

Meikleour Hotel Wine List

Wines subject to change

An essential companion in the pursuit of a perfectly balanced meal, we have tried to move away from merely listing wines by colour and price, as most people, whether they know their wines or not, have difficulty trying to match the style of the enigmatic labels many wine producers design. So with a little help, we have listed the wines by description. Whilst some may be open to interpretation all will be close to the mark.

We hope you find this list useful in finding the perfect wine to complement your meal

House White

- 1. Chardonnay, Katherine Hills, Australia** **£17.50**
As the wine has no contact the result is a fruit driven style full of luscious tropical fruits
- 2. Pinot Grigio & Pinot Bianca, Botter Casa, Italy** **£18.00**
Distinctive fruity bouquet, full bodied
- 3. Sauvignon Blanc, Torreon Paredes, Chile** **£18.50**
Tropical fruit aromas of banana, pineapple, young fresh, fruity, well balanced on the tongue

House Red

- 4. Merlot, Baron Philippe de Rothschild, France** **£17.50**
Displays perfect harmony, generous tannins and very ripe red fruit flavour. Cherry and raspberry especially
- 5. Raoul's Old Basket Press, Beaumont, South Africa** **£18.00**
A lovely, eccentric blend of Shiraz, Merlot and Tinta Barocca. Packed with red berry fruit-lovely!
- 6. Merlot Rose, Goyenechea, Argentina** **£18.00**
Rose with an attractive bouquet on the nose, ripe strawberry fruit flavours on the palate and good dry finish

Glass 125ml - £3.00

Glass 250ml - £5.75

Champagne

- 7. Joseph Perrier** **£35.00**
As supplied to their late majesties Queen Victoria & King Edward V11, made from 35% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier gives this Champagne its soft delicate flavour & elegant golden colour. Enjoyment guaranteed.

White Wines

8. **Gewürztraminer, Gustave Lorentz, Germany** £20.00
This wine from the Alsace region has a nose brimming with fruit and spice, and is rich and full in the mouth. Excellent with spicy foods.
9. **Sauvignon Blanc / Semillon, Chateau Billot, France** £20.00
A crisp, dry, fresh white wine that has a delicious zingy, creamy finish. Serve chilled with white meat or fish, or on its own as an aperitif.
10. **Muscadet de Sevre et Maine, Vieilles Vignes, France** £20.00
Made from the best of grapes only harvested by hand, it has an outstanding bouquet and freshness.
11. **Sauvignon, Dulong, France** £20.00
Clear and crisp with a good intensity of fruit.
12. **Viognier, Stellensbosch, South Africa** £20.00
Sophisticated, yet subtle.
13. **Rioja Blanco, Bodegas Viña Real, Spain** £20.00
This delicious white Rioja has aromas of apple, banana and pineapple, and is very pleasant on the palate.
14. **Sauvignon Blanc, Francesca Bay, New Zealand** £25.00
Wonderfully concentrated fresh crisp fruit, with gooseberries, grapefruit, lemon and lime flavours.
15. **Sauvignon Blanc, Klein Constantia, South Africa** £30.00
Wines from this vineyard were requested by Napoleon and praised by both Dickens and Austen.
16. **Chardonnay, Torreon de Paredes, Chile** £20.00
Pale yellow in colour, with hints of tropical fruits and an aroma of banana and pineapple.
17. **Chablis, Domaine de Bois D'Yver, France** £30.00
Produced by Georges Pico from his own domaine. This well made wine fruit and a lovely minerality on the palate distinctive of Chablis.

Fine White Wines

18. **Pouilly-Fume 'Les Chaumiennes' 2008, Domaine A&E Figea** £30.00
Wonderfully fresh & grassy on the nose with hints of damp nettles & a crisp, invigorating palate of springtly, flintly & zesty fruit – superb producer
19. **Meursault 'Clos du Cromin 2007 –Olivier Leflaive** £40.00
Deep green-gold. Vanilla & burnt cream on the nose. With buttery leesy fruit. Notes of herbs & tropical fruits on the palate contrasting with firm acidity a fine backbone, going to a rich, lemon-oak finish.

20. **St Aubin 1er Cru 'Dents de Chien' 2006 –Olivier Leflaive** £35.00
Immediately tempting with ripe, caramelized fruit on the nose & a finely poised palate. Restrained & complex with the richness nicely balanced by a bright, vivacious acidity. This superbly sited vineyard adjoins the Grand Crus of Montrachet!
21. **Chablis 1er 'Montee de Tonnerre' 2006 –Domaine Servin** £35.00
Situated on the hill to the north of Chablis among the 7 Grand Crus, this is one of the finest 1er Crus available. A wonderful vintage, whose elegance is allied to a certain richness & refined minerality from this great producer.
22. **Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008 –Wairau Valley NZ** £40.00
Pale green & fragrant, with aromas of fresh basil, the Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2008 shows all the hallmarks of an excellent Marlborough vintage. The intensely flavoured, mouth watering palate displays a delicious combination of herbal & tropical flavours uplifted by crisp, refreshing acidity.
23. **Château Le Thil, Comte Clary 2005- Passac-Leognan, France** £35.00
Fantastic example of Classics white Bordeaux from Graves sub region. Made of Semillon- Sauvignon Blanc. Lemon, honey and spicy oak on nose. Well rounded and rich with lime spice tones coming through on palate, nice acidity
24. **Sauvignon Blanc, Lomond Pincushion 2008, South Africa** £30.00 *Decanter*
World Wine Award winner 2008, a full bodied elegant wine with prominent flavours of green fig, ripe pineapple and gooseberry.
25. **Riesling, Erbacher Marcobrunn, 2004, Germany** £20.00
Pale yellow color; mineral, witch hazel and kerosene nose; tasty, tart more refined, sweetie tart lime, lemon and mineral palate with juicy mid-palate; long finish

Red Wines

26. **Bordeaux Rosé, Chateau des Sours, France** £30.00
Vines have been grown here since the late 1700's. It has a concentrated fruit and is profoundly aromatic. "The best rosé around." Susy Atkins, Wine Magazine.
27. **Bordeaux, Chateau Mezain, France** £20.00
A fine and long standing bouquet with strawberries and cinnamon. Rich and well balanced.
28. **Rioja Crianza, Bodegas Vina Real, Spain** £25.00
Well structured with ripe autumn fruits on the nose, and plenty of fine lingering fruit and a lively note of tannin.
29. **Bordeaux, Chateau du Taste, France** £25.00
Light and stylish on the palate, with typical berry flavour. This is a great example of a Bordeaux Chateau making attractive claret for early drinking.
31. **Merlot, Torreón de Paredes, Chile** £20.00
A smooth, rich Merlot, with strong fruit.
32. **Pinotage, De Waal, South Africa** £25.00
Typical Pinotage, without the dustiness that is so often associated with it.

34. **Cabernet Sauvignon, Palandri Estate, Australia** £30.00
From vineyards in the awesome Margaret River region this is an absolute stunner!
35. **Bordeaux, Chateau Tour St Bonnet, France** £35.00
A Bordeaux that will surprise many, with attractive lively fruit.
36. **Vaqueyras, Pierre Longue, France** £30.00
A beautifully intricate structure, with an elegant blend of red fruit and spice.
37. **Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Maison Bouachon, France** £35.00
Deep fruity notes and a spicy warmth on the finish.
38. **Malbec, La Rareza, Argentina** £20.00
Intense red wine with a purple hue, offers berry aromas like blueberry and blackberry with a smoky note. A balanced palate with sweet tannins and a long, lingering finale.
39. **Shiraz, McLaren Vale, Australia** £25.00
A stunning Shiraz! Rich, with chocolate and vanilla, and a nice peppery finish.
40. **Château Athonic 2002 Moulis Medoc, Bordeaux, France** £30.00
This mixed blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon & Petit Verdot makes for a fresh open wine.
41. **Château Moulin Pey-Labrie 2001, Canon Fronsac, France** £30.00
Still tannin but very drinkable. Light on fruit but a good tannic structure. Powerful but well balanced. A good example of a traditional Bordeaux. A bit expensive compared to other Cru Bourgeois but not over-priced. Not a delicate wine by any means but not too harsh either
42. **Château Le Thil Rouge, Compte Clary 2003, France** £25.00
A typical blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon from Pressac-Leognan, Graves

Fine Red Wines

43. **Chateau Barrail du Blanc 2005 –Grand Cru St Emilion** £35.00
A cracking Grand Cru from this fine estate & from one of the greatest vintages in the last 20 years. This is an early drinking & generous, supple & sumptuous wine that is quite simply seduction in a glass.
44. **Psi Pingus 2007 – Ribera del Duero DO, Spain** £40.00
This wine comes from one of the world's finest & most sought after producers, Peter Sisseck. Rich plum in colour with a fuchsia rim, this is immediately attractive. Gorgeous swaths of red fruit are seductive on the nose, allied to fresh violets & hints of wild blackberry liqueur. This offers delectable, vibrant fruit, intense & appetizing with direction & real personality. A bright acidity really refreshes the wine on the finish – a wine which simply makes you smile.
45. **Le Cupole di Trinoro 2005 – Tenuta di Trinoro, Italy** £40.00
The nose has sweet, ripe, warmed berries complemented by delicate animal notes & layers of vanilla cream. The palate is wonderfully fresh & enticing, vibrant, dense sweet fruit being brought into focus by a lively acidity & a heady dash of pepper. This wine is Cabernet Sauvignon based, but with a few indigenous Italian grapes – really rather something special.

46. **Mercury les Montots 2006 –Aubert & Pamela de Villaine** £40.00
This is a higher toned than usual but with plenty of its hallmark earth character that displays more complexity on both the nose & the finish that its two '06 stable mates & in keeping with the elegant & suave nature of the vintage, the finish displays almost no rusticity. Lovely in every respect, but what else would you expect from the man in charge of Domaine de la Romanee Conti!!
47. **Coudoulet de Beaucastel Rouge 2004-Domaine Perrin** £35.00
A deep ruby red colour. The nose evokes aromas of red fruit, blackberries, black cherries & liquorice. In the mouth one finds hints of wild thyme & a finely structured wine that shows very good length. From arguably the greatest Chateauneuf du Pape producer!
48. **Chateau de Lemarque 1999 – Cru Bourgeois Haut-Medoc** £35.00
Close to the banks of the Gironde, this is an exceptional vintage from a Chateau with an outstanding reputation. Sweet, black Cabernet fruit, blackcurrant & cedar with moderate tannins & a ripe finish. This is an effortlessly elegant wine & as always beguiling & outstanding.
49. **Cotes de Nuits-Villages Rouge 2006,Domaine Gille Jourdan** £30.00
This is a very attractive, inky-bramble in colour with a bright pink rim. The nose exudes intense, black cherry liqueur, mocha cream & kirsch, unctuous & seductive. This is reflected on the palate, supported by lightly-handed oak & fine mineral notes. This is a stunning villages wine from a true star of Burgundy – beautifully balanced.

Half Bottles White

50. **Sauvignon Blanc (unoaked), 2007, Santa Ema, Chile** £12.50
Fresh, Crisp and light sauvignon, from a world class vineyard.
51. **Petit Chablis 2006, Domaine du Colombier** £12.50
Nose loaded with minerals, citrus. White flower aroma, with a hint of wet stone, delightful
52. **Muscadet 2008 Clos de la Fontaine** £12.50
Dry & fruity, excellent with fish.
53. **Chardonnay, 2002, McGuigan Bin 7000,** £12.50
Hunter Valley Chardonnay, rich, oakey & varied fruit.

Half Bottles Red

54. **Cabernet Sauvignon, 2007 Santa Ema** £12.50
Dry wine with medium body, well balanced harmonious & smooth
55. **Bordeaux, Chateau Lauriol 1999** £12.50
Dark ruby colour, powerful aroma of wild blackcurrants –inky & rich and excellent claret
56. **Cotes du Rhone, Paul Jaboulet Aine, 2006** £12.50
A blend of granache & syrah grapes, it has a rich berry fruit aroma & a smooth complexity