

# Wellington Mixed Case

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*March's Wellington Mixed Case is a celebration of Pinot Noir, arguably the world's most charismatic grape variety. From Burgundy, the variety's spiritual home, comes the ethereal Orchis Mascula from Domaine Naudin Ferrend; a beguiling wine which belies its humble Hautes-Côtes de Beaune appellation. The grape's Austrian guise, as Blauburgunder, will be sure to charm you with its perfumed red fruit and soft spices. Finally, the Au Bon Climat from California has all the poise and purity of a good red Burgundy, but with the warm, velvety allure of a New World Pinot.*

## 2015 CH. PONT SAINT-MARTIN BLANC, PESSAC-LÉOGNAN



Situated in Léognan, in the heart of the AOC Pessac-Léognan; a region well known for its high quality white wines, this 17-hectare château was bought by the Rodriguez-Lalande family in 2013.

Pale in colour, the citrus nose has grilled notes (from the wine's time in barrel). It is full and complex on the palate with lemon, white peaches and apricots. Perfectly balanced with good minerality, this is a long, delicious wine with a satisfying degree of opulence. Drink now to 2022.

<b>Food matches</b>	Fish or chicken in a creamy sauce, hard cheeses such as aged Gouda
<b>Price</b>	£28.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve chilled
<b>Region</b>	Bordeaux, France
<b>Grape variety</b>	Sauvignon Blanc 45%, Sémillon 48%, Sauvignon Gris 5%, Muscadelle 2%
<b>Product code</b>	Y5708B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, complex, full-bodied white wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Gravel over limestone and clay
<b>Buyer</b>	Mark Pardoe MW

### Tasting notes

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LOIRE CHENIN BLANC OR SAUVIGNON BLANC

## 2015 GEMBROOK HILL SAUVIGNON BLANC



Ian and June Marks founded Gembrook Hill in 1983. The estate's vineyards lie on a gentle incline, facing north-east, in the Upper Yarra sub-region of Victoria (a mere 70 kilometres from Melbourne). The relatively cool climate gives wines which are restrained and elegant, with an enticing mineral character.

Winemaker Andrew Marks explains that a warm summer in 2015 contributed extra body and alcohol to his Sauvignon Blanc, but it retains a herbaceous element – grass and prickly nettles – more reminiscent of the Loire than, say, Marlborough. Such is the purity of fruit, scintillating acidity and tremendous length that this will gain in complexity over the next five years. Drink now to 2022.

<b>Food matches</b>	Lightly spiced fishcakes with a mint and cucumber raita
<b>Price</b>	£34.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve straight from the refrigerator and allow it to warm slightly in the glass
<b>Region</b>	Yarra Valley, Australia
<b>Grape variety</b>	Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Product code</b>	Y5611B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium-bodied white wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Red volcanic loam
<b>Buyer</b>	Will Heslop

### Tasting notes

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CHILEAN SAUVIGNON BLANC

## 2015 CONSTANTIA GLEN TWO



This estate is located near to Cape Town and well placed to accommodate visits if one is travelling in the area. The estate is committed to organic viticulture, producing ultra-premium quality wines in Constantia's cool climate. They have chosen to only produce four wines, preserving the inherent quality of their range rather than diluting their offering.

Straw lemon in appearance, floral (elderflower), tropical (mango and passionfruit) and sweet spice notes dominate the aromatic profile. There is a glycerol weight that the Sémillon contributes to the blend, along with the extended lees contact and some barrel ageing. The core is concentrated with citrus notes persisting on the finish. Drink now to 2021.

<b>Food matches</b>	Asian glazed pork belly, mango and prawn salad
<b>Price</b>	£21.95 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Serve chilled
<b>Region</b>	Constantia, South Africa
<b>Grape variety</b>	Sauvignon Blanc 70%, Sémillon 30%
<b>Product code</b>	Y1022B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium to full-bodied white wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Decomposed granite, clay and sandstone
<b>Buyer</b>	Katherine Dart MW

### Tasting notes

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WHITE BORDEAUX BLENDS

## 2012 AU BON CLIMAT LA BAUGE AU-DESSUS PINOT NOIR



Internationally recognised as the “wild boy” of the wine world, Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat has built up an international reputation for producing New World wines with Old World restraint and elegance since starting up in 1982. Jim is a big Burgundy fan and this is often reflected in his wines.

The fruit, sourced from the Santa Maria Valley, has a great intensity. Its vivid red colour is supported with juicy, red berry aromas. The palate has restraint and layers of complexity are added with a savoury, spicy element. Drink now to 2022.

<b>Food matches</b>	Beef tacos, fried chicken, ribs, steak
<b>Price</b>	£32.65 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Decant 30 minutes before serving at room temperature
<b>Region</b>	California, USA
<b>Grape variety</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product code</b>	Y0891B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
<b>Terroir</b>	A mix of calcareous mudstone, sand, gravel and clay
<b>Buyer</b>	Katherine Dart MW

### Tasting notes

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RED BURGUNDY OR CHILEAN PINOT NOIR

## 2013 BOURGOGNE HAUTES-CÔTES DE BEAUNE, ORCHIS MASCULA, DOMAINE NAUDIN FERRAND



Claire Naudin has held the reins at her family's *domaine* since 1994. She uses little or no sulphur in the production of her wines – a risky move, but one rewarded by the remarkable aromatics and purity of fruit they display. These are some of the most interesting and distinctive Burgundies in our range.

Claire neatly attributes this wine's fruit, power and structure to the three different plots from which it's sourced. On the nose, there's red fruit and a beautiful floral lift, hence the name (Orchis Mascula is a purple orchid common in the Hautes-Côtes). Appetizing acidity and fine, well-integrated tannins complete a very pretty picture. Drink now to 2021.

<b>Food matches</b>	Pâtés, terrines and charcuterie
<b>Price</b>	£28.50 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	No need to decant but vigorous swirling in the glass will unleash all those aromas
<b>Region</b>	Burgundy, France
<b>Grape variety</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product code</b>	E1153B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Marl soils on rolling hills of up to 450 metres' altitude
<b>Buyer</b>	Jasper Morris MW

### Tasting notes

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AUSTRIAN OR NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR

## 2015 LANGENLISER DECHANT BLAUBURGUNDER, BRÜNDLMAYER



Willi Bründlmayer is recognized by winemakers and wine trade professionals around the world as one of the most gifted wine producers. Although Grüner Veltliner and Riesling are the estate's bread and butter, Willi has various red grapes planted where he sees there is potential to create quality wines. Willi has 60 hectares of plantings and is slowly letting the younger generation take more control of the day-to-day running of the estate.

Pale ruby in appearance, violets and red fruits exude from the glass. The red fruit perfume is delicate and a spice character lingers in the background. The tannins are grainy and support the medium weight on the palate. The acidity is fresh and uplifting. Drink now to 2021.

<b>Food matches</b>	Game birds (duck, pheasant and goose)
<b>Price</b>	£20.50 per bottle
<b>How to serve</b>	Open 20 minutes before serving at room temperature
<b>Region</b>	Kamptal, Austria
<b>Grape variety</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Product code</b>	Y5707B
<b>Style</b>	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
<b>Terroir</b>	Chalky loess and clay soils
<b>Buyer</b>	Fiona Hayes

### Tasting notes

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RED BURGUNDY OR NEW ZEALAND PINOT NOIR