

# Noble Rot

The Martinez Wines Newsletter



SPRING ISSUE

## Martinez Wines Independent Wine merchants in your Town since 1979

We constantly strive to give our customers wines that are typical of the varietal and region from where they originate. All our wines are tasted by our expert panel ensuring the very best quality for your money. If we find a wine that is better than one that already exists in our shop then we replace it! We are famously independent which means that we do not have a head office telling us what to buy, when and at what price; we make the decisions!

### Shop Local, Shop Independent

#### All part of the service!

- ✓ 20+ wines to taste at anytime
- ✓ 600+ wines, 40+ Sherries, 30+ Whiskies, 25+ Gins, a large selection of Ports, Brandies, Cognacs, unusual spirits, local & world beers
- ✓ In shop expert advice on ALL Products
- ✓ Free whisky tasting anytime!
- ✓ Next day delivery arranged to anywhere in the country
- ✓ Gift packaging for 1, 2, 3, 6 & 12 bottles delivery arranged to anywhere in the country
- ✓ Free Glass hire for functions
- ✓ Mixed Cases to suit your pocket
- ✓ Parking directly outside
- ✓ Retail/Corporate /Wholesale
- ✓ Wine education
- ✓ Tastings
- ✓ Call My Quaff Events
- ✓ Specialised Beers, Whisky's, Sherries, Liqueurs & Ports
- ✓ Wine Wedding Gift Service
- ✓ Order online and get next day delivery at only £6.99 on over £50 spend

**5% Discount**  
on 6 bottles  
**10% Discount**  
on £150 spend  
plus we have a  
friendly no minimum  
order policy!

### UP AND COMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday 27th May

Isabel Vineyard Tasting in the wine bar

#### Thursday 5th June

The Great Southern Winemaker Tasting

#### £10 Tuesday in the wine bar

A selection of wines at a Tenner drink in!

#### Sipping Society

In the wine bar on the second Monday of every month

#### Buskers Night

In the wine bar on the last Wednesday of every month

Never miss out on a Martinez Event.  
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# The Great Southern Winemaker Tasting

Featuring 14 confirmed winemakers  
(see full list of winemakers opposite)

To be held upstairs at the Ilkley Moor vaults in two sessions 6.00-8.00pm & 8.30-10.30pm on **Thursday 5th June**.

Each vineyard representative will be showcasing 6 of their finest wines on the night so at least 70 wines will be on show. Our confirmed hosts so far are:

*Tickets on sale now  
at €10 in person at  
the shop or by calling  
01943 600000.*

## **NEW ZEALAND**

- > Escarpment - Larry McKenna winemaker/owner TBC
- > Waipara Springs and Bascand - Andrew Moore owner
- > Stanley Estate - Steve Pellett owner

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

- > Bouchard Finlayson – Peter Finlayson
- > Rustenberg – Murray Barlow
- > Paul Cluver wines - Liesl Cluver
- > Darling – Lisbet Ryg Olsen
- > Kaapzicht – Danie Steytler, winemaker
- > Catherine Marshall winemaker
- > Ernie Els – Lynton Kaiser
- > Spice Route – Charl du Plessis – winemaker

## **AUSTRALIA**

- > Pikes - Pete Bentley
- > Bremerton - Matt Murray
- > Bodegas O. Fournier – Mariana Herlin

# The Martinez Wine Tasting Extravaganza

## Another roaring success



Our thanks go out to everyone who attended this year's tasting at the Winter Gardens where around 300 attendees tasted 200+ wines and raised over £2000 for Save the Children.

Although I doubt anyone actually tasted all the wines on show, sales on the day do give us a good indication of which wines you preferred and perhaps offered the best representation of your favourite grape variety or even the best value. So here are the top 10 wines on show based on the number of individual sales.



- 1 Kim Crawford 'Spifire' Sauvignon Blanc 2013, New Zealand £15.99**  
Not a surprise to me as this is the best vintage i have ever tasted, the balance is perfect!
- 2. Fournier URBAN UCO MALBEC, Argentina 2012, Argentina £11.49**  
Christine Austin featured this fruit packed wine in the MARCH 2014 issue of Olive Magazine as the Star wine.
- 3. Rousseau de Sipian Bordeaux Blend Medoc 2005, France £14.95**  
A Great Value Bordeaux from a 10/10 vintage
- 4. Honeymoon, Parelada, Spain 2012 £11.75**  
The surprise package offering a white wine with a difference.
- 5. Rustenburg Straw Wine, South Africa 2011 £11.49 (37.5cl)**  
Several awards around the world for this vintage. Just Desserts one might say!
- 6. Domaine Horgelus Sauvignon/Gros Mansang 2012, France £9.99**  
Really well priced wine for those who like a little zip.
- 7. Domaine Maurice Charleaux Maranges VV 2011, France £14.99**  
Value Old Vine Pinot Noir from one of the lesser know villages in Burgundy
- 8. Wente MORNING FOG Chardonnay 2012, USA £12.49**  
Wooded Chardonnay is making a comeback and it is easy to see why.
- 9. Waipara West Sauvignon Blanc 2012, New Zealand £12.49**  
Rounded and fruity it is good to see a SB from outside Marlborough making the top ten.
- 10. Trisquel Albarino 2012, Spain £10.99**  
One of my favourite white grapes. If you have not tried it what are you waiting for?

OUR USUAL DISCOUNTS APPLY



# Tour de France in Wines

We could not send out a Spring issue of our Noble Rot without a reference to this fabulous cycle race and with excitement already growing it looks like fever pitch will be achieved come early July and the Grand Depart! So for a bit of fun here is a selection of wines from a few of the different regions around France.

Why not try one or even two and toast to the world wide recognition that Yorkshire will be getting...

## South of France

**La Bastide St Dominique Roussanne 2011** £9.99

Southern Rhone grape grown by a prestigious Chateaneuf Du Pape grower. Vinified in stainless steel, emphasis here is on freshness and lively acidity. Under the new Pays de Mediterranee, which covers the South East, Provence and Corsica.

## Loire

**Les Genets Gris COTEAUX DU GIENNOIS 2012** £13.49

Sauvignon Blanc grown on the eastern slopes of the Loire valley between Sancerre and Pouilly Fume. The flint found in the soil affords a mineral richness with a steely, almost smoky finish. Very refreshing and superb with goat's cheese.

## Burgundy

**Domaine Laroche Chablis PREMIER CRU Les Vaudevey 2009** £20.95

Benchmark premier cru Chablis from a premium producer. Clean, unoaked Chardonnay with real verve and typicity. Packed with zesty grapefruit and green apple freshness.

## Beaujolais

**Domaine de Rochemure MORGON 2012** £13.75

Philippe Vermorel at Domaine de Rochemure is one of the region's rising stars, gaining increasing amounts of press attention, and meticulously manages his 9 hectare estate. This is a real drink me now style, packed with juicy cherry fruit and refreshing acidity from a super vintage, showing the Gamay grape at its best.

## Rhone

**Domaine Notre Dame GIGONDAS Rhone Mourses 2010** £14.99

This Gigondas is crafted following traditional winemaking methods and no new oak. The emphasis here is on the bold, complex, textured fruit and on expressing these flavours with purity and freshness. Authentic and pleasing rustic rhone!

## Bordeaux

**CHATEAU SIRAN, Margaux 2010** £35.99

Deep dense ruby, attractively aromatic, good intense and concentrated dark berry fruits opulence on the mid-palate, a chocolatey rich oaky coating adding chunky, textured complexity, with firm muscular tannins and freshness adding definition to a powerful and concentrated red for the long haul. Serious stuff.

# Spring Bargains

A selection of Reds, Whites and Rose all at **2 bottles for £11**

Including the excellent Cuvee Jean Paul range, Las Toscas Chilean Sauvignon, Gargenega Pinot Grigio, Las Corazas Tempranillo & more....



> **Roiberg Mountain Red Blend & Mountain White 50/50 Sauvignon & Chenin** **Only £6.99**

> **Chateau Perron La Gouridine, Bordeaux 2010** **Still only £7.99**

> **Murphy's 'Big Rivers' Aussie Shiraz** **Still only £6.99**

# New in

## Whites

> **Domaine Horgelus Sauvignon/Gros Mansang, France** £9.99

> **Trisquel Albarino, Spain** £10.99

## Rose

> **Bodegas Borsoa Rosado Garnacha, Spain** £6.49

> **Chateau de FONTLADE Provence Rose, France** £10.99

## Reds

> **Vina Edmara CARMENERE, Chile** £8.75

> **Puerto Novas Tinta De Toro, Spain** £11.49

> **Bosque Real Merlot, Spain** £8.99

> **Paolo Leo Primitivo, Italy** £9.99

> **Rothschild Pays d' Oc Pinot Noir, France** £9.99

> **Principe de Viana Syrah (shiraz), Spain** £7.49

*And more....*

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## Shop Opening hours

Mon 9am-6pm    Tues 9am-11pm    Wed 9am-11pm

Thurs 9am-11pm    Fri 9am-11pm    Sat 9am-11pm    Sun 12noon-5pm

*Ring the bell for attention up to 11pm on some days*



**Wine Bar Opening Hours:**  
**Sunday and Monday closed;**  
**Tuesday to Friday 5pm – 11pm;**  
**Saturday 3pm – 11pm**