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Wine List

Red

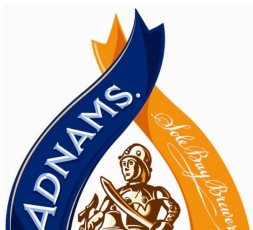
2009 Shiraz/Cabernet, Canoe Tree, South Australia

A rich, spicy Australian red. Our friends at Berton Vineyards lovingly crafted it from prime Shiraz and Cabernet. Canoe Tree? The name given to ancient gum trees whose bark was used to make canoes.

2006 Les Bastions Rouge, Côtes de St-Mont

Plenty of intriguing character: cassis-rich black fruit aromas and a firm palate. Made by the ultra-reliable team at the Plaimont winery, who have an admirable focus on polishing the finer characters of the region's local grapes, bringing intriguing styles to a wide audience. Tannat, great grape of robust southern red Madiran, is the main variety here, along with Cabernet Sauvignon and rare Pinenc

2008 Navardia, Bodegas Bagordi, Rioja



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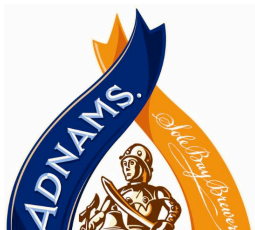
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The town of Andosilla, at Rioja's northern edge, has prospered by its proximity to vineyards set among the fertile plains of the rivers Ebro and Ega in the beautiful valley of Baztan. Bodegas Bagordi was born of the enthusiasm of several local grapegrowers who united in 1995 to produce organic wines. Their success is evident in releases like this classic Tempranillo. Spicy, toasty aromas, rich, warm red fruit flavours and a smooth, oaky finish.

2008 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Taverna Nova, Roxan

Wine from Abruzzo, on the other side of Italy from Tuscany, offer great flavour. Dynamic Donato Ranieri, head of Abruzzo's leading co-operative, Roxan, has done much to raise the profile of this overlooked region. Enjoy the warm, spicy cherry fruit in this robust, earthy wine with rich red meat dishes.

All priced at £ 14.75 per bottle or £ 4 per 175ml glass



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Rosé

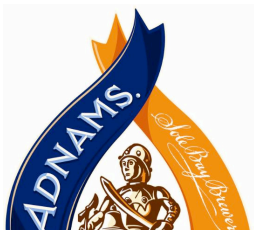
2008 Rose, Casa Rivas, Maipo Valley

Universally appealing Chilean Cabernet rosé, brimming with succulent, juicy, ripe red fruit flavours. The latest addition to our Casa Rivas range (showcase for Chilean brilliance) comes courtesy of grandiose, century-old Viña Tarapacá. Their 2,600 hectare Rosario de Naltagua plot lies in a loop of the Maipo River, 40 minutes invigorating drive south of Santiago. Ideal growing conditions, notably cold nights and hot days, produce stylish, characterful wines like this. 91% Cabernet, 6% Syrah, 3% Merlot

White

2008 Les Bastions Blanc, Cotes de St Mont, Gascony

Fascinating Gascon grapes make for a complex array of fresh, fruity, floral and herby characters in this appealing dry white. Made by the ultra-reliable team at the



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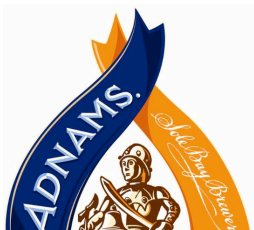
Plaimont winery, who have an admirable focus on polishing the finer characters of the region's local grapes (in this case, Arrufiac, Petit Courbu and Manseng), bringing intriguing styles to a wide audience

2008 Vallobera, Bodegas San Pedro, Rioja Bianco

With their covetable vineyards in Rioja's Alavesa and recently-refurbished winery, ambitious Javier San Pedro, brother Carlos and brother-in-law Jesus Navoscués are establishing a reputation for making modern wines of the highest calibre. Vallobera is their highest vineyard, where slow ripening accentuates fruit intensity. Made from Viura, the classic grape of white Rioja, this crisp, concentrated, elegant style has fresh lime flavour with hints of tropical fruit richness. Excels

2008 Basa, Rueda Blanco, Telmo Rodriguez

Basa, made by relentlessly innovative Spanish winemaker Telmo Rodriguez, derives its name from red counterpart Baso, itself named after the country's ancient



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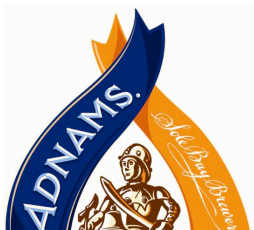


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'baso' (goblet)-shaped bushvines. Basa is from Rueda, source of many of Spain's finest whites, particularly Sauvignon. Telmo fights the corner here for local varieties Viura and Verdejo, conceding just a little Sauvignon for grassy freshness. The succulent result is packed with crisp, clean flavours of yellow plums and white "Incredible tropical character.

2008 Touraine Sauvignon, Paul Buisse

Paul Buisse has 15 hectares of vines close by the charming town of Montrichard on the banks of the river Cher. Here he has established not only his own wine cellars, dug deep into the chalky cliffs, but has also developed a thriving negociant business, dealing in wines from all over the Loire Valley. The Sauvignon he makes for us is from his own vineyards. Deliciously typical of this grape. Try this with some fresh goat cheese or served with hot fish pie. It is delightfully versatile.



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