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The Pinot family

White

Bodegas Lurton Pinot Gris, 2005 Mendoza Argentina

175cl £4.50/ 250cl £6.35/ Bt £18.75

A wine of real character, made in the crispy & fresh style of great Alsacian Pinot Gris. The tantalising citrus-like bouquet features hints of sweet peaches, apples & apricots. The palate balances well-proportioned fruit and a rich character with great acidity, to make this wine the perfect accompaniment to seafood.

I Feudi Di Romans Pinot Grigio, 2004 Friuli Italy

175cl £5.25 / 250cl £7.50 / Bt £22.00

The bouquet on this fantastic example of Pinot Grigio is big and luscious, with the classic citrus backdrop livened up by melon, pears & figs. The generous fruit profile is matched by a vibrant acidity which produces a wine of great balance with a delicious mouth-feel. Dry, delicate and moreish, this is a wine to delight those that love Pinot Grigio, and change the mind of those that don't.

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Red

Broadley Vineyards Reserve Pinot Noir, 2001 Oregon USA

175cl £4.75 / 250cl £6.50 / Bt £19.50

This classy new world Pinot Noir has a nose full of roasted spices and earthy fruit, which continue onto the palate alongside chocolate & cherries. The mid-palate brings raspberries to the fore, wrapped up in soft silky tannins and a healthy acidity, which gives way to a long delicately spiced finish.

Jean-Claude Boisset Mercurey, 2004 Burgundy France

175cl £6.50 / 250cl £9.25 / Bt £27.50

Classic terroir-driven Pinot Noir from the Côte Chalonnais in Burgundy. Boisset is a highly respected producer, and this village level wine is actually made from declassified Premiere Cru grapes, making it excellent value.

A firm and meaty wine with earthy spices and lashings of raspberry and blackberries. Delicious and graceful with great tannic structure and a long elegant finish, this wine is the perfect accompaniment to red meat dishes and dangerously drinkable on its own.