



Wine List

At Burts, we are a traditional hotel with the best of modern quality values, and this we aim to reflect in our wine list.

Our wines are from estates and wineries all around the world, including both new and old classics.

As the choice of wine is from so complex a geographical spread, we have, instead of the traditional manner, laid out our wines according to the principal taste that is delivered by a single or dominant grape variety.

Therefore for example, you will find Chablis, made from Chardonnay, alongside a Chardonnay from South Africa. Although their styles will be a very different they will in general suit the same group of dishes, or be known for their type.

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Selected House Wines

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Carefully chosen as examples of good value whilst offering the contrasting styles of 'old' and 'new' worlds. Chile's and Argentina Wines are typically fruity fresh and drink easily by themselves.

1. **Chardonnay Inzolia, Il Paradosso, Sicily, Italy 2007** 14.95
Fresh Stone Fruits on the Nose, followed by a zingy citrus fruit Character with a hint of creaminess on the palate.
2. **Cabernet Sauvignon , Domaine de Saissac 2006, Vin de Pays d'Oc, France** 14.95
Deep red black in colour, with notes of cassis and cedar, ripe and sweetly fruited. Partially aged in oak, this wine has a wonderful fruit concentration. Superb budget partner for steak!
3. **Merlot, Panul 2007 Valle Colchagua, Chile** 14.95
Ample and silky palate. The coated tannins give a pleasing creamy unctuousness which, combined with the power of the fruit notes, gives this wine a noticeable elegance.
4. **Sauvignon Blanc, Panul 2008, Valle Colchagua, Chile** 14.95
Floral aroma and attractive nose, with citric notes and an exotic note of guavas. Fresh aromatic flavour with balanced acidity.
5. **Burt's Own Label Claret**
Chateau Lagrange Les Tours, Bordeaux Superieur 2006 19.95
Lovely Blackcurrant and Cassis flavours together with the classic, earthy Characteristics of fine Claret – A firm favourite of mine. NH

Champagne and Sparkling Wines

6. **Champagne Taittinger Brut Reserve N.V** 46.95
Light, delicate nose with biscuit and brioche hints, the palate has considerable depth and elegance.
8. **Champagne Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut N.V.** 49.50
Fuller and richer than many non-vintage champagnes, Clicquot is a head turning style.
9. **Champagne Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV** 47.50
Brut Premier is the embodiment of Louis Roederer style, combining all the fruitiness and freshness of youth with the vinosity of a fully mature wine. This is a structured and elegantly mature wine, with a lively attack and a smooth palate.
10. **Ceravolo Pinot Noir/Chardonnay Brut Cuvee, Adelaide Plains, Australia** 24.95
An elegant sparkling wine with a fine head and creaminess on the palate. Lusciously strawberry Pinot and citrus Chardonnay flavours. Crisp bubbles and an elegant dry finish with a mere hint of sweetness. *Fantastic Fizz! NH*
11. **Rosé Champagne Deutz, Brut Classic** 50.00
40% Pinot Noir, 25% Chardonnay, 35% Meunier
Attractive coppery colour. Cherry fruits and loads of red currants. Rich toasty flavour upheld by miniscule bubbles. Subtle and well balanced.

Sauvignon Blanc, Rosé, Riesling, Pinot Gris and Aromatic Whites

Generally dry and crisp, drawing descriptions such as 'grassy', 'herbaceous', 'gooseberry-like', wines from the Sauvignon grape range from the wonderfully exaggerated and pronounced versions of New Zealand to the oak aged style of Californian Fumé Blanc, with Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé somewhere in between. These wines are suited to fish, shellfish and Poultry dishes.

12. **Pouilly Fume Les Chaumiennes 2007, Domaine Figeat, Loire, France** 29.95
Across the river from Sancerre, the family run domaine of Andre and Edmond Figeat produces a clean crisp Pouilly-Fumé, slightly flinty notes with fresh, pure fruit, good with or without food.
13. **Lofthouse Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Marlborough, New Zealand** 24.95
There are two valleys in Marlborough with rather different meso-climates. The better known is the Wairau valley where we source our Lofthouse Sauvignon, with fresh, floral nettle and gooseberry aromatics.
14. **Sancerre 2008, Domaine Hubert Brochard, Loire, France** 29.95
A sophisticated and elegant dry white. This has the classic character of fine Sancerre – it's succulent, very fresh and bone-dry, with a crisp lemon flavour and hint of materials. It's perfect for summer drinking.
15. **Amplus Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Santa Ema, Maipo Valley, Chile** 23.95
A particular fresh style of Sauvignon, which retains all the aromatic green, flavours but has a lick of fresh minerals though it. The wine has more weight than you would expect from a Sauvignon but is still elegant and crisp on the finish. *Best Sauvignon Blanc on the list. NH (That includes CB)*
16. **Old Vines Chenin Blanc 2007, Stellenbosch, South Africa** 19.95
This, as the name suggests, is produced from specially selected parcels of concentrated, old vine fruit. Cape wine master Irina von Holdt has always maintained that Chenin, generally considered a reliable workhorse grape, could be capable of producing fine wine if allowed the best viticultural and vinification practices. Daughter Fran Botha finally threw down the gauntlet and offered to go into business with Irina. Accolades awarded suggest that Irina was right all along – this is a lovely food wine with great complexity and elegance.
18. **Three Stones Reisling 2007, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand** 19.95
Off dry with subtle aromas of granny smith apples and crushed lime with lingering typical lemon/lime flavours. A lovely aromatic white wine. 11% Vol
19. **Clos d'Yvigne Bel- Ami Rosé 2003, Bergerac, France** 19.95
The Clos d'Yvigne rose's colour is absolutely sensational - a flamboyant, ridiculously decadent pink, the nose of which is quite delicious - fresh raspberries and cream attacking the palate with a flourish, complimented by a delicious and crisp acidity. Patricia Atkinson, who makes this wine wrote a book about her experiences, trials and tribulations. The book is called "*The Ripening Sun*". It's a great read. Truly Inspirational!
20. **Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, 2008 Marlborough New Zealand** 39.00
Pale straw green in colour and enticingly fragrant, the 2008 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc is reminiscent of a fresh summer fruit salsa – ripe peach, passionfruit, mango and juicy citrus – sprinkled with fresh fennel and a dash of Pastis. The palate is rich and succulent, with a zesty citrus and apple-sherbet acidity that leads to a long, lingering, and characteristically crisp finish.

Chardonnays and Full-bodied Whites

It is no accident that Chardonnay appears in so many guises. It grows without much difficulty in many parts of the globe. The reason a great many varieties of wine result from it is that it depends on: How it grows (high or low yield), where it grows (ripe and melon-like or lean and hazelnut), how it is matured (oak or unoaked, 'malolactic' buttery or not).

However, it pleases many and suits a great spread of dishes, and comes in different price brackets – simple and obvious, subtle and complex.

21. **Vavasour Chardonnay 2005, Awatere Valley, Marlborough, New Zealand** 26.95
The 2005 Vavasour Chardonnay is an elegant, complex wine showing peach fruit and mealy notes on the nose. The rich, silky textured palate exhibits the same fine flavours with a long citrus finish.
22. **Eden Valley Wild Ferment Chardonnay 2004, Yalumba, South East Australia** 19.95
Tidy, civilized Aussie Chardonnay for a change. Well-balanced, not over-wooded.
23. **Kanu Chardonnay 2003, Stellenbosch, South Africa** 22.50
Plush and buttery on the nose with a vibrant citrus fruit on the Palate and spicy new oak
24. **Bourgogne Blanc, Les Sétilles, 2007 Olivier Leflaive, France** 25.95
Produced from the lower, flatter soils of the Puligny and Mersault communes, this offer some of the citrus and steel of the former, fleshed out with the creamy, warm brioche notes of the latter - A steal!
25. **Santa Ema Reserve Chardonnay 2008, Casablanca Valley, Chile** 19.75
Tasty, with fresh cut pear, fig and mineral notes. Plump and juicy through the finish with the minerality stretching it out nicely.
26. **Chablis 2007 Les Deux Rives, Olivier Leflaive, France** 25.95
Pale green-gold in colour, this offers a fresh apple vitality on the nose. This also comes through on the palate, complemented by hints of nuts and a creamy richness.
27. **Chablis 1er Crus Fourchaume 2006, Lamblin** 36.95
Refined complexity in the glass. The nose is full and creamy, with hints of wild mushroom. It has a lovely full fruit and is round in the mouth, with mineral background.
28. **Rully St. Jacques 2006, A+P De Villaine, France** 33.00
This superb single vineyard shows all the class that one would expect as it is made by the incomparable Aubert De Villaine owner of Burgundy's most famous Estate, Domaine de la Romanee Conti. This wine is uncompromising and persuasive with an excellent depth and intensity, to its rich honeyed, multi layered fruit.
29. **Mâcon-Verzé 2006, Domaines Leflaive, Cot d'Or, France** 35.00
This light straw coloured wine shows a nose that runs through aromas of citrus, melon and ample stone fruit, all to be found back on a palate where round, somewhat plum fatness is balanced by mineral-infused purity. There is no doubt that this wine is seriously good, made with integrity, authentic and true to its appellation.
31. **Viognier, 2005 Eden Valley, Yalumba, South Australia** 24.95
Yalumba, the pioneer of Viognier in Australia, has devoted 20 years to the growing and making of this rare and exotic Rhone variety. This wine is rich and opulent with intense varietal flavour – classic apricot and peach flavours combined with citrus freshness and a hint of spice. Partial barrel fermentation in French Oak has contributed the complexity essential in creating a truly intriguing wine.

Pinot Noir and Pinotage

Pinot Noir, the original grape of Red Burgundy, in the main delivers outstanding silky texture and a fragrance of wild strawberries, cherries and autumnal leafy notes. Somewhat like Chardonnay, it very much reflects where it is grown, how it is made and matured.

Light in tannins (the harsher, drying flavours of wine), it accompanies a range of food from grilled salmon to game.

34. **Cote de Nuits-Villages "La Robignotte" 2005 (Cote-D'Or), Domaine Gilles Jourdan 35.00**
This vintage has concentrated dark fruits, a profusion of wild blackberry and kirsch, cherries and spice, complemented by a finely honed mineral layer. Very special wine! Robignotte is an exceptional site in Corgoloin, mentioned as a Tête de Cuvée in 19th century books on the region. This is as good as a very top Nuits Saints-Georges, Premier Cru, but at half the price or less. This is one of Clive Coates MW, top tastes of 2008.
35. **Gevrey – Chambertin 2006, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 45.00**
From a premier cru vineyard just below grand cru Chapelle Chambertin, this is a graceful, deliciously perfumed wine with a finely wound structure and an excellent sense of precision right down to the long mineral finish. Perfectly executed.
36. **Savigny les Beaune 2004, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Girard 25.95**
A seriously appealing expression of Pinot Noir with complexity and length.
38. **Francesca Bay Pinot Noir 2007 , Marlborough, New Zealand 19.75**
This classic New Zealand Pinot Noir is grown on selected Marlborough vineyards and is carefully and selectively harvested by hand. Aged in oak casks, this fine wine has a vibrant colour and a complex abundance of strawberry, cherry and dark berry fruit.
Great Value Kiwi Pinot! NH
39. **Sebastini Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast, California 2006 31.95**
Delicious, young and vibrant wine with vivacious, juicy red fruits, finishing with great finesse.
41. **Pinotage Veldt Range, South Africa 2008 15.95**
Black with Garnet rim. Ripe and dense: Loads of Strawberries and sweet berry fruits with dense mulberry and plum aromas. Spicy Overtones.

Merlot is the softer red grape of the traditional Bordeaux, contributing the rounder, plumier flavours in these blends. As a single, unblended varietal wine, it shows soft texture and often notes of Chocolate, plum and sometimes mint. Like Claret, it perfectly suits lamb, but when ripe and from the USA or Chile, it can take on beef and fuller game dishes.

Carménère is an unusual, originally Southwest French grape variety, which has long passed itself off as Merlot in Chile until re-identified in recent years. Rustic and hearty, but not totally dissimilar to Merlot.

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| 42. | Malbec Reserve 2007, Chamuyo, Mendoza, Argentina | 15.25 |
| | This rich Malbec offers the benchmark blackberry fruit intensity and smooth chocolatey layers of Mendoza's purest Malbecs. Balancing acidity and silky Tannins give the wine a versatile structure to partner a wide range of dishes. | |
| 43. | Merlot "3" Stones 2007, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand | 23.50 |
| | The 3 stones on the Label signify the core elements of winemaking – soil, climate and craft. Redcurrant, blackberry and dark plums intermingle with a range of savoury characters to create an immediate appealing wine. Ideal with Lamb. | |
| 44. | Santa Ema Reserve Merlot 2006, Maipo Valley, Chile | 19.95 |
| | The Santa Ema Reserve Merlot is a very elegant wine, deep red in color with violet nuances. Its aroma shows the perfect combination of prunes, blackberries, soft cassis, and barrel attributes such as toffee and chocolate. Easy to drink, this a balanced and rounded wine. | |
| 45. | Red Earth Merlot 2007, Adelaide Plains, South Australia | 17.95 |
| | Vibrant rich crimson with strawberry, mulberry and blackberry fruit with a touch of spicy oak. Soft and sassy. | |
| 47. | Carménère Barrel Select 2005, Santa Ema, Cachapoal Valley, Chile | 18.95 |
| | This wine is lovely deep red in colour with an aroma that mixes fruit – bearing notes of black cherries and chocolate and a hint of herbs. On the palate, this is a fully rounded wine with great body concentration. A wonderfully juicy mouthful. | |

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet/Merlot and Cabernet/Shiraz

This splendid small, dark-berried Cabernet 'Cabernet Sauvignon' is very adaptable. Traditionally the Blackcurrant, firm and even tough component associated with Bordeaux (and other blends), it yields wines of firm structure, often has a dusty, minty fragrance. These blends are for red meats and cheeses.

50. **Meerlust Red 2004, Stellenbosch, South Africa** **23.95**
The Meerlust Red 2004 a blend of 86 % Cabernet Sauvignon and 14 % Merlot grown on the historic Meerlust Estate in Stellenbosch. The wine was selected and blended for early drinkability but will reward maturation up to 8 years from vintage. The wine is intense ruby red in colour and has a deep purple hue. The nose has intense cassis and plum notes with the characteristic Meerlust minerality and hints of Indian ink, chocolate and fennel. The palate is rich with juicy fruit, silky refined tannins and layered complexity, opening to a soft, seductive mouthfeel with a lingering aftertaste.
This is one of the Best Wines on the List. NH
52. **Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, Sonoma County, California** **29.50**
Aromas of blackberry, cocoa, and earth lead to a rich, layered mouthfeel, replete with black cherry, cedar, and cassis, and structured with lush, mature tannins. *Very Fine NH*
53. **Opal Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2008, South Eastern Australia** **19.95**
Aromas of spice and black pepper with undertones of chocolate and cherry characters. A soft, easy drinking wine which has good balance and palate length.
54. **Cabernet Sauvignon 2007, Santa Ema, Maipo Valley , Chile** **15.95**
Ruby red with garnet hues, its aroma is deep yet delicate. A dry wine with medium body, it is well balanced, harmonious and smooth.

The great favourite of Scotland, Scott called claret the 'blood of the Auld Alliance'. The blended Cabernets, Merlots and sometimes Petit Verdots of Bordeaux, give medium-weighted, evenly balanced, well structured wines that mature well, suiting lamb in particular.

58. **Chateau de Lamarque 2001, Haut Medoc, Cru Bourgeois** 34.00
Spectacular pureed blackcurrants, tobacco leaf & spices leap from the glass. Sweet blackfruit laced with toasty oak coat the mouth whilst smooth, ripe tannin & minerals underpin the voluptuousness to bring an air of elegance to this delicious wine.
59. **Chateau Bel Air, Graves de Vayres 2004, Bordeaux Superior** 22.50
Having decided to make his own wine rather than sell to a négociant, Philippe Serey-Eiffel (Great, great Grandson of the engineer of the Eiffel Tower), set about it with meticulous attention to detail, as befits his original profession as an engineer. This tiny appellation was created in 1931 at the behest of Philippe's great grandfather and it certainly warrants being singled out from the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation. This is a very elegant fine style of Winemaking with an emphasis on balance. Deeply coloured, this offers a very fresh, pure fruit on the nose. The palate, luscious and sappy, is very ripe but there is a real freshness there too.
60. **Chateau La Courolle 2004, Montagne Saint – Emilion** 24.95
A typical wine from the St Emilion region - wonderfully supple, sappy cherry-rich blend which coats the palate with a sensual, silky texture.
61. **Chateau Montaignillon 2004, Montagne Saint – Emilion** 22.50
Gorgeous seductive red, with enticing aromas of cherries and prunes and just a hint of vanilla. Intense in both colour and depth of fruit, this will warm on even the coldest winter day.
64. **Chateau L'Hospitalet De Gazin Pomerol 2004** 48.50
Chateau GAZIN wines are a very typical product of the Pomerol terroir. Their lavish richness offers a wide aromatic range of black and red fruits, which harmonises with their intense purple or garnet colour. They also frequently offer hints of mint, plum, chocolate, coffee or liquorice, a bouquet of almond, toast, tobacco and vanilla. Maturity gives them a nose of spices, truffles, undergrowth and gamey scents: fur, leather. Their taste is characterised by their silky tannins, their balance and concentration, enhanced by a delicate oaky note.
Feminine and delightful due to the dominance of the Merlot, Chateau GAZIN wines can be drunk young or after ageing for 10-15 years or more. They make an excellent accompaniment to white and red meats and game, as well as to almond, caramel, vanilla and red fruits desserts."

Syrah, Shiraz, Grenache and Spicier Reds

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Syrah has a full, brambly richness. Grenache is peppery and, often, wild berry-like. They are often blended together in the warm South of France, and produce harmonious wines such as organic Syrahe below. Chateauneuf du Pape from the Southern Rhone is the great expression of roundness and rich, full-bodied red that suits game and beef.

66. **Crozes Hermitage Les Launes, 2006 Delas Frères France** 27.95
Intensely dark fruit but rounded and refined by oak ageing. Elegant and stylish.
67. **Rasteau, Domaine de la Combe Dieu 2006, Cote de Rhone Village, France** 22.00
A really excellent spicy, deeply coloured wine from one of the best-known villages in the heart of the appellation. The Saurel family has owned the domaine for three generations. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre comprise the blend resulting in a wine of great structure.
68. **Ceravolo Shiraz 2004, Adelaide, Australia** 23.85
Rich Colours and Full Fruit Character – ripe mulberries, blackberry, black cherry, strawberry, blueberry with a hint of Chocolate and Oriental Spice. Aged for 12 Months on Sweet Toasty American and French Oak. Soft Palate lingering with a velvety Feel.
69. **Barossa Valley Bush Vine Grenache 2006, Yalumba, South Australia** 23.50
A wine that opens with bright red fruits and spices with hints of violets and roses, plus some savoury complexity. On the palate, it shows richness and ripeness with textured layers of red and blueberry fruits and youthful structure.
70. **Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2005, Domaine de Père Pape** 33.00
A deep, rich, concentrated wine with a fine flavour and a warm satisfying finish. Great with Pigeon, Venison, Scotch Beef & Lamb.
71. **RWC Reserve Shiraz 2006, Riebeek Wine Cellars, Swartland, South Africa** 17.95
Full bodied with exiting spice and red plum finished off with a subtle smokiness. Rich, but elegant this excellent example off a Swartland Shiraz has beautiful ripe tannins.

Aromatic Reds and Riojas

Rioja is from, mainly, the Tempranillo of Northern Spain, and its wine growers and wine makers who settled there in the 19th century heavily influenced its evolution. Riojas are also of medium weight and soft, but are matured in American oak, which lends a certain vanilla sweetness. The name derives from the Rio Oja, the river that flows through the vineyard area.

The Gamay grape is at its soft, fruity best from the village of Fleurie in the North Beaujolais. Great with poultry and pork.

75. **Fleurie 2007, Joseph Drouhin, France,** 24.95
Seduces with its elegance and smoothness. A combination of floral red berry fruits.
77. **Vino Nobile de Montepulciano 2004. Estate La Braccessa, Tuscany, Italy** 33.00
Intense aromas of red fruit on the nose give way to supple and harmonious flavours and a delicate hint of vanilla. *Delicious. N.H*
78. **Chianti Riserva DOCG 2004, Bonachi, Italy** 23.50
The result of careful selection the Chianti Riserva is aged in oak barrels, which gives it a deep ruby colour, with garnet hues, an intense, lingering aroma and dry velvety flavour.
80. **Valpolicella, Classico Superiore 2007, Vigneto Valverde, Tedeschi, Italy** 23.95
This is the typical Valpolicella Classico Superiore wine, made according to the best traditions and with all the characteristics of Tedeschi Family wines: good structure, delicate flavor, elegance. The grapes come from vineyards located in the Classic Valpolicella zone.
81. **Campillo Rioja Gran Reserva 2005, Spain** 55.00
A carefully made wine, down to the last detail. Its secret lies in the origin of its grapes from hundred-year-old, low-yield Tempranillo vines that are harvested into small picking boxes and selected on arrival at the winery.
Cherry-red with purple tones in the rim, it opens up its aroma after gentle oxygenation in the form of generous notes of red fruit combined with nuances of oak. Good attack with moderate acidity. Full-bodied with a good tannic structure moving towards a long, pleasant aftertaste.
82. **Rioja Conde de Valdemar Reserva 2003, Spain** 28.50
Rustic and full of tasty black fruit flavours; the smooth-textured Conde de Valdemar Reserva is a true representation of Rioja's finest red wines; great with grilled lamb.
83. **Rioja Vina Amate Crianza 2005, Spain** 18.95
Aged in American oak barrels for 12 months, with a further 12 months in bottle, creating a soft and smooth Rioja with hints of vanilla and chocolate on the nose.

- 201 Chateau Palmer 1999, Margaux** **180.00**
Intense purple colour indicates a dense, powerful wine. On the nose aromas of perfectly ripe black fruits, liquorice, vanilla and just a hint of smokiness. On the palate, a big, full wine, which despite its richness achieves a subtle balance between alcohol and tannins. The finish is velvety, spicy and long and Very Exotic. A rich smooth Palmer that is enjoyable now, but will develop beautifully over the next 25 years. The greatest Palmer made since 1961 and 1966.
- 206 Chateau Musar 2001, Lebanon** **50.00**
Serge Hochar has been making wine in the Bekaa Valley for many years. The vineyards are in the middle of a war zone and in some years its amazing that any wine has been produced at all. The blend of Cinsault and Cabernet Sauvignon, a very unusual mixture giving a splendid earthy, almost farmyard nose. On the palate it has a firm structure with plenty of backbone.
- 209 Chateau Pape 1996 Clément, Gran Cru Classé de Graves, Pessac-Leognan** **110.00**
Intense crimson to garnet colour and a fullish, rich, oaky, and concentrated nose. Medium to full-bodied on the palate with very good depth of fruit and substantial tannins as well as notable grip. Classy, complex and satisfying. 2002 International Wine Challenge Silver Medal Winner.
- 211 Chateau Magdelaine 1990 Saint Emilion Grand Crus** **140.00**
The 1990 Magdelaine is among the most sumptuous examples of this estate's wine. The nose reveals interesting herb, berry, mineral, and vanillin scents. Copious, even lavish quantities of sweet tobacco, coffee, and orange tea-like flavors can be found in this super-ripe Merlot-based wine. The acidity is adequate and the moderate tannins are firm. Magdelaine represents a different expression of St.-Emilion that tasters often find too austere. The opulent, even decadent 1990 is an exception. Robert Parker Wine Advocate. Parker Points: 92

