

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 smaller 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. Enjoy!

The Red Bank Wine's of the Week

White

Italy - Abruzzo
Pecorino, Tenuta Ulisse

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A brilliant Pecorino, elegant fruit forward nose. Well balanced in palate, acidity creeps up but never overtakes the experience, apples, pears, subtle jasmine and mineral notes.

France - Loire Valley
Chenin Blanc, Vouvray Sec, Château Moncontour

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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 - Adelaide
Shiraz, 16 Stops

36

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

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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
Sauvignon Blanc, Agua Santa, Colchagua, Chile A clean nose loaded with herbal and citrus notes. A fresh and crisp palate with good acidity before a long, persistent finish.	6.75	26.5
Pinot Grigio, DOC, Amori, Della Venezie, Italy 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	27.5
Chenin Blanc, Imbali, Western Cape, South Africa 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	28.5
Chardonnay, Whistling Duck, New South Wales, Australia 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	29.5
Vermentino, Paul Mas, Pays d'Oc, Languedoc, France A beautiful Vermentino which appears in the glass bright light yellow. To the nose, this wine presents all sorts of grapefruit, lime, pink grapefruit, physalis and orange.	8	30.5

Red Wine

Cabernet Sauvignon, Agua Santa, Colchagua, Chile 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	26.5
Sangiovese/Primitivo, Cielo Via Mare, Puglia, Italy A curious blend of sangiovese and primitivo from the heel of Italy, Puglia, that has created a good anyday red that has great freshness from the sangiovese, and ripe black-cherry notes from the primitivo - light and delicious.	7	27.5
Tempranillo, Luciente, Rioja, Spain An elegant wine with the typical varietal character of the Tempranillo grape. Young wine, with the classic Rioja aromas of ripe plum and violet flowers with subtle hints of vanilla.	7.25	28.5
Merlot, Domaine De La Motte, Languedoc, France 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	29.5
Malbec, Finca Los Primos Bianchi, Mendoza, Argentina 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	30.5

Rose Wine

Grenache/Syrah, Domaine De La Motte, Languedoc, France Made from a special selection of old-vine Garnacha and Syrah grapes, this full-bodied Rose is packed full of berry fruit with a refreshingly dry finish.	8.5	34
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Prosecco & Champagne

Glera, DOC, Cielo Prosecco Frizzante, Veneto, Italy	9.5	36
Cuvée Brut NV, Piper-Heidsieck, Champagne, France		89
Rosé Sauvage NV, Piper-Heidsieck, Champagne, France		99
Essentiel Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut NV, Piper-Heidsieck, Champagne, France		119

White Wine

- Germany - Bechtheim, Rheinhessen** 39
Riesling, (Organic), Dreissigacker
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 - Chablis** 69
Chardonnay, Domaine Passy Le Clou
Golden colour. Expressive, floral, with a hint of white fruits (apple and pear). Mineral and citrus notes, well balanced by it's roundness and finesse.
- Italy - Piedmont** 46
Cortese, Gavi di Gavi, La Giustiniana Lugarara
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** 49
Sauvignon Blanc, Sileni Straits
Intensely aromatic with vibrant flavours of passionfruit, ripe tropical fruit and gooseberry. The palate is well balanced, with fine acidity delivering a lingering finish.
- Portugal - Vinho Verde** 38
Alvarinho/Loureiro, Quinta de Azevedo Vinho Verde Reserva
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** 39
Albariño, Silandeiro
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, minerally finish.
- South Africa - Paarl, Coastal Region** 36
Viognier, Fairview
The wine is a bright gold colour with papaya, tropical fruit and pear blossom aromas balanced by subtle spicy oak notes. The palate is rich and complex with flavours of honeycomb, apricot and orange on a fresh finish.
- USA - California** 62
Chardonnay, Mon Frere
Nose Aromas of citrus, pear and stone fruit lined with floral notes and a hint of nutmeg and vanilla on the finish. Palate A rich, round mouthfeel with perfectly balanced acidity and minerality followed by a refreshing finish.

"Penicillin cures, but wine makes people happy."
- Alexander Fleming

Red Wine

- Argentina - Mendoza** 62
Malbec, Particular Bianchi Grand Reserve
Deep red colour with violet hues. On the nose it reveals a distinctive aroma of red fruit, cherry, ripe plum mingled with notes of spices, almonds, toasted coffee, coconut, and chocolate provided by the French and American oak. The mouthfeel is intense and robust, with a soft and delicate entry of sweet tannins, liquorice sensations, and long lingering.
- Australia - McLaren Vale, South Australia** 40
Grenache, Willunga 100
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** 59
Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon, Chateau Des Trois Tours
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 - Abruzzo** 69
Montepulciano, D'Abruzzo DOP, Amaranta
Ruby red color with garnet reflections, intense and persistent fragrance; The bouquet is intense, fruity, persistent, with notes of dried flowers, spice, liquorice, marasca cherries. The palate is stylish, velvety, almost creamy, compact with tannic structure, well balanced with a long aftertaste.
- New Zealand - Marlborough** 49
Pinot Noir, Tinpot Hut
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.
- South Africa - Durbanville Hills** 52
Pinotage, Durbanville Hills
Deep red with purple edges. Bright dark fruit, blueberries, plums, sweet spice and hints of Turkish delight. Full bodied wine with grippy tannins, cinnamon, sweet plum and lingering after taste.
- Spain - Rioja Alta, Rioja** 75
Tempranillo/Mazuelo, Bodegas LAN Rioja Gran Reserva
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** 48
Cabernet Sauvignon, Fog Mountain
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.

*"Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improves with age."
- Pope John XXIII*