November/December promotion

FINE WINE OF THE MONTH 1998 Robert Mondavi Cabernet Reserve 1998

At 91 years of age, Robert Modavi remains the global emissary of American food and wine. His vision was to create wines in California that belong in the company of the great wines of the world. Since founding and building the first major winery in the Napa Valley in 1966 he has expanded his winemaking wisdom in many directions and in many countries. Highly respected around the world, and often referred to as the father of Californian wine, he still acts as an ambassador for the Company.

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 1998 Usual Price £95.00 Promotional Price £75.00

Case price £660. Equivilant to £55.00 per bottle

The 1998 Cabernet Sauvignon reserve is largely dominated by grapes from Mondavi's Oakville district vineyards of which a significant 40% comes from the historic To Kalon estate vineyard with the remainder from Stags Leap District, Carneros and west Napa Valley. Aged for 15 months in 85% new French oak barrels it displays rich layers of boysenberry, cassis and black cherry combine with spice, cedar and liquorice aromas. Its excellent structure of broad, muscular tannins and a long velvety finish, promises even greater development with bottle ageing for 15 or more years.

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CHAMPAGNE OF THE MONTH Moët & Chandon

Moët & Chandon believes that to create a distinctive style, you don't work to a set formula but use a combination of instinct and memory. You anticipate the future and remember the past.

As far back as the 18th century, Moët & Chandon was sipped by society hostesses in court circles and still retains its cachet. As Moët & Chandon Chef de Cave explains, 'Making Champagne each year is like producing a fashion collection, with different ingredients and means of expression each time – but with the hallmarks of a great House shining through.

The dazzling Brut Impérial Non Vintage. With a nose and palate in perfect balance, its pale gold colour and bountiful tiny bubbles leave behind a sense of harmony and mellowness with a striking aroma of vine assemblage of the three wine varieties disclose a succession of elegant and harmonious sensations.

The lively, clean and expressive Brut Impérial Rosé is initially dominated by the scent of spice followed by ripe red fruits and wild strawberries, with hints of redcurrants and nectarines on the palate. A Champagne full of freshness and spontaneity, vibrant with its sheet fruit, the rosé is sensational as an aperitif or to accompany any meal. A limited edition of the Swarovski Crystal bottles are available.

The superb 1998 vintage boasts exceptional maturity that is reflected by unique balance of concentration and acidity. Made up of 52% Chardonnay and 48% Pinot Noir grapes, it features white peach, candied lemons, vanilla, praline and white pepper. After a dramatic opening, the palate features a striking and enduring richness.

Brut Impérial Usual price £26.95 Promotional Price £24.95 Vintage 1998 Usual price £36.50 Promotional Price £32.95

OTHER MOET OFFERS

Brut Rosé NV Crystal 75cl Swarovski £34.95 While stocks last Buy two bottles of Dom Perignon and get two free Dom Perignon glasses. While stocks last.

SPIRITS OF THE MONTH Kauffmann Vintage Vodka

Dr Mark Kauffman decided that if he was to create a vodka it had to stand out from the crowd. His answer to this was that it should be harvested from one vintage only when the finest wheat grains are identified and selected prior to meticulous multiple distillations. Furthermore he selected the seven best regions for the production of wheat in Russia and within each a single field was chosen. These regions will vary from year to year depending on the quality of wheat production. There is only one bottling per vintage. Strictly limited quantity means it should only be produced in years when the grain justifies the production of the luxury vodka. Thus only 25,000 bottles of Kauffmann Luxury Vintage Russian vodka with each bottle carrying the limited edition bottle number are produced annually. Dr Kauffman wanted his vodka to take pride of place on a shelf – to achieve this goal—he worked with a specially chosen designer and the result is stunning.

Kauffman 70cl Usual price £59.99 Promotional Price £49.99
Kauffman 100cl Usual price £115.00 Promotional Price £99.00

Portifidio Tequila

Arguably one of the finest tequila producer's in the world, Destileria Porfidio prides itself on the quality of the ingredients made from 100% pure agave juice. Harvest time is quite an occasion for the agave farmer. An agave plant takes 10 years to reach maturity and there are therefore only ten harvests per century. Each huge plant weighs 50 kilos and 10 kilos are required to produce just one litre of agave spirit. Unlike most tequila's which are made from a blend of precious agave and molasses, Porfidio spirits are made from 100% pure agave. Only the first pressing is used for the production of their tequila's thus ensuring tequila of the highest echelon.

The eye-catching hand-blown lifelike glass cactus inside the bottle could detract connoisseurs from the excellence of the tequila contained inside. Please note there is no other relevance to cactus!

Porfidio Tequila Plata is a clear liquid encapsulating citrus, anise and dried flower aromas. Rounded, rich palate displaying floral and lightly sweet/tart flavours.

Plata Usual price £69.50 Promotional Price £60.00

Porfidio Anejo Single Barrel is an aged tequila which denotes sensual floral and wood elements that combine to create a soft and creamy spirit with a complex sweet impression and a heady fragrance.

Anejo Usual price £130.00 Promotional Price £112.00