

Wines @ Browns

About Browns Wines

For a small restaurant and bar we have a big wine list! Unusually, we also choose to have a number of wine suppliers, one of whom supplies us with only one wine!

This strategy allows us to seek out really good examples of wines and to focus on world class producers like Yalumba, Delas, Bodegas Norton and Martinez Bujanda, but also to seek out gems like Chateau Miraval and Clos Marguerite.

We buy most of our wines direct from the importers, in quantities that allow us to pass on good value to our customers. We are proud of the fact that many of our £20+ wines would be significantly more expensive in other restaurants.

We are also amazed that over 40% of our wine is sold to locals to take home at prices that they appreciate are very competitive.

Please ask at the bar if you would like to make a purchase.

We donate 5% of the price of many of our off sales wines to Dartmouth Caring, in our view , Dartmouth's most important charity.

Vintages do sometime change. New vintages have been tasted to assure their quality. We apologise if we sometimes forgot to update the wine list

Wines By The Glass

White

175ml

250ml

Pieno sud	Sicilia	£3.75	£4.75
Muscadet	Loire	£4.50	£6.00
Chinin Blanc	South Africa	£3.75	£5.00
Chablis	France	£5.50	£7.50
Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand	£5.50	£7.50
Pinot Grigio	Italy	£4.50	£6.00

Red

175ml

250ml

Sangiovese	Italy	£3.75	£4.75
Pacifico Merlot	Chile	£3.75	£5.00
Cantos	Rioja Alta	£6.00	£8.00
Chat Terrefort	Bordeaux	£4.50	£6.00
Col de L'orb	France	£4.50	£5.75

Rose

175ml

250ml

Pieno sud rose	Sicilia	£3.75	£4.75
Rogers & Rufus	Australia	£5.00	£6.75

Sparkling Wines

Jansz , Yalumba, Tasmania, Australia

These wines are considered to be some of the best Australian sparkling wines. "Sparkling Tasmania" offers perfect growing conditions for Methode Tasmanoise production.

Jansz Brut Non Vintage, Rose	£4.50 per glass	£24.00
Jansz Brut, Non Vintage		£24.00
2004 Jansz Vintage Cuvee		£30.00

Ruggeri Prosecco, Rose, Italy

Delightful elegant, gently sparkling wine, Very easy to drink.

£24.00

Champagne

Deutz Champagne, France

Delightful fresh palate. Deutz have been making champagne since 1838, and make a tiny fraction of the better known Grand Marques. Give a glass to a French Sommelier and he will nod approvingly. It's that sort of champagne, which is why it's on more Paris Michelin starred wine lists than any other champagne!

Deutz Non Vintage	£6.50 per glass	£36.00
Deutz Vintage 2000		£50.00
Deutz Rose, Non Vintage		£50.00

Perrier Jouet Champagne, Non Vintage	£7.50 per glass	£39.00
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You won't find Perrier Jouet in the super markets!

Wine for Desserts

Dessert Wines	50ml	100ml
Pedro Ximenez Sherry Rich deep raisin flavours, great with cheese or ice creams	4.50	
Gran Feudo Moscatel House sweet wine at El Bulli!	3.25	5.00
Yalumba Museum Reserve Muscat Big rich wine from Australia, nutty dried fruit flavours.	4.00	6.00
Yalumba Eden Valley Botryti Riesling Light perfumed, citrus flavour. Spicy apricot finish.	4.00	6.00
Graham's Late bottled vintage Port 2003	4.00	6.00

White Wines

French White Wines

Loire Wines

2008 Muscadet de Sevre Maine Sur Lie, Domaine de la Chauviniere, France	£18.00
Crisp dry and very fresh. This is a classic example of this wine. Great with mussels and shell fish, or as an aperitif	
2008 Touraine Sauvignon, Domain Gibault, France	£18.00
A delightful sauvignon with ripe almost tropical aromas but still retaining freshness and good clean finish.	
2008 Château de Cleray – Muscadet Sevre Maine Sur Lie, France	£22.00
This wine is elegant and soft with delicious but fresh flavours of citrus fruits. This lovely wine shows what happens when a wine maker wants to push the boundaries of what is expected from an appellation.	
2008 Domaine de Charmilles, Sancerre, Loire, France	£24.00
Clean, fresh zesty sauvignon blanc flavours. A fascinating contrast to top quality New Zealand sauvignons.	
2008 Pouilly Fume, Domaine du Petit Soumand	£24.00
A delightful, perfectly balanced Pouilly Fume with good structure and elegance. Very pure fruit flavours.	

Burgundy

The pre-eminent white wine growing region of France offers a diverse range of flavours based around the Chardonnay grape.

2008 Cotes de Beaune, Domaine Billard, Burgundy, France	£22.00
Delightful well balanced medium bodied chardonnay from Burgundy.	
2008 Chablis, Domaine de la Meuliere, Burgundy, France	£22.00
5th generation brothers, Nicolas and Vincent, run this small estate hand harvesting their grapes from their kimmeridgian terroir. This unoaked Chablis is classically steely but with enough weight to be balanced.	
2008 St Veran, Domaine Saint Martin, Maconnais, France	£23.00
Lovely chardonnay, nicely balanced with a soft creaminess and a fuller flavour. A quietly serious wine.	
2007 Bourgogne Blanc Vieilles Vignes, Vincent Giradin, France	£26.00
Giradin is one of a new breed of Burgundian winemakers with a respect for tradition but also a desire to push quality even further. With 20 hectares in Chassagne Montrachet, Puligny Montrachet, Volnay. and Santeney he is a classy wine maker. This chardonnay has succulent apricot fruit with layers of spicy vanilla.	
2007 St Aubin, 1er Cru Blanc, Domaine Billard, Cotes de Beaune, France	£28.00
St Aubin produces interesting and very good value burgundies at a real discount to Meursault and Chassagne-Montrachet, which also come from this area of Burgundy.	
2007 JJ Vincent, Pouilly Fuisse, Burgundy	£32.00
Second wine of Chateau de Fuisse, this wine is not overdone or heavy, it has a brightness and vivacity that complements its subtle creaminess. This reminds us why Pouilly Fuissé is so popular.	
2007 Chablis, Domaine du Columbiere, Premier Cru, Fourchaume, Burgundy	£32.00
Fourchaume is one of the most respected Premier Cru classified climats of Chablis. Made from 35 year old vines this wine has rich and generous aromas, yet remains light and delicate. Lovely pure fruit combined with slight flintiness. Fabulous balance.	

White Wines

French White Wines Continued

Alsace - Cave Vinicole de Hunawihr, France

Hunawihr are considered one of the best co-operatives in France, regularly winning awards for their carefully crafted wines. We liked them enough to list 4 wines!

2007 Pinot Blanc Reserve	soft and minerally	£19.00
2007 Riesling Reserve	dry, tangy fruit	£19.00
2007 Gewurztraminer Reserve	hints of spice	£20.00
2005 Riesling Grand Cru Rosacker	intense rich luscious fruit	£24.00

Other Interesting Regions

2007 Picpoul, Domaine Azan, Coteaux Du Languedoc (Organic) **£18.50**

Picpoul de Pinet is the largest white wine producing area of the Languedoc! The terroir surrounds the Bassin de Thau where most of the Oysters and mussels in France are cultivated. This wine is perfect with shellfish, a great crisp dry aperitif and generally good with fish in general.

2009 Château Haut Maginet, Bordeaux, France **£19.50**

Refreshing palate which is clearly sauvignon led but softened by 20% semillion. This is a really lovely example of a crisp, flavoursome and well balanced Bordeaux.

2008 Viognier, Delas, Vin de Pay d'Oc **£19.50**

Bursting with Viognier character; apricots, peaches and preserved citrus fruit. The palate is both smooth and fresh with hints of spice.

2009 Château Louvignes, Gaillac Blanc Sec, France **£18.00**

This stunning Chateau bottled Languedoc wine is made from a mixture of native grape varieties. Fragrant apple-blossom aromas and vibrant fruit

Italian White Wines

2009 Pieno Sud **£14.50**

Good quality wine from Sicily. Light dry and easy to drink.

2009 Verdicchio dei Castelli de Jessi, DOC, Fattoria Laila, Italy **£17.50**

Perfect example of Verdicchio, refreshing dry white, with citrus fruit and hints of almonds.

2008 Pinot Grigio, Vini Anelmi, DOC Friuli, Italy **£18.00**

Unlike the mass of southern Italian IGT Pinot Grigio, this is from Friuli in Northern Italy where the cooler climate ensures this superior DOC wine has the perfect blend of ripe citrus fruit, structured acidity and delicate floral notes.

2008 Gavi DCOG, Piercarlo Bergaglio, Piedmont Italy **£19.50**

Lovely weight and concentration whilst still retaining freshness with a crisp long lime fruit finish.

2007 Masi Masianco, Venezie IGT, Italy **£24.00**

An brilliant blend of unoaked Pinot Grigio with oaked Verduzzo, gives a complex and attractive flavour, with refreshing hints of citrus fruits and apricots. This wine is soft and full-bodied with a long finish.

Spanish White Wines

2007 Albarino – Algareiro. Rais Baixas, Spain **£21.50**

Delightful fresh aromas of apples and peaches. This wine will appeal to wine drinkers who like light but full flavoured wines as an aperitif or with seafood.

2008 Marques de Atillo - Rioja Blanco **£20.00**

Balanced aromas with interesting minerality and floral tones. Classic white Rioja.

2009 Verdejo Penamonte Toro **£21.50**

Light yellow with greenish hues, clean and brilliant. Intense aromas, herbs and citrus with hints of pineapple. Very clean with tropical fruits. Fab, Fab wine!

White Wines Continued

Australian White Wines

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- 2007 Viognier, Eden Valley, Yalumba, Australia** £22.00
A lovely medium bodied wine showing a good balance of fruit and oak from a superb winery.
- 2008 Yalumba Pewsey Vale, Riesling, Eden Valley, Australia** £21.00
This is regarded as a text book example of an Australian Riesling. Lovely intensity and crisp floral aromas. A really good food wine.
- 2007 Virgilius, Eden Valley Viognier, Yalumba, Australia** £36.00
This is considered to be one of the best Viogniers wines *in the world*. It is the signature wine of IWC wine maker of the year, Louisa Rose. This is a really **big and serious wine**, that loves food. The wine has an intense bouquet and a fantastic long finish. This is one of Yalumba's signature wines.
- 2008 Yalumba Eden Valley Wild Ferment Chardonnay, South East Australia** £24.50
Lightly oaked, very well balanced Chardonnay made from clones from Burgundy. This elegant wine is fermented from wild yeasts in the vineyard and matured in a mixture of French oak and stainless steel. This is a very modern Australian wine with a nod to French burgundies.
- 2008 Vasse Felix Semillion/Sauvignon Margaret River, Western Australia** £26.50
Vasse Felix was the first commercial winery in the Margaret River. Set up 42 years ago, Vasse Felix benefits from its position close to the ocean. The cooling breezes and plentiful sunshine mean that the wines have layered complexity and wonderful fruit aromas.
- 2008 Vasse Felix Chardonnay Margaret River Western Australia** £26.50
Delightful and classy chardonnay with fine balance, lightly oaked, lovely balance, great finish

New Zealand White Wines

Bob Campbell is New Zealand's leading wine writer, and a Master of Wine. His comprehensive website has tasting notes on every New Zealand wine you care to mention. We trust his reviews!

- 2008 Clos Marguerite, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand** £22.00
Clos Marguerite is rated one of the best 12 2008 sauvignons that Bob tasted. With production at 3,500 cases a year this truly boutique winery (2 full time employees!) is a brilliant example of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. It is weighty and jam packed with gooseberry fruit intensity. "Powerful, weighty wine with strong mineral, tomato leaf, gooseberry and green capsicum flavours. Bone-dry wine with character and class. Lovely flavour purity - jam-packed with energy" ". **Bob Campbell**
New Zealand Master of Wine

We have to buy quite a lot of this wine to offer you this price! Think £30+ in other restaurants!

South African White Wines

- 2009 Chenin Blanc, The Veldt, South Africa** £15.00
This wine is a nice example of South Africa's most planted grape variety. Clean, dry and simple.
- 2008 Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch, South Africa** £23.00
This is a delightful wine from one of South Africa's most consistent quality producers. This wine is soft and elegant with a great finish
- 2008 Mulderbosch Sauvignon Blanc, Stellenbosch, South Africa** £24.50
This is considered to be one of the best examples of South Africa's Sauvignon Blanc from one its most consistent quality producers.

Rose Wines

- 2008 Pieno Sud Rosso – Sicilia IGT Italy** £14.50
Sicilian rose, fruit led, easy to drink. Great for a summer afternoon.
- 2009 Rogers and Rufus, Barossa Rose, Australia** £19.50
A delightful Grenache rose, pale salmon in colour, smooth, nicely balanced, the best Australian rose wine we have tasted. This is the personal project of Robert Hill Smith the owner of Yalumba wines. You can tell the wine makers had the boss breathing down their necks!
- 2008 Chateau Miraval, Rose, Provence, France** **SOLD OUT** £21.50
Miravel probably has more awards than any other French Rose on the market. It happens to be organic so it's very good for you! It would our first pick of any wine on a new list.

Red Wines

French Red Wines

Languedoc

- 2008 Col de L'Orb, St Chinian, Languedoc** £17.50
Gentle tannins and ripe warm fruit in this Syrah and Grenache influenced blend from the Languedoc. Gold medal winner in Paris at the Concours General Agricole.
- 2006 Col D'Arribat, Saint-Chinian, Roquebrun, France** £19.50
This is a very well structured gold medal winning wine from the Languedoc region. Made from a blend Syrah, Grenache and local Languedoc varietals (Mourvedre and Carignan) it is a delightful almost Rhone like wine with a lovely rich balance.

Bordeaux

- 2005 Château Montaguillon, Saint Emillion, France** £26.00
Delightful chateau bottled Saint Emillion. Silver winner at the Paris General Agricole Concous which tends to be a good place to pick wines from small producers.
- 2007/9 Château Terrefort-Lescalle, Bordeaux, France** £19.00
A chateau bottled claret at this price is a delight. A blend of Merlot, Cab Franc, Cab Sauv and Petit Verdot from the Haut-Medoc. A generous palate with smooth plum fruit and hints of blackcurrant.
- 2006 Château Perron, Lalande-de-Pomerol** £29.50
This wine is a blend of 80% Merlot with 10% each of Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc and, given the high percentage of Merlot, it's a lovely soft juicy elegant wine. A nose of subtle plum and smoky black fruits leads into the soft palate of a black and red fruit mix, with this smoky character and a hint of oak. This is a very classy Bordeaux.

Rhone

- 2008 Delas Cotes du Rhone, St Esprit - France** £21.00
The amazing 2008 Cotes du Rhone St.Esprit reveals a northern Rhone orientation, but it is loaded with spice and black fruits, and displays a beautiful opulent texture as well as a gorgeous finish with impressive purity. 90% Shiraz & 10% Granche.
- 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape, Domaine Berthet Rayne, Rhone France** £29.50
This domain is neighbour to the very famous Chateau Beaucastle and has itself a bit of a cult following. Janis Robinson gave this vintage 18/20 "Lots of complexity ...tastes like a Cuvee Speciale.....plump on the mid palate with fruit completely dominating the fine tannins".

Red Wines Continued

French Red Wines continued

Burgundy

- 2008 Hautes Cotes de Beaune Rouge, Burgundy, France** £22.00
A really excellent entry level Pinot Noir from Burgundy.
- 2007 Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Vieilles Vignes, Vincent Giradin, France** £26.00
Giradin is one of a new breed of Burgundian winemakers with a respect for tradition but also a desire to push quality even further. With 20 hectares in Chassagne Montrachet, Puligny Montrachet, Volnay, and Santeney he is a classy wine maker.
- 2007/8 St Aubin 1er Cru "Les Castets", Domaine Billard, Burgundy, France** £28.00
This is a serious Burgundian Pinot Noir. Take your time to savour a truly fabulous wine.

Other Interesting Regions

- 2007 Georges Duboeuf Fleurie, Clos des Quatre Vents, Beaujolais** £22.50
A lovely Beaujolais with a little more balance and weight than some wines from this region.

Italian Red Wines

- 2009 Montecelli Sangiovese** £14.50
Light, easy to drink, fruit driven wine. Very quaffable.
- 2008 Montalto, Organic Nero D'Avolo - Italy** £17.50
Organic wine, good fruit, nicely balanced, good quality country wine.
- 2006 Mezzacorona Teroldego Rotaliano Riserva. Trentino, Italy** £24.00
Only made in the best vintages, the Riserva is made from hand picked grapes from premium sites. The wine is full bodied, well balanced with soft tannins. **Gold listed for the prestigious 2010 Sommelier Wine Awards. Guardian wine writer Fiona Beckett** recently chose this wine with Tapas when eating at Browns. She raved about it on her website!
- 2006 Masi, Campofiorin, Veneto, Italy** £24.00
Campofiorin is one of Masi's unique speciality wines, made using the double fermentation technique, ripasso, and normally associated with Italian wines twice this price. It has a strong, attractive nose dominated by cherry aromas and spice. Well-balanced, full-bodied dry palate with notes of ripe fruit, cherry liqueur and blackcurrants. This is viewed as a cult wine in many wine circles and well worth a try.

Spanish Red Wines

- 2005 Finca Valpiedra Reserva, Rioja Alta, Spain** £33.00
Finca Valpiedra is a single estate wine, hand harvested from one of the most prestigious sites within Rioja Alta, itself the finest part of Rioja. Single estate wines in Rioja are a rarity. Finca Valpiedra is part of Grandes Pagos de España essentially a grouping of the best wines from single estates in Spain. Aged in French oak not American, the wine is full-bodied with an elegant, ripe structure and a long, silky, persistent finish. This wine retails for £24.50 on the internet!
- 2006 Cantos de Valpiedra, Rioja Alta, Spain** £24.00
The second wine of Finca Valpiedra, this is a beautifully made medium bodied wine with an intense aroma combining berry fruit with a floral lift. The wine is silky-textured and fresh in the mouth, with ample fruit fleshing out the supple structure.
- 2003 Condado de Oriza – Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Spain** £28.00
Aged in both French and American oak this wine of made from 40 year old vines. It is a deep cherry colour, the palate is powerful and full bodied but beautifully balanced with hints of spice and other minerality. This wine demonstrates

Red Wines Continued

New Zealand Red Wines

2008 Opawa Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand £22.00
"A light, fresh and quite pretty Pinot Noir with appealing strawberry and red cherry flavours. A light, supple wine made in an easy-drinking style. Silken-textured" **Bob Campbell New Zealand Master of Wine**

2008 Clos Marguerite, Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand £28.00
Produced in a boutique winery only 1000 cases made a year with just 50 cases coming into the UK, this Pinot Noir is highly rated by wine writer Bob Campbell.
"Delicately scented wine with floral, mixed spice, red cherry and new leather flavours. Made with a light touch the wine respects what appears to be a fairly light vintage. Charming and ethereal Pinot Noir". **Bob Campbell New Zealand Master of Wine**

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2007 Oxford Landing GSM (Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvedre) – Australia £16.00
This is the standout wine from this **basic range** of wines from Yalumba, Australia's oldest family owned wine producer. We normally only sell their premium wines but this is great value wine for its price. We were also delighted to have hosted an event with John Ides the GSM winery manager.

2007 Grenache, Old Bush Vine, Yalumba, Australia £22.00
Beautiful, soft, well balanced wine from Australia's oldest family run winery. Part of a recent Australian trend to concentrate on terroir to give their wines greater individuality.

2008 Yalumba, The Scribbler, Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz, Barossa, Australia £26.00
The Scribbler Cabernet Shiraz has received rave reviews in the wine world. It is pleasantly scented with complex mix of fruit and spicy chocolate with faint herbal undertones. The truly delicious palate is rich and vibrant, a gently peppered finish is accompanied by subtle tannins.

2006 Yalumba Bin Reserve FDR1a, Cabinet Sauvignon/Shiraz, Barossa South Australia £36.00
The thing about Yalumba wines is that the more you pay the more you get! This limited release Cabinet Sauvignon Shiraz is the quintessential Australian blend, made by serious wine makers. This type of wine doesn't get much better! We tasted both The Scribbler and this at a wine evening at Browns with Yalumba. If anything, £10 doesn't do justice to the difference and that in no way diminishes The Scribbler!

2006 Yalumba Cigar Cabinet Sauvignon, Coonawara, South East Australia £26.00
Winner of the Big Red Wine Book, Wine of the year, this second wine to the iconic Menzies wine is a classic Australian Cabinet Sauvignon.

2005 The McRae Wood, Jim Barry, Shiraz, Australia. £34.00
(IWC Gold medal)
Big lush red wine of sumptuous intensity. Retains lovely balance where other Aussie reds often lose it. Low intensity yields from old vines explain the quality. A really top quality wine, from a very famous producer. This is about as good as Aussie Shiraz gets to be.

South African Red Wines

2004 Faithful Hound, Mulderbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa £26.00
A Cab Sauvignon blend with Merlot, Petit Verdot. This is a delicious, smooth, medium bodied wine with real character.

2005 Meerlust Rubicon, Stellenbosch, South Africa £36.00
The flagship wine, of one of the oldest and most prestigious wineries, in South Africa. The Rubicon is a Cabinet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabinet Franc blend offering velvety structured tannins with plenty of dark fruit intensity. "Powerful blackcurrant, cigar box and smoked meat on the nose!"

Red Wines Continued

Chilean Red Wines

- 2008 Pacifico Sur Merlot – Chile** £15.00
Simple, well structured merlot from the Curico Valley
- 2006 Pacifico Sur Reserva , Curico Valley, Chile** £18.00
60% Carmenere, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. Really nice, smooth, delicious estate bottled and hand harvested wine from Chile.
- 2008 Gran Hacienda Reserva, Maipo Valley, Cabinet Sauvignon Chile** £22.00
Produced by Santa Rita, one of Chile's largest producers this is a classy wine with aromas of ripe black fruit, plums and fine herbs, combined with vanilla and fragrant spices. The palate it is full-bodied with a subtle backdrop of oak and a smooth, fruity finish.

Argentinean Red Wines

- 2007 Norton Malbec Reserva** £23.00
We don't have many Argentinean wines but in Bodegas Norton we have chosen one of the most respected producers in South America. This is a fine, full bodied example of Malbec, Argentina's indigenous grape variety. Cheap Malbec is the staple of many bar lists. See what it is like when you pay a little more!
- 2006 Norton Privada, Mendoza, Argentina** £27.50
A rich and complex blend of Malbec, Cabinet and Merlot grapes from vines that are between 50 and 80 years old. This is the signature wine of Bodegas Norton and is considered to be one of the most respected wines in Argentina. A big, complex and intriguing wine!

USA Red Wines

- 2009 J.Lohr Wildflower, Monterey, USA** £21.00
Rich black and red berry flavours, served chilled. We think this is a stunning soft wine with great fruit flavours. Great with or without food. Think of it as a Californian Beaujolais. Superb for warmer weather.