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WELCOME TO THE MATSYA WINE LIST

For this concise selection the focus is unashamedly on wines that will give pleasure both in themselves and in the context of the cuisine. Whilst some classic wine producing regions are represented, other wines are from historic but lesser-known regions, with the vinous produce of Corsica, Lebanon, Morocco, Slovenia and Hungary appearing.

Some of the wines in this list I have followed for years and know the producers personally. Some are new discoveries I encountered in my tastings to build the list. In both cases, I hope you enjoy drinking these wines as much as I have enjoyed selecting them. Please do let us know your comments.

-Kieron Galliard, Wine Curator

WINES, BY THE GLASS

SPARKLING WINES (125ml)

Frassinelli Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene DOCG Veneto, Italy £8.00
From a small, ten hectare family-run estate now in the second generation, this Prosecco balances ripe flavours of apple and pineapple with alluring floral overtones. (SG1)

Veuve Fourny & Fils Champagne 1er Cru Blanc de Blancs Champagne, France £12.00
Very much a family affair, this house is a specialises in Chardonnay and ferments each of their 20 plots separately to achieve the maximum quality potential from subsequent blending. Old vines, a proportion of ageing in oak and a minimum ageing of two and a half years in bottle give this wine power and complexity. (SG3)

WHITE WINES (175ml)

Matsya Pinot Grigio South Australia £8.00
Crisp and refreshing with citrus and subtle green apple notes (WG55).

Darling Cellars Arum Chenin Blanc Darling, South Africa 2016 £8.00
From the historically dairy-focussed Darling area, this dry yet fruity Chenin Blanc is made from unirrigated bush vines and has delicious tropical fruit to the nose, with a combination of ripe apple and guava on the palate. (WG1)

Dopff et Irion Cuvée René Dopff Pinot Blanc Alsace, France 2014 £9.00
Named after a former WWII resistance fighter, this Pinot Blanc shows touches of white pepper and marzipan on the nose, with supple fruit in the mouth accompanied by notes of honey and spice. (WG2)

Di Lenardo Pinot Grigio Monovitigno Friuli, Italy 2016 £10.00
From family-owned vinyards in Italy's north-east, this is a dry and textural Pinot Grigio with pear and honeysuckle aromas. The palate shows some tropical fruit characters before the lingering finish. (WG3)



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Frassinelli Prosecco di Conegliano Valdobbiadene DOCG Veneto, Italy £40.00
From a small, ten hectare family-run estate now in the second generation, this Prosecco balances ripe flavours of apple and pineapple with alluring floral overtones. (S1)

Conte Collalto Spumante Rosé Extra Dry Veneto, Italy £50.00
One of the oldest wine-growing families in Italy, the Collalto's owned vineyards as early as 958 AD. Produced from the little-known Manzoni Moscato grape, there's plenty of sweet black fruit here with some rose petal nuances. (S2)

Veuve Fourny & Fils Champagne 1^{er} Cru Blanc de Blancs Champagne, France £69.00
Very much a family affair, this house specializes in Chardonnay and ferments each of their 20 plots separately to achieve the maximum quality potential from subsequent blending. Old vines, a proportion of ageing in oak and a minimum ageing of two and a half years in bottle give this wine power and complexity. (S3)

Pol Roger Champagne Brut Réserve Champagne, France £90.00
From the fiercely-independent house favoured by Winston Churchill, the Brut Reserve shows white flowers and brioche on the nose, with hints of honey and nuts on the palate balancing fresh acidity. (S4)

Laurent Perrier Champagne Brut Millésimé Champagne, France 2007 £120.00
An equal blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. A floral nose leads to an initially hit of citrus on the palate followed by white fruit and bitter orange on the finish. (S5)

Laurent Perrier Champagne Cuvée Rosé Champagne, France £140.00
Justifiably one of the most popular rosé Champagnes, with 100% Pinot Noir giving bags of ripe red fruit without sacrificing freshness. Five years ageing adds layers of complexity and sophistication. (S6)

Dom Pérignon Champagne Champagne, France 2009 £195.00
Always an iconic wine, 2009 provided unheard of levels of ripeness, with layers of ripe tropical fruit, spice and toast combining to create a hedonistic masterpiece. (S8)

Louis Roederer Champagne Cristal Champagne, France 2009 £225.00
In its youth, this vintage is crystalline and pure despite the warm year. Toast and hints of sweet spice emerge with time in the glass, and there is an intense vivacity on the palate which excites and charms in equal measure. (S9)



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WHITE WINES

Matsya Pinot Grigio Crisp and refreshing with citrus and subtle green apple notes (W55).	South Australia		£29.50
Darling Cellars Arum Chenin Blanc From the historically dairy-focussed Darling area, this dry yet fruity Chenin Blanc is made from unirrigated bush vines and has delicious tropical fruit to the nose, with a combination of ripe apple and guava on the palate. (W1)	Darling, South Africa	2016	£30.00
Dopff et Irion Cuvée René Dopff Pinot Blanc Named after a former WWII resistance fighter, this Pinot Blanc shows touches of white pepper and marzipan on the nose, with supple fruit in the mouth accompanied by notes of honey and spice. (W2)	Alsace, France	2014	£35.00
Di Lenardo Pinot Grigio Monovitigno From family-owned vineyards in Italy's north-east, this is a dry and textural Pinot Grigio with pear and honeysuckle aromas. The palate shows some tropical fruit characters before the lingering finish. (W3)	Friuli, Italy	2016	£36.00
Lawson's Dry Hills Sauvignon Blanc A tiny proportion of barrel-fermentation and wild yeast ferment gives a notable extra dimension to this beautifully refined Sauvignon Blanc. A racy passionfruit and grapefruit palate but with a definite nod to the chalkier Loire Valley styles. Vegan friendly. (Marlborough, New Zealand) (W4)	New Zealand	2016	£37.00
Forrest Wines The Doctor's Riesling From an estate owned by two medical doctors, this has just 9% alcohol and a perfect balance of sweetness and fruit. Sherbert, apple and lime flavours dance on the palate around a crunchy acid core. (Marlborough, New Zealand) (W5)	New Zealand	2015	£38.00
Lemberg The Lady An unlikely blend of Viognier, Semillon, Hárslevelü and Sauvignon Blanc, but expertly crafted to allow each variety to bring its unique character to the party. Zesty and rich, with stone fruit, pear, and some nuttiness to the palate. (Tulbagh, South Africa) (W6)	South Africa	2014	£39.00
Paul Cluver Gewurztraminer With some vines now 30 years old, this exhibits the classic lychee and stem ginger characters of Gewurztraminer. Concentrated and richly flavoured with a little sweetness perfectly checked by clean acidity. (W7)	Elgin, South Africa	2015	£44.00
Domaine des Malandes Chablis This reliable property consistently produces classic Chablis, with the wine showing a pleasing tension between taut minerality and pure grapefruit-like flavours. (W8)	Burgundy, France	2016	£50.00
Puklavec Seven Numbers Single Vineyard Furmint Slovenia's north-east provides excellent growing conditions for fine wines. This has an interesting nose combining floral and herbal notes, whilst the palate has persistent ripe citrus and hints of spice. (W9)	Štajerska, Slovenia	2015	£56.00



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WHITE WINE

Mitchell Family Wines Semillon Australia 2009 £58.00
From a family-run property which produces wines of great fruit intensity and age-worthiness, this mature Semillon is powerful and rich, with concentrated lemon and lanolin flavours. Unusual yet enticing. (Clare Valley, Australia) (W10)

Ermacora Colli Orientali Friuli Pinot Bianco Friuli, Italy 2016 £58.00
With almost 100 vintages in the bag, the Ermacora family reliably produce wines of varietal purity with great length. The Pinot Bianco couples green apple aromas with a hint of mint, whilst the palate delivers plenty of fleshy white peach fruit with a long, dry finish. (W11)

Domaine Teiller Menetou-Salon Loire Valley, France 2016 £60.00
A Sauvignon Blanc which effortlessly challenges its more famous neighbours Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé in quality terms. A perfect combination of lively tropical fruit and classic Loire minerality with a sleek texture. (W12)

McManis Family Vineyards Viognier Lodi, California 2014 £60.00
The McManis family bring 5 generations of experience to grape growing in north-central California, and this punchy Viognier has mouth-filling spicy stone fruit which persists through a generous finish. (W13)

Pikes Riesling Traditionale Australia 2016 £62.00
A fluted brown bottle with an image of a fish on the label is not the obvious precursor to a great wine, but this Australian classic never disappoints. The intense vivacity of the complex citrus and mineral notes in the mouth lead to a dry finish. A serious and seriously refreshing wine. (Clare Valley, Australia) (W14)

Forest Hill Estate Chardonnay Western Australia 2015 £68.00
From one of the pioneer vineyards of cool-climate viticulture in Western Australia, this is a modern classic with a touch of nutty oak but refined and textural with plenty of upfront fruit. Citrusy and long with an integrated balancing acidity. (Mount Barker, Western Australia) (W15)

Cave de Colmar Pinot Gris Grand Cru Hengst Alsace, France 2013 £70.00
The Hengst vineyard has is renowned for the power of its wines, and this concentrated, spicy Pinot Gris ably shows off the characteristics of this *terroir*. Confectured fruit and a solid textural backbone which supports the impressive natural weight of the wine. (W16)

Domaine Jean-Paul Balland Sancerre Blanc Grande Cuvée Loire Valley, France 2014 £75.00
An outstanding Sancerre with added complexity from a significant proportion being fermented and aged in large oak casks. Minerality and ripe gooseberry fruit combine perfectly to deliver a complex and deeply satisfying wine. (W17)



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ROSE WINES

Matsya White Zinfandel California £33.00
Easy drinking with aromas of fresh red berry fruits and flavours of ripe watermelon and sweet red apples. (RO55)

Ravoire et Fils Cuvée des Lices Côtes de Provence Provence, France 2016 £35.00
From the region made famous by Cézanne and Pagnol, a typically dry and pale Provençal pink with a fine balance between herby *garrigue* scents and a core of ripe berry fruit with overtones of peach. (RO1)

Domaine la Fermade Tavel La Forcadière Rhône, France 2015 £50.00
From France's only exclusively rosé appellation, this defies the current trend for pale rosés. Leaning towards a light, fruity red in style, it combines Grenache, Cinsault, Mourvèdre, Syrah and Clairette grapes into a rich palate of cherries and plums. (RO2)

Domaine Pieretti Coteaux du Cap Corse Corsica, France 2016 £65.00
Limited production and logistical complications ensure the wines of Corsica are rare on export markets, but thankfully this dry and intense rosé has made it to the UK. Subtle and concentrated in equal measure, the redcurrant fruit is pure with mineral notes from the schist soils. A stunning wine which proves how serious rosés can be. (RO3)

RED WINES

Matsya Merlot, Central Valley Chile £29.50
A beautiful ruby red colour. Intense cassis and plum flavours harmonically balanced by medium tannins. (R55)

Sunnycliff Estate Shiraz Victoria, Australia 2016 £30.00
Although under Spanish ownership, Sunnycliff produce a typically Aussie Shiraz with plenty of rich black fruit and spice. A versatile wine which is approachable on its own but will ably match with richly-flavoured dishes. (R1)

Viña Requingua Arte Noble Selection Carmenère Curicó Valley, Chile 2017 £32.00
From a family-owned winery founded in 1961, this is a classic Chilean Carmenère with dusty tannins overlaying attractive dark fruit and characteristically smoky notes. Six months ageing in oak adds complexity and mocha aromas. (R2)

Château de l'Herbe Sainte Minervois Tradition Languedoc, France 2015 £36.00
From relative newcomers to winegrowing, this Syrah-dominant blend combines the ripe, *garrigue*-scented fruit typical of the region with an elegant structure. Tinted with peppery spice, it has an inviting freshness. (R3)

Simon Hackett Hallmark Grenache Australia 2014 £39.00
The naturally lower level of tannin makes Grenache a great option with or without food. With its plush, wild strawberry-like fruit overlaid with subtle spice from barrel ageing, this offers huge drinking pleasure. (McLaren Vale, Australia) (R4)

Bodega Los Haroldas Bonarda Tradition Mendoza, Argentina 2013 £43.00
Distinct from the six or more Italian varieties confusingly also called Bonarda, this has bright cherry and blueberry fruit and approachable tannins reminiscent of a young Tempranillo from Rioja. Some oak ageing rounds off the wine successfully. (R5)



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Château de Francs Côtes de Francs Bordeaux, France 2015 £48.00
A large military base under the English rule of Aquitaine, today this historic property produces modern, appealing wines to be enjoyed in their youth. Merlot-dominant, there is a good depth of ripe fruit with balancing freshness. (R6)

Massaya Le Colombier Lebanon 2015 £49.00
From vineyards which technically could produce Barolo, this is declassified by the producer because of the heavy clay content of the soil. Whilst bone dry, the wine has sweet, floral flavours with a note of balsamic to the nose. The abundant tannins are easily balanced by the concentration of fruit. (Bekaa Valley, Lebanon) (R7)

Bodegas Volver Tempranillo La Mancha, Spain 2014 £52.00
A wine clearly destined for pure drinking pleasure. Rich dark cherry fruit, a touch of spice and prickly tannin, and an immense finish. A bold exposition of the core Rioja grape, Tempranillo, but from the warmer La Mancha region. (R8)

Sebestyén Kadarka Szekszárd, Hungary 2016 £53.00
From the sunny south of Hungary, a light-bodied, fruity, zesty and spicy red with a distinct mineral streak. Beautifully refreshing and delicately tannic. (R9)

Domaine Alain Graillot/Ouleb Thaleb Tandem Syrah Zenata, Morocco 2014 £56.00
The result of a cycling holiday, Tandem is a fitting moniker for this Franco-Moroccan partnership. The layers of spice and concentrated dry, autumnal fruit in the wine will pair perfectly with spiced meat dishes. (R10)

Domaine La Soumade, Rasteau Villages Cuvée Prestige France 2014 £59.00
A classic southern-Rhône blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, with a combination of tanks and barrels for maturation. Rich red and black berry fruit flavours combine with notable yet subtle tannins to deliver a wine of pure delectation. (Rhône Valley, France) (R11)

Luigi Bosca Single Vineyard Malbec Mendoza, Argentina 2014 £62.00
From a family-owned winery founded in 1901, this highly-refined expression of Malbec still packs in plenty of red fruit, sweet spice and mocha. Some toasty notes from oak ageing with plentiful yet integrated tannins. (R12)

Lopez de Haro Rioja Gran Reserva Rioja, Spain 2009 £65.00
This Gran Reserva competently balances the dark cherry and plum fruit of Rioja with the dry tannins of long ageing to deliver a deeply satisfying and mature wine. Overtones of coconut and vanilla add aromatic interest. (R13)



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Bouchard Finlayson Hannibal	South Africa	2015	£85.00
A unique blend of Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Nebbiolo, Shiraz, Barbera and Mourvèdre, Hannibal is packed with plush plum and strawberry fruit balanced by unobtrusive tannins and touches of spice from French oak barrels. (Walker Bay, South Africa) (R14)			
Klumpp Weiherberg Pinot Noir	Baden, Germany	2014	£85.00
From one of the relatively rare totally organic estates in Germany, this outstanding Pinot Noir shows rich and concentrated berry fruit complemented by an almost mineral streak adding elegance and complexity. A true gem! (R15)			
Château Bernadotte Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois	Bordeaux, France	2010	£95.00
From the successful 2010 vintage, this has typical pencil lead and cassis characters coupled with refined secondary aromas from ageing in the bottle. Mature and currently drinking well. (R16)			
Turley Wine Cellars Old Vines Zinfandel	California	2015	£105.00
Specialists in the production of old vine Zinfandel, Turley produce this from vines averaging 80 years of age. This gives impressive depth and intensity to the wine, which has blueberry and wild strawberry flavours, rounded tannins and none of the jammy notes too often occurring in this variety. (Various Regions, California) (R17)			
Closierie des Allisiers Marsannay	Burgundy, France	2015	£95.00
An organic wine which demonstrates the value of the more modest Burgundy appellations. Packed with black fruit flavours, refined tannins and a rounded finish, this juicy red is already drinking well. (R18)			
Argiano Brunello di Montalcino	Tuscany, Italy	2012	£120.00
Despite having its origins in the 16 th century, Argiano produce a clean and modern style of Brunello, with concentrated red berry fruit and silky tannins. Ageing firstly in French <i>barriques</i> and subsequently large Slavonian oak barrels allows time for the wine to achieve perfect balance. (R19)			
Domaine Philippe Livera Gevrey Chambertain Clos Village	Burgundy, France	2014	£120.00
From a notably up-and-coming <i>domaine</i> , this Gevrey is produced from 60-70 year old vines and impresses with its concentration of black fruit overlaid with spicy oak notes. Despite its power, it maintains refinement and finishes long. (R20)			
Shafer Vineyards Merlot	California	2014	£140.00
Dubbed "one of the world's greatest wineries" by Robert Parker, Shafer have been producing their Merlot since 1983. Some Cabernet and Malbec contribute aromatic interest to this alluring, and svelte wine. The dense plummy fruit is kept fresh by balanced acidity, whilst structural tannins are integrated and fine. (Napa Valley, California) (R21)			
Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz	Barossa, Australia	2013	£145.00
From dry-farmed vines, this achieves the remarkable feat of delivering the rich, mouth-filling fruit of Barossa Shiraz whilst not sacrificing any freshness. Black fruits dominate, but dark chocolate and peppery spice add interest. Smooth tannins linger on the excellent finish. (R22)			



