

The Grange Hotel

Wine List

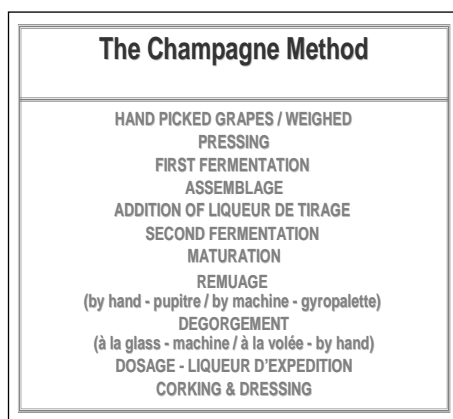
Taste & Body Indicator

All our wines have been tasted and assessed as showing certain styles and character - they are graded as 1-5 (dry to sweet, with 1 being very dry to 5 being very sweet). They are also graded A to F (light to full bodied, with A being very light bodied, all the way to F which refers to a very full bodied wine). As with everything however, these grades are subjective and we urge you to ask if you are unsure of the wine style before you choose.

Champagne and Sparkling

Is there a better way to begin a celebration, or a finer, more elegant way to begin the deliberations that a fine menu expects. Or even, dare we say it, a lovelier way to enjoy the company of friends and loved ones? For all the above reasons and more, a glass of Champagne is the perfect wine - its ethereal balance of acid and fruit, the persistence of the bubbles and the crisp chill of the bottle all make Champagne the ultimate wine.

Bin.		Style	Body	Price
1	Baron de Beaupre Brut, NV Made by the House of Ellner, this is a fine grapey, dry Champagne with a lovely fruit cocktail style and persistent mousse.	1	A	£32.00
2	Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Brut NV	1	B	£55.00
3	Laurent Perrier Rose, Brut Reserve NV	1	B	£65.00



Sparkling wines

4	France	Robe d'or, Brut, Vin Mousseaux Lovely fresh fizz, honeyed and off-dry.	2	A	£15.00
5	Italy	Prosecco de Valdobbiadene NV, Veneto Soft, grapey and dry with a lovely hint of candied fruit	1	A	£18.00



Old World Whites

Here Old World refers to wines that originate from Europe in all its guises. Whilst traditionally including countries such as France, Spain, Italy and Germany, we can now add the likes of Hungary, Greece, Austria etc to that list. Stylistically, these countries make wines that have a good affinity with food, being less ripe and with a greater degree of natural acidity. It is this acidity that makes for such a good food/wine partnership, where it cuts through the likes of cream or butter based cuisine.

			Style	Body	Price
6	Germany	Piesporter Michelsberg, Mosel Off dry and lemony with a lovely rounded hint of tangerine and sweet grape.	3	A	£14.75
7	Italy	Pure Pinot Grigio, Tenuta Ginelli, Veneto Soft, crisp and slightly nutty.	1	B	£16.50
8	Italy	Verdicchio Classico, Castel dei Jesi, Marche Fresh and medium bodied dry white from the heartland ' Classico ' region, where its vines sit atop narrow terraces overlooking the Adriatic. A lovely partner to grilled seafood and shellfish.	2	B	£17.50
9	France	Gewurztraminer Caves de Pfaffenheim, Alsace Medium, very rich and honeyed with Gewurztraminer's typical musky perfume and spice showing in all its glory.	3	D	£21.00
10	France	Sancerre 2007, Domaine Bailly, Loire Crisp, pungent and balanced Sauvignon with a great intensity of elderflower and nettle.	1	B	£25.00
11	France	Chablis 2006, Domaine Testut, Burgundy One of the great Domaines of Chablis, making a steely, structured and mineral slaked style.	1	C (½ bottle)	£27.00 £14.50
12	France	Sauvignon Blanc, Le Charme Really zesty, piercing and dry with a lovely fresh elderflower and gooseberry quality	1	A	£15.00



New World Whites

The New World covers all things non-European, with warm countries such as Australia, California, Chile etc being the first to spring to mind. Add in cooler regions such as New Zealand and South Africa and it is easy to see why these famous regions now exhibit a diversity that is entirely suitable to Fine Wine production. With the extra warmth comes a raised fruit profile along with more alcohol and body. As always, the emphasis is on bigger, richer and riper wines that always retain a degree of 'fruitiness'

			Style	Body	Price
13	South Africa	Chenin Blanc Drakensberg, Paarl Crisp at first, but there is a lovely grapefruit and melon tang that emerges as the bottle empties!	2	B	£15.50
14	Argentina	Viognier, Pampas del Sur Soft, dry and full of scented apricot skin fruit, with a touch of honeysuckle and minerals on the finish.	2	B	£16.00
15	Australia	Chardonnay 2006, Sandford Estate Big, golden glassful of rich apple and oak layered fruit, tropical and satisfying with a long warming finish.	2	D	£17.50
16	South Africa	Unoaked Chardonnay, Avondale Bottled 'sur lie' meaning that it was kept on the lees after fermentation to gain more weight and a soft, 'buttery' creamy mouth feel. A lovely wine, very forward and zesty.	2	C	£21.00
				(½ bottle)	£12.75
17	New Zealand	Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Kuki, Marlborough Ranked in the top 5 wine estates in New Zealand by none other than Decanter Magazine, this is zesty, elderflower and gooseberry scented stuff, fresh as a daisy and forward with it!	1	C	£23.50
	New Zealand	Sauvignon Blanc 2007, Hawkes Bay Zesty, elderflower and gooseberry scented		(½ bottle)	£13.50



Old World Reds

European red wines fall into 2 categories in the main. Those from cooler areas such as Western France (Bordeaux, Loire) and higher altitude regions such as Rioja, Northern Italy etc. Such red wines show a less jammy fruit with balancing acidity that is more to the fore than warm regions. Hotter climates such as Southern France, Central Spain and southern Italy all give red wines that have a higher degree of alcohol, fleshier, more jammy fruit and lower natural acidity.

			Style	Body	Price
20	Romania	Merlot 2006, Black River Estates Made from prime Romanian Merlot grapes, using German hi tech equipment and a team of travelling Aussie winemakers. Good fruity, modern Merlot.	1	A	£15.00
21	Spain	Garnacha Old Vines, Navarra A wonderfully ripe and warming red produced from ancient Grenache vines that lie on hill sites that look East toward neighbouring Rioja in northern Spain. Hand picked and fermented in a mixture of oak barrels and steel tanks, this is soft and spicy, with a great deal of ripe strawberry fruit.	1	C	£17.00
22	Italy	Primitivo del Salento, A. Mano, Puglia Big, dark, dense and powerful red, yet at its heart there is ripe core of sweet red fruits bordering on the jammy like qualities of New World Shiraz. Warming, spicy and fruit-driven it has a long smooth finish.	1	D	£21.00
23	France	Crozes Hermitage 2006/07, Domaine Pochon One of the greatest Crozes' made in the last few years, this is dark,dense and powerful with the peppery characters of the noble Syrah grape showing its hedonistic temperament.	1	D (½ bottle)	£24.00 £14.50
24	Spain	Rioja 2004 Reserva, Bodegas Vega A wonderfully supple, smooth Reserva, showing the benefit of 2 years in small American oak casks and a further 3 years in bottle. Such ageing has resulted in a complexity that is hard to beat. Flavours of vanilla, raspberry, cedar and truffle show why this wine was voted top Reserva in 2005.	1	C	£30.00
25	France	Fleurie 2007, Domaine de Gry Sablon An elegant, velvety wine that is full of raspberry and cherry flavours. Superb Gamay.	1	D (½ bottle)	£31.00 £17.00



New World Reds

This is where it gets interesting! New world countries can be cool – look at New Zealand or parts of Chile or South Africa for example. What sets the New World apart is their quest for richness and mouth-filling fruit. Whilst choosing the right grape variety is important, such hefty, full structured wines are more the result of combining the climate with the winemakers natural eagerness to express the grapes potential – in addition to meeting the developing markets requirement for a ‘New World’ style.

			Style	Body	Price
26	Chile	Merlot Finca El Picador, Central Valley Big, fruit-driven style - brash and full of spicy mocha and bitter chocolate flavours.	2	B	£15.00
27	Spain	Tempranillo, Epoto Older vines and modern winemaking have resulted in a lovely ripe, jammy, red fruited monster of a wine that shows suppleness and a delightful drinkability.	1	B	£16.00
28	Australia	Shiraz Sandford Estate Opaque in the glass with a wonderfully overt nose of crushed black fruits and sweet spice.	2	D	£18.00
29	South Africa	Pinotage Drakensberg Jammy, open and forward with mellow tannins and a warming finish. The typical Pinotage character of spice, leather and mulberry comes through well on the finish.	2	C	£17.50
30	Argentina	Malbec, Gougenheim Argentina's most planted and successful grape - it offers rich smoky/jammy reds that always have a trace of liquorice and coffee. Big and beautiful!	3	D	£21.00
31	Australia	Pinot Noir 2004, Killara Park, Yarra Valley Brilliantly focused Pinot – produced from a small family holding that historically supplied the mighty Coldstream Hills winery. A lush style with a long elegant, supple finish.	2	C (½ bottle)	£24.00 £13.00
32	Australia	Shiraz 2005, Craneford Big, rich, jammy and full with ripe and rounded hints of baked red fruit, spice and pepper.	4	D	£25.00



Style Body Price

Dessert Wines and Half Bottles

33	South Africa	Muscat Rouge 2007, Avondale (½ bottle) a rare opportunity to taste a sweet red wine, offering luscious creamy raisin and parma violet fruit. Very moreish and warming	5	B	£17.00
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Rose Wines

34	Chile	Merlot Rose, El picador Soft, off-dry yet balanced with just a hint of residual fruit, this is a full bodied style of Rose with more than a hint of red summer fruits.	3	B	£15.50
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35	California	Blush Zinfandel, Angels Flight Wonderfully ripe and fruity with layers of crushed red berries and a hint of vanilla cream.	4	A	£17.00
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House Selection

The whole point of a House Selected Wine is that it should indicate the quality of the whole list – thus they are the most important wines on any list. Ideally they should show good quality, be reasonably priced and have a flavour and style that ‘punches above their weight’ to paraphrase a (cruelly) modern saying.

At the Grange Hotel, such is our constant desire to show the best wines possible at a price which is attractive, that we taste dozens of wines each year to chose our House listings. Whilst a hard job (as you appreciate!) we are occasionally rewarded with some real gems.

We hope you enjoy our selection



	Style	Body	Price
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White wines

40	Chile Chardonnay 2007, Finca El Picador Ripe, tropical and forward, with a touch of vanilla oak and nice crisp finish.	2	C	£14.50
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Red wines

41	Chile Cabernet 2007, Finca El Picador Ripe jammy red, full of blackcurrant and cedar overtones.	1	D	£14.50
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Style and Body Guide

When we taste and make our selected wines we always have our guests in mind, and, whilst it would be wonderful if we all knew lots about wine, often it is easier to give some guidance, as wine is as subjective as anything, and we all need guidance sometime.

We have given some indication of the style and body of each of our wines using the accepted numerical and letter system.

Style

- 1 = dry
- 2 = off-dry
- 3 = medium
- 4 = medium sweet
- 5 = sweet

Body

- A = light bodied
- B = light to medium bodied
- C = medium to full bodied
- D = Full bodied