

## Details of the wines for the St Thomas' wine tasting evening 9 May 2026

### **Sparkling** - Blanquette de Limoux M le Mauzac Reserve, Antech 2023

12% ABV £12.95. Drink to 2027

From the world's first sparkling wine region comes this crisp and fruity Languedoc fizz, made from the local mauzac grape. Soft and appealing with a lively mousse and a hint of apple. The little town of Limoux spans the Aude, upstream from Carcassonne. A strong Benedictine presence ensured that there were vines and, so the story goes, in 1531 the world's first sparkling wines appear to have been made.

### **Wine 1** - The Society's Exhibition Limari Chardonnay 2024

14% ABV £12.95. Drink to 2030

Fresh, taut and mineral wine from the cool Limari region of Chile. Barrel fermentation develops the flavours and contributes a hint of oak without masking its bright aromas and flavours. Concha y Toro are a leader in more sustainable working practices with embedded strategies to reduce energy and water use, environmental projects including increasing biodiversity, and many local community initiatives.

### **Wine 2** - Pinot Gris Les Princes Abbés, Schlumberger 2023

13.5% ABV £19. Drink to 2029

Mainly coming from the lieu-dit (named vineyard) Schimberg in Guebwiller, this is an off-dry Alsace white with lots of apple, ginger and honeysuckle combined with a juicy core. This estate is one of the biggest in the region with 130 hectares spread over 2,500 plots, which is a logistical challenge that Schlumberger manage with ease.

### **Wine 3** - The Society's South African Pinotage-Syrah, Coastal Region 2025

13% ABV £9.95. Drink to 2027

Pinotage takes the lead in this fresh, fruity Cape Blend of young Stellenbosch syrah with older bush-vine pinotage from Swartland. The grapes were lightly crushed and gently handled in the cellar to produce a fruit-driven red with soft tannins. Certified by the Wine & Agricultural Ethical Trade Association and Integrated Wine Production organisation, Radford Dale go the extra yard to make themselves more sustainable, and we're delighted to name them a Wine Society Pioneer for their efforts.

### **Wine 4** - Saumur Champigny Clos des Cordeliers Cuvee Prestige, Domaine Ratron 2018

13% ABV £19. Drink to 2028

Mature cabernet franc from a wonderful vintage for reds in the Loire that produced well-structured but succulent wines with generous fruit.

### **Wine 5** - The Society's Exhibition Barossa Shiraz 2024

14.2% £14.50. Drink to 2028

A beautifully fragrant and medium-bodied take on Barossa shiraz, this 2024 Exhibition release shows the remarkable elegance that Whistler Wines delivers so well. It's the first vintage to be crafted entirely from estate fruit, grown biodynamically and the result is a vibrant, finely balanced wine that proves Barossa can be both generous and refreshingly light on its feet.

**Wine 6**

Monbazillac, Château Pech La Calevie 2023

13% ABV £16. Drink to 2031

This is a glorious, succulent and peachy nectar from the Dordogne in south-west France, made in the style of a Sauternes. Although fully sweet, it retains delicacy and freshness. Perfect for a fruit salad or a trifle (blue cheese too!). Mainly semillon, but with a splash of muscadelle.