

# The Bottleneck News October 2017

## Raise a glass to Broadstairs Food Festival!

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is here we start to think about Broadstairs Food Festival and celebrating Kentish and English food & drink. We are so lucky to have many wineries, breweries, cider makers and distilleries in Kent that's without mentioning the food producers. For many years (about 26) we have stocked the excellent award winning wines from Biddenden Winery and we love their ciders and mead too. They also produce a superb range of Apple and Pear Juice the Red Love apple juice is a superb pink colour that is entirely natural as the flesh of the apple is red. We will be tasting their products over the Food Festival weekend Saturday 30th September we will be tasting their cider & mead, and on Sunday 1st October their wines will be included in our English wine tasting. Due to the increased interest in English wines we started stocking Chapel Down wines about 5 years ago and they are proving to be as popular as Biddenden wines as is their range of Chapel Down beers too. Kentish Pips Ciders have become a firm favourite with their Vintage Pip, it was a



Red Love Apple Juice  
£2.65 Litre



Biddenden Ortega  
£10.49 bt.



Three Graces £25.99 bt.

best seller this summer a refreshing drop at £2.65 1/2 litre that won't break the bank for any cider lover. When the food festival comes to town we know it's time for Green Hopped Ale, and the Gadd's Brewery Green Hop Ale will be in stock at £2.99 1/2 litre or buy 12 for £32.00 as you know the green hop ales are only brewed once a year within 12 hours of the green hops being picked. There will be Green Hop Ales from Old Dairy Brewery sadly not in time for the food festival, plus Old Dairy are producing some short runs of interesting craft beers that will be available in October too. Canterbury Ales are also producing some Green Hop Ale that will be available in mid October we have no details of prices as yet. We stock beers from quite a few Kent breweries; Gadd's, Old Dairy, Canterbury Ales, Romney Marsh, Whitstable Brewery, Hopdaemon, Westerham (gluten free), Time & Tide, Angel & Demons plus we are reintroducing Wantsum Brewery in the near future! Buy any 12 craft beers & get a 5% discount. We cannot forget the fabulous distillery that is Anno this award winning distillery produces amazing Gin & Elderflower Vodka and we will be tasting the Sloe Gin during the Food festival on Friday 29th September.

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## Tasting notes for special offer wines.

### Chile

#### **Rio Rica Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**

Usually £6.49 bottle

**Special Price £4.99 bottle** *A medium bodied Cabernet Sauvignon from the Valle Central Region of Chile. Aromas of ripe cherries, cassis and strawberries that all follow through to the palate.*

*Rounded, juicy tannins support the flavours to a long elegant finish. The producer of this excellent red is **Vina Luis Felipe Edwards** an award winning producer! **The UK agency for this wine has just changed hands hence the very very low price!***

### France

#### **Charles Heidsieck Reserve**

**Brut NV Champagne Usually £45.00 bottle**

**Special £39.00 Gift Boxed**

*One of the most awarded Champagnes in world wide tasting competitions and deservedly so. This is pure class in a glass. There is a high percentage of reserve wine (dating back 10 years), this gives so much more character to this superb, delicious fizz. This is a profound, sophisticated and harmonious style with a rich biscuity flavour and fine creamy finish.*

#### **Maison les Alexandrins Viognier 2016**

Usually £11.50 **Special Price £9.99 bottle**

*Maison Les Alexandrins brings together two of the great families of the Rhône, Nicolas Jaboulet, formerly of the winery in Tain, and the Perrin family of Château de Beaucastel. This joint venture was created in 2009 with the sole aim of producing top quality Northern Rhône wines. Nicolas is able to source the best fruit from growers and producers that he has formed a long relationship with, while the Perrin family bring expertise in winemaking and blending & the use of their cellars. This wine is Pale gold in colour with bright undertones. Aromatic, this Viognier has notes of citrus fruit & white flowers. The wine is crisp & minerally with good tension on the palate & a lovely lingering finish. Delicious.*

### Spain

#### Castaña Vineyards

*The red grapes are grown on organic plots at 750 metres above sea level, a perfect area for organic production. Dry, sunny weather and specific soil conditions here give little chance for mould or pests to thrive, allowing a pesticide-free and agrochemical-free crop every year. The average age of the bush vines is 22 years old and they are planted at a density of 1,600 vines per hectare. The Macabeo grows on 15-year-old, organically farmed vines, which grow at 500m altitude on north-facing slopes. The soil is sandy-limestone and the vines grow at a density of 2777 vines per hectare.*



#### **Castaña Organic Monastrell Yecla 2016**

Usually £9.99 bottle

**Special Price £7.99 bottle**

*Intense and shiny ruby red. Morello cherry perfumes compliment notes of stewed fruit and sweet spice. On the palate, the Monastrell is structured but silky and bursting with rich, ripe fruit.*

#### **Castaña Organic Macabeo 2016**

Usually £9.99 bottle

**Special Price £7.99 bottle**

*A bright, fresh and fruity wine made for drinking young. It is fragrant on the nose with notes of white fruits, apple and citrus. On the palate it is soft and fruity with a lifted finish.*

### New Zealand

#### **Vidal Reserve Pinot Noir 2014**

**Hawkes Bay Usually £14.50 bottle**

**Special Price £10.99 bottle**

*Beautifully fragrant, red berry and floral aromas combine with flavours of cherry, spice and earthy undertones on a finely textured palate. Enjoyable in its youth, this single vineyard award winning wine will gain further complexity with time.*



#### **Vidal Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2015**

**Marlborough Usually £14.50 bottle**

**Special Price £10.99 bottle**

*Lightly pressed grapes from Marlborough's more southerly Awatere Valley were cool fermented to give an intense style, with aromatics that are startlingly attractive. This award winning wine has intense passionfruit aromas combined with refined tropical fruit flavours in this classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Fresh, pure and long on the palate, this wine reflects premium vineyard sites within the Awatere valley.*

## Wine tastings ~ 1st October & 22nd October

On the 1st October we will be tasting Kent wines to coincide with the Food Festival, on the 29th we will be tasting Anno Sloe Gin & on Saturday 30th we will be tasting Kent Ciders. On 22nd October we will be tasting 8 special offer wines. I'd like to say that our special offers are genuine reductions we are not trying to pass off wines that are past their sell by date, or that have not really been reduced in price (we are not a supermarket) and we are trying to source excellent wines at the best price possible. We are lucky to have suppliers that give us special offers on a regular basis. During the summer a visiting wine merchant's employee from London questioned our pricing structure telling me that we were £2 or £3 cheaper on most of the New Zealand, Australian & French wines he asked if we gave a case discount so I said yes 5% off 6 & 7.5% off 12, he said oh we give 10% off 6 & 15% off 12 we don't encourage a buy of a single bottle, so I replied at your prices so could we!



## Opening Hours ~



**Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday**

**9.30am to 6pm**

**Friday & Saturday**

**9.30am to 8pm**

**Closed Monday October 2nd for stocktaking**

**Sunday Closed..... except for wine tastings**

**Food Festival 1st October English wines**

**& 22nd October Special Offer Wines**

## Wine Beer Wizard

It's difficult to think of lederhosen as a high fashion item, but Adidas have come up with an idea to bring them right up to date special designed trainers for the Munich Beer Festival this October. The trainers are designed to complement lederhosen just the thing the young man about Bavaria has been waiting for! The special Oktoberfest trainers have a special DPBR coating which stands for "durable beer & puke repellent" "Sick" as the young people say these days!! So what's in a name, well if you are a small brewery a great name can pay dividends, it maybe that the name & the label are the only chance



you get to be remembered. If you cannot afford the TV advert to further your brewery's sales choose a crazy name! I always think Brewdog's "Nanny State" is a great name for a 0.5% beer it tastes good too! "Dark side of the Moo" is a rich brew from Old Dairy Brewery at 7% abv it is to savoured rather than quaffed. The strangely named Piddle from the Dorset Piddle Brewery does not inspire confidence and "Fallover" from the Hampshire Brewery sounds like it is not a session beer! "Bitter & Twisted" from the Harviestoun Brewery in Scotland sounds like it makes you want to cry into your beer!

# Special Offers

## Champagne

**Bollinger Special Cuvee NV**

Usually £46.00 bottle

Special Offer £36.95 bottle

**Bollinger Special Cuvee NV ½ bottle**  
gift boxed Usually £25.50

Special price £19.99 gift boxed

**Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve NV**

Usually £45 bottle

Special Price £39 Gift Boxed

**Ruinart Rosé NV** Usually £57.00 bottle

SPECIAL PRICE £45.00 bt

**Taittinger Nocturne City Lights Sec NV**

Usually £42.99 Bottle

Special Price £33.50 Bottle

**Taittinger Nocturne City Lights Sec NV**

Usually £105.00 Magnum

Special Price £79 Magnum

## Australia

**Hollick The Bard Chardonnay**

**Coonawarra 2014** *will not last the month!*

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

**Sacred Hill Shiraz Cabernet 2016**

Usually £7.99 bt Special price £5.99 bt

## Chile

**Rio Rica Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**

Usually £6.49 bottle

Special Price £4.99 bottle

**Santa Luz Reserva Carmenère**

Usually £7.99 bottle

Special Price £5.99 bottle

**Santa Luz Reserva Viognier**

Usually £7.99 bottle

Special Price £5.99 bottle

## Italy

**Alpha Zeta "R" Valpolicella**

**Superiore Ripasso 2015**

Usually £13.99 bottle

Special price £11.99 bottle

**Villa Cialdini Lambrusco Grasparosso**

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special Price £11.45 bottle

## France

**Château du Coing de St Fiacre**

**Muscadet Serve et Maine Sur Lie 2015**

Usually £11.99 bottle

Special Price £9.99 bottle *almost gone!*

**Domaine Laroche Chablis 1st Cru**

**"Les Vaudevey" 2015**

Usually £ 26.99 bottle

Special Price £24.50 bottle

**Jean Luc Colombo Côtes du Rhône**

**Les Abeilles Rouge**

Usually £11.50 bottle

Special Price £8.99 bottle

**Jean Luc Colombo Côtes du Rhône**

**Les Abeilles Blanc**

Usually £11.50 bottle

Special Price £8.99 bottle

**Maison les Alexandrins Viognier 2016**

Usually £11.50 bottle

Special Price £9.99 bottle

## New Zealand

**Esk Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2016**

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special offer £9.99 bottle

**Esk Valley Pinot Gris 2016**

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special offer £9.99 bottle

**Vidal Reserve Pinot Noir 2014**

Usually £14.50 bottle

Special Price £10.99 bottle

**Vidal Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2015**

Usually £14.50 bottle

Special Price £10.99 bottle

**Villa Maria Cellar Selection Sauvignon  
Blanc 2016**

Usually ££13.50 bottle

Special Price £10.50 bottle

## Spain

**Castaño Monastrell Organic 2016**

Usually £9.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

**Castaño Macabeo Organic 2016**

Usually £9.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

**Cune Crianza Rioja 2014**

Usually £10.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

## South Africa

**Clefs Classic Collection Pinotage 2015**

Usually £9.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

## Beers

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 ½ litres for £4.99 *no further discounts on this offer. Beers on this offer may change without notice & others take their place*

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