

The Bottleneck News July 2018

It's Summertime bring out the Rosé!

It's amazing how fashion affects an industry as conservative as the wine trade. In the late 60's and 70's if you said rosé it had to be Mateus that pretty pink lightly sparkling Portuguese, in the 80's and early 90's Lambrusco Rosé gained the top spot, then along came California with "blush" wines that soon became White Zinfandels they might have been called white but they were clearly pink. All the above wines were for the less than serious wine drinkers.

Don't despair rosé has really come of age during the early 2000s. The myth about rosé wines being considered a little naff by the serious wine drinker and serious wine makers, has been dispelled in fact it is no longer considered just a summer drink! Thank goodness we are now spoilt for choice in the 2010s, there are good rosé wines everywhere, the traditional dry crisp Provence Rosé we have a bargain at £8.99 bottle & a special offer on Château Beaulieu Côtes d'Aix en Provence 2017 usually £14.99 bottle now £12.99 and the medium dry Anjou Rosé at £8.99 bottle is always favourite. Rosé are enjoying a renaissance and don't think that rosés are just for sipping on their own they pair remarkably well with food.

Try the Cleefs Classic Collection Rosé 2016 on offer at £7.99 bottle with seared fresh tuna fish a partnership made in heaven. the classy Esk Valley Marlborough Merlot Rosé 2017 on offer at £9.99 bottle from New Zealand is great with pan fried wild salmon and the colour combination is a dream for dinner parties.

Now if you want to sparkle this summer try Rosé Biddenden Vintage Rosé 2014 at 21.99 bottle produced from Gamay grape it is a delight, long lasting bubbles, down to the Champagne method. It's a pretty pink colour & is generous with a palate of summer fruits. So easy to like! We are lucky to have the Chapel Down English Rosé NV produced from Champagne grapes is classy and stylish and would give some Champagnes a run for it's £24.99 bottle price. We stock a Pinot Rosé from Italy at £8.99 bottle this wine is suitable for Vegans. This used to be called Prosecco Rosé but the authorities in

Prosecco decided that Prosecco is only white, never the less it is a charming wine that is better than it's £8.99 bottle price. So enjoy your pink summer and don't forget there are case discounts on all the above wines!



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Mas la Chevalière
Languedoc
Rosé 2017
Usually
£12.99
bottle
**Special
£9.99
bottle**



Beer Offers

Mix & match offer features Hobgoblin, Hobgoblin Gold, Batemans XXXB, Wadworths 6X, Boon Doggle, Greene King IPA, Mann's award winning Brown Ale, Whitstable Bay Pale Ale & Shepherd Neame Masterbrew & Spitfire

Buy any 3 x 1/2 litres for £4.99 No further discounts on this offer



Whitstable Bay Blonde £1.45 330mls or buy 6 for £7.49 or 24 for £28.00

New from Gadd's' She Sells Seashells £2.15 330mls Can or buy 6 cans for £11.50 also buy any 6 bottles or cans from Gadd's' and get a free pint glass whilst stocks last!



Curious Brew £1.85 330mls bottle or buy 12 for £17.50 (£1.46 bottle)

Tyskie Polish Lager £1.75 500mls or buy 4 for £5.99

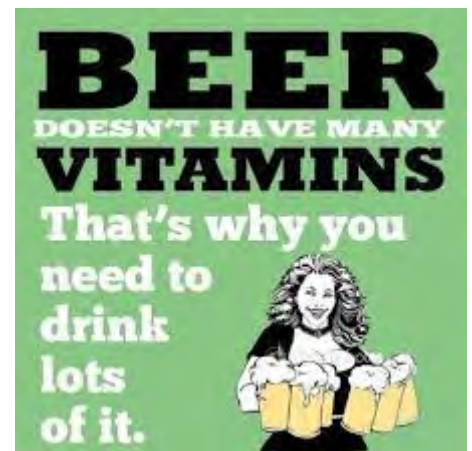
Carlsberg Lager £1.25 500mls or buy 4 for £3.99

Stella Artois £1.50 500 mls can or buy 4 for £5.79

Fosters Lager £1.15 440mls can or buy 4 for £4.25

Kronenbourg £1.25 440mls can or buy 4 for £4.75

Please note all our craft beers in cans or bottles will have a 5% discount if you buy 12, this can be mixed or straight cases from Gadd's, Time & Tide, Old Dairy, Westerham, Romney Marsh, Canterbury Ales, Whitstable and Hop Daemon Breweriescheers!



Just a word about Litter Please bring your empties back to us if you cannot take them home & we will recycle them for you!

Special Offer on Kent Gins



Due to the success of our offer on Kent Gins buy any bottle of Kent Gin, includes Anno Gins, Greensand Ridge, Dockyard & Chapel Down and get 6 free Schweppes 1783 tonics 200 mls we are extending the offer into the whole Gin & Tonic season June & definitely July maybe even August!!

Wine tastings ~

Despite the England v Panama (England 6 Panama 1) game on Sunday 24th June the wine tasting was well attending with some new customers finding their way to our door! The best sellers were;

Esk Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Marlborough New Zealand £12.99 bottle **Special Offer £9.99 bottle**

Cleef's Classic Collection Rosé 2016 Coastal Region

South Africa £9.99 bottle **Special Offer £7.99 bottle**

Hancock & Handcock Cabernet/Touriga 2015 McLaren Vale

South Australia £13.99 bottle **Special Offer £10.99 bottle**

However there was keen interest in all the wines tasted and would be happy to share the comments about all the wines tasted. Next tasting Sunday July 29th.



Opening Hours ~



Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday

9.30am to 6pm

Friday & Saturday

9.30am to 8pm

Sunday 11am to 3 pm except Sunday 22nd Closed

Wine tasting on Sunday 29th July

Wine Wizard

So once again a study comes up with the idea that women have better taste than men as far as wine goes. The technical University of Madrid found that men were not as good as women at tasting wine! 208 tasters took part & it found that men gave constantly higher scores than women, but women although they scored lower have more complex information about the wines & the differences between the wines! Scientists have noted in the past that most "supertasters" are women!! The wine trade has always been conservative changing fairly slowly and holding the traditional



close to it's hearted Morgaine Gaye has conducted research on the future for wine. She found that we Brits would be drinking less but better and embracing wines from local areas. Personally I think that this is already happening a big meow for Kent wines! I am not so sure about Charcoal flavoured wines (why???) edible glassware and delivery by drones also labels being replaced by virtual information via a Smartphone. Well I never it's enough to give a wine merchant nightmares!

Special Offers

Australia

Red Wines

McGuigan Black Label Red & Shiraz

Usually £7.99 bottle

Special Offer £6.99 bottle

Handcock & Handcock

Cabernet Sauvignon Touriga 2015

Usually £13.99 bottle

Our Price £10.99 bottle

White wines

McGuigan Black Label Chardonnay

Usually £7.99 bottle

Special Offer £6.99 bottle

Champagne

Bollinger Special Cuvee NV Usually

£46.00 bottle

Special Price £38.50

Gift Boxed

Bollinger Special Cuvee

NV Usually £25.50 ½ bot

Special price £19.99

½ bottle Gift boxed

Moët & Chandon Imperial

Brut NV

Usually £41.50 bottle

Special price £34.50

Gift Boxed

Ruinart Rosé NV Usually

£57.00 bottle

Special Price £45.00

Gift Boxed

Taittinger Brut Reserve

NV 2018 FIFA World Cup

Usually £42.85 gift box

Special Price £35.50

gift boxed

Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut NV

usually £46.50 bottle

Special Price £38.50 Gift Boxed

France

Red Wine

Colombo & Fils Cotes du Rhone Rouge

RRP £12.99 **special offer price £9.99 bottle**

Jean Luc Colombo Châteauneuf du Pape

Les Bartavelles 2015/2016 Usually £26.50

special price £22.50 bottle

Jean Luc Colombo Cotes du Roussillon

Les Palomettes 2015 Usually 12.75 bottle

Our Price £9.99 bottle

Jean Luc Colombo La Violette Syrah IGP

Vin de Pays Usually £12.99 bottle

Our Price £9.99 bottle

Rosé Wines

Mas la Chevalière Languedoc Rosé 2017

Usually £12.99 bottle

Special £9.99 bottle



Château Beaulieu Cuvee Alexandre Rosé
Côtes de Provence 2017 usually £14.99

**Special Price £12.99 bottle (amazing new
bottle & label) May not last the month**

White Wine

Sebastien Vaillant Valencay Loire Valley
2017 Usually £12.99 bottle

Special Price £10.99 bottle

Colombo & Fils Cotes du Rhone Blanc

RRP £12.99 bottle **special offer price**

£9.99 bottle

Jean Luc Colombo La Violette Viognier

IGP Vin de Pays Usually £12.99 bottle

Our Price £9.99 bottle

New Zealand

White wines

Blank Canvas Grüner Veltliner

Marlborough 2013

Usual price £15.50 bt

**Special price £13.99 bottle, may
not last the month**

Esk Valley

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc

2017 & Rosé Usually £12.99 bottle

Special Price £9.99 bt

Villa Maria Private Bin Riesling

Marlborough 2017 Usually £10.99

bottle **Our Price £8.99 bottle**

may not last the month

Villa Maria Reserve Clifford Bay

Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough

2017 Usually £15.99 bottle

Special Price £12.99 bottle

Spain

Red Wines

Contino Reserva Rioja 2012

Usually £22.99 bottle **now only £17.99**

bottle

Cune Maceration Carbonica Rioja 2017

Usually £13.99 bottle

Special price £10.99 bottle

White wines

Cune Barrel Fermented Blanco Rioja

2016/2017 Usually £9.99 bottle

Special Price £7.99 bottle

South Africa

Red Wines

The Curator Red Swartsland 2013

Usually £9.50 bottle

New Lower Special Price £6.99 bottle

New Special offers expected to be here
soon drop in & see what has arrived!