

BOOKHAM WINE CLUB - JANUARY 08 2018

'Great Rivers of France'

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White Wines

1. The Marne: Champagne Georges Lacombe, Grande Cuvée, Brut, 12.5%

A champagne from a family-owned producer in Aÿ, on the River Marne. A blend of 35% pinot noir from the Montagne de Reims, 30% pinot meunier from the Marne Valley and 35% chardonnay from the Côte des Blancs. £13.25

2. The Loire: Pouilly-Fumé Balland-Chapuis Tradition, 2015, 13%

Produced from 100% sauvignon blanc grapes by Balland-Chapuis, established since the 17th century. "A pale gold colour with an intense nose of white flowers mixed with honey and exotic fruits, and aromas of pear and peach on the palate with grapefruit and guava, with a light and pleasant acidity." £9.50

3. The Rhine: Alsace Riesling Louis Sipp, 2015, 12.5%.

Throughout history Alsace has been alternately a part of France and Germany. Although a part of France since 1919, many German characteristics remain, not least in its viticulture. This white wine from Alsace is made from the noble Riesling grape, a predominantly German variety rarely if ever seen elsewhere in France. Dry in character, it accompanies sea food, white meats, and cheese dishes. £6.20

Red Wines

4. The Saône: Morgon Les vieux Cèdres, 2015, 13%.

Morgon is one of the ten crus of Beaujolais, and one of the more robust in character. "A bright raspberry colour, with aromas of cherry, strawberry and spices, and a seductive chocolate note on the finish. A surprising wine of complexity with an unusual but pleasant aroma: a beautiful discovery. Can be served chilled with meats or cheeses, and can be enjoyed until 2020." www.clubfrançaisduvin.com £6.50

5. The Rhône: Crozes Hermitage Les Jalets, 2014, 12.5%.

A classic Rhône wine from the syrah grape. "Bright, ruby red in colour with youthful violet lights. On the nose, the wine is fresh and aromatic, with perfumes of tart red berries with a hint of spice. On the palate, it is unoaked, young and vibrant, with rich, ripe red fruits and liquorice on the finish." www.winedirect.co.uk £9.80

6. The Gironde: Château La Tour Carnet, Haut Médoc, Grand Cru Classé, 2015, 13.5%

Château La Tour Carnac is a twelfth-century chateau in the commune of St-Laurent-Médoc, adjacent to St-Julien. It is one of the 61 grands crus classés in the 1855 classification - a classic Bordeaux blend of 56% merlot, 40% cabernet sauvignon, 3% petit verdot and 1% cabernet franc. £23.70