



Welcome to our 2018 wine list

Our food and wine offerings are hugely important to us at Mackays Hotel, we think that by organising the wine list by style, rather than by grape variety or country — it is easier to find a wine that perfectly complements your meal. We generally find that the weight of a dish is the most important factor in choosing a wine to match, therefore it makes sense to have a crisp, clean white with a delicate starter or simple fish dishes. Or on the other hand, a rich, robust red with a hearty meat dish. Of course, you can still choose whichever wine you like with whichever dish you choose — rules are made to be broken!

This year, we have introduced new wines from Le Versant and an Italian range from Ca'lungchetta, offering Pinot Grigio, Pinot Grigio Blush and Merlot. On the sparkling side, we have added the excellent Cava Rosé from Vilarnau which is also available by the glass! A "Le Verre de Vin" system has been installed which preserves still wines and sparkling — also, we can now offer over 20 wines by the glass to complement your meal.

We have a few interesting additions to our red wine list this year. From Burgundy, a Gamay Noir, Rift 69, and from USA a fantastic Zinfandel Zin-Phomonic. On the Italian section, we have added a Chianti Classico Rocca di Castagnoli, Barolo Araldica Flori and an Amarone della Valpolicella.

You will also find some of our personal favourites on the list again this year, such as the fish friendly Green Lip Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand. On the red side of things, we still love the great big Chocolate Box GSM (Grenache/Shiraz/Mataro), or the Gold IWC award-winning Beronia Rioja Reserva — especially if Mey Selection steaks are on the menu!

Enjoy!

Murray, Ellie, Jen and not forgetting MAX and BRIA.

White Wine

Crisp White

175ml 250ml Bottle

1. **Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Ema, Chile** £5.50 £7.30 £21.00
Wonderfully dry and crisp with intense citrus notes.
2. **Pinot Grigio, Ca'Lunghetta, Italy** £4.50 £6.00 £18.00
This Pinot Grigio has good weight, minerality & stone fruit flavours on the palate & finish.
3. **Sancerre Blanc, Domaine, Hubert Brochard, France** £36.00
Crisp acidity, with grapefruit, lime, spice & mineral notes. Overall this wine is beautifully balanced with good length.
4. **Sémillon/Sauvignon, Woodstock, Aus** £6.40 £8.50 £25.30
Intense passionfruit, gooseberry and lychee aromas with traces of green apples.
5. **Grüner Veltliner, Seifried Estate, New Zealand** £27.00
Aromatic wine with ripe stone fruits on the nose.
6. **Verdejo, Finca Constancia, Spain** £5.70 £7.50 £22.50
Outstanding, crisp white made from 100% Verdejo grapes.
7. **Viognier, Le Versant, France** £23.50
Beautiful yellow colour with green glints. Intense nose of apricots, ripe peach & exotic fruits, it has fresh crisp acidity.

Fruity Whites

8. **Unoaked Chardonnay, Las Condes, Chile** £5.20 £6.90 £20.00
Fruity nose with hints of smoke, fresh pineapple and banana fruit.
9. **Sauvignon Blanc, Green Lip, NZ** £6.70 £8.70 £26.00
Tropical fruits are balanced with fine minerality
10. **Macon Village, La Chroc, France** £30.00
Floral and fruity aromas, it is elegant and fresh.
11. **Chenin Blanc, De Waal, South Africa** £4.80 £6.50 £19.00
Mouth watering wine full of tropical fruits.

Rich & Creamy Whites

175ml 250ml Bottle

12. **Chardonnay Morning Fog, Wente Vineyards, USA** £29.00
Aromas of freshly cut red apple, vanilla and soft oak.
13. **Rioja Blanco Barrel Fermented, Bodegas Campillo, Spain** £6.50 £8.70 £25.00
Smooth with a touch of acidity.
14. **Chardonnay, Le Versant, France** £23.50
Complex aromas of fresh fruit, fresh with great roundness & balance, finishing with a hint of vanilla.
15. **Chardonnay, Torreon Reserva, Chile** £24.00
An elegant bouquet shows notes of ripe tropical fruit, banana & pineapple. Hints of vanilla & caramel with a long, balanced finish.

Fragrant & Aromatic Whites

16. **Gewürztraminer Lawson's Dry Hills, NZ** £29.00
Intensely aromatic, displaying rose petal & lychee.
17. **Riesling Mary McTaggart, Woodstock, Australia** £30.50
Floral and fruity in style with a nice freshness and a hint of spice.
18. **Albariño, Namorio, Spain** £28.50
An incredibly light and refreshing style of white wine.

Rosé Wine

Fruity Rosés

19. **White Zinfandel, Borrego Springs, USA** £4.50 £6.00 £18.00
This is a light, medium-sweet Rosé from the Napa Valley.
20. **Provence Rosé, Château Routas, France** £21.00
Freshly cut watermelon, ripe peach aromas and floral notes.
21. **Pinot Grigio Blush, Ca'Lunghetta, Italy** £5.40 £7.20 £19.50
Light rose colour, elegant, dry, soft & well- balanced.

Red Wine

Light & Fruity Reds

		175ml	250ml	Bottle
22.	Sangiovese, Botter Senso, Italy	£4.50	£6.00	£18.00
	This delicious red is dry, medium-bodied, with blueberry & plum flavours.			
23.	Cabernet Sauvignon, Las Condes, Chile	£4.80	£6.50	£19.00
	A deep ruby colour with a nose dominated by ripe blackcurrant fruit.			
24.	Rift 69, Gamay Noir, Loron et Fils, France			£29.00
	Complex nose of fruits lead to a smooth wine with fine tannins.			
25.	Pinot Noir, Jackson Estate, NZ	£9.00	£12.00	£36.00
	Generous, ripe tannins and a fine backbone of acidity.			
26.	Beaujolais-Villages, Maison Joseph Drouhin, France			£28.00
	Purple in colour with an intense nose of violets, peonies and red berries.			
27.	Merlot, Ca' Lunghetta, Italy	£5.40	£7.20	£19.50
	Youthful, fruity style with typical merlot characters. Presented in a tall, tapered Bordeaux bottle.			

Spicy Reds

28.	Merlot Reserve, Santa Ema, Chile	£6.80	£9.30	£27.00
	Loads of ripe black fruits, liquorice, chocolate, coffee and vanilla.			
29.	Malbec, Goyenechea, Argentina	£5.40	£7.20	£21.00
	A delicate nose with dry fruits, walnuts and light spices.			
30.	Cabernet Sauvignon, Chocolate Box, Australia			£29.00
	Ripe blackcurrant is beautifully balanced with subtle vanilla and cassis.			
31.	Côtes du Rhône, Château Mont-Redon, France			£25.00
	Elegant Côtes du Rhône with excellent fruit characteristics.			
32.	Carménère Reserva, Torreón, Chile			£25.00
	The palate is round, supple and complex with firm tannins.			
33.	Shiraz / Cabernet, Woodstock, Australia			£26.00
	Savoury spice and black cherries, this wine is bursting full of flavour.			
34.	GSM Cherry Chocolate, Chocolate Box, AUS	£7.30	£9.70	£29.00
	The palate has spice and cinnamon, revealing a lingering finish.			
35.	Zinfandel, Zin-Phomonic, USA			£30.50
	Lush, decadent jammy fruit, full bodied wine boasts dark fruit aromas, rich spicy flavours & a bold, voluptuous mouth feel.			
36.	Cabernet Sauvignon, Blackwing, Australia			£23.00
	Good structure and length, finishing with firm, fine tannins.			
37.	Roccamora, Schola Sarmenti, Italy			£25.00
	Explosive aromas of spice, leather and tobacco with a fruity finish.			

Rich & Robust Reds

		175ml	250ml	Bottle
38.	Cabernet Sauvignon, Don Melchor, Chile			£67.00
	Deep in colour with a lovely, full flavour, cedar overtones and great length.			
39.	Domaine Haut Gleon Rouge, France			£33.00
	Complex bouquet with black fruit, mild spices & roasted coffee bean hints.			
40.	Amarone della Valpolicella, Classico, Italy			£44.00
	Spicy, fruity flavour with hints of oak, black berry, cinnamon, dried cranberries & chocolate.			
41.	Finca Constancia, Castillo, Spain			£22.50
	Fantastic structure with complex aromas of rich spice, vanilla and oak.			
42.	Chianti Classico, Rocca di Castagnoli, Italy	£9.00	£12.50	£36.00
	A rich, fruity bouquet with silky smooth tannins on the palate.			
43.	Château Rourcas Dupre, France			£49.00
	Soft but persistent, with mulled cherry, plum and black currant fruit, backed by toasted sandalwood and black tea notes .			
44.	Flori, Barolo Araldica, Italy			£39.50
	Plump fruit and a round, silky texture, giving a long finish.			
45.	Malbec, Ben Marco, Argentina			£34.00
	Full-bodied on the palate with currant jam flavours and a savoury finish.			
46.	Rioja Reserva, Bodegas Beronia, Spain	£8.30	£11.30	£33.00
	Made from 89% Tempranillo, 6% Mazuelo and 5% Graciano.			
47.	The Butler Organic Red, Butler Ranch Vineyard, USA			£42.00
	Filled with aromas of ripe plum and dark cherries with a hint of violets.			

Dessert Wine

		125ml	Bottle
48.	Monbazillac, Chateau Belingard, France	£5.90	500ml £22.50
	Honey, citrus fruit & ripe apple notes, fresh & lively.		
49.	Late Harvest Malbec, Susana Balbo, Argentina		500ml £37.00
	One of the few dessert wines that truly goes well with chocolate.		

Aperitifs

Champagne	125ml £9.70	Prosecco	125ml £4.80
	Cava Rosé		125ml £5.00

Whisky Doubles

Why not try a wee taste of Scotland with our range of Whisky doubles?
25ml each of two Whiskies, from mild Speyside to heady Island peats.

Old Pulteney 12yo & Wolfburn Northlands£11.50
Try Malts from our 2 closest distilleries!

Old Pulteney 12yo Crisp and clean with great balance, revealing notes of herbs.	Wolfburn Aurora Almonds and pecans with a wave of Sweet Sherry notes.
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Speyside pair£9.60
Subtle, but with great finesse. Little or no peat flavour

Glenfarclas 10yo Light with cereal notes, followed by apple and a little smoke	Balvenie 12yo Deep amber in colour, matured in Sherry Casks.
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Islay pair£14.70
Full of flavour with strong influences of peat and smoke.

Caol Ila 12yo Light and malty with a complex flavour and a bitter chocolate finish.	Lagavulin 16yo Dry, toasty and exotic with dried fruit, spice and peaty richness.
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Gin Flight

With Gin becoming so popular, we've selected 2 unique, local and
distinctively different tasting Gins for you.
(25ml each).

Fabulous Local Gins
One from Dunnet Bay, the other from Speyside.....£9.95

Rock Rose Gin Botanicals include juniper, blueberries, sea buckthorn and rhodiola rosea to name a few!	Caorunn Gin A clean, dry and crisp Gin. Flavoured with Scottish botanicals including rowanberry and heather.
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