

# Noble Rot

The Martinez Wines Newsletter



WINTER ISSUE

## Shop local

# *This Christmas*

*Try us life is too short to drink bad wine...*

Again we would like to thank all our regular customers for their continued support throughout 2013 and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

For those of you who do not purchase your wines, ports, Sherries and Whisky's at Martinez please come and give us a try. We have 500+ wines from £5.50, we provide an informal, friendly and informative service with a range of gift packaging and a competitive Next Day National Delivery service (more details inside).

### All part of the service!

- ✓ Wine Wedding Gift Service
- ✓ Free whisky tasting anytime!
- ✓ Free local delivery
- ✓ Gift packaging for 1, 2, 3, 6 & 12 bottles delivery arranged to anywhere in the country
- ✓ Specialised Beers, Whisky's, Sherries, Liqueurs & Ports
- ✓ Free Glass hire for functions
- ✓ Mixed Cases to suit your pocket
- ✓ Parking directly outside
- ✓ Retail/Corporate /Wholesale
- ✓ Wine education
- ✓ Tastings
- ✓ Call My Quaff Events

**If you have any enquiry please contact our shop**

Selection of wines at 2 for £11

5% discount on 6 bottles

10% discount on orders over £150

## WHAT'S ON

**Tuesday 10th December 7-9.30pm**

A night of indulgence with Addingham Fruit liqueurs & 'Forever' High Quality Health & Wellbeing Products

**Tuesday 17th December**

Swing Into Christmas  
In The Wine Bar with Beverley Beirne and her Band playing Jazzy Christmas Tunes- Ticket £5

**Sunday 29th December**

Christmas Busker's Night in the Wine Bar / Night (remove) Free Entry

Buskers Night continues in 2014 on the last Wednesday of every month

**The Martinez Extravaganza Tuesday 25th March 2014!**

Over 200 wines to taste at the Winter Gardens at this fantastic, totally un-missable yearly event! Tickets £10 on sale February. Profits to Save The Children.

**France Wine Holiday 28th June - 5th July**  
(see full article)

### Gift Vouchers

Not sure what type of wines your friends or family like? We do gift vouchers including a free gift card.

Gift vouchers are redeemable in the shop & The Wine bar!

### Ring Our Bell This Christmas!

Remember you can purchase wines from the shop until 11pm Tuesday-Saturday. Simply ring the bell on the front door and someone will be up from the wine bar to serve you.

**Top Quality Christmas Trees now available, Nordmann. Non-Drop 5ft-8ft larger on request. FROM ONLY £45**



# CORPORATE

## GIFT SERVICE

The festive season is upon us...if you haven't decided what presents you might be giving to your staff, customers, family and friends this year, we thought it might be a good time to tell you about the bespoke corporate gift services we offer:



- Personal consultation to determine your exact requirements
- Selection from over 600 wines - well-priced range from £4.75 to £450
- Range of quality Malt Whisky, Cognac, Armagnac and other spirits
- Choice of gift packaging to meet your individual style and budget
- Opportunity to include a personalised message in each gift
- Free local delivery plus a competitively priced nationwide delivery service
- Also, for your parties and functions, we supply wines, beers and spirits on a 'Sale or Return' basis - including free glass hire.
- Free printed gift card with your company logo on request.
- For corporate enquiries email [chris@martinez.co.uk](mailto:chris@martinez.co.uk)

Please let us know how we can be of assistance to you at this busy time of year...our service couldn't be simpler... just supply a list of names and addresses; your personal message details and we will do the rest – wine selection; packaging and delivery.



# A Martinez Wine Tasting Holiday in France

*(In association with Advintage Ltd)*

**Bergerac & Bordeaux**  
**28th June-5th July 2014**

Here is your opportunity to visit the famous wine regions of right bank Bordeaux including a visit to Chateau d' Yquem to taste one of the most expensive wines in the world!

- £789pp includes:
- Return flights from Leeds/Bradford airport
- 7 nights Dinner B & B at the Hotel Du Commerce on the banks of the river Dorgogne in medieval town Bergerac.
- 4 days with wine visits in luxury air conditioned coach
- 2 free days
- Wine & Tour guide



## PLUS

Drink wines purchased at vineyards in your hotel with no corkage charge!

For full itinerary and booking form email [jonathan@martinez.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@martinez.co.uk) or call Suzanne on 0191 2532979.



## Introducing the Martinez Gin Shelf

Gin is indeed the thing at Martinez, with over 25 now available on our new bespoke Gin shelf. The last 5 years have seen an amazing number of new brands enter the market. All proclaim to have a unique blend of botanicals and most are smartly packaged. Not all will survive, but the following three Gins are amongst the best and will surely stand the test of time given their very appealing tastes:

### **Portobello Road** **£29.95**

Small batch Gin produced in West London. Hand numbered bottles and slick presentation add to its appeal. This has a juniper packed punch with an attractive touch of sweetness.

### **Fifty Pounds London Dry** **£37.00**

Smartly presented old school London Dry gin, expertly produced by Thames Distillers. This manages to be both smooth and complex. Highly recommended and great for martinis.

### **Monkey 47** **£44.00 (50cl)**

This eye catching medicine bottle is produced from the use of no less than 47 botanicals from the Black Forest in Germany. The taste is most remarkable, complex and very satisfying. The inclusion of cranberries works a treat. A great success since its launch 2 years ago. 47%!



# ... 'and the search goes on'

## A Trip across Spain

A four day trip across Spain starting one mile from France and finished 1 mile from Portugal was certainly tiring. Visits included Chacoli, Rioja, Various Ribera sub regions, Toro, Rueda and finishing in Cambados (Albarino).

The trip was a mixture of new exciting vineyards and established Martinez suppliers. So let me start with the wines that showed well that we currently stock and a firm shop favourite Navajas Rioja's. All the Cosecha's & Crianza's showed well Blanco, Rosado & Tinto £7.49 & £9.49 for Crianza's.

Two different style whites to note are Parxet's Marques De Alella Classico £10.99. Made from the not so well know Pansa Blanco grapes this has a lovely almost sweet pineapple pallet finishing fresh and clean. Next a fantastic value white, namely Penalba Lopez Blanco £16.25 a wooded 50% Sauvignon 50% white Tempranillo blend which has hints of tropical fruit a nice oily texture, fab wood integration and loads of length.

Sticking with whites and one of my all time favourite drinks Palacio de Fefinanes Albarino £17.99. From the Oldest Albarino

producer in Spain Bright, clean and fresh with pleasing oily character. A must with fish or seafood.

Onto some reds, starting with the Los Cantos 100% Tempranillo Ribera Del Duero £13.99 from the rather Palatial Finca Torremilanos. Black fruit, exotic spice, and coffee aromas ooze out of the bottle.

Tomas Postigo CRIANZA TINTO, Ribera del Duero £30. This blend of mainly Tempranillo and a touch of Cabernet & merlot is from the ex Pago De Carraovejas winemaker. Big dark prune like fruit with a real meat edge this is a blockbuster of a wine.

Other in stock wines tasted were Bodegas Maurodos San Roman Toro £35, Quinta Sardonía 2006 £39.95 a biodynamic project from Peter Sisseck (of Pinguus fame) & 'Con Class' Tinta de Toro £9.25 a good introduction to Toro wines.

If you love Spanish wines as i do then you can be truly excited not only at the prospect of trying some of the above wine now but also by the wines listed below coming your way in 2014 and introduced at the Martinez Extravaganza on March 25th .

Biuorko Gorri Organic reds from Rioja, Basagoiti Fuera del Rebano Tinto's, Ortubia Rioja's, QS2

Quinta Sardonía's 2nd wine at half the price, Terras Gauda Albarino Trisquel (under £10!) & their very different O-Rosal, more exceptional wines from Torremilanos and Last but certainly not least Puertas Novas DO Toro which was so good at the price i could not wait until next year to get it on the Martinez shelf.

Available now at £11.99 this is the only wine made by Juan Pablo whose tiny winery is set on 8 levels. An absolute must buy!

Happy Festive Drinking  
Jonathan



## December By The Glass in the Wine Bar

Wines available to taste in a try before you buy scenario both for shop and wine bar purchases

### Reds

- Bodegas Navajas Crianza Rioja
- John X Merriman, Bordeaux Blend
- Bremerton Selkirk Shiraz
- Rooiberg Mountain Red, 5 Grape Blend
- Gran Sasso Montepulciano
- Les Coteaux Cotes du Rhone Villages
- Chateau Musar 2000
- Fournier Urban Uco Malbec
- Maurice Charleaux Maranges VV Pinot Noir
- Willunga 100 Tempranillo

### Whites

- Ampakama Torrontes
- Kim Crawford Pinot Gris
- Octavie Touraine Sauvignon Blanc
- Parxet Marques De Alella, Pansa Blanco
- Greywacke Marlborough Sauvignon
- Indaba Chenin Blanc
- La Bascula 'Heights of the Charge' , Rueda
- Giustiniana Gavi di Gavi Lugarara
- Tabali Reserva Viogner
- Les Vigneaux Unoaked Chardonnay
- Domaine Bernard Moreau BOURGOGNE BLANC

### Rose

- Paarl Heights Pinotage, Cinsault
- La Tour Boisee ROSE Minervois, Cinsault, Grenache, Mourvedre, Syrah

### Fizz

- Ca'Morlin PROSECCO 'FRIZZANTE', Glera
- Torres Santa Digna Estelado Sparkling Rose, Pais

### Dessert

- El Candado PX Sherry, Liquid Christmas Pudding! (50cl)
- Dom Brial RIVESALTES TUILLE- Red Grenache light & sweet (125ml)

NOW OPEN  
TUESDAY'S 5-11pm

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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

We are open until 8pm Tuesday-Saturday all of December



Wine Bar Opening Hours:  
Sunday and Monday closed;  
Tuesday to Friday 5pm – 11pm;  
Saturday 12noon – 11pm