

Bourne Mixed Case



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March's Bourne Mixed Case focuses on the white grape variety Sauvignon Blanc. Grown successfully all over the world, its heartland is arguably the Loire where it produces a range of styles from crisp Sancerre and flinty Pouilly-Fumé through to gooseberry-laced Sauvignon de Touraine, which can be considered a more budget-friendly alternative. The Argentinian offering presents an intriguing blend of saline minerality and green-fruited freshness. For something a little rounder and richer, try the Sauvignon/Sémillon blend from Bordeaux. The Sémillon adds a citrus viscosity which makes it the perfect match for richer fish such as salmon and tuna.

2016 DESIERTO 25 SAUVIGNON BLANC, PATAGONIA



Bodega del Desierto was established in 2001, in one of the world's most remote viticultural regions: Patagonia. The winery is today run by siblings Maria and Armando Loson, and comprises 140 hectares of vineyards (planted with no fewer than nine different varieties). Patagonia's rich alluvial soils and extreme climate – very little rain, strong winds and huge swings in temperature – result in wines of real character and finesse.

The nose is unmistakably Sauvignon Blanc, with aromas of citrus and passionfruit to the fore. Like all Desierto's wines, this has fresh acidity and a clear mineral character on the palate. It's drinking brilliantly now, but experience suggests it will age remarkably well, trading some of its fruit for a salty, almond-like flavour. Drink now to 2020.

Food matches	Fried scallops with lime and coriander
Price	£13.95 per bottle
How to serve	Straight from the fridge
Region	Patagonia, Argentina
Grape variety	Sauvignon Blanc
Product code	Y6444B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied white wine
Terroir	Dry, desert climate with rich alluvial soils
Buyer	Catriona Felstead MW

Tasting notes

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POUILLY-FUMÉ

2016 BERRY BROS. & RUDD EXTRA ORDINARY WHITE BY CH. VILLA BEL-AIR



Jean-Michel Cazes is one of Bordeaux's legendary figures, a man of enormous dynamism, vision, energy and charm. His family have owned Fifth Growth Ch. Lynch Bages for decades. He also owns a well-sited estate in the Graves region called Ch. Villa Bel-Air, where he makes benchmark examples of Graves.

The quality of the 2016 vintage is evident on the nose, which shows pronounced white peach and melon aromas. The palate displays a wonderful balance of ripe citrus fruit, with a crisp, refreshing finish which is the hallmark of the Graves. Drink now to 2022.

Food matches	Perfect with white fish and shellfish
Price	£13.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve lightly chilled
Region	Bordeaux, France
Grape variety	Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon
Product code	V0035B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied white wine
Terroir	Clay, gravel and limestone soils
Buyer	Oliver Barton

Tasting notes

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ENTRE-DEUX-MERS WHITES

2016 SAUVIGNON DE TOURAINE, JEAN-CHRISTOPHE MANDARD



Jean-Christophe Mandard, representing the fourth generation of this well-known vinous family, farms 17 hectares of vineyards located on a plateau above the village of Mareuil-sur-Cher and is particularly well-known for his old-vine Sauvignon Blanc. It is a pleasure and an education to visit every spring to blend a wine that is de facto exclusive to Berry Bros. & Rudd.

The 2016 is a vibrant and intensely flavoured Sauvignon with an evocative nose of gooseberry, lime and hints of asparagus. The palate rejoices in more expressive fruit with subtly integrated tropical flavours neatly interwoven and an engagingly refreshing citric backbone. It is ripe and austere at the same time – quite a feat! Drink now to 2019.

Food matches	Mussels, white fish, creamy cheeses
Price	£11.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve lightly chilled, but not too cold!
Region	Loire, France
Grape variety	Sauvignon Blanc
Product code	Y7739B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied, aromatic white wine
Terroir	A plateau of clay, limestone and silex
Buyer	Simon Field MW

Tasting notes

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SANCERRE

2016 LUBERON, GRANDE TOQUE ROUGE, TERROIR D'ALTITUDE, MARRENON



Located in La Tour d'Aigues, deep within the Unesco National Park of the Luberon, La Maison Marrenon has built an enviable reputation for an outstanding range of Mediterranean wines over the past 50 years. Its wines come predominantly from the undervalued appellations of Luberon and Ventoux. We are both delighted and extremely excited to be working with them.

Syrah is the majority shareholder in this outstanding wine, lending polish and floral lift to a core of red and black fruit. The palate rejoices in ripe yet savoury notes, with a backdrop of liquorice and a touch of star anise, all garlanded decorously with Mediterranean flowers. Drink now to 2020.

Food matches	Moussaka, cottage pie, lamb shanks, hard cheeses
Price	£9.95 per bottle
How to serve	Aerate for an hour or so before serving at room temperature
Region	Rhône, France
Grape variety	Syrah 80%, Grenache 20%
Product code	V2028B
Style	Dry, full-bodied red wine
Terroir	Clay and limestone, gravel topsoil, located between 400 and 500 metres above sea-level
Buyer	Simon Field MW

Tasting notes

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CAIRANNE

2014 CH. FLEUR HAUT GAUSSENS



Fourth-generation winemaker Hervé Lhuillier is a firm believer that the secret to success with wine is letting the *terroir* express itself truly through the fruit. He therefore applies a mixture of traditional and modern winemaking techniques. He is also one of the few remaining producers to make a Bordeaux Supérieur in the style of a Cru Classé.

Delicately perfumed with an array of dark fruit aromas, this generous red shows crisp acidity yet sufficiently supple tannins to be uncorked now. Six months in new oak might overwhelm a lesser Bordeaux Supérieur, but are just right in this case, contributing extra complexity to the nose and roundness to the palate. Drink now to 2022.

Food matches	Grilled red meats or sausages
Price	£13.95 per bottle
How to serve	Decant for half an hour and serve at room temperature
Region	Bordeaux, France
Grape variety	Merlot 70%, Cabernet Sauvignon 10%, Cabernet Franc 10%, Malbec 10%
Product code	Y7883B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
Terroir	Chalk and clay
Buyer	Oliver Barton

Tasting notes

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RIGHT BANK BORDEAUX

2015 THE LIBERATOR, EPISODE 13, TERROIR BY TRUCK



“The Liberator” is a unique range of wines created by Richard Kelley MW (of Dreyfus Ashby, the importers). A South African specialist, Richard seeks out finite parcels of wine from some of South Africa's top growers. He then “liberates” these undiscovered, or simply forgotten wines, so that they can be enjoyed by all.

Ruby red, with aromas of red currant, blackberry and spice; the Grenache is from Piekensklouf, the Syrah from the Swartland, and the Cinsault from the Franschhoek. Very juicy, with good concentration, ripe tannins, and refreshing acidity, it's perfectly balanced, with a lingering finish. Drink now to 2019.

Food matches	Roast poultry or spicy pasta dishes
Price	£12.90 per bottle
How to serve	Serve at ambient temperature, straight from the bottle
Region	Western Cape, South Africa
Grape variety	Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah
Product code	V2031B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
Terroir	Decomposed granite with sand and shale
Buyer	Katherine Dart MW

Tasting notes

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LANGUEDOC REDS