

Café du Soleil



The Wine Store

Wine Menu

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Our wines are listed in order of medium light body to full body
in each of the categories. (Wine Selection 1 - 36)

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Sparkling

Sparkling Wine

1. Charles Orban, Brut, Champagne, NV ... \$42 (France)

Lovely, delicate nose of roasted pumpkin and chestnuts with pink grapefruit. The palate continues with the grapefruit flavors, adeptly blended with hints of cinnamon, papaya and lime.

2. Mader, Crémant d'Alsace, NV ... \$34 (France)

Bright, fruity and deliciously crisp with a creamy mousse, this is a citrus and apple flavored wine. It has a bone-dry character with a mineral and lemon zest texture. It's ready to drink. Broad, mouth filling flavor, fine mousse, lovely acidity and barely perceptible sweetness in the long, savory finish.

3. Thibaut Janisson, Blanc de chardonnay, Monticello, NV ... \$39 (Virginia)

Clean, crisp and refreshing! With scents of white flowers, apples, and pears. This sparkling wine is elegant and complex with vibrant aromas, and fine active streamers. The depth of complexity is elegant, and the intricate nuances of the [terroir](#) fill the nose and stimulate the palate. It's full of youthful, bright, and alert acidity.

4. Conca d'Oro, Extra Dry, Prosecco, Treviso, NV ... \$30 (Italy)

Fine and gentle foam, persistent perlage are the distinctive feature of the refined elegance of this sparkling wine. – Perfume Fresh and fruity recalling green apples, grapefruit, banana, while the dominating flowery note is acacia flower.

Sweet Wine

5. Ca' del Baio, Moscato d Asti, 2020 ... \$29 (Italy)

Color bright straw yellow, with fine persistent bubbles; nose intense, aromatic and varietal, with fruity hints of apricot and linden blossom; taste sweet, light, with good acidity and a long, fresh finish.

6. Churchill's, Crusted Ruby Port, Douro, 2006 ... \$35 (Portugal)

A dark, chunky, muscular style, with flavors of steeped fig, black currant preserves and blueberry reduction forming the core, which is liberally coated in singed apple wood. licorice snap and sweet tobacco notes.

Sweet

White Wine

7. Gran Vinum, Albarino, Seleccion Especial, Rias Baixas, 2020 ... \$35 (Spain)

Pale yellow. Vibrant citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complemented by suggestions of jasmine and smoky minerals. Palate-staining Meyer lemon, pear nectar, honeysuckle and spicy ginger flavors are underscored by a repeating mineral nuance that builds as the wine opens up. Shows impressive depth but comes off lithe, finishing with strong, floral persistence and fine detail. Sourced from a single plot of 50-year-old vines.

8. Borthwick, Sauvignon Blanc, Wairarapa, 2020 ... \$33 (New Zealand)

Gentle hints of snow peas accent nectarine and mandarin-orange scents on the nose. It's nicely ripe and rounded in the mouth, medium-bodied and generous yet with a fine line of acidity running through it and defining the crisp, lime-like finish.

9. La Mesma, Cortese, Il Giallo, Gavi, 2021 ... \$30 (Italy)

Aromas of elderflower, citrus and white stone fruit lift out of the glass. Racy and linear, the palate offers honeydew and Meyer lemon before a crisp, tangy close.

10. Sartarelli, Tralivio, Verdicchio Classico Superiore di Castelli di Jesi, 2019 ... \$31 (Italy)

Of a lively and brilliant straw yellow color. It has a persuasive and elegant scent, with notes of spring aromatic herbs, followed by acacia, lime, apricot, fresh almond, citrus, but also with mineral hints. In the mouth the gustative persistence is long; in balance between flavor, acid freshness and warm alcohol note, with a bitter almond finish

11. Meadowcroft, Chardonnay, Los Carneros, Napa, 2020 ... \$34 (California)

Complex aromas of vanilla, tropical fruit, and hints of baking spices are complemented by subtle toasty oak. The entry is honeyed with ripe citrus, light peach and well-integrated nuttiness and a touch of minerality. This wine has a beautiful balance and a lingering finish.

12. Brocard, Chardonnay, Vieilles Vignes, Chablis, 2020 ... \$40 (France)

Lemon confit, marzipan, white flowers and light tropical notes show a good bit of weight and oily texture, and yet it remains bright, with plenty of energy and drive. Crushed rocks and a range of darker, soil-inflected undertones give this wine a hint of darkness that adds character.

13. Pelle, Sauvignon Blanc, La Croix au Garde, Sancerre, 2019 ... \$39 (France)

Crisp, pure white fruit flavors from a single parcel give this wine a delicious line of freshness. Acidity brings a tang to the mouth, hinting at minerality. Certified Organic farming.

16. Mader, Riesling, Alsace, 2020 ... \$30 (France)

The wine opens clearly and nicely aromatic, with some smoky flavors along with white-stone fruit and lemon flavors. Round, yet dry and elegant, on the palate, this is a finessed and salty Riesling that reveals good freshness, grip and tension on the palate.

Rose

Rose

14. Aureillan, Rose, Provence, 2020 ... \$32 (France)

From a family estate created in 1919 and followed by the Saint-Tropez group, this wine is soft, smoothly textured, crisp and delicious. Acidity and concentration give depth as well as freshness to this attractive wine.

15. La Rocaliere, Rose, Tavel, 2020 ... \$34 (France)

So much flavor packed into this Tavel rose. Aromas of candied strawberry, watermelon, lime, and orange zest. Medium bodied, with medium+ acidity with a bit of a creamy texture and vibrant, bright fruit.

17. Casa La Rad, Solarce, Rosado, Rioja, 2020 ... \$28 (Spain)

The wine is a very pale salmon color and offers up a beautifully expressive nose of white cherries, nectarine, salty white soil tones, spring flowers and a gentle touch of Rioja spice. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full-bodied and youthful, with a lovely core and mineral undertow, zesty acids and fine focus and grip on the long and very promising finish

18. Rosa del Golfo, Rosato, Puglia, 2020 ... \$28 (Italy)

Deep pink. Liqueur-like red cherry, pink grapefruit, vanilla and cinnamon on the nose and in the mouth. Dense and thick, with a suave mouthfeel, this is a rather huge Rosato that finishes long with hints of residual sugar buffering an emerging peppery bite.

Red

Red Wine

19. Coeur de Terre, Heritage, Pinot Noir, McMinnville, Willamette 2018 ... \$35 (Oregon)

Bright ruby. Ripe cherry, licorice and pungent flowers on the fragrant nose. Bitter cherry and black raspberry flavors show fine definition and a hint of sweet vanilla. Chewy and focused on the clinging finish, which features slowly building tannins and repeating florality.

20. Brouca, Pinot Noir, Foulage Gaulois, Languedoc 2020 ... \$31 (France)

Subtle aromas of cranberry and sweet cherry. Floral and spicy. Medium-bodied with ripe tannins and acidity to keep it alive. Structured and textured. Perfumed rather than overpowering. Certified organic.

21. La Universal, Grenache blend, Dido, Montsant 2020 ... \$35 (Spain)

A big blast of blackberries and cherries. Full body, but plenty of freshness underlined by some supple tannins and a hint of something sappy on the clean finish.

22. Martray, Gamay, Corentin, Brouilly, 2019 ... \$37 (France)

Deep, savory flavors of dark cherry and spice highlight this enchanting Beaujolais, which shows the gamay grape at its woody, earthy best.

Red Wine

23. Ca' Del Baio, Nebbiolo, Autinbej, Barbaresco 2018 ... \$39 (Italy)

The color is a deep red garnet with reflections of old pink. The nose is an intense, fruity aroma reminiscent of raspberries, jam, and violets that give an ethereal feeling accompanied by sweet spicy notes and hints of cocoa. In the mouth, Autinbej is warm, long, persistent and slightly tannic with an aftertaste of fruity notes.

24. Ca' La Bionda, Corvina blend. Casal Vegri, Valpolicella Classico Superiore, 2018 ... \$36 (Italy)

The wine offers extra freshness and brightness with forest berries, sour cherries and some sweet almonds on the close. Certified organic.

25. Finca La Mata, Tinta del Pais (Tempranillo), Ribera del Duero 2019 ... \$35 (Spain)

Deep violet. Spice accented cherry and blackberry aromas, along with hints of licorice and vanilla. Pliant and lively on the palate, offering juicy dark fruit and mocha flavors that spread out slowly with air. Closes smooth and long, with a touch of smokiness and discreet tannins.

26. Caparsa, Sangiovese, Chianti Classico, 2017 ... \$36 (Italy)

Caparsa's Chianti Classico is an absolute joy to taste. Succulent dark red cherry, mint, game, licorice and spice all mesh out in this super-expressive Chianti Classico. Open knit and inviting, the Caparsa has both the depth and structure to drink well for a number of years.

27. Tenuta di Collosorbo, Super Tuscan, Le Due Gemme, Sant'Antimo, 2019 ... \$30 (Italy)

Le Due Gemme opens to an inky dark appearance. The bouquet is highly distinctive with earthy notes of wild mushroom and autumnal leaf. At the core of the wine, you will find a solid heart of blackberry fruit with a lingering touch of green pepper or garden herb.

28. Vina Otano, Tempranillo blend, Gran Reserva, Rioja Alta 2014 ... \$40 (Spain)

Vivid ruby. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes spice-accented red and dark berries, cherry preserves, vanilla, pungent flowers and pipe tobacco. Seamless and lively on the palate, offering vibrant black raspberry, bitter cherry and mocha flavors braced by a core of juicy acidity. Displays impressive finishing energy, discreet tannins and a lingering spice cake note.

29. Pas de l'Escalette, Syrah blend, Clapas Rouge, Larzac, 2018 ... \$35 (France)

Deep purple color. Rich, concentrated aromas of red fruit, garrigue, with a touch of cassis. Intense red fruits on the palate with excellent vibrancy. Long and persistent finish. An hour later, the wine had put on weight, seemed lusher, more opulent without giving up any of its brightness. Certified organic and biodynamic.

Red Wine

30. *Chateau Mondesir Gazin, Merlot blend, Blaye, 2016 ... \$39 (France)*

dark color, intense & profound nose of black fruits, spices, cedar, lead pencil. on the palate, in a full-bodied style, extremely round, juicy, & supple, with a tightly knit yet very ripe structure and concentration. Superb finish with hints of [licorice](#). Certified organic.

31. *Vinas Elias Mora, Tinta de Toro, Toro 2019 ... \$29 (Spain)*

Vivid ruby-red. Expressive dark fruit and floral aromas are sharpened by a spicy cracked pepper note, and woodsmoke and vanilla nuances emerge slowly. Juicy and smooth on the palate, offering bitter cherry and blackberry flavors that firm up slowly with aeration.

32. *Valravn, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma 2019 ... \$35 (California)*

Reminiscent of classic ripe-vintage Bordeaux – refined and well defined with a lovely play of savory and sweet. Cassis, black cherry and blackberry fruit is accompanied by opulent notes of dark chocolate, espresso roast, and graphite. Silky tannins with amazing richness on the palate.

33. *Powell & Son, Shiraz, Barossa, 2018 ... \$39 (Australia)*

Packs a wallop, with intense blackberry, plum and licorice notes, set on a dense body, with sink-your-teeth-into-them tannins and black pepper and Earl Grey tea details on the finish. Great focus.

34. *Mayol, Malbec blend, Cuatro Primos, Uco, Mendoza, 2018 ... \$35 (Argentina)*

Intense and deep color, emphasizing the great body and signs. Ripeness on the nose with perfumed sweet fruit. Complex flavors on the palate with ripe and fleshy characteristics. Big structure maintaining balanced tannins. Plum and blackcurrant liqueur are combined very well with the toasting of the French oak.

35. *Cordillera, Cabernet Sauvignon, Maipo, 2019 ... \$31 (Chile)*

Dark, intense ruby color. Luscious aroma with classic notes of wild fruits, blackberries, and touches of leather. It is very elegant on the palate, with soft tannins and a prolonged aftertaste with fruits and spices, finishing on notes of toasted bread

36. *Château du Cèdre, Malbec, Cahors 2018 ... \$39 (France)*

Firm and tannic while also bursting with black fruits. Ripe blackberry flavors are generous, still hiding behind the structure but ready to come forward. Certified organic.

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