

C is for Classics

Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon

***Chardonnay** is a special grape variety and can be loved or reviled! Relatively easy to grow and neutral, it adapts to different climates and expresses itself depending on where it is grown. It can be used for a top quality white Burgundy or a wonderful base for fizz from various regions. Aging in oak can make it buttery and delightfully creamy, when unoaked it can be subtle, crisp and steely. For the ABC people out there, do try different styles as it is a hugely versatile and can be splendour in a glass! Generally excellent with smoked fish, oysters, seafood and egg dishes.*

White

Chardonnay, Three Lions, Plantagenet 2021 £12.75

Great Southern /Western Australia 13%

Plantagenet is located in Mount Barker and is now self-sufficient, with 126 hectares of vineyard. Vines were first planted in the late 1960's with the first vintage in 1974. The Plantagenet wines remain some of Western Australia's most classically elegant wines.

This example of 100% Chardonnay is unoaked and offers glorious aromas of white flowers, vibrant stone fruit, zippy citrus with hints of cashew nuts and a clean finish. Wonderful match for shellfish.

***Cabernet Sauvignon** is another grape variety that originated in France and has spread around the world. The earliest mention was in the Gironde and was sometimes confused with Cabernet Franc which was crossed with Sauvignon Blanc, the cross gave birth to Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines are mostly concentrated with dark berry flavours, smooth structure, ripe tannins and particularly good for ageing.*

Red

Cabernet Sauvignon, Excelsior 2019 £9.75

Robertson, Breede River Valley/South Africa *Sustainable* 14%

*Excelsior is located in the picturesque Robertson Valley and is owned by the De Wet family who have developed a social programme which benefits its employees and the local community. Through the sales of their wines they have financed a local crèche and teachers for the village school. This wine is **88% Cabernet Sauvignon & 12% Petit Verdot**, it displays ripe blackcurrant and dried herb characters which are backed up by spicy notes from oak ageing culminating in a smooth, soft finish. 40% of the Cabernet was aged in a mixture of French and American oak for 9 months. Very drinkable! Perfect with Lamb.*

Other wines in stock

WHITE

Chenin Blanc, Hazy View £9.00
Zibibbo Vitese £9.95
Sauvignon/Verdejo Fontana SPAIN £10.00

RED

Pinotage, Hazy View £8.95
Monastrell Molinico Loco SPAIN £9.00
Malvasia Nero Talo £11.95

ROSE

Rosé di Primitivo, Tramari, SanMarzano 2021 12.5% £11.20

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