

Fine & Rare Wine

2016 Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume Séguinot-Bordet £65

An old and respected family winery, Séguinot-Bordet are located on the right bank of the Serein. The Kimmeridgian clay soils in this area contain high levels of marine fossils, said to be responsible for the local wines' subtle iodine-like character. An intense and focused nose of stone and citrus fruits, with smoky, mineral notes and very subtle oak. Great purity on the palate, with the mineral streak adding texture and length.

2014 Baron de Ladoucette Pouilly-Fume 'Baron de L', Loire £115

This prestige cuvée is produced exclusively in the best years from the first pressing of grapes from old vines. Exceptional elegance and depth with lovely ripe pear flavours overlaying a firm gooseberry structure.

2008 Tignanello, Antinori, Tuscany £165

Deep rich concentration somehow combined with real elegance and surprising freshness. The dense dark glossy cherry fruit is balanced by sweet vanilla oak followed by a beautiful fine long finish.

2005 Château L'Eglise-Clinet 'La Petite Eglise', Pomerol £95

A special parcel of Merlot on sandy soil, made at Église Clinet. Rude and round and pretty and fine. Very Burgundian. Plummy fresh and round. Gentle, easy, approachable.

2004 Château Canon la Gaffeliere, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru £135

A brilliant achievement for proprietor Stefan von Neipperg, this blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits an exuberant, cedary bouquet revealing scents of espresso roast, chocolate, pain grille, and sweet red and black fruits. Opulent and fleshy for a 2004, this sexy beauty offers plenty of purity, symmetry, and sweet tannin.

2000 Chateau Kirwan, Margaux, 3ème Cru Classé £150

Very much in the style that Kirwan has favoured over recent vintages, this is a full-bodied, muscular, powerhouse effort. The wine still has a dense ruby/purple colour, with loads of blackberries, cassis, and some noticeable new oak still lingering in the background. Powerful, rich, and full.