

# CONNOLLY'S

## Wool and Wine At Colmore Tailors

### **Bibo Runge Riesling Sekt**

**£28.50**

*This German fizz undergoes its first fermentation in oak, and the second fermentation in bottle for at least 18 months. The result is a fruity and intense sparkling wine with a fine vanilla and brioche note. On the palate it is dense and intense with a fresh, lively acidity and a fine mousse.*

### **Weingut Oliver Zeter Sauvignon Blanc Fume Reserve**

**£23.95**

*Full, expressive Sauvignon Blanc spontaneously fermented in oak barrels to deliver a smoky "fumé" element. Mouthwatering stone fruit, lemon, herbs, a hint of passion fruit and subtle notes of gooseberry. The grapes chosen for this wine are from Oliver's oldest and finest vines.*

### **Sables et Galets, Pinot Gris, Cave de Turckheim**

**£14.35**

*Sables et Galets wines are sourced from the Herrenweg vineyards in the Fetch Valley having sandy/pebbly soils created during glacial shifts in the nearby Vosges mountains. Winemaker Michel uses pneumatic pressing (of whole grapes), temperature controlled fermentation, no fining and light filtration before bottling - all to preserve fruit and aromatic qualities and elegance. His philosophy is to make wines with good acidity and fruit balance.*

## **St. Aubin, 1er cru La Chatenniere,**

**Domaine Gerard Thomas et Filles**

**£30.95**

*The leading Premier Cru that the Thomas family make is the 1er Cru la Chateniere which is a wine that has a lime-blossom and dried fruit bouquet and a nutty, peachy fruitiness. There is also an intelligent use of oak with 20% being used in an entirely supporting role.*

*Until the mid-1990's, the sleepy little village of St. Aubin was rarely visited by the wine-trade as its wines didn't really have a place on most peoples lists and most of the wine (predominantly red) was sold as Cote de Beaune. Geographically, it is a bit out of the mainstream, just off the N6, up a little valley behind the villages of Chassagne and Puligny. Things changed as the big name white burgundies became increasingly expensive and buyers discovered that white St. Aubin made an excellent substitute at a sensible price.*

*Gerard Thomas took over the domaine from his father in 1982 and has built-up a core of top vineyard sites since then. He is ably assisted by his two daughters, Anne-Sophie (now the winemaker) and Isabelle, producing top class St. Aubin and Meursault Blagny, the latter coming from a tiny parcel of 50 year old vines with an ideal south-facing aspect. The 1er Cru la Chateniere is fruit-driven but with a zingy raciness and plenty of freshness.*

## **47N, Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Marchand Tawse**

**£23.99**

*It's a truth universally acknowledged, that turkeys, having lost the vote vis-à-vis Christmas, would, on reflection, choose to spend their final, triumphal moments in the company of decent red Burgundy ahead of almost any other wine. Alternative Pinot Noirs may well challenge said primacy from time to time but, when it comes down to it, the fresh, cleansing acidity, lighter tannins and gorgeous, bright red fruit flavours that Burgundy offers are the perfect foil to the more delicate flavours of turkey. The only problem for most of us are the eye-watering prices sought for the region's more famous labels which is what makes this such a steal. Sourcing tiny parcels of wine – a barrel here, half a barrel there – volumes that are not necessarily commercially viable, Pascal Marchand has blended a wonderfully characterful wine that positively screams Burgundy but which remains accessible and affordable. It's a perfect introduction to the region and will bring a celestial smile to the lips of your Christmas bird.*

## **Luis Canas Reserva Rioja, Seleccin de la Familia**

**£23.50**

*Luis Canas Rioja Reserva Seleccin de la Familia is a reserva wine specially selected to represent the epitome of great Rioja. Dark garnet red in colour with a pronounced bouquet of ripe strawberries and plums. Deep, rich and savoury on the palate showing well integrated tannins, elegant, silky fruit and subtle oak.*

*Bodegas Luis Cañas has been at the heart of Rioja since 1928 though the contemporary story begins in 1970 when Luis Cañas became the first Rioja Alavesa winemaker to bottle his young wine rather than sell it in bulk. Situated in Villabuena, Luis Cañas utilise their knowledge of the local climate, terroir, cultivation methods and a real sense of pride and dedication to create these unique wines; every harvest Luis Cañas, now 86, stands at the head of the selection table keenly ensuring only the best parcels of grapes are used. The end result is wine consistently packed with fruit and wrapped in a silky, oak laced layer of flavour that seems unique to Rioja: truly world class.*

## **Shiraz, Shiraz, Shiraz, Tscharke Wines**

**£17.95**

*Every detail of this wine speaks of Shiraz, starting from its rich crimson colour. The nose is concentrated and dark. Fruit, spice, and soft oak outline a classic and robust core to this wine, while hints of violet and herbs reveal its delicate and more feminine side. The palate is dominated by fine yet firm texture. Fruity, spicy, and floral notes blend together seamlessly in every sip. The oak plays a minor role here, but it persists long after the primary characters start to fade, giving length and complexity to the finish. This is a fresh, textured, and layered expression of Barossa Shiraz to drink and share young or age for a decade.*

## **Graham's 10 year old tawny Port**

**£18.99**

*Graham's 10 Year Old Tawny epitomises the passion for excellence and precision that is at the heart of every one of our handmade Tawny Ports. After a decade of care and slow seasoned oak maturation this wine is a wonderful example of the complex nutty and mature fruit flavours of Tawny Port.*

*Time-honoured skills, craftsmanship and dedication are handed down from generation to generation in the form of three unique arts – the art of blending, the art of cooperage and the art of ageing – to produce our extraordinary selection of Tawny Ports. All of Graham's Tawny Ports have their own individual characteristics, the complex flavours and aromas that pervade each of these unique wines have been developed through selecting only our top quality wines from Graham's four spectacular Quinta's in the Douro Valley to age in seasoned oak casks in our 1890 Lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia.*