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“God sent me to Earth to show people how to play football”
Cristiano Ronaldo

“I never sent anybody”
Lionel Messi

ALMA ANDINA TORRONTÉS 2021

£11.49, 12.5%

Tasting notes

Fresh, tropical and stone fruit flavours. Lemony and mineral crisp

Aroma

Honeysuckle, spice, lemon and grapefruit

Salta is one of Argentina’s oldest wine regions, dating back to the Spanish conquest. It has the highest vineyards in the world, up to 3,000 metres above sea level. And the region is very dry, relying on irrigation from Andean snowmelt. Unsurprisingly, just 1% of the country’s wine is made here. However, Salta’s grapes have unique, very pure and intense flavours. This wine, crafted by Steve McEwen, has wonderfully fresh aromas of honeysuckle, spice and citrus fruits, and an exhilarating, crisp finish. It’s a refreshingly different apéritif and an inspired choice with spicy Eastern cuisine.



BODEGAS CARO ARUMA MALBEC 2021

£15.99, 14.5%

Tasting notes

Silky, intense black fruit, floral, rounded, full with freshness

Aroma

Dark blackberry, cherry, plum, smoky black tea, violets

This outstanding, 93-Point red combines the expertise of Bordeaux’s Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) and world renowned Nicolás Catena. It brings together small batches of wine made from tiny parcels of premium Uco Valley grapes – from Altamira, El Peral and San José – to create a fine, silky and complex blend. It symbolises the union between its co-creators, ‘Decanter Man of the Year’ Nicolás Catena, whose wines are “beacons for quality in Argentina” (Steven Spurrier), and the Rothschilds of Bordeaux, “synonymous with wealth, prestige, history, respect and remarkable wines” (Robert Parker). Hand-harvested, high-grown, old-vine grapes provide outstanding quality, while absence of any oak ensures the wine shows great purity of fruit and Uco terroir. Serve with a tender rib-eye steak, venison or a rich casserole.

L'EPIPHANIE DE SAUTERNES (HALF BOTTLE) 2018

£19.99, 14.5%

Tasting notes

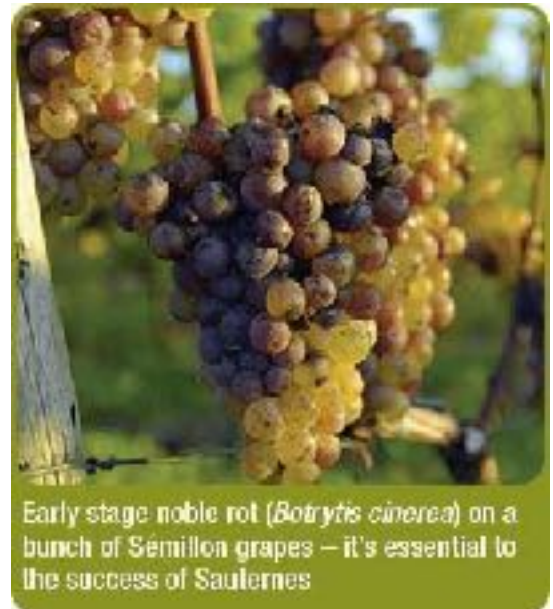
Lush, creamy apricot, zipped by minerality with citrus, nutty length

Aroma

Honeyed, creamy apricot, bright citrus, toasted nuts and vanilla

The l'Epiphanie range is the result of buyer Jean-Marc Sauboua's network of contacts. Whenever a top Bordeaux château (First Growth) have a small cuvée that isn't quite up to inclusion in the Grand Vin, they give Jean-Marc a call. This 2018 cuvée was ageing in new oak right until the last round of tasting, so very nearly made it into the final selection.

Sémillon with a zip of Sauvignon Blanc, 'afflicted' with noble rot, hand picked, fermented and aged in new oak. Beautifully poised, it will continue to improve.



ANDRESEN LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORT (IN GIFT BOX) 2016

£16.99

Tasting notes

Rich and smooth with blackcurrant, chocolate, spice and tobacco notes

Aroma

Dark plum, raisin and hazelnut aromas

The palate is full-bodied with classic black cherry flavours balanced by fine and elegant tannins.

Vintage ports often take 20 years of cellaring to reach their peak. As an alternative. LBVs are very similar in style, but are matured in cask for longer, so their luxuriously rich, warming, raisin and plum flavours can be enjoyed right away.

Founded in 1845, Andresen is one of the last remaining family-owned port houses, and its LBV is renowned for levels of concentration and richness that can rival even the most expensive vintage ports. Unfiltered to retain every element of flavour and colour from the wine.