



The Old Swan Hotel Wine Menu

Wine by the Glass

Sparkling Wine

Maschio Prosecco di Valdobbiadene, Italy (125ml) £4.75

White Wine

La Baume Sauvignon Blanc, VDP, France £5.50

Fragrant gooseberries and cut grass aromas mingle with light green pepper flavours. Crisp, clean and well balanced

Firefly Chardonnay, Australia £5.50

Rich aromas of melon, peach and apricots. The palate is smooth with tropical fruit flavours. Well balanced with a crisp acidity and soft finish

Pinot Grigio, Trulli Delle Venezie IGT, Italy £5.95

Flowery young aroma with a hint of spice. Dry and crisp with good fruit. Sommelier Silver award winner 2010.

Santa Serena Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile £4.95

A very clean and citrusy Sauvignon Blanc with bags of flavour and great balance

Red Wine

La Baume Pinot Noir, VDP, France £5.50

Soft, round, smooth, light red with hints of blackberries and plums with a gentle long finish

Firefly Shiraz, Australia £5.50

This wine displays aromas of intense ripe plum and blackberry fruit. The palate shows sweet berry fruit, balanced with spicy liquorice flavours and integrated with vanilla oak

Santa Serena Merlot, Central Valley, Chile £4.95

Light, plummy notes on the nose and ripe berry fruit with soft tannins on the palate make for a very smooth and balanced wine

Raffine Tempranillo, La Mancha £4.95

A very popular easy-drinking fruity red wine. Mouth-filling, deep flavoured and silky smooth. Like a baby Rioja.

(Unless otherwise stated, all wines by the glass are served in 175ml measures. All wines by the glass are available in measures of 125ml. All wines have an alcoholic content of between 8% and 15% by volume. The Old Swan Hotel encourages responsible drinking)

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Bin Number

Champagne and Sparkling

1.	Champagne Duc de Roucher Brut	£39.95
2.	Lanson 'Black Label' Brut	£41.50
3.	Veuve Clicquot 'Yellow Label' Brut	£51.95
4.	Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut	£45.95
5.	Lanson Brut Rose	£42.95
6.	Maschio Prosecco di Valdobbiadene DOCG	£25.95

White Wine

Light and Crisp

7.	Santa Serena Sauvignon Blanc, CH	£19.95
8.	La Baume Sauvignon Blanc VDP, FR	£21.95
9.	Zarapito Chenin Blanc/Torrentes, ARG	£18.95
10.	The Kings 'Favour' Sauvignon Blanc, NZ	£34.95

Full and Aromatic

11.	Wakefield Estate Riesling, AUS	£37.50
12.	Alma Mora Viognier, Arg	£23.95
13.	Clairault Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, AUS	£29.95

Dry and Medium Bodied

14.	Trulli Pinot Grigio della Venezie, IT	£23.00
15.	Sancerre 'La Perriere', FR	£32.95
16.	The King's 'Thorn' Pinot Gris, NZ	£39.95

Clean and Fresh Chardonnays

17.	Petit Chablis Vibrant, FR	£32.95
18.	Firefly Chardonnay, AUS	£21.95
19.	Indomita Chardonnay, CH	£22.50

Rich and Oaky Chardonnays

20.	G7 Chardonnay Reserva, CH	£27.95
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Red Wine

Pinot Noir and Lighter Reds

21.	The Kings 'Wrath' Pinot Noir, NZ	£42.50
22.	Loron et Fils Fleurie, FR	£29.50
23.	La Baume Pinot Noir VDP, Fr	£21.95

Medium Bodied Reds

24.	Santa Serena Merlot, CH	£19.95
25.	Cape Promise Pinotage, SA	£22.95
26.	Conti Serristori Chianti DOCG, IT	£23.95
27.	G7 Merlot Reserva, CH	£27.95
28.	William Cole Pinot Noir, CH	£25.50

Dry and Earthy Reds

29.	Parajes de Alta Expression, Ribera del Duero, SP	£49.95
30.	Muga Rioja Reserva, SP	£34.50
31.	Tempranillo La Mancha, SP	£18.95

Cabernet and Bordeaux Style Blends

32.	Marcel Martin Cabernet Sauvignon VDP, FR	£19.95
33.	Chateau Savariaud Bordeaux, FR	£23.50
34.	Clairault Cabernet Merlot, AUS	£29.95

Full Bodied Shiraz, Rhone and Zinfandels

35.	Wakefield Estate Shiraz, AUS	£36.50
36.	Rancho Zabacco 'Heritage Vines' Zinfandel, USA	£27.50
37.	Filus Malbec Alto Medrano, ARG	£25.95
38.	Firefly Shiraz, AUS	£21.95
39.	Chateauneuf du Pape Grave de Montrail, FR	£39.95

Rose Wine

40.	Santa Serena Rose, CH	£19.95
41.	Alma Mora Rose, ARG	£23.95
42'	Sancerre 'La Perriere' Rose, Guy Saget, FR	£34.95

A few facts and frequently asked questions about wine.

Q. Waiter, my wine is corked

A. Corked wine is as a result of a chemical present in the wine rather than cork floating in the wine. The chemical TCA can be carried in the cork and transferred to the wine. Although harmless the result is an unpleasant and mouldy smelling wine.

Q. What do IGT and DOCG mean on Italian wines?

A. IGT and DOCG are classifications created by the Italian government to recognize the quality and class of wines. IGT stands for Indicazione geografica tipica and DOCG stands for Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita.

Q. The older the wine the better it is.

A. Not necessarily. The majority of wines produced today are designed to be drunk straight away reflecting the consumer's habits of buying the odd bottle. There are wines that will improve with age more notably from the classic houses of Bordeaux and Burgundy in France but these will be priced accordingly and reflect the quality.

Q. What is Terroir in relation to wine production?

A. The Terroir is a combination of soil type, climate, degree of slope and exposure to sun. All these factors have a considerable effect on the wine and give each vineyard and resulting wine its uniqueness.

Q. Why is sparkling wine from Italy and Spain not called Champagne and is instead called Prosecco and Cava.

A. The word 'champagne' is named after the province in France, meaning "open country". Due to the protected designation of Origin or PDO law in Europe, only wine produced within the champagne region can be called champagne.

Q. When should I use a decanter for wine?

A. The process of decanting wine into a decanter is designed to remove sediment from wines. These wines are usually older wines and will have bitter sediment within them that will harm the taste of the wine. However, a decanter can be put to good use with younger wines also. By decanting a young wine you will oxygenate the wine allowing it to 'breathe'. This will enhance the wine allowing all the flavours to develop that potentially would not have had the wine remained in the bottle.

Q. Is wine good for you?

A. Thankfully yes, but only in moderation. Red wine, typically more than white wine has antioxidant properties and contains resveratrol, which seem to be important in the cardio-protective effects of wine.