

The Royal Hotel Comrie Wine List - Winter 2011/12

Sparkling Wine & Champagne

Sparkling Wines

- 2 **Charles Pelletier, Rose, Brut** £20.95
Delicate and fragrant, showing lovely fruit character and freshness
- 3 **NV Prosecco Brut, Argeo, Ruggeri** £22.95
A classic elegant Prosecco with tiny bubbles (the hall mark of quality) and a fresh green apple nose and palate, with a long, crisp finish.

Champagne

- 4 **Chimère, Brut** £33.50
A classic Champagne produced from 3 grape varieties, Champagne Chardonnay Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier. A light style of champagne with delicate citrus characters and a fine mousse.
- 5 **Gobillard Rose Brut** £34.50
Lovely fresh pure fruit flavours from the birthplace of champagne Hautvillers
- 6 **Laurent Perrier NV Cuvée Rosé Brut** £64.95
Pale cherry-red in colour with a rich blackcurrant and raspberry nose. The palate is elegant and lengthy, with soft, consistent bubbles, ripe red fruits such as raspberries and strawberries, and a clean, soft finish with a creamy texture.



House Wine Selection / Wines by the Glass

White

- 10 **2008, Niersteiner Gutes Domtal** **£15.95**
Medium-sweet white wine
- 11 **2009 Colombard, Domaine de Papolle** **£15.75**
A wine with delicious fruit and a dry fresh appealing grapey bouquet.
- 12 **2010 Sauvignon Blanc, Villarrica Maule Valley, Chile** **£16.95**
Good value dry, grassy, fresh gulpable, refreshing Chilean Sauvignon
- 67 **2010 Chardonnay, Villarrica, Maule Valley, Chile** **£16.95**
Good varietal flavours of apples and pears with some richness.

Rosé

- 14 **2009 Côtes du Rhone Rosé, Les Cerisiers** **£16.95**
*The nose is fresh, Tantalising with notes of redcurrants & wild strawberries,
The palate is soft, fruity & luscious with the hint of spicy Mediterranean tang.*

Red

- 15 **2010 Merlot, Villarrica, Maule Valley, Chile** **£15.95**
*Erupts with rich plum & luscious damson fruit with
gentle over tones of spice & Cloves*
- 16 **2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Villarrica, Maul Valley, Chile** **£16.95**
Deep red classic Cabernet nose of blackcurrants and cedar
- 69 **2010 Reserve Shiraz, Tooma River, Warburn Estate, Australia** **£16.95**
*rich nose redolent with red and black berry aromas and a smooth, textured palate
dripping with juicy dark fruits, hints of chocolate and lively spices*

Bordeaux – White

- 26 **2002 Chateau Brown, Blanc** **£33.95**
Classic white graves. An assemblage of 70% sauvignon and 30% semillion gives a rich and creamy feel but still with a balancing acidity.

Claret

- 28 **Chateau Rousseau de Sipian, Medoc, 2002** **£22.95**
Supple on the palate with good structure and substance, lifted by gorgeous red fruit and spicy notes.
- 29 **1999 La Rose De France, Haut Medoc,** **£25.95**
A small vinyard near St Julian belonging to Chateau Branaire Ducre. Proper complex, rich Claret with some aging. Excellent value, deservedly our most popular claret.
- 30 **1998 Chateau Haut Pontet, Saint Emilion Grand Cru** **£43.95**
A full purple red colour, fresh ripe dark fruit nose with hints of vanilla and tobacco, in the mouth there is a nice viscosity, autumnal fruits with fresh clean tannins, culminating in an elegant finish

Burgundy – White

- 33 **2009 Reserve, Mâcon-Villages, Cave d'laurore** **£19.95**
Pale gold in colour with a subtle nose of tropical fruit and refined oak. The palate is well balanced with ripe fruit and fresh well balanced acidity. The finish is long and concentrated with hints of apples and a touch of creaminess
- 34 **2006 Bourgogne Chardonnay, Cave D'Aze** **£18.50**
Beautifully made wine full but refreshing. Well worth a try.
- 35 **2010, Chablis, Olivier Tricon** **£24.95**
This is benchmark Chablis, with crisp, citrus overtones and a mineral finish. Bottled with screwcap to retain maximum freshness.
- 36 **2005 Saint-Véran, Collovray et Terrier** **£36.95**
The nose gives us a rich flavour of white flowers and white fruits such as peach, pear and apricot. The mouth is intense, round, softly structured and lightly perfumed with mineral notes
- 37 **2007 Puligny – Montrachet, Alain Chavy** **£44.95**
Complex nose dominated by wild rose and pippin apple aromas. A well-balanced and smooth wine with enough richness and a long finish.

Burgundy – Red

- 40 **2008, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Chateau de la Charriere** **£25.95**
Chateau de la Charriere is a classic expression of the Pinot Noir grape and represents excellent value for money.
- 41 **2008, Chorey-Les-Beaune, Domaine Maillard Père et Fils** **£36.95**
Aromas of morello cherry and raspberry with complex earthy elements, mouth filling on the palate with a good concentration of red berry fruits,
- 42 **2005 Beaune, Le Clos Du Roi, Domaine Lois Dufouleur** **£49.75**
Phillipe's flagship wine. Top class burgundy with a depth of fruit and flavour from an already legendary vintage.

Beaujolais – Red

- 44 **2009 Fleurie, Louis Tête** **£23.95**
Wonderfully perfumed with juicy, ripe sweetness, cherry and chocolate flavours and a raspberry finish, with a touch of spiciness
- 45 **2005 Chiroubles, Domaine du Calvaire, Didier Desvignes** **£22.95**
Crisp red cherry fruit on the palate with a balanced structure and soft tannins.

Rhone – White

- 46 **2005 Cotes Du Rhone – Domaine Philippe Plantevin** **£21.95**
Viognier, Grenache and Marsanne combine to create a full round wine with hints of exotic fruits. Great as an aperitif or with goats cheese, fish and chicken. A worthy wine that merits consideration.

Rhone – Red

- 48 **2009 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Brusset** **£21.95**
Ruby red in colour with enticing aromas of red berry fruits. The palate is round, with subtle flavours of raspberries and other red fruits. The wine is well balanced and the tannins smooth and approachable.
- 49 **2007 Crozes –Hermitage, Cave des Clairmonts** **£26.95**
Cave des Clairmonts is made up of six grape growing families spread through 110 hectares of the crozes appellation. The wine is rich and peppery and represents superb value for money.
- 50 **2006 Chateaneuf Du Pape, Clos La Roquete Rouge** **£35.95**
Expressive garrigue herb, red fruit, clove and chocolate aromas.

These characters combine with fine ripe tannins and a touch of dry spice due to a higher percentage of Syrah

Alsace – White

- 52 **2007 Gewürztraminer Trimbach** £29.95
the incredibly pure fresh and grapey nose of this Alsace classic. The palate is dry, but extremely full bodied, with a gorgeous mouth filling texture leading into a lifted peppery finish.

Loire – White

- 54 **2009 Pouilly Fumé, Château Favray** £25.95
A lush, grassy, dry white with depth of fruit and superb balance. (also available in half bottles see last page)
- 55 **2009 Sancerre, Domaine Des Vieux Pruniers** £25.95
Appealing fruit backed up with a crisp clean, refreshing, curranty finish.

Italy

White

- 56 **Zamo Bianco, Le Vigne Di Zamo** £18.95
As an aperitif or at table matched with crustaceans or light soups this assemblage of 5 hand harvested grapes gives aromas of apples and elderflower followed by a tangy full complex palate.
- 57 **2008 Mannara Pinot Grigio Sicilia** £16.45
Rich in hints of citrus a fresh and crisp Pinot Grigio

Red

- 59 **2008 Chianti Classico, Cecchi** £22.95
Produced in the high hills of the Chianti region. Dry and fresh when young then matured into a wine of velvety warm delicacy
- 60 **2004 Chianti Classico, Solatione** £22.95
Sophisticated chianti from an exciting young brother and sister team. Recently made Hugh Johnson's list of "who makes really good chianti"

Spain

Red

- 63 ***Estratego Real, Dominio de Eguren, Tempranillo*** £17.95
Soft, fruity, spicy, a blend of three native varieties. Great value.
- 64 ***2007 Riscal 1860 Tempranillo*** £18.95
A black-cherry coloured wine with slight violet hues. High aromatic intensity, with aromas of ripe dark fruit, fine smoked notes with toasted aromas coming through
- 65 ***2005 Maques De Riscal Reserva Rioja*** £29.95
A dark cherry colour with good depth. Balsamic aromas with hints of ripe fruit, complex and spicy. The attack is fresh and light, with soft, rounded tannins. The finish proves persistent with some reminders of toasted oak.

Germany

White

- 66 ***2009 Fusion II Riesling, Hofmann*** £22.95
Pale lemon yellow in the glass with a beguiling nose showing ripe Rheinhessen Riesling aromas (apricots, pineapple) overlaid on a more minerally Mosel Riesling backbone. In the mouth it is crisp and dry, with a wonderful texture and long finish.

Australia

White

- 67 **2009 Chardonnay, Tooma River, South Australia** **£16.95**
lime and melon flavours, all bound up with a zesty, crisp citrus balance which cuts through to the finish. A deliciously refreshing glass by itself

Red

- 69 **2010 Reserve Shiraz, Tooma River, Warburn Estate** **£16.95**
rich nose redolent with red and black berry aromas and a smooth, textured palate dripping with juicy dark fruits, hints of chocolate and lively spices
- 71 **2008 Yering Station, Pinot Noir** **£22.95**
This wine is a great example of Yarra Valley Pinot Noir with Uplifted aromas, Silky Palate and a Lingering finish.

New Zealand

White

- 73 **2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough Mansion House Bay** **£19.95**
Crisp fruity flavours are mouth-filling and enliven the palate. Enjoyable on its own or with seafood, fish or white meats.
- 74 **2009 Sauvignon Blanc, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough** **£36.95**
The most famous wine from New Zealand.

South Africa

White

- 78 **2009 Sauvignon Blanc, False Bay, Western Cape,** £17.95
Very Impressive. Good Quality Sauvignon with a Refreshing Grassiness Aligned with Gooseberries.
- 79 **2010 Man Vintners, Chenin Blanc** £16.95
The nose offers up notions of white tree fruit, ripe apple, almost honeyed, along with melon and tropical fruit that is quite youthful and vibrant. The palate is rich and layered, with melon and tropical fruit to the fore.

Red

- 80 **2009 Man Vintners, Pinotage** £16.95
Dense, powerful mulberry & Blackberry fruit. Careful Oaking unlocks the unique South African flavour to its full potential. Enjoy with any red meat dish

Chile & Argentina

White

- 81 **2009, Santa Ana Torrontes, Bodegas** £15.95
Bright, pale gold in colour with flashes of green at the rim. The nose is powerfully aromatic with an array of wild flower and tropical fruits. Medium bodied, fruity and crisp, well balanced with a clean finish.

Red

- 83 **2009, Amalaya Malbec blend, colomé** £17.95
This is a glittering deep red wine, with purple tinges. It offers fruity aromas, resembling cherries and raspberries, and a subtle vanilla scent coming from barrel aging. A spicy, intense and sweeping wine, easy to drink, but yet with a long persistent mouth. Tannins are mild and round.
- 84 **2009 Carmenere Reserva, De Gras Colchagua Valley** £18.95
Deep purple / red in colour with a full bouquet of spice, oak and black fruit and a firm but juicy palate. Offers plum, damson and curranty characters alongside well integrated toasty oak and layers of vanilla. Very good example of Carmenere.

Dessert Wine

- 85 **2007 Clos Dady, Sauternes,** **£22.95**
A highly complex wine which entices you with its scents of lime, acacia, apricots, grilled almond and honeyed aromas. The palate is luscious and generous with its sweet apricot, honey, roasted nut and marmalade flavours and perfectly balanced with a zesty, lime rind acidity, finishing clean, uplifted and satisfying.

Port

- 89 **2006 Late Bottled Vintage Port, Quinta do Crasto,** **£28.95**
his late bottled Vintage shows brooding black cherry fruit with a huge cedary core. A simple wine with a fine dark colour, ripe and mouth filling and rounded off by a sweet finish.

Half Bottles

Champagne

- 91 **Gobillard Brut Reserve** **£26.95**
An elegant nose redolent of citrus blossom, followed by a delicate and precise palate showing greengages and honey. A long finish dominated by toasty brioche notes

White

- 92 **2009 Pouilly Fumé, Château Favray,** **£15.95**
Not just a grassy, acidic dry white but a round, lush wine with depth of fruit and fantastic concentration, and superb balance which make it an ideal sauvignon blanc. Starting with an aromatic flowery/fruity bouquet and finishing with clean, crisp citrus style fruit, great length and limestone/mineral tones.

Red

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