



House of Commons Own Label Wines

1. House of Commons Champagne



Champagne Gardet Brut Tradition Non-Vintage

(45% Pinot Noir; 45% Pinot Meunier; 10% Chardonnay)

First established in Epernay at the end of the 19th Century, by Charles Gardet, a “shopkeeper” with an adventurous mind. Charles laid the foundations for what was to become one of the great, classic Champagne Houses, this year, celebrating its 120th Anniversary. George, Charles’s son, moved the house to Chigny-les-Roses, a premier cru classified wine producing village in the 1930’s. He proceeded to set in motion the rigorous house quality rules of production, strictly managing the quality of every aspect of production, in both the vineyards and the winery. Passionately run and still family owned, the Prieux family continue to pass the knowledge from generation to generation, pushing the quality levels, developing the wines and the Methode Champenoise technique, respecting tradition whilst using the latest technological innovations.

Winemaker since 2007, Stephanie Sucheyre sees herself as custodian of a precious tradition, combining the modernity with history and authenticity inspired by Charles over 100 years ago.

The Brut Tradition has won many awards, including: 90/ 100 in the Wine Spectator; Gold Medal at the Decanter World Wine Awards; Vinalies Nationales Grand Prix d’Excellence; it is also the selected Champagne for Virgin and Japan Airlines

2. House of Commons Red Bordeaux



Château Rouquette “Cuvée Ligrana” 2012, Bordeaux Supérieur

(50% Cabernet Sauvignon; 47% Merlot; 3% Cabernet Franc)

Rouquette is one of the most ancient Vineyards in the Entre Deux Mers region. Situated on the high lands between the Dordogne and the Garonne rivers, the Château was built in 1346 and this great history is written into their wines. Destroyed during the siege of nearby town, Pellegrue, during the 100 years’ war with the English, the Château was rebuilt in the 17th Century. During this time, the estate was one of the most significant in the region covering over 1000 hectares. Over time, and through many successions, the Estate is considerably reduced, but fiercely retains the viticultural tradition and history.

Owned by the Widcoq family since 2009, Christophe and Hélène, they maintain the ancient landscape of meadows and oak forests, retaining the beauty but most importantly the biodiversity of the region. The soils are a sandy clay over a limestone strata and marine fossils. Christophe is convinced that great wine is born from the finest grapes and much attention is given to each parcel of land in the property, the meticulous work in the vineyard is combined with the contribution of organic, natural elements in the soil

“The Secret of Rouquette”..... young, dynamic winemaker, Julie Bergerat, who’s family have had vineyards in the region for many years. Rigorous work in the vineyards, great artistry and precision in the Chai, makes the 2012 such a classy and typical Bordeaux wine, Julie’s first wine at Rouquette, with beautiful flavours, much elegance, structure and style.



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3. House of Commons Colombar/Sauvignon Blanc



Hauts de Montrouge Colombar/Sauvignon Blanc 2014, Côtes de Gascogne IGP

(70% Colombar; 30% Sauvignon Blanc)

CPR Hauts de Montrouge, founded in 1963, with the coming together of fiercely proud, traditional, hardworking and passionate local growers in the heart of Gascony. Their aim, was simple, to achieve a common goal of growing healthy grapes to produce Côtes de Gascogne in its best and truest form. The Vines are carefully harvested, during the night, when the temperatures are cooler, ensuring the grapes are in the best condition when they arrive at the winery.

All the growers who make up the Company believe in and follow strictly, sustainable vineyard practices, ensuring the long term future of their estates. Gravity not electricity is used in the winery for fermentation and transferring of all the wines and grape must, from their ultra-modern pneumatic presses, to brand new stainless steel tanks during the winemaking process, ultimately, the wine is handled more gently, preserving character and finesse.

Hauts de Montrouge were the first company in the Gers region to be certified with ISO 9001, in 2004 and the strict quality controls, placed on them, ensure the consistent high quality of the Colombar/ Sauvignon, the cornerstone of their production.

For the 2014 vintage, Colombar, the typical grape variety of the Gascony region expressed itself with great freshness and finesse, adding structure to the flavour and “feel” of the wine and the Sauvignon Blanc grape variety, making this wine the stand out example in its’ category.

4. House of Commons Merlot



Boisset Merlot 2014, Vin de France

(100% Merlot)

Established in 1961 in the Cote de Nuits, Burgundy, by 18 year old Jean Claude Boisset, with a passion for the land he worked in, and a desire to understand different terroirs throughout France and bring them to the world. In the 40 years that followed, the Boisset family of wines has grown, throughout Burgundy, the Loire, the Rhone Valley and the South of France where the vineyards for this Merlot are found.

Whilst Boisset continued to grow and develop into one of the great “negotiant-eleveurs” literally “merchant – grower” the company established by Jean Claude, never lost sight of what made it unique. That was the driving philosophy through every activity, in every region, the respect for the knowledge of the local growers and the natural balance of each region.

The Merlot name is thought to come from a regional dialect, literally meaning the little black bird of the same colour, who loves eating the berries,

This Merlot is sourced through Boisset’s finest grower partners in the South of France, based around the company’s operations in the Languedoc, an area which stretches from Avignon to the Pyrénées. The 2014 vintage, although challenging at times and overall lower in volumes, has produced a wine, with generous flavour, freshness and balance, the result of careful, rigorous



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work in the vineyards, which has subsequently revealed itself during the vinification (winemaking) process.

A classic Merlot, which offers red and black fruits on the nose and palate, combining freshness, finesse and fullness, testament all the people who tend the vines and make the wine.

5. House of Commons White Burgundy – New to the Own Label Range



Pierre André, Bourgogne Chardonnay 2013

(100% Chardonnay)

In 1923, a man fell in love with a very special place, the Hill of Corton, a myriad and mosaic of many individual plots through which Pierre learnt to understand and preserve the uniqueness and character of each plot. The skills perfected here at this magical place, the pinnacle of Burgundy Grand Crus, have, quite literally, borne fruit, through many exceptional Burgundy vineyards.

Exceptional quality of the fruit sets the standard for this Meursault based Domaine. The fruit for this wine are sourced from a number of premium vineyard sites. 50% is from the Côte de Beaune, with parcels in the famous villages of Meursault, Puligny and Chassagne, with the Maconnais (45%) and the Côte de Nuits (5%) make up the rest underpinned by soils of limestone marl and calcareous clay. The vines are on average 40 years old which, the optimum age for production.

The 2013 Vintage reflects all the expertise in the vineyards and the winery, with aromas of yellow summer fruits, such as nectarines and pears. With short ageing in stainless steel and oak barrels, the appealing freshness, length and structure is optimised.

When first tasted, all the panel thought this wine tasted like a “baby Meursault” with subtle vanilla and buttery notes, complementing the aromas and flavours of nectarines and peaches. **This is a very classy wine** an exciting addition to the House of Commons own label selection, the first time there has been an own label White Burgundy for 5 years, a great pair for the outstanding Red Bordeaux.

Will go very well with grilled scallops, chicken salads, risottos and carpaccio of salmon.