

Dessert Wine

Bin	Country	Price
6010 Chateau De Levant (2011), France		29

Chateau de Levant is the second wine of Chateau Liot, an excellent Barsac property located very close to Chateau Climens. The property has 21ha of vines with a heavy bias towards Semillon and smaller proportions of Muscadelle and Sauvignon Blanc. Made from the estate's younger vines, the Chateau de Levant bottling is completely unoaked producing a very fresh, pure expression of Sauternes with the emphasis firmly on the fruit. Open fruity nose with botrytis and apricot notes twinned with honey flavours. Well balanced in the palate without being overwhelmed by richness. The length is characterised by a fruity and vanilla finish.

6020 Riversaltes Ambre, Languedoc Rousillon, France	36
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A nose of honey and hazelnuts is evident in this wine. Beautifully balanced palate bursting with candied fruit and brioche flavours. Hand harvested, the rare Greanache Gris grapes are vinified with their skins. 60% of the juice is aged in 30 year old barrels under the "solera" system. 35% of the juice stays in concrete tank, away from natural air. The remaining 5% is aged outside in demi-john glass bottles, giving the golden oxidised colour.

6030 Fattoria di Basciano Vinsanto del Chianti Rufina, Italy	40
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This is a sweet dessert wine from one of the best Chianti producers in Tuscany. The Malvasia and Trebbiano grapes used to make this wine are dried after being picked to concentrate the flavour. The resulting wine has intense, sweet flavours and aromas, in particular of oranges, dried fruits and caramel.

6040 Recioto di Soave Suavia, Italy	65
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This elegant wine has aromas and flavours of apricot, pineapple and grapefruit, together with notes of honey and sweet almond. An excellent long finish. The Gargenega Blanca grapes are fermented in barriques with using native yeast strains. The wine is then matured in oak barrels for 24 months in contact with the lees, with no racking and with repeated batonnage. It is then aged for a further 12 months in stainless steel tanks before bottling.

6050 Alvear Pedro Ximenez Solera 1927, Spain	39
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This sweet wine looks and tastes like a sweet sherry. It has aromas and flavours of prunes and chocolate. It's sumptuous and rich, with concentrated fruit flavours on the seemingly unending finish. Warmer and more inland than Jerez, Montilla is Pedro Ximenez country and the grape is used for both dry and sweet wines. The latter are the most famous; thick, sticky, black-as-soot wines that coat your lips. Alvear's Solera 1927 tastes like all your Christmases have arrived at once.

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6090 Henriques & Henriques 5y.o. Full Rich, Portugal		39

Henriques & Henriques are Madeiran through and through. It was on land owned by the Henriques family that the first vines were planted in the 15th Century. Their mastery of the noble Madeiran grape varieties is unique in terms of the depth and complexity of all their wines. A heady palate of caramel, dried fruit and nuts. Plus prominent orange and grapefruit characteristics alongside superb minerality.

6100 Royal Tokaji Blue Label 5 Puttonyos, Hungary	65
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Pungent, Seville oranges almost blood oranges, fresh, bright and open palate, excellent acid/fruit balance, blue cheese ideal combination. Very long leaving the palate clean.

6110 Royal Tokaji St Tamas 6 Puttonyos, Hungary	140
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Founded in Hungary in 1990, the Royal Tokaji Wine Company has become one of the most defining wineries in Hungary. From the outset, Royal Tokaji decided to concentrate on producing single-vineyard wines, made from the first-growth vineyards of Mezes Maly, Nyulaszo, Szt Tamas and Betsek.

6140 Maury, France	30
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This is a deliciously sweet red wine. It is full-bodied and rich with intense flavours and aromas of dried red fruits, chocolate and coffee. The Grenache grapes are harvested manually and then sorted again at the winery. This is followed by a cold pre-fermentation maceration. After fermentation, the wine matures in oak barrels for a short period. The wine is bottled early to preserve the fruit flavours.

6150 Rietvallei Estate Red Muscadelle, South Africa	38
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This Rietvallei estate is internationally acclaimed for making one of the finest fortified Red Muscadelles in South Africa. Many of the bush vines are over 80 years old and yield tiny but intensely flavoured berries that create a superb fragrant dessert wine. The bouquet is enticing with a perfumed Muscat aroma, which follows on the palate with complex raisiny sweetness and rose petal fragrance.

6160 Noble Late Harvest Chenin Blanc, South Africa	35
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Bright, golden hues invite you to a nose of citrus honey, dried apricots and pineapple, delicately layered with hints of orange blossom. The oily, creamy mouth feel reflects ripe, tropical fruit and buttered toast flavours, with a lovely balance between sweetness and crisp citrus acidity, following through to a rich, lingering finish.

All Dessert Wines are Available in 75ml Measures