

The Bottleneck News August 2017

The future is Rosé!

Rosé is too often dismissed as just a bit of fun not for serious wine drinkers. You'll be pleased to know there's a whole lot of serious pink wine out there that deserves your attention. A little bird told me that Morris Dancers are partial to a drop of pink wine! From pale salmon to nearly-red we take a look at a few of the pinks we have to offer. I guess the best place to start is with some of our special offer wines.

Cleefs Classic Selection South African Rosé 2016

**Usually £9.99 bottle
special offer £7.35 bottle** An elegant, dry style of rosé, having an attractive, pale salmon colour. On the nose it has fragrant summer berry fruits that carry over on to the creamy fruity palate, light, refreshing & a perfect partner for smoked salmon or prawns.

Guardian Peak South African Rosé 2015 usually £9.99 bt Special price £6.99 bottle

Pale strawberry pink in colour Beautifully elegant citrus notes, followed up with prominent strawberries and more subtle peach aromas. The citrus notes follow through to the palate in a rounder, creamier style. There are delightful nectarine and strawberry flavours as well as a more subdued pomegranate which add complexity to this deliciously drinking Rosé.

El Coto Rosado Rioja Spain 2016 Usually £9.59 bottle Special Offer £7.99 bottle

Founded in 1970 this winery was awarded a Trophy by the International Wine & Spirit Competition in 2016. They produce some of the best Rioja available. Lively, pale, pink in colour. The nose displays aromas of

strawberries and candied raspberries. The palate is dry, with a wide range of red and dark fruits, including strawberries and cherries. The finish is crisp & dry with hints of fruit and flowers.

Caliterra Reserva Shiraz Rosé Colchagua Valley Chile **Usually £10.99 bottle Special Price £8.99**

This is class in a glass. Pretty, vibrant, pale pink colour with attractive aromas of ripe strawberries, raspberries & floral notes of roses. Delicious fruity palate with light berry flavours & zingy acidity, plus a deliciously refreshing finish.

Gribble Bridge Rosé Kent 2015 Price £10.49 bottle

A pretty, deep pink colour & a delicate summer fruits nose, well balanced medium dry rosé produced from attractive blend of Dornfelder & Acolon. A really at-



tractive version of an English rosé, serve chilled as an accompaniment to lightly spiced dishes, poultry or salads. This is also an award winning wine.

This is just a nod to our selection of 25 rosé wines we have many different styles of rosé in stock and are ready to be released into the community for August Alfresco drinking! Don't forget that we offer a 5% discount off 6 bottles of wine & a 7.5% discount off 12 bottles these can be straight or mixed cases.

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Anno Kent Gin
£34.50 bottle plus 4
free 200mls
Fever-tree Tonic
Water!

The Bottleneck versus Majestic!

Now I am not saying that Majestic Wines don't have an amazing list of wines (it's not as good as it used to be) but I am saying that they have shareholders! Now shareholders want dividends that is their "raison d'être" and if the shareholders want their cut it means it's easy for an independent like the Bottleneck to be more competitive with them especially on those special bottles, like Cloudy Bay Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc our price £22.99 bottle Majestic price £28.00 our price buy 6 at £21.84 bottle Majestic price £22.99 save a whopping £1.15 a bottle total save for 6 is £6.90. Let's have a look at Greywacke Marlborough Wild Ferment Sauvignon Blanc Majestic price £30 our price £25.99 bottle, our price buy 6 at £24.69 bottle Majestic price £27.00 save a whopping £2.31 a bottle total save for 6 bottles £13.86!! Cloudy Bay Marlborough Te Koko our price £33.50 bottle Majestic Price £37.50 our price buy 6 £31.83 bottle Majestic price £33.75 saving £1.92 bottle we found similar savings on Cloudy Bay Pinot Noir, Greywacke Pinot Noir, Cloudy Bay Chardonnay, Glenelly Lady May Magnums a whopping saving of £8 on each magnum that's £48



saving on 6 magnums!! Also big savings on Rustenberg John X Merriman & other Rustenberg wines also Mollydooker wines from Australia & last but not least Vina Real Gran Reserva Rioja 2009 Majestic price £30 our price £22.99 bottle price for 6 at Majestic £27 our price saving £5.16 a bottle saving £30.96 on 6 bottles! These are the more glaringly expensive examples than The

Bottleneck, there were many more that we found that would fill a whole newsletter!! These prices were correct on 15.7.2017. and we have no reason to believe they will have put their prices down since then! Now this may not be the most exciting piece I have written for The Bottleneck newsletter but in term of saving you money it

is exciting! So I guess you are wondering did I find any prices that were lower than ours? Yes there were two wines a pink Pinot Grigio that was 65p cheaper than us & a Rioja that was also 65p cheaper than us! I'm just saying if you are buying from Majestic check out us first you may have a pleasant surprise. Don't forget that we offer a free delivery service on orders over £30 on the Isle of Thanet. Now I could tell you about Marks & Spencer wine & beer section but that's another story!

Beer Offers

Nice range of ales on our special mix & match Hobgoblin, Brakspear Bitter, Wadworths 6X, Boon Doggle, Greene King IPA, Mann's award winning Brown Ale & Whitstable Bay Pale Ale, Spitfire & Masterbrew at 3 x 1/2 litres for **£4.99 no further discounts on this offer. Beers on this offer may change without notice & others take their place**

Asahi Japan's No 1 beer usually £1.55 500mls Can **Special Price £1.09 or buy 6 for £5.99**

Curious Brew (lager brewed with champagne yeasts) **at £1.85 330mls bottle or buy 12 for £19.80 (£1.65 bottle)**

Whitstable Bay Blonde **£1.45 330mls or buy 6 for £6.99 or 24 for £26**

Carlsberg **£1.20 500mls can or 4 cans £4.59 buy 24 for £22**

Plus many more offers in store

Buy any 12 Kent real ales & get a 5% discount we have over 75 Kent beers in stock so you have a good choice!

Loose Beer for Folk Week!



Seasider

A mellow easy drinking ale brewed with a little crystal malt & a lot of Goldings hops. Nothing flash, just a very decent malty body & a balancing hop flavour.

Colour ~tangerine

Bitterness ~medium

Sweetness ~medium

£7.75 ½ gallon (4 pints)

£14.95 gallon (8 pints)



Opening Hours ~



Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday

9.30am to 6pm

Friday & Saturday

9.30am to 8pm

Sunday 11am to 3pm

Folk Week Hours

Saturday 12th August 9.30am to 8am

Sunday 13th 11am to 3pm

Monday 14th to Saturday 19th 9.30 to 8pm

Keep calm & Ceilidh On!

Wine Wizard

Wine wizard wants to know why if our card processing machine is going to break down it does so on a Friday? It makes you wonder if the little elf that lives in the machine wants the weekend off! Although this wouldn't account for the elf that lives in one of our telephone lines going on strike a few hours later. We have decided that he is dissatisfied with his zero hours contract, because the telephone company are making him work 24 hours a day with one day off a month.....& no pay rise for a decade!

I am aware that many of our customers are beer lovers and I have found the perfect treat for them,



Iceland (the country not the frozen food shop!) have opened their first beer spa at Bjórbödin. It houses 7 indoor beer tubs, some for singles, some doubles and has 2 outdoor tubs for larger parties. The beer is heated to 38c and you soak in the tub for half an hour

(Wine Wizard takes a dim view of getting his fur wet so it will not be for him). The spa owner says that beer is really good for the skin & shouldn't be washed for several hours. I think that smelling like a brewery for several hours is not going to heighten your street cred! Better to take in a cold beer in the spa's taproom & have a shower before you go home.

Special Offers



Champagne

Bollinger Special Cuvee NV

Usually £46.00 bottle

Special Offer £36.95 bottle

Bollinger Special Cuvee NV 1/2 bottle

gift boxed Usually £25.50

Special price £19.99 gift boxed

Ruinart Rosé NV Usually £57.00 bottle

SPECIAL PRICE £45.00 bt

Moet & Chandon Rosé NV £49.50

Special Price 39.50 bottle

Argentina

Amalaya Gran Corte

Malbec Tannat & Cabernet Franc 2014

Usually £15.99 bottle

Special Price £12.99 bottle

Renacer Punto Final Malbec Classico

Usually £11.99 bottle

Special Price £9.99 bottle *this sold out in June but is back in stock now we hope it lasts the month!*

Australia

Innocent Bystander Yarra Valley

Chardonnay 2015

Usually £15.99 bottle

Special Price £13.99

Innocent Bystander Moscato 2016

Usually £9.99 bottle

Special Offer £7.99 bottle

McGuigan Black Label Red, Shiraz &

Chardonnay

Usually £7.99 bottle

Special Offer £6.99 bottle N.B. All of the above Australian offers are low stock & may not last the month!

Hollick The Bard Shiraz Limestone

Coast 2013 & Hollick The Bard

Chardonnay Coonawarra 2014 *these 2 are drinking at their best!*

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

Chile

Caliterra Reserva Merlot, Shiraz Rosé & Sauvignon Blanc

Usually £10.99 bottle

Special Price £8.99 bottle

England

Stopham Estate Pinot Blanc

West Sussex 2014

Usually £14.59 bottle

now £12.99 bottle



France

Château du Coing de St Fiacre

Muscadet Serve et Maine Sur Lie 2015

Usually £11.99 bottle

Special Price £9.99 bottle

Calvet Cahors Malbec 2015

usually £8.99 bottle

Special offer £6.99 bottle

Calvet Bordeaux Blanc 2015

usually £8.99 bottle

Special offer £6.99 bottle

New Zealand

Esk Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special offer £9.99 bottle

South Africa

Cleefs Classic Collection

Shiraz Viognier 2014, Rosé 2016 &

Chenin Blanc 2016

Usually £9.99 bottle

Special Price £7.35 bottle

Guardian Peak Rosé 2015

usually £9.99 bottle

Special price £6.99 bottle

Rouwke's Drift Western Cape

Cabernet Sauvignon

Usually £6.99 bottle

Special Price £4.99 bottle selling like

hot cakes & won't last the month!

Laborie Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Usually £7.99 bottle

Special Price £5.99 bottle

Spain

Cien Y Pico Doble Pasta Garnacha

Tintorera 2012 Usually £12.99 bt

Special Offer £8.99 bottle

Cuatro Pasos Mencia Bierzo 2014

Usually £10.99 bottle

Special Price £8.99

El Coto Rosado 2016

Usually £9.59 bottle

Special Offer £7.99 bottle

Viña Real Rioja Crianza 2013

Usually £11.65 bottle

Special Price £8.99 bottle



Wine Discounts Buy 6 bottles & get a 5% discount or buy 12 bottles & get 7.5% discount this applies to special offer wines too! Cheers & Happy Folk Week!