

## **In the beginning, all wine was created equal....**

It was just a drink. Grapes were grown, harvested, crushed, fermented, bottled and drunk. End of story! There was no wine culture to tangle yourself up in, no pretty labels to be baffled by, no fancy wine-speak to learn, and no tricks to make choosing any easier. There was no choice. There was just wine. You drank it.

Then something happened. Wine became a saleable commodity-a popular one, a product with real value. It became clear that particular countries were better at producing wine than others, but it didn't stop there. Particular areas within particular countries were better than others. Particular producers within particular areas were better than others.

It became clear that there were a lot of, "particulars" and just as many others, and that's when wine stopped being simply a drink and became something far more complex.

Here at The Red Bank Restaurant we have endeavoured to source wines from small organic or biodynamic producers where possible. Wines from larger producers are always quality focused, with a view to giving you maximum drinking enjoyment. Our wine by the glass selection is put together with food pairing in mind. Therefore, we are always happy to share our favourite food and wine matches. We would like to offer uncompromising quality at affordable prices and we really do feel that these wines deliver on all counts.

## **The Red Bank Wine's of the Week**

### **White**

#### **Argentina - Salta 34**

##### **Torrontés, Kaiken Terroir Series, 2019**

This Torrontés has a brilliant lemon-green colour with golden tones. The intensely aromatic nose is full of fresh orange and grapefruit peel, accompanied by the floral notes that are very characteristic of this variety. The elegant palate is framed by zingy acidity which accompanies the fruit and floral notes culminating in a long, fresh finish.

#### **France - Loire Valley 39**

##### **Chenin Blanc, Vouvray Sec, Château Moncontour, 2019**

This wine is pale lemon in colour with youthful hues, and is reminiscent of green apples and white flowers. The palate is crisp, clean and beautifully balanced, with a long refreshing finish.

### **Red Wine**

#### **Australia - Adeliaide 34**

##### **Shiraz, 16 Stops, 2019**

This deep coloured Shiraz is youthful and vibrant, with a lovely dark fruit and spiced plum character on the nose. The oak supports rather than masks the fruit, which is bright and lively yet plush and fleshy on the palate. The tannins are ripe and silky, giving the wine a texture that is unusual at this price.

#### **France - Southern Rhône, 39**

##### **Grenache/Syrah, Organic Côtes-du-Rhône, Famille Perrin 'Nature', 2018**

The nose has lovely notes of red and black fruits coupled with spicy, peppery notes. The tannins are ripe and plush, giving the wine excellent structure. Notes of blackcurrant and white pepper linger on the finish.

*"One should always be drunk. That's all that matters... But with what?*

*With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you chose. But get drunk."*

*— Charles Baudelaire, circa 1850s*

## White Wine

	per Glass	per Bottle
<b>Sauvignon Blanc, Icalma, Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2019</b> A clean nose loaded with herbal and citrus notes. A fresh and crisp palate with good acidity before a long, persistent finish.	6.75	26
<b>Pinot Grigio, Alpha Zeta 'P', Veneto, Italy, 2019</b> Aromas of ripe peach and pear with slight hints of flint. It is refreshing and crisp on the finish, On the palate, it is rich and well-balanced.	7	27
<b>Chenin Blanc, Essay, Agter-Paarl, South Africa, 2019</b> Ideal growing conditions and very special vines create a mouth-watering Chenin Blanc with intense tropical fruit flavours offset by a vibrant acidity.	7.25	28
<b>Chardonnay, 16 Stops, Adelaide, Australia, 2018</b> Fresh and elegant, this wine has good fruit weight and aromas including apple and white peach, a lovely texture and a savoury edge.	7.5	29
<b>Sémillon/Sauvignon, Château des Antonins, Bordeaux, France, 2019</b> This wine has bright aromas of fresh grapefruit, white peach and boxwood, with a lifted acidity. The expressive, textured palate displays a lovely richness and intensity from the Semillon, culminating in a long, refreshing finish.	8	30

## Red Wine

<b>Cabernet Sauvignon, Icalma, Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2017</b> Intense aromas of blackberries and plums framed with subtle touches of cocoa and cedar. A grippy palate structure full of ripe cherries and currants.	6.75	26
<b>Nero d'Avola, Cento Cavalli, Sicily, Italy, 2018</b> A fresh and ripe nose and hints of liquorice. On the palate, it is full and fleshy with grainy tannins and a dark plum and chocolate character.	7	27
<b>Touriga Nacional/Cab Sav/Shiraz, Evaristo, Lisboa, Portugal, 2019</b> Deep ruby in colour. The nose boasts vibrant aromas of ripe cherries, juicy blackberries and blackcurrants. On the palate, plush tannins give a lovely mouthfeel and a crisp acidity carries the mellow fruit flavours onto the smooth finish.	7.25	28
<b>Merlot, Chateau Haut Blanville, Languedoc, France, 2018</b> The nose boasts aromas of fresh red cherry and plum. On the palate the tannins are ripe and plush, complimented by flavours of juicy red fruits.	7.5	29
<b>Malbec, Kaiken Clásico, Mendoza, Argentina, 2018</b> This Malbec is deep purple in colour. On the nose there are aromas of red fruits such as plums and blackberries, complemented by notes of chocolate.	8	30

## Rose Wine

<b>Graciano/Garnach, Tandem Casual Rose, Navarra, Spain, 2018</b> Made from a special selection of old-vine Garnacha grapes, this full-bodied Rose is packed full of berry fruit with a refreshingly dry finish.	8.5	32
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## Prosecco & Champagne

<b>Prosecco Frizzante NV, Tiresia, Veneto, Italy</b>	8.5	32
<b>Cuvée Brut NV, Piper-Heidsieck, Champagne, France</b>	13.5	79
<b>Rosé Sauvage NV, Piper-Heidsieck, Champagne, France</b>		89
<b>Essentiel Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut NV, Piper-Heidsieck, Champagne, France</b>		109

# White Wine

## **Germany – Bechtheim, Rheinhessen 39**

### **Riesling (Organic), Dreissigacker, 2019**

Pale yellow in colour with youthful hues, this dry organic Riesling shows ripe fruit aromas of citrus, nectarine and apricot, paired with light spice notes. The palate is delightfully refreshing, with the elegant medium body very well balanced by a crisp acidity and mineral subtones.

## **France – Burgundy 59**

### **Chardonnay, Chablis, Jean-Marc Brocard, 2018**

This single vineyard classic is a perfect example of the Brocard style balancing wonderful crisp citrus notes with white peach, prickly pear and a chalky minerality.

## **Italy - Piedmont 45**

### **Cortese, Gavi di Gavi, La Giustiniana Lugarara, 2019**

Straw-yellow with a greenish hue. The wine's aromas of white fruit, stone fruit and lime zest are immediately beguiling and followed by a subtle yet persistent bouquet of green apples. The palate is well balanced with a fresh acidity and good structure. Pleasant almond notes linger on the finish.

## **New Zealand – Marlborough 42**

### **Pinot Gris, Little Beauty, 2017**

The nose shows some viscosity, delightful aromatics, and freshness. Sun-blush apricot, black jellybean, nougat. Hints of floral such as jasmine or apple blossom.

## **Portugal – Vinho Verde 38**

### **Alvarinho/Loureiro, Quinta de Azevedo Vinho Verde Reserva 2019**

This wine is clear and bright with greenish tints and an intense aroma of well-ripened fruit, such as peaches and nectarines. On the palate, it is creamy with aromatic notes of ripe fruit with great concentration. A lively acidity invites a long and balanced finish.

## **Spain – Galicia, Rías Baixas 36**

### **Albariño, Burgáns, 2018**

A lime yellow colour with golden highlights. Full of ripe apples, apricots, and peach aromas typical of the varietal. On the palate, the wine is rich, mellow and well-balanced with juicy fruit and clean acidity. Rounded, with a long, off dry, mineral finish.

## **Uruguay – Canelones 37**

### **Viognier, Bodegones del Sur Vineyard, 2017**

Classic Viognier, full-bodied and full of varietal character including ripe pear and apricot but its lush flavours are balanced by acidity.

## **USA – California, Sonoma County 69**

### **Arneis, Seghesio, Russian River Valley, 2018**

This wine has intense aromas of pineapple, gooseberries and melon. On the palate, notes of apricot, peach and lychee accompany bright acidity and a refreshing finish.

*“Penicillin cures, but wine makes people happy.”*

*– Alexander Fleming*

# Red Wine

- Argentina – Mendoza** 36  
**Malbec Clásico, Altos Las Hormigas, 2018**  
This Malbec is deep violet-red in colour. The nose displays characteristic notes of red fruits, plums, strawberries and subtle notes of peppermint. This wine is all about freshness - the palate is supple and juicy, with soft but structured tannins and a long finish.
- Australia – South Australia, McLaren Vale** 37  
**Grenache, Willunga 100, 2016**  
A splendid, perfumed, spicy expression of Grenache. Fresh red fruit aromas and flavours and silky tannins combine on the palate that has great substance and structure. Well-balanced, with lingering hints of clove.
- France – Bordeaux** 55  
**Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc, Château des Antonins, 2016**  
Deep ruby-red in colour, this wine has an inviting bouquet of red plum, black cherry and blackcurrant, with hints of spice. The palate is concentrated and supple, with smooth tannins and layers of bright red fruit.
- Italy – Valpolicella, Veneto** 69  
**Corvina/Rondinella, Alpha Zeta, `A` Amarone della Valpolicella, 2017**  
This Amarone is deep and intense on the nose with aromas of dried cherries and blueberries and notes of spiced autumn fruit compote. On the palate, it is powerful, with a lovely balance of ripe tannins and spiced, concentrated cherry fruit character.
- New Zealand – Marlborough** 49  
**Pinot Noir, Tinpot Hut, 2017**  
This Pinot Noir is ruby red in colour with a purple hue. It has intense aromas of black cherry, blackberry and plum mingle with a hint of redcurrant. Savoury mushroom and toasty oak characters complete the attractive nose. On the palate, it has classic black cherry notes that dominate and are supported by hints of bramble.
- Portugal - Douro** 39  
**Touriga Franca/Touriga Nacional, Altano DOC Organic, 2019**  
A beautifully balanced, very pure, organic red bursting with the dark berry fruit we expect from Douro Valley.
- Spain – Rioja Alta, Rioja** 69  
**Tempranillo/Mazuelo, Rioja Gran Reserva Bodegas LAN, 2011**  
On the nose, aromas of ripe red fruits combine with spicy vanilla, cinnamon and liquorice root notes, which are a result of the extended oak ageing. This wine is full bodied and round Rioja that is elegant, balanced and superbly layered on the palate.
- USA – California** 42  
**Cabernet Sauvignon, Fog Mountain, 2017**  
A deep garnet in the glass, opens with alluring aromas of dark red fruit. This luscious Cabernet Sauvignon presents rich flavors of dried plums, Medjool dates, red currants and bright berries flavours on the palate. The wine has soft, round tannins and a lingering finish.

*“Men are like wine – some turn to vinegar, but the best improves with age.”*

*– Pope John XXIII*