

Extremely Rare and Exclusive Wines



Welcome to the Amici Ristorante wine menu for very rare and exclusive wines from the finest vineyards.

The definition of a vintage wine is when all the grapes from a particular vineyard from the same year are exclusively used to make the wine. Every single one of the wines in this list are vintage wines of the very highest quality.

It is paramount that aged wines are kept correctly in a darkened, custom built wine cellar, stored horizontally. All wines at Amici are kept in such conditions to offer you the best quality possible.

As any wine ages the natural process will create a sediment in the bottle. This sediment is both normal and harmless. There are very few 'old' red wines that do not have sediment.

There is a common myth that the higher the quality of red wine the longer the time the wine needs to breathe upon drawing the cork to consumption. This is not true. The length of time required for the wine breathing is dictated by the amount of tannins in the wine and how *young* the wine is. Very young wines and wines with high tannins such as Cabernet Sauvignon need at least an hour before consumption, whereas a low tannin wine such as a Pinot Noir needs very little time. Equally, very old wines (8+ years) can be enjoyed straight away with only the time in the glass needed to breathe.

There are two options when purchasing our fine wines to enjoy the wine as it should be enjoyed. The first is to pour straight from the bottle, leaving sediment in the glass upon finishing the drink. Most people are happy to drink their wine like this. The second option is to decant your wine making it less likely for the sediment to reach your glass but decreasing the amount of time you have to drink the wine as too much oxidation has an adverse effect on older wines. Request how you would like to enjoy your wine when ordering with the serving staff.

Finally, please do not be surprised if the label on your bottle is looking a little worn - most of these wines are over thirty years old.

Barolo

Barolo is an Italian wine, claiming the title "Wine of kings, and king of wines". This wine is produced in the Cuneo province, south-west of Alba, within the region of Piemonte. The Barolo zone extends into the communes of Barolo, Castiglione Falletto and Serralunga d'Alba. Only vineyards planted in primarily calcareous-clay soils in the hills with suitable slopes and orientations are considered suitable for Barolo production. Barolo is made from 100% Nebbiolo and usually has the aromas of tar and roses. Barolos are noted for this ability to age and usually take on an orange tinge as they get older. When subjected to ageing of at least five years, the wine can be labelled a Riserva.

Marchesi di Barolo Cannubi - 1982 ABV 14% Price £170

A very youthful, but deep and profound nose of dried cherries, plums, licorice, coffee, tobacco, truffles, woodsmoke, saddle leather, roses, minerals, and a touch of toasty oak. Huge, tightly-knit, and impeccably-balanced on the palate, with wave after wave of super-ripe fruit, great focus. This is as good as Nebbiolo gets!

Vietti Barolo - 1985 ABV 14% Price £200

Nebbiolo is a fickle grape famed as much for its pale appearance as for its tannic character. Generally only medium-bodied, the wine possesses rose and anise scented aromatics and deep flavours of cherry, orange peel and subtle green herb tones.

Vietti Barbaresco - 1983 ABV 13.5% Price £120

Barbaresco is a wine that shares much with its very close neighbour Barolo. The slightly warmer climate of Barbaresco, and resulting earlier harvest, makes these wines a touch lighter and less complex, if more elegant and earlier maturing. Profound, deep and multi-facet nose. Ripe sweet prunes, thick chocolate, tobacco and earthy tones - all combine to give a harmonious bouquet.

Vino Nobile Di Montepulciano

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is a red wine with DOC status produced in the vineyards surrounding the town of Montepulciano, Italy. The wine is made primarily from the Sangiovese grape varietal, blended with Canaiolo Nero and small amounts of other local varieties such as Mammolo. The wine is aged in oak barrels for 2 years; three years if it is a riserva.

Podere Boscarelli - 1985 ABV 13.5% Price £70

The bouquet is rich, with savoury leathery accents mingled with some sea salt and some wood smoke. On the palate it's full, with rich cherry fruit supported by bright berry fruit acidity and smooth sweet tannins that flow into a warm fresh berry fruit finish.

Amarone

Amarone della Valpolicella, usually known as Amarone, is a typically rich Italian dry red wine made from the partially dried grapes of the Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara varieties. Today unanimously considered to be the most prestigious wine from the Verona area and one of the most important Italian reds, appreciated by the most exacting consumers all over the world, grew out of the evolution of Recioto, one of the oldest wines in the history of wine-making in the area.

Villa Girardi Recioto Amarone - 1983 ABV 14% Price £160

Starts with a hint of spices. Afterwards there is sour cherries, figs and also darker tones of soy, liquorice and black tea. The mouth is sweet but still with a gripping acidity. It has an aromatic sweetness to it and a very nice backbone.

Ca de Rocchi Recioto Amarone - 1982 ABV 14% Price £170

Rich and weighty on both the nose and the palate, this is a wine sturdy enough to withstand a range of brazen foods. Dark black fruits are the main players with this wine, with some liquorice and morello cherries to finish. Long lasting and divine.

Brunello Di Montalcino

Brunello di Montalcino is a red Italian wine produced in the vineyards surrounding the town of Montalcino located about 70 miles southwest of Florence in the Tuscany wine region. Brunello, roughly translated as "nice dark one" in the local dialect, is the unofficial name of the clone of Sangiovese grown in the Montalcino region. In 1980, the Brunello di Montalcino was awarded the first *Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita* (DOCG) designation and today is one of Italy's best-known and most expensive wines.

Campogiovanni Brunello - 1983 ABV 12.5% Price £210

Lifted, opulent aromas - berries, chocolate. Lovely, rich, robust. Delicious acidity and balance, will age well - truly superb.