

Please enjoy my carefully selected choice of wines from around the world as you dine on authentic Italian cuisine at our award-winning restaurant, Il Mare. In making this selection, I have tried to include something to suit all tastes.

Whether you are a wine connoisseur or a novice with an appetite for knowledge, I would be delighted to lead you on a world tour of the vines, unravelling the secrets behind what makes a great wine, recommending food pairings and, I hope, satisfying your passion for wine. If you would like to share with me your passion for wine or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Ajith Ishantha Wine Guru



THE VINE CHRONICLES

CHARDONNAY

Wines made from Chardonnay are finely textured, beautifully aromatic, long on the finish, and ages particularly well. Their bouquet is dominated by hazelnut, honey and hawthorn or acacia, usually underlined by notes of butter, brioche and toast. Chardonnay often displays lively scents of ripe lemons, tropical fruit, especially pineapple and melon in Australia.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Possesses a very characteristic aroma, best described as lemon, grapefruit, Muscat, peach, blackcurrant bud, linden, passionfruit, fresh-cut grass, gooseberries or boxwood. Sauvignon is the king of dry white wines of Bordeaux where it contributes its acidity and freshness to blend with Semillon and Muscadelle.

RIESLING

Riesling wines may be dry or sweet but they are always full-bodied, well-structured and aromatic. Their delicate, distinguished aromas are composed of subtle notes of lemon, Muscat and spices. One of the most distinct features of older Riesling is the smell of petrol. Riesling demi-sec and sweet wines are teeming with grapefruit and orange notes after some time in the bottle.

PINOT GRIS

This wine aroma is often spicy and honeyed with floral and fruity notes such as pear and apple, and usually a hint of mushroom. The Pinot Grigio style of Italy is a light-bodied, often lean wine that is light in colour with occasional spritzy flavours that can be crisp and acidic.

VIOGNIER

Viognier wines are golden, dry, soft and full, with an extremely rich nose of Muscat, apricot, acacia, honey and violet. The white grape alone gives rise to Condrieu wines and blended with the red grape, Syrah, to make Côte Rôtie.

GEWÜRZTRAMINER

An extremely aromatic wine, its most frequent notes are lychee, rose and clove. Late harvested Gewürztraminer wines can present scents of apricot, peach, tropical and candied fruit.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon is rich in tannin and colour, giving the wine solidity and wonderful cellaring potential. The well-known Haut Medoc grape is remarkably well-structured and elegant, displaying intense aromatic complexity. Young wines smell of red fruit – blackcurrant, raspberry and sometimes, bilberry in particularly sunny years. As the wine matures in new oak barrels, it becomes suppler and can develop superb such as coffee, caramel and dark chocolate.

MERLOT

Merlot wine aromas are plums, fruitcake, leathery, gamey and meaty. The tannins may be softer and lesser-bodied than the Cabernet. Other characteristics may be blackcurrant, spice and coffee. Often blended with other Bordeaux varieties, this grape is softer with less stringent tannins.

SYRAH/SHIRAZ

The wine from Shiraz is powerful and full-bodied, with concentrated aromas like raspberry, blackberry, liquorice, black pepper, plum, spice and prunes. With maturation, added complexity and further interesting earthy notes of wet leather, game flavours and aromas often become present.

PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noir wines are light in tannins, possessing aromas and flavours of strawberry, cherry, plum, raspberry, mushroom and beetroot. Red berry characteristics become more prominent as the ripeness of fruit increases. Other notable flavours on further maturation include earthiness, barnyard, straw, spice and nuttiness.

ZINFANDEL

The wine tends to exhibit a dark purple hue with hints of strawberry, plum, raisin, spice, leather and tar. Zinfandel has a mouth-filling characteristic that is sometimes described as being jammy or chewy. The wine colour is deep red, bordering on black. This is a spicy, peppery wine with a hint of fruity flavour. Berries or dark cherries are often the taste range but these characteristics intensity may vary.

CHAMPAGNE	
VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE	
Dom Pérignon Brut, France, 2013	325,000
Pol Roger Vintage Brut, France, 2016	105,000
NON-VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE	
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Brut, France	82,000
Moet & Chandon Brut Imperial, France	71,000
Laurent-Perrier La Cuvee Brut, France	71,500
Pol Roger Brut Reserve, France	67,500
Taittinger Brut Reserve, France	52,500
ROSÉ CHAMPAGNE	
Dom Perignon Brut Rosé, France, 2004	470,000
Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rose Brut, France, NV	122,000
Taittinger Brut Prestige Rose, France, NV	65,000
SPARKLING WINE	
Santa Margherita Brut, Prosecco Superiore di Valdobbiadene, DOCG, Veneto, Italy, NV	22,000
Sacchetto Spumante Brut Rosé DOC, Veneto, Italy, NV	14,500
Pares Balta Cava Brut, Catalonia, Spain, NV	14,000





WHITE WINE		Wine Spectator
FRANCE	9	
Puligny Montrachet AOC, Olivier Leflaive, Côte de Beaune, Burgundy, 2014, 2011	132,000	AWARD
Joseph Drouhin 'Drouhin-Vaudon', Chablis Premier Cru, AOC, Burgundy, 2018	51,000	EXCELLENCE
Maison Louis Jadot Chablis, AOC, Burgundy, 2021	46,000	2022
William Fevre Chablis, Burgundy, 2020	40,000	
Pascal Jolivet, AOC, Sancerre Blanc, Loire, 2020	39,000	
Gewürztraminer, AOC, La Classique Leon Beyer, Alsace, 2015, 2018	40,000	
Pouilly-Fuisse, AOC, Bouchard Aîné & Fils Mâconnais, Burgundy, 2018, 2019	43,500	
Albert Bichot Macon-Village, AOC, Burgundy, 2020	23,000	
Hugel & Fils Riesling Classic, AOC, Alsace, 2022	25,000	
Hugel & Fils Classic, Gewurztraminer, AOC, Alsace, 2018	24,000	
Bordeaux Blanc, AOC, Robert Giraud La Collection, Bordeaux, 2016	14,200	
Muscadet Marcel Martin, AOP, Sevre-et-Maine, Sur Lie, Loire Valley, 2021	10,500	
AUSTRIA		
Singing by LAURENZ V. Gruner Veltliner, Niederosterreich, 2021	21,500	
SPAIN	,	
Bodegas Bilbainas Vina Pomal Blanco, DOC, Rioja, 2020	21,000	
Torres Vina Sol Parellada, DO, Penedes, 2019, 2021	11,750	

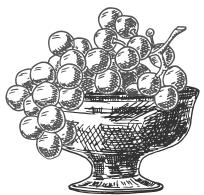
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ITALY		AWARD
Alois Lageder Lowengang, IGT, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2020	74,500	OF EXCELLENCE
Alois Lageder, Sauvignon Blanc, DOC, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2021	29,000	2022
Marchesi Frescobaldi Castello di Pomino Bianco, DOC, Tuscany, 2021	21,500	LOLL
Zenato Lugana di San Benedetto, DOC, Lugana, 2021	20,500	
Santa Margherita, Pinot Grigio Valdadige, DOC, Trentino-Alto Adige, 2020, 2021	20,500	
Marchesi Antinori, Villa Antinori Bianco, IGT, Tuscany, 2022	16,000	
Marchesi Frescobaldi 'Remole', Bianco, IGT, Toscana, 2021	18,000	
Ruffino, Orvieto Classico, DOC, Umbria, 2018, 2019	15,000	€ 88
Bottega, Soave Classico, DOC, Veneto, 2021	15,000	
Marchesi Antinori, Santa Cristina Bianco, IGT, Tuscany, 2022	14,000	A wind
Villa Cardini, Garganega - Trebbiano, DOC, Veneto, 2021	12,000	PHONE CONTRACTOR
ARGENTINA		
Familia Zuccardi 'Zuccardi Serie A', Torrontes, 2021	15,500	
Fuzion Chenin Blanc - Chardonnay Mendoza, 2019	13,000	
CHILE		
Casillero del Diablo Reserva Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, 2017	15,500	
Cono Sur Reserva Especial Chardonnay, Casablanca Valley, 2019	14,000	
Valdivieso Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, 2022	11,500	

WHITE WINE	A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Napa Valley Chardonnay, California, 2019	58,000
AUSTRALIA	
lan Botham Wines 76 Series Chardonnay, Margaret River, 2020	21,000
Yalumba Organic Chardonnay, South Australia, 2018	19,000
Sandalford Sauvignon Blanc - Semillon, Margaret River, 2022	15,500
Ian Botham Wines 'The All-Rounder' Chardonnay, South Eastern Australia, 2021	13,500
Deakin Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Murray Darling, 2022	13,500
NEW ZEALAND	
Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2022	53,000
Sileni Estates Cellar Selection Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2022	20,000
Hans Greyl Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2021	18,000
SOUTH AFRICA	

Nederburg The Winemasters Chardonnay, Western Cape, 2021

Obikwa Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, 2022





14,000

10,000





ROSÉ WINE

Chateau d'Esclans Cotes de Provence 'Rock Angel', AOC, Cotes de Provence, France, 2020, 2021 35,000 Marcel Martin Rose d'Anjou La Jaglerie, AOP, Loire, France, 2021 15,000

RED WINE

FRANCE

Château Latour Premier Grand Cru Classé, AOC, Pauillac, Bordeaux, 2004	595,000
Château Mouton Rothschild Premier Grand Cru Classé, AOC, Pauillac, Bordeaux, 2005	610,000
Château Margaux Premier Grand Cru Classé, AOC, Margaux, Bordeaux, 2004	530,000
Joseph Drouhin Nuits-Saint-Georges, AOC, Cote de Nuits, 2016	68,000
Chateau Clarke, Listrac-Medoc, 2015	42,000
Vieilles Vignes Chateauneuf-du-pape, AOC, Rhone, 2017	41,500



RED WINE	
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ITALY	
Ornellaia, DOC, Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, Toscana, 2011, 2017	285,000
Baffonero, IGT, Maremma, Rocca di Frassinello, Toscana, 2011, 2013, 2017	225,000
Marchesi Antinori, Tignanello, DOC, Tuscany, 2020	115,000
Barolo, DOCG, Elio Altare, Piemonte, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017	87,000
Marchesi Frescobaldi Castello di Nipozzano, Mormoreto, IGT, Tuscany, 2019	84,000
Tenuta San Guido, Guidalberto, IGT, Tuscany, 2018	62,000
Marchesi Antinori Pian delle Vigne, Brunello di Montalcino, DOCG, Tuscany, 2018	58,000
Bottega, Prêt à Porter Riserva, DOC, Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2012, 2015	73,000
Marchesi Frescobaldi Tenuta Calimaia Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, DOCG, Tuscany, 2020	36,000
Dezzani, Barbaresco, DOCG, Piedmont, 2018	39,000
Ruffino Riserva Ducale, DOCG, Chianti Classico Riserva, 2016	33,000
Zenato Ripassa Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, DOC, Veneto, 2019	29,000
Bottega Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore, DOC, Veneto, 2019	30,000
Barbera d'Alba, DOC, Elio Altare, Piemonte, 2019, 2020	29,000
Dolcetto d'Alba, DOC, Elio Altare, Piemonte, 2016, 2020	27,000
Dezzani Ronchetti, DOCG, Barbera d'Asti, 2020	20,000
Marchesi Frescobaldi, Pater, Sangiovese, IGT, Tuscany, 2022	17,500
Campagnola Bardolino Classico, DOC, Veneto, 2021	11,750
Campagnola Cataldo Nero d'Avola, DOC, Sicily, 2021	11,500





RED WINE SPAIN	
Vega Sicilia, Pintia, DO, Toro, 2016	95,000
Torres Mas La Plana Cabernet Sauvignon, DO, Penedes, 2011, 2012	77,000
Gratavinum 2πr, DOC, Priorat, Catalonia, 2018, 2019	35,000
Camino, DOC, Dominio Romano, Ribera del Duero, 2018	23,500
Bodegas Bilbainas, Vina Pomal Crianza, DOC, Rioja, 2017	20,500
CHILE	
Valdivieso Caballo Loco Grand Cru, Sagrada Familia, Curico Valley, 2020	38,000
Casillero del Diablo Reserva Carmenere, Central Valley, 2020	15,000
ARGENTINA	
Flechas de los Andes, Gran Malbec, Mendoza, 2017	31,000
AUSTRALIA	
Penfolds St. Henri Shiraz, South Australia, 2018	82,000
Glaetzer Amon-Ra Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019	60,000
Glaetzer Bishop Shiraz, Barossa Valley, 2018, 2019	33,000
Sandalford Estate Reserve, Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Australia, 2018	22,000
Ian Botham Wines 80 Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra, 2019	21,000
NEW ZEALAND	
Schubert Block B Pinot Noir, Wairarapa, Marlborough, 2016, 2018	40,000
Oyster Bay Pinot Noir Marlborough, 2020	22,000
Mud House Pinot Noir, Central Otago, 2021	20,500





RED WINE





Vilafonte Series M, Paarl, 2010, 2011, 2018 98,000

The Bernard Series Basket Press Syrah, Stellenbosch, 2012, 2015 46,000

Bellingham The Bernard Series Bush Vines, Pinotage, Stellenbosch, 2020 41,000



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Calera Central Coast Pinot Noir, California, 2016 30,000

DESSERT WINE

Marchesi Antinori Castello della Sala Muffato, IGT, Umbria, Italy, 2019	37,000
St. Stephan's Crown Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos, Hungary, 2013	21,000
Sandalford Element Late Harvest Margaret River, Australia, 2015, 2021	18,600



TALES OF THE WINE

Because all the best stories begin with a glass and end with a bottle.

CHAMPAGNE	7	-
Pierre Mignon Grande Reserve Brut, Champagne, France, NV	7,000	34,000
SPARKLING WINE		
Santero Prosecco, Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy, NV	3,400	16,000
WHITE WINE		
Mud House Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2022	3,300	16,000
Cono Sur Bicicleta Reserva, Chardonnay, Central Valley, Chile, 2021	2,600	12,500
Torresella Pinot Grigio, IGT, Veneto, Italy, 2022	2500	12,000
ROSÉ WINE		
Torresella Pinot Grigio Rose, IGT, Veneto, Italy, 2022	2,600	12,500
RED WINE		
Vina Chocalan Reserva Merlot, Maipo Valley, Chile, 2020	2,800	13,500
McGuigan Black Label, Cabernet Sauvignon, South Eastern Australia, Australia, 2020	2,500	12,000
Casillero del Diablo Reserva Shiraz, Rapel Valley, Chile, 2020	3,000	14,500
Creato In Italia, Montepulciano D' Abruzzo, DOC, Italy, 2021	2,900	14,000



