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The Martinez Wines Newsletter



WINTER 2017

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DID YOU KNOW?

A recent YouGov poll* shows that wine drinkers value expertise and variety of choice above price, yet over half (53%) do not buy wine from their local merchant.

The poll shows that most British adults buy their alcohol from supermarkets (74% for general consumption), specialist shops and local wine merchants are more than twice as likely to be used for special occasions (8%) than for general consumption (3%).

CURRENT SHOP OFFERS

3 Bin ends added to our selection of 2 FOR £12 WINES

- Bodegas Covitoto T' TINTA DE TORO, Spain (Too good at this price!)
- Forge Mill Shiraz. Cinsault, South Africa
- CIRCUIT DES CRETES Cotes du Rhone, France

MID-WEEK BLUES

- Live Blues every Wednesday, 7.30pm at Bingley Martinez, Free Entry



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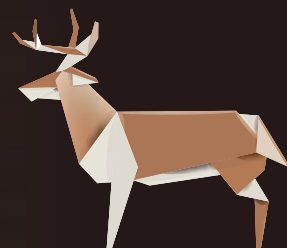
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BINGLEY WINE BAR
3 TAPAS FOR £10

4-6pm Wed, Thurs 12-4pm Saturdays
Did you know we have a selection of new Tapas dishes in the Bingley wine bar too?

ORANGE WINE

If you like to eat out in finer establishments then I am sure you will have heard of 'Orange Wine' as most of the good wine lists are now carrying this slightly different wine.

If you have not come across it, what is orange wine?

Basically it is a wine that is made with as little interference as possible and has extended contact with the skins thus giving it an orange colour. So minimal intervention grape growing and winemaking is the name of the game. It definitely verges Natural but out of respect of the hardcore Naturalist (i.e. No sulphur addition) we are talking Minimal. The Independent described orange wine as 'refreshing like white with the complexities of red' which I think fits the bill nicely.

I am happy to say I have found an orange wine that I think is worthy of a place on the Martinez Shelves. From Alpha Box & Dice the wine is Golden Mullet Fury Semillon /Viognier from McLaren Vale, Australia £18.99.

Capsicum, guava and butterscotch on the nose with waxy, textured, almond, spicy and rich flavours throughout your mouth. Orange wine that's actually worth all the hype!



MAGNUMS

I have always thought there is something wonderful about larger format wines. Did you know that the wine ages slower? For a dinner party or special birthday or even Christmas Day we have a good selection of Magnums (2 Bottle). We also have double mags (4 Bottle) and an "imperial" or a "methuselah," of 2006 Bordeaux. (8 Bottle) and can order in other large formats on request.



New Find!
Lebanese Cinsault Magnum
£36.99

EEH BYE GUM Yorkshire Gins



MASONS DRY YORKSHIRE GIN:

Based in Bedale, North Yorkshire. Masons takes great pride in only producing 200 litre batches at a time and each individual bottle has a hand written batch and unique bottle number. Made using the traditional slow distillation method, pure natural Yorkshire water and a fine balance of the necessary juniper and their own blend of citrus elements and secret botanicals. Masons was the first official Yorkshire gin available on the market. Since starting distilling in their own garage many moons ago they have come up with some wild and wonderful twists on the classic gin such as Yorkshire lavender and even Yorkshire tea!

We stock all three of the range in 70cl at £39.99 and also the 20cl at £14.50.



SLINGSBY ARTISAN GIN:

Based in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Slingsby takes pride in the name as William Slingsby discovered the healing properties of natural spring water in Harrogate during the year of 1571. This is the base of their great natural gin which likes to use the finest local botanicals from Ridding Park Hotel on the outskirts of Harrogate. Slingsby enjoys putting a Yorkshire feel on their products for example their infamous Yorkshire rhubarb gin and also not forgetting their mind blowing navy strength!

We stock all three of their gins at £42.00 for the classic & rhubarb and the navy strength for £54.99.

It is hard not to get caught up in the gin epidemic and I have to say that it has been rather good for business. In our shops we now have over 70 gins for sale and in the bars 8 rotating gins served with premium tonics.

The gins we sell are from countries and counties far and wide. If you have a favourite or want to try something new then either pop in shop or visit www.martinez.co.uk. For the benefit of this newsletter however here is a selection of gins that we sell from Yorkshire:

WHITTAKERS:

Based in Nidderdale, North Yorkshire. Their aim is to produce artisan handcrafted small batch spirit, which reflects the Yorkshire countryside. Their gin is predominantly the classic juniper with a mixture of coriander, angelica root, hawthorn berries and bog myrtle. They also like to put a twist on their classic juniper based spirit such as pink particular which is distilled with pink peppercorns and pink hibiscus. Original gin and pink particular.

Available at £35.99.



SIR ROBIN OF LOCKSLEY:

Based in Sheffield, South Yorkshire. Sir Robin has a vision to produce multi-purpose sipping gin that falls somewhere between a London Dry and an Old Tom. Tasting notes are up-front juniper with more delicate aromas of elderflower bubbling throughout with cassia notes soothed with fresh dandelion and pink grapefruit adds an underlying sweetness and citrus finish. The gin has a clean, yet rounded mouth feel that is perfect as a classic G&T or part of a great cocktail.

Available at £35.99.



ANGEL DIVINE:

Based in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire. Gin Divine is both bold and fresh. This multi-faceted charismatic gin delivers a sensational taste and is presented in a beautiful bottle enclosed by angel wings. Distilled just up the road in Holmfirth, Gin Divine is a new and very popular Gin that you will find in all the trendy bars of Huddersfield and Holmfirth. It's crisp, dry and zesty flavours make it a real premium and flavoursome gin. Divine uses fresh spring water locally sourced. The fresh taste brings a clean and delicate flavour with a soft mouth feel. This blended with a mix of botanicals ranging from pepper to the spice of cinnamon ensures a flavour like no other.

Available at £42.99.



*We now
sell Gin
Glasses!*

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REDS

	Grape(s)	Country	Vintage	Retail price	Description
Boutinot 'Les Coteaux', Côtes du Rhône Villages	Grenache, Syrah	France	2014	£9.99	Brambly fruit underpinned by subtle oaky nuances, lovely sweet spice; warm star anise with a touch of cinnamon. A shop favourite.
Recoleta	Malbec	Argentina	2017	£10.99	Big shop favourite. Raspberry and spicy plum fruit and low tannins on this unoaked Malbec.
Waterkloof 'Seriously Cool'	Cinsault	South Africa	2016	£14.49	40-50 year old vine. Cranberry freshness and texture with taut acidity and tremendous length. Serve lightly chilled or 'Cool'.
Emiliana Coyam, Colchagua Valley (Organic)	Syrah, Carmenère, Merlot	Chile	2013	£20.49	Very fruity with cherries, plums, blueberries and blackberries. Fresh acidity, good concentration and good structure that draws out the lingering finish.
Finca MUSEUM Reserva, Cigales	Tempranillo	Spain	2012	£17.79	Mature, luscious with red berries and liquorice. 91 Robert Parker points.
Trentham Estate La Famiglia	Nebbiolo	Australia	2013	£12.99	Cherry aromas follow to the palate; these flavours are supported by hints of leather and black olive. The same grape used to make Barolo.
BREMERTON 'Selkirk'	Shiraz	Australia	2014	£16.49	Rich dark fruit with a Rhone-like gamey, smoky character.
Stellenbosch Reserve 'Hoofgebou'	Cabernet Sauvignon	South Africa	2013	£18.99	Full bodied and dark fleshy berry fruit in a smooth sheen of oak. Old School!
Château La Croix de Grézard Lussac-Saint-Émilion	Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot	France	2010	£16.99	Restrained, understated light plummy notes, tight tannins, dusty. Great vintage, great value.
Bodegas Olarra CERRO ANON RESERVA RIOJA	Carignan, Graciano, Garnacha, Tempranillo	Spain	2012	£13.49	A soft vanilla nose, with hints of raspberries and smoke drifting onto the palate. Stands out a mile compared to others at this price. 90 Robert Parker Points.
Ricasoli BROLIO Chianti Classico	Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet	Italy	2015	£17.99	Red fruit, Vanilla & liquorice with a long mineral finish.

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WHITES

Gran Gesta Cava Brut	Xarel.lo , Macabeo, Parellada	Spain	NV	£10.49	A shop favourite, this is the perfect celebration fizz usually liked by all age groups. A fruity Brut.
Broadbent Vinho Verde	Loureiro, Trajadura, Pedernã	Portugal	NV	£10.99	The Green Wine of Portugal. Deliciously light at only 9% and zesty too.
Saint Claire 'Family Estate' Marlborough Premium	Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand	2016	£15.49	Passionfruit, grapefruit and gooseberry leap out of the glass. Luscious & enjoyable.
Wente Morning Fog	Chardonnay	USA	2016	£15.99	Firm fruit, oak spice and a smattering of vanilla on the finish. This is pretty tasty stuff!
Domaine de la Motte Old Vine CHABLIS (Vegan & Vegetarian)	Chardonnay	France	2013	£17.49	Wonderful aromas of baked apple, Old Vines add complexity, richness and depth of flavour. Burgundy Tastevinage award.
L'Ormarine Duc de Morny, AOP Picpoul de Pinet	Picpoul	France	2016	£9.99	Incredibly vibrant and fresh - Picpoul is the next big thing.
Laureatus	Albarino	Spain	2015	£13.49	Tangerine, mango, pears, apples, herbs and minerality, yum...
Sorrentino Verso (Organic)	Falanghina	Italy	2015	£15.49	Native grape of southern Italy. Fresh and zingy with good acidity and an enjoyable herbal edge. Organic too!

PORT

Krohn LBV Port	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Barroc	Portugal	2011	£16.99	Black plums, spice and dried herbs, firm and evident tannins and a rich, long finish. 2011 was an exceptional vintage.
Krohn Vintage Port 2003		Portugal	2003	£42.99	Crushed by foot & aged in bottle. Spicy, peppery fruit. Decant.
Krohn Colheita 1996		Portugal	1996	£32.99	This Tawny has a spicy nose full of caramel and dates, backed up with a dried fruit and candied peel palate.

DESSERT

Bodegas Tora Albala Dulce de Pasa 1/2 bottle	Pedro Ximénez (sweet sherry)	Spain	2015	£16.99	Concentrated flavours of orange peel, caramel and fig. Liquid Sultanas.
Bodegas Tora Albala Don PX Gran Reserva 1987 1/2 bottle	Pedro Ximénez (sweet sherry)	Spain	1987	£24.99	Dark chocolate, dried figs and plums, raisins and sweet spices; the dense, thick and persistent palate. Liquid Christmas pudding at its very best!

SHERRY

Valdespino Inocente Machurnudo Fino Sherry	Palomino	Spain	NV	£17.99	A textbook Fino. A single vineyard wine, this is the last remaining Fino to be fermented in oak butts.
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MIX & MATCH (LOWEST PRICED ITEM FREE)

All the wines on Offer can be viewed on our website
www.martinez.co.uk - type offer into the search bar.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Dreaming of a white Christmas this year... you can with Martinez! Here's a recommended selection of white wines to pair with your Christmas dinner this year.

SPARKLING APERITIFS

Franschhoek Cellar, Brut Royale, NV, South Africa £16.49

Pale gold with added flourish of delicate petite bubbles. Creamy lemon and almond biscuit with zesty notes and maturation of on the lees creates a well rounded mouth feel with pure minerality.

Cazals Carte D'Or Grand Cru, Champagne, NV, France £29.99

Classic biscuit aromas with some delicate flower hints. A fresh and very balanced acidity in the mouth with a lovely finish of lemon and Little chalk.

TURKEY

Gayda, Viognier, 2016, Southern France £11.99

Pale lemon gold with a very expressive nose and palate of apricot, peach and blossom. Bring a perfect elegance, freshness and richness to your Christmas dinner table!

Wente Morning Fog, Chardonnay, 2015, USA £15.49

Firm fruit, oak spice and a smattering of vanilla on the finish. Is this white Burgundy in disguise?

Sophie Irwin

DUCK OR GOOSE

Waipara Springs, Pinot Gris, 2016, New Zealand £12.99

Light honey colour with aromatic notes of pear, slight spice and vibrant floral undertones. The palate is rich and has balanced sweetness on the palate.

Mittnacht, Riesling, 2014, Alsace £16.49

An Alsatian dry Riesling with racy acidity and the classic varietal aromas of petroleum. Pure and precise. Not too over powering for that full flavoured meat.

HAM

Kaapzicht, Chenin Blanc, 2016, South Africa £10.49

Perfect ripe quince, pineapple, stone fruits with aspects of a savoury notes. Very lightly textured and a slight hint of sweetness and crunchy fruit.

Domaine Octavie, Touraine, Sauvignon Blanc, 2016, Loire, France £12.99

Brilliant pale gold colour with an expressive nose of citrus fruits, white flowers and minerality. A well balanced fresh palate with dominating peach notes.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Essensia, orange Muscat, 2015, USA £12.99

Outrageously rich and delicious with a vibrant peachy, orange aroma and dried apricots. The palate is rich and sweet, again with vibrant peach and orange fruit. Ends with lingering, refreshing length. Perfect pairing!

Oremus Noble late harvest, furmint, Tokaji, 2014, Hungary £19.99

Oremus is owned and run by Vega Sicilia, Spain's greatest winery. Lighter than many with dried apricot, honey, raisins and marmalade tang.



CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO 2 OF OUR TEAM.

SOPHIE & ADAM WHO HAVE JUST PASSED THEIR WSET L2 WINE COURSE WITH FLYING COLOURS.

Bordeaux

Bordeaux is the world's most popular wine region and in France is the second most visited city. Bordeaux has a huge wine production, more in fact than the whole of Australia in any given year. Most of the fuss on Bordeaux wine is focused on the top 1855 Classified Growths and the best wines from the prestigious Right Bank appellations. However these comprise of less than 10% of the total output. There are now over 60 different Bordeaux appellations and 7,375 wineries covering more than 120,000 hectares, or 296,596 acres!



75 million cases of Bordeaux wine are sold each year. It is no wonder that Bordeaux is considered the uncrowned king of the wine world.

Bordeaux is a region dominated by the production of red wine, 90% in fact is red. A rough breakdown of all vine plantings is as follows:

99% of all red wine grape varieties in Bordeaux are dominated by the top three grape varieties Cabernet, Merlot & Cabernet Franc. The remaining 1% is planted to three different grape varieties; Malbec, Petit Verdot & Carmenere although very little Carmenere is left.

Bordeaux varietals for the production of white wine consist of 54% Semillon, 36% Sauvignon Blanc and 7% Muscadelle. The other 3% is made up of Sauvignon Gris, Colombar, Folle Blanche and Ugni Blanc.

Here is a selection of Bordeaux wines available at Martinez that I think represents the best value from each respective Appellation:

BORDEAUX AOC:
Chateau Perron La Gourdine 2015 £8.99

Comprised of equal parts of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot this is a supple, medium bodied wine with savoury blackcurrant and firm, yet soft tannins. With

good acidity and juicy fruit it both refreshes and stimulates the palate. Not at all heavy, just a pleasing and satisfying drink. Especially successful in the stellar 2015 vintage.

CADILLAC COTES DE BORDEAUX:
Chateau Fayau 2010 £13.99

From the impressive 2010 vintage a delightful Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc blend. Deeply coloured with mature highlights. Bouquet of ripe jammy fruits with forest and earth undertones. Supple palate, soft mouth feel and polished tannins showcasing focused, dense fruit. The pleasure continues over a good lengthy finish.

LUSSAC SAINT EMILION:
Chateau La Croix de Grezard 2010 £16.99

A lovely, classic style of Lussac St Emilion. Merlot dominant with a little Cabernet Franc. A whiff of pencil shavings and some cedar box aromas reveal layers of chunky black fruit with firm but supple tannins. Drinking very nicely now.

MEDOC:
Chateau Rousseau De Sipian 2010 £20.99

Spice and cassis on the nose. There is weight and depth on this wine made from 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with 40% Merlot

to flesh it out giving hints of blueberry, blackcurrant, tobacco and leather on a long, lingering finish. Exceptional value and a firm shop favourite.

POMEROL:
Jean Pierre MOUEIX POMEROL 2012 £24.99

Merlot based hence an abundance of plummy fruit with some fleshy damson. The wine is soft and concentrated, but also long and elegant. A delight to drink to drink now.

ST ESTEPH:
Chateau Le Crock Saint-Estephe 2009 £???.??

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and topped up with Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, from the excellent 2009 vintage. The nose of black and blue fruits intermixed with liquorice leads to big, plush and fleshy wine, with terrific fruit purity and a long, layered finish. Robert Parker 90-92 points

DINE WITH BORDEAUX DINNER

Wednesday November 27th

I will be hosting this Bordeaux Dinner at Quinta Bar & Grill. The cost is a very reasonable £60pp and includes canapés on arrival, 3 course dinner & Coffee along with the following wines to match.

Chateau Thieuley Bordeaux BLANC 2016
Chateau Perron La Gourdine 2015
Chateaux La Croix de GREZARD Lussac-St-Emilion 2010
Chateau LE CROCK St Estephe 2009

Please book direct with Quinta on 01943 602670

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AN OVERVIEW OF PORTUGAL

by Philip J Kirk

Portugal's advantage in wine terms is its isolation, which has kept its inheritance of indigenous vine varieties intact and virtually unaffected by Chardonnay- and Cabernet-mania. It has also been its disadvantage.

The Portuguese have had this strange habit of making wines to suit the palates of other Portuguese rather than making the sort of fruity, juicy-yet-structured wines that appeal to the majority of the world's wine consumers. The wines that have traditionally been most respected within Portugal are implausibly tough reds and oxidised whites that are perhaps past their best. This of course has changed in recent years where ambitious young Portuguese winemakers have embraced new technology and techniques to make the best of the many indigenous

grape varieties. They now produce modern, fruity wines which can compete with the best in Europe.

Opposite are a few of the best I've encountered during my travels to Portugal over the past 2 years.

Moradio da Torre Alvarinho 2015 Vinho Verde £16.49

This hails from the Minho region with more land under vine than any other region save the Douro Valley. This is a fine example of modern Vinho Verde offering rich fruit flavours of pineapple and peach matched with gloriously refreshing acidity and a long mineral finish.

Beyra Branco Beira 2015 £10.99

Lesser known but now getting some deserved attention. Beira is very close to the Spanish border just south of the Douro. Wine maker Rui Maderia is injecting new life and a sense of purpose into these

ancient vineyards. Some of the vines are exceptionally old, the white grapes used here are Fonte Cal and Siria. The Beyra Branco offers a zesty green citrus character with soft texture and refreshing acidity. An ideal picnic wine.

Beyra Branco Tinto 2015 £10.99

Modern fruit forward red made with Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo) and Touriga Nacional. Rich fruit, unoaked and a lovely alternative to commercial Rioja's.

Casa de Saima Tinto Bairrada 2014 £12.99

This is predominantly Baga, the great red grape of Bairrada, with a dash of Touriga Nacional. Vines used are over 40 years old. This is a quintessential Portuguese red, offering a herby, savoury nose with a slightly medicinal edge and some caramel notes. The palate shows attractive juicy cherry and raspberry fruit with an earthy finish. Unique, very pleasing and elegant.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

ILKLEY SHOP

Open as normal except
Closed 25th, 26th December and
1st, 2nd January

ILKLEY BAR

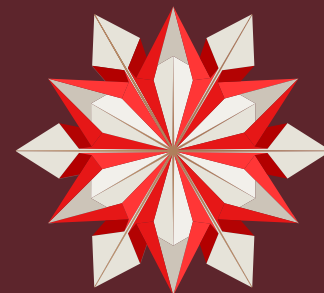
Open as normal except
Closed 25th & 26th
Open New Years Eve 5pm-1am

BINGLEY SHOP

Open as normal except
Closed 25th
Open 26th 4pm-11pm
Closed 1st & 2nd Jan

BINGLEY BAR

Open as normal except
Sunday 24th - From 4pm
Monday 25th - closed
Tuesday 26th - From 4pm
New Years Eve 4pm - 1am



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