



Newsletter – October 2020

Well, here we are in October and it is feeling really autumnal. We managed to get the last of the good weather, with a fantastic few days down in Devon. Afternoon picnics on the beach and a couple of bike rides. We were so lucky to get away. It's been all go since we got back and we've been busy refreshing the range, ready for autumn/winter. We have at least 15 new lines in. A few whites, but mainly reds and there are some crackers.

New lines in stock

From France, we have 3 new lines in: a lighter style Gamay (Red) for all your Beaujolais lovers, a creamy Macon Charnay and everything you'd expect from a Burgundian white. The one we enjoyed the most was an organic white wine from the Rhone. It's a blend of the classic Rhone varietals giving a rich, but elegant wine. They are all great value and under £15.

We have 2 new reds from Portugal, one of which Al particular loves and so features in his suggestion for the month. The other is the Sossego Alentejo. It is great value at £10.95. It is a really soft, jammy and easy drinking red.

We also have new lines in from Australia, Spain and Italy. And finally, Uruguay is now on the list! We have a really interesting Cabernet Franc. This is a rustic, but fragrant and full red wine. It's £18.95.

We haven't finished yet and we are awaiting a few more lines to come in during October. This will have us well stocked for Christmas and lots of new and interesting lines for you to try!

Wine suggestions of the month

Al's choice – Casa Ferreirinha 'Vinha Grande' Douro Tinto - £13.95

We've added quite a few Portuguese Reds to our range over the last few months and this is a real belter from the Douro Valley. Velvety, loads of dark fruit -black cherry, plums, along with some lovely savoury and spicy notes on the finish. It's got long winter evenings with a Red in front of the fire all over it!

T's choice – Louro Godello - £18.95

So, it's not the cheapest in our range, but it's really good. Even with all the years of wine tasting we had not had a Godello before and it was a real treat. From Spain, this wine is medium bodied. It has intense aromas of citrus and stone fruits. It's got great minerality and acidity, but that bit of body really adds a great texture to the wine. It's a new favourite!

Harvey's

Harvey's had a really tough time during lockdown, with pubs closed and reduced brewing capacity. They are doing a great job now trying to keep up with demand. Whilst a couple of old favourites are still out, we have plenty of most lines in stock now, including both Old Ale and Lewes Castle back in

and plenty of Best mini Kegs, in readiness for Halloween and Bonfire night. Additionally, we have Bonfire Boy and Star of Eastbourne in small bottles until the larger ones become available again.

Christmas Tasting

Thanks for all those who registered interest in the Christmas tasting. We are pretty full already across the 2 weekends. We will advise of specific time slots towards the end of October. If you want to grab the last few places, then please drop us an email – of course we'll do everything possible within the guidelines to get everyone in.

Stay safe everyone and we hope to see you soon.

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