

The Cat Inn Wine List

Please find our selection of wines. Please note from time to time vintages can change without notice. Be assured we taste all vintage changes to ensure the wine is what we would expect. With the introduction of Verre du Vin system here at The Cat, which allows us to keep more wines open, offering more choice of wines by the glass, including Champagne and some exceptional wines.



February Wine of the Month

C.J Pask Declaration Chardonnay Hawkes Bay, New Zealand

Intense citrus and tropical fruit characters coupled with sweet oak show on the nose. Powerful lemon and lime fruit flavours are complimented by oaky, creamy notes on a pleasing finish.
(13.5%)

Bottle: £40.00

175ml: £9.35

250ml: £13.35

Aperitif of the Month..... something new to try.....

Aperol Spritz

A refreshing drink, combining Aperol, Prosecco and Soda. A favourite of many on the Italian ski slopes.

£7.50

Sparkling Wines & Champagne

Bluebell Vineyard Estates

Bluebell Vineyard Estates is set in East Sussex and was established for the production of high quality sparkling wine. Over the past couple of years, the wines have received recognition from both the UK Vineyard Association, Decanter Wine Awards and International Wine Challenge Awards. We are delighted to be able to offer these wonderful local sparkling wines

1.Hindleap Rosé 2008

This elegant sparkling rosé has been tenderly crafted from the Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay varieties to reflect a crisp fresh fruitiness, lending hints of red berries on the nose and a succulent citrus palate.

Bottle: £36

Glass 125ml: £6.50

2.Hindleap Blanc de Blancs 2008

Made from the Chardonnay grape, this elegant sparkling wine has subtle brioche on the nose with a fresh citrus palate and a toasty finish, ideal as an aperitif and for celebrations.

Bottle: £38.50

Glass 125ml £7.00

3. Vino dei Poeti Prosecco Brut Sparkling

This Brut sparkler is produced with Prosecco grapes harvested slightly earlier than usual to ensure good acidity and structure. Gently pressed and fermented at low temperature, the highly fragrant wine becomes a dry, sparkling wine following secondary fermentation.

Vino dei Poeti, literally “wine of the poets”, is named for an annual poets festival held in the hills that grow these prosecco grapes.

Bottle: £38.50

Glass 125ml £7.00

4. Cava Brut Reserve NV

Castell d'Olerdola

This excellent dry cava has a very pale primrose transparency and a fine bead. It has a fine delicate aroma, slightly lemony nose, with touches of butter and yeast from ageing. It is very fruity, creamy and silky on the palate with a streak of acidity. With its 18 months to 2 years cellaring the cava acquires a good structure and elegant personality.

Bottle: £26.00

Glass 125ml £5.25

5. Privilege Rosé NV

Varichon et Clerc have been producing classic "Methode Champenoise" wines since 1901. Local grapes, are skillfully blended with judicious amounts of Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, and Maccabeu to create this very elegant wine. Soft bubbles and not too dry; delicious.

Bottle: £25.00

Glass 125ml £4.80

6. Nyetimber "Classic" 2006

Nyetimber Vineyard, Sussex

Nyetimber's reputation as a world class winemaker continues to flourish.

Their Classic Cuvee served at the recent G20 proceedings at 10 Downing St.

The classic Champagne grape varieties (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier) join forces in complex flavours of honey, lemon and almonds.

Bottle: £52.00

7. Champagne Taittinger Brut Reserve NV

This Chardonnay / Pinot Noir driven, elegant and stylish Champagne, is one of the most instantly recognisable Champagnes and never disappoints.

Bottle: £52.00

Glass 125ml £9.00

8. Champagne Billecart Salmon Brut Reserve NV

The Billecart NV blend has remained unchanged since 1945 and still maintains its reputation as one of the most balanced and harmonious non-vintage champagnes on the market. A rich, powerful palate is lifted with lovely freshness. The non-vintage Billecart offers the best of both worlds with complexity and delicacy, making it perfect for any occasion

Bottle: £67.00

Rosé Wines

9. St. Mont Tradition Rosé 2010

Plaimont, Gascony, France

This rosé is produced from the Tannat grape. It has a delightful colour with aromas of red summer fruits that carry on through to the palate. Medium dry.

Bottle: £21.00

Glass 175ml £4.90

Glass 250ml £7.00

10. Pinot Grigio Rose 2010

Casata Monfort

A fruity crisp Rose with well balanced acidity and elegant fruit.

Bottle: £24.50

Glass 175ml £5.75

Glass 250ml £8.10

11. Chateau Bel Air Rosé 2010, Despagne

Bordeaux, France

The predominance of Cabernet Sauvignon gives a fragrant aroma, with a touch of Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Despagne's skilled winemaking team has managed to capture the fruit, charm and freshness of this wine. Dry.

Bottle: £29.50

Glass 175ml £6.90

Glass 250ml £9.85

White Wines

12. Pampas del Sur Chardonnay / Chenin 2010

Trivento, Argentina

Blended from two noble grape varieties with the Chardonnay offering fruit & honey aromas which combine with the delicate flavours of Chenin, creating a surprisingly elegant wine which is also good value.

Bottle: £15.50

Glass 175ml £3.80

Glass 250ml £5.20

13. Freedom Cross Ancient Earth Sauvignon 2011

Franschhoek Vineyards, Franschhoek, South Africa

Offering up alluring flavours and aromas of tropical fruit, with apricot and fig. There are notes of grassiness on the fresh, zesty palate, and the length of finish is good.

Bottle: £17.20

Glass 175ml £4.10

Glass 250ml £5.75

14. Pinot Grigio 2010, Villa Romanti

Campagnola, Veneto, Italy

With a crisp, dry, lightly floral character and a subtle honeyed note on the finish, this is a good example of Pinot Grigio, a white that has quickly become one of the most popular wines in Britain.

Bottle: £20.00

Glass 175ml £4.70

Glass 250ml £6.65

15. Chateau de Tariquet Sauvignon 2010

Cotes de Gascogne, France

Pale lemon colour and a 'pale' lemony aroma. More action on the palate with an edge of sherbet on the finish after a medium-bodied, lightly honeyed, lemony burst of flavour.

Bottle: £21.00

16. Cotes du Luberon 2010

Perrin, France

A brilliant white showing enticing aromas of citrus fruits, blossom and green apples. The palate is crisp, dry and well-balanced with a lovely clean finish.

Bottle: £22.00

17. Castillo de Almansa 2010

(50% Verdejo & 50% Sauvignon), Spain

Vibrant, pale lemon yellow colour with slightly coppery tones. Pronounced fruity citrus, lemons, lime and peach nose. Very clean, fresh, zesty acidity, intense citrus/lime fruit with tropical notes and grass flavours on palate.

Bottle: £24.00

18. Gavi 2010 Ca'Solare

Piedmont , Italy

The nose has grapefruit and green apples. The palate is balanced with citrus and green fruit flavours, minerally overtones and a lovely, refreshing, dry finish.

Bottle: £25.00

19. Promised Land Unwooded Chardonnay 2009

Wakefield, Clare Valley, Australia

This wine is mouth-filling but not cloying and has a light and delicate texture. The palate is generous and mouth filling with peach, lemon and subtle pineapple flavours. The acid is soft and the wine finishes cleanly.

Bottle: £26.00

20. Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Central Otago

Domain Road Winery, New Zealand

This Sauvignon displays typical aromas of gooseberries, cut grass and bell peppers with citrus undertones. A hint of residual sugar balances the wine's natural acidity.

Bottle: £28.00

21. Macon Chardonnay 2008

Talmard, France

Grown in the village of Chardonnay, this wine is a happy marriage of flavours of flint and grapefruit. It is a very elegant wine with superb depth and balance.

Bottle: £28.00

22. Dart Valley Reserve 2008

Sharpeham Estate, Devon

At the forefront of vine growing and wine making in the UK, Sharpham is widely recognised as producing some of England's most outstanding wines.

This fine dry style exhibits the best qualities of English wine. An elegant wine characterised by its pale lemon colour and long refreshing finish. The taste of fresh citrus fruits gives a youthful fresh sensation. Grape Variety - 100% Madeleine Angevine

Bottle: £31.00

Glass 175ml £7.25

Glass 250ml £10.35

23. Pouilly Blanc Fume "Les Griottines" 2010

Domaine Michel Bailly

This is a very fresh and bright Sauvignon Blanc with a light palate and distinct mineral character. It shows good and subtle citrus fruit characters and slight hints of that typical smokiness. It has a long length and is a good partner to shellfish, goats cheese or chicken.

Bottle: £34.00

24. Chablis 2010

Domaine des Malandes

This is pure crisp Chablis at its best, expressing the fresh minerality that is so unique to great Chablis. Fresh, dry and palate enlivening!

Bottle: £35.00

25. Sancerre, La Porte du Caillou 2008

Domaine Henri Bourgeois

This fruity wine with delicate and floral fragrances possesses excellent balance, invigorating freshness and delightful persistence.

Bottle: £37.00

Red Wines

26. Santa Julia Tempranillo / Malbec 2011

Familia Zuccardi, Mendoza, Argentina

This is a relatively new blend, harnessing the soft Tempranillo with the more robust Malbec. As you would expect, this is an excellent wine with most red meats, but it is also gentle enough to be enjoyed on its own.

Bottle: £17.50

Glass 175ml £4.10

Glass 250ml £5.85

27. Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2009

Villa Moncaro

The vigorous Montepulciano grape (100%) is widely planted in the Abruzzi region of Italy, and produces, an excellent value for money wine. It has a vinous bouquet of berry fruits. Medium bodied, ripe, wild berry fruit flavours and a light tannic finish.

Bottle: £18.50

Glass 175ml £4.35

Glass 250ml £6.20

28. Shiraz / Cabernet 2009

Sunnycliff Estate, Red Cliffs Australia

This Shiraz is produced from fruit harvested from the Red Cliff and Coonawarra vineyards near to the town of Red Cliff. The wine features a bouquet of ripe plums with hints of liquorice and black pepper. Full on the palate with a subtle oak support and a lingering finish.

Bottle: £19.00

Glass 175ml £4.45

Glass 250ml £6.35

29. Slowine Merlot 2009

Paul Cluver Wines, Elgin, South Africa

Very rich and well structured, with hints of chocolate, violets and ripe plummy fruit on the nose, juicy dark red berry fruit on the palate. and a savoury smokiness on the finish.

Bottle: £19.00

Glass 175ml £4.45

Glass 250ml £6.35

30. Monte Ory Navarra Crianza 2007

Bodega Luis Gurpegui Muga

This Crianza is a blend of Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon that has been aged in American oak Barriques for 12 months and has benefited from a further 6 months in bottle. The resulting wine is balanced with ripe black cherry fruit softened by the hints of cedar wood. It will go perfectly with pasta dishes and roasts.

Bottle: £21.00

Glass 175ml £4.90

Glass 250ml £7.00

31. Angels Flight Red Zinfandel 2008

Delicato Family Vineyards, San Bernabe, Monterey, California

Rich, ripe Zinfandel from California, packed full with delicious raspberry, strawberry and blackberry fruit flavours. Soft tannins on the palate compliment the classic varietal character.

Bottle: £21.00

32. Freedom Cross Pinotage 2011

Franschhoek, South Africa

A Pinotage that shows lovely violet notes over brambly fruit, a medium-bodied wine with typical sweet berry flavours. Medium to full-bodied dry red wine with an approachable earthy and berry fruit aroma. Softly-styled in character with good wood integration.

Bottle: £21.00

33. Chateau La Tuilerie Du Puy 2006

Bordeaux Superieur,

A perfect wine that is regularly selected by the most famous wine guides in France (Hachette, Dussert Gerber, Gilbert & Gaillard...).

Who says that Bordeaux wines must be expensive ?? The Chateau La Tuilerie du Puy is a perfect example for a Bordeaux Supérieur, pure, very well balanced and full of taste.

The impression in the mouth is extremely fine with soft tannins. The finish is fruity and very long. A real pleasure!

Bottle: £21.00

34. Grand Prebois Vin de Pays Mediterranee 2009,

Perrin, France

From the Perrin family who are the owners of Chateau Beaucastel. Lovely richness of mouth-filling fruit with soft and supple tannins. Very more-ish!

Bottle: £22.00

34. Rioja Tinto Crianza 2007

Vina Berceo

The grape variety Tempranillo excels in the Rioja area producing soft and seductive wines. This Bodega is owned by the Gurpegui family, whose wines are generally highly thought of. This Crianza has not been over oaked; instead the wine maker has allowed the natural quality of the fruit to shine through.

Bottle: £26.50

35. Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2009

Domaine Gonon

Light ruby red. Ripe, soft berry fruits on the nose. Light to medium bodied on the palate, ripe red berry fruits and soft tannins.

Bottle: £27.50

36. GSM Grenache/Sangiovese/Mourvedre 2007

Mitchell Winery, Clare Valley, Australia

The low yields contribute to a wine that is both potent and brimming with ripe fruit character. No oak is used so the emphasis is on grape quality alone. The Mourvèdre and Sangiovese are used as seasoning to add both body and acidity to the finished wine. Heady and strong, a real winter warmer.

Bottle: £29.00

37. Gimblett Road Merlot 2008

CJ Pask

A soft, generous Merlot. The juicy plum flavours are well balanced with savoury, leathery oak characters. Elegant Merlot with fine tannin structure and silky mouth feel.

Bottle: £32.00

38. Cote de Brouilly 2010

Chateau Thivin

The Gamay grape finds its home in France's Burgundy region where it is responsible for the red wines of Beaujolais. Producing light to medium bodied wines with modest tannins and good acidity, Gamay is unfairly associated with Beaujolais Nouveau. It is capable of producing wonderful, cherry and raspberry flavored wines with earthy hints of violets and spice. One of those rare red-wines to enjoy with fish.

Bottle: £33.50

39. Mud House Pinot Noir 2009, New Zealand

The wine is bright ruby red in colour & on the nose it has aromas of berry fruit compote and sweet spice. It has a soft palate with fresh bright red fruit and subtle spice flavours. The flavours linger with delicate yet defined soft fruity flavours.

Bottle: £34.50

40.Barbera d'Alba 2009, Pio Cesare

Piedmont

Pio's Barbera is a wine quite different from many other Barbera. This is because the Barbera grapes are grown alongside the Nebbiolo grapes. This, combined with the extensive barrel ageing, results in a wine with the strength and wild energy of a Barbera, but the refined elegance of Barolo. This is a unique Barbera—full and brave, yet soft and supple.

This wine has an intense ruby color with garnet reflections. The bouquet is distinguished and vital, with fresh, ripe fruit. The palate is clear and definite, with hints of ripe pulpy fruit, cherry, and notes of chocolate, frame with a long and pleasant finish.

Bottle: £41.50

41. Chateau Panet 2005

Grand Cru, St Emilion

An elegant structured wine, with ripe fruit and well integrated oak overtones

Bottle: £48.00

42. Chateau Cissac 2006, Haut Medoc

Displaying a deep garnet ruby colour. The nose has aromas of fresh dark fruits such as blackcurrants, plums and cherries, very elegant with hints of spices, tobacco, a little vanilla and dark chocolate. Rich silky tannins and well structured fruit with spicy notes. A long and elegant quality finish

Bottle: £50.00

43.Chateau Tour de By 2004

Steeped in heritage, Chateau La Tour de By has been growing vines for centuries. An appealing nose, raspberry fruit and a little oak. Full and rounded with soft tannins.

Bottle: £53.00

44. Reserve de Leoville Barton 2008, Saint Julien

Six Successive generations have ensured the regularity of this St Julien, considered as one of the best in the appellation. Rounded, with ripe fruit and firm, but easy, tannins.

Bottle: £78.00

Dessert Wines and Port

45. Santa Julia, Tardio 2009

Mendoza, Argentina

Intense aromas of over-matured fruits, honey and dried fruits like pears, apricots and peaches, orange skin and roses.

Sweet, unctuous in the mouth, silky, with balanced acidity. Complex and long finish.

Bottle 50 cl £25.00

Glass 125ml £6.25

46. Elysium Black Muscat

California, USA

Elysium is Greek for Heaven, a fitting association for this excellent wine made by Andrew Quady.

Virtually black in colour, with a rose-like aroma, very intense on the palate and full of fantastic rich velvety fruit. One of the few wines that can stand up to chocolate puddings. Or try it poured over ice cream for the ultimate after-dinner treat!

Bottle 37.5 cl £25.50

Glass 125ml £8.50

47. Ramos Pinto Reserve Ruby "Collector"

Aromas of fruits, such as prunes, figs, blackberries, raspberries and cherries work their way through to the palate. Goes perfectly with mild cheeses and chocolate.

Glass 50ml £3.10

48. Ramos Pinto 10y old Tawny Quinta da Ervamoira

A ripe style, with rich, well-integrated flavours of toffee, marshmallow and dried plum. Offers cream and butterscotch on the lush finish. Possibly the finest 10y old Tawny currently available.

Glass 50ml £6.20

Malt Whiskies

Lagavulin 16 Years

A much sought-after single malt with the massive peat-smoke that's typical of southern Islay - but also offering a dryness that turns it into a truly interesting dram.

25ml £3.50

50ml £6.50

Dalhwhinne 15 years

The "Classic Malt" from the Highlands, from Scotland's highest distillery (326m).

25ml £3.50

50ml £6.50

Talisker

On the shores of Loch Harport, the village of Carbost is home to Skyes only distillery producing a wonderfully powerful and award-winning Island malt bottled at above average strength.

25ml £3.50

50ml £6.50

Macallan 10 year

The flagship of The Macallan range in the UK market, The Macallan 10 Years Old has become a benchmark for single malt of the highest quality. The 10 Years Old is matured exclusively in oak sherry casks from Spain to deliver a deep, rich, deliciously smooth and well-rounded flavour with a slight sweetness and touch of sherry and wood. Its deep colour is achieved wholly naturally without the addition of any colouring.

25ml £3.50

50ml £6.50

Glenmorangie

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25ml £3.50

50ml £6.50

Laphroaig

Laphroaig 10 Year Old is an all-malt Scotch Whisky from the remote island of Islay in the Western Isles of Scotland. Laphroaig, pronounced "La-froyg", is a Gaelic word meaning "the beautiful hollow by the broad bay".

25ml £3.50

50ml £6.50

Cognac and Armagnac

Maxime Trijol VSOP Cognac

Mellow and rich on the palate, but also fruity. Its length is all but perfect, leaving lingering bliss on the palate.

25ml £5.60

Ch Tariquet VSOP Bas Armagnac

A richly powerful, concentrated nose with aromas of warm bread, plus a hint of toast and gingerbread. Very smooth and round on the palate with rich vanilla notes and a finish of macerated stone fruits.

25ml £4.50