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WHITE WINES BY THE GLASS

			125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
<i>Colombard/ Chardonnay</i>	<i>Waterval</i>	<i>South Africa</i>	3.00	3.90	5.00	14.50
Fresh as a daisy, ripe and soft with flavours of peach, lime and baked apples, perfect with our potted shrimps.						
<i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	<i>Tonada</i>	<i>Chile</i>	3.40	4.40	5.50	16.00
Crisp, zesty and vibrant - showing lovely gooseberry and passion fruit aromas.						
<i>Pinot Grigio</i>	<i>Ca Tesore</i>	<i>Italy</i>	3.40	4.40	5.50	16.00
A real Pinot Grigio - dry and rounded, subtle floral notes with hints of almond butter, lime and peach. It compliments our spiced Cauliflower beautifully.						
<i>Chardonnay</i>	<i>Rooks Lane</i>	<i>SE Australia</i>	3.80	4.80	5.90	18.50
Soft and buttery with notes of grapefruit and vanilla. A deliciously moreish dry white.						
<i>Pinot Grigio Calvi</i>	<i>Provino</i>	<i>Italy</i>	3.40	4.40	5.50	16.00
Made from 100% Pinot Grigio grapes, the Calvi Pinot has an intensely fine, fruity and persistent perfume and is light, crisp and elegantly rounded on the palate. Perfect with seafood and Chicken.						

ROSE WINES BY THE GLASS

			125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
<i>Blush, Richelieu</i>	<i>Pays du Gers</i>	<i>France</i>	3.10	4.10	5.20	15.50
Faint blush colour, appealing hint of raspberry - dry and rounded, it took us 3 years of blending to get this right - fabulous Blush - very easy drinking!						
<i>Boulevard Blush</i>	<i>Route 66</i>	<i>USA</i>	3.60	4.60	5.70	17.00
Medium sweet, soft and loaded with cream soda, strawberry and watermelon flavours. A great accompaniment to our Summer Superfood salad.						



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RED WINES BY THE GLASS

			125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
<i>Merlot</i>	<i>Tonada</i>	<i>Chile</i>	3.00	3.90	5.00	14.50
Ripe, smoked sweet cherry and mocha finished off with a touch of oak.						
<i>Bonarda</i>	<i>Provino</i>	<i>Italy</i>	3.60	4.60	5.70	17.00
Served cold, Bonarda is penetratingly fragrant with notes of violets, bitter almonds, plums and cherries. The flavour is dry, soft and tasty, delighting with a delicate effervescence.						
<i>Shiraz</i>	<i>Rooks Lane</i>	<i>Victoria, Australia</i>	3.80	4.80	5.90	18.50
Soft, jammy red, easy drinking and full of creamy black fruits, spice and oak. Enjoy with our home made 8oz Merchants burger!						
<i>Rioja Tempranillo</i>	<i>Bodegas Muerza</i>	<i>Spain</i>	3.80	4.80	5.90	18.50
Cracking soft sensual red, with flavours of black fruits, spice and chocolate made by one of the oldest estates in the region.						
<i>Pinot Noir</i>	<i>Laturural</i>	<i>Romania</i>	3.60	4.60	5.70	17.00
Soft, easy, complex and showing delicious red berries then a slice of sweet oak and soft tannins. A bargain in all the sense. Wonderful with our antipasti starter or a cheese board.						

SPARKLING BY THE GLASS

			125ml	Bottle
<i>Prosecco</i>	<i>Pure</i>	<i>Italy</i>	4.00	21.00
Foaming brilliance - dry, yet grapey with a fruit bowl of flavours				
<i>'Il Fresco Rose, Brut NV</i>	<i>Villa Sandi</i>	<i>Italy</i>	4.00	21.00
Soft and foaming, with lovely hints of strawberry and cherry. Dry, rounded and very creamy				



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BY THE BOTTLE

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Viura *Pleno* *Spain* **16.50**

Lovely fresh dry white, showing mild apple, pistachio and floral notes so typical of this blend. Ideal as an aperitif or with our Harissa marinated chicken Kebab.

Oak Aged Chardonnay *Les Argelieres* *Southern France* **21.00**

Big, rich and laden with vanilla, roasted pineapple and peach flavours – this is a dream if you like top white Burgundy!

Pinot Nero Bianco *Provino* *Italy* **17.50**

Produced from 100% Pinot Nero grapes this frizzante white wine is produced from the same grape as the red Pinot Nero but from a different clone. Extremely versatile it is suitable as an aperitif and ideal paired with smoked fish, pesto dishes and dry cheeses.

Fiano *Carlomagno* *Puglia Italy* **20.00**

This dry and peachy white comes from one of Italy's great native white grapes- capable of offering peach, lime zest and roasted nut flavours. This is a grape favoured by those working in southern Italy where the Fiano retains essential freshness even in the arid temperatures of Puglia.

Gruner Veltiner *Talisma* *Hungary* **19.00**

This much-loved aromatic grape is a rare treat. Smell it and you are immediately in a barrel of dessert Braeburn apples, then along comes a twist of citrus. Remarkable, fresh, upfront and utterly delicious.

Sauvignon Blanc *Kuraka* *New Zealand* **23.00**

A full-frontal assault of lingering elderflower, gooseberry and zesty lime made by the respected Kate Radburn of CJ Pask fame. Great with a classic fish dish like our Salmon Nicoise.

Chablis *Domaine de Marronniers* *France* **33.00**

100% Chardonnay, unoaked and crisp with a steely backbone of acidity and a nutty, rich character.



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SPECIAL CELLAR WHITE WINES

Puligny-Montrachet *Les Houllieres* *France* **55.00**

A famous name in Burgundy, the small village of Puligny Montrachet makes arguably the finest dry whites anywhere in the World. This is rich, creamy and intense with notes of cereal, oak, baked apple and minerals – sublime, complex and long! Ideally served with a delicate white fish.

Viognier *Cristom* *New Zealand* **50.00**

A rare and exciting dry white from one of the world's most obscure and hard-to-find wineries. Little more than a shack, Cristom vineyards in Oregon produce some of the finest and most powerfully perfumed Viognier to rival anything produced in France. Exotic, spice, apricot and vanilla character.

Chateau Fuisse *Pouilly Fuisse Le Clos* *France* **65.00**

The most famous estate in the region of Pouilly Fuisse, this is 100% chardonnay, rich in oak, creamy fruit and hints of pineapple, mango and cereal - famous as one of the top dry whites in the Burgundy! A perfect partner with white meat or our home made fish cakes.

RED WINES

Malbec *MA* *France* **19.00**

A big, dark and chewy Malbec with nice soft red fruit touches. Perfect with steak or a hearty pie.

Pinotage *Warterval* *Argentina* **17.50**

Really appealing, soft, easy- open and lush with flavours of creamed red berries, smoky paprika and a touch of cedar, delightful with our traditional Hotpot.

Fiume di Luna *Provino* *Italy* **20.00**

This blend is a perfect combination of 3 traditional grapes - Barbera, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, equally combined. Full bodied elegant wine, exclusively produced for Lancaster and the UK (Fiume di Luna means River Lune) It's great with red meats and strong cheeses.

Cabernet Franc *Les Argelieres* *Languedoc* **23.00**

A big wine, hearty, full bodied and rich - smoked black fruit, oak, long rounded finish.



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CHAMPAGNE

Gardet Brut Tradition *N.V.* *France* **45.00**

An award winning Champagne, made the same way as Krug yet costs around a sixth of that rare wine - really rather special and showing maturity, breadth of flavour and a long finish.

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label *N.V.* *France* **60.00**

A perfect balance between power and finesse, it's complexity comes from the predominant presence of Pinot Noir and Reserve wines. It manages to reconcile two opposing factors- strength and silkiness- with aromatic intensity and a lot of freshness. This consistent power to please makes an ideal aperitif or a perfect Champagne to enjoy with a meal.

DESSERT WINE

125ml ½ Bottle

Pacherenc de Vic Bilh *Plaimont* *France* **6.00** **18.50**

Sweet, honeyed, intense and layered with creamy marmalade, tangerine and barley sugar, very rare and exclusive.

Elysium Black Muscat *Quady* *USA* **9.00** **28.50**

Dark, rich and sweet- its subtle tannins and notes of Parma violets, raisins and roasted cherries makes it perfect with chocolate or sticky toffee puddings.



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Our Stockists

Here at the Merchants 1688 we are delighted to serve wonderful and unique wines alongside our locally sourced food menu. We believe a great wine is the must have addition to a fantastic meal, so we offer an excellent choice provided by 2 companies.

Lakeland Vintners

Established in the 1970s Lakeland Vintners have been supplying wine to the Hotel and Restaurant industry for nearly 50 years.

They are a traditional business with strong values about quality and customer service. They source their wines from smaller producers of distinction all over the world. These wines are not readily available to anyone and as a result are sought after to meet the requirements of today's market.

Provino, Calvi

Alberto Zambianchi and his close friend Andrea Calvi are from an Italian region called Lombardia. Specifically, from the Pavia district, not far from Milan and the lake of Como. His family has been producing wines for generations. Since his dad passed away a few years ago, part of the vineyard has been sold and the rest has been merged with Calvi's vineyards. Since Alberto moved to England he has teamed up with another friend Jed Williamson who helped start the limited company Provino, Calvi. The 3 of them now work closely together in ensuring the finest quality wines made the traditional way.

The vineyards are located within the heart of Oltrepo' Pavese, in the Pavia district, in Lombardia. This region from the north west of Italy has always played a crucial part with the production of historical wines. The land itself is situated between the Alps and the Apennines which determines an unusual micro-climate – cold and snowy winters and hot and breezy summers – that helps create the unique fragrances and flavours of the wines themselves. They do single-variety vinifications as well as blends, making sure they always keep the traditional and historical identity of the vines. The land covers an area of 34 hectares.