£35.75**

100% Syrah from some of the best sited, terraced vineyards in Crozes. Cranberry and redcurrant fruit with heady cherry liqueur notes on the earthy finish.

31. Achaval Ferrer Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 2007 **£36.00**

Achaval Ferrer is a Malbec specialist & regarded as Argentina's finest winemaker by Hugh Johnson & Robert Parker. A big, dark, sappy Malbec with bramble & blueberry fruit that is beautifully balanced. A real stunner & one that always pleases!!

32. Farnese, Edizione Cinque Autoctoni, Italy 2006 **£39.95**

This deep coloured, intense & powerful wine is, according to its creator, Valentino Sciotti "a true taste of southern Italy". A blend of Montepuliano and Sangiovese from the Abruzzi and Primitivo, Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera from Southern Puglia. It is rich, brambly and impressive but eminently drinkable by a tangy acidity on the palate. A wholly unique wine and not for the faint hearted.

33. La Sondaia Poggio al Tesoro, Bolgheri, Italy '05 **£46.00**

One of the most exciting new estates to emerge from Italy in recent years. Owned by Allegrini, the vineyards are adjacent to Super Tuscan Ornellaia. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc – it is predicted that this wine will rise to the ranks of Sassicaia.

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35. Hospitalet de Gazin, Pomerol, France '04 **£49.00**

The second wine of Chateau Gazin, the immediate neighbour of Petrus. This is very classy Merlot dominated Claret with rich, toasted, sweet berry fruit & soft, ripe tannins.

36. Le Cupole di Trinoro, Tenuta di Trinoro Tuscany, Italy '06 **£47.00**

The American wine "Guru" Robert Parker has often compared wines from this estate to those from Chateau Haut Brion - high praise indeed! Like Haut Brion, they rely heavily on the Cabernet Franc grape along with a mixture of other diverse native grape varieties. This is an intense wine yet silky smooth, with damson, cherry kirsch and cassis fruit and toasty oak on the finish.

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37. Chateau du Tertre 5th Growth, Margaux, France 2004 A classed growth very much on the up and one of Bordeaux's finest bargains currently. An exuberant and exotically fruited aromatic Margaux, this wine is stunning and drinking brilliantly now. I'll have to propose this as one of my best wines of 2009.	MAGNUM £125.00	BOTTLE £57.00
38. Avvoltoire, Moris Farms, Tuscany, Italy '04 75% Sangiovese, 20% Cabernet and 5% Syrah. Awarded the much coveted "Three Glasses" by the Gambero Rosso guide. Produced on a clay rich, south west facing slope. Aged in barrique for 12 months, it presents a heady seductive array of autumnal fruit compote and bittersweet cherries, laced with mocha and vanilla cream – outstanding and delicious. Only available now in halves and Magnums.	MAGNUM £121.00	HALF BOTTLE £29.00
39. Brunello di Montalcino, Poggio San Polo, Tuscany '03 Stellar quality from this hilltop estate. Rich and cedary with fine grained tannins and excellent length. Fantastic!	BOTTLE £69.00	

Champagnes & Sparkling Wines

	BOTTLE	175ML GLASS
40. Prosecco di Valdobbiadene, Frizzante Mioneto, Italy Frizzante is under less pressure than Spumante and the resulting wine has a seductive, fine effervescence on the palate to complement the peach/apricot fruit.	£25.25	
41. Guy de Chasse Grand Cru Family owned & run house using only fruit from their own Grand Cru rated vineyards. Crisp citrus & orchard fruits with doughy notes and a fine persistent mousse. Wonderful!	£37.50	£7.95
42. Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin Yellow Label What can I say – full flavour, long fruity after taste! Perhaps the biggest name in champagne and deservedly so.	£49.95	
43. Laurent Perrier Rose The iconic Champagne rose with delicate Pinot Noir aromas. Great balance & finesse makes this the best of the best. Brilliant!	£69.95	

“Sticky” Wines

	375ML BOTTLE	100ML GLASS
<p>44. Saint Albert Pacherenc du Vic Bilh '05, France An absolute delight, made from the rare petit Manseng grape variety. This has a wonderful lightness to its sweet, honeyed, candied peel fruit. (Bottle size is 750ml)</p>	£36.50	£5.95
<p>45. Trentham Noble Taminga Australia 2005 A delicious sticky just packed with floral notes, lifted citrus and apricot flavours. Beautifully sweet with a wonderful balancing acidity.</p>	£19.25	£6.15
<p>46. Muscat Beaumes de Venise, Domaine Coyeux 2004 The vast majority of MBdV's are produced by the local co-op but it is definitely worth tracking down one of the few independent bottlers. Coyeux along with Chapoutier make the finest wine of the appellation with delicate orange blossom and candied peel flavours.</p>	£21.50	£6.75
<p>47. Black Muscat Elysium, Andrew Quady, California '05 Ruby in colour, luscious and sweet with a bouquet of ripe raisins.</p>	£23.50	£7.50
<p>48. A Mano, Aleatico Passito, Southern Italy 2007 From a vineyard in Giola del Colle, these grapes are picked on 12th September and dried for three weeks prior to crushing. Wonderful perfume of dried cherries that gives a luscious but nicely balanced fruit. (Bottle size is 500ml)</p>	£32.50	£7.95
<p>49. Mylitta Noble Late Harvest, Tokaj, Hungary 2006 A lighter younger Tokaj with beautiful balance, freshness of peach, apricot & fruit character. Rather than the Aszu method it is made from raisined botrytis grapes followed by 13 months in oak.</p>	£32.25	£9.75
<p>50. Pieropan Le Colombare Recioto, Italy '04 Made solely from Garganega grapes that have been dried on straw mats for five months. Rich, luscious with hazelnut and almond flavours that linger forever on the palate. (Bottle size is 500ml)</p>	£39.50	£9.75
<p>51. Mount Horrocks "Cordon Cut" Clare Valley Riesling '08 This outstanding Aussie sweet wine won gold in The Decanter World Wine awards. Intense flavours and rich sweet orange peel fruit comes from the process of cutting the canes when the grapes are ripe. Has to be one of Australia's best sweet wines and whenever my guests try it I can see heaven in their eyes!</p>	£32.25	£9.75