

With another cold summer at an end and a continuing cool breeze blowing through Britain's economy it feels appropriate for us to suggest warming yourselves with the aid of some superior wines from O&B. One could argue that if raising the ambient temperature was O&B's main focus then a specialism in merino wool under-garments or cavity insulation would have been a better bet. Yet whilst these may have made more commercial sense than running a regional wine merchants it would have surely been less fun.

We have assembled seven cases that should provide you with, at the very least, some succour to keep memories of balmy days alive. The first selection hails from **Bordeaux** a classic area that has provided us with some fine yet accessible wine. We then visit **South West France**, the **Best of Spain**, a collection of **Customer Favourites** before focusing on some of our **Classic Everyday** drinking choices. Tchín Tchín.



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## O&B's Bordeaux

### 4x Petit Toumilon 2009

Château Toumilon, Graves

A truly superior selection of Bordeaux which demonstrates with great liquid lucidity why this region is so highly regarded.

### 4x Toumilon Blanc 2009

Château Toumilon, Graves

Petit Toumilon is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and exhibits some of the minerality, elegance and fresh fruit for which the Graves region is justly famous.

### 2x Martinat Rouge 2008

Château Martinat, Cotes de Bourg

Toumilon's white is a perfect example of Graves' great gift to the world, namely the blend of Sauvignon and Semillon. My white wine of choice at the moment.

### 2x St. Emilion Grand Cru 2007

Château Arnaud de Jacquemeau

Stephane Donze at Château Martinat crafts wines of great poise that are always received well by the press and wine guides alike.

2007 is probably the least successful vintage across Bordeaux in the last five but at the right Château, such as Jacquemeau, has produced wines that are delicious, relatively inexpensive and most importantly, are drinking beautifully now.

**£145.60**

**Less than £12.14 a bottle**

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## O&B's South West France

£99.30

### 4x Millet Blanc 2010

Domaine Millet, Cotes de Gascogne

### 4x Millet Rosé 2010

Domaine Millet, Cotes de Gascogne

### 2x Cèdre Héritage 2009

Château du Cèdre, Cahors

### 2x 'Lo Sang del Pais' 2010

Domaine du Cros, Marcillac

Historically the wines of South West France, particularly the reds, have tended to leave me a little cold as they too often end up tasting like inferior Bordeaux with no real typicality. The obvious exception to this are the wines of Cahors. Malbec is king here and although this varietal maybe better known now as the source of Argentina's best wines, its is here that the grape's elegance, aroma and power are at their most alluring.

Marcillac is the other red wine producing area which can really shine, often with grape varieties rarely seen elsewhere. Mansois is the grape used in 'Lo Sang del Pais' a vibrant, fresh and red-fruited wine.

The white and rosé from Millet are benchmark examples from Gascony which have the distinctive perfume of Colombard and Ugni Blanc in the white and the wonderful fruitiness of Egiodola in the rosé. Delicious.

**Less than £8.28 a bottle**

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## O&B's Best of Spain

£117.88

### 2x Monastrell 2009

Bodegas Castano, Yecla

### 2x Vina Migarron Blanco 2009

Bodegas Bernado Alvarez, Bierzo

### 2x Rioja Crianza 2008

Beronia, Rioja Alta,

### 2x 'Legado del Conde' Albarino 2010

Adegas Morgadio, Rias Baixas

### 2x Abadia de Gomariz 2007

Coto de Gomariz, Ribeiro

### 2x Terra Minei Treixadura 2010

Adegas Fernandez, Ribeiro

Spain produces myriad examples of good wine and in this selection I've included wines from across the country but with particular emphasis on the North.

Albariño is Galicia's best known varietal and for good reason. This peach and rock-pool scented delight is ideal with any grilled fish or squid. The Treixadura is my current favourite Spanish white because it oozes elegance and minerality and demonstrates the inherent quality achievable from this little known Iberian.

Sousón is the dominant variety in the wine from Gomariz and produces a red bursting with summer fruit and freshness.

The Migarron is full of lime and grapefruit and Beronia's Rioja is a modern example with fine fruit supported by sweet oak that never overpowers.

Lastly we have the Monastrell from Yecla. This red is rich and generous, perfect with an autumnal stew.

**Less than £9.83 a bottle**

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## O&B's Customer Favourites

£109.20

### 3x Picpoul de Pinet 2010

Mas Saint Laurent, Languedoc

### 3x Sauvignon Blanc 2010

Domaine la Colombette, Languedoc

### 3x 'Cuvée Spéciale' 2008

Château du Grand Caumont, Corbières

### 3x 'Sinfarosa' Zinfandel 2007

Racemi, Primitivo di Manduria

These four wines have been the most popular choices over the last three months with our retail customers. The first three wines are no surprise at all as they represent some of the longest serving wines on the list and thus hail from the Languedoc, O&B's spiritual home.

Mas Saint Laurent's Picpoul is still the best in existence in our humble opinion with weight and verve which means it can accompany many different foods. Colombette's wines are always popular as they are so pure and Grand Caumont's Corbières is sweet fruited and again almost elegant, a million miles away from the overly rustic examples that flocked to our shores in the 70's and 80's.

The Zinfandel is the odd one out being a little more expensive and from southern Italy as opposed to southern France. However I cannot deny the obvious taste of our customers (I do recommend this wine a lot it has to be said) as this acclaimed wine is breathtakingly good. Rich and powerful yet fresh and beautifully balanced.

**Just £9.10 a bottle**

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## Classic Everyday Red Case

£82.20

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### 2x Mas des Lauriers Rouge 2010

Domaine Lalaurie, Coteaux de Narbonne

### 2x Montrose Rouge 2010

Domaine Montrose, IGP Pays d'Oc

### 2x Mougins Rouge 2007

Domaine du Mougins, VdP de l'Aude

### 2x Albizu Tempranillo 2010

Vina Albergada, Spain

### 2x Lalaurie Merlot 2009

Domaine Lalaurie, IGP Pays d'Oc

### 2x Madregale Rosso 2010

Cantina di Tollo, IGT Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo

**The Classic Reds** include: The delicious Mas des Lauriers Rouge; a lively and overtly fruity Merlot dominated wine from Montrose; a mature Grenache/Syrah blend from Mougins; Lalaurie's soft and supple Merlot; a dark fruited Tempranillo from Spain and some deliciously vibrant Montepulciano/sangiovese from Madregale in Abruzzo.

**Only £6.85 a bottle**



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## Classic Everyday White Case

£84.80

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### 2x Mas des Lauriers Blanc 2010

Domaine Lalaurie, Coteaux de Narbonne

### 2x Madregale Bianco 2010

Cantina di Tollo, IGT Terre di Chieti, Abruzzo

### 2x Pinot Grigio 2010

Cantina Plozner, Friuli-Grave, Italy

### 2x Vinho Verde 2010

Adega de Moncao, Vinho Verde, Portugal

### 2x La Borie Marsanne 2009

Mas Saint Laurent, Languedoc

### 2x Millet Blanc 2010

Domaine Millet, Cotes de Gascogne

**The Classic Whites** include: the Mas des Lauriers Sauvignon Blanc; a crisp yet fruity Chardonnay from Madregale; a vivacious Pinot Grigio from Friuli-Grave; a benchmark Vinho Verde with a little prickle of fizz on the palate; Roland Tarroux's delicious Marsanne and the gold medal winning white from Millet.

**Less than £7.07 a bottle**

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## Classic Everyday Mixed Case

£83.50

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### 1x Mas des Lauriers Blanc

### 1x Madregale Bianco

### 1x Pinot Grigio

### 1x Vinho Verde

### 1x Marsanne

### 1x Greco

### 1x Mas des Lauriers Rouge

### 1x Albizu

### 1x Montrose Rouge

### 1x Mougins Rouge

### 1x Madregale Rosso

### 1x Merlot

Our final **Classic Case** is an assemblage of the previous two featuring one bottle from each of the Classic Red and Classic White.

**Less than £6.96 a bottle**



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