

## Magnums (150cl)

A great way to entertain. A magnum is acknowledged as the perfect vessel for the development and maturing of wine, it also looks great on the table.

Bin  
No

### White

		Magnum
66	Sancerre, André Dezat, Loire, France	79.00
67	Meursault, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur, Burgundy, France	125.00

### Red

68	Malbec, Don Cristobal, Mendoza, Argentina	49.00
69	Rioja Reserva, Bodegas del Medievo, Spain	75.00
70	Volnay, Domaine Bitouzet-Prieur, Burgundy, France	125.00

## Half Bottles (37.5cl)

Sometimes a half bottle is a great option.

Half

### White

71	Chardonnay Reserva, Casa Silva, Colchagua, Chile	14.95
72	Sauvignon Blanc, Tindall, Marlborough, New Zealand	21.50

### Red

73	Cabernet Sauvignon, Casa Silva, Colchagua, Chile	14.95
74	Shiraz, Simon Hackett, McLaren Vale, Australia	19.95
75	Château Fourcas Hosten, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France	27.50
76	Volnay, Domaine Bitouzet- Prieur, Burgundy, France	38.00
77	Merlot, Shafer, Napa, California	45.00

*One of the finest estates, Shafer make deep, rich red wines chock full of juicy ripe red berry fruit flavours.*

Trade Descriptions Act

It is not always possible to guarantee the wines in this list and in some cases a suitable alternative may be offered.

Wines by the glass are served at 125ml measure.

The alcoholic strength of wines served by the glass is stated as a percentage in the description.

## The George and Dragon Wine List

We have invested the same amount of passion and commitment in our wine list as we have with our food. With a criteria of sourcing, wherever possible, from small family run vineyards, Richard, with the help and guidance of Nico, has created what we think is one of the most interesting and diverse selections in Cumbria. Even by the glass we offer a huge choice to suit every palate and pocket.

Currently, buying locally produced wine is not an option in the North West of England, so we have endeavoured to do the next best thing. As many of the wines as possible are bought from estates, or small farms, which are run by individuals, or families, with a strong link to their local community.

Just like the Lowther family have and just as it should be.

The inside front page (opposite) is a selection of wines from proprietor, Charles Lowther's, own private cellar. They are particularly noteworthy as they benefit from having had a chance to mature and are in perfect condition to enjoy now. You will notice initials next to the wine descriptions . These are highly recommended and are the personal choice and "coup de Coeur" of the following :

CL = Charles Lowther - proprietor of the George and Dragon and Askham Hall with its small intimate restaurant and large party barn for weddings.

NC = Nico Chieze - House Manager of Askham Hall and two times winner of the North of England & Scotland Sommelier of the Year. Nico trained as sommelier in his home region, the Loire Valley in France.

RB = Richard Bracken - Sommelier at the George and Dragon and Askham Hall and holder of the Wine and Spirit Education Trust level 1 and 2 award with distinction.

The inside back page has our selection of wines available by the glass The back page has a small selection of half bottles, which are quite useful, as well as some wines we offer in magnum (equivalent to two bottles) These look mightily impressive on the table if you are a large party!

Bin

## Champagne

1	<b>Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale Brut</b> <i>Developed and mature, the house style is light and fresh making it a perfect aperitif. One of the few remaining family houses they are totally committed to quality and do not sell their wines to the multiple grocers.</i>	49.00
2	<b>Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut</b> <i>Rich and flavoursome, deep in colour with plenty of toasty ripeness and opulent, robust fullness.</i>	62.00
3	<b>Cuvée Joséphine, Joseph Perrier 2004</b> <i>The top of the tree at Joseph Perrier. Supremely fine and charming Champagne. Poised and subtle with smoothness and a complex, evolved palate. There may be more expensive "deluxe cuvées" available but none surpass Josephine for quality.</i>	95.00

## Pink Champagne

4	<b>Laurent Perrier Rosé</b> <i>Elegant, pale rosé. Light strawberry undertones and a crisp character. Dry, but full of fresh fruit.</i>	89.00
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## Sparkling wine

5	<b>Prosecco, Ita, Italy</b> <i>Light, fresh and fruity, floral aromas with a lively palate.</i>	25.50
6	<b>Spumante Rosato, Fabiano, Italy</b> <i>Smooth and ripe pink fizz. Red berry overtones with a softly dry character.</i>	25.50
7	<b>Cuvée Classic, Furleigh Estate, Dorset, England</b> <i>Beautifully made English fizz from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Bottle fermented and perfectly aged it has a round and generous flavour with a distinctive, ebullient mousse.</i>	49.00

Bottle

## By the Glass

Bin

125ml  
Glass250ml  
Carafe

## Rose Wines

9	<b>Pinot Grigio Blush, Dea del Mare, Veneto, Italy</b> 12% <i>Soft, medium dry pink, raspberry touches with a pliant and supple finish.</i>	4.30	7.95
10	<b>White Zinfandel, Headlands Cove, California</b> 10% <i>Medium rose that has juicy strawberry fruit character. Plump and round on the palate.</i>	4.50	8.50

## Red Wines

41	<b>Merlot and Syrah, Le Montalus, Cotes de Thau, France</b> 12.5% <i>Inviting red that has bramble fruit flavours and a touch of spice. soft tannins and an open palate with a pliant palate.</i>	3.50	6.90
49	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon, La Galinière, Peyriac, France</b> 14% <i>Bramble fruit flavours and aroma, round and fulsome with balanced tannins and lasting finish with a bit of "grip".</i>	4.40	7.95
58	<b>Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, The Wrong'Un, One Chain Vineyards, Australia</b> 14% <i>Intense and warming red with blackberry ripeness and rich, inviting character.</i>	4.65	8.50
43	<b>Pinot Noir, Calusari, Banat, Romania</b> 12% <i>Intense red berry fruits, supple and attractive red with a luscious and easy going character. This forward thinking winery is owned by an Englishman, Philip Cox.</i>	4.75	8.75
50	<b>Rioja Tinto, Cofrade, Spain</b> 13% <i>Lightly oaked Rioja. Inviting, zesty red berry fruits and a generous, mid-weight aftertaste.</i>	4.90	8.95
59	<b>Malbec, La Nina, Mendoza, Argentina</b> 14% <i>Powerful and robust, this hearty red has a great combination of plummy fruit, balanced oak hints and an opulent palate</i>	4.95	8.95

## By the Glass

Bin		125ml Glass	250ml Carafe
	<b>Champagne</b>		
1	<b>Joseph Perrier Cuvée Royale Brut</b> 12% <i>Developed and mature, the house style is light and fresh making it a perfect aperitif. One of the few remaining family houses, they are committed to quality and production is limited.</i>	8.50	
	<b>Sparkling Wine</b>		
5	<b>Prosecco, Ita, Italy</b> 10.5% <i>Light, fresh and fruity, floral aromas with a lively palate.</i>	5.00	
6	<b>Spumante Rosato, Fabiano, Italy</b> 11% <i>Smooth and ripe pink fizz. Red berry overtones with a softly dry character.</i>	5.00	

## White Wines

16	<b>Colombard and Terret, Le Montalus, d'Oc, France</b> 12.5% <i>Delightfully clean and fruity dry white from the South of France. Tangy with apple undertones on the palate.</i>	3.50	6.90
17	<b>Pinot Grigio and Catarratto, Dea del Mare, Sicily, Italy</b> 12.5% <i>Smooth and rounded dry white with lemon hints and a creamy finish. Good with white meats.</i>	4.15	7.85
24	<b>Sauvignon Blanc, Rio del Mar, Colchagua, Chile</b> 13% <i>A lovely ripe and fruity white. Crisp and zesty with a lively palate and bouncy finish.</i>	4.30	7.95
26	<b>Chardonnay, The Googly, One Chain Vineyards, South Australia</b> 13% <i>Well made lightly oaked Chardonnay. Creamy and ripe with tropical fruit notes and a vanilla laced palate.</i>	4.65	8.50
35	<b>Viognier, Beauvignac, d'Oc, France</b> 13% <i>Peach and apricot aromas and flavour, this opulent white has plenty of depth. Finishing dry, it has a lovely mouthfilling style.</i>	4.90	8.95
32	<b>Sauvignon Blanc, Falconhead, Marlborough, N.Z.</b> 12.5% <i>Typically intense and herbaceous white. Crunchy, fresh and fragrant wine that tantalizes the taste buds.</i>	5.50	9.95

Bin

## Rosé Wines

8	<b>Grenache and Syrah, Le Montalus, Cotes de Thau, France</b> <i>Delicate, pale pink rose, creamy, ripe and smooth.</i>	17.95
9	<b>Pinot Grigio Blush, Dea del Mare, Veneto, Italy</b> <i>Soft medium dry pink, raspberry touches with a pliant and supple finish.</i>	18.95
10	<b>White Zinfandel, Headlands Cove, California</b> <i>Medium rose that has juicy strawberry fruit character. Plump and round on the palate.</i>	22.00
11	<b>Château Roubine, Côtes de Provence, France</b> <i>Elegant and refined dry rose from the South of France. Provence makes delightful pink wines with real class and pedigree. A sublime glass of wine.</i>	39.00

75cl  
Glass

Half  
Bottle

## Pudding wines

12	<b>Château Manos, Cadillac, Bordeaux, France</b> <i>Excellent with fruit based desserts, this botrytis affected wine has an aroma and taste of raisined fruit, dried figs and with a generous, lively finish.</i>	21.50	
13	<b>Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc, Vina Morande, Chile</b> 11.5% <i>Deep golden in colour this fine pudding wine has super citrus flavours with a sweet style balanced perfectly with refreshing background acidity.</i>	4.75	22.50
14	<b>Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, Domaine Bernardins, France</b> <i>Lightly fortified, this wine is an opulent, rounded mouthful of orange and lemon flavours with a hint of honey.</i>	27.50	

Bin		Bottle
	<b>Light, fresh and crisp whites</b>	
15	<b>Chardonnay and Macabeo, Vinem, Carinena, Spain</b> <i>Sprightly young Chardonnay. Un-oaked and freshened with the Macabeo there are hints of peach and apricot and a smooth dry aftertaste.</i>	17.95
16	<b>Colombard and Terret, Le Montalus, d'Oc, France</b> <i>Delightfully clean and fruity dry white from the South of France. Tangy with apple undertones on the palate.</i>	17.95
17	<b>Pinot Grigio and Catarratto, Dea del Mare, Sicily, Italy</b> <i>Smooth and rounded dry white with lemon hints and a creamy finish. Good with white meats.</i>	18.95
18	<b>Rioja Blanco, Bodegas del Medievo, Spain</b> <i>Creamy and nutty dry white. The Viura grape makes delightful wines with really individual character.</i>	21.95
19	<b>Picpoul de Pinet, Saint-Peyre, Languedoc, France</b> <i>Lovely, fragrant wine. Crunchy, zesty and herbaceous overtones with a light hint of spicy charm to finish. Perfect with fish.</i>	22.95
20	<b>Torrentes, Don Cristobal, Mendoza, Argentina</b> <i>Interesting variety from Argentina, Torrentes has a perfumed aroma, plenty of fleshy fruit and a dry, refreshing aftertaste.</i>	24.95
21	<b>Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, Vina Casa Silva, Colchagua, Chile</b> <i>Sauvignon Blanc gives this wine intense gooseberry flavours leading to a smooth, attractive richness from the Semillon. Ripe and dry.</i>	24.95
22	<b>Petit Chablis, Bernard Defaix, France</b> <i>Firm and fruity white from the Chardonnay grape. Un-oaked so the wine has a charming freshness. Mineral firmness and a clean palate hallmark this fine dry wine.</i>	35.00
23	<b>Sancerre, André Dezat, Loire, France</b> <i>Classic French Sauvignon. Taut and effusive with concentrated character. Grassy with citrus hints and a crisp finish.</i>	36.00

Bin		Bottle
	<b>Big, bold and powerful reds</b>	
57	<b>Grenache and Syrah, Vinem, Carinena, Spain</b> <i>Lithe and juicy red. Charming and fruit driven with a smooth and succulent flavour.</i>	17.95
58	<b>Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, The Wrong'Un, One Chain Vineyards, South Australia</b> <i>Intense and warming red with blackberry ripeness and rich, inviting character.</i>	21.50
59	<b>Malbec, La Nina, Mendoza, Argentina</b> <i>Powerful and robust, this hearty red has a great combination of plummy fruit, balanced oak hints and an opulent palate.</i>	23.50
60	<b>Primitivo, A Mano, Puglia, Italy</b> <i>Inky dark colour, intense raspberry tang and firm tannins make this a great partner to red meats.</i>	26.00
61	<b>Syrah, The Liberator, Stellenbosch, South Africa</b> <i>Small batch Syrah from selected vineyards in South Africa. Stone fruit flavours with structured tannins and firm finish.</i>	29.00
62	<b>Duas Quintas Tinto, Adriano Ramos Pinto, Douro, Portugal</b> <i>A superior, fruit driven red from Port grape varieties. Un-oaked, this intensely flavoured wine has fresh raspberry freshness with a creamy, generous palate.</i>	29.50
63	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon, Angus the Bull, Victoria, South Australia</b> <i>This is wine for red meat, quite literally. The winemaker has produced a generous and vibrant Cabernet specifically to accompany beef, hence Angus the Bull. Sleek and superb.</i>	35.00
64	<b>Shiraz, Mount Horrocks, Clare Valley, Australia</b> <i>Delicious silky Shiraz. Pristine, elegant and supple with a mouthful of rich, opulent spicy fruit and succulent, plummy robustness. Welcome to the new generation of Aussie Shiraz.</i>	55.00
65	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Réserve, Roger Sabon, Rhone, France</b> <i>Resonant, powerful red that has a refined, poised character. Beautifully made showing a lot of depth and complex cedar and cinnamon fullness.</i>	69.00

Bin		Bottle
	<b>Soft and rounded reds</b>	
48	<b>Merlot, Rio del Mar, Chile</b> <i>A plump and juicy Merlot. Nice deep colour and ripe blackberry fruit overtones, supple and generous.</i>	19.50
49	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon, La Galinière, Peyriac, France</b> <i>Bramble fruit flavours and aroma, round and fulsome with balanced tannins and lasting finish.</i>	21.00
50	<b>Rioja Tinto, Cofrade, Spain</b> <i>Lightly oaked Rioja. Inviting, zesty red berry fruits and a generous, mid-weight aftertaste.</i>	21.95
51	<b>Pinotage, Klippenkop, South Africa</b> <i>Mellow and succulent, warming earth red. Deep in colour with an open flavour and earthy, opulent style.</i>	22.50
52	<b>Grande Tradition, Château du Donjon, Minervois, France</b> <i>Syrah and Grenache make up this plump, spicy red. From a small domaine in the South of France this un-filtered wine has good depth, but no oak leaving it supple and rewarding.</i>	24.95
53	<b>Château Lamothe de Haux, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux, France</b> <i>Mostly Merlot (and un-oaked), this is a delightful Claret from a small property in the heart of Bordeaux. Smooth and supple with cassis notes, developed tannins and structure palate.</i>	31.50
54	<b>Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Domaine de Vèrcheres, Burgundy</b> <i>A lovely, bramble, hedgerow aroma, fresh and well balanced. Rounded, ripe and fruit driven, very modern red Burgundy.</i>	36.00
55	<b>Château Reine Blanche, Saint Emilion Grand Cru, Bordeaux, France</b> <i>A fine Château producing elegant wines with complex character. A heady mix of dusty aromas, stalky fruit with a hint of oak and integrated tannins. Perfect with red meat.</i>	45.00
56	<b>Santenay Premier Cru Les Gravières, Vincent Girardin, Burgundy, France</b> <i>Opulent and velvety Pinot from Girardin. He advocates good extraction of flavour so makes full bodied and distinctive wines.</i>	49.50

Bin		Bottle
	<b>Fruit driven aromatic whites</b>	
24	<b>Sauvignon Blanc, Rio del Mar, Colchagua, Chile</b> <i>A lovely ripe and fruity white. Crisp and zesty with a lively palate and bouncy finish.</i>	18.95
25	<b>Trebbiano, Terre Allegre, Puglia, Italy</b> <i>Pliant dry white wine with citrus flavours and nutty touches.</i>	18.95
26	<b>Chardonnay, The Googly, One Chain Vineyards, South Australia</b> <i>Well made lightly oaked Chardonnay. Creamy and ripe with tropical fruit notes and a vanilla laced palate.</i>	21.50
27	<b>Chenin Blanc, Barton Vineyards, Walker Bay, South Africa</b> <i>Green apple freshness with a touch of honey, luscious palate with a rich dry style. A small winery showing lots of promise.</i>	24.95
28	<b>The English House, Three Choirs, Gloucestershire, England</b> <i>A charming English white. Aromatic on the nose with good citrus fruit and a tangy, inviting flavour.</i>	26.00
29	<b>Château du Donjon Blanc, Minervois, France</b> <i>A deft combination of Roussanne and Vermentino grapes. Full and fruity, food friendly dry white. Jean Panis is one of our favourite winemakers</i>	26.50
30	<b>Riesling, Spinyback, Nelson, New Zealand</b> <i>Riesling from New Zealand seem to complement modern cuisine perfectly. Surprisingly full and rounded with good depth and vibrant citrus fruit character.</i>	28.50
31	<b>Albarino, ValdoCea, Rias Baixas, Spain</b> <i>An exciting wine from the North of Spain. Albarino has a youthful zeal and lively flavour. Vibrant and clean, with lemony undertones and a poised, fragrant style.</i>	29.00
32	<b>Sauvignon Blanc, Falconhead, Marlborough, New Zealand</b> <i>Typically intense and herbaceous white. Crunchy, fresh and fragrant wine that tantalizes the taste buds. A sublime example.</i>	29.50

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	<b>Fuller, richer whites</b>	
33	<b>Pinot Grigio, Calusari, Romania</b> <i>A tasty fulsome white from an Englishman in Romania. Philip Cox has invested heavily in this estate and is producing some good results. Rounded, smooth and ripe with a hints of spice on the finish.</i>	21.50
34	<b>Fiano, Canapi, Sicily, Italy</b> <i>Fiano is indigenous to Sicily where it soaks up the intense heat and produces lovely, rich wine with an abundance of supple and juicy fruit.</i>	22.50
35	<b>Viognier, Beauvignac, d'Oc, France</b> <i>Peach and apricot aromas and flavour, this opulent white has plenty of depth. Finishing dry, it has a lovely mouthfilling style.</i>	24.00
36	<b>Rioja Blanco Barrel Ferment, Bodegas del Medievo, Spain</b> <i>Enveloping white wine. Golden in colour and full of flavour it has a generous nature full of citrus fruit. Intense, vital and fresh with vanilla undertones imparted by fermentation in barrel.</i>	27.00
37	<b>Chardonnay, Gran Terroir, Vina Casa Silva, Colchagua, Chile</b> <i>A single vineyard wine from Chile this powerful Chardonnay has plenty of tropical fruit and rich vanilla overtones. Opulent and voluptuous with balancing acidity to finish.</i>	34.00
38	<b>Mâcon-Villages, Domaine des Vèrcheres, Burgundy, France</b> <i>A fine Chardonnay with good structure and character. Mineral laced palate with a dry and lasting aftertaste. Great with fish.</i>	35.00
39	<b>Rully, Domaine Dureuil-Janthial, Burgundy, France</b> <i>More opulent style of Burgundy using a hint of oak ageing to add body and depth. Pineapple and citrus flavours with a whiff of vanilla on the finish. Outstanding wine.</i>	45.00

Bin		Bottle
	<b>Supple, fruity, lighter reds</b>	
40	<b>Tempranillo, Canfo, La Mancha, Spain</b> <i>Juicy red, raspberry tang with a soft finish.</i>	17.50
41	<b>Merlot and Syrah, Le Montalus, Côtes de Thau, France</b> <i>Inviting red that has bramble fruit flavours and a touch of spice. Soft tannins and an open palate with a pliant style.</i>	17.95
42	<b>Sangiovese, Terre Allegre, Puglia, Italy</b> <i>Italy's most famous wine, Chianti, is produced from this grape, red cherry fruit and a firm finish, very pleasant with cold meats.</i>	18.95
43	<b>Pinot Noir, Calusari, Banat, Romania</b> <i>Intense red berry fruits, supple and attractive red with a luscious and easy going character. This forward thinking winery is owned by an Englishman, Philip Cox.</i>	21.50
44	<b>Le Sabounet, Domaine Roger Sabon, Rhône</b> <i>This is made, primarily for sale at the farm gate, by our Chateauneuf-du-Pape man, but on a recent visit we tasted it and decided it was so good we would buy a few cases!</i>	22.50
45	<b>Valpolicella, Alpha Zeta, Veneto, Italy</b> <i>Dark in colour light in body, inky purple wine that has a touch of spice, liquorice and damsons. Alert and snappy wine.</i>	25.00
46	<b>Beaujolais-Villages, Domaine André Colonge, France</b> <i>The Gamay grape makes delightfully fresh red wines. Mid-weight with black cherry aromas and flavour. Smooth tannins and a juicy, open finish.</i>	29.50
47	<b>Pinot Noir, Southern Dawn, Marborough, New Zealand</b> <i>Pliant and attractive wine, pleasing aroma and soft, easy-going flavour. A touch of smokiness behind the seductive fruit.</i>	31.50