

TO BEGIN

Stappj Bitters (non alcoholic), Italy	6
Fever Tree, Ginger Beer (non alcoholic), UK	7
Jean Boyer Domaine des Restanques Pastis , France	45ml 9
Campari , Milan, Italy	45ml 8
Aperol , Italy	45ml 8
Pennyweight 'Constance', Apera , Beechworth	90ml 8
Romate NPU Amontillado , Jerez, Spain	90ml 10
La Goya Manzanilla Half Bottle, Jerez, Spain	375ml 32
Renier Pineau des Charentes , France	45ml 9

Pineau des Charentes is made by adding fresh grape juice to cognac. It is light and fruity and the most delicious way to start a meal... or finish a big day at work...you get the idea

COMMONER COCKTAILS

Vimto and Soda (non alcoholic)	7
<i>With fresh Orange, Mint and Soda</i>	
Not Only Negroni	12
<i>Served with wood grilled and macerated orange</i>	
Mr Tom Collins	13
<i>London Dry Gin, lemon juice, sugar, and soda water</i>	
Top Hat and Tails, Old Etonian	14
<i>London Dry Gin, Lillet Blanc, orange bitters and Amaretto</i>	
Super Royale	16
<i>Sparkling Wine, Brandy, Massenez Crème de Mûre</i>	
Bloody Mary	12
<i>With homemade Celery Salt and horseradish</i>	
Mendoza Bulldozer	14
<i>Pedro Ximenez Sherry & Cardinal Mendoza Brandy</i>	
Old School Mojito	18
<i>Flor de Caña Rum, sugar, mint and soda</i>	
Classic Martini	18
<i>Bombay Sapphire Gin, Martini Bianco and an Olive</i>	
Grey Goose Gibson	19
<i>Grey Goose Vodka, Martini Bianco, and a Pickled Onion</i>	
Moscow Mule	18
<i>Vodka, Fever Tree Ginger Beer, Lime, Mint</i>	

BEER /CIDER *All our beers are brewed in country of origin*

Moritz Zero alcohol free, Spain	6
Cascade Premium Light , Tasmania	6
Cricketers Arms , Victoria	8
Coopers Pale Ale , Adelaide, SA	8
Boags Premium , Tasmania	8
Na Biretta Roman Amber Ale , Italy	11
Samuel Smith Organic Best Ale , Yorkshire, UK	15
Alhumbra 1925 , Spain	9
Nastro Azzuro Peroni , Italy	9
Bridge Road Brewery Robust Porter , Beechworth	9
Bulmers Pear "Cider" , Ireland	500ml 11
Napoleon & Co Apple Cider , Yarra Valley, Vic	8

WINES BY THE GLASS

In addition to the standard 150ml glass pour, here at The Commoner, we are also more than happy to offer you all of the wines by the glass as a half glass too.

With Bubbles

- NV **Amie**, Macedon, Victoria **12** 55
Fuller more developed, with yellow apple and quince notes
- 2008 **Raventos i Blanc Cava**, Catalunya, Spain **11** 50
This is made with grapes that go by the name of Parellada, Macabeo and Xarel-lo. I like to not think about having to pronounce them. The Cava wines of Spain are made in the Method Traditionelle, the same method as Champagne, however the result is richer, fuller and spicier. Great to begin with, but they also work well throughout an entire meal.

White

- 2010 **Julicher Sauvignon Blanc**, Martinborough, New Zealand **9.5** 45
- 2010 **Allram 'Hasel' Gruner Veltliner**, Kamptal, Austria **12** 58
- 2009 **Chateau Jolys Jurancon Sec**, South West, France **11.5** 57
The South West is basically the bottom left hand corner of France. Although South West France is not the most well known region, it produces interesting and delicious wines from grapes we rarely see, with names like Petit Courbu, Gros Manseng and Arrufiac. This is fresh and bright, think Riesling or Sauvignon Blanc with far less fruit salad. A perfect Spring wine.
- 2010 **Millton 'Crazy by Nature' Chardonnay**, Gisborne, NZ **10** 46
The name may give away the fact that this is biodynamic. Fear not, it's terrific and you don't need to drink it on the event of a full moon. It is full but not sweet, it is spicy but not oaky, it is our kind of summer chardonnay.

Red

- 2007 **Torbreck 'The Steading' GSM** Barossa Valley, Sth Aust **14** 65
Made by a man who was a lumberjack, Torbreck, named after the Scottish forest, make incredibly rich, yet elegant wines from the Barossa. This grenache shiraz mourvedre is a nod to the wines of the southern Rhone, yet delivers more sweet fruit and intensity than those from France. Torbreck is an icon winery and this is a fantastic wine.
- 2009 **Crittenden Los Hermanos Tempranillo** Pattersons Lakes, Victoria **10** 46
This is a stunning example of Joven (young) Tempranillo. It goes into old oak barrels which don't offer that oak flavour but help soften the wine. It has bright fruit and terrific structure. Great with something from the wood oven.
- 2008 **Devils Rock Pinot Noir**, Central Otago, New Zealand **12** 55
The Devils Rock follows in the long line of full spicy and generous pinot. It offers lots of ripe black fruits and partners well with a range of foods.
- 2009 **Wild Duck Creek Yellow Hammer Hill Shiraz Malbec**, Heathcote **11** 48
This is an unusual blend of grapes, but the Malbec offers a wonderfully aromatic quality and lift to this generous style of shiraz.

Wine made with White grapes...mainly

SPARKLING

NV	Bress Bon-Bon Cider <i>off dry</i> , Harcourt, Vic		38
	<i>Made from apples, not grapes, this off dry cider is made with real cider apples and has a flavour and depth you don't often see in Australian cider. A touch of sweetness, but don't be scared of that. This is as delicious on its own as it is with a piece of pork!</i>		
2008	Raventos i Blanc Cava , Catalunya, Spain		50
NV	Amie , Macedon, Vic		55
	<i>Fuller more developed, with yellow apple and quince notes</i>		
2003	Jansz Late Disgorged , Pipers River, Tas		75
	<i>Late disgorging means the wine has had extended time on lees, and disgorged (taken off the lees) later than the standard wine. The extended lees ageing imparts the nutty, toasty bready flavours. The winemaker refers to them as notes of 'silage'. This is as good as Australian sparkling gets. Long fine, textured delicious.</i>		
NV	Charles Joubert Special Reserve , Champagne, France		95
NV	De Sousa et Fils Champagne Avize, France		120

STILL

HALF BOTTLES

NV	La Goya Manzanilla Sherry , Jerez, Spain	375ml	32
2005	Craiglee Chardonnay , Sunbury, Vic	375ml	33
2007	William Fevre Chablis , France	375ml	43
2010	Clos Clare Riesling Watervale, South Australia	375ml	35
	<i>The Clos Clare vineyard is a small corner of the famous Florita vineyard, now owned by Jim Barry wines. The Clos Clare project is made by the Barry's sons. It is classic Clare Riesling, vibrant, intense and refreshing.</i>		

FULL BOTTLES

New World Whites

The New World refers to rule breaking cowboys from Australia, New Zealand, Chile, USA et al. They may have historic wine regions but they are just youngsters when it comes to European vineyards. For instance prior to 1967 Margaret River in WA did not have a winery. We've come a long way in a short time.

2011	Pizzini Arneis , King Valley, Vic		39
2010	Bress La Gallina Sauvignon Blanc Viognier et al , Victoria		47
2010	Chalmers Vermentino , Mildura Vic		45
2010	Julicher Sauvignon Blanc , Martinborough, New Zealand		45
2009	Lubiana Alfresco Riesling , Granton, Tas		48
	<i>This is an interpretation of Moscato d'Asti, so the wine has some residual sugar and a little spritz. It is not as sweet as Moscato d'Asti and the intensity of rieslings acidity make it a terrific and lively bottle of wine.</i>		
2010	Pewsey Vale Riesling , Eden Valley, SA		42
2010	Millton Crazy by Nature Chardonnay , Gisborne, NZ		46
2008	By Farr Chardonnay , Geelong, Vic		88

more white wine on the next page...

Old World Whites and a pink one too

The Old World is Europe, making wine for thousands of years and the benchmark for much of the wine we see in Australia. Interestingly, South Africa, although it has a wine making heritage dating back to the 1600's, it not considered Old World. Basically, if there is a chance a Roman walked there, it is the Old World, France, Italy, England, Spain etc.

- 2010 **Muga Rosado** (Pink), Rioja, Spain 52
One of Spain's great houses, and the Muga Rosado is the wine for our summer. It has gorgeous fruit, not sweet and cloying, but full, spicy and refreshing. It works with some many foods and is hard to go past.
- 2009 **Brumont, Gros Manseng-Sauvignon**, Gascony, France 47
- 2009 **Cantina Pra Soave**, Veneto, Italy 52
- 2009 **Dom. L'Ancienne Cure L'abbaye Bergerac Sec**, France 55
A lesser known neighbour of Bordeaux, the white wines of Bergerac are made from Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle. They are dry and mineral, with savoury fruit and spice. These wines offer lovely texture and freshness and are totally intriguing.
- 2008 **Pierre Spar Alsace One** Pinot Gris blend, Alsace France 58
Aromatic, spicy, complex and full mouth feel. Fantastic with a range of foods.
- 2009 **Chateau Jolys Jurancon Sec**, South West, France 57
- 2010 **Allram Hasel Gruner Veltliner**, Kamptal, Austria 58
I find it hard not to say Gruner Veltliner without an Arnold Schwarzenegger accent, but that is unfair to the Austrians who have made this grape their own. The classic tasting note of Gruner involves white pepper and celery, but this delivers much more than that. Finesse, power, fruit, length. This may, in fact, have it all.
- 2010 **Dom Landron Amphibolite Muscadet**, Loire Valley, France 50
I think this is the best Muscadet I have ever had. This appellation is often discounted as making simple lifeless wine, but the Amphibolite is anything but that. It is lean and stoney, with subtle citrus and green apple. Perfect with things that swim or come from the ocean.
- 2009 **Bernard Defaix Petit Chablis**, France 62
- 2009 **Mader Riesling**, Alsace, France 60
- 2007 **Le Soula, Marsanne Vermentino blend Cotes de Catalan**, France 70
- 2007 **Tifenbrunner Feldmarschall Muller Thurgau**, Alto Adige, Italy 75
- 2009 **Francois Chidaine Les Argiles Vouvray**, Loire Valley, France 80
- 2008 **Domaine des Malandes Montmains Chablis Premier Cru**, France 90
A full Chablis, with classic lines of acid and chalk. A powerful and understated wine, with wonderful grace. It's all chardonnay, but not as you know it.

Wine made with Red grapes

HALF BOTTLE

2007 **Isole e Olena Chianti Classico**, Italy 375ml 40

FULL BOTTLES

New World

2007 **Geoff Merrill Cabernet Sauvignon**, McLaren Vale/Coonawarra 39

2010 **Maxwell Silver Hammer Shiraz**, McLaren Vale, SA 42

2009 **Crittenden Los Hermanos Tempranillo** Pattersons Lakes, Victoria 46

2010 **Bress La Gallina Tempranillo Syrah Garnacha**, Victoria 47

2009 **Wild Duck Creek Shiraz Malbec**, Heathcote, Vic 48

2010 **Rowsley Fault Graciano Mataro Sangiovese**, Geelong, Vic 55

Beautiful red and black fruits with a wonderful note of pepper. Medium weight, simply delicious.

2008 **Devils Rock Pinot Noir**, Central Otago, New Zealand 55

2009 **Pennyweight Shiraz**, Beechworth, Victoria 62

Beautiful spicy Victorian shiraz, with pepper and graphite and terrific texture.

2010 **Sorrenberg Gamay**, Beechworth, Victoria 59

2007 **Torbreck The Steading GSM** Barossa Valley, SA 65

2009 **Clos du Val Zinfandel**, Napa Valley, USA 70

2008 **Gembrook Hill Estate Pinot Noir**, Yarra Valley, Vic 80

2006 **Jim Barry McRae Wood Shiraz**, Clare Valley, SA 72

2008 **Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir**, Central Otago, NZ 95

One of the most wonderful point noir expressions I've seen from Otago. This wine is incredibly complex and earthy, with savoury mouth watering fruit.

2009 **Jasper Hill- Chapoutier La Pleiade Shiraz**, Heathcote, Vic 100

2008 **Giaconda Estate Shiraz**, Beechworth, Vic 165

Old World

2009 **Maitre Renard Bourgogne Rouge**, Burgundy, France 55

Lovely bright red fruit and a firm texture.

2009 **Vallado Duoro Tinto**, Duoro, Portugal 59

2009 **Pittnauer Dorflagen St Laurent**, Burgenland Austria 60

2009 **Albino Rocca Rosso di Rocca Nebbiolo Blend**, Barbaresco, Italy 64

2004 **Chateau La Gravelle Philao** Bordeaux, France 62

Despite being French, there is something heartily British about a good bottle of Claret. This is showing beautifully with a few years age behind it, just a good Bordeaux Rouge should.

2009 **DJP Petalos Mencia**, Bierzo, Spain 77

This is made from the Mencia grape, and delivers a wine somewhere in-between a full burgundy and a spicy rhone syrah. Wonderful aromatics and texture, this wine delivers so much pleasure.

VDP **Marcel Richaud l'Ebrescade** Rhone Red, Rhone Valley France 95

2007 **Massolino Barolo**, Piedmont, Italy 110

Barolo wines are made from the Nebbiolo grape, famous for its high acid and tannin which make it one of the most loved lived dry wines of the world. It is pretty and at the same time savoury with incredible length and complexity. A beautiful expression of Barolo.

2008 **Harmand Geoffroy Gevrey Chambertin**, Burgundy, France 120

2008 **Alvaro Palacios Camins del Priorat** MAGNUM 1500ml 160

PUDDING WINE

08 Disnoko Late Harvest Furmint , Tokaji, Hungary	500ml		58
09 Escarpement Hinemoa Botrytis Riesling , Martinborough, NZ	60ml	10	50
NV Pennyweight Gold , Beechworth, Vic	60ml	9	42

FORTIFIED WINE

All Saints Rutherglen Tokay , Rutherglen, Vic	60ml	7	40
Valdespino Pedro Ximenez , Jerez, Spain	60ml	8	90
Henriques & Henriques 10 yr old Malmsey , Madeira, Portugal	60ml	10	
Quinta do Noval 10 year old Tawny Port , Pinhao, Portugal	60ml	13	

HIGH SPIRITS

Bombay Sapphire Gin , England		10	
50 Pound Gin , England		12	
Grey Goose Vodka , France		13	
Nonino Grappa Moscato , Italy		12	
Compass Box 'Asyla' Blended Whisky , Scotland		9	
<i>Light and delicate</i>			
Oban, Highland Malt Whisky , Scotland		10	
Laphroaig, 10 yr, Islay Whisky , Scotland		10	
<i>Very peaty</i>			
Flor de Caña 4yr Extra Dry White Rum , Nicaragua		12	
Pusser's British Navy Rum , British Virgin Islands		10	
<i>E.D & Man were the official blenders of the British Navy's rum for over 190 years. When the Royal Navy finally ended the rum allowance for sailors on 31 July 1970, now known as Black Tot Day, a tradition ended. Pusser's, some 10 years later, with the advice and experience of the venerable E.D & F Man recreated the blend the Navy used. It was made for the nostalgic and the thirsty.</i>			
Appleton Estate 12yr Rum , Jamaica		12	
Ron Zacapa 23 Rum , Guatemala		14	
<i>This is unlike any Rum you have probably ever had in your life</i>			
1800 Anejo Tequila , Mexico		12	
Patron XO Cafe Tequila (coffee flavoured tequila), Mexico		12	
Frapin V.S.O.P Cognac , France		10	
Romate 'Cardinal Mendoza' Brandy , Spain		11	
85 Delord Bas-Armagnac , France		12	
97 Victor Gontier Calvados Domfrontais (30% pear) , Normandy, France		10	
Boulard Calvados Pays D'Auge , Normandy, France		10	
Lairds Apple Brandy 100 proof , New Jersey, USA		12	
<i>This is like top shelf bourbon meets calvados</i>			

LIQUEUR/DIGESTIVE

With the exception of the St Germain, which is a glass of delightful lychee and elderberry goodness, the following digestives are defined by their bitterness contrasted against sweetness. They offer notes of dried orange peel and cinnamon, through to intense mint and quinine. Perfect to satiate a full belly. PS the Cointreau tastes of orange.

St Germain Elderflower , France	9
Cointreau , France	9
Averna , Italy	10
Amaro Nonino , Italy “the most beautiful”	10
Amaro Montenegro , Italy	10
Fernet Branca , Italy “this one goes to eleven”	10

POP THE KETTLE ON

Hot Chocolate	5
Enid Blyton	16
<i>Hot Chocolate with Brandy</i>	
Coffee Selection , as you like it	4
<i>Ground Bean and Drunk Fair trade</i>	
The Commoner Gaucho	
<i>Coffee and Patron XO Cafe</i>	16
Tea offerings	5
Orange Pekoe-Chamomile-Peppermint-English Breakfast-Earl Grey-Chai-Japanese Green-Fresh Lemon and Mint	