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The Martinez Wines Newsletter



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CHRISTMAS 2016

BREXIT

Plan B!

In business you have to have a plan B and sometimes a plan C & D too.

So when the vote to leave the EU was declared, at Martinez we decided to act fast. We secured as much stock as we could before the inevitable demise of the pound. We struck deals with vineyards and UK importers so that we could laugh in the face of rising prices and offer for the first time ever in the history of Martinez 'Christmas Offers'.

There will inevitably be price increases but not this year and not at your local wine merchants Martinez.

So check out the middle pages of 'Brexit Busters' all of which will be available to taste in both Ilkley & Bingley shops throughout the whole of December.

So what are you waiting for? Come and try before you buy.

Also in this edition

- > Philip Kirk reads the future and secures Burgundy parcels to see you through the drought
- > Mcmanis Wines from the USA-Consistency is key
- > Christmas day food matches
- > And more



All part of the service!

- ✓ 20+ wines to taste at anytime
- ✓ 600+ wines, 40+ Sherries, 30+ Whiskies, 50+ Gins, a large selection of Ports, Brandies, Cognacs, unusual spirits, local & world beers
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And the search goes on...

Where we have been since last Christmas?

In our pursuit to bring you only the best wines from around the world in the last 12 months our team have been to France, Spain, Italy, Argentina & Portugal. In addition, we have been to several tastings by UK importers around the UK. Here are our 'Pick of the Trips'

Jonathan

Aniello 006 Riverside Estate 2014 PINOT NOIR, Argentina £14.49

Very true to the varietal with nice aromas of ripe red summer fruits and forest floor notes; light, fresh and juicy on the palate

Vigneau-Chevreau VOUVRAY Clos de Rougemont Chenin Blanc 2015 £15.99

Luscious & Juicy yet with a dry finish. Old vines, organic & Biodynamic. How I remember Vouvray should be.

Chris

Fattorie Isole e Olena CHIANTI CLASSICO 2013, Italy £23.99

2013 was an excellent year in Tuscany. Typical sour cherry and red fruit character with bramble notes.

Philip

Mauro Vino de la Tierra Castilla y Leon 2013, Spain £36.99

Despite the administrative bungle which leaves Mauro outside the official Ribera El Duero DO, Bodegas Mauro thrives on its well deserved stellar reputation. 90% Tinto Fino, 10% Syrah. The 2013 is a lush, softly fruited velvety wine, plum, damson and morello cherry abound, a harmonious silky finish, with a smooth layer of oak. Drinking beautifully and impossible to resist.



This wine has now moved to the equally as good 2014 vintage which drinks earlier and is more fruit forward.

Barbeito Single Harvest Madeira 2004 £24.50

Sourced from a single vineyard this is made with the rare Tinta Negra and makes an extraordinary wine. Almonds, barley sugar and seville orange all come into play on the lively palate. The sweetness is nicely counter balanced with mouth watering acidity. A treat and really rather special.

Phil

Groot Constantia PINOTAGE 2014, South Africa £18.99

Commander Simon van der Stel of the Dutch East India Company arrived at the Cape supply station in 1679 where he started making wines. Over 300 years later the wines are still being made. This wine shows an abundance of ripe fruit on the nose, like strawberries, black cherries and plums, with hints of toasty oak and sweet vanilla.

Christmas Day Wine Matches

At Martinez, we know how important it is to find the right wine to go with food. Although there are many different flavours on your Christmas day plate, we thought we would at least put together some matches for the meats most likely to be served at the festive season.

Turkey

Dom. Jacques Carillon PULIGNY MONTRACHET 2013, Burgundy, France £52.99

Goose

Mittnacht RIESLING 2014, Alsace £15.49 or Bodegas Navajas GRAN RESERVA RIOJA 2015, Spain (winner of The Wine Merchants Top 100) £23.99

Partridge

Domaine Notre Dame GIGONDAS Les Mourres 2013, Rhone, France £15.49

Ham

Fattorie Isole e Olena CHIANTI CLASSICO, Tuscany, Italy 2013 £23.99

Duck

Escarpment PINOT NOIR MARTINBOROUGH 2013, New Zealand £19.99

Beef

Rousseau de Sipian Cru Bourgeois 2010, Bordeaux, France £19.99



Mcmanis Wines USA

We are quite old world when it comes to wine but I think it's about time we started making noises about our range of wines from the northern interior of California.

Mcmanis Family Vineyards is known for ultra premium grape growing featuring selected rootstocks and clones, leaf pulling, cluster thinning and drip irrigation. Mcmanis use "small winery" techniques with individual and small lot fermentation and oak aging. This innovative method of winemaking is unique to a winery of this production capacity and produces excellent finished wines meant to be enjoyed when young, with juicy flavours, freshness and balance.

We do not stock the whole range as we have cherry picked the wines which we think really stand out. As you will know if you are familiar with Martinez practises, we taste a lot of wines and reject most. It's not often a range of wines impresses the Martinez team as much as these do. All the wines offer great value at £11.99 with my favourites being the Pinot Noir, Petite Sirah & Chardonnay. However the Viogner, Cabernet and Zinfandel are all good too.



Did You Notice?

MARTINEZ ILKLEY WINE & GIN BAR

We quietly changed the signage when you were not looking! As the gins have gone down so well in our Bingley Wine Bar we are now offering 8 premium gins matched with Fever Tree tonics in our Ilkley cellar bar too. Our selection of G & T's are served in large bowl glasses and are ever changing as we pick from our 50+ gin range in the shop.

Brexit

BUSTERS



Fizz

- > Michel Torino Brut NV, Argentina
Was £12.49 Now £10.99
Is this Argentinean Champagne?
- > Torres Santa Digna Estelado Sparkling Rose NV, Chile
Was £13.79 Now £11.79
Voted Best Sparkling in the World 2016! As served in the wine bars for the last 12 months.
✓ Fair Trade Wine



Whites

- > Domaine De Vedilhan Vioigner 2015, France
Was £8.79 Now £7.49
Sommelier wine awards Silver - "Lively pear/peach fruit aromas, then a hint of walnut on the palate, a good honest style." Sommelier Wine Awards 2015 / IWSC Bronze.
 - > Giustiniana GAVI DI GAVI LUGARARA 2015, Italy
Was £17.49 Now £15.99
"One of the best Gavi's I have tasted" Christine Austin Yorkshire Post Bronze – Decanter World Wine Awards.
 - > Torres Santa Digna Gewürztraminer 2015, Chile,
Was £9.75 Now £7.99
Great with spicy food. One for the slightly sweeter tooth.
✓ Fair Trade Wine
- > Franschhoek Cellar Sauvignon Blanc 2015, South Africa
Was £8.49 Now £6.49
Tropical aromas opening up to all the gooseberry, grapefruit & pineapple you would expect from this varietal. Decanter World Wines Silver Award.
 - > Domaine des Vercheres MACON-VILLAGE 2015, France
Was £13.49 Now £11.99
This fabulous unoaked Chardonnay from Burgundy imported direct from vineyard is a classic Christmas drink.
 - > Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc 2015, New Zealand
Was £14.79 Now £11.99
Saint Clair's best selling wine worldwide packed with passion fruit, hints of gooseberries and a long finish. International Wine Challenge Silver Medal.
 - > Saladini Pilastrini FALERIO 2015, Italy
Was £9.49 Now £7.99
This wine is produced from an ancient mixture of grapes from Trebbiano, Passerina and Pecorino. As this wine is made from lesser known grapes we believe that better value is received. Try it!
✓ Organic



Reds

- > Montresor Valpolicella Ripasso 2014, Italy
Was £14.49 Now £11.99
Classic Italian drinking wine, single vineyard.
 - > Trentham Estate La Famiglia Nebbiolo 2013, Australia
Was £12.99 Now £10.99
Australian Barolo who would have thought it! One of our favourites at the moment.
 - > 'The Charge' Tempranillo Garnacha Rioja 2013, Spain
Was £10.49 Now £8.99
Sommelier Wine Awards Silver 2013 Decanter World Wine Awards Bronze
✓ Organic
 - > Stellenbosch Reserve CABERNET SAUVIGNON Reserve Ou Hoofgebou 2013, South Africa
Was £18.75 Now £15.99
One of the wines at The Martinez Christmas staff party last year. Decanter Silver Medal.
 - > Altair Sideral Bordeaux Blend 2013, Chile
Was £18.75 Now £15.99
Successfully ambitious Bordeaux style blend from a vineyard at the foot of an Andean cliff-face.
- > Bolyki EGRI BIKAVER 'Bulls Blood', 2012, Hungary
Was £16.49 Now £14.99
Do you remember Bulls Blood? Sommelier wine awards silver medal
 - > Bremerton 'Selkirk' Shiraz 2013, Australia
Was £16.49 Now £14.99
"There is an inherent complexity in the wine that seems to come from the vineyard rather than the winery; while only medium to full-bodied, red and black fruits, licorice, bitter chocolate and earth are all in play" 90 Pts, James Halliday.
 - > Nero d'Avola, Baccaria, Cantina Paolini 2015
Was £8.99 Now £7.49
From Marsala in Sicily this is a great value fruit packed wine.
 - > Tenuta Fiorebelli CABALETTA Rosso 2015, Italy
Was £10.99 Now £9.49
Blackcurrant and bramble with a velvet finish. Everyone comes back for more!
✓ Vegetarian and Vegan
 - > Circuit des Cretes Cotes du Rhone 2014, France
Was £7.49 Now £5.99
We tasted it, we liked it, we ordered a pallet. It will fly out at this price! Available in our 2 bottles for £11 range (see back page).

Port

- > Krohn ambassador Ruby NV port
Was £11.49 Now £10.49
Better than you would expect at this price.
- > Krohn LBV 2011
Was £17.75 Now £14.99
Silver medal International Wine Challenge 2011; 91 points in Wine Enthusiast Magazine.
- > Smith Woodhouse Madalena Single Quinta 1998 Vintage Port
Was £27.99 Now £21.99
Will age slightly faster than a classic vintage but great value and drinking well now.

Sherry

- > Antonio Barbadillo MANZANILLA SOLEAR 37.5cl (Dry)
Was £6.49 Now £4.99
Fresh, dry with good complexity.
- > El Candado Pedro Ximenez
Was £20.75 Now £18.99
The Padlock! Liquid Christmas pudding. Drizzle it on your ice cream, yummmie. Available in half bottles.

Brandy

- > Richard Delisle XO Carafe (in gift box) Cognac
Was £92.95 Now £82.95
Silver medal- Outstanding at the IWSC in 2015.

Dessert Wines

- > Filhot Sauternes GOLD RESERVE 1998
£19.99
Bin End- 18 year old Sauternes!
- > Catherine Marshall Myriad Merlot
Was £14.99 Now £11.99
This wine has been specifically crafted for washed rind cheeses like the famous Burgundian Epoisse, Munster and Stilton. 3* Platter Guide.



All available to
taste in shop **NOW!**

Navigating Burgundy's shrunken vintages

By Philip Kirk

Burgundy has suffered a run of metrological misfortune over the past 5 years. From damp and rot to lack of sunshine and hail storms, yields have been severely curtailed and quality variable. Consequently there is much less wine to satisfy demand and careful selection of what is available is mandatory. We've done the hard work for you and the following represents some excellent drinking over the next few years. As ever with Burgundy, focus is on reputable producers who rise to the challenge of producing good quality wines in difficult vintages. If you love Burgundy buy some now and lay it down to see you through the drought or risk ludicrous prices or no wine at all. Perish the thought!

The following wines are my top tips for great drinking over the festive season:

Rully Le Meix Cadot 1er Cru Blanc 2014 £28.95
Sophisticated aroma of citrus, creamy oak and a slight note of orange pith. Super-fresh and the acidity balanced by the creamy texture. Full-flavoured but still quite subtle. Very pleasing.

Meursault Cuvee Fernand Yves Boyer Martenot 2014 £40.99
Fine spicy notes entwined with citrus fruit. Oak in evidence, but not dominant. Well balanced, relatively broad in the mouth but very fresh on the finish. Proper Meursault, will cellar well.

Puligny Montrachet Jacques Carillon 2013 £52.99
Clean cut, with some green citrus and developing tropical notes. There is stone fruit freshness and lively acidity. This is a proper and precise Puligny which will evolve gracefully over the next 2 years.

Bourgogne Rouge Frederic Magnien 2014 £16.99
Bright translucent ruby, enticing fresh strawberry bouquet, clean and juicy on the palate. Soft tannins and so fresh. This is a very pretty pinot noir, with great finesse and a proper sense of place.

Chorey Les Beaune Les Beaumonts Jean Jacques Girard 2012 £23.95
Lightish cherry red. Ripe cherries and damsons on the nose. Lively, juicy and friendly, great freshness. Very appealing and drinking beautifully now.

Nuits St George VV Bernard Ambroise 2009 £41.50
From the iconic village which still holds swagger, this is developing nicely and is beginning to put on flesh. Bright black cherry and attractive wood spice. Has the very firm, fine tannic structure of their other cuvées. Good persistence and core concentration. Decant.



GIFTS & PACKAGING FOR ALL

We offer a complete bespoke gift service catering for corporate and personal gifts with nationwide delivery. The wide selection of wines, speciality beers, spirits, ports and single malts at Martinez ensures a gift to match everyone's preference. We can help you and/or your company, delight friends, clients and employees with the gifts from the Martinez range.

Your gifts can be packaged in one of our hand-made gift bags; cardboard gift boxes or wooden gift boxes to achieve that perfect presentation.

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Extravaganza Date Announced

Date for your diary
14th March 2017

I am happy to announce that our excellent champagnes from Claude Cazals will be holding FREE master classes at our annual Wine tasting charity Extravaganza in 2017.

We hold many other tastings and events throughout the year so please join our mailing list at www.martinez.co.uk or follow Martinez on Twitter or Facebook

Party Wines

Think Martinez is expensive?

We have a range of good wines that are 2 bottles for £11 these include the always popular Cuvee Jean Paul range of Sec, Demi Sec & Rouge.

Also Las Corazas Tempranillo, Macabeo & Rosado
Ca Di Pont Catarratto & Nero D' Avola
Gargenega Pinot Grigio

And just in for Christmas
Circuit des Cretes Cotes du Rhone 2014

If you are having a bit of a bash we also do free glass hire, delivery and sale or return.



Christmas Trees

Highest quality non drop with
free local delivery 'Available at
our Ilkley shop'



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the wine shops are open until
11pm - Thurs, Fri & Saturdays?

In The Wine Bars

Both our Ilkley and Bingley Wine & Gin Bars offer over 20 wines by the glass 8 gins with matching tonics as well as our excellent 'Gluten free' Estrella Galicia lager on draught. Bingley also offer perfectly kept Goose Eye Bitter and 'Chinook' Blonde.

To accompany your beverages we offer simple authentic tapas served from opening until 10pm.



We serve homemade
MULLED WINE
throughout December in
the wine bars

Christmas in the Wine Bars

We offer bespoke Drinks & Tapas packages to suit your needs and budget Enquiries to: Bingley - adam@martinez.co.uk
Ilkley - jonathan@martinez.co.uk

New Year's Eve at Bingley

You may book your table now for only £10pp including a glass of champagne at midnight. Our Tapas menu will be served throughout the evening as normal

Christmas Bar Opening Times

Bingley Bar Opening Times

- > Dec 1st - 23rd Normal Opening
- > Dec 24th 12pm - 12am
- > Dec 25th Closed
- > Dec 26th - 30th from 4pm
- > NYE 12pm - 1am (Ticket only from 7pm)

Ilkley Bar Opening Times

- > Normal opening Times
- > Thurs & Fri 5pm - 11pm
- > Saturday 3pm - 11pm

Wednesday 28th Christmas Buskers Night



Post Christmas Midweek Blues

If you want to go with the melancholy feel then come down to Bingley Wine Bar any Wednesday night throughout January & February when we will have a Blues act to enhance your mood! **Starts 7.30pm Free Entry**



Post Christmas Midweek Smiles

Use the voucher opposite and present it at the bar to receive ½ price corkage (Full bottles only)

Ilkley - Thursday Nights

Bingley - Wednesday & Thursday Nights

To give you an example of how good an offer this is, a bottle of our award winning Prosecco will be £13.99!

WINE VOUCHER

Present this voucher behind the bar to receive ½ price corkage. Mid week only / one bottle per voucher.

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