

Soulton Hall

Wine List

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ABOUT OUR WINE LIST

The aim of this list is to offer interesting wines at reasonable prices.

In particular, we cap any mark-up we have for higher price points, so that you are not penalized for pushing the boat out. These wines have been carefully and personally selected according to their taste rather than their 'name' or vintage.

We are proud of our wines which are good examples of their regions and styles, and hope that this list also has realistic options for 'party wines' that will have a broad appeal. There are, for example, robust red wines well suited to accompanying full flavoured meat and game dishes; alternatively, there are powerfully fruit driven wines to suit all palates.

The house wines (towards the back of the list) are available by the glass.

We have some interesting half bottles which may be of interest to you, particularly if you wish to experiment with a couple of wines during your meal. These too are towards the back of the list.

We will be very happy to assist you with your selection, and, if you would like advice, do please just ask.

We hope you enjoy your selection.

WHITE WINES

OLD WORLD & EUROPEAN WHITE WINES

FRANCE

- W1 La Cabane Reserve, Marsanne/Viognier, IGP Pays d'Oc** **£15.50**
Ripe, juicy and fragrant, with peach and apricot fruit, notes of lush grass and bright citrus. A modern and lively take on a classic Rhône blend, and really well-balanced.
- W2 Mâcon-Lugny, Les Genièvres, Maison Louis Latour** **£24.00**
The family run négociant house of Maison Louis Latour has been producing and selling wines since 1797. The limestone rich soils of the Lugny village produce rich, buttery yet still Burgundian styles of Chardonnay with the typicity and style of the Mâcon. Taste pale gold in colour, with a beguiling aroma of fresh apples, lemon curd and toasted citrus fruits atop a palate of fresh and crisp green apple acidity, buttery and peachy fruit and a long, warming finish.
- W3 Chablis 1er cru Fourchaume, Les Valery** **£39.00**
Baked bread aromas and a full-flavoured palate characterise this superb premier cru Chablis. The well-positioned vineyard of Fourchaume slopes gently down to the road to Maligny, home to the Durups who own Domaine des Valery.
- W4 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe** **£69.00**
A powerful, generous white made in very limited quantities. Lemon, dried apricots, pear and honey on the nose with hints of beeswax. A full and complex palate, mostly citrus fruits and touches of mineral and hazelnut.
- W5 Rémi & Jérôme Sauvignon, IGP d'Oc** **£16.00**
A full, fresh Sauvignon with ripe and tasty tropical fruit flavours putting it firmly in the Kiwi style Sauvignon camp. Such generosity comes from warm Mediterranean vineyards and careful winemaking to capture the best of the grape variety.
- W6 U San Muletto Vermentino/Chardonnay, Ile de Beauté** **£18.00**
Fragrant and creamy white, floral and aromatic with good fresh fruit peaches and apricots. Very attractive and succulent wine made near the eastern coast of the island of Corsica.
- W7 Sancerre, Cuvée CM, Jean-Max Roger** **£29.50**
A particularly succulent and charming, aromatic Sauvignon of understated richness and power, with lovely fresh fruit, notes of white flowers and excellent mineral expression.

ITALY

- W8 Le Ralle Greco, Basilicata IGT, Alovini** **£21.50**
Full-bodied, rich and exotic, offering perfumed notes of orange blossom, white peach and bright citrus fruit, with a lightly spicy and very juicy palate. Oronzo Alo is an infamous, charismatic wine maker who produces thoroughly modern wines from three garages, jam-packed with state of the art winemaking equipment, following years of directorship at two co-operatives in the Monte Vulture area.

OLD WORLD & EUROPEAN WHITE WINES continued.....

PORTUGAL

- W9 Gandarada, Dão Branco** **£17.50**
A lively, fragrant blend of Encruzado, Cerceal Branco and Malvasia Fina, offering pretty sherbet-like notes of peach, apple and racy citrus. Delicate and light-bodied, with a gently spritz and a positive, crisp finish.

AUSTRIA

- W10 Grüner Veltliner Terrassen, Jurtschitsch** **£21.00**
A mouth-watering dry Grüner, with appealing floral aromas, zesty notes of citrus and classic peppery spice; full-flavoured and nicely structured, produced using organic methods.

UNITED KINGDOM

- W11 Broadfield Special Reserve (Herefordshire)** **£23.00**
The vineyard is in Herefordshire, at the delightful Bradfield Court, home to the James family who farm a dairy herd here as well - guests traveling south on the A49 can even make a visit to their café. This is an off-dry lightly floral white, reminiscent of elderflowers on the nose with a gently creamy roundness on the palate.

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES

AUSTRALIA

- W12 Mitchell Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley, South Australia 2013** **£25.00**
Dry and sappy, with very juicy lime citrus (and blossom) notes, as well as a little developed oily character. Deliciously rich, with a lovely mouth-caressing quality: this is an excellent example of Clare Valley Riesling. Andrew and Jane Mitchell do not irrigate, they work to largely organic methods and encourage natural, spontaneous fermentation where possible.

SOUTH AFRICA

- W13 Brampton Unoaked Chardonnay, Western Cape 2014** **£19.50**
Pale gold, bright and lively with outspoken attractive aromas centred on pure lime and yellow fruit tinged with fragrant spring flowers. The palate bursts with lush ripe fleshy peach and melon fruit and a balancing citrus flavours freshness leaving a deliciously riveting finish.

NEW ZEALAND

- W14 Churton Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2013** **£27.50**
Churton produce a much more restrained and mineral style of Sauvignon than many of their New Zealand counterparts. The 2012 is fresh and crisp with notes of tinned asparagus and gooseberries. Bone dry, this has an intriguing earthy note and evident mineral complexity, making it ideal with food, such as sea bass or goat's cheese.

ARGENTINA

- W15 Bodega Piedra Negra Malbec Alta Coleccion Pinot Gris 2013/14, Bodega Lurton** **£21.00**
A clear green colour with bright lights, and aromas of ripe fruit, grapefruit, pineapple. Intense and complex, this wine opens up when it is aired for a few minutes. On the palate it is silky and concentrated with a good aromatic persistence on the finish.

NEW WORLD WHITE WINES continued...

W16 Tierra de Luna Torrontes/Chardonnay, Mendoza, Lurton 2014

£19.00

Produced from fruit grown in Villaflores in the Uco Valley, this delicious wine contains 80% torrontes and 20% chardonnay. Fresh and appley, with the torrontes floral qualities showing a more subtle nature, bolstered a bit in palate weight by the chardonnay. Quite a wonderful blend, and just the thing for enjoying al fresco in warm weather, or as a refreshing aperitif all year round.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

W17 Cline Cellars Viognier, North Coast, California 2013

£25.00

Originally grown in the Condrieu and Château-Grillet regions of northern Rhône, Fred Cline first planted viognier in his Sonoma vineyards in 1990. Sensitive to its surroundings, vineyard managers must keep a watchful eye. Grapes are late ripening and have to be picked at just the right moment. Cline's viognier offers rich and distinctive aromas of peaches, apricots, orange blossoms and honeysuckle.

RED WINES

OLD WORLD AND EUROPEAN RED WINES

FRANCE

- R1 Tanners Claret, Bordeaux** **£18.50**
Tanners own label claret is made by the famous Sichel family in Bordeaux and with much old vine Merlot inside this is a brilliant, harmonious reliable red wine.
- R2 Côte de Brouilly, Les Volcaniques, Jacques Charlet 2013** **£23.00**
From the slopes of the distinctive, round hill of Brouilly comes this fruity Beaujolais. Its aromas of violets, then red fruits and little tannin make for a good glass of wine. Very fruity with violet and red fruit aromas and a little tannin.
- R3 Gevrey Chambertin, Louis Boillot et Fils, Burgundy 2012** **£50.00**
Initially some wild, earthy, meaty notes but then it is on to dark berries, plum, framboise and cassis. This shows lovely density, it is perfectly fresh and focused with great intensity, fine grip and supple tannins: classic Gevrey in an easy rather than rustic style.
- R4 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, H Brunier et Fils 2011** **£60.00**
Vieux Télégraphe is one of the most renowned estates of the Southern Rhône. It is a large estate with about 45 hectares of red grapevines planted, with an average age of around 55 years. Blessed with one of the finest locations in the area, the particularly hot microclimate is such that the Bruniers, owners of the estate for almost a century, are able to harvest as much as a week ahead of their neighbours. Vieux Télégraphe's blend is a typical one, with Grenache accounting for around two thirds, the rest being made up of Syrah and Mourvèdre in roughly equal proportions, and a tiny bit of Cinsault.

SPAIN

- R5 Marqués de Cáceres Tinto Crianza, Rioja 2010** **£23.00**
A fine dark colour, the wine releases complex aromas on the nose from well-handled ageing, powerful black fruit notes and toasty undertones mingling with hints of very fine oak. There is a liveliness on the palate, with plenty of volume and concentrated flavours. This is a classy, elegant wine showing good structure and a meaty texture, with great cellaring potential.
- R6 Principe de Viana Garnacha Tinta Roble, Navarra 2011** **£????**
Produced from old vines with an average age of more than 40 years, this is concentrated, generous and rounded Grenache, offering a mix of blackberry, redcurrant, cherry and plum fruit with a warm spiciness.

PORTUGAL

- R7 Smart Dog Syrah, JP Ramos, Alentejo, Portugal 2014** **£20.50**
Thoroughly modern, as one would expect from João Portugal Ramos, this offers a lovely heady mix of fragrant violet and lavender-laced milk chocolate, with a little spice box, succulent blackberry fruit and ripe tannins.

GEORGIA

- R8 Khareba Saperavi, Kakheti, Georgia 2013** **£23.00**
Saperavi is the variety, and here it produces a medium-bodied, ripe and supple wine with a sweet, dense core of damson fruit, crunchy red highlights and savoury elements too.

THE LEBANON

- R9 Château Musar, Gaston Hochar 2008** **£45.00**
A superb wine - a favourite of Auberon Waugh's. If you know about it, we needn't go on. Very ripe fruit with spice and leather. This legendary estate was founded by Gaston Hochar in 1930 in a region with a 6,000 year old wine-producing history started by the Phoenicians. Remarkably, despite civil war and invasion, only in '76 has a vintage been missed.

NEW WORLD RED WINES

CHILE

- R10 Cousiño Macul Antiguas Reservas, Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo 2012** **£23.00**
Deep ruby red colour; cassis, blackberry, vanilla, green pepper and spice aromas; dry, full bodied, with ripe berry fruit flavours, ripe through firm tannins; medium long finish.

ARGENTINA

- R11 Gouguenheim Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Escondido, Mendoza 2014** **£19.00**
An intense and juicy, highly aromatic example of Cabernet, showing classic cassis fruit, hints of camphor and attractive toasty oak. Dense and rounded, with a fresh lift and an easy-going focus on sweet fruit.

AUSTRALIA

- R12 Bird in Hand Shiraz, Mt. Lofty Ranges 2013** **£37.50**
This is among the top 10 most highly rated Mount Lofty Ranges wines: the 2010 vintage was given a score of 91 by James Halliday. A delightful wine with a rich blackberry flavour. If you are considering this against the wine above, the difference in price point is easily justified.

- R13 Three Amigos Syrah/Grenache/Mataro, McHenry Hohnen, Margaret River, Western Australia** **£27.50**
The classic Châteauneuf blend, re-created in the relatively cool-climate of Western Australia, offering a rustic mix of bramble fruits, earthy spices and perfumed black pepper. Juicy, succulent, full and velvety, with a long, smooth finish. Lovely label too!

SOUTH AFRICA

- R14 Freedom Cross Pinotage, Western Cape 2013/14** **£16.50**
The grapes for this wine come from both the regions of Paarl and Franschhoek. When the grapes are ready for harvest they are individually selected by block to ensure they are at their optimum ripeness. Colour and flavours are extracted from the skins. The product of crossing of Pinot Noir and Cinsault, Pinotage is South Africa's unique grape. This example is softly styled with intense blackberry fruit and mocha coffee notes. The Franschhoek co-operative has young wine-makers and a strict selection policy especially for wines that are to be exported. A weak rand has enhanced the good value this wine represents.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- R15 Wente 'Beyer Ranch' Zinfandel, Livermore Valley, San Francisco Bay 2011** **£25.00**
The lustrous Wente Vineyard Selection Beyer Ranch Zinfandel has aromas of raspberry, cherry, vanilla and strawberry jam. With medium tannins, and rich mouth-filling dark fruit flavours enhanced by a hint of oak, this seductive wine exhibits a long-lasting finish that just goes on pleasing.

NEW ZEALAND

- R16 Churton Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand 2011** **£38.00**
Attractive pale appearance, showing a little bricking. Exotic spices and notes of musk rose on the nose, some smoky oak and sweet raspberry, dark cherry and stewed summer fruits. Fresh, lithe and elegant with silky tannins, some mature savoury, developed flavours ahead of a dry finish.

ROSÉ WINES

FRANCE

RS1 Château Les Miaudoux, Bergerac Rosé 2014 **£21.00**

This “Bergerac Rosé 2010” is a very friendly wine for your times with friends. For an apéritif in fine weather, or to accompany outdoor celebrations. Produced by skin maceration which gives it a rounded mouth and nose with a bouquet of various red fruits (strawberry, cassis and raspberry) and boiled lollies.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RS2 Angel's Flight White Zinfandel, California 2013 **£18.00**

This White Zinfandel has been made using grapes sourced from Lodi and California's Central Valley. The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation was arrested and the wine filtered to leave a little residual sugar. This wine is named after the LA funicular railway that offers wonderful views across the 'City of Angels'. The fruit in this wine reflects the nature of wine from this coastal region.

CHILE

RS3 Pato Torrente Reserva Rosé, Valle Central 2013 **£15.50**

This rosé is made from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown in Chile's Central Valley, whose vineyards are watered by the cold, crisp streams that cascade from the Andes and that are home to the brightly-coloured Torrent Duck, “Pato Torrente”. An expressive Cabernet Rosé with soft red summer fruits bursting in the mouth. Ideal as an apéritif or as an excellent accompaniment for salads or desserts.

THE LEBANON

RS4 Massaya Rosé, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon 2014 **£27.50**

Rather chic in its Provençal-like limpid appearance, this is a blend of southern French varieties that combine to produce an elegant, delicate and subtle rosé with a savoury, stony dry finish. Sophisticated and very food-friendly.

HALF BOTTLES

RED WINES

FRANCE

CLARET

H1 Tanners Claret, Bordeaux (Half Bottle) £10.50

This has been made even more attractive by the addition of some extra old-vine merlot to give it a bit more of its familiar succulence and juiciness, whilst still retaining its style and balance.

Also available as a full bottle.

RHÔNE

H2 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Rempart 2012 (Half Bottle) £22.00

Unlike most Châteauneufs, this is light and made to be drunk early and easily. It has a good fruit and depth, but not the muscular character of other Châteauneufs and is therefore a lighter wine than might be anticipated, but certainly not the worse for this.

WHITE WINES

WHITE BURGUNDY

H3 Chablis 1er cru Fourchaume, Les Valery 2014 (Half Bottle) £22.00

Baked bread aromas and a full-flavoured palate characterises this superb premier cru Chablis. The well-positioned vineyard of Fourchaume slopes gently down to the road to Maligny, home to the Durups who own Domaine des Valery.

H4 Mâcon-Chardonnay, Mallory & Benjamin Talmard 2014 (Half Bottle) £13.50

Creamy and uncomplicated by oak. The Talmard way is to plant on prime slopes, where grapes ripen gradually and well, and yields are naturally lower. Lengthy lees-ageing adds to the rich, concentrated flavours.

DESSERT WINES

HUNGARY

D1 Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Tokaj Classic Winery 2011 - 25cl

£35.00

A well known wine, and the most deliciously creamy and rich dessert wine full of ginger and orange marmalade flavours.

CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING WINES

CHAMPAGNE

BRUT NON-VINTAGE

S1 Tanners Brut Extra Réserve Champagne £42.00

A bright and delicate fizz, this wine has crisp white fruit flavours, tiny bubbles and a long, lightly toasty finish.

S2 André Clouet Grande Réserve, grand cru à Bouzy £47.50

Rich and concentrated with excellent fruit, yet with surprising elegance for a champagne containing only Pinot Noir, which thrives in the soils at Bouzy. Broad, complex and biscuity.

S3 Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut £68.00

Per Madame Bollinger:

"I drink it when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am.

*Otherwise I never touch it -
unless I'm thirsty."*

A blend par excellence, the Special Cuvée is the purest expression of the Bollinger style: cool, delicate, briochy nose. Nice, rich fruit with honeyed undertones, reserve wine richness and texture. Complex. Classy.

HALF BOTTLES

S4 Tanner Brut Extra Réserve Champagne (Half Bottle) £28.50

This a half bottle of the same champagne described in Bin S1 above.

Further champagnes are available exclusively for private celebrations. Please see restricted list.

Helpful Note on Champagne Styles

Non-vintage is a blend of several years where the aim is for a consistent quality and style. Normally brut, which essentially means just off-dry, has a touch of sugar in the liqueur d'expédition off setting the acidity. Extra brut has no dosage and so is very dry. Vintage champagnes are only produced in better years and are normally released after six years or so.

As a rule we do not keep vintage Champagnes here, however, for private events we appreciate that there is a demand for these highly exceptional wines and we have a restricted list, which we are happy to get in especially in cases (6 bottles). This is at the end of this list.

SPARKLING WINES

BRUT/ DRY

- S5 Tanners Cava Brut, Traditional Method (Spain) £19.50**
With style and finesse beyond its price, this wine is produced in exactly the same way as Champagne. This is a creamy and biscuity Cava.
- S6 Prosecco, Vetricano (Italy) £19.50**
With lovely fresh fruity character, this is not dissimilar to a Spanish Cava. It has an attractive, biscuity flavour, good mousse and a typically yeasty finish.
- S7 Bird in Hand Sparkling Pinot Noir, Adelaide Hills 2014 (Australia) £29.50**
A sparkling rosé wine with delightful strawberry and cherry aromas accompanied by a floral lift. Hand crafted wine made from fruit grown in the mineral rich soils above the historic "Bird in Hand" goldmine in the Adelaide Hills' town of Woodside, where the Nugent family's winery, vineyard and olive groves are situated. Clean, vibrant strawberry flavours are enhanced by the very fine, persistent bead. The fruit sweetness is elegantly balanced by the crisp acidity and a long, clean finish.
- S8 Gusbourne Brut Reserve, Kent, England 2010 (UK) £????**
A refined and elegant Traditional Method fizz from (an originally) old estate overlooking the Romney Marsh in Kent. Good biscuit notes on the nose, very fresh fine apple and pear fruit flavours.

HOUSE WINES

In addition to being available by the bottle, these wines are served by the glass (price published separately).

For smaller servings of wine, you may wish to consider our selection of half bottles as well.

HOUSE WHITE WINES

- A Jean Balmont Sauvignon, Vin de France 2014** **£15.00**
Crisp, juicy Sauvignon packed full of herbaceous, grassy fruit, with a tang of gooseberries. Lovely and fresh.
- B Bodega Piedra Negra Pinot Gris, Alta Colección, Valle de Uco, F Lurton 2014** **£21.00**
Rare in Argentina, the Lurtons harvest this variety first each year to retain the delicate bouquet and the rich complex flavours of peaches, apricots and raisins. Delicious and interesting.

HOUSE RED WINE

- C Jean Balmont Merlot, IGP Pays d'Oc, France 2014** **£????**
Light to medium-bodied, with a soft and juicy personality, offering typical plum and cherry fruit flavours, very subtle oak spices and low-levels of soft ripe tannins.

HOUSE ROSÉ WINE

- D Angel's Flight White Zinfandel, California 2013** **£18.00**
A juicy refreshing rosé packed full of crushed strawberry and raspberry fruit. The finish is well balanced with a hint of sweetness.

RESTRICTED CHAMPAGNE LIST

Important Note

The following Champagnes are NOT routinely kept in the cellars here, as demand for them is, essentially, infrequent and specialised. However, for private celebrations we are conscious of a demand for exceptional vintage Champagnes.

The following wines are therefore available to those arranging bespoke private celebrations, but must be ordered in advance, by a minimum of 2 weeks. Orders must be for full cases, i.e. multiples of 6 bottles. Our pricing throughout this list is reasonable, and with more expensive wines, we are particularly careful to avoid large mark-ups. Finally, there is no need to regard this list as totally prescriptive, and we are happy to consider sourcing any wine for a private celebration.

Extra Brut and Demi-Sec

Private **Veuve Clicquot, vintage 2004**

Sourced from twenty vineyards, all Grand and Premier Cru, this is a stunningly good wine. With the classic Veuve Pinot muscularity redolent of red fruit and crème brûlée, the wine is immediately seductive but has harmonious balance and a pleasing freshness on the finish.

Private **Pol Roger Brut, vintage 2004**

A rich, soft golden glow in the glass, plenty of small-to-moderate sized bubbles. The nose is just gorgeous, broad and seductive; elements of brioche, toasted almonds over notes of sweet stone fruit, peach and more. The palate is just as the nose suggests it will be, generous but not flabby. yet it remains bright and lively, with a very linear core of acidity flanked by a finely poised mousse. This is absolutely delicious stuff.

Private **Bollinger Grande Année Brut, vintage 2002**

The Millennium Bollinger is a very impressive effort indeed. The palate is very clean and very pure; its weight worn lightly with an almost silky elegance. Six years of lees ageing lends biscuity complexity and the finish is accompanied by gentle spice and hazelnut. A very complete wine, rich and powerful as one would expect but with astonishing finesse.

Private **Pol Roger Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill, vintage 2002**

Sir Winston Churchill was Pol Roger's most illustrious devotee and customer. This champagne, made in his honour, has been described as the "**greatest prestige cuvée of modern times**" and Churchill himself famously said of Pol Roger "In defeat I need it, in victory I deserve it". The composition of the blend is a closely guarded family secret. It is made in a style which Churchill himself favoured: robust, mature and long-lived.

NOTES

VINTAGES AND SUPPLY

Vintages change from time to time and cannot therefore be guaranteed.

Although every effort will be made to supply the stated vintage or the next best vintage.

Similarly, difficulties with supply may necessitate substitutions, or prevent supply altogether, where this occurs we will advise.

QUALITY

Guests should not drink corked or otherwise spoiled wine. Whilst every effort is made to store wines correctly, it can happen that bottles are corked - there are even statistics for this. Should you encounter a corked wine, please let us know and we will substitute it for another bottle.

SCREW CAPS

We now hold an increasing number of wines with screw cap or 'stevlin' closure. The aim of this type of closure is to ensure that the wine reaches you in excellent condition, with much reduced taint. There is no doubt that the use of screw caps will increase over the coming years as more producers invest in this form of closure for a broader range of wines. Such decisions will be motivated by quality criteria and should not be seen as in any way a mark of lower quality.

CORKAGE SERVICE

Corkage is not available at Soulton Hall.