



**MARTINEZ
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WINE AND DINE

PLANTAGENET WINES & THE FARSYDE RESTAURANT

Wednesday October 8th

We've waited for our usual hosts to open their new venue before restarting our series of dinners, matching excellent cuisine with wonderful wines in the company of wine makers and vineyard owners.

The **Farsyde** has recently moved to larger premises at 1-3 New Brook Street, Ilkley, doubling its capacity. Even so, it is often sold out well in advance, but with us reserving the whole night you only have to book three weeks ahead!

Joining us will be **Gavin Berry**, maker of the Mt Barker, Omrah and Hellfire Bay ranges that we stock. **Plantagenet** is the largest winery in the cool climate Mount Barker area of Western Australia, producing wines consistently rated among the top twenty in Oz. Gavin has been head winemaker there since 1994 and holds degrees in both winemaking and psychology. He will talk through the wines chosen for the night and may tell us what thoughts go on in a winemaker's head whilst crushing grapes.

These events are always successful and always oversubscribed; so despite the venue being bigger we expect it to be sold out. We have already had enquiries as word leaks out onto the Ilkley grape-vine.

The evenings event (7.30 for 8.00) will cost £50 per head. Much that we love to see you in the shop and are happy to provide details of the wines etc, please book your tickets direct with Zoe at the Farsyde: **01943 602030**

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CULT WINE BIN-END

Mount Mary is one of Australia's top wines, little heard of because of its small production (3,000 cases) and lack of Grange type hype. But much sought after.

Founded in 1971 in the Yarra Valley by Dr John Middleton, he is renowned for producing stylish, long aging wines based on French wine making philosophy.

Triolet is a white Bordeaux style from semillion, sauvignon and muscadelle. Well structured with good weight and complexity, the semillion and muscadelle provide a floral aroma and full rich palate, while the sauvignon gives a steely backbone to help the aging. Just starting to drink.

Quintet is based on the five classic claret varieties; cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malbec, Cabernet franc and petit verdot, and is a homage to the classic claret style. It is balanced and serious and will age magnificently for a couple of decades.

Pinot Noir again exemplifies a traditional old fashioned approach to wines that are for keeping. Pure and concentrated, if you can keep your hands off for a couple of years every mouthful will be savoured.

We have sometimes been able to secure a small allocation of his wines and can now offer the remaining bottles from the very good '97 vintage at give-away prices.

1997 Triolet. Was £40, now **£28**

1997 Quintet. Was £70, now **£49**

1997 Pinot noir. Was £70, now **£49**

Stunning wines at stunning prices. At least 30% off .Very limited quantities.

OH COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

While others pondered the meaning of life, sitting around the pool, sweltering in the August sun, at Martinez we were thinking about Christmas; well, the commercial meaning of Christmas. A few thoughts now saves a lot of stress in December.

We look forward to the season of joy and good cheer not to make a fast buck (ho ho ho) but as an opportunity draw on our expertise to make the annual occasion special; or at least better than last year.

As independent merchants a lot of our business comes from recommendation, customers having received good service and a selection of quality wines, ports and spirits, return and put others in touch with us. Never disappointed, we hope.

Christmas corporate business – not a phrase to melt a snowman's heart – can be approached in the same way. If you need a Christmas corporate service, or know of anyone else who does, please give us a call.

For those who have not used us before we can offer anything from single bottles gift packs to mixed cases despatched nationwide. We will be delighted to hear from you and give our very best attentions. Please request our brochure which will be out soon.

♪ JINGLE TILLS ♪

TASTING, TASTING... HELLO...

We are doing something different with this seasons shop tasting. Rather than a themed evening event there will be a weekend open house.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
26th—28th SEPTEMBER

We hope that this change will allow as many customers as possible to come in and samples our wares. It should provide an opportunity to spend more time to taste and discuss in more depth your likes and requirements. We plan to have an impressive array of food products, wine and spirits to try and aim to open enough bottles to sink a ship.

PLEASE JOIN US.

BRIEFLY ITALY, PART PORTUGAL, FINALLY FRANCE.

Lambrusco Rosso, Caprari, 2002.

£5.99

If it's a Lambrusco and it's at Martinez it must be good. Raspberries dominate on the nose with a little palma violet on the finish. Soft yet full flavoured. Proper stuff at 11%.

Primitivo di Manduria, Lirica, 2001.

£7.99

Another primitive, a more weighty example, this benefits from 1/3 of the blend being aged in oak. Good nose and mouth feel, spicy, concentrated with a long smooth finish.

Barbera D'Asti, Crivelli, 2000.

£8.75

A good rustic nose with good tannins now starting to soften. Good deep fruit character and a nice rounded finish.

Vale de Clara, 2001, Douro.

£6.99

This interesting red coming from Quinta de la Rosa uses a blend of grapes – Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca & Touriga Franca - usually associated with Port. The results are exceptional, with an enticing nose of dark fruits, leading on to a rich gushy ripe fruit driven palate of black cherry's and strawberry's which maintains a degree of rusticity. Good soft tannins and balanced acidity great length of flavour.

Ch Helene, 2001. Corbieres.


£5.99

Great value wine, packed with fruit, rich palate, mellow tannins, nicely balanced, easy drinking. For some reason highly rated by Robert Parker.

Domaine de la Bongran, Jean Thevenet. 2000.

£14.99

Top end Maconnais from one of the regions leading producers. The wine is full and rounded, coming, as it does, from late picked grapes. It is this characteristic that demotes it to lowly Macon Village status: Clesse AC does not allow residual sugars.

More new lines in our back page offer. 

SPECIAL OFFER

EXCLUSIVE TO **NOBLE ROT** READERS

One of the best responses this publication receives is customers coming in to try our recommendations of new wines. So we decided to put together a special introductory offer on a mixed case of fairly new additions to our list (plus an old favourite). The first offer comprises three reds and three whites at a heavily discounted price.

- 2x bt McPherson Merlot, 2000. Victoria, Australia. (Retail £6.49)
- 2x bt Estamper Syrah/Cabernet, 2002. Colchagua Valley, Chile. (£5.49)
- 2x bt Ch Saint Elisabeth, 2001. Costiers de Nimes, France. (£4.75)
- 2x bt Willandra Soft Pressed Chardonnay, 2002. S Australia. (£6.99)
- 2x bt Marques de Riscal Blanco, 2002. Rueda, Spain. (£5.99)
- 2x bt Falerio, Saladini Pilastrri, 2002. Marches, Italy. (£5.25)

12 bottles with a retail value of £69.95

Special offer price £55

A saving of over 20 % (actually 21.4%)

This mixed case represents stunning value for money, perhaps the best deal we've ever done for day to day drinking wines. We believe their quality far outweighs 'special deals' advertised in glossy mags by wine clubs.

Each case will have an information sheet with some background on the producers and tasting notes.

Small print

- This offer will be available for orders placed up to and including 10th October.
- Offer only open to those on the Noble Rot mailing list.
- The price covers collection from the Ilkley shop. For mail-order delivery please add our usual £10 delivery charge. Place your order by phone or e-mail: details below.

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