

The Bottleneck News December 2018



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New Arrivals

Australia

We were pleased and surprised to discover the wonderful wines from Mollydooker were once again available to us & just in time for Christmas too. **If you are interested please grab them soon we do not know how long they will be available.**

Red Wines

Mollydooker Velvet Glove 2016 at 129.50 bottle

The 2016 has a perfumed nose of berries and mixed spice. The first sip gives way to juicy blackberry and cassis, followed closely by decadent dark chocolate and black pepper notes. With the depth of liquorice, and a cherry like intensity; the fine lattice of tannins are seamless amongst the fruit, yet still provide that opulent mouthfeel that Velvet Glove is consistently notorious for. A wine of pure indulgence 95 points The Wine Advocate.

Majestic price £180

Mollydooker Blue Eyed Boy Shiraz 2015 at 37.00 bottle

Blue Eyed Boy Shiraz has an incredibly lifted nose. Aromas of ripe blackberry, dark cherry and mocha greet you, followed by rich black liquorice and vanilla pod notes. The careful use of American oak hums seamlessly in the background and finishes with a beautiful creamy mouthfeel. The weight and intensity of the Blue Eyed Boy never ceases to amaze us.

Mollydooker Gigglepot Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Opulent, with rich dark chocolate notes dripping over ripe plum, black cherry and raspberry flavours. Supple and creamy at the core, featuring plenty of details of vanilla bean, cinnamon and chai tea that create a powerful wave of flavour that lingers on the long, toasty and spicy finish. Drink now through 2020's

Mollydooker Carnival of Love

2016 at 52.50

Luscious cherry, blackberry and plum fruit flavours marry together, forming this powerful yet elegant Shiraz. Made from a selection of McLaren Vale's premier grapes, its deep colour and fragrant nose leads to quite a voluptuous palate of fruit intertwined with rich mocha, with traces of liquorice and toffee. Carnival of Love offers exceptional complexity while remaining balanced and delightful to drink.

94 Points Wine Spectator & 94 points The Wine Advocate.

Charles Melton Nine Popes Barossa Valley 2015 at 49.00

In 1984 Charlie and a small band of Barossan winemakers turned their winemaking efforts to what were then considered a couple of unfashionable varieties: Shiraz and Grenache. These wines were initially styled on those from the Rhône but are now considered leading examples of the varieties in their own right.

This wine is deep red in colour with a hint of an amber edge. The nose is intense with ripe red fruit flavours & with sweet spice and salted caramel. Beautifully balanced with a plump mouthfeel and soft tannins, it culminates in a long savoury finish.

White wines

Peter Lehmann Semillon Barossa Valley 2011 at

14.59 bottle

While bottle ageing in the Tanunda cellars, the wine has developed an attractive vibrant green and pale straw colour. The bouquet shows hints of lemon curd together with lime rind and green melon aromas. The finish is crisp with a mouth-watering acidity. Great example of aged Semillon

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Merry Christmas from Wine Wizard & all the team



New Arrivals continued

France

**Chateau Durfort~Viviens
2eme Grand Cru Classe Margaux 2013 at
75.00 bottle**

Fine depth of colour and really lovely Margaux fruit with almost velvety depth, lots of class in 2013, although 2013 was supposed to be a poor vintage in Margaux it was good! The vineyard is in the process of going bio-dynamic and there is always improvement when this happens. This wine consistently scores mid 90s with all wine writers and will always delight!

Drinking Window 2017 - 2028

**Louis Jadot Volnay Santenots 2007
at 55.00 bottle**

From a chalky, stoney, red soil vineyard that produces rounded wines with good structure. It has a silky character with elegant, softened tannins, great balance, savoury notes and a hint of truffle plus a lingering fruity finish. A real crowd pleaser!

New Zealand

**Escarpment The Edge Pinot Noir
Martinborough North Island 2017
at 13.99 bottle**

This is a full-bodied Pinot Noir with great backbone, silky fruitiness and a lingering finish. Complexity, texture and structure are at the heart of winemaker Larry McKenna's philosophy. Drinking well now, but will develop for up to two years or so.

South Africa

**Glenelly Glass Collection Cabernet Franc
2015 at 11.99 bottle**

Aromas of violets, blueberry, damson, cherry and

graphite. Palate has lovely definition, weight and great dark fruit dominated by aromas of dark cherries, blueberries and graphite. There is freshness and length. Sophisticated stuff from a Bordeaux styled estate in Stellenbosch. It has silky tannins and a long, smooth finish. Matured in French oak barrels for 12 months.

Glenelly Glass Collection

Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 at 11.99 bottle

A developed very complex nose with aromas of Cassis, blackcurrant, cherry, a touch of spices and chocolate. The wine has a good tannin structure, perfect balance and length, with layers of pleasing flavours which have followed through from the nose to the palate.

**Glenelly Glass Collection Merlot 2016
at 11.99 bottle**

This Merlot is a deep richly coloured wine. It displays intense dark fruit aromas and spicy plums with a whiff of spearmint on the edge. It shows tremendous concentration, richness and generous fruit on the palate with fine but well structured and balanced tannins to embrace it all.

**Glenelly Glass Collection Unoaked
Chardonnay 2016 at 11.99 bottle**

The Glass Collection Chardonnay has a bright lemon yellow colour with a slight green hue. The wine has complex aromas of citrus, lime zest and melon. On the palate there is a beautiful round comforting texture with wonderful length and intense fruit complexity.

Spirit Offers

Cognac

**Delamain Grande Champagne XO Cognac
Usually 99.00 now 75.00 Gift Boxed 70 cls
More Cognac offers available soon**

Gin

**Boë Violet usually 32.00 now 29.50 70 cls
Martin Millers usually 29,99
now 27.50 70cls**

**Greensand Ridge (Kent Gin) Usually
32.50 Special price 27.95 70 cls**

Hendricks usually 34.50 now 31.95 70cls

Ophir usually 26.50 now 23.95 70 cls

Slingsby Rhubarb usually 39.00

now 36.95 70 cls

**Just saying we have an excellent offer on
Schweppes 1783 Tonic water Usually 79p
Special Offer 39p 200 mls or buy 6 for
1.99 Cheers! This offer is on a whilst
stocks last basis!! Amazing PRICE**

Malt Whisky

Ardmore Usually 27.95

Special Price 23.95 Gift Boxed 70 cls

Glen Keith Usually 29.95

Special Price 26.95 Gift boxed 70 cls

Glenfiddich 12yo Usually 38.85 Special

Price 31.50 Gift Boxed 70 cls

Glen Moray Usually 22.00

Special Price 19.99 Gift Boxed 70 cls

Laphroag Select Usually 30.50

Special Price 28.50 gift boxed 70 cls

Old Pultney 12 Year Old Usually 32.99

Special Price 26.95 Gift Boxed 70 cls

Vodka

Belvedere Polish Vodka Usually 40.00

Special Price 29.50 gift Boxed 70 cls

Absolut Swedish Vodka Usually 19.99

Special Price 17.99 70 cls

We wish we could give you more info on Spirit specials but our spirit suppliers keep it a secret until December!!



Wine tastings

We have 3 Christmas tastings for you this year November 25th featuring posh Cava Roger Goulart Vintage 2011 Cava usually 21.85 now 15.85 bottle, the best selling Chilean (at the Bottleneck) Carmen Chardonnay usually 8.99 now 7.99 bottle. Plus Reserve wines from Villa Maria, at least 8 wines to taste in all! On December 2nd we will be featuring Jeio Prosecco usually 13.99 bottle down to 12.99 bottle (one of the top producer of fine Prosecco) plus 7 other wines. On December 9th we will be tasting Bollinger NV Champagne usually 46.00 now at the special price of 38.50 bottle plus at least 7 other wines. Our tastings are informal, informative and sometimes great fun there is no obligation to buy just come along & enjoy!



Christmas Ales

Canterbury Ales The Host
at 2.99 500 mls 5.3% ABV

Harry Bailly is the Host of the Tabard Inn and the journey to Canterbury. The reasons for the tales being told on the way to Canterbury is due to his suggestion of a wager during the pilgrimage. His tends to be a happy fellow that helps mitigate between the company and teases and jokes to keep everyone in a good mood. This Christmas ale has been matured for a year and is malt spicy with background hops, great quaffing on a winter evening.

Old Dairy Snow Top
at 3.25 500 mls 6% ABV

The perfect 'winter warmer' for those long cold nights, Snow Top is brewed with rich dark English Maris Otter, Crystal and Black malts producing a deeply satisfying ale with delicious fruitcake and marmalade flavours, topped off with spicy notes from English Challenger, East Kent Golding and Bramling Cross hops.



GOLD AWARD - CAMRA London & South-East Champion

Beer of Britain Competition 2017

Shepherd Neame Christmas Ale
2.75 500 mls or buy 3 for 7.45 7% ABV

Christmas Ale is brewed using 100% natural ingredients, drawing chalk-filtered mineral water from the artesian well deep below Shepherd Neame's site, along with the finest malting barley and Kentish hops. This seasonal ale boasts warming notes of fruits and spices, blending pale and crystal malts with Target and Challenger hops for bitterness, and Goldings hops for aroma.

Wantsum Brewery Figgy Pudding at 2.99
500 mls 4.5% ABV

A dark chestnut coloured bitter, with soft toasted malt flavours enhanced by the addition of figs and black sultanas blended with spicy and caramel nosed hops. This is real treat

comforting yet refreshing cheers!



Beer Offers

Shepherd Neame Christmas Ale
2.75 500 mls or buy 3 for 7.45 7% ABV
Whitstable Bay Blonde 1.45 330 mls 4.5% ABV
buy 6 for 7.49 or 24 for 28.00

Gadd's She sells Seashells 2.15 330 mls
4.7% ABV or but 6 for 11.50

Gadd's No 11 1.70 330 mls 1.2% ABV or
6 for 9.50

Curious Brew Usually 1.86 330 mls can
Special price 1.39 330 mls can or buy a case of 24 for 28.50

Timothy Taylor's Landlord, Hobgoblin & Hobgoblin Gold, Brains SA Gold, Wadworths 6X, Doombar, Pedigree, Ols Speckled Hen, Boon Doggle, Bateman's XXXB, Greene King IPA, Shepherd Neame Masterbrew, Spitfire & Spitfire Gold & Bishop's Finger all at 1.99 500 mls or buy any 3 for 4.99 N.B. these beers may change without notice but others will take their place in this excellent offer!

Opening Hours ~ December & Christmas

Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am to 6pm

Friday & Saturday 9.30am to 8pm

Sunday 11am to 3pm Wine tastings 2nd & 9th December

Closed December 25th through to 28th reopen Saturday 29th

Closed for New Year 1st through 4th January reopen Saturday 5th January

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Special Offers Wines

Argentina

Urban Uco Tempranillo Mendoza 2014
Usually 11.99 **Special price 7.99 bottle**

Australia

Angus the Bull Cabernet Sauvignon
Usually 12.99 **Special Price 9.99 bottle**
24.99 Magnum

Special Price 19.99 Magnum

Mitolo Jester McLaren Vale
Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Usually 14.99 bottle

Special Price 12.99 bottle

Peter Lehmann

The Barossan Shiraz 2016
Usually 16.99 bottle

Special Price 14.99 bottle

Chile

Carmen Reserva Pinot Noir 2017 &
Carmen Reserva Chardonnay
2017/2018 Usually 8.99 bottle

Special Price 7.99 bottle

Champagne

Bollinger Special Cuvee NV
Usually 46.00 bottle

Special Price 38.50 Gift Boxed

Bollinger Special Cuvee NV
Usually 25.50 ½ bottle

Special price 19.99 ½ bottle Gift boxed

Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve NV
Usually 48.50 gift box

Special Price 42.50 Gift Box

Taittinger Nocturne NV
Usually 42.85 gift box

Special Price 32.85 gift boxed

France

Louis Jadot Couvent des Jacobins
Bourgogne Pinot Noir
Usually 16.99 bottle

Special Price 12.99 bottle

Louis Jadot Savigny les Beaune 1er Cru
La Dominode 2011 Usually 41.50 bottle

Special Price 33.50 bottle Volnay

-Santenots 1er Cru 2009 usually 68.99
Special Price 55.00 bottle

La Chablisienne La Sereine Chablis
Usually 18.99 **Special Price 15.99 bottle**

La Chablisienne Chablis 1er Cru
Vaillons 2015 Usually 24.50 **Special**

price 19.99 bottle Lou-

is Jadot Couvent des Jacobins Bour-
gogne Chardonnay

Usually 16.99 bottle

Special Price 12.99 bottle

Italy

Alpha Zeta Amarone Usually 26.99

Special Price 24.50 bottle gift box available

Zabu Nero d'Avola Sicilia 2017

Usually 11.99 bottle

Special Price 9.99 bottle

Bisol Jeio Prosecco Usually 13.99
Now 12.99 bottle

New Zealand

Villa Maria Cellar Selection Grenache
2016 Usually 17.99 bottle

Special Offer 13.99 bottle

Esk Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2017
Usually 12.99 bottle

Special Price 9.99 bottle

Villa Maria Cellar Selection Albariño
2017 Usually 14.99 bottle

Special Offer 11.99 bottle

Portugal

Fonseca LBV Port 2011 Usually 15.99
Special Price 13.99 Gift Boxed

Fonseca Panascal Vintage 1999 Port
Usually 24.95 **Special price 21.95 wood-**
en Gift Box

Fonseca Guimareans Vintage 1998
Port Usually 26.50 **Special price 24.00**
wooden Gift Box

South Africa

The Curator Red Swartsland 2016
Usually 9.50 bottle

Special Price 6.99 bottle

Spain

Contino Reserva 2012 Rioja
Usually 22.85 bottle

Special Price 17.99 bottle Marks &
Spencer's price 25.00 bottle

Pruno Ribera del Duero 2016
Usually 16.99 bottle

Special Price 14.99 bottle

Viña Real Crianza Rioja

Usually 10.99 bottle

Special Price 8.99 bottle

Viña Real Barrel Fermented White Ri-
oja Usually 10.99 bottle

Special Price 8.99 bottle

Roger Goulart Grand Cuvee Cava

Gran Reserva 2011 Usually 21.85 bottle
Special Price 15.85 bottle

Marques de Sardana Cava Brut

Usually 8.99 **special Offer 7.49 bottle**

USA

Louis Jadot Resonance

Willamette Valley Oregon Pinot Noir
2015 Usually 37.50 bottle

Special Price 29.50 bottle