

Knockranny House Hotel – Wine List

Welcome to Knockranny House Hotel's Wine list. It is divided into two distinct sections as follows:

- **Main List:** from some of the world's most famous producers, to the less well known and fiercely independent ones, these wines have been chosen to offer a diverse range of options to complement our food. All offer exceptional quality.
- **Cellar List:** our Cellar List includes some of the world's most iconic and rarest wines from around the world. In order to give as many of our guests as possible the opportunity to try them, we have applied a reduced corkage fee to each of them.

The majority of our wines have been selected as they are either entering or are in their "drinking window", although we are very much aware that everyone has their preferences and we have a number of younger vintages for you to choose from as well. Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like to have your wine decanted in advance of dinner.

We have included general vintage notes as background information to many of the sections, but have opted not to decorate the list with reviewers' scores or notes because we firmly believe that the wines speak for themselves. We have a number of reference books if you would like additional background information on any of the wines listed here. All of the wines listed have been chosen as they are, in our opinion, great wines. The absence of a particular comment or reference does not imply a wine is any less great than one with a comment.

We are continually updating and extending this list and we welcome any thoughts or comments you may have in relation to it.

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Half bottle - White

Domaine Grauzan Sauvignon Blanc 2017 ½ bottle €15.00

Vibrant, crisp and fresh with well defined zesty gooseberry and tropical fruits. An impressive clean citrus finish. "Best House White in Ireland" - Tom Doorley

Roland Tissier Sancerre Tradition 2017 ½ bottle €21.25

Wonderful mineral edge to balance the delicious fresh, crisp green tropical fruits. Lively and very classy Sauvignon.

Half Bottle - Red

Domaine Grauzan Merlot 2017 ½ bottle €15.00

Soft, rich plummy fruits with some smoky spices. Well integrated, smooth tannins with a nice balance and good length.

Poggerissi Rosso 2017 ½ bottle €14.75

Rich dark cherry nose, soft black fruits with a smokey touch and supple, easy drinking style. Sangiovese and Merlot. Outstanding. Multiple "Wine of the Week" in the Irish Times.

Lucien Lardy Fleurie 2015 ½ bottle €20.50

Forward and youthful with ripe elegant fruits and a classic mineral finish.

These wines have been selected to provide drinking pleasure from quality producers around the world at affordable prices:

EUROPEAN WHITE WINES

FRANCE

Bordeaux

BIN 25 Chateau les Miaudoux Bergerac Sec (Organic) 2016 €28.00

Crisp, fresh and unoaked. A lovely fruity, juicy and mineral blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc – like biting into a juicy, chilled Granny Smith apple!

Burgundy

BIN 32 Saumaize St. Veran "En Creches" 2015 €32.00

Gorgeous nose of cool, clean refreshing aromas. The palate is even more appealing: crisp, but with concise ripe flavours of apple, lemon and lime with a nervy acidity and lively finish. Great Burgundian Chardonnay. "White Wines of the Year" Jancis Robinson, Financial Times

BIN 29 Domaine Pascal Henry Chablis 2016 €40.50

Lovely, classic Chablis nose of lemon, lime and oystershell - the flavours begin with lemony fruit, then progress into hints of honey, chamomile and tangerine on the complex finish.

BIN 30 Domaine Bernard Defaix Chablis 1er Cru Cote de Lechet 2014 €52.50

An underlying note of minerality from its Chablis terroir: good overall balance and classic bone dry finish.

Loire Valley

BIN 42 Domaine Roland Tissier Sancerre 2016 €42.50

Aromas of white blossom and fresh fruit, this wine is supple and fresh on the palate, characterised by the minerality of the soil and its lovely floral notes.

Rhone

Bin 2 Simone Joseph Chardonnay, France 2016 €32.50

Unoaked Chardonnay, Fresh and dry. Medium bodied with white fruits of peaches. Lovely mineral texture. Easy to drink

Languedoc

BIN 44 Domaine des Lauriers Picpoul de Pinet 2016 €29.00

Imagine Sauvignon Blanc with a twist. This is one of France's oldest grape varieties enjoying a huge revival and a wonderful match for seafood. "A vibrant dry white with zingy citrus fruit displaying both grapefruit and lemon with attractive floral scents."

Bin 1 Domaine Grauzan Sauvignon Blanc, France 2016 €29.00

Vibrant, crisp and fresh with well defined zesty gooseberry and tropical fruits. An impressive clean citrus finish. "Best House White in Ireland" - Tom Doorley. Lively nose of grapefruit and fresh green fruits. The palate delivers a refreshing minerality with crispy, intense fruit.

AUSTRIA

Bin 20 Gerard Waltner Gruner Veltliner "Steinberz" 2016 €30.50

Crisp pear and a hint of exotic fruit on the nose, with a lovely vibrant palate and a hint of spices on the finish. Recommended.

Spain

Rias Biexas

BIN 70 Burgans Albariño 2016 €34.00

Ripe apple, apricot and peach aromas. On the palate it is rich, mellow and well-balanced, with juicy fruit flavours, clean acidity and a long minerally finish.

SLOVENIA

Stajerska

BIN 99 Roka Laski Riesling 2016 €31.00

Lemon-green tinted. A cloud of white blossom on the nose - linden-scented, full and almost waxy peachiness, green-tea-dusted and an edge of marzipan. Vibrating, charming, delicious.

BIN 100 Verus Pinot Gris 2016 €34.00

Pinot Grigio, but so much more! Wonderful fresh exotic nose with melons, grapefruit and ginger; the palate is medium bodied and intense with superb quality of fruit balanced by excellent acidity. "White Wines of the Year", Irish Times and Financial Times

REST OF THE WORLD WHITE WINES

AUSTRALIA

South Australia

BIN 85 16 Stops Adelaide Chardonnay 2016 €29.00

Fresh and elegant, this wine has good fruit weight and aromas including apple and white peach, a lovely texture and a savoury finish with nicely balanced acidity.

NEW ZEALAND

Marlborough

BIN 87 Kim Crawford Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016 €35.50

Tropical melon and pineapple, passionfruit, and lifted citrus on the nose. A mouth filling wine packed with fruit sweetness balanced by mouth-watering acidity and a fresh, zesty, lingering finish.

CHILE

BIN 88 Chateau Los Boldos, Sauvignon Blanc 2016 €29.50

Light, lime-gold in colour, the nose opens with fresh and lively aromas of citrus fruit especially grapefruit and lime. Medium-bodied and juicy on the palate, it has a zesty twist on the finish.

SOUTH AFRICA

Western Cape

BIN 90 Sangoma Chenin Blanc 2016 €30.50

The freshness of this Chenin Blanc comes through on the palate along with the apple fruit offset by ripe, tropical flavours. Clean and dry on the finish.

Burgundy

BIN 115 Domaine Pascal Henry Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2015 €37.00

This classic Burgundian Pinot Noir delivers fresh red silky fruit and bright acidity with a clean, long finish and a hint of spices. Excellent.

BIN 117 Jean Marc Millot Cotes de Nuits Villages 2010 €49.00

Deep ruby coloured, the nose is intense and pure, with some earth and game notes and raspberry coulis. The palate is medium bodied and fine textured, with cherry and red berry fruits, some spice and a savoury quality. The tannins are firm but fully ripe, on the generous finish.

For an extensive range of other Burgundies, please see our Cellar Selection

Loire Valley

BIN 125 Bernard Baudry Chinon les Granges 2015 €34.50

Cabernet Franc nose of redcurrant fruits and pencil shavings. Light in style with some tannins with good persistence of ripe fruit and lovely elegance.

BIN 126 Dom. Filliatreau Ch. Fouquet Saumur Champigny (organic) 2015 €31.50

Bright fruit and wonderfully perfumed with layers of texture and concentration. Savoury and very moreish.

Rhone Valley

BIN 131 La Ferme du Mont Cotes du Rhone 1ere Cote 2016 €32.50

Deliciously drinkable smooth, savoury wine bursting with ripe, savoury fruits: full-flavoured morello cherries and blackberries, soft tannins and a hint of spices on the finish.

ITALY

Veneto

BIN 151 Aldo Degani Valpolicella Classico 2016 €30.50

Deliciously smooth, piquant, dark cherry fruit with light spice and a persistent finish.

BIN 152 Aldo Degani Ripasso 2015 €40.50

Ultra smooth fruit on the palate - ripe black cherries, plums, damsons, figs, even some chocolate. Tannins support the excellent fruit and long finish.

Piedmont

BIN 155 Coppo Barbera d'Asti L'Avvocata 2015 €37.00

Ruby red in color, L'Avvocata offers Barbera's typical intense aromas of ripened cherry and strawberry. Round, full-bodied and balanced with a spicy finish of morello cherry and ripe berries

BIN 156 Serradenari Barolo DOCG 2012 €51.00

Aromas of underbrush, tobacco leaf, mushroom, black berries, leather and a whiff of truffle lead the nose on this intense, elegant wine. On the palate, black cherry, red raspberry, wild mint, sage, white pepper and smoky mineral notes are supported by nervous acidity and smooth, ripe tannins.

Tuscany

B 14 Poggerissi Rosso, Italy 2016 €30.00

Merlot / Sangiovese. Rich, dark cherry nose, soft black fruits with a smoky touch and supple, easy drinking style. Outstanding.

BIN 159 Renzo Masi Chianti 2016 €31.50

Medium-bodied classic with savoury characteristic and a hint of stewed fruits. Very good, easy drinking wine.

BIN 160 Fattoria di Basciano Chianti Rufina 2016 €32.50

Broad, heady, earthy flavour with a tangy twist on the palate and smooth, subtle finish.
"Red Wines of the Year", The Irish Times

Puglia

BIN 167 Donna Marzia Primitivo 2016 €29.00

Deep ruby red color and an open, floral bouquet layered with fragrances of wild red berries, red plums and a lovely smooth finish.

GERMANY

Pfalz

BIN 171 Fritz Becker Pinot Noir 2016 €36.50

Top German Pinot rivals that from Burgundy, and this is a great example from the country's leading Producer. "Wine of the Year" in the Irish Times. Concentrated pure damson fruits with a svelte touch of class and excellent length.

AUSTRIA

Burgenland

BIN 172 Moric Blaufrankisch 2015 €38.50

Roland Velich's stunning wines have been compared to the wines of Domaine de la Romanee Conti in Burgundy, or top Cote Rotie from the Rhone. The spicy mineral nose is fresh and peppery with bright raspberry fruit. Savoury palate with spicy, mineral notes and just a hint of animal/meaty character. Fresh and cherryish with good structure - lovely wine.

SPAIN

Rioja

BIN 175 Abel Mendoza Jarrarte, Rioja Alta 2016/17 €31.50

On the nose, the earthy aromas and fruit are classic Rioja. Blackcurrant and blueberry notes blossom on the mid-palate, with supple tannins and great balance. Persistent and mineral-laden, it finishes with lingering notes of morello cherries. This is a wine with real finesse.

BIN 176 Pena el Gato Garnacha 2016 €39.00

From 95 year old low-yielding vines at grown at high altitude, only 100 cases are produced annually. Aromatically, it has ripe strawberry and raspberry fruit notes. On the palate, it is a full-bodied complex wine with silky tannins and elegance. It has balanced acidity and longevity in the mouth.

Ribera del Duero

BIN 177 La Planta, Bodegas Arzuaga 2016 €37.00

Aromas of fresh red fruit (raspberry and blueberries) combined with hints of spices, liquorice, cloves and pepper. Six months in American and French oak bring ripe, smooth tannins and lush, rich fruit. Excellent

BIN 180 Arzuaga Crianza 2015 €52.00

Rich ripe and smooth. It is an elegant wine with incredible aromas of fruit on the nose that lead to an explosion of wild berries, mint and hint of smokiness on the palate.

Canberra

BIN 207 Clonakilla Hilltops, Shiraz, New South Wales 2016 €42.50

A rich, dark Shiraz with menthol, chocolate and cigars on the nose with an impressive, silky tannic structure.

CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING WINES AND DESSERT WINES

Sparkling Wines

BIN 250 La Riva dei Frati Prosecco di Valdobbiadene DOCG NV €35.00

Italy's most prestigious classification for Prosecco. Lovely light fresh pear-drop fruit with plenty of lively acidity and a dry finish. Recommended and four-time previous Wine of the Week in the Irish Times. Glass €8.75

BIN 251 Nyetimber Classic Cuvee, England 2010 €74.50

On the palate it is medium to full bodied, with mature honey and toast aromas, plus lime undertones. Attractive mouthfeel with rich and yet delicate mousse that progresses nicely towards mineral and slate-like flavours on the finish. Good balance, intensity, length and complexity. Champagne Method.

Champagne

Bin 254 Pierre Moncuit Cuvee "H Coulmet" Brut NV €59.50

Superbly balanced with rich, mature toast and grilled nuts lasting through the layered, elegant finish. Fresh, with perfect balance.

BIN 256 Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label NV €75.50

BIN 258 Veuve Clicquot La Grand Dame 1998 €215.50



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Aperitifs, Dessert Wines and Digestifs

BIN 261 Bodegas Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla 50cl NV €26.00

Manzanilla is famed for its cool freshness and nutty, sea salty tang. It is the ultimate food wine, almost impossible to drink without something to nibble on alongside. Inexpensive, appetising and savoury, it deserves a far wider audience.

BIN 260 Miro Fuga Mundi 2007 €47.00

Amber colour. Rich honey, caramel, coffee, figs, soaked raisins, spices, dried apple and pear fruits and toffee apple – all creating a wonderfully complex, intense, Christmas cake nose. These are replicated on the palate, with a fine balancing livery acidity that focuses the wine into a clean, rich finish. A dessert in a glass.

BIN 271 Aldo Degani Recioto della Valpolicella DOCG, Italy 2015 €46.00

Sweet dark, bramble compote with a lot of dark cherry fruits and a little cocoa. There is an intense spice with really tasty liquorice and rich dried fruit. Perfect with Chocolate Dessert

BIN 262 Raymond Lafton Sauternes - Half Bottle 2009 €56.25

From the previous manager of Chateau Yquem, this stunning rich, unctuous and yet balanced with perfect acidity and an astounding nose of crème brulee.

BIN 265 Niepoort Late Bottled Vintage Port 2008 €49.50

BIN 268 Herederos de Argueso 'Amontillado' €33.50

A very refined sherry, with deep amber colour. Its bouquet is elegant, smooth and well balanced on the palate.

BIN 270 Oremus Tokaji Aszu 5 Putts 50 cl €82.50

Traditional Tokaji Aszu with lovely marmalade flavours. Spotlessly clean and wonderfully flattering.

By the Glass

BIN 280 Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla €6.50

BIN 281 Miro Fuga Mundi €8.10

BIN 283 Raymond Lafton Sauternes €14.50

BIN 285 Aldo Degani Recioto della Valpolicella DOCG €8.10

European Rosé Wines

Vintage

BIN 985 Chateau les Miaudoux Bergerac Rosé (organic) 2016 €31.00

Superb freshness and an excellent fruit, 100% organic, Cabernet grapes give a light clairette style, with subtle tannins and juicy acidity. Dry

BIN 990 Roland Tissier Sancerre Rosé 2016 €36.00

Roland produces classically-styled, high quality Sancerres with fine minerality and balance. His rosé is just this, with a delicate, petal pink colour, succulent wild strawberry fruit and refreshing acidity.