

# Wellington Mixed Case

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*This case contains bottles which will deliver far beyond what you might expect: the humble-sounding Bourgogne Blanc from Olivier Leflaive can, we think, go toe to toe with many a Puligny. From Bordeaux, Stéphane Derenoncourt's 2014 Domaine de l'A, which comes from 55-year-old vines, is subtle, complex and just beginning to drink beautifully. Other highlights include the flagship wine from Palacios Remondo – one of the true gems of the Rioja Baja.*

### 2014 DOMAINE DE L'A, CÔTES DE CASTILLON



World-renowned consultant Stéphane Derenoncourt and his wife Christine purchased 2.5 hectares in the commune of Ste Colombe, Côtes de Castillon, in 1999. Today they have 11 hectares, the majority on a south-facing slope with tuffeau limestone soil. The average age of the vines is 55 years old. Owing to its scale, undulating vineyards and the ethereal character of its wines, the *domaine* has a distinctly Burgundian feel.

With an abundance of tannin and ripe black fruit wrapped around a mineral core, this is Castillon at its very best. Decanting reveals subtle floral aromas – a hallmark of this wine, which Stéphane attributes to the vineyard's tuffeau limestone soils and 20 percent whole-bunch fermentation. The finish is long, fresh and distinctly saline. Drink now to 2028.

<b>Food matches</b>	Hearty stews or game
<b>Price</b>	£39.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Decant for 30 minutes and serve at room temperature
<b>Region</b>	Bordeaux, France
<b>Grape variety</b>	Merlot 80%, Cabernet Franc 20%
<b>Product code</b>	V0451B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Limestone and tuffeau
<b>Buyer</b>	Oliver Barton

#### Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

ST ÉMILION GRAND CRU OR TOP POMEROL

### 2016 ANDREW WILL, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, COLUMBIA VALLEY



Young winemaker Will Camarda has recently taken over running this highly regarded winery from his father. Rather unusually, it's situated on a small island that is a 20-minute ferry ride from Seattle, with the vineyards located east over the Cascade Mountains. After harvesting, the fruit makes a four-hour journey across the Cascades in temperature-controlled trucks.

Dark and intense with purple tints, this has blackcurrant and juicy plum notes with liquorice spice and herbal top-note. Juicy and generous concentration on the palate with grippy but ripe tannins and refreshing acidity. Beautifully balanced, cassis and red cherry fruits continue on the finish. Drink now to 2024.

<b>Food matches</b>	Beef tacos, moussaka or squash and chickpea stew
<b>Price</b>	£29.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Decant 30 minutes before serving
<b>Region</b>	Washington State, USA
<b>Grape variety</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Product code</b>	V1788B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, full-bodied red wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Loess, gravel
<b>Buyer</b>	Fiona Hayes

#### Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

CALIFORNIAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

## 2017 NEUBURGER, NIKOLAIHOF



Located in Mautern in the Wachau, Nikolaihof is a completely biodynamic producer (Demeter certified); no chemical treatments are used. All the grapes are very carefully harvested by hand. The winemaking is traditional and places the emphasis on the quality of the fruit and vineyard site.

A relatively unknown variety which is indigenous to Austria, Neuburger should not be overlooked. Quite full-bodied in style, this example has a glycerol mouth-feel and aromas of peach, orange peel and pink grapefruit. There's an attractive salty note on the palate that really lifts and excites. It's aged in 2,000-litre casks. Drink now to 2024.

<b>Food matches</b>	Baked goats' cheese or feta and roasted vegetables
<b>Price</b>	£30.00 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve chilled
<b>Region</b>	Wachau, Austria
<b>Grape variety</b>	Neuburger
<b>Product code</b>	V6391B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, full-bodied white
<b>Terroir</b>	Granite and gneiss
<b>Buyer</b>	Katherine Dart MW

### Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

ALBARIÑO FROM RÍAS BAIXAS OR ALSACE PINOT GRIS

## 2015 BOURGOGNE BLANC, ONCLE VINCENT, OLIVIER LEFLAIVE



Olivier, nephew of the great Anne-Claude Leflaive, managed Domaine Leflaive for almost 15 years up to 1994. Since then, Olivier has focused on his *négociant* business, buying fruit from a small number of trusted growers. The wines are made at his impressive premises in the village of Puligny-Montrachet.

From eight separate parcels in the village of Puligny-Montrachet, this cuvée is hand harvested and raised for 12 months in barrels (15 percent new). Although Uncle Vincent – so named in honour of Olivier's uncle – qualifies “only” as a Bourgogne Blanc, it can go toe-to-toe with many Puligny, thanks to its exceptional complexity, purity of fruit and freshness. A stunning wine, with a bright future. Drink now to 2023.

<b>Food matches</b>	Coq au vin jaune or other rich poultry dishes
<b>Price</b>	£27.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve cool, just above fridge temperature (around 11°C)
<b>Region</b>	Burgundy, France
<b>Grape variety</b>	Chardonnay
<b>Product code</b>	V0439B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium- to full-bodied white wine
<b>Terroir</b>	A combination of limestone and sandy-clay soils
<b>Buyer</b>	Adam Bruntlett

### Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET OR ST AUBIN

## 2015 PROPIEDAD, PALACIOS REMONDO



After making a name for himself in Priorat, Álvaro Palacios decided to return to his home in Rioja Baja in 1999. Palacios Remondo was founded in 1948 but it is under Álvaro's leadership that the winery really grew to fame and began to produce some of the most respected wines of the Rioja Baja region.

The flagship *cuvée* of the *bodega*, Propiedad is deep ruby in colour with an elegant, complex nose of dark plum, damson and blackcurrant alongside lighter hints of red fruits such as cherry and raspberry. Intensely concentrated fruit on the palate is complemented by subtle, well-integrated spice, noticeable even on the finish. Drink now to 2023.

<b>Food matches</b>	Venison sausages, grilled red meat or lamb cutlets
<b>Price</b>	£33.50 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve at room temperature
<b>Region</b>	Rioja, Spain
<b>Grape variety</b>	Garnacha
<b>Product code</b>	V2041B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Dry-farmed, mainly clay-based soils at 400 to 600 metres' altitude
<b>Buyer</b>	Catriona Felstead MW

### Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

OLD-VINE GARNACHA FROM NAVARRA, BARBERA D'ALBA OR SOUTHERN RHÔNE REDS

## 2014 SANCERRE, CUVÉE MARCEL HENRI, BRIGITTE & DANIEL CHOTARD



There have been *vignerons* in the Chotard family since 1789, but it was in 1992 that Daniel Chotard started working at the *domaine*. The *domaine's* vines are situated on limestone slopes in the southwest of the region at Reigny near Crézancy-en-Sancerre. In total, the area under vine is 15 hectares.

The fruit for this wine is grown on *griottes* soil – clay teeming with tiny fossils – which accounts for its finesse and intense mineral character. It's a touch fuller than the *domaine's* “standard” Sancerre, with added tropical notes and texture. Drink now to 2030.

<b>Food matches</b>	Goats' cheese or as an apéritif
<b>Price</b>	£25.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve chilled to 11°C
<b>Region</b>	Loire, France
<b>Grape variety</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product code</b>	V1818B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium to full-bodied white wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Kimmeridgean clay soils
<b>Buyer</b>	Adam Bruntlett

### Tasting notes

If you like this, you might like:

NEW ZEALAND OR CHILEAN SAUVIGNON BLANC