

FLOUR & GRAPE

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Prosecco DOC Treviso | Terra Serena

£6.5

£28

Treviso is just north of Venice amidst the vineyards producing the fun wine that we can't get enough of. Lovely aromas of fresh lemon & apple with a crisp, dry, refreshing taste.

Region: The Veneto

Grape: Glera

NV Franciacorta Cuvée Royale | Marchese Antinori

£12

£42

Made like Champagne, this is drier & richer than Prosecco with hints of ripe fruit & crusty bread on the nose & palate. Elegant & well-balanced, it will remind you of Champagne, but the price won't!

Region: Lombardy

Grape: Chardonnay, pinot nero, pinot bianco

Light & perky whites

2015 Catarratto Sicilia IGT | Terra Firma

£5

£20

Originally part of Marsala dessert wine, it's as pretty & charming as a light summer breeze, displaying floral notes, pleasing acidity & zest. You'll never drink Pinot Grigio again!

Region: Sicily

Grape: Catarratto

2016 Ciro Bianco Greco | Librandi

£5.5

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Region: Calabria

Grape: Greco

2016 Gavi del commune di Gavi | La Contessa

£6

£26

One of the most well-known whites from Italy, this aristocratic wine from the north shows elegance & a touch of minerality, but has more personality & a fuller character than many Gavis.

Region: Piedmont

Grape: Cortese

Charming medium bodied whites

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2016 Roero Arneis DOCG 'Camestri' | Marco Porello

£7

£30

From the same region as Gavi, but more substantial. Along with the generous & characteristic mouthful of crisp, citrus fruit, there is weight & roundness too. If you enjoy Albarino, you'll like this.

Region: Piedmont

Grape: Arneis

2016 Minutolo Valle d'Itria IGP 'Rampone' | Pastini

£8

£32

Both vivacious & charming, this is full of fruit & personality. Discreetly off-dry, it combines the elegance & style of Riesling with a lip-smacking mineral finish. It is made from a very rare grape from southern Italy.

Region: Puglia

Grape: Minutolo

2015 Greco di Tufo DOCG 'Loggia della Serra' | Terredora

£9.5

£36

With its light peach aromas, underpinned by a wealth of minerals & zippy acidity, this white reminds one of the Amalfi coast near Naples without having to leave London SE1. Similar to the more expensive Viognier.

Region: Campania

Grape: Greco

Sensual full bodied whites

2015 Soave Classico DOC | Inama

£9

£34

For those who enjoy unoaked Chardonnay. This Soave has a bouquet of meadow flowers, then oodles of ripe fruit and a lightly creamy body, which all make for a most appealing mouthful.

Region: The Veneto

Grape: Garganega

2016 Gewurztraminer Alto Adige DOC 'Joseph' | Tenuta Hofstaetter

£10

£38

Distinct sweet pear & rose petal aromas give way to the characteristic spice & lychee flavours. Decent acidity balances perfume & richness to produce seduction. Off-dry.

Region: Alto Adige

Grape: Gewurztraminer

2015 Colli Tortonesi Timorasso DOC 'Derthona' | Walter Massa

£11

£40

A rare wine due to the fact the grape almost died out. This northern Italian gem possesses a light, buttery & herbal character, with a more sensual mouthful that would please white Burgundy drinkers.

Region: Piedmont

Grape: Timorasso

Rosé

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2015 Castel Firmian Lagrein Rosato | Mezzacorona

£6

£26

The cool Alpine climate shapes this wine. Fresh red currants on the nose & crisp, perky fruit in abundance. It's mouth-filling & is refreshingly dry with an impressive finish. A real discovery.

Region: Trentino

Grape: Lagrein

2016 Bardolino Chiaretto | Giovanna Tantini

£8

£32

Pretty salmon-pink colour with a gentle bouquet & character. Grown close to the Valpolicella region, it contrasts well to our other rose as it full & soft with lower acidity but with a dry finish.

Region: The Veneto

Grape: Corvina, rondinella, molinara

In a league of its own

NV Pruno Nero Dry Modena DOC | Cleto Chiarli

£7

£30

A sparkling red with dark blackberry colour & a character that goes all out to surprise. It's dry, crisp, savoury & fizzy because, yes, this is genuinely proper Lambrusco. Try it with salumi for a marriage made in heaven.

Region: Emilia Romagna

Grape: Lambrusco

Easy drinking reds with character

2016 Primitivo Salento IGT | Boheme

£5

£20

Notes of cherries & smoke are found in this light to medium-bodied southern wine. Hints of warm, dried fruit & spice add to its charm. An easy wine for those who know the grape better as Zinfandel.

Region: Puglia

Grape: Primitivo

2013 Rosso Conero (Montepulciano) DOC | Piantate Lunghe

£6.5

£28

A light to medium-bodied wine from central Italy. A bouquet of plums and spice, together with a full body & no bitter tannins make this a step-up from the better-known versions from neighbouring Abruzzo.

Region: The Marche

Grape: Montepulciano

2015 Frappato Vittoria DOC | Planeta

£7

£30

Another discovery! Bright red colour of cherries, juicy red berry fruit on the bouquet lead a deeper, drier, silky textured wine which is full of flavour & light in body. Like Valpolicella, but from the south.

Region: Sicily

Grape: Frappato

Tasty medium bodied reds

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2012 Biferno Rosso Riserva Doc | Palladino

£5.5

£22

This is a medium bodied, serious wine at a reasonable price. Notes of dark chocolate, berry fruits & light vanilla give way to a drier, grippier palate with spice & length. Could almost be a southern Chianti!

Region: Molise

Grape: Montepulciano, aglianico

2013 Salice Salentino Riserva | Ducale

£6

£24

A warm, black olive nose leads into this easy going, medium-bodied southern red. The palate is enhanced with pleasingly chewy tannins to provide a mouth-filling & satisfying wine. Imagine Rioja with attitude.

Region: Puglia

Grape: Negroamaro

2015 La Pieve Chianti DOCG | Fattoria La Pieve

£8

£32

Black tea bouquet with evident fruit with no harsh edges in this young, organic wine. It is medium-bodied but unoaked with good fruit notes and tannins that have settled down to produce another gulpable beauty.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Sangiovese, canaiolo

2013 Morellino di Scansano DOCG | Terre di Talamo

£9

£36

This soft, ripe and rounded Tuscan charmer is sure to be a favourite in this outpost of SE1. Three months in French oak add to its exuberance. Not as well-known yet as Chianti from the same grape but will be!

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Sangiovese

Full flavoured reds

2013 Malbec Vie Cave Toscana IGT | Fattoria Aldobrandesca

£10

£38

Although best known from Argentina & France, think further. It is sophisticated rather than punchy with a welcoming character of dried fruits, oak & liquorice, together with weight & length. A gentle giant.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Malbec

2011 Barolo DOCG | Tenuta La Volta

£13

£54

After visiting the Cabutto brothers, this silky, approachable Barolo was a 'must-have'. Its quality far exceeds its value & is accessible without being dumbed down. Satisfaction & pleasure: hallmarks of F&G!

Region: Piedmont

Grape: Nebbiolo

2012 Badia a Passigiano Chianti Classico Gran Selezione DOCG | Antinori

£14

£58

This is a giant with oodles of ripe, black fruit giving way to more savoury & herbal notes. Its body, weight & richness come from both the grape's tannins & those of small oak barrels. Turbo-charged Chianti!

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Sangiovese

Reserve List

White

2016 Lugana DOC 'Il Gruccione' | Nunzio Ghiraldi £32

Travel to Lake Garda without leaving London! It's crisp & perky with hints of honeysuckle on the bouquet. This Veronese medium-bodied charmer has a little richness that would please Chenin Blanc drinkers.

Region: Lombardy Grape: Verdicchio

2015 Vermentino Di Bolgheri | Guado al Tasso £38

A light nose of lemon zest. It really zips around the mouth & manages to be both perky with good acidity & smooth too on the palate. From an area best known for 'super Tuscans' it's lighter than those from Sardinia.

Region: Tuscany Grape: Vermentino

2014 Cervaro Della Sala | Castello Della Sala £64

Lime & oak tones on the bouquet. The palate is rounded & oily with light vanilla notes. Definitely a food wine which has a long, lightly toasted finish reminiscent of some white burgundy or Californian whites.

Region: Umbria Grape: Chardonnay, grechetto

Red

2013 Susumaniello Valle d'Itria IGP 'Verosud' | I Pastini £38

This red is much easier to drink than to say! Full of sweet fig & black cherry with a cedar & vanilla finish from 6 months in French oak, its obscurity makes it an affordable alternative to serious Californian wines.

Region: Puglia Grape: Susumaniello

2011 Taurasi DOCG | Terredora £48

Nicknamed 'Barolo of the south', this is as accomplished as any from Piedmont. Judicious maturation in French oak produces a complex, smoky mouthful with many layers of flavour, reminiscent of mature Rhone.

Region: Campania Grape: Aglianico

2004 Colli Tortonesi Barbera DOC 'Bigolla' | Walter Massa £68

Too much of a good thing? No! This single-vineyard wine has a fuller body than Nebbiolo. Spicy & hearty, with a pleasing, chewy texture. Serious, Italian Chateaneuf du Pape.

Region: Piedmont Grape: Barbera

2011 Bocca di Lupo | Tormaresca

£80

Intense character in every way from its colour through to the finish. Earth, warm fruit, spice, leather & lots of complex flavours to be had here. Similar to Taurasi but a little heavier. Rhone drinkers would enjoy this.

Region: Puglia

Grape: Aglianico

2012 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG | Renieri

£80

Many of Italy's famous wines begin with 'B'! It manages to be both hearty & elegant with a blood-orange colour, imposing character & a persistent finish. Would please both Burgundy & Claret drinkers.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Brunello (Sangiovese)

2012 Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG | Corte Sant'Alda

£90

Another northern icon & biodynamic too. The character of Amarone is that it should not be sweet, but full & rich. The secret is in the drying of the grapes, so much so that 3kg of grapes make 1 bottle...

Region: The Veneto

Grape: Corvina, rondinella, corvina grossa

2010 Galatrona Valdarno di Sopra | Petrolo

£100

This is a Merlot which shows much more character & body than many. A good balance of acidity, ripeness & tannins add to its upfront charm, together with the smoothness one hopes for from this grape.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Merlot

Half Bottles

2013 Tignanello | Antinori

£75

Black tea & black olives are characteristic in this 'Super Tuscan' red. Savoury & full-flavoured, albeit not heavy this needs little introduction but more time! Bordeaux (claret) drinkers would appreciate this.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon

2009 Sassicaia Bolgheri | Tenuta San Guido

£115

Right up there with the most iconic wines from Italy. First planted in the 40s, it's a pioneer for the trend that we now know as 'Super Tuscan' where Bordeaux varietals lead. Silky, mouthfilling, juicy & immense.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc.

2008 Ornellaia Bolgheri Superiore | Ornellaia

£110

Soft, mature, round & full. Light cocoa notes along with dark berry fruit. It carries its alcohol well & this half bottle can be enjoyed now, as this wine in its youth was a brooding beast.

Region: Tuscany

Grape: Cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, petit verdot.