

SOUTHERNHAY HOUSE

Made in Exeter

When a friend makes your wine...

We have known Master of Wine, Liam Steevenson since he rowed here, across the Atlantic, six years ago, from which time he has been very much part of our hotel, and our enthusiasm for wine. We have watched him take the move from merchant to producer, and create a collection of wines around the world that are reflective of the local terroir and indigenous varietals, using traditional and sometimes inventive techniques. Today Liam is in an almost unique position, creating wines in the Roussillon and Picpoul in France, Catalonia in Spain, Marlborough in New Zealand and perhaps most interestingly Nashik in India. This is global winemaking, and the results are fascinating.

By the Bottle

l'Abeille, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc, 2017 £26.00

'Son Terroir, C'est la Mer' (its Terroir is the Sea). Known locally as the 'Lip Stinger' for its acidity, the concept of 'sting' gave this wine its name of l'Abeille 'The Bee'. Saline, salty and bone dry.

El Garbi, Garnacha Blanco, Terra Alta, Spain, 2016 £39.00

Barrel fermented in 100% new Boutes Barrels from Bordeaux. Tight, elegant and restrained fruit, given full heavy lees treatment to produce a rich and opulent wine, complexed by careful oak treatment.

FINCHER&CO, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2017 £30.00

Brave winemaking in Marlborough. In the Awatere Valley Sauvignon Blanc is picked, cold handled and fermented to maximise the green, herbaceous character of the region, stylistically different.

Petite Immortelle, Côtes de Roussillon Villages, 2016 £30.00

A blend of Old Vine Carignan, Syrah, Mourvedre and Grenache, the wine illustrates the essence of the region and has a French rusticity that ties the wine to its source and makes it instantly appealing.

Immortelle, Côtes de Roussillon Villages, 2016 £30.00

Ancient Carignan, Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre vines in Tautaveland Latour de France yield outstanding fruit, that through the use of open top, barrel ferments produce an outstanding Côtes de Roussillon.

YAATRA, Syrah, Nashik, India, 2016 £42.00

"Yaatra" (noun - Hindi) A journey, the act of travelling from place to place. Challenging winemaking conditions have not prevented some brave decisions resulting in a fascinating rich and intense wine.

Not made by Liam but unmissable superstars:

BASA, Verdejo, Rueda, Spain, 2017 £26.00

Liam constantly claims this to be his favourite wine of the last decade. Elegant, yet aromatic, with lime and lemon aromas, a fresh bite to the palate.

By the glass £6.90 (175ml) £9.10 (250ml)

Rupe Secca, Nero d'Avola, Sicily, 2016, 2016 £26.00

A wine region with a lot of affection for fruit ripeness and a wildness on the nose that is very inviting. This wine is ripe and fruit driven yet complex.

By the glass £6.90 (175ml) £9.10 (250ml)



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