

Wine Philosophy

Exploration, Discovery, Enrichment. In this order, many of the notable moments in life transpire.

We have curated a collection of wines with this philosophy in mind.

Within each varietal, you will find a selection that not only affords you the familiar, but, if you wish to explore, there is a selection that encompasses the noteworthy and often the exceptional, usually at an unrivalled value. Enjoy.

About Our Wine

To aid with your selection, the wines on this progressive list are grouped in flavour categories. Wines with similar profiles are listed in a simple sequence, starting with those that are sweeter and very mild in flavour, progressing to wines that are drier and more full-bodied in taste.

Wine Types

BIODYNAMIC (B)

Wine produced according to biodynamic principles, which state that agriculture should be conducted in tune with basic forces of nature, both terrestrial and celestial

ORGANIC (O)

Wine produced by organic viticulture avoiding synthetic treatments, chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers

VEGAN (V)

Wine that has been fined with no animal substances or that has not been fined at all

SOMMELIER RECCOMENDATION (SR)

Wine selections of unusual quality and value

Wild Geese at The Aghadoe Heights Hotel

The “Flight of the Wild Geese” was the mass exodus from Ireland to France of the Jacobite army after the Williamite wars and Treaty of Limerick in 1691. More emigrants left Ireland throughout the eighteenth century, with many stowing away on Bordeaux wine merchant ships being listed as wild geese on the cargo manifests. Many of these emigrants arrived on the west coast of France with money in their pockets and invested heavily in the drinks industry in and around Bordeaux with names such as Barton, Clarke, Lynch and Hennessy famous to this day. Synonymous with Bordeaux these names became the “Wine Geese

Here at The Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa, we pay homage to these trailblazers by bringing you quality wines with direct Irish lineage.

Róisín Curley: As a “micro” négociant Róisín creates perfumed and pretty wines from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the Cote d’Or in Burgundy. She is a Master of Wine who resides in both the Burgundy region and Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo!

400 Roisin Curley Saint Romain Blanc **120.00**
Chardonnay
Burgundy, France

401 Roisin Curley Saint Beaune Rouge **120.00**
Pinot Noir
Burgundy, France

The company’s founder, Thomas Barton left his native Ireland in the beginning of the 18th century & emigrated to Bordeaux when he was just 30 years old. A true adventurer he founded his wine shipping company in 1725. In 1802 Hugh Barton his grandson & successor teamed up with Daniel Guestier, a French trader to create Barton & Guestier which is today the oldest wine merchant established in Bordeaux.

402 St Emilion Thomas Barton **45**
Merlot and Cabernet Franc
Bordeaux, France

403 Bordeaux Rouge Thomas Barton **55**
Cab Sauvignon and Merlot
Bordeaux, France

Sparkling Wines & Champagne



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| 100 Conti d'Arco Prosecco Spumante | 15.00 | 55.00 |
| <i>Prosecco Superiore, Italy</i> | | |
| This Prosecco has subtle white fruit aromas such as apples on the palate, it is dry and crisp with a well-balanced finish. | | |
| 101 Pannier Rosé Half Bottle 2009 | | 70.00 |
| <i>Champagne</i> | | |
| Fresh and direct nose that hints of cherries, pomegranates and red currants. It compliments a full body and a perfect balance on the nose. | | |
| 102 Pannier Brut NV | 23.00 | 115.00 |
| <i>Champagne</i> | | |
| Perfect alliance of the three Champagne grape varieties, this fresh and harmonious champagne combines subtle notes of brioche, pastries and acacia flowers with fresh fruit aromas. | | |
| 103 Deutz, Brut Rosé | | 120.00 |
| <i>Champagne</i> | | |
| A delicate cuvée which evokes summer fruits. Its delicately acidulous flavours are given depth by notes of fresh strawberries and raspberries. | | |
| 104 Bollinger NV | | 170.00 |
| <i>Champagne</i> | | |
| One of the most famous Champagne houses in the world, a delightful tippie, ready to enjoy and savour. | | |
| 105 Pannier Rosé NV | | 158.00 |
| <i>Champagne</i> | | |
| The nose is fresh and direct, with aromas reminiscent of cherries, blackberries, pomegranates, and red currants. On the palate, the wine shows a deliciously full body that follows on perfectly from the nose. | | |
| 106 Roederer Cuvee Cristal 2000 | | 390.00 |
| <i>Champagne</i> | | |
| Cristal is a prestige vintage Champagne by family-owned Louis Roederer. Cristal has a golden hue and honeyed nuances that carry on in a lingering finish. Blend of 55% Pinot Noir and 45% Chardonnay | | |

Light & Mild – White Varieties



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| 200 Masi Pinot Grigio 2019 | 10.50 | 42.00 |
| (SR) <i>Friuli Venezia, Italy</i>
This versatile wine makes a delicious aperitif and is the perfect partner to rich salads and fish-based dishes. | | |
| 201 Pionero Mundi Albarino 2019 | 10.50 | 42.00 |
| <i>Rías Baixas · Spain</i>
Pale lemon hue, crisp and dry this is a perfect accompaniment for all seafood and shellfish as well as an ideal aperitif. | | |
| 202 Combe Rouge Picpoul de Pinet 2016 | 10.50 | 42.00 |
| (SR) <i>Picpoul de Pinet · France</i>
Delicate and fresh with an excellent acid structured balance. A pleasant alternative to the likes of Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio. | | |
| 203 Old Coach Road Riesling 2019 | | 45.00 |
| <i>Nelson · New Zealand</i>
Bright citrus aromas of sweet lime and a touch of mandarin leap from the glass with subtle hints of fresh spring flowers. This light-bodied, easy drinking wine shows distinct Riesling characters. | | |
| 204 Abadia de San Campion Albarino | | 45.00 |
| <i>Galicia, Terras Gauda · Spain</i>
Abadia is such a lovely white, its nose is filled with white fruit, grapefruit and citrus flavours. No sign of oak, the wine is therefore as pure and bright as a whistle with mandarin, exotic fruit, pineapple, minerals and sea scents joining in on the palate. | | |
| 215 Turkey Flat Butchers Block White | 8.00 | 30.00 |
| <i>Barossa Valley · Australia</i>
A blend of Viognier, Roussanne, Marsanne
Rich and balanced lovely wine | | |
| 216 Masia Freye Parelada/Muscat 2016 | | €32.00 |
| <i>Penedes – Spain</i>
Bright, clear pale-yellow straw colour. Intense and refined bouquet with notes of tropical fruit, white | | |

Crisp & Tangy – White Varieties



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| 205 Les Argelieres, Viognier, 2018 | 33.00 |
| <i>Paysd'Oc, France</i> | |
| Fruity apricot and mango flavors, mixed with a whiff of Rose petals and almonds. Very juicy on the palate with Herbal note on the long fresh and lively finish. | |
| 206 Fleur de Vigne Blanc 2017 | 35.00 |
| <i>Languedoc-Roussillon, France</i> | |
| Pale brilliant straw yellow colour.
Pleasant and easy drinking wine. Harmonious and well balanced on the palate, with a refreshing aftertaste. | |
| 207 Pecorino 2014 | 40.00 |
| <i>Colline Pescaresi · Italy</i> | |
| Beautiful honey colour with a tight freshness and a good acidity. A Taste of early summer with a slight peach aftertaste. | |
| 208 Gruner Veltiner -Peter Schweiger 2016 | 50.00 |
| <i>Weinland, Niederösterreich, Kamptal, Austria</i> | |
| Delicate, fruity, and vigorous wine, velvety, strong nose but very mild and spurious. | |
| 209 Jean Remy Haeffelin Gewurztraminer Reserve 2015 | 50.00 |
| <i>Alsace, France</i> | |
| Light golden in colour with strong spicy flowery aromas. Impossible to pronounce but a wine you will not forget! | |
| 210 Mooiplaas Wine Estate Chenin Blanc 2017 | 50.00 |
| <i>Stellenbosch, South Africa</i> | |
| Rich, ripe style with tangy pear and peach flavours. A lime fruit finish makes this a very pleasant wine to enjoy either with or without food. | |
| 211 Leopard Leap Chenin Blanc 2019 | 50.00 |
| <i>Western Cape, South Africa</i> | |
| A medium-bodied wine made in a fresh and fruity New World style. Beautiful layers of sweet melon plays on the nose, zesty lemon and lime notes follow through to palate with hints of unripe tart-sour peaches, finishing with a well-balanced crisp acidity. | |
| 212 Côtes du Rhône Olivier Ravoire 2017 | €39.00 |
| <i>Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages, France</i> | |
| (Viognier, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, Clairette),
Bold notes of green apple and white grapefruit abound in this juicy, vibrantly fruity white. Concentrated but sprightly on the midpalate, it finishes on lingering hints of hazelnuts and smoke. | |

Refreshing – Sauvignon Blancs

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| 220 Montgravet Sauv Blanc | 9 | 33.5 |
| <i>Côtes de Gascogne- France</i> | | |
| A crisp, fresh and fragrant Sauvignon Blanc that has plentiful green apple, lime and lemon flavours and lifted elderflower aromas. | | |
| 221 Old Coach Road Sauvignon Blanc | 11.5 | 43 |
| <i>Nelson · New Zealand</i> | | |
| Punchy and spicy with a bouquet of tropical notes and grapefruit. At the palate entry is clean and crisp with layers of fruit and well-balanced freshness from the natural acidity. Long generous finish lingers on. | | |
| 222 Bougrier Touraine Sauvignon Blanc | | 42 |
| <i>Loire Valley Touraine France</i> | | |
| A fresh and light white wine with sumptuous exotic fruit aromas that are accompanied with a slight minerality. The wine provides a rounded and soft mouth feel on the palate. | | |
| 223 Huia Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2019 | | 49 |
| <i>(OG) Marlborough · New Zealand</i> | | |
| Intense and powerful aromas of passion fruit, grapefruit, and gooseberry with an intense minerality balanced by a full yet elegant palate with a long, lingering finish. | | |
| 224 Sancerre Domaine de Millet 2017 | | 60 |
| <i>Sancerre · France</i> | | |
| A delightful soft, fragrant Sauvignon Blanc with subtle floral aromas, persistent pink grapefruit and kiwi flavors. | | |
| 225 Cramp de Cris Pouilly-Fumé – 2016 | | 61 |
| <i>Pouilly-Fumé · France</i> | | |
| Good concentration of gooseberry flavours, quite full of balancing acidity and length. | | |
| 226 Pavillon Blanc du Châteaux Margaux – 2006 | | 350 |
| <i>(SR) Bordeaux, France</i> | | |
| Its aromatic richness and length on the palate are remarkable. Its vivacity is such that the alcoholic degree almost goes unnoticed. It pulls off the difficult feat of providing a fresh, sappy finish in line with the previous vintages. | | |

Rich & Textured – Chardonnays



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| 230 Moreau Chardonnay | 9.5 | 35.5 |
| <i>Burgundy, France</i> | | |
| Very expressive nose reminiscent of ripe white-fleshed fruit and citrus. Fresh and mineral, delectable on the palate with intense tangy flavours of grapefruit and passion fruit. Soft and round on the finish. | | |
| 231 Shottesbrooke Estate Chardonnay 2016 | | 39 |
| <i>Adelaide Hills, Australia</i> | | |
| Peach on the nose with nectarine and pineapple aromas. Hints of loquat and nutmeg. A rich and creamy palate with ripe fruit-salad flavours. | | |
| 232 Scaia Garganega Chardonnay 2016 | | 43 |
| (SR) <i>Veneto, Italy</i> | | |
| White flowers on the nose: acacia, Jasmin and hints of citrus, pineapple, grapefruit, and orange. Fresh and pleasant, with refreshing acidity and minerality. Nice lingering finish. | | |
| 233 Morgan Bay Californian Chardonnay 2016 | | 48 |
| <i>California, USA</i> | | |
| This fruit forward Chardonnay explodes with complex flavours of lush peaches, pears, apples, lemons and pineapples with hints of lightly toasted vanilla oak. | | |
| 234 Macon Lugny Luis Jadot 2016 | | 48 |
| <i>Mâcon-Lugny, France</i> | | |
| Creamy & long lasting, this Burgundy is dry with a luscious body. | | |
| 235 Bouchard Finlayson, Chardonnay Unoaked | | 53 |
| <i>Cape South Coast, South Africa</i> | | |
| Appealing notes of clean, crisp apple and gooseberries attract one's attention, but underlining we discover a creamy layer of a convincing personality which enhances the the richness of this wine. | | |

Rich & Textured – Chardonnays



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| 236 Chablis, Domaine Bernard Defaix 2017 | 64 |
| <i>Burgundy, France</i>
A clean, mineral, and perfumed nose, with flinty flavors of grapefruit. The palate is fresh and crisp. | |
| 237 Chablis 1er Cru Vaillon J. Moreau et Fils, 2016 | 84 |
| <i>Burgundy, France</i>
This unoaked style of Chardonnay is dry, crisp and firm with beautiful balance of fruit and a long finish. | |
| 238 Lupé-Cholet Puligny-Montrachet, 2014 | 185 |
| <i>Puligny-Montrachet, France</i>
Fresh and extremely delicate with lush fruit, peach, apricot & kiwi. Slight nose of cinnamon and delicately oak based. The body is lively with a solid backbone. | |
| 239 Albert Bichot Chassagne-Montrachet, 2013 | 185 |
| <i>Chassagne-Montrachet, France</i>
Rich, medium-bodied, and extroverted, it coats the palate with soft waves of sweet pears and apples. | |

Rosé Wines

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| 240 Les Petit Javelles Grenache Rosé 2017 | 9.5 | 36 |
| <i>Pays d'Oc, France</i>
A trio of Grenache, Cinsault & Cabernet grapes. Delicate red berry fruit flavours and a very fresh and crisp palate. Initial sweet fruit flavours especially strawberries turn to a dry and fresh finish. | | |
| 241 Attems Pinot Grigio Rosé..... | | 59 |
| <i>Venezia, Italy</i>
A rich, complex bouquet of crisp fruity impressions including white peach, and cantaloupe followed by blackberry and bitter cherry with an intriguing hint of wildflowers. On the palate the wine is enveloping with a pleasant acidity and long mineral finish of red fruits. | | |

Soft & Mild – Pinot Noirs



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300 Moreau Pinot Noir 2019 35.5

Pays D'Oc -France

A lot of great red wines are produced out of Pinot Noir grapes, and this Vin de France makes no exception, in the respect of winemaking tradition. With its typical Pinot Noir notes, it is the perfect combination for red and white meats and for cheese.

301 Old Coach Road Pinot Noir 2016 11.5 44

Nelson, New Zealand

Deep red with purple hues. Ripe dark fruits of black cherry and blackcurrant. The nose is complex with spice and a hint of vanilla. A concentrated, intense palate showing weighty dark fruits of ripe black cherry, blackcurrant, and aromatic red plum.

Lush & Perfumed - Merlot

310 Moreau Merlot 2019 9.50 35.5

Pays D'Oc -France

From the Languedoc region, this wine offers ripe dark fruit notes with soft tannins and medium bodied on the palate.

Spicy & Layered – Spanish Varieties

320 Santalba Gran Reserva 2007 75

Rioja, Spain

Top-grade Rioja made mainly with Tempranillo grapes, aged for 25 months in oak casks and bottled without filtration.

321 Prado Rey Ribera del Duero Roble 2016 52

Ribera del Duero, Spain

Dark cherry colour with violet hues at the rim.
A fresh nose with notes of black fruit & liquorice.

Spicy & Layered – Italian Varieties



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330 Valpolicella

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(SR) *Verona, Italy*

Valpolicella Classico, praised by Hemingway as "a light, dry red wine, as friendly as the house of a favourite brother", is made here in an elegant style full of simplicity and freshness. Made in the Valpolicella Classica region from a blend using the traditional Veronese grapes: Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara.

331 Frescobaldi Castiglioni Chianti 2016

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46

Chianti DOCG, Italy

Favourable soil and climate mean that Chianti Castiglioni is a perfect reflection of the characterise-tics of the land – a soft and pleasantly fruity wine noted for its well-defined personality.

332 Sant Antonio Amarone 2015

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Veneto, Italy

Antonio Castagnedi Selection is characterized by a ruby red color with purple reflections. The nose opens with aromas of ripe red fruits, enriched with pleasant spicy notes of licorice, black pepper and chocolate. On the palate it is warm, savory and pleasantly fresh. The wine has a well-balanced body with round tannins.

333 Castelgiocondo Brunello di Montalcino – 2013

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(SR) *Tuscany, Italy*

The nose offers fruity notes dominate, ranging from raspberry to blackcurrant, with vague hints of blueberry. Elegant floral notes emerge, offering striking and surprising scents of violet. The wine envelops the mouth completely and impresses with its balance, its dense tannic texture and its minerality, as well as its long, persistent finish.

Complex & Aromatic – Shiraz & GSM's



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- 340 Chateau Pinenc Minervois 2013** **38.00**
Minervois, France
50% Syrah, 25% Grenache, 25% Carignan
Soft light spices and hints of pepper lead to juicy blackberries with a youthful freshness.
- 341 Côtes du Rhône Olivier Ravoire 2016** **39.00**
Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages, France
A fine-grained red (Grenache/Syrah/Mourvedre), developing a pleasant mixture of fresh fruit aromas, like cherry and raspberry. Well-balanced wine.
- 342 Turkey Flat Butchers Block Red 2016** **42.00**
Barossa Valley · Australia
A blend of Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvedre
Bright crimson colour with a nose of fresh pudding mixture and mixed red berries. The palate reflects the nose, with deeper plum and red fruits
- 343 Châteauneuf du Pape Olivier Ravoire 2015** **98.00**
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France
Ruby red with beautiful purple glints. A nose of black pepper, hints of lavender & black cherries.
A palate of velvet elegance.

Strong & Noble – Cabernet Sauvignons

- 350 Moreau Cabernet,** **9.50** **35.50**
Burgundy, France
The bouquet offers a combination of black and red fruit with notes of spices and liquorice. Open and balanced on the palate with notes of liquorice and strawberry, and a well-rounded finish with hints of jam.
- 351 Leopards Leap Cabernet Sauvignon** **38.00**
Western Cape, South Africa
A firm line of intense wild forest berries, dark fleshy plums and spicy oak nuances that finish in a sleek show of chunky ripe tannins and lingering juicy fruit intensity.
- 352 Morgan Bay Cabernet, 2015** **43.00**
California, United States
A soft and fruity Cabernet Sauvignon, it exhibits aromas of figs and cherries with flavours of plum, blackberries, cassis and lightly toasted oak.

Multifaceted – Red Varieties



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- 360 Beaujolais Villages Villa Ponciago 2016** **39.50**
Beaujolais-Villages, France
100% Gamay, this wine has a radiant ruby red colour with fruit flavours of strawberries and jam-like fruits accompanied by a perfumed nose.
- 361 Blauer Zweiglet Trocken 2015** **42.00**
Niederösterreich, Austria
Delicate, fruity, and vigorous wine, velvety, strong nose with soft tannins.
- 362 Andean Malbec 2017** **11.50** **44.00**
Mendoza, Argentina
Deep red-violet colour. Rich, concentrated scents of plums and cherries with notes of vanilla and chocolate. In the mouth it is juicy, with layers of ripe red fruit, coffee and toasted flavours.
- 363 Fleurie Lupe Cholet, 2015** **48.00**
Beaujolais, France
Fleurie is a great Irish favorite. This is full of rich dark-berried fruits, it is nonetheless just medium-bodied as a Beaujolais should be.

Aristocratic & Elegant – Bordeaux Wines

- 370 Château du Moulin Rouge, Haut-Médoc 2014** **64.00**
Haut-Médoc, France
Red colour with cherry reflections. Notes of black currant, vanilla and exotic wood. In mouth, tannic structure and beautiful length. Harmonious, fruity and woody aromas with powerful yet silky tannins. This wine can be aged easily for 10 years.
- 371 Château Corbin Michotte, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classe', 2007** **250.00**
Saint-Émilion, France
Chocolate, coffee bean and raspberry aromas. Medium bodied, soft, bright & completed by sweet, fresh cherries.
- 372 Chateaux Lynch Bages, 2009** **350.00**
Pauillac, France
Classic Lynch-Bages with just a bit of extra power and richness. While the tannins are structured, it is the velvety fruit that rolls around the mouth that is the most dominant character.

White Wine Half Bottle

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380 Moreau Chardonnay 2016

18.00

France

This varietal is appreciated for its aromatic potential as well as its remarkable finesse.

381 Torreon De Paredes Sauvignon Blanc 2016

24.00

Rengo - Valle del Alto Cachapoal, Chile

Rounded, hints of citrus and peach with good acid, from the Torreon de Paredes Valle de Rengo collection, here is the popular Sauvignon Blanc.

Red Wine Half Bottle

382 Torreon De Paredes Merlot 2016

24.00

Rengo - Valle del Alto Cachapoal, Chile

Aromas of strawberry, black berry, black sour cherry, dark plum, cedar shavings and white pepper.

Wonderful earthy flavours of dark fruit then a subtle hints of wood and tobacco.

Sweet & Luscious— Dessert Wines

390 Domaine Bousquet, 2017

375 ml

60.00

Malbec Dulce Natural

Per 100 ml

Glass 14.50

Mendoza, Argentina

Opaque violet, almost black. Intense, rich aromas with blackberry fruit, blackcurrant, chocolate and coffee notes. Ripe plum, marmalade notes and chocolate on the full-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a long finish.

391 Seifried Sweet Agnes Riesling

375 ml

60.00

(V) *Nelson, New Zealand*

Per 100 ml

Glass 14.50

Luscious, honeyed Riesling named after Agnes – mother of winemaker Heidi and winery manager Chris. The family's pride and joy display complex flavours of ripe lime, passion fruit and rosy apple with a swirl of light honey. Simply gorgeous.