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The Martinez Wines Newsletter



SPRING ISSUE

Martinez Wines...

- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Local
- ✓ Free parking



And surprisingly good Value

Wine Emergency?



Call 01143 600000 for an urgent,
FREE SAME DAY DELIVERY
within a five mile radius
Minimum 6 bottles

Buy Online @ Martinez

- ✓ FREE delivery within LS20, LS21, LS29, BD20 & BD23 (Minimum spend £50).
- ✓ Nationwide delivery only £6.99 any quantity.
- ✓ Feel free to mix and match a case.

You can now order and pay for your wines online at martinez.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

Buskers Night in the Wines Bar
Every last Wednesday of the month

The Sipping Society
Every second Tuesday of the month with Diploma level Martinez wine expert Philip Kirk
£10pp includes informal, friendly tuition tasting (drinking) 6 wines
Book Direct with Philip- Philip.kirk@martinez.co.uk

Tuesday 14th May 6.30pm start
Rustenberg Sipping society
30 minute Introduction by South African Wine Maker 'Murray Barlow' Followed by tasting with Philip Kirk. Bookings through Martinez.

Tuesday 14th May 7 for 7.30pm
Rustenberg Wine Makers Dinner
With South African Wine Maker 'Murray Barlow' Bookings through Martinez.

Wednesday 12th June 8pm
Fantastic Local Duo Cooper Brown
In the Wine Bar. Free Entry.

Tuesday 24th June 8pm
Tempranillo Tasting in the wine bar
An insight into everything Tempranillo with Philip Kirk & Jonathan Cocker
£10pp includes 5 Tempranillo's
Book direct on 01943 600000 / shop@martinez.co.uk

Tuesday 9th July
Muga Rioja Wines Dinner
@ Lunya Liverpool One
Book Direct 0151 706 9770.

Tuesday 13th Aug
Muga Rioja Wines Dinner
@ Monkmans Restaurant, Ilkley
£39.95pp 3 course & Coffee (includes Wines)
Book Direct - 01943 817415.

Wednesday 18th September
Glennely Winemakers Dinner
@ The Box Tree
With Nicolas Bureau, Grandson of the owner May de Lencquesaing £85pp includes 4 courses & Wines. Book direct on 01946 608484.

Fri 1st & Saturday 2nd November
The Martinez inaugural Wine Weekend
@ Riverdale Hall Hotel, Northumberland
£180pp includes 2 nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast and all wines. See inside cover for full details.

The Martinez inaugural Wine Weekend

In the heart of the
Northumberland
Countryside

Friday 1st & Saturday
2nd November

Most of you will not know that for 36 years my family has owned Riverdale Hall Hotel in the sleepy village of Bellingham, Northumberland. You may have visited the Northumberland coast but have you ever been inland to Hadrian's Wall Country? Well here is your chance to explore this peaceful haven with its walks and history whilst also enjoying two nights of fun wine entertainment along with award winning food.

Friday Night - Call My Quaff

Enjoy 6 wines with your five course dinner as our expert panel gives you three different descriptions for each wine. Can you guess which of our panellists is telling you the truth? Based on the quiz game 'Call My Bluff'

Saturday Night - Wine Crime Dinner

Can you solve the crime from the clues given throughout your meal by our North East counterparts from Advintage Wines?

Jonathan's Daytime recommendations

For the Historians- Explore Hadrian's Wall or Cragside House & Gardens (National Trust)

For the Sporty- Bellingham's County Golf Course, Local horse riding, Fantastic mountain bike trails around Kielder Dam.

For relaxed attitudes- A swim in the pool, a walk to the local waterfall (1.5 hours round trip), a drive around the local countryside.

Cost

£180pp for two nights 5 course dinner, bed & Breakfast in an en-suite room including wines with dinner both nights.

Book Direct by way of deposit of £25pp-
01434 220252 (river view rooms will go first!)

126 miles or 2.5 hours drive from Ilkley



Having a
celebration,
party, wedding?

We do sale or return, delivery & collection, free glass hire and remember if you spend over £150 you also benefit from 10% discount.

In addition we can arrange a private tasting in our wine bar so that you feel 100% confident that the wines for your party are just what you are looking for.

Another successful Martinez Wine Tasting Extravaganza

by Philip Kirk and Julie Brett.



On Tuesday 12th March, the Winter Gardens, Kings Hall rang out to the sounds of clinking glasses and popping corks as the annual Martinez Wine Tasting Extravaganza splashed in to town. Now in its 8th year this popular annual charity event gives wine lovers the chance to sample some of the world's finest wines.

Over 200 wines from across the world, plus a selection of single malts, were available for tasting throughout the afternoon and evening and we were delighted that over 250 people indulged themselves a little!

This year the proceeds were again donated to Save The Children, we raised a fantastic £1735 for the charity from ticket sales and a raffle!

Our aim was to show the people of Ilkley the quality and breadth of our portfolio and the real value for money that we supply at all price ranges. Many of the customers who attended took advantage of the 12.5% discount offered for all wine orders placed on the day

So do watch out for next year's event, it's a fantastic opportunity to sample some world class wines in a relaxed and informative environment and at the same time raise money for a good cause.

The wines on show this year, that really stood out were:-

Borsao Tinto 2012: From Campo de Borja, within the northern district of Aragon this wine is a richly fruited, smooth blend of Syrah, Grenache and Tempranillo. Despite being lauded by Robert Parker and awarded a score of 91/100 this wine is a mere £8.

Torres Celeste Ribero Del Duero 2009: This Tempranillo represents Torres first venture into Ribero Del Duero. It's a great success, dense black fruits enveloped in a smooth sheen of oak. Impressive complexity at a very competitive price of £13.49.

Bodegas Mano A Mano "Manon" 2012 Vino de la Tierra: From Don Juan country La Mancha, an intensely fruity tempranillo, chunky, spicy and enjoyably full bodied. Very satisfying and terrific value at £8.49.

Ventoux Les Amadous, Vignerons de Caractere 2011: Weighty southern rhone blend of Grenache and syrah. Generous black forest fruits with a good touch of spice. £9.99

Bodegas Ribas Del Cua Privilegio Bierzo 2006: Bierzo is home to the Mencia grape which is beginning to attract real interest. Soft and juicy black fruit, with appealing aromas of violets and toasty oak. This is a seriously well structured wine at its best with roasts and game dishes. £19.49

Spice Route Mourvedre Swartland South Africa 2009: Vibrant cherry tempered by wild herb and smoky aromas. Lingering plum tomato and spice on the palate. A medium bodied wine, showing firm structure balanced by fresh fruit on the



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Save The Children**

finish. A forward and appealing Mourvedre, very well made at £9.99.

Indaba Chenin Blanc 2011 Western Cape South Africa: A crisp, crowd-pleasing quaffer, packed with luscious tropical fruit, citrus and melon flavours with a touch of honey. An ideal party wine, it pairs well with almost everything at £8.49.

Cape Heights Viognier Western Cape South Africa 2011: Vibrant, stone fruit Viognier from the Western Cape. Deliciously rich and vibrant on the palate, alive with fresh apricot flavours and a long textural finish, at only £6.49.

Bastide Saint Dominique Roussanne IGP Mediterranee 2011 France: A crisp, refreshing dry white from the southern rhone grape Roussanne. Zingy, herby stone fruit married with fresh acidity make this wine an excellent match with seafood. £9.99

Saladini Pilastris Falerio DOC 2011 Italy: This wine, which includes the rare grape varieties of Passerina and Pecorino, is delightfully lemon oil and fennel-scented, and is crisp, dry, intriguing and compelling. A wine of real character and flavour at only £7.99.

Wine price increases explained

As you are probably already aware everything is getting more expensive and unfortunately wine is heading that way too. Below are four reasons why you will not only have seen recent price climbs but why these hikes could continue.

The 2012 Vintage was one of the worst on record with parts of France, Spain & Italy's crops producing up to 60% less grapes in some regions. We are seeing 10%+ price increase at cost for young wines i.e. budget wines. At least South Africa was a good vintage!

Government Imposed Duty is now at a staggering £2.40 for a bottle of wine on the shelf. This is only going to get worse as the government are stating that whilst wine sales are buoyant the price escalator which at present is set at 2% above inflation will continue. So if you think about it what our friends in parliament are saying is that until Independent wine merchants go bankrupt they will keep putting duty up!

Transport costs have risen considerably in the last 12 months and we are now paying 5p more a bottle when shipping direct from vineyards in France, Italy and Spain.

As much of the purchasing is done in Euros and the exchange rate has seen a drop from 1.28 to 1.15 recently.

Inevitably all these factors have increased the cost of entry level wines even the country's biggest selling pub tittle Pinot Grigio has seen a 40p per bottle rise at cost!

Even with these increases Martinez are able to offer quality drinks at affordable prices. See below a selection of our budget wines, come into the shop and try a mixed 6 and you get a further 5% discount. Or Call 01943 600000 and get free delivery as well as the 5%!

Martinez Budget Buys 2 bottles for £11 mix & match on all the following

- GPG Garganega Pinot Grigio
- Cape diversity Unoaked Chardonnay
- Marktree Semillon Chardonnay
- Mesta Moscatel Chardonnay
- Paarl Heights Grenache Cinsault Rose
- Cuvee Jean Paul Sec, Demi Sec & Rouge
- Las Corazas Macabeo, Tempranillo & Rosado
- Ca Di Ponti Nero D' Avola & Catarratto
- Montval Shiraz

Other Budget Value Martinez Wines 5% off 6 bottles / 10% off £150 spend

Whites

- Santiago Sauvignon Blanc, Chile £6.99
- Grand Cape Viogner, South Africa £6.49
- False Bay Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa- £7.49
- Rooiberg Chenin Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa- £6.99
- Alpha Zeta Soave, Italy- £7.49
- Emiliana Reserva Riesling (Organic), Chile- £7.99
- Fuenteseca Macabeo Sauvignon (Organic), Spain- £7.99
- Domaine de la Cessane

MARSANNE/VIOGNIER, France- £8.49

- Les Vigneaux CHARDONNAY, France- £8.49
- Chateau La Berriere Muscadet Sur Lie AOC, France- £8.49
- Bodega Gótica Badajo Rueda Verdejo, Spain- £7.99

Rose

- Paarl Heights Rose, South Africa- £5.99
- Bodegas Navajas Rosado Rioja, Spain- £7.49
- Ancora PINOT GRIGIO ROSE, Italy- £7.49
- False Bay Rose, South Africa- £7.49

Reds

- Murphys Shiraz, Australia- £6.99
- Tanguero Malbec, Argentina- £7.49
- Dalca Merlot, Chile- £6.95
- Navajas Tinto Rioja, Spain- £7.49
- CARRIGNAN VDP COTEAUX DE PEYRIAC, France- £7.90
- Bodegas Borsao SELECCION TINTO, Spain- £7.99
- Chateau Perron La Gourdine, Bordeaux, France- £7.99
- Bodegas MONFIL Garnacha, Spain- £7.49
- Manon Tempranillo, Spain £8.49
- Hacienda López de Haro Tempranillo Rioja, Spain £7.49
- Rooiberg Mountain Red Bland- £6.99



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Shop Opening hours

Mon 9-6 Tues 9-6 Wed 9-6
Thurs 9-7 Fri 9-8 Sat 9-8 Sun 12-6



NEW Wine Bar Opening Hours:

Wed- 5-11pm, Thur- 5-11pm
Fri- 5-11pm, Sat 3pm-11pm
Sun, Mon, Tues Closed

Ring the shop bell for take out wine up until 11pm on Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat