

OUR WINE LIST - JULY 2013

"I have really enjoyed putting our latest wine list together - very much aimed for spring and summer time. I would as always, like to thank our fantastic wine suppliers; Ellis of Richmond, Armit Wines & The Vintner.

I recently made a trip to South Africa and had a wonderful time meeting some incredible wine makers and trying some stunning wines - many of which you will see on the new list. On my visit it was mid-harvest and I was able to spend some time working on a farm. It gives you such an understanding of the passion and love that goes into creating a wonderful bottle of wine. Hope you enjoy the new list!" Sam

SAM'S WINE OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Sauvignon Blanc, 'John Martin', Backsberg Estate, Paarl, South Africa 2010
Glass 6.50 / Carafe 18.00 / Bottle 26.00



Producer: Backsberg Estate Cellars

Founded in 1916, this wonderful estate is located below 'The Little Tower of Babylon' on the steep hillside vineyards in Paarl. This prominent producer has been at the forefront of quality wine production for many years. They constantly strive to produce the highest quality grapes using natural and organic principles. Alicia Rechner is back at the helm as winemaker and is well supported by viticulturalist Clive Trent.

Tasting Notes:

Grown on the cool climate coastal vineyards at Durbanville, this sensational wine has aromas of gooseberry, citrus blossom and cut grass. A part of the blend is left on its lees in oak barrels to capture creamy texture and influence the palate. Flavours of lime, fig and pear are complemented by natural citrus acidity making this vibrant, lively and full of expression.

What to drink with:

Great with our Rick Stein Indian dishes or with our Asian style salad.



WINES BY THE GLASS AND CARAFE

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINES

	125ml	
	Glass	Bottle
Prosecco La Tordera, Treviso, Veneto, Italy	6.50	28.00
Raboso Spumante Rosato, Borgo del Col Alto, Italy	7.50	30.00
Trillians Sparkling Red, Paulett Wines, Clare Valley, Australia 2008	8.00	31.00
Beaumont des Crayères, Grande Reserve N.V.	9.00	43.00

WHITE WINES

	175ml	500ml	
	Glass	Carafe	Bottle
Colombard/Sauvignon, Forteresse, Vin de France 2012	4.50	13.00	16.50
Belle Maison Chardonnay, Languedoc, France 2012	5.00	15.50	19.00
Pinot Grigio, Ca'Luca, Delle Venezie, Italy 2012	5.50	16.00	21.50
Sauvignon Blanc, Caves du Haut Poitou, Loire, France 2012	6.00	16.50	22.50
Muscadet, Sevre Et Maine Sur Lie, Gadais Perre et Fils, France 2012	6.50	17.00	24.50
Verdejo, Monte Blanco, Bodegas Ramon Bilbao, Rueda, Spain 2012	6.50	17.50	25.50
Riesling, Pierre Sparr, Alsace, France 2010	7.00	20.00	29.50
Pinot Gris, Roaring Meg, Mt Difficulty, Central Otago 2012	7.50	21.00	30.50
Sauvignon Blanc, Durvillea, Astrolabe, Marlborough, New Zealand 2011	8.00	22.00	32.00
Chablis, Domaine Alain Gautheron, Grand Vin de Bourgogne, France 2010	8.50	24.00	35.00

ROSÉ WINES

	175ml	500ml	
	Glass	Carafe	Bottle
Grenache Blend Rose, 'Le Poussin', Sacha Lichine, Languedoc, France 2012	6.50	17.00	24.50
Cabernet Sauvignon, Mulderbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2011	7.50	19.00	27.50

RED WINES

	175ml	500ml	
	Glass	Carafe	Bottle
Carignan/Grenache, Le Pionnier, Vin de Pays Herault, France 2012	4.50	13.00	16.50
Carmenere, Atacama, Chile 2011	5.00	15.00	19.50
Merlot/Cab Sav/Cabernet Franc, Klein Steenberg, South Africa 2011	5.50	15.50	20.50
Gamay L'Abbaye, 'Val del Loire' France 2012	6.00	16.00	22.00
Pinot Noir 'Sol y Sombra', Reserva, La Playa, Limari Valley, Chile 2012	6.50	17.00	24.50
Rioja Crianza, Bodegas Ramon Bilbao, Rioja Alta, Spain 2010	6.50	17.50	25.00
Pinotage, Backsberg Estate, South Africa 2011	6.50	18.00	25.50
Quinta da Lagoalva, Tejo, Portugal 2011	7.00	19.50	29.50
Malbec, Pascual Toso, Mendoza, Argentina 2011	7.50	21.00	31.00

SHERRIES

	50ml
	Glass
Dry Sherry, Barbadillo Fino, Jerez, Spain	4.50
Sweet Sherry, Barbadillo Pedro Ximenes, Jerez, Spain	4.50

DESSERT WINES

	125ml	375ml
	Glass	Bottle
Sauternes, Château Petit Vedrines, Bordeaux, France 2010	6.75	20.00
Mulderbosch, Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa 2009	7.50	25.00

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CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINES

	Bottle
Prosecco La Tordera , Treviso, Veneto, Italy	28.00
Raboso Spumante Rosato , Borgo del Col Alto, Italy	30.00
Trillians Sparkling Red , Pauletts Winery, Clare Valley, Australia 2008	31.00
<i>Sparkling Shiraz & Cabernet makes a perfect aperitif - pairs perfectly with fried chorizo.</i>	
Beaumont des Crayères , Grande Reserve N.V	43.00
<i>We believe that Beaumont des Crayères is among the best non-vintage Champagne available anywhere - our house here & at Harrison's.</i>	
Blanc de Blancs , Bluebell Vineyard, East Sussex, England, 2009	47.50
Bollinger , Special Cuvée, Brut N.V.	65.00
Billecart-Salmon Rosé N.V.	69.00
Dom Perignon , Epernay 2003	125.00
<i>My team tell me I am crazy to be selling DP at this price but I always think it's better to see people drinking & enjoying it.</i>	

WHITE WINES

	Bottle
Colombard/Sauvignon , Forteresse, Vin de France 2012	16.50
Chenin Blanc , Backsberg Estate, Paarl, South Africa 2011	18.50
<i>Great winery, great family & great wine.</i>	
Belle Maison Chardonnay , Languedoc, France 2012	19.00
Grillo , Ca'di Ponti, Sicilia, Italy 2011	19.50
<i>A really tasty, aromatic and fleshy white wine with real texture.</i>	
Gros Manseng , Domaine Cambos, Cotes de Gascogne, France 2011	20.50
<i>Made in the shadow of the Pyrenees, this wine is still a relatively unknown treasure of the South West.</i>	
Pinot Grigio , Ca'Luca, Delle Venezie, Italy 2012	21.50
Sauvignon Blanc , Caves du Haut Poitou, Loire, France 2012	22.50
Rioja Blanco , 'Montellano', Bodegas Ramon Bilbao, Spain 2011	23.00
<i>I really like this white Rioja - great fresh flavours.</i>	
Muscadet , Sevre Et Maine Sur Lie, Gadais Perre et Fils, France 2012	24.50
<i>Classic, fresh & super crisp - perfect with shellfish & seafood.</i>	
Torrontes , Nomade, Cafayette, Argentina 2010	24.50
<i>I have met the charming producer, Tomas. He produces wines that really express the local terroir.</i>	
Picpoul de Pinet , Préambule, AC Côteaux du Languedoc, France 2012	25.00
Verdejo , Monte Blanco, Bodegas Ramon Bilbao, Rueda, Spain 2012	25.50
Gavi , Cortese, Tenuta Neirano, Piedmont, Italy 2012	25.50
Rick Stein Sauvignon/Sémillon , Château Bauduc Bordeaux, France 2011	25.50
Viognier , Le Versant, IGP d'Oc, France 2012	26.00
Burgogne Aligote , Domaine du Prieure, Burgundy, France 2011	27.50
Grüner Veltliner , Gaisberg, Peter Dolle, Kamptal, Austria 2011	28.00
<i>This is Austria's signature white wine grape & truly a great grape varietal. This is a refreshing & tangy wine with great body & texture. Great match for most of our fish dishes.</i>	

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Riesling , Pierre Sparr, Alsace, France 2010	29.50
<i>Ripe but with really racy acidity and heaps of tasty, slate and pebble like flavours and textures. This '10 vintage is expresses how Alsace Riesling really should taste and this is a classic example.</i>	
Pinot Gris , Roaring Meg, Mt Difficulty, Central Otago, New Zealand 2012	30.50
Sauvignon Blanc , Durvillea, Astrolabe, Marlborough, New Zealand 2011	32.00
<i>At a recent tasting we really liked this wine because of its good balance of leafy flavour & pleasing round finish.</i>	
Chablis , Domaine Alain Gautheron, Grand Vin de Bourgogne, France 2010	35.00
Albarino , Algarerio , Rias Baixas, Spain 2011	36.00
<i>A really fascinating wine from Galicia - elegant & fresh</i>	
Saint Veran , Julien Collovray, Burgundy, France 2010	39.00
<i>I love good white Burgundy but it can so often be overpriced. I think Julien is a very talented winemaker & really recommend you try this wine.</i>	
'The Agnes' Chardonnay , Walker Bay, South Africa 2010	39.00
Verdicchio Riserva , 'Ammazzaconte', Conti Di Buscareto, Italy 2008	39.00
<i>Late harvested Verdicchio, small production & really very good.</i>	
Chardonnay , 'BMW' Geoff Merrill, McLaren Vale, Australia 2008	39.50
<i>Geoff has teamed up with Ian Botham & Bob Willis. Give it a try this Ashes summer.</i>	
Sancerre 'La Mercy Dieu' , Domain Bailly - Reverdey, Loire, France 2011	43.00
'Clay Shales' Chardonnay , Walker Bay, South Africa 2011	45.00
ROSÉ WINES	Bottle
Cinsault Rosé , Le Vigneau Reserve, Vin de Pays Herault, France 2011	19.50
Grenache Blend Rose , 'Le Poussin', Sacha Lichine, Languedoc, France 2012	24.50
Coteaux Varois en Provence Rose , Bastide de Trians, France 2011	25.00
Cabernet Sauvignon , Mulderbosch, Stellenbosch, South Africa 2011	27.50
<i>I visited this fantastic winery last year & drunk rather a lot of this stunning rose- became rather addicted. Big juicy & great with most food.</i>	
RED WINES	Bottle
Carignan/Grenache , Le Pionnier, Vin de Pays Herault, France 2012	16.50
Veranza Tinto , Vinedos de Espana, Spain 2010	18.50
<i>Made from a blend of 50% Cabernet, 25% Syrah and 25% Tempranillo and jam packed with red fruit, making it seriously easy drinking with intensity, brilliance and clarity and a very supple and expressive mouth feel exhibiting light notes of red fruit and a touch of spiciness.</i>	
Merlot Yelcho , Ventisquero, Reserva, Chile 2012	19.00
Carmenere , Atacama, Chile 2011	19.50
<i>Deep rich violet colour - dark chocolate hints.</i>	
Merlot/Cab Sav/Cabernet Franc , Klein Steenberg, South Africa 2011	20.50
<i>I visited this fantastic winery on my SA trip & in fact we have listed their wines since we first opened. A great New World take on the classic Bordeaux blend. I also went surfing with JB - the winemaker.</i>	

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Gamay L'Abbaye , 'Val del Loire' France 2012	22.00
<i>Fleshy aromatic red with juicy flavours - try it chilled.</i>	
Côtes-du-Rhône , Domaine de la Poulardiere, France 2011	23.50
Pinot Noir 'Sol y Sombra' , Reserva, La Playa, Limari Valley, Chile 2012	24.50
Rioja Crianza , Bodegas Ramon Bilbao, Rioja Alta, Spain 2010	25.00
Pinotage , Backsberg Estate, South Africa 2011	25.50
Château Grand Village Rouge , Bordeaux Superieur, France 2008	28.50
Quinta da Lagoalva , Tejo, Portugal 2011	
<i>This wine jumps right out of the glass with everything that is great about Portuguese wine.</i>	
Malbec , Pascual Toso, Mendoza, Argentina 2011	29.50
Tannat/Syrah/Viognier , Pisano Family Vineyards, Uruguay 2010	31.00
<i>Intense flavour. Progreso region is adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean & maritime influences.</i>	
Pinot Noir , Morton Estate, White Label, Marlborough, New Zealand 2008	31.50
'The Red'Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon , Meerlust, Stellenbosh, S.Africa 2011	33.50
Fleurie , Domaine de la Chapelle des Bois, Beaujolais, France 2011	33.50
Monteleccio , Giuseppe Maria, Sesti, Tuscany, Italy 2010	37.50
Shiraz 'BMW' , Geoff Merrill, McLaren Vale, Australia 2008	39.50
<i>Classic Australian Shiraz from Geoff Merrill, Ian Botham & Bob Willis</i>	
Pesquera Crianza , Ribera del Duero, Spain 2009	43.00
'Peter Max' Pinot Noir , Walker Bay, South Africa 2011	44.00
Mt Difficulty Pinot Noir , Central Otago, New Zealand 2011	45.50
<i>If you want to treat yourself, you will find out why this is my favourite New World wine - Truly expressive with the mineral characteristics associated with Central Otago.</i>	
'The Cuvee Cinema' Pinot Noir , Walker Bay, South Africa 2011	57.00
Rioja 'Gran Reserva 904' , La Rioja Alta, Spain 2000	64.00
<i>Made from 90% Tempranillo & 10% Graciano. This is as fine an example of Gran Reserva Rioja as there is.</i>	
Destiny Bay , Destinae, Waiheke Island, New Zealand 2007	95.00
DESSERT WINES	
	125ml 375ml
	Glass Bottle
Sauternes , Château Petit Vedrines, Bordeaux, France 2010	6.75 20.00
	500ml
Mulderbosch , Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa 2009	7.50 25.00
	375ml
Mylitta Noble Late Harvest , Dobogo, Tokaj, Hungary 2007	36.00
<i>All I can say is.....go on treat yourself & enjoy every drop!</i>	
PORT WINE	
	50ml
	Glass
Fonseca LBV , 2007	5.50
Fonseca 10 Year Old Tawny	6.75

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SAM'S PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS - CRYSTALLUM WINES

"During my travels in South Africa, I had the pleasure of visiting a wonderfully small boutique winery called Crystallum which is situated in Hermanus in the Hemel-en-Aarde valley. Winemaker Peter-Allan is producing some really fantastic wines here and I knew I just had to have them on the list at Sam's." Sam



'The Agnes' Chardonnay, Walker Bay, South Africa 2010
Bottle 39.00

Fruit for this wine is produced from three different vineyard sites in the Hemel-en-Aarde and Overberg regions. These regions offer differences in terroir and add complexity to the finished wine.

The nose is perfumed and complex with tropical notes accompanied by lemongrass and floral tones. The palate is zesty with strong lemon and lime flavours coating a textured, fleshy core.

Really grown-up Chardonnay.



'Clay Shales' Chardonnay, Walker Bay, South Africa 2011
Bottle 45.00

The Clay Shales Chardonnay is made from fruit grown in a single vineyard in the mountains behind the town of Hermanus. This region is characterised by a moderate climate that results in delayed ripening and a late harvest.

A classic Chardonnay, complex and alluring. The nose is floral and perfumed with apple, peach and butterscotch notes. The palate is beautifully balanced with a full, textured mouth feel and fine, fresh acidity.

When I tried this I just knew we had to serve it at Sam's.



'Peter Max' Pinot Noir, Walker Bay, South Africa 2011
Bottle 44.00

The Peter Max Pinot Noir is crafted from fruit sourced from three different vineyards (Elgin, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge and Bot River) to form the origins of the blend.

The 2011 is elegant with aromas of wet earth, clove and savoury notes complemented by vanilla and violet notes. The palate is dense and finely textured.

Pinot Noir is my favourite grape and I just adore this wine.



'The Cuvee Cinema' Pinot Noir, Walker Bay, South Africa 2011
Bottle 57.00

The Cuvee Cinema Pinot Noir is produced from fruit grown from a single vineyard - one of the highest in the Hemel-en-Aarde region. This region is characterised by a moderate climate which results in delayed ripening and a late harvest.

Bright and rich in colour, the 2011 is seductive and succulent with spicy, cinnamon lead notes on the nose. The palate is fresh and lengthy with soft and restrained tannins.

If you want to treat yourself...

"It's a long way from the Southern tip of Africa but I couldn't ask for a better place than Sam's Brasserie to have my wines." Peter-Allan Finlayson, Crystallum winemaker