

Wines for Chinese New Year 2024 - Year of the Wood Dragon

The Wood Dragon stands for power and wealth. 2024 brings opportunities, changes and challenges. The Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar Spring Festival starts on 10th February and lasts for 15 days from the new moon to the full moon and there are celebrations during all of that time, not only in China, but include other Asian countries, Malaysia, Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines.

It is believed that alcohol can protect you from bad luck and you should be drinking to everlasting friendships, happiness and welcoming the coming year with a fresh start and a smile. 'Gan bei' Cheers!

WHITE

Marsanne, Tahbilk 2022 *Vegan*

Nagambie Lakes, Victoria/Australia 13% £14.50

Tahbilk is an historic family-owned winery that was established in 1860, renowned for their rare aged Marsanne. Situated along the banks of the beautiful Goulburn River, their vines are sustainably cultivated and they became carbon neutral in 2013.

*This is **100% Marsanne** and has floral characteristics, a lively mineral palate with notes of grapefruit and crisp pears. Excellent with spicy food generally, but a good choice would be spring rolls or prawn toast.*

Also in stock Chenin Blanc, Wild Garden. South Africa £9.95

Wonderful with sweet and sour pork.

ROSE

Rosé di Primitivo, 'Tramari' San Marzano 2022 *Vegan*

Salento, Puglia/Italy 12.5% £12.50

*San Marzano is known to most of you as we have had many of their exciting wines over the years. This Rosé is made from **100% Primitivo** grape, it has a light colour with glorious aromas of wild strawberries combined with elegant and vibrant flavours of the Mediterranean and a refreshing, dry finish.*

"Tra mari" means between seas. Very versatile wine to match many dishes, particularly spicy prawns, noodles and dumplings which are all auspicious for good luck.

RED

Sobreiro de Pegoes, Colheita Tinto, Santo Isidro de Pegoes 2020 *Vegan*

Peninsula de Setubal/Portugal 13.5% £10.20

60% Castelao / 20% Aragones / 10% Alicante Bouschet / 10% Touriga Nacional

Santo Isidro de Pegoes was founded in 1958 and the vineyards are located south of Lisbon between two Nature Reserves. The unique soil creates the Pegoes terroir. 'Sobreiro' is the name of the local cork oak tree. The wine is succulent with vibrant black fruit aged without oak influence, but layered with vanilla, spice and packed with juicy fruit complemented by a smooth, soft finish. Great with crispy duck & pancakes.

Carmenere Reserva, Echeverria 2022 *Vegan*

Curico Valley/Chile 13.5% £11.25

Vina Echeverria is our favourite Chilean producer and most of you will have had their wines in the past.

They have been awarded Sustainable Winery status by Wines of Chile.

*This flavoursome **100% Carmenere** has aromas of raspberries, flavours of ripe cherries, hints of red peppers and spice, it is smooth and velvety and a perfect pairing with Szechuan chicken or beef in oyster sauce.*

Some other wines are available

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