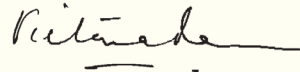


Wellington Mixed Case

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November's Wellington Mixed Case offers an eclectic selection of current and future classics. First up is our new own-label Santa Barbara Pinot Noir, crafted by the famous Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat. It is joined by a superlative modern Rioja from Finca Allende, a red from Portuguese producer Quinta de la Rosa, and a scrumptious Chenin Blanc from the Loire. With Christmas fast approaching, we've also included a sweet wine. While it would be superb alongside pudding, don't be too quick to relegate it to "afters" – this example has enough acidity to work excellently as an apéritif or alongside spicy Asian-style cooking.

2015 LES ROSIERS, JASNIÈRES, DOMAINE DE BELLIVIÈRE



Winemaking is Eric Nicolas's second career; having previously worked as a petrochemical engineer, he decided to do a volte-face and make wines as naturally as he could, in the isolated region of Jasnières, just south of Le Mans. He has set about reviving old vineyards, bringing the appellation back to life.

Golden yellow in colour, the nose is really exciting; quince, yellow apples and a touch of spicy ginger courtesy of the warm 2015 vintage. The palate is rich initially, with a little sweetness, before the hallmark acidity of Loire Chenin Blanc kicks in and leaves a pleasingly dry finish. Drink now to 2021.

Food matches	Asian cuisine, light desserts or hard cheeses.
Price	£30.00 per bottle
How to serve	Serve lightly chilled and try decanting
Region	Loire, France
Grape variety	Chenin Blanc
Product code	Y9743B
Style	Off-dry, medium-bodied, oaked white wine
Terroir	Clay-flint topsoil over tuffeau limestone
Buyer	Adam Bruntlett

Tasting notes

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VOUVRAY OR GERMAN RIESLING

2017 RIESLING, LOIBNER, SMARAGD, EMMERICH KNOLL



This family-run estate in Unterloiben is one of the most renowned in the Wachau. Today Emmerich Knoll makes the wines, managing its 15 hectares of vineyards and the winery with his wife Anya, though his father is still involved in both those aspects of the business. The family's wines will keep for decades.

Ripe fruit with notes of orange blossom and fine, defining acidity characterise this classically proportioned Riesling from one of the Wachau's top producers. The ripeness and precision on the palate reflects the warmth of the 2017 vintage and the natural refinement inherent in Knoll's wines. This will drink beautifully now, but will also reward those with the patience to cellar it for five to 10 years. Drink now to 2028.

Food matches	Pan-fried fish, roasted poultry dishes
Price	£31.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve chilled
Region	Wachau, Austria
Grape variety	Riesling
Product code	V5267B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied white wine
Terroir	South-facing terraced vineyards on primary rock
Buyer	Katherine Dart MW

Tasting notes

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GERMAN SINGLE-SITE RIESLINGS

2013 PETIT GUIRAUD, CH. GUIRAUD, SAUTERNES



Ch. Guiraud is among the most celebrated names in Sauternes, designated a Premier Grand Cru in the 1855 Classification. Since the estate was purchased in 2016 by a group of friends including Baron Stephan von Neipperg (owner of La Mondotte in St Emilion) and Olivier Bernard (Domaine de Chevalier), it has also become synonymous with innovation and a commitment to sustainable viticulture. Ch. Guiraud was certified organic in 2011.

Petit Guiraud is slightly drier than the chateau's "first" wine, with a higher proportion of Sauvignon Blanc. Half is fermented in stainless steel and half in new oak. Yes, it has the apricot and raisin aromas associated with botrytis, but the emphasis here is on freshness and drinkability – the makers even suggest serving over ice, as an apéritif. The finish is long, mineral and moreish. Drink now to 2023.

Food matches	Tempura prawns and a sweet chili sauce or let your imagination run wild!
Price	£30.00 per bottle
How to serve	Serve straight from the fridge, or over ice if you're feeling adventurous
Region	Bordeaux, France
Grape variety	Sémillon 65%, Sauvignon Blanc 35%
Product code	Y4931B
Style	Sweet, full-bodied white wine
Terroir	Gravel over limestone, but the key feature here is the proximity of the Ciron and Garonne Rivers, whose confluence results in noble rot
Buyer	Oliver Barton

Tasting notes

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2016 BERRY BROS. & RUDD SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PINOT NOIR BY AU BON CLIMAT



This Pinot Noir has been made exclusively for us by Jim Clendenen from Au Bon Climat. The fruit is sourced from a single vineyard, named "Kick on" located in the Los Alamos Valley, just north of the Santa Rita Hills and to the south of the Santa Maria Valley in Santa Barbara County. The vineyard benefits from cool ocean breezes that help the wine to achieve freshness and purity.

This is bright, pale ruby in colour with a red-berry profile. The nose is full of wild strawberries, dark cherries and rose-petal perfume. It has refreshing and lively acidity with a juicy, concentrated core and fine-grained tannins. Spice and herbal notes create layers of complexity on the finish of this incredibly well-balanced wine. Drink now to 2020.

Food matches	Fish tacos, seared tuna or roast chicken
Price	£24.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve at room temperature
Region	California, USA
Grape variety	Pinot Noir
Product code	V3945B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
Terroir	Sandstone, shale and marine soil
Buyer	Fiona Hayes

Tasting notes

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RED BURGUNDY OR CHILEAN PINOT NOIR

2016 QUINTA DE LA ROSA, VINHO TINTO RESERVA



Quinta de la Rosa is a small estate in the heart of the Port wine-growing region in Alto Douro, near Pinhão. The estate is owned and operated by the Bergqvist family with the aid of the talented winemaker Jorge Moreira since 2002. This is one of the few single *quintas* in the Douro.

Deep ruby in colour, this is an especially expressive Reserva style as the grapes were able to mature perfectly in 2015. Elegant floral aromas of violet are complemented by dark cherry, blackberry and plum on the nose. On the palate there is real structure thanks to generous silky tannins. Drink now to 2025.

Food matches	Red meats or hard cheeses
Price	£35.00 per bottle
How to serve	Decant an hour before serving at room temperature
Region	Douro Valley, Portugal
Grape variety	Touriga Nacional 60%, the rest a field blend
Product code	V6324B
Style	Dry, full-bodied red wine
Terroir	Steep dry-stone terraced vineyards
Buyer	Catriona Felstead MW

Tasting notes

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MENCIÁ FROM GALICIA OR TEMPRANILLO FROM RIBERA DEL DUERO

2011 RIOJA TINTO, FINCA ALLENDE



Finca Allende, the estate created by the exuberant Miguel Ángel de Gregorio, is located in the hill town of Briones in the Rioja Alta. "Allende" can be roughly translated as "further", reflecting the property's philosophy to go further and further towards creating the perfect Rioja.

This is intense ruby with purple edges. Fresh, vibrant blackberry, cranberry and wild forest fruits dominate before the subtle cedar and tobacco is revealed. The oak is perfectly integrated. It's very lively on the palate with excellent depth and an elegant structure. Drink now to 2021.

Food matches	Lamb with thyme gremolata
Price	£22.95 per bottle
How to serve	Serve at 15 to 17°C; may benefit from decanting
Region	Rioja, Spain
Grape variety	Tempranillo
Product code	V1852B
Style	Dry, medium-bodied red wine
Terroir	Clay soil with gravel and 45-year-old vines
Buyer	Catriona Felstead MW

Tasting notes

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BARBERA D'ALBA