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GENERAL TARLETON

INTRODUCTION

The wine list at The General Tarleton embraces everything Head Chef, Chris McPhee, and the team love about wine from old, fine and rare to young, new and exciting.

Our team is entirely dedicated to exceptional wine and hope to offer a list that excites every palette.

We are proud of our collection that has been meticulously built into matching the General Tarleton's food and service with our shared dedication to excellence.

We aim to provide the highest level of service without the pretence. We want to have fun and we want to make it personally tailored to you and your time with us.

It doesn't matter if you don't know your Shiraz from your Tempranillo. In fact that is more exciting for us, and we can become your guide and hopefully share something new.

Donald Lewis

Head Sommelier

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Wine by the Glass

Champagne and Sparkling (125 ml)	£
Prosecco, Cá Del Console	6.5
Champagne, Bernard Remy Brut Carte Blanche	9
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White Wines (175 ml)	
Delle Venezie Sacchetto, Pinot Grigio, Italy, 2020	6.5
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Elysium Black Muscat, California, 2017	6
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Champagne and Sparkling	£
1. Prosecco, Cá Del Console	27
A classic Prosecco with aromas of white peach, pear and flowers. The palate is fresh, not too dry and clean as a whistle all the way through to the sparkling finish.	
2. Champagne, Bernard Remy Brut Carte Blanche	43
Lively and intense with a delicate and persistent mousse, refreshing notes of lime and lemon combine with floral nuances, honey and a touch of mint on the palate.	
3. Champagne, Bernard Remy Brut Rosé	48
The seductive raspberry nuances of the colour are enticing and lead to fine, fruity aromatics with a round, delicious palate. It flourishes with intense notes of red fruits.	
4. Moët & Chandon	55
It's aromas are radiant, revealing bright yellow-fleshed fruits, honey, floral nuances and elegant blond notes. The palate is seductive, richly flavourful and smooth combining generosity and subtlety, fullness and vigour, followed by a delicately fresh crispiness.	
5. Laurent Perrier La Cuvée	65
Pale gold with a steady stream of fine bubbles, the nose has delicate aromas of citrus fruits, underpinned by hints of white flowers. A perfect balance between freshness and finesse, the palate is full-bodied, complex and creamy, displaying great length on the finish.	
6. Bollinger Special Cuvée	70
A golden colour, distinctive of black grape varieties, very fine bubbles, a beautiful aromatic complexity, ripe fruit and spicy aromas, hints of roasted apples, apple compote and peaches, a subtle combination of structure, length and vivacity.	
7. Laurent Perrier Rosé	85
A lively, well-rounded fizz which combines structure and freshness. The forthright, slightly sharp attack is like breathing the heady aromas of a freshly-picked basket of berry fruits, a symphony of aromas with a gently-rounded, tender finish.	
8. Ruinart Blanc De Blanc, NV	95
This Blanc De Blancs (100% Chardonnay) is sourced mostly from the Côte des Blancs and Montagne de Reims, including a portion of premier cru vineyards. It has a lean, lemon and apple bite backed up by some smooth creaminess.	
9. Dom Pérignon Millésime, 2010	180
This champagne immediately imposes its ample presence, full and massive. A sappy sensation dominates as the tactile is rapidly overtaken by the aromatics. The body unfolds: generous, firm and controlled. Then it contracts, letting the wine vibrate with spices and pepper. The energy is sustained to a scintillating, saline finish.	

White Wines	£
21. Founders Western Cape, Chenin Blanc, South Africa, 2020	25
Vibrant notes of ripe passionfruit, guava and pineapple, supported by refreshing citrus notes. Well balanced with a full, fruity palate, underlying minerality and a long finish.	
22. Hillville Road, Chardonnay, Australia, 2021	25
An easy going classic Australian Chardonnay, juicy notes of peach and lemon blossom, a creamy slather of vanilla with a crisp refreshing finish.	
23. Delle Venezie Sacchetto, Pinot Grigio, Italy, 2020	26
A fresh, fruity and dry example with aromas of apple and exotic fruits, a luscious texture and a moreish hint of bitter lemon on the finish.	
24. Domaine Luc Pirlet, Sauvignon Blanc, France, 2019	26
Lightbodied, fresh and well balanced wine, this easy drinking white displays aromas of citrus with hints of blackcurrant and gooseberries.	
25 Paul Jaboulet Aîné, Viognier, France, 2020	27
Jaboulet is nothing less than a cult Rhône wine label. Their Viognier is seriously fresh and aromatic with a medium acidity and hints of peach, pear and white flowers.	
26. Villa Bianchi Verdicchio, CdJ Class Umani Ronchi, Italy, 2020	27
Brilliant straw yellow colour with greenish tints. The bouquet is fine and intense, fruity and floral. On the palate, the wine demonstrates a pleasant structure based on vibrant and fresh notes, followed by a typically almond aftertaste.	
27. Domäne Wachau, Grüner Veltliner, Austria, 2020	28
The colour of fresh straw, an alluring nose of gooseberries with a hint of green apple and flowers. Well balanced acidity and citrus fruits leading to a spicy, lively wine of minerality and elegance.	
28. Bishop's Leap, Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand, 2020	30
Made at the award winning Saint Clair winery with grapes from the Awatere and Wairau Valley. A light bodied, mouth-watering wine redolent of grapefruit complemented by herbaceous flavours with a zesty and refreshing finish.	
29. The Falcon Lake Chalice, Riesling, New Zealand, 2019	32
A refreshing Riesling with enticing aromas of ripe lemon and citrus accompanied by distinctive mineral nuances. Harmoniously balanced with great structure and a long, lingering finish.	

- 30 Serra da Estrela, Albariño, Spain, 2021 34**
A straw yellow wine with green reflections. Hints of apricot and pear, ripe exotic fruits are complemented by a lemon lime vibrancy and fresh balanced acidity. All perfectly blended together with its subtle flowery scent.
- 31. Sansilvestro, Gavi di Gavi, Cortese, Italy, 2020 36**
This crisp white wine shows incredible mineral, zesty and floral notes, with a hint of spice and the typical hints of bitter almond that makes this wine unique. Prominent mineral characters linger on the long and precise finish.
- 32. Cloudy Bay, Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand, 2020 42**
Classic, pungent, herbaceous bouquet of pink grapefruit, tropical fruit, apple and fresh herbs. Equally urgent on the palate, with high acidity and flavours of passion fruit, pineapple, basil, white peach, hay and stony minerality. Fresh, crunchy texture and a lengthy finish.
- 33. Domaine Vacheron, Sancerre, France, 2017 42**
This wine is sourced from the domain's oldest vines, located on west-facing flinty silex soils. The exuberant result is a more complex expression of white fruit and flowers, with great vibrancy and energy on the flint-infused palate and a finish that goes on and on.
- 34. Domaine Hervé Azo, Chablis 1er Cru, Vau De Vey, France, 2018 46**
This wine is an overachiever, normally held back at the winery for an extra year, it shows the captivating yeasty quality in the nose that true Chablis should have. It is both fleshy and full while retaining a solid mineral core and zesty acidity.

Rosé Wines £

- 41. Venezie Sacchetto, Pinot Grigio Blush, Italy, 2020 22**
The appealing pale blush colour of this wine is obtained from the skins of the Pinot Grigio grapes which are pink in colour. A fresh and fruity wine with a delicate flavour and an off-dry finish.
- 42. Domaine Luc Pirlet, Rosé, France, 2019 24**
A pale-pink color, this rosé offers extremely faint scents of white flowers, melon rind and orange. The palate is light and breezy, with super soft red-fruit and citrus flavours. It's easy to drink, with final hints of cranberry and orange zest.
- 43. Caves D'Esclans Whispering Angel, France, 2020 45**
Nectarine, white strawberry, and yellow raspberries fill the nose, along with cherry blossoms and jasmine. The palate is clean, bright, and sleek, with a wet-stone component and a gorgeous juicy yellow plum note, followed by a fresh, clean finish that makes this rosé such a joy to drink.

Red Wines	£
<p>51. Viña Edmara, Pinot Noir, Chile, 2018</p> <p>A seductive and complex combination of black cherry and raspberry aromas, rose petals and violets, mingled with a soft touch of vanilla and coconut. Light-bodied but rich and very Burgundian in style, with a soft and velvety texture, smooth tannins and an elegant aftertaste.</p>	25
<p>52. Foundstone Berton Vineyard, Shiraz, Australia, 2020</p> <p>This Shiraz offers an abundance of expressive aromas, predominantly of blackberry and plums along with toasty sweet oak. A generous and concentrated palate offers flavours of blackberry, black cherry and plum.</p>	25
<p>53. Prunus Dão Tinto, Portugal, 2018</p> <p>Lightly oaked and perfectly balanced, with a silky texture and crisp edge. The nose is packed with plums, mulberries, blackberries and anise. On the palate, black cherry and raspberry fruit tones with creamy and chocolaty oak flavours.</p>	26
<p>54. Domaine Luc Pirlet, Merlot, France, 2019</p> <p>Lots of intense, fresh fruit in the palate, masterfully blended to create unusual balance and finesse in a wine at this price. Plenty of ripe plum and soft fleshy fruit, with a medium body and velvet finish.</p>	27
<p>55. Tierra Plata, Malbec, Argentina, 2020</p> <p>Its deep fertile soils and dry climate create the perfect conditions for flavour filled malbec grapes. This wine is big and bold, ripe with blackberry and plum flavours and notes of warm vanilla on the finish.</p>	28
<p>56. Rioja Reserva, Dehesa de Gazania, Tempranillo, Spain, 2017</p> <p>A shrewd choice for Rioja lovers looking for the perfect mix of complexity and mellow fruit richness, intense spicy black fruit with a hint of mocha and oaky spice.</p>	30
<p>57. Olivier Ravier, Fleurie Beaujolais, Gamay, France, 2019</p> <p>An elegant Fleurie with subtle floral aromas surrounding a core of deep red fruits. The palate is full of finesse, with a rich and silky texture and an attractive hint of bitter cocoa on the finish. Great served just under room temperature – please advise your GT Host.</p>	35
<p>58. Domaine Belland, Cote De Beaune, France, 2019</p> <p>An incredibly smooth and delicate red. On the palate, the tannins are refined and lend a nice roundness to the body, elegant aftertaste. Ideally paired with fillet of beef.</p>	38

- 59. Château Oumsiyat, Grande Reserve, Lebanon, 2018** 40
 Rich and robust, with ripe red fruits enveloped in spicy aromas. On the palate, this is a savoury and earthy wine with warm and expressive flavours through to a long, satisfying finish.
- 60. Matetic Carrolo, Carménère, Chile, 2019** 41
 Fragrant and lively, with red berry fruit and hibiscus alongside mocha notes. The classic spice and herbaceous character of this grape come through discretely on the palate with a smooth and easy-going finish that remains rich in fruit.
- 61. Antinori, Péppoli Chianti Classico, Sangiovese, Italy, 2019** 42
 The wine is full-bodied wine with plenty of dark cherry and spice flavours, and lovely balancing acidity. The palate has good substance and a lingering, rounded finish.
- 62. Imperial, Rioja Reserva, Tempranillo, Spain, 2017** 45
 Its powerful flavours of black fruit, mulberry, vanilla and stewed currant float through its full bodied palate. The racy tannins provide a delicious grip, and a fine, long finish completes the sensuous experience.
- 63. Barolo Patres San Silvestro, Nebbiolo, Italy, 2017** 48
 A classic vintage, with aromas of dried fruit, roses and tar. Expressive aromatics with lots of minerality, smooth and mouth-filling, sweet tannins and a very long, elegant finish.
- 64. Château Fargueirol, Châteauneuf du Pape, France, 2018** 59
 Deep and brilliant, purple-red colour. An exciting nose with aromas of black fruit (blackcurrant, cherry) spices and vanilla. This great aromatic complexity is found on the palate, spices and ripe fruit appear with an elegant woodiness and harmonious tannins. The finish has good aromatic length and introduces a touch of liquorice and pepper.
- 65. Masi Costasera, Amarone Classico, Italy, 2015** 65
 This deep ruby-red wine has powerful, complex aromas of dried plums and balsamic (anise, fennel, mint) traces. Quite dry (not sweet) on the palate, soft and with bright acidity, the wine shows flavours of baked cherry, chocolate and cinnamon. Structured but noble, delicate tannins precede a long finish.

Dessert Wines

Half Bottle £

- 80. Château Castelnau de Suduirat, Sauternes, 2013 36**
A gorgeously expressive nose full of exotic orange and sweet marmalade alongside clove and star anise. So interesting and nuanced which follows through on the palate with abundant ripe fruit backed up by spiced chocolate and coffee edging. It's fresh but not cloying with a smoky, softly spiced ending lifting the overall feeling and taste. Concentrated but all extremely well balanced and harmonious. In an excellent drinking window right now.
- 81. Elysium, Black Muscat, California, 2017 28**
An amazing sweet and rich wine, this has a floral aroma and great concentration. It offers layers of flavour like dried fruit, honey and boysenberry syrup, with food acidity for balance. This makes a fabulous dessert by itself and is sweet enough to conquer almost any other confection although especially great with dark chocolate.
- 82. Essensia, Orange Muscat, California, 2019 28**
A full-bodied sweet wine made with Orange Muscat grapes, a rich gold in the glass is accompanied by spicy orange-apricot-pear flavors and aromas, balanced with perfect fruit acidity to finish clean, tempting you for one more sip.
- 83. Moscato D'Asti Nivole, Italy, 2020 24**
Brilliant straw yellow. The wine has typical floral aromas of Moscato, with notes of peach and apricot. On the palate, the wine is creamy and fragrant, with a pleasant fine bubble and a particularly fresh finish, ideally paired with a lighter dessert.
- 84. Masi Angelorum Recioto della Valpolicella, Italy, 2017 45**
The grapes of this wine are shrunk in the drying process to make aromatic, fruity wines which are smooth and refined with a wonderful balance of alcohol, sugar and structure. A decadent nose of kirsch-soaked cherries leads to a rich, complex palate that is full of fruit, relatively sweet but not overly so and balanced by a persistent freshness.

Sommelier's Specials

The following list has been specially selected to include superior vintages of excellent wines offered at outstanding value. Please note this list is constantly being updated and stock levels may vary.

White Wines £

Domaine Seguin, Pouilly Fume, Sauvignon Blanc, France, 2020 47

Notes of citrus fruits and exotic fruits (lemon, pink grapefruit, pineapple) as well as mineral aromas (flint) typical of the appellation. The mouth is very round with exotic and mineral notes, associated with a very nice and long finish.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru, Louis Latour, France, 2014 85

This wine is intense with an outstanding concentration of exotic fruits, minerals and floral aromas. Balanced by a refreshing acidity, a smooth finish and a capacity for ageing in bottle.

Maison Latour carefully screens the selection of Premier Cru wines that go into this wine, choosing only those that offer sufficient maturity and consistency over the years.

Chablis Premier Cru, Domaine Herve Azo, 2010, MAGNUM 85

Despite achieving Chablis Premier Cru status in the late 1970s, the “Vau de Vey” vineyard—situated in a slender, snaking valley—was given mention as far back as 1537, due to constant flooding by a neighbouring stream. The most distinguishing characteristic of Vau de Vey is its steepness. Along with its staggering 52% slope, the site benefits from a southeast exposure, which provides ample ripening in a valley that can produce colder temperatures than most surrounding areas. All this is a natural formula for a wine that showcases power and substance, and if you didn't know Vau de Vey before, you won't forget it after trying this version from Hervé Azo.

Bright gold in colour with a medium intense nose. This wine features lemon/lime, green apples, mandarin, grapefruit, ginger with a long chalky and limestone finish. Medium body with good acidity and a long length.

Red Wines **£**

Château Meyney, St-Estèphe, Bordeaux, France, 2005 **75**

One of the oldest vineyards in the Medoc, founded in 1662 with its modern history beginning in 1917 under the Cordier Family.

The 2005 vintage provided textbook growing conditions from start to finish, with very sunny days that were warm but not hot. Aromas of tar, ripe fruit and dried herbs. Full-bodied, with a good core of round-textured tannins and a long finish. Friendly wine. Nicely done.

Cornas, Alain Voge, France, 1999 **85**

The 1999 vintage produced wines of an exceptional quality. A sunny harvest saw good quantities of healthy grapes – a cause for real celebration in the northern Rhône.

Vivid purple/black colour. Rich, sweetly fruited nose with some liquorice complexity. Quite forward and intense. Good concentration on the palate, which displays juicy, meaty berry fruit. Expressive and savoury, with a spicy finish – an interesting and excellent wine.

Domaine Belland, Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru, France 2019 **85**

A surprise to some, maybe not everyone, is the fact that Burgundy's big three white wine producing villages also produce red wines. The 2017 vintage in Burgundy was excellent, providing both quality, quantity and relief for the region's vignerons after a poor 2016.

A deep bright ruby colour, with a hint of purple wine, on the nose there are complex fragrances of red fruits, undergrowth and grilled almonds. An extremely delicate rich winy flavour. Elegance and finesse are the dominating characters.

Château Haut-Bages Libéral, Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé, 2006 **90**

Haut-Bages-Libéral lies on Pauillac's deep gravel 'Bages' plateau between Pauillac village and Saint-Julien-Beychevelle – close to First Growth Château Latour, near the plateau's highest point (hence the prefix 'Haut').

A soft, fleshy, up-front styled Pauillac that is drinking deliciously on the palate, the 2006 Haut-Bages Libéral is dark ruby/purple in colour and exhibits notes of liquorice, roasted herbs, black currants, and plums. It is a sexy, round, silky-textured wine that seems something of an "outlier" in this tannic vintage.

Château Batailley, Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé, 2009 95

Château Batailley is one of the oldest estates in Bordeaux, dating from the 15th century. A 5ème Cru Classé, it is known for producing wines of consistently high quality and excellent value in a classic Pauillac style.

Bright and ripe dark fruit on the nose, nice depth there. Better still on the palate, ripe fruit, notes of graphite and spice, pleasing and giving, surprisingly crisp acidity, given the ripeness, keeps this in balance, along with ripe, melting tannins. Showing very well now, this will continue to give pleasure for many years to come.

Château La Croix Canon, Canon Fronsac, France, 1999 60

The wines of the Canon-Fronsac AOC are distinguished by their aromas of red fruits and spices and which are transformed over time into aromas of truffles. Here we can find pronounced aromas of black currant, plum, black licorice, leather and violets. Low acidity, dry and balanced tannins. A great tobacco finish, matching the nose of the wine. Canon-Fronsac wines are made from Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, the combination of these different elements gives fairly delicate wines that keep a strong tannic structure.

Château De Candale, Haut-Medoc du Château D'Issan, France, 1996 65

'Regum mensis Aris que Deorum' which means 'For the Table of the Kings and the Altar of Gods' is the historical motto of Château d'Issan, classified third growth in the 1855 Bordeaux classification. Thanks to its unique terroir composed mainly of gravels on the surface and clay in the deep subsoil, the wines have always showcased delicate and subtle aromas.

Its appearance is well bricked, with a distinctive, layered, smoky nose of dried cherries, figs, prune, and currants, along with tobacco and coffee. Medium bodied on the palate, with well integrated acid and tannins. Chalky mineral notes, and flavors of cherry, plum, currants, licorice, and black tea. The finish is long and smoky.

Château de Camensac, Haut-Medoc (Grand Cru Classe), France, 2005 65

Camensac is in one of the five classified growths of the Haut-Médoc appellation. This appellation spreads from North of Saint-Estephe to Margaux. The quality of this terroir, combined with an already well-established reputation, resulted in Camensac's inclusion in the famous classification of 1855.

The 2005 vintage was lovely and this nice Bordeaux is no exception, well done , balanced, rich and complex. The nose is full of coffee, leather, mushrooms, black current, plums, wood, medium to full body, with robust tannins, a bit spicy with notes of black pepper a great acidity and a long, dry finish.

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien, 2ème Grand Cru Classé, 1996 250

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou is a St-Julien producer that today is one of the leading Super Seconds. Ducru-Beaucaillou's 50 hectares of vineyards lie on deep, large-stone gravel beds enriched with alluvial soil deposits and with a high clay content. The wines are matured in oak barriques for 18 months.

The 1996 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot harvested from the 23rd of September to the 8th of October. Medium brick coloured, it delivers mature notes of sweaty leather, camphor, tobacco and dried mulberries with a core of kirsch, charcuterie and dried cranberries plus a waft of sandalwood. Medium-bodied, the palate has fantastic freshness with a light chewiness to the texture and loads of herbs spark red and black fruits, finishing earthy.

Faustino 1, Rioja Gran Reserva, Tempranillo, Spain, 2010 45

Intense and complex, well-integrated sweet and warm hints with ripe fruit, notes of vanilla and sensations of cinnamon, blond tobacco and cocoa. Elegant on the palate, structured and with good acidity. The finish is sweet and surprising for a Rioja Gran Reserva. There is an aftertaste of the blend of very ripe fruit, vanilla and roasted notes.

Pintia, Vega Sicilia, Toro, 2016 85

Vega Sicilia is one of the world's most iconic wineries, often referred to as Spain's first growth. Pintia is one of those hidden gems in Toro that excels year in year out and yet many have still not heard or are aware of this excellent wine.

2016 was a dry and cool year, the wine really stands out for its class, precision and freshness. It has a lovely aroma of dark fruit on the nose with a hint of garrigue and minerality similar to an Old-world Syrah.

The McRae Wood Clare Valley, Shiraz, Australia, 2014 65

Jim Barry from South Australia's Clare Valley makes some of the country's best Shiraz wines. Matches gutsy lamb or beef stews. Highly perfumed and floral aromas of cardamom, rose petals and fennel seed. The palate has flavours of spearmint, boysenberry, plums and black cherries. Fine grained tannins are skilfully balanced with vivacious acidity and a velvety finish.

Clos de Menuts, St Emilion Grand Cru, 2010, MAGNUM 95

The year 2010 is proving to be an exceptional year with superb wines with great power balanced by acidity and tannin although some wines are very alcoholic and thus controversial.

Deep plum centre, starting to pink at the rim, soy, beef extract even marmite on the nose, leathery, this is quite complex and evolved on the nose, the savoury over hauling the fruit at present, chocolate cherry coming through, still quite tight in the mid palate but easing up round the edges, peppery, still quite lean, but powerful. Exceptional value for a Magnum.

Domaine Du Grand Mayne Cuvée Millennium, Côtes De Duras, 2000 (DOUBLE MAGNUM) 195

A stunning vintage which produced great wines with opulent character, freshness and purity from every red Bordeaux wine appellation. This is the type of vintage Bordeaux lovers can never have enough of in their cellars

This wine is made with a longer skin maceration and higher fermentation. This merlot and cabernet sauvignon is ready for drinking now, ideally paired with juicy red meats.

Marques De Murrieta Ygay Rioja, Reserva, Spain, 2001, 27 LITRE 1,750 GOLIATH

The legendary Ygay property is located at an altitude of 500m in the heart of the Rioja Alta.

The 2001 is a blend of 93% Tempranillo and 7% Mazuelo. After fermentation in stainless steel the wine has been allowed to age in barrique for 31 months, of which nearly a third has been spent in new barrels. To complement this generous intervention is the natural benevolence of the vintage, which has resulted in 2001 being hailed as great, greater indeed than the excellent years in the mid 90s.

The impressive 2001 Ygay Reserva exhibits a dense ruby/plum colour as well as a big, spicy nose revealing loads of cassis, liquorice, and a hint of tobacco. With beautiful texture, outstanding purity, and medium to full body.

Although no one quite knows why larger format wine bottles are given biblical names, Goliath, of course, refers to the giant Philistine warrior that a young David had to face in the famous story from the Bible. David defeats the giant with a single stone (and then cuts off his head).

Please provide 24 hours notice.

Dessert Wines and Port

Château Doisy-Védrines 1996, Sauternes (*Half Bottle*) 72

Château Doisy-Védrines, the largest of the Doisy estates and a 2^{ème} Cru Classé Barsac property which has been owned by the Castéja family since 1946. The family also own Batailley and Trotte Vieille.

1996 was a high quality vintage with rich and concentrated wines. A stunning sauternes which is floral on the bouquet with ripe Satsumas, burnt honey and caramelized pear, very smooth and luscious, perfect with blue cheese.

Château Rieussec, 1er Grand Cru, Sauternes, France, 2007 (*Half Bottle*) 94

This vintage is at a wonderful stage of maturity with freshness energy and complexity all coming together. On the nose you will find apricot, honeysuckle, fig and caramel with lime peel and marmalade. The palate has great texture and presence with invigorating acidity and a long layered finish. This superb 1er Grand Cru Sauternes is drinking brilliantly now.

Quarles Harris 1977 Vintage Port 145

Quarles Harris is one of the oldest Port Houses. It was established in 1680 by Thomas Dawson and, over three centuries, has built an outstanding reputation for the quality of its Ports. There are written records dating back to 1689 for a shipment of 98 pipes of Port, which is the oldest recorded shipment by a firm still trading today.

Quarles Harris 1977 Vintage Port is perfect for drinking now and is a great example of what a fully mature Vintage Port should be. Drink now to 2030

Healthy ruby with a brick rim. Quite subtle already, there is some perceptible evolution of colour and flavour here. Mineral rather than fruit flavours dominate. Very big and full. This wine delivers a pretty good combination of power, interest and, especially, sweetness.