

The Tufton Arms Hotel

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Wine List

Nigel's Selections

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Elegant Rhone style wine from this highly rated cult Languedoc producer, classic Rhone assemblage of Grenache, Mourvedre and Syrah produce a rich intense, spicy, peppery wine which is a perfect complement to our wonderful local lamb.
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A proper Beaujolais-Village made with 100% Gamay from 60 year old vines with no filtration and very low yields resulting in an intense very satisfying wine. Not the cheapest Villages but one of the best!

Country Wines

Dry White

- 3 **2017 Chardonnay, Aliwen, Reserva, Chile** £19.45
This soft chardonnay has a good balanced acidity aligned with some real richness of fruit and length of palate. Really good value

5 **Sauvignon Blanc, De Martino Estate, Chile** £19.95
High quality refreshing Chilean Sauvignon that has some length and finesse.

Rosé

167 **2019 Bella Modella, Pinot Grigio Rose** £19.95
Delightful pale pink rose with summer berries and a crisp finish

Red

10 **Cabernet Sauvignon, La Cave Cachee, France** £17.95
A good varietal with plenty of black fruits.

12 **2018 Merlot, Chacotero, Chile** £17.95
Our house Merlot that I am quite delighted with. Plums and damsons with a suggestion of spice combine in a wine of a surprising length and power. Delicious on its own or with food, take your choice!

Sparkling Wines

20 **Prosecco Ca Belli** £23.95
Beautiful prosecco, full of apples and pears with a long creamy finish, how it should be!

22 **Roland Chardin, Tradition** £42.95
High quality champagne from a smaller grower doing a first-class job that we are proud to use as our house champagne. Dry and yeasty with a full long palate.

24 **Lanson Champagne Le Rose, Brut** £52.50
Over 50% Pinot Noir gives a softer feel yet it is still fresh and complex with lovely fruit and mineral note, very good.

28 **Krug Grande Cuvée** £175.00
Exquisite quality. A blend of several vintages which has length, depth, elegance and a beautiful bouquet.

Claret

31 **2015 Chateau Larroque,** £34.95
Situated alongside Graves, this blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc has a savory typically Graves feel and won a decanter platinum award in this vintage. Decent claret.

32 **2006 Chateau Petrus Gaia No2** £35.95
Well at least we can say we have had a bottle of Petrus! This actually comes from the village of Petrus which lies in the Entre des Mers. beneath St Emilion. It is a Cabernet/Merlot mix and 2006 was a good year for the estate.

- 33 **2016 Chateau Noaillac, Medoc, Grand Vin** £29.95
Really good left bank claret, blackberry fruit, hints of violets on the attractive bouquet with properly integrated tannins, rich, rewarding and satisfying.
- 34 **2014 Chateau Siaurac, Lalande de Pomerol** £42.50
Velvety, unctuous, smooth with that satiny juicy Pomerol mouthfeel. Lovely!
- 35 **2006 Les Allees de Cantemerle** £34.95
The second wine of Chateau Cantemerle in a good year for the Chateau. Cabernet Sauvignon based claret from the left bank, honest, fragrant and savoury!
- 36 **2006 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Leognan** £64.75
Delicate nose of ripe, red fruit, discreet oak. Mature, full, generous palate with attractive delicate texture. Always good, this a very fine Pessac.
- 39 **2004 Leoville Barton, Saint Julian** £99.50
The 2004 is a classic Leoville-Barton. Concentrated, with loads of smoke, creme de cassis, forest floor, and earthy notes emerge from this impressive Leoville. universally admired by the critics and priced to drink!

Red Burgundy

- 43 **2018 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Nudant**
 £33.75
Elegant style Pinot with attractive summer berry aromas and soft palate. This is a delicious answer to the wave of New World Pinots hitting the shelves. Traditional and classy.
- 44 **2013 Maranges, Vielle Vignes, Matrot** £38.95
Southern most AC of the Cotes de Beaune giving robust pinots that offer some value
- 45 **2002 Gevrey Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Vincent Giradin** £79.50
Great Gevrey that as with many 2002's has repaid cellaring handsomely. There is still plenty of power, life and enjoyment left here!!
- 46 **2013 Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru, Domaine Nudant** £98.75
Suave, characterful Grand Cru burgundy with some weight as you would expect, at a price that offers some value!

White Burgundy

- 53 **2019 Chablis, Carre de Cesar** £33.95

Delightful Chablis mineral character here, that I always look for combined with soft attractive apples on the palate with a hint of oyster shells! It has a sophistication and length of palate that is delightful

- 54 **2020 Macon-Solutre, Seve** £31.95
Lovely single Domaine Macon as it should be and rarely is!
- 55 **2019 Saint-Veran, Michel Chave & Fils** £32.50
Good minerality with a fresh acidity
- 56 **2012 Chablis Grand Cru, Les Preuses** £65.00
Grand Cru Chablis is designed to age and at 10 years old now, this is worth the wait! Les Preuses is the richest of the Grand Cru vinyards. Which results in a delightful combination of classic minerality and the richer characteristics of the chardonnay grape, absolutely delicious and a snip at the price!
- 57 **2018 Mersault Nudant Jean-Rene** £64.95
Ripe acidity freshens flavours of buttered toast with traces of honey, nuts, and tropical fruit. Unctuous burgundy.
- 58 **2017 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru, Les Champlots, Bacheu-Legros et Fils** £64.95
Top notch, rich buttery and complex!
- 59 **2019 Pouilly-Fuisse, Les Vieux Murs, Jean Loron** £43.50
Good fruit with a citrus nose, followed by a ripe full, opulent palate that is still further balanced by a racy acidity that runs through the wine. Lovely!

Beaujolais – Red

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- 62 **2018 Domaine de Colette, Vielle Vignes, Regnie** £34.50
The most recent and perhaps the most difficult to remember of the 10 Beaujolais Cru's, however you will remember it after trying this superb effort! 80 year old vines, no filtration and minimal intervention bring a concentration of fruit and pleasure to the wine that is a delight.

Rhône - White

- 66 **Chateau de Jau, Cotes du Roussillon,** £23.95
A Southern Rhone blend based on Vermintino, rich, tropical and balanced.

Rhône - Red

- 67 **2018 Cotes-Du-Rhone, Domaine Pasquiers** £27.75
I like a good Rhone and this mix of Syrah and Grenache is! Bright cherry and black fruits balanced by lovely freshness, a hint of liquorice and pepper.

- 68 **2010 Gigondas, Domaine Les Pallieres, Terrasse du Diable** £49.50
Very highly regarded Gigondas by Janice Robinson in a great year. A proper Rhone wine, 90% grenache with real power to boot! A great accompaniment to lamb and game.
- 69 **1997, MAGNUMS, Hermitage “La Chapelle”, Jaboulet Aine** £220.00
Recently tasted by Falstaff wine magazine and given a 97! Mineral primed scent: Walled strawberry and balsamic herbs, truffles, floral. Elegant palate, mineral pressure without heaviness, sinewy, a granite fist in velvet glove, transparent and clear in construction. A tannin of almost corporeal substance, yet full, without astringency. Near the maturity level.
- 70 **1999 Clos de L’Oratoire Des Papes, CNDP** £59.50
Classic, mature Chateauneuf-du-pape from a great vintage in the Rhone
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- 73 **1996 Barbe Rac, Chateauneuf du Pape, Chapoutier** £88.50
The world famous Barbe Rac in a great year.

Alsace

- 76 **2018 Gewurztraminer, Hatschbourg, Grand Cru, Joseph Cattin** £33.95
Hints of exotic fruits combined with spicy notes. The nicely balanced richness is offset by ripe acidity.
- 78 **2018 Trimbach, Riesling** £27.95
Benchmark riesling from Alsace’s finest, possibly “de rigour” with David’s smoked salmon and gravadlax

Loire

- 82 **2018 Pouilly-Fume, Domaine Bruno Blondelet,** £32.95
Fresh, aromatic fruit on the nose with soft, lively depth of fruit on the palate. Really good Pouilly-Fume!
- 83 **2018 Sancerre, Domaine De Clairneaux, Jean Marie Berthier** £33.95
A proper crisp, enticing and refreshing Sancerre exactly as it should be!

Italy

Whites

- 86 **Pinot Grigio, Orsino** £19.95
Refreshing, well-made Pinot Grigio.
- 87 **La Rifra Lugugana Doc Libium** £29.95
A personal favourite imported and made for MW Miles Corish, this famous wine from Lake Garda offers similar qualities to a Macon, can be drunk as an aperitif or with fish, its acidity and freshness combine with notes of apricots, balsamic and almonds to create a compelling wine.

Reds

- 95 **2018 Montecalvi, Chianti Classico** £34.95
This is not cheap, but is a serious expression of Sangiovese, from a stellar vintage. 93 from the critics it is pulpy and juicy, yet with backbone and structure. Earthy, savory and typical of the best wines from Greve.

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- 97 **2013, Amarone, Bertani** £49.95
A very good award winning Amarone which is rarely seen in the UK, rich and intense as it should be!
- 99 **1995 Barbaresco, Gaja** £195.00
Simply stellar Barbaresco from the legendary Angelo Gaja. A saturated deep ruby red this is a brooding, structured yet sensual wine for the connoisseur at a very fair price.

Spain

White

- 102 **Argo Albarino, Rias Baixas** £28.95
Spain's most famous white wine made for MW Miles Corish, fresh elegant and fruity

Red

- 103 **Oscar Tobia Daimon Tinto, Cosecha, Rioja** £22.95
Our house Rioja, from Bodegas Tobia in the Rioja Alta.
- 105 **2015, Navajas, Crianza** £24.95
Benchmark rioja, lovely fruit with vanilla notes on the finish from the judicious use of oak.
- 107 **1995 Baron de Chirel, RIOJA RESERVA, Marques de Riscal** £130.00
Luxurious and sophisticated, with excellent fruit and oak, a definite mineral note with a touch of smokiness. Great structure and balance almost like a great Pauillac!

Germany

- 111 **2010 Altenbamberger, Rotenburg Reisling Spatslese, Gut Hermannsberg, Nahe** £32.50
A very gentle fragrance of exotic fruit finds expression on the palate in a successful composition of grapefruit, orange and mandarin flavours. The character of the vintage is reflected in an invigorating acidity. The finish is marked by an exquisite notion of citrus peel. A lithe and lissome classic of a Spätlese which should give pleasure for many years to come.
- 112 **2010 Niederhauser Reisling Trocken Gut Hermannsberg, Nahe** £29.95
Dry Riesling, straw yellow with a subtle nose, fine spice and minerality. Juicy, opulent, dense structure, good body, lasting and balanced on the palate. Very good, a treat not always seen here at a great price.

Australia

White

- 122 **No Stone Unturned, Semillion Chardonnay** £17.95
Good mixture of honeyed semillion and citrus chardonnay for a refreshing medium wine

Red

- 126 **Stone The Crows, Shiraz Cabernet** £19.95
Tell-tale Australian traits in the glass - inviting, warm and spicy, this Shiraz based wine delivers on all points.

- 127 **2010 Harewood Estate, Shiraz Cabernet** £27.85
An aged, rich fruit driven wine in a successful year for the estate, it has rewarded cellaring, a very satisfying drink.

- 128 **1998 Wynns Michael Shiraz** £88.95
*Iconic Coonawarra **** estate with exceptionally long living Shiraz. I have cellared this wine for over 15 years, and it is worth the wait! An opulent nose of heady spices and ripe fruit: blackberries and mulberry. Wonderful intensity and complexity it was the star of a recent tasting. Good value.*

- 129 **2008 Harewood Estate Shiraz** £29.95
Lovely aged Shiraz in a good year for Western Australia, nearly all these wines are drunk too quickly and patience has been rewarded!!!

- 130 **1996 Hill of Grace Shiraz, Henschke, Barossa** £575.00
Hill of Grace is a unique delineated single historic vineyard. Planted in the 1860s by an ancestor, Nicolaus Stanitzki. This is probably the best Hill of Grace produced to date. Opaque crimson mauve colour. The nose displays aromas of dusty mint, spice, and a touch of leather. The palate is filled with superb ripe fruit. Raspberries, blueberries, vanilla, confectionary and spice fill every corner of the mouth and are amplified by fine, dry tannins, followed by a very long lingering, blackberry, liquorice, spice aftertaste. Bought direct from the Henschke cellars.

- 131 **2006 The Ironstone Pressings d'Arenberg, McLaren Vale**
£59.95
Rated 93 by Robert Parker "The 2006 The Ironstone Pressings Grenache (70%)-Shiraz (25%)-Mourvedre (5%) offers a complex nose of cedar, leather, espresso, spice box, violets, black cherry, and blueberry compote. On the palate it offers up gobs of spicy, savory fruit, lovely integration of oak, tannin, and acidity, and a 45-second finish. Drink it from 2013 to 2026".

South Africa

White

- 142 Chenin Blanc, Cherry Tree, Western Cape, South Africa** £19.95
A wine for all palates that goes well with most foods.
- 143 2019 Chenin Blanc, Windmeul Winery** £24.95
Gorgeous Chenin, not my favorite grape, but this made me change my mind! Refreshing, full, and satisfying all in one glass!

Red

- 147 2019 Pinotage, Windmeul Winery,** £24.95
This is a medium to full-bodied red with an approachable earthy berry fruit and ripe damson aromas that lead to a soft styled palate of real character.

New Zealand

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- 154 2012 Te Motu, Kokoro** £69.95
This cult "claret" style, merlot dominated wine has a 94 score from New Zealand critic Bob Campbell and is a sign of the changing times in the wine world where a more open mind is now required to not miss out on some very worthy wines. This is intense, long, elegant, and not immediately New World but with a lovely but not overstated fruit. Very satisfying!

Chile

White

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Good value dry, grassy, fresh gulpable, refreshing Chilean Sauvignon.
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Again lovely wine making! This is reminiscent of a Sancerre to me, herbaceous notes of elderflower blossom with a good balance of length, acidity and mineral complexity.

Red

- 158 **2016 Gran Riserva, Sibaris, Pinot Noir, Undurraga,** £25.95
A revelation! A serious Pinot Noir that is Cotes de Nuits in character, lovely red fruits with good tannins and structure giving an elegant wine that is recommended.
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The terroir range, small vineyards carefully chosen and researched give New World wines that are not in your face, subtle and classy, spring to mind. This wine has aged beautifully and is now soft, elegant and mature, a real pleasure!
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Argentina

Red

- 163 **2019 Malbec,** £25.95
Intense colour with sweet aromas of blackberries and plums. Simply lovely, a really vibrant mouthful!

Rosé Wines

- 164 **2019 Rioja Rosado Real de a Ocho,** £26.95
This vibrant, refreshing and complex rosé from the high-altitude hills of Rioja Alta offers aromas of cherries and wild strawberries coupled with flavours of redcurrant and pomegranate. Really good.
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- 168** **2004 Chateau du Gaby, Canon Fronsac** £79.50
Lovely long living Merlot dominated claret in a traditional claret lover’s vintage.

Dessert Wines

- 181** **1994 Cru Barrejats, Sauternes, Barsac** £49.95
Consistent benchmark Barsac from a good year for the property.
- 184** **1989 Château Guiraud, Cru Classé, Sauternes** £135.00
Profound botrytis character. Full bodied, rich, ripe, caramel/apricot aromas and flavours.

Port

- 187** **2005 Quinta do Buceiro, Vintage Port** £47.50
A ripe fleshy vintage, starting to show well
- 188** **1983 Gould Campbell, Vintage Port** £69.95
Very fine vintage port, a 92 from the critics in a noted year for the estate

Half Bottles White

- 191 **Chateau Olivier Blanc, Grands Cru, Pessac-Leognan, France** **£24.50**
Classic white Graves in a very good year that is drinking beautifully now, 75% Sauvignon gives some juicy fruit to go with all the structure and precision. Really good.
- 192 **2012 Maximin Grunhauser Abtsberg, Kabintt, Riesling,** **£24.95**
As has been the case for years, this light-footed Ruwer Grand Cru is one of the best and finest Kabinett's. Very pure, with a spicy scent of peanut shells and ripe yellow apple. Clean on the palate, elegant, mineral and juicy. Exceedingly exciting and finishing with a complex, long-lasting reverberation. Medium with a salty minerality and right in its drinking window. A pleasure to have listed a wine that deserves to escape out of Germany!!

Half Bottles Red

- 195 **2015 Chateau Ramafort, Cru Bourgeois, Medoc** **£19.45**
From a wonderful 13th Century estate, this wine is a classic mix of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, as is the juicy blackcurrant fruit mixed with the softer richer, fruit from the Merlot A very successful vintage for the estate with a 17/20 from JR. Enjoy!
- 196 **2015 Montepulciano D'Abruzzo, Podere** **£10.95**
Decent Montepulciano from a good year, lighter and pleasing