

HandPICKED

HOTELS

Welcome to Hand Picked Hotels.

Wine has been a passion of mine for many years. I have been fortunate to travel to many wine producing areas around the world and meet some incredible wine producers. To understand their philosophies and hear first-hand the stories of their own personal journey, really brings the wine to life. Knowing the history and the love that has gone into every bottle is a privilege and a joy. We at Hand Picked are delighted to share that joy with our guests through this carefully curated wine list, hand picked for you.

Each wine has been selected to marry with our award-winning modern British food or to be blissfully enjoyed on its own. Our menu encompasses wines from estates around the world: wines that are interesting and innovative or classic and traditional.

Wine from Villa Saletta, our vineyard in the breathtaking Tuscan Hills, also features on this list. My family purchased the historic estate in 2000 and have spent time lovingly restoring it whilst keeping many of the age-old winemaking practices the same. We are proud of the wines produced at Villa Saletta which are delicious, have won many prestigious awards, and which reflect both the heritage of the estate and this fascinating wine region.

Completing this list is a selection of truly exceptional wines from our personal cellar collected over several decades. The provenance of these wines is exceptional. They have come direct from the estates to our bonded warehouse and kept in optimal condition for you to enjoy in the surroundings of our unique hotels.

We have derived great pleasure from the creation of this wine list and very much hope that you enjoy your wine experience at Hand Picked Hotels.

Wishing you a magical wine discovery,

Julia Hands
Founder and Chair, Hand Picked Hotels

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O = Organic - both certified and working that way

B = Biodynamic - both certified and working that way

S - Sustainable - either certified or thinking carefully about their environmental impact

VILLA SALETTA

A story spanning centuries

The estate has been owned by just four families throughout its history with documented winemaking traditions going back to 980AD. Beginning with the Gambacorta family in the 14th century, then notably the Riccardi family, bankers to the powerful house of Medici, then the Castelli Family, and lastly in 2000 to the Hands family. By then the estate had almost entirely fallen to ruin, however they saw the potential to combine traditional Tuscan techniques and modern technology, but always grounded in the heritage of the estate.

SPARKLING	Vintage		Bottle		125ml
SPUMANTE DI SANGIOVESE	2014		£55		£10

This champagne method sparkling is a wonderful aperitif but also pairs beautifully with appetisers and other light dishes.

ROSÉ	Vintage		Bottle		175ml
TOSCANA ROSATO	2021		£44		£11

Fruity and supple. The meticulous blend of Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes features bright cherry hues and scents of ripe red berries and ends with a dynamic balance of freshness.

RED	Vintage		Bottle		175ml
RACCOLTO A MANO	2018		£36		£10

Smooth, soft and crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Franc grapes, this approachable Tuscan is made exclusively for Hand Picked Hotels, the name Raccolto a Mano literally means Hand Picked.

CHIAVE DI SALETTA	2016		£48
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Powerful notes of berries and dark chocolate with balsamic notes and spicy sensations. An elegant wine with a fine length and persistence and velvety tannins.

SALETTA GIULIA	2018		£85		£22
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Spice, toasted oak and aromas of berries, liquorice and violets lead to a full palate with a deliciously jammy aftertaste of ripe red berries. A modern Bordeaux style blend of 55% Cabernet Franc and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon that boasts an impressive finish.

980AD - MAGNUM	2015		£450
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This multi-award-winning wine was recently awarded decanter Best in Show. A rich nose with aromas of cherries, raspberries, blueberries, cassis and wild forest fruits. The palate adds black pepper, vanilla, liquorice, and rosemary. Elegant, with velvety tannins with a very long finish.

WINE BY THE GLASS

A selection of some of our favourite wines, all also available in 125ml.

SPARKLING		Vintage	125ml	
o	FITZ, Sussex, England	NV		£8
	A prosecco-style sparkler from new kids on the wine block.			
o/s	BRUNO PAILLARD, PREMIERE CUVÉE, Champagne, France	NV		£13
	Crisp with fine bubbles and toasty, brioche base notes.			
o/s	VILLA SALETTA, SPUMATE DI SANGIOVESE, Tuscany, Italy	2014		£10
	Red fruit and lively bubbles from this champagne-style Tuscan.			
WHITE		Vintage	175ml	250ml
o	CORMÓNS, FRIULANO, Friuli, Italy	2022		£10 £13
	White fruit, almonds, fragrant dried flowers and fresh acidity.			
o/s	CREATION, VIOGNIER, Hemel-en-Aarde, South Africa	2022		£10 £14
	Round with stone fruit aromas and hints of white pepper.			
o	HOWARD'S FOLLY, ALVARINHO, Alentejo, Portugal	2019		£11 £15
	Elegant pear and papaya with soft minerality and crisp acidity.			
o	CHANNING DAUGHTERS, CHARDONNAY, New York, USA	2020		£12 £16
	Unoaked with a smooth apple, pears and a hint of lemon curd.			
ROSÉ		Vintage	175ml	250ml
o/s	VILLA SALETTA, TOSCANA ROSATO, Tuscany, Italy	2021		£11 £14
	Fruity and supple with a palate full of red berries.			
o	TICKERAGE, Kent, England	2022		£12 £16
	A one off, completely unique and never to be made again!			
o/s	CHÂTEAU DES SARRINS, GRAND CUVÉE, Provence, France	2022		£13 £17
	Classic pale Provence from the owners of Bruno Paillard.			
RED		Vintage	175ml	250ml
o/s	RACCOLTO A MANO, VILLA SALETTA, Tuscany, Italy	2018		£9 £12
	An approachable Cabernet blend from our own Tuscan estate.			
o	LONGAVI, GLUP PAIS, Bio Bio Valley, Chile	2022		£10 £12
	Light but with substance, silky tannins and some fresh acidity.			
o	CAYTHORPE, PINOT NOIR, Marlborough, New Zealand	2021		£11 £15
	Lovely red fruits with a smooth body and light tannins.			
o/s	SALETTA GIULIA, VILLA SALETTA, Tuscany, Italy	2018		£22 £32
	Big and jammy with a full palate of liquorice and violet..			
SWEET		Vintage	70ml	
o	CHÂTEAU DE JAU, MUSCAT RIVESALTES, Roussillon, France	2022		£8
	Sweet apricot and lemon with cleansing acidity.			
FORTIFIED		Vintage	70ml	
o	NIEPOORT, LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE, Oporto, Portugal	2019		£9
	Rich fruit and chocolate integrated with an elegant light touch.			

SPARKLING WINE

FitzRoy is an Anglo-Norman name originally meaning “son of the king” (from the French Fils de Roi). In many cases it was given to an illegitimate son or daughter of the king to mark their royal parent. Fitz is made in the method used to produce Prosecco, and therefore cannot call themselves English Sparkling Wine, so they chose a name that seemed fitting.

o/s	FITZ, CHARMAT, Sussex, England	NV	£48
o/s	VILLA SALETTA, SPUMATE DI SANGIOVESE, Tuscany, Italy	2014	£55

CHAMPAGNE

The reputation of Champagne as a premium wine producing area dates back to the middle-ages when Pope Urban II, who ruled 1088-1099 AD, declared that the wine of Aÿ in Marne was ‘the best wine produced in the world’.

Non-Vintage

o/s	BRUNO PAILLARD, PREMIÈRE CUVÉE, EXTRA-BRUT	NV	£80
o/s	POL ROGER, WHITE LABEL	NV	£95

Non-Vintage Rosé

o/s	BRUNO PAILLARD, PREMIÈRE CUVÉE, EXTRA-BRUT ROSÉ	NV	£90
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Vintage

o	DOM PÉRIGNON, BRUT	2009	£250
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WHITE

LEBANON

Musar is situated 15 kilometres north of Beirut. From 1975 to 1990, it was ravaged by civil war, but incredibly, only two vintages were missed, largely thanks to the great Serge Hochar. This seductive white is a blend of Obaideh and Merwah and protraits a palate of ripe white fruits, citrus and dried fruits.

- CHÂTEAU MUSAR, Bekaar Valley 2017 £110

UNITED STATES

New York State

Some incredible wines hail from the little known American Viticultural Areas of Long Island. Sculpture artist Walter Channing creates unique wines and here his unoaked chardonnay is a real standout.

- CHANNING DAUGHTERS, SCUTTLEHOLE CHARDONNAY, 2020 £51
Long Island

SOUTH AFRICA

The mountain of Hemel-en-Aarde in the Walker Bay rather romantically translates as Heaven and Earth. Voted number 4 in the Worlds Best Vineyard Awards 2023, Creation are part of the Pebbles Project, a charity designed to reach and care for the children of vineyard workers that focuses on 5 points; education, health, safety, nutrition and community.

- /s CREATION, VIOGNIER, Walker Bay 2022 £46

ROSÉ

The popularity of rosé has rocketed in recent years with Provence in the south of France leading the way. Mostly made with skin contact during fermentation, this indicates it possibly being the oldest style of wine in the world.

FRANCE

Château des Sarrins is owned by champagne producer Bruno Paillard who has transformed this estate over the last 20 years. Here his crisp and vibrant Rosé shows some of the best of Provence.

o/s	CHÂTEAU DES SARRINS, Provence	2022	£56
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ITALY

o/s	VILLA SALETTA, TOSCANA ROSATO, Tuscany	2021	£44
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ENGLAND

With nearly 2 years in tank, this gorgeous rosé is a blend of Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Pale copper in colour this wine has a delicate vanilla and rose petal aromas with strawberries and cherries on the palate.

o	TICKERAGE, East Sussex	2022	£53
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RED

FRANCE

Burgundy

Pinot Noir at its cool climate best. Michel Guillard and his sister Odette took over the winery in 1979 from their parents who had run it for two decades. Unlike many of their neighbours in Gevrey-Chambertin, the domain was established by Michel's grandmother, Jeanne Lyonnet, who worked as a maid in the village. She worked hard and saved enough money to buy her first few vines in 1913, which marked the beginning of the Domaine.

- GEVREY CHAMBERTIN, S.C GUILLARD 2016 £150

ITALY

Tuscany

Tuscany could easily vie for one of the most beautiful places on earth. Located in central Italy along the Tyrrhenian coast, Tuscany is home to some of the world's most notable wine regions in the world, including Chianti and Brunello di Montalcino. In an area where Sangiovese is king, this classic grape can create the most elegant, complex and delicious wines.

- /s RACCOLTO A MANO, VILLA SALETTA 2018 £36
- /s SALETTA GIULIA, VILLA SALETTA 2018 £85

PORTUGAL

Aptly described as 'chiseled', the Redoma by Niepoort has an intoxicating nose of spices, black cherry, pepper, dried meat and truffle with a finish that lingers well-after the wine is imbibed.

- NIEPOORT, REDOMA, Douro 2018 £98

SWEET

FRANCE

- o CHÂTEAU DE JAU, MUSCAT RIVESALTES, Roussillon 2022 £56

HUNGARY

The Berecz family store their wine in the 200 year old cellar that has been carved in the volcanic bedrock. It provides an ideal environment for aging with balanced humidity and temperature.

- o KIKELET, SZAMORODNI, Tokaji (50cl) 2019 £75

CANADA

Produced with grapes that are frozen when ripe, Ice Wine is often described as a pure expression of the grape variety used, due to the lack of either Noble Rot or dehydration of the grapes.

- s STRATUS, RIESLING ICE WINE, Niagara Lakeshore (37.5cl) 2020 £85

FORTIFIED

SPAIN

Due to the plethora of winter spices and dried fruits that it evokes, Pedro Ximenez is often described as Christmas pudding that's been put in a blender.

- s LA GUITA EN RAMA, MANZANILLA, Jerez NV £35
- s ALVEAR PEDRO XIMENEZ SOLERA 1927, Jerez NV £50

PORTUGAL

Late bottled vintage is exactly what it says, a Vintage that has been declared and bottled after the year it was harvested. It is all about aging for fruit development and complexity.

- o/b NIEPOORT, LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE, Oporto 2019 £70