

Selecting our wines

Our wines are selected by Xavier Rousset MS.

Owner of Marylebone's Blandford Comptoir and Comptoir Café and Wine and co-founder of Cabotte in Gresham Street, Rousset has a successful track record as a restaurateur having successfully opened and run both Texture and the 29-50 Wine Workshop group. He also consults for restaurants both in the UK and abroad who rely on his depth of knowledge of running a successful operation.

A pupil of Gerard Basset at Hotel du Vin, Xavier became the world's youngest ever Master Sommelier at the age of 23, before moving on to run the wine programme for Raymond Blanc at Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons. With over 20 years' experience in the industry, Xavier is a highly involved and influential member of the British restaurant and wine trade, often a judge and speaker on key industry panels and also acts as a mentor for young sommeliers embarking on a career in the wine trade.

We would welcome any feedback that you might have regarding our wines. Please send them to xavier.rousset@vip-chalets.com

House White Wines

Horgelus Colombard Sauvignon Blanc 2017

REGION: Côtes du Gascogne, South West France

GRAPE: Colombard, Sauvignon Blanc

A lovely, fruity, perfumed mid-weight wine. Packed full of pungent zingy aromas of lemon, lime and tropical fruit. Notes of white flowers, citrus and exotic fruits. Light and crisp freshness.

Pieno Sud Bianco 2017

REGION: IGT Delle Venezie, Sicily, Italy

GRAPE: Grecanico, Cataratto and Grillo.

Soft and fruity with a delicate aroma and a subtle finish. Plenty of ripe stone fruit and apple, plus a twist of lime.

House Rosé Wine

Pasquier Rosé 2017

REGION: IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France

GRAPES: Grenache, Cinsault

Beautifully fresh, pale, dry rose from the Languedoc in the South of France, showing notes of red fruits and rose petals. A great blend showing the abundant rich berry flavours of Grenache and a generous serving of Cinsault to give that spicy kick.

House Red Wines

Esprit des Roches Rouge 2016

REGION: IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France

GRAPE: Merlot

Medium Bodied: Smooth with delicate black fruit aromas, making this an easy drinking wine for all to enjoy. A lovely garnet colour, look for plummy, juicy, fruity notes on the nose; while on the palate, let the softness of the wine caress your taste buds.

Rare Vineyards Carignan 2016

REGION: IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France

GRAPE: Carignan

Medium to full bodied and incredibly smooth. Bright, juicy, soft-hearted red from the South of France made from the peppery Carignan grape. A delightfully full bodied red packed full of dark baked fruit.

House Champagne

Laurent Perrier Brut NV Champagne

REGION: Champagne, France

GRAPES: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier

One of the most recognisable Champagne houses in the world. A lighter house style, subtle citrus, toast and spice predominate this perfectly balanced Champagne, with a strong structure.

Champagnes, Prosecco & Port

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| Champagne Laurent Perrier Brut | €34 |
| Veuve Clicquot NV | €41 |
| Billecart-Salmon Champagne Brut Reserve | €42 |
| Dom Perignon 2004 | €150 |
| Prosecco Bel Star (Italy) | €17 |
| Taylors Late Bottle Vintage | €28 |

White Wines

- Gavi la Batistina 2017** €16
REGION: Piedmonte, North Western Italy GRAPE: Cortese
Really top-quality Gavi, made from the Cortese (or Gavi) grape in Piedmont in NW Italy. Complex and enchanting on the nose with notes of white peach, pear and acacia blossom, it has a lovely round feel in the mouth, with flavours of stone fruits and ripe pears.
- Sancerre Fouassier 2016** €20
REGION: Loire Valley, France GRAPE: Sauvignon Blanc
Domaine Fouassier is a bio-dynamically-run estate in the classic Loire Valley appellation of Sancerre. Made from 100% Sauvignon Blanc, this wine has all the hallmark freshness and citrus fruit that you would expect from the area. But it has a riper richness, too – a fuller mouth feel than many wines of the region, with notes of tropical fruit such as pineapple and passion fruit.
- Domaine des Deux Roches Pouilly-Fuisse, Vieilles Vignes 2015** €24
REGION: Burgundy, France GRAPE: Chardonnay
Pale gold in colour (with green highlights), the wine's nose expresses a mineral complexity, white flowers and beautiful fruits. The mouth is well balanced, structured and round with generosity. With its toasty notes coming from time in the barrel, it is never overbearing.
- Mucyn Les Charmeuses, Crozes Hermitage Blanc 2016** €17
REGION: Rhone, France GRAPES: Marsanne, Roussanne.
While most wines from Crozes Hermitage are red, here is an example of the lovely whites that are also produced there in small quantities. Made from the classic Rhone grape varieties Marsanne and Roussane, the wine is quite round and full on the palate, with soft flavours of apricot and pears.
- Domaine Rives-Blanques 2015** €16
REGION: IGP Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France GRAPES: Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc
A light aromatic blend of Chardonnay and Chenin. The baby brother to the Limoux from Rives Blanques this wine offers delicate autumnal fruit characters, fabulous minerality and a refreshing zesty finish.
- Vignerons de Buxy Tete de Cuvee 2015, AOC Montagny 1er Cru** €21
REGION: Burgundy, France GRAPE: Chardonnay
Here is a beautifully rounded oaked Chardonnay from premier cru vineyards. A subtle nose – as far away as you could possibly get from Aussie or Californian oaked Chardonnays. On the palate, there are flavours of orange/lemon peel and pineapple, allied to the gentle butteriness that is so typical of Chardonnay. The wine is hitting its peak right now, having benefitted from a few years of bottle age.
- Domaine des Malandes Chablis 2016** €19
REGION: Burgundy, France GRAPE: Chardonnay
The wine is bone dry with a crisp, refreshing minerality and is packed with lots of ripe lemons, grapefruits and green apples. Secondary characteristics of honey and beeswax entice the senses and make this an absolute pleasure to drink.
- Berthelemot Meursault 2016** €38
REGION: Burgundy, France GRAPE: Chardonnay
A classic white Burgundy made by a star producer in this grand dame of an appellation. Coming from Chardonnay vines aged between 20-40 years, the wine shows great balance – marrying the buttery, rounded characteristics you expect from Chardonnay with a refreshing streak of minerality.

Red Wines

- Clos de Lilas 2011, Montagne-Saint-Emilion** €14
REGION: AOP Montagne-Saint-Emilion, Bordeaux, France GRAPES: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc
The generous, rich bouquet is redolent of blackcurrant and redcurrant, combined with almost floral touches and a hint of juniper. Rounded at the attack, the palate reveals elegant femininity, with silky tannins and a lingering finish.
- Chateau La Croix de Roche 2015** €14
REGION: AOP Bordeaux supérieur, Bordeaux, France GRAPES: Merlot, Petit Verdot, Carmenere, Malbec
Chateau La Croix de Roche is owned by Isabelle and Francois Maurin, along with their son Raphael and produce high quality organic wines. The domain is set over 20 hectares of South Eastern facing vineyards on the right bank of Bordeaux. Concentrated flavours of leather, spice and savoury tones.
- Michelas Saint Jemms Signature Crozes Hermitage 2016** €15
REGION: Crozes Hermitage, Rhone, France GRAPE: Syrah (aka Shiraz)
Made from 100% Syrah grapes in the northern Rhone Valley. This unoaked wine succeeds in marrying the traditional peppery spiciness of the Syrah grape with softer, rounder, dark berry fruit flavours.
- Domaine Ghislain Kohut Marsannay, 'les Champs Perdrix' 2012** €24
REGION: Marsannay, Burgundy, France GRAPE: Pinot Noir
From the up-and-coming Marsannay appellation, this wine offers classic Pinot Noir characteristics, along with a concentration that is often lacking from this end of Burgundy. With a few years under its belt now, it's really starting to hit its stride.
- Fourmone 'La Poete' Vacqueyras 2016** €14
REGION: Vacqueras, Rhone, France GRAPES: Grenache, Syrah
On the nose it has mentholated notes with a feeling of freshness and leather and mocha perfume. On the palate there are red and black fruit aromas and subtle tannins. This is a greedy and persistent wine.
- Domaine Jean Guiton, Savigny Les Beaune 1er Cru 2014** €27
REGION: Burgundy, France GRAPE: Pinot Noir
Guillaume Guiton, after studies in Beaune and an apprenticeship in Burgundy and Australia, is now in charge of the domaine founded 35 years ago by his father, Jean. Since he took over in 2005, he has earned rave reviews from Jancis Robinson and La Revue du Vin de France. The Savigny has a lovely ruby colour, with a bright nose of red cherries. A palate of lovely pure fruit, real definition and a streak of freshness.
- Chateau Mont-Redon, Chateauneuf-du Pape 2007** €30
REGION: Rhone, France GRAPES: Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre
A Southern French classic from this hugely-respected, family-owned estate (sold in the UK by the Wine Society). Look for lots of husky spicy notes and warm ripe fruits – a great gulp of southern sunshine in a bottle. With a few years under its belt now, the tannins have softened beautifully and the finish is long.
- Produttori di Barbaresco – Barbaresco 2008** €32
REGION: Piemonte, North Western Italy GRAPE: Nebbiolo
Barbaresco is a village southeast of Turin, whose wines must be made with the Nebbiolo grape. This wine is produced by the local cooperative, but forget any notions of mass-produced plonk, these guys are artisans of the highest order. Flavours of spices, pepper and black cherries are present on the nose and palate. Powerful, firm yet elegant.
- Bodegas las Orcas "Decenio", Rioja Reserva 2012** €14
REGION: Rioja, North Eastern Spain GRAPE: Tempranillo
This is a treat – a properly matured Rioja that is softly fruit on the nose with notes of steeped blackberries, damsons, as well as earthier, spicy, smoky aromas. Without being heady and overpowering, the palate is well-balanced and mid-weight at most, with elegant fruits of the forest flavours and undertones of spice, vanilla, oak and smoke.
- "Cannubi" Barolo 2012, Marchesi di Barolo** €46
REGION: DOCG Barolo, Piémont, North Western Italy GRAPE: Nebbiolo
Barolo is the other great wine-producing village of the Piedmont region, with its appellation wines all made with the Nebbiolo grape. A single-vineyard wine from this great producer (whose roots date back to the 12th Century), the 2012 Cannubi is a deep garnet red. The aroma is intense, with clean scents of wild rose, vanilla, liquorice and spices (even hints of pine and tobacco). The full-bodied and elegant with strong tannins, the flavours follow the nose to an enjoyable finish of perfectly blended spicy oak notes.