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Provence Perfection

Start your summer here, with our brand-new, pale pink, Tanners Provence Rosé!



View of Château Pas du Cerf in La Londe-les-Maures, Provence

If you have tasted a Tanners own label wine before, you will know the outstanding quality-to-value ratio they offer. We put enormous effort into sourcing these; not only does the wine need to taste great, but it must also be made by a first-class winemaker. Our latest project has been the addition of a Tanners Provence Rosé.

The pale pink wines of Provence have been popular for a few years now, with drinkers now eschewing the darker rosés of the past. Look beyond the flashy, celebrity-endorsed labels that have found fame in recent years and there are plenty of age-old, family-run estates that offer wines of serious quality. One such estate is Château Pas du Cerf, which was established in 1848, just six years after Tanners.

Set in the heart of a 700 ha forest, the estate is run by the Gualtieri sisters: Aurore, Diane and Marion, the eighth generation to do so. The Mediterranean climate in this unspoilt valley is protected from heavy rains and the heat is tempered by strong sea breezes. The estate has been farmed organically since 2010 and has been certified since 2018, they also encourage wild fauna and flora as well as having


developed a hill water reservoir to home local wildlife.

Whether you're hosting a garden party, picnicking under blue skies or sheltering from showers, this Provence Rosé is made for enjoyment, be it on its own or paired with light summer fare – think grilled seafood, fresh salads or charcuterie.

**NEW!**

Tanners Provence Rosé, Côtes de Provence 2025, 13%

Pale and bright, this is a classic Provence rosé with expressive fruit aromas. A silky and broad palate is characterised by exotic flavours and complemented by a mineral freshness on the finish.

 Grenache 70%, Cinsault 20%,
Tibouren 5%, Mourvèdre 5%

Bin No: MP0002B25 ~~£17.95~~ £15.95
special offer: when you buy 3
saving £2 per bottle

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Tanner on Claret

My father was once walking in the hills above Machynlleth with a Welsh farmer who asked him whether Tanners Claret was the best claret in the world. He gently explained that – not withstanding a few first growths and the like – Tanners Claret was very good wine.

He had launched it in 1973 and Val Gregson, a talented local artist, created a pen-and-ink drawing, which my mother helped to turn into a label that has changed little since. The wine came from Maison Sichel (as it still does), and while Peter Sichel had started Sichel Claret a few years earlier, my dad claimed Tanners Claret was the first merchant claret on the market. Now it's an important category for merchants and supermarkets alike.

So why do the French want to hijack the word 'claret' and confine its use to off-dry, bubblegum-fruited wine that they want us to put in the fridge? I love a chilled, light Beaujolais from time to time and confess to imbibing a bit of our fun, new 'Papa Roc' red on occasion, but it ain't claret.

'Claret' encompasses everything from Château Lafite Rothschild down to humble Bordeaux Rouge. According to Jancis Robinson's *Oxford Companion to Wine*, the word has been used extensively in England since the 16th century. It has since become synonymous with structured, medium and full-bodied wines that go well with food. So why jeopardise a whole market? The answer is that they want Gen Z and Millennials to drink everyday Bordeaux. But what if Gen Whatever glugs the new 'claret' and it puts them off graduating to *petit château* clarets, let alone the *grands vins*. An own goal I'd say.

Luckily, we've enough well-loved Tanners Claret in the pipeline not to worry for a year or two. In the meantime, British wine lovers, the trade, and the press need to stand up and say, 'Go and use your own word'. And that word is '*clairet*' – a term that already exists for an unloved, unfashionably dark style of rosé.



A handwritten signature of James Tanner in black ink.

James Tanner
Chairman & Managing Director

Great wine deserves to be tasted

That's why there's always a selection of wines open and ready to sample in our branches. Drop in anytime and explore new flavours, discover hidden gems and find the perfect bottle with confidence – because choosing wine should be as enjoyable as drinking it!



Discover our
branch locations

Abruzzo Beyond Montepulciano



Tenuta del Priore's vineyards in Abruzzo

Recently, I was one of a team of six from Tanners who jetted off to the Abruzzo region in Central Italy to visit Tenuta del Priore, *writes Wine in Time Manager, Rachel Armstrong.*

Upon arrival in the Abruzzo region, we were met by Fabrizio Mazzocchetti and his wife Giovanna who together run the estate. We headed straight into the Pescara hills to visit the vineyards. The region has a similar undulating landscape to Tuscany, with a mix of soil types including some quite calcareous (chalky) plots. With 40 ha of vineyards, they focus on growing the indigenous varieties: for the whites, it's Trebbiano and Passerina with Montepulciano for the red, all grown at altitudes over 250 metres.

The following day, Fabrizio took us on an extended tour of the impressive cantina, which has undergone huge changes and investment in recent years, quality shone through at every stage. The estate was founded in 1973 by Fabrizio's father, Giulio, alongside Giulio's brother, Vincenzo, and

cousin, Antonio. But it was Fabrizio who refocused the estate onto quality having learnt his trade elsewhere, particularly making wines at the famous Cantina San Michele Appiano in Italy's northerly Alto Adige region.

Over lunch, we tasted the Campotino range. This range highlights the typical grapes of the region and is vinified in the traditional way with the fresh and fruity Trebbiano, the richer, ripe style Pecorino and the fruity Montepulciano. The Col del Mondo is the perfect summer wine made from the local Passerina grape.

On our last day, we were treated to visits along the beautiful Adriatic coastline, stopping at the villages of Pineto, Silvi and Montesilvano culminating in lunch at a seafood restaurant in Pescara. The whites were rolled out to marry up to the dishes, and they were singing! A quick hit of retail therapy before our departure – a whistle-stop and memorable tour of this fabulous region with our generous hosts.



**Campotino Montepulciano d'Abruzzo,
Tenuta del Priore 2024/2025, 14%**

Lovely crunchy black fruit, a fresh, lively palate, and soft tannins on the finish. Attractive, easy and forward with great depth.

Bin No: IR0167B24/25 ~~£14.70~~ **£12.70**
when you buy 3 saving £2 per bottle



**Campotino Pecorino, Terre d'Abruzzo,
Tenuta del Priore 2025, 13.5%**

Zippy grapefruit character on the nose and palate, with good weight and silky richness. Fresh finish, good length.

Bin No: IW0168B25 ~~£14.50~~ **£12.50**
when you buy 3 saving £2 per bottle



**Col del Mondo 'Sunnae', Passerina Colline
Pescaresi, Tenuta del Priore 2024/2025, 13.5%**

This has a wonderful silky texture with full flavours of white plums, and hints of honey and nuts on the finish. Complexity is achieved through low yields, the blend and lees ageing.

Bin No: IW0187B24/25 **£15.50**



**Campotino Trebbiano d'Abruzzo Bianco,
Tenuta del Priore 2024/2025, 13.5%**


Lovely intensity of apple and quince flavours, good freshness, with a long finish. Rich with an attractive minerality too.

Bin No: IW0165B24/25 **£14.50**



Vigna Del Sole, Bianco del Sole
Vino Frizzante, 10.5%

Soft, easy-drinking sparkler from northern Italy. Lovely peach notes with a gentle fizz and a fine, fruity finish.


 100% Glera

Bin No: FI0191B
£11.50



Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi
Classico, Pontemagno 2024, 12.5%

A crisp, refreshing dry white with richness and character that lifts it above the rest.


 100% Verdicchio

Bin No: IW0051B24
£11.95




Terra de Lobos Fernão Pires/Sauvignon Blanc, Tejo, Casal Branco 2024, 12% 

Spicy hints of Muscat or Gewürztraminer on the nose with ripe apricot on the palate.


 70% Fernão Pires, 30% Sauvignon Blanc

Bin No: PW0003B24
~~£11.95~~ £9.95
when you buy 3
saving £2 per bottle



Tanners Gascony Dry White, Côtes de Gascogne
2024/2025, 10.5% 

A fresh citrus and floral white, balanced by its acidity and exotically rich palate.


 Colombard, Trebbiano, Gros Manseng, Sauvignon Blanc

Bin No: MW0029B24/25
~~£10.95~~ £9.95
when you buy 3
saving £1 per bottle



Coração Obra Prima, Vinho Verde, 9.5%

Fresh, floral wine with plenty of zippy, sherbet fruit.


 Loureiro, Trajadura, Arinto

Bin No: PW0065B
£10.50



Torres Natureo Alcohol Free Rosé Garnacha Tinta Penedès 2024, 0%

A light and fruity rosé wine for those looking for a wine without the alcohol.

 100% Grenache / Garnacha

Bin No: WX0006B24
~~£8.60~~ £7.60
when you buy 3
saving £1 per bottle

12 Under £12

With more than 100 wines costing £12 or less, Tanners isn't just for special occasions. We have a wide variety of weeknight wines from across the world in a selection of styles and grape varieties. These are our top picks for the season ahead.


Wines for Summer Dozen

Enjoy one bottle of each of the wines featured on this page, in this delicious Wines for Summer Dozen.


Bin No: ZS2657

£131.90 £110
saving £21.90



Paparuda Rosé, Estate Selection 2024/2025, 11.5% 

Easy, fruity rosé with strawberry and cherry fruit. Soft, yet refreshing.


 55% Fetească Neagră,
45% Cabernet Sauvignon

Bin No: HP0004B24/25


£9.95 ~~£8.45~~

when you buy 3
saving £1.50 per bottle



Paparuda Pinot Noir, Estate Selection 2024/2025, 12.5% 

Fresh and fruity notes of ripe cherry, raspberry and exotic spices.

 100% Pinot Noir


Bin No: HR0009B24/25

£9.95



Rietburg Dornfelder, Pfalz 2024, 12%



Soft with attractive, juicy fruit flavours, this is a flavoursome and accessible wine.

 100% Dornfelder


Bin No: GR0010B24

£11.50



Running Duck Shiraz, Western Cape, Stellar Organics 2025, 13%  


White pepper and sappy, spicy blackberry flavours. Organic and Fairtrade.

 100% Shiraz


Bin No: KR0021B25

£10.90



Cucao 'CA Reserva Especial' Carmenère, Valle de Colchagua 2025, 13.5% 

In Chile, this old Bordeaux grape variety produces a rich, curranty wine with depth and length.


 100% Carmenère

Bin No: QR0009B25


£11.95 ~~£9.95~~

when you buy 3
saving £2 per bottle



Martinfort Malbec, Sélection Belles Vignes, Pays d'Oc 2024/2025, 13% 

Packed full of ripe black cherry and blackberry fruit flavours with a hint of spice.

 100% Malbec

Bin No: MR0097B24/25

£11.90


Beaujolais Unboxed

BEAUJOLAIS AT A GLANCE

- **Location:** Between Central and Eastern France, south of Burgundy and north of Lyon and the Rhône. A semi-continental climate gives warm summers and cool winters.
- **Size:** 12 appellations, with the regional 'Beaujolais' at the bottom, followed by Beaujolais Villages. At the top of the tree are the 10 individual *Crus*, from south to north: Brouilly, Côte de Brouilly, Régnié, Morgon, Chiroubles, Fleurie, Moulin-à-Vent, Chénas, Juliéna and Saint-Amour.
- **Style:** Traditionally, the lighter styles are made using the carbonic maceration method, giving wines with bright cherry fruit. The crus, on the other hand, are usually made in a more Burgundian style, where the best are age-worthy and develop savoury, earthy notes.
- **Grape varieties:** All three colours are made in Beaujolais from two grape varieties. 98% of wine produced is red made from the Gamay grape variety which is also used to make rosé. Chardonnay makes up the remaining 2%, which tends to be a little fleshier and rounder than Burgundy.
- **Whatever happened to Beaujolais Nouveau?** In its heyday in the 1980s, Beaujolais Nouveau Day was celebrated across the country with breakfast parties galore. The hype of those days has passed, but the release of the first wines of the vintage is still celebrated on the third Thursday of November.



NEW!

Fleurie, Les Marrans, Domaine des Marrans 2024, 12% 

Plenty of ripe, red fruit character on the nose and palate but some welcome structure, gives a Burgundy-like feel with notes of cherry and some fine, elegant tannins on the finish.

Bin No: JR0050B24 £21.50 ~~£19~~
when you buy 2 saving £2.50 per bottle



Morgon, Côte du Py, Laurent Guillet, Domaine de la Chaponne 2024, 14%

Very fragrant, packed with bright soft cherry fruit that drinks well young or equally matures impressively.

Bin No: JR0012B24 ~~£22~~ £19
when you buy 2 saving £3 per bottle

Nouveau Beaujolais

The challenge with Beaujolais is its historical ramifications, writes Robert Boufflower: you struggle to get past the idea that it is all 'Nouveau'! By extension, if you are drinking Beaujolais... aren't you a bit 'Nouveau'?

In possibly the most interesting trip that James Tanner and I made last year, a few days ferreting around the Beaujolais hills convinced us (not that we needed much convincing) that these superb Beaujolais wines are simply perfect for everybody! Names that you know, wines you should drink.

Stylistically, they fit into today's lifestyle: lighter in alcohol and texture, juicy and fruity in spirit, yet sophisticated and capable of lasting quite a few years. I was reminded that on a previous visit some years ago we tasted a faultless and beautiful 1978 Fleurie – and I'm not that old!

The mix of granite hills and some softer limestone valleys

brings a vibrancy and life to the Gamay grape, first (and neglected) cousin to Pinot Noir. Enthusiastic and talented winemakers are creating signature wines that reflect their sense of place, so important in standing out from the crowd of rather bland, everyday wines that can saturate the UK market. These are red wines with a bit of whizz, no mass-produced 'Nouveau-plus' versions, but carefully-honed reds reflecting their village. Mathieu Mélinand's wonderfully silky Fleurie (Domaine des Marrans) is on top form, the Morgon Côte de Py from Laurent Guillet as textured and complete as ever and Pauline Passot's Chiroubles, is charming and supple, a delightful new find. We could have taken more from Sylvain Tête, such was the quality of the reds he showed us. Perhaps we will, if you support us by buying this delightful half-dozen for the sunny summer days ahead!



Robert Boufflower with Laurent Guillet in Domaine de la Chaponne's Mont de Py vineyard



James Tanner with Mathieu Mélinand of Domaine des Marrans


Beaujolais Mixed Six

Features one of each of the wines in this article plus one bottle of Moulin-à-Vent, vieilles vignes from Louis Boillot and one of Jacques Charlet's Côte de Brouilly, Les Volcaniques.

Bin No: ZS2655

£127.85 £110
saving £17.85



NEW!
Chiroubles, La Grosse Pierre, Domaine de la Grosse Pierre 2024, 12% 

A pale hue, with some delicate redcurrant notes on the nose, much more depth on the palate with some lovely soft, ripe fruit and a hint of black pepper on the finish.

Bin No: JR0051B24 £19.90



Juliéna, Michel & Sylvain Tête, Domaine du Clos du Fief 2024, 13%

Fresh and juicy, silky cassis and cherry fruit, lightly spicy finish.

Bin No: JR0020B24 £19.95 £17.45
when you buy 2 saving £2.50 per bottle

Private Events & Services

Looking to book a bespoke event? Tanners offers a unique experience, whether you are looking for a tutored tasting, a tour of our historic premises or something more formal in the shape of a wine-paired luncheon or supper. Our experienced events team are here to tailor-make the perfect event for you and your guests:

- Tutored Tastings
- Walk-Round Tastings
- Drinks Receptions
- Wine-paired luncheons & suppers
- Historic Guided Tour with fizz reception
- Social events, such as birthdays, engagement drinks, social milestones
- Corporate meeting room hire, to include coffees, pastries and lunch



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Forthcoming Tastings

Champagne Afternoon Tea at A Taste of Tanners

While away an indulgent afternoon with us at this exclusive event where you'll enjoy a couple of glasses of delectable Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Champagne and the quintessential afternoon tea fare to pair with it – all without an actual teapot in sight!

12th June, 14:30-16:30

A Taste of Tanners

Bin No: ZT0516

£45

Austrian Tasting & Winemakers Supper

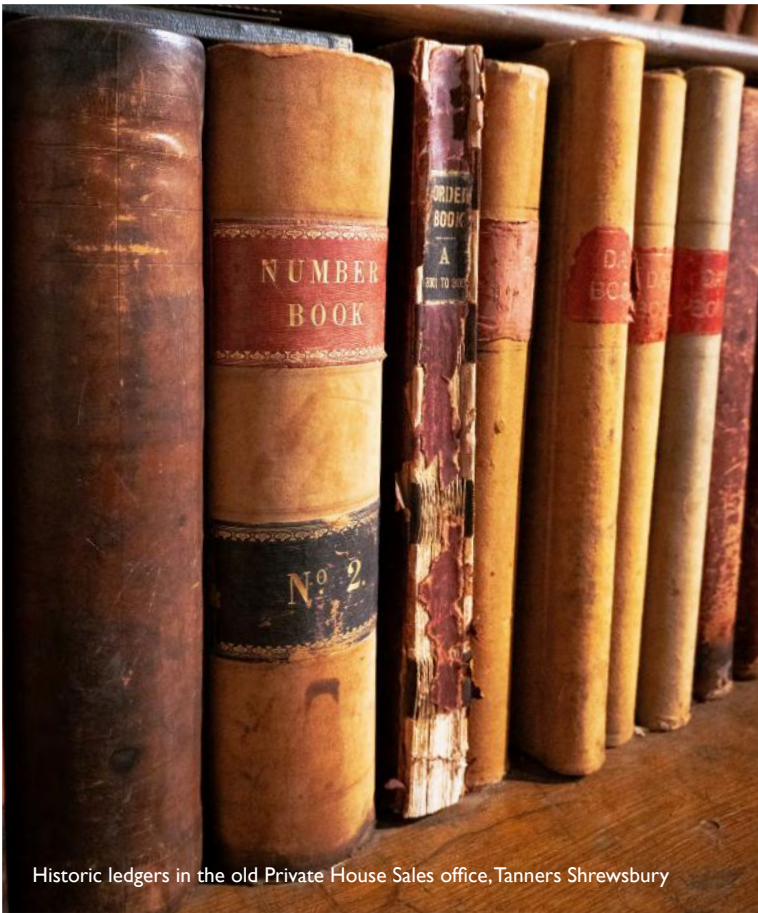
We are delighted to welcome Nina West of Esterházy for this relaxed yet informative event, sharing a hand-selected choice of four wines and the history of this trust-family-owned, Austrian winery. Esterházy has been at the heart of winemaking in Burgenland for three centuries.

25th June, 17:00-19:00

Tanners Chester

Bin No: ZT0514

£40



Historic ledgers in the old Private House Sales office, Tanners Shrewsbury

Ledgers

The ledgers here at Tanners date from the late nineteenth century and were used into the 1960s. Hailing from Pulling’s, now Tanners Hereford, these beautiful old ledgers were found in the storeroom. The lads went back to Wyle Cop to ask Mr Richard Tanner, “what should we do with them?” It was decided they should come to Wyle Cop, where they remain to this day. It’s a stroke of good luck they survive at all; many were recycled during WW2. Open them and you will find not only beautiful handwriting but listed are the names of customers, cases of claret and Port amongst other items, deliveries, wages and debts accumulating or cleared and more besides. These grand old ledgers are tangible records and working documents of the world a lifetime ago.



Alix Chidley-Uttley
Events Manager

Sly Gin

Haven Distillery was started in 2016 by Duncan and Alex Fox, and has now been taken over by Kim Hutchinson, who you will also find moonlighting in Tanners Hereford Branch.

“Since gaining a keen interest in the industry, I knew I wanted to go into the production side following extensive experience as a freelance Brand Ambassador for several distilleries. What started as a joke between Duncan and me, soon led into serious talks of taking over. I spent time learning the ropes and just knew this is what I wanted to do, especially as the brand would have disappeared if I didn’t take it on. A year later, I have learnt so much about distilling; I have no regrets and am still pinching myself – it doesn’t feel like a job!”

Kim Hutchinson
Wine Sales Advisor,
Tanners Hereford



“This London Dry-style gin created by the Haven Distillery in Herefordshire was one of the awards’ gold winners. And it’s no surprise. Plenty of juniper with notes of delicious citrus and fabulously tart lemon verbena give it a sherberty finish. Stunning.”

Matt Nixon,
Daily Express ‘What’s your tittle?’ March 2026



Sly Gin London Dry Lemon Verbena, Herefordshire, 43%

Warming and spicy with delicate citrus beautiful with the lemon verbena on the finish.

Bin No: WG0180B
£38



Sly Gin London Dry, Premium Small Batch, Herefordshire, 43%

A vacuum still preserves the botanicals producing a smooth spirit with bright flavours.

Bin No: WG0179B
£38





Adieu Steve!

Few people manage 46 years at one company, making Steve Crosland's retirement at the end of June a remarkable milestone. Many of you will know Steve from tastings and as the buying mastermind with a passion for history. Since starting as a Christmas temp in 1980, he has worked in Retail, Private House Sales and Buying, before joining the board as Purchasing Director in 2012. Over time, he has built up an encyclopedic knowledge of wine regions, grapes and producers, as well as a weather eye on label recognition. Steve, we wish you a very happy retirement.

Steve's Swan Song Mixed Case

To mark his retirement, Steve has put together a mixed case of his current favourites.

"This is what I'll be drinking over the summer. Not the cheapest, not the most expensive but just wines that deliver in terms of flavour and value for money. They are wines that have character and a sense of place, there are people and vineyards behind all of these, not just a factory-style production. It's also a varied selection including a slightly sweet slightly sparkling red at 5% alcohol, my favourite of the lot!"

- Crémant d'Alsace, Blanc de Blancs, Dopff & Irion
- Grounded Cru Pinot Gris, Adelaide Hills
- Gancedo Godello, Vino de Altura, Bierzo
- Le Pigeoulet, IGP Vacluse, Famille Brunier
- Odelouca, Black Label, Quinta do Francés, Algarve
- Brachetto d'Acqui, Rosso Frizzante, "Braida"



Bin No: ZS2654

£109.10 ~~£95~~
saving £14.10

Italian Whites for Summer

Despite their distinctive grape varieties, each of these six bottles all have a common energy and vibrancy, perfect for summer drinking. To read the individual tasting notes and more about each producer see pages 3 & 15.

- Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Bianco, Terredora Di Paolo
- Greco di Tufo, Loggia della Serra, Terredora Di Paolo
- Fiano di Avellino, Terre Dora, Terredora Di Paolo
- Campotino Pecorino Colline Pescaresi, Tenuta del Priore
- Col del Mondo 'Sunnae', Passerina Colline Pescaresi, Tenuta del Priore
- Campotino Trebbiano Abruzzo Bianco, Tenuta del Priore



Bin No: ZS2653

£116 ~~£99~~
saving £17

Resplendent Rosés

Rosés have now firmly established their place on our tables and picnic rugs, *writes buyer Simon Jones*. Aided by some celebrity endorsements, Provence has capitalised royally, and you will note Tanners brand new Provence Rosé has just been launched (details on the front cover, in case you missed it!) but there are plenty of great alternatives from around the vinous globe including from these shores. For those looking for a little more flavour in their rosé than Spain, in the form of Paso Primero and the New World, where Tom Doran is producing some super characterful

rosé in South Africa, can offer great choices. There are also fine examples from the Med coast such as Corbières, where Cendrillon makes an exquisite pink, and Sète where the uber fashionable region of Picpoul has its own rosé, Piquepoul – the former the name of the appellation, the latter the grape! The trend has even reached these shores, where Folc sources grapes across the southeast from small, family-run vineyards and blends them to create a very credible alternative to Provence's best. As we roll into summer, make sure you have stocked up on your favourite!



Paso-Primero Rosé, Somontano 2024, 12.5%

A full rosé with plenty of soft and ripe red fruits, strawberries and redcurrants. Fresh and easy.

Bin No: SP0007B24 ~~£13.50~~ **£11**
when you buy 3
saving **£2.50** per bottle



NEW!

Doran Vineyards Rosie D Rosé, Voor Paardeberg 2024, 10%

"...Coming in at just 10 per cent alcohol, it has plenty of weight and red berry flavour, with floral notes and a dry tanginess."

Will Lyons, The Times,
'12 of the best rosés to drink now',
29th April 2026

Bin No: KP0003B24 ~~£13.50~~ **£12**
special offer: when you buy 3
saving **£1.50** per bottle



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Bin No: MP0002B25 ~~£17.95~~ **£15.95**
special offer: when you buy 3
saving **£2** per bottle




Domaine La Cendrillon Minit Rosé, Corbières 2025, 12.5%  

The nose is fresh and floral with notes of hibiscus and rose as well as citrus fruit.

Bin No: MP0054B25 ~~£16.50~~ **£14.50**
when you buy 3
saving **£2** per bottle



Piquepoul Rosé, Coteaux d'Ensérune, Foncalieu 2025, 12% 

Beautifully delicate rosé with floral notes of rose petals and lovely zesty fruit.

Bin No: MP0059B25 ~~£13.50~~ **£11.50**
when you buy 3
saving **£2** per bottle



Folc Dry English Rosé, 11.5% 

Dry and fresh with an aromatic floral nose leading to wild strawberries, cranberries and notes of green apple on the palate.

Bin No: HP0009B24 ~~£22~~ **£19**
when you buy 2
saving **£3** per bottle



Can't decide which rosé to go for? Try this mixed case of six and discover your favourite style of pink. Contains one of each of the six bottles mentioned above.

Bin No: ZS2660

~~£96.95~~ **£85**
saving **£11.95**



Sauvignon Blanc In-Focus

Clean, vibrant and intense with lots of flavour, Sauvignon Blanc is one of the world's most distinctive and widely-planted white grape varieties. Originating in the Loire Valley and Bordeaux, it has since spread successfully across the world, notably finding its most distinctive character in Marlborough, New Zealand. A high-acid, aromatic variety, grown in cool-climate regions, Sauvignon is typically made to be drunk young. Ranging in taste from the grassy, asparagus style the French prefer, all the way to full-throttle New Zealand, where generous passionfruit and gooseberry compote flavours take over. Essentially, it's a friendly, dry white that goes well with food, has bags of personality and is instantly recognisable wherever it's grown.

TYPICAL FLAVOURS

Elderflower • Citrus • Cut Grass • Passionfruit

FOOD PAIRING

Goat's Cheese • Grilled Vegetables • Sushi

FAMOUS CHILDREN

Sauvignon Blanc is a parent of Cabernet Sauvignon, along with Cabernet Franc. The crossing happened naturally in the 17th or 18th century, most probably in Bordeaux.

SAUVIGNON BLANC AROUND THE WORLD

In the Loire Valley (Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé, Menetou-Salon), it produces elegant, mineral-driven wines with notes of citrus, green apple and flint. In Bordeaux, it is often blended with Sémillon, creating richer wines, where oak ageing can add complexity and depth.

Sauvignon Blanc has become synonymous with New Zealand and Marlborough, where grapes are harvested by tractor during the night, to lock in those full-on heady flavours. For a more restrained New World style, look to Chile or South Africa where zesty fruit and mineral elegance combine.

Taste the Grape Sauvignon Blanc Half Dozen


Bin No:
ZS2651K

£12.85
£99



saving £13.85



Tanners New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough 2024, 13% 

Wonderfully aromatic on the nose, with tropical passionfruit character amongst the grassy, herby, asparagus notes, the palate is elegant, fresh and fine with good length.

Bin No: NW0051B24 £14.50



Château Lafont Menaut Blanc, Pessac-Léognan 2020, 13% 

Philibert Perrin, also owner of Château Carbonnieux, produces full, rich wines with good structure. Oak-aged, this has plenty of fresh Sauvignon fruit and lovely depth to finish.

Bin No: CW0009B20 £25 £21
saving £4 per bottle



Pouilly-Fumé, Château de Tracy 2023, 13%  

Classic Pouilly-Fumé with elegant mineral style and grassy asparagus flavours. Subtle and aromatic with lovely concentration.

Bin No: LW0022B23 £29.95 £26.95
saving £3 per bottle



Merlot In-Focus

Merlot is a well-known grape the world over, vying only with Cabernet Sauvignon as the world's most-planted black grape. Generally soft and friendly, with medium tannins and a medium body, Merlot's approachable style makes it a favourite in both blends and single-varietal wines. It also comes in a huge range of quality levels from inexpensive, fruity and juicy, to some of the world's most expensive, complex and age-worthy bottlings. Its name likely comes from *merle*, the French word for blackbird, referencing its dark blue-black berries.

TYPICAL FLAVOURS

Plum • Black Cherry • Blackberry • Dark Chocolate

FOOD PAIRING

Rib of Beef • Mushroom Risotto • Duck with Cherry Sauce

THE POWER OF FILM

The 2004 film *Sideways*, was so influential in deriding Merlot, that sales across the world took a nosedive and some winemakers even took to hiding the name of the grape variety on the bottle!

MERLOT AROUND THE WORLD

Merlot originates in Bordeaux, where it plays a starring role in many of the region's finest clarets, particularly on the Right Bank, often comprising more than half the blend with Cabernet Sauvignon. With Cabernet Sauvignon's tight structure and full body, Merlot lends a hand to soften out the palate, reducing tannin levels. It predominates in Pomerol and Saint-Émilion where it is in its prime.

Beyond Bordeaux, Merlot has achieved global success with significant cultivation in the South of France, Italy (in the North and sometimes in Supertuscan blends), the United States (notably California), Chile (where for many years it was confused with Carmenère) and South Africa.

Taste the Grape Merlot
Half Dozen


Bin No:
ZS2652K

£130.45
£120



saving £10.45



Tanners Merlot, Pays d'Oc 2023,
13.5% 

Deliciously soft and fruity with lots of juicy, plum flavours. This is attractive and characterful with no hard edges just plenty of succulent fruit, making it perfect easy-drinking on its own or with food.

Bin No: MR0008B23 £11.50



Sarmentine, Bordeaux, F Thienpont
2021, 12% 

From a small 3 ha vineyard near to Saint-Émilion, this vibrant, organic red is full of round, supple fruit with a delicious herbal note. Its ageing in tank, rather than barrel, emphasises its fruity character.

Bin No: CR0057B21 £14.95 £12.95
when you buy 3
saving £2 per bottle



Meerlust Merlot, Stellenbosch 2022,
13.5%

The New World is very far from parvenu at Meerlust, a stunning estate that has been owned by the Myburgh family since 1756. Their Merlot is rather French in style with its blueberry fruit and elegant style.

Bin No: KR0019B22 £28 £25
saving £3 per bottle

Ribera's Family Winemakers

It's 9am on a May morning in Spain. There's a biting wind, and we're quickly getting chilled to the bone, *writes James Tanner*. The sun is bright and we are looking out over a vast landscape of rolling downland. It's deceiving, because here in the highest part of Ribera del Duero, we're only 20 metres lower than the top of Scafell Pike.

We're here to see **Dominio Basconcillos**, and Jairo, (the owner's son-in-law), Ana (sales), and Ángel (the winemaker) have brought us to this viewpoint to survey their vines. They explain that when the ripening of grapes lower down the Duero Valley (where most of the 'big' names are) is blocked by torrid heat, the Tinto Fino grapes up here continue their

slow, flavour-developing maturation. Back in the winery, the wines show beautifully precise fruit.

Down the road is **Abadía de Acón**, which is the sort of supplier we like. Firmly in family hands, José Carrasco makes the wines, and his brother Carlos grows the grapes. Only a smidgen lower in altitude, their vines grow at between 800 and 900 metres. In the bodega, we wander through barrels to the sound of Gregorian chants and José – faintly embarrassed – explains that their father always played music to the wines, and he doesn't like to stop! Music or not, their wines are just lovely.



Finca de Altura, Ribera del Duero, Dominio Basconcillos 2024, 15%  

Packed with crunchy black fruit flavours, this characterful blend of Tempranillo, Mazuelo, and Cabernet is full-bodied with ripe tannins and a long finish.

Bin No: SR0301B24 £25 £20
saving £5 per bottle



Acón Roble Tempranillo, Ribera del Duero 2024, 14.5%

A juicy, accessible wine displaying good cherry fruit, chocolate and liquorice notes, accented with hints of spice. This spends five months in oak which is well integrated.

Bin No: SR0304B24 £17.20 £14.70
when you buy 3 saving £2.50 per bottle



For a taste of Ribera try our mixed case, which contains six different bottles, including the two above, all red. Full details available online.

Bin No: ZS2656

£189.20 £160
saving £29.20



Italian Maestro

In 1994, at 60 years old, Walter Mastroberardino took the bold move of leaving his family estate and setting up on his own, alongside his three children Paolo, Lucio and Daniela. Terredora di Paolo was born, taking its name from Walter's wife Dora Di Paolo. Terredora took the Mastroberardino

vineyards, leaving the cellars and brand name behind. At 180 ha, the estate is now the largest vineyard owner in Campania. These wines are from single vineyards, all just a short drive from the winery in Montefusco in Avellino.



Taurasi, Fatica Contadina, Terredora Di Paolo 2016, 13.5%

A sweet cherry nose and extremely fine strawberry and raspberry fruit, reminiscent of a good Chambolle-Musigny, then full and long with hints of cigar box on the finish.

Bin No: IR0067B16 £39.40



Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio Bianco, Terredora Di Paolo 2024, 12.5%

Grown on the volcanic, seaward slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, this wine has a fresh tropical fruit nose then a very tasty, dry palate. Made from the rare Coda di Volpe grape variety.

Bin No: IW0030B24 ~~£22.50~~ £19 saving £3.50 per bottle



Greco di Tufo, Loggia della Serra, Terredora Di Paolo 2022, 12.5%

Almond and smoky aromas then a succulent, sweet grapefruit palate, but entirely dry. Greco is the grape, Tufo is the village situated in a mountainous area of volcanic soils.

Bin No: IW0031B22 ~~£23.50~~ £19.50 saving £4 per bottle



Fiano di Avellino, Terre Dora, Terredora Di Paolo 2024, 12.5%

From one of the best white DOCG areas in Italy – and a great producer – this has wonderful natural smokiness, masses of spice, hazelnuts and apple freshness too.

Bin No: IW0032B24 ~~£25.50~~ £20 saving £5.50 per bottle

Yuzu Royale

Yuzushu is a citrusy liqueur made from sake and yuzu fruit. Beautifully fresh, fragrant Ginjo sake is blended with the juice of aromatic Japanese yuzu – a citrus fruit that's like lemon, mandarin and grapefruit all in one.

Bursting with flavour, this light sake is a superb seasonal sip and something a little different to impress friends and family on a sunny afternoon in the garden. Even if you think sake might not be your drink of choice, this one is sure to be! Blend it into a summery cocktail, drink like limoncello or substitute for triple sec, lemon or lime juice for an extra kick.

At a recent Sake training session, we loved the Akashi-Tai Ginjo Yuzushu so much that we've created a brand-new cocktail, the Yuzu Royale, which is super easy to make. Simply add 50ml of Yuzushu to a champagne flute, top up with your sparkling wine of choice and garnish with a sprig of mint or a twist of lemon peel.

Find the full recipe online or pop into A Taste of Tanners in June, when it will be our cocktail special for the month.



Akashi-Tai Ginjo Yuzushu, 10% vol - 50cl
Bin No: WLI871C £27



"I love this cocktail! It perfectly balances the tart, aromatic punch of Yuzushu with the fine bubbles and toasted notes of Cava."



Amy McCudden
Digital Marketing Lead



Wines in the Press



Pacto Palhete, Douro Tinto,
Carvalho Martins 2023, 12.5%

‘... Pleasantly fruity, with ripe summer berries, a hint of something herbal and minty that adds freshness. In the mouth this hits a lovely summery place, with sweetness and ripeness, something like pomegranate perhaps that leaves it light on its feet as elegant cherry-ripe acidity emerges in a gently spicy finish.’

Tom Cannavan, *Wine-pages.com*,
‘A Iberian and Italian Round Up’,
March 2026

Bin No: PR0099B23 ~~£14.90~~ **£12.90**
when you buy 3 saving £2 per bottle




Jean Baptiste Riesling Kabinett,
Gunderloch, Rheinhessen 2022,
10.5%

‘Bursting with crunchy green apple and zingy lime juice, Gunderloch is a tip-top Rheinhessen riesling.’

Jane MacQuitty, *The Times*,
‘The Top bottles under £8 to buy
now – picked by our wine critic.’,
March 2026

Bin No: GW003722 ~~£23~~ **£20**
saving £3 per bottle



Saumur-Champigny, Tuffe, Château
du Hureau 2023, 13% 

‘...lovely, lifted freshly-picked berry fruit. Scrummy.’

Fiona Beckett,
fionabeckett.substack.com,
March 2026

Bin No: LR0009B23 ~~£19.50~~ **£17.50**
saving £2 per bottle



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in the Press Summer 2026 Mixed Six

Competition Time!

To be in with a chance of winning a harvest experience for two with Folc (makers of the English rosé featured in this edition), simply answer this question:

Which one of the following fruit flavours is Folc Dry English Rosé identified as featuring in our tasting note?

- a. Yuzu b. Cranberry c. Gooseberry

To enter this competition and for full T&Cs please visit www.tanners-wines.co.uk/competition.

The Hampshire visit for two people will take place in September 2026 and will include an opportunity to help harvest followed by a tasting and picnic in amongst the vines. An overnight bed and breakfast stay at The Grosvenor in Stockbridge is included. Winners will be required to make their own way there.

Good luck!




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