

# The Old Vicarage

## Banqueting Wine List

### Silver Drinks Package

#### White

##### **Le Pionnier Blanc - Colombard / Ugni Blanc - Cotes de Gascogne, France**

Le Pionnier is situated in IGP Comte Tolosan in Gascogne. A crisp floral white wine from the south west of France has an aroma of citrus fruits, particularly grapefruit, with hints of ripe pear and tomato leaf. These flavours linger on the palate with hints of exotic fruits, a fresh lime acidity and vivacious finish.

#### Red

##### **Le Pionnier Rouge - Grenache / Carignan - Languedoc, France**

La Pionnier is produced in the Languedoc region between Narbonne and Béziers. This soft and fruity wine is a traditional Languedoc blend of Grenache and Carignan. It is generous and supple on the palate with an intricate structure. Layers of soft summer fruits and rich berry flavours reflect the warmth of the Mediterranean, with a subtle spicy finish.

### Gold Drinks Package

#### White

##### **Il Conti – Pinot Grigio – Molise, Italy**

This Pinot Grigio is produced in the Molise region on the Adriatic coast. The hillside vineyards lie between the Apennines and the coast, offering a warm sunny climate. This ensures a ripe, dry and elegant wine, which has an intense bouquet of acacia and apple. It is dry and well balanced, with flavours of citrus, apples, peaches and melons on the palate with a touch of minerality and a medium finish.

##### **Los Caminos - Sauvignon Blanc - Colchagua Valley, Chile**

From the vineyards of Lake Rapel in Colchagua Valley where Sauvignon Blanc benefits from the cool, maritime climate and long ripening season. This is a vibrant aromatic Sauvignon Blanc with a floral bouquet of nettle, grass and grapefruit balanced by citrus, gooseberry, passionfruit and pleasant acidity.

##### **Backsberg - Chenin Blanc - Western Cape, South Africa**

The Western Cape, including Paarl, provides some of South Africa's best Chenin Blanc. Backsberg strives to capture the typical fruity flavours of this varietal; the lemony crispness and green apple fruit flavours, whilst retaining an array of aromatic characters. This fantastic example has ripe fruit, tempered by finely balanced acidity to give a mouth filling, yet refreshing palate, which has a lingering finish.

#### Red

##### **Los Caminos - Merlot - Colchagua Valley, Chile**

This easy drinking red wine is a distinguished and vibrantly fruity Merlot, Chile's most successful red varietal. It is produced in the cool climate of Colchagua Valley, considered one of Chile's best regions for this variety. The nose is full of plums and bramble fruits. The palate is rich with black cherry and plum flavours with a hint of mineral character and soft, rounded structure with a medium finish.

##### **Copperstone Creek - Shiraz - South East Australia**

A classic Shiraz produced by Warburn Estates from the warm Riverina vineyards on the northern side of the Murray River in New South Wales. The label depicts the local fish found in the Murray River and the wine delivers a powerful aromatic aroma of fruitcake and plums. On the palate there are powerful lifted notes of spice and mint.

A polished example of Australia's redolent, signature grape.

## Rose

### **San Antini - Pinot Grigio Rose - Veneto, Italy**

Although Pinot Grigio is best known for the production of white wines, the grapes actually have a pink tinge to them when they are ripe. The wine gets its delicate pink colour from contact with the grape skins during the winemaking process. This wine has the delicate perfumed aromas of peach and rose petals that are typical of a Pinot Grigio rose. The palate is full of soft, red fruit flavours, which linger on the tongue. Dry in style and well balanced, this wine is excellent to drink with fish and white meats.

## Platinum Drinks Package

### White

#### **Sel et de Sable - Picpoul de Pinet - Languedoc, France**

Made from one of the oldest grape in Languedoc (first mentioned in the 17th century), Piquepoule means picked by the hen. The Picpoul de Pinet vineyard area runs along the southern French coast, separated from the Mediterranean sea only by the Bassin de Thau, France's second largest lake famous for its oysters. Picpoul is a bright straw yellow in colour with a very fresh and floral nose. The palate is dry and refreshing with notes of citrus, some tropical fruits and a distinctive mineral edge.

#### **La Playa - Unoaked Chardonnay - Colchagua Valley, Chile**

From the Colchagua Valley in Chile, this rich golden, yellow Chardonnay offers fresh tropical fruit aromas of papaya, pineapple and mango combined with floral and honeyed notes with ripe citrus fruits. It is a fresh, medium-bodied wine with a good structure, balanced by a pleasant and crisp acidity.

#### **Turning Heads - Sauvignon Blanc - Marlborough, New Zealand**

Sourced from young vines from the Wairau region, the Turning Heads Wine Company has produced a typically vibrant aroma of ripe gooseberries, herb and nettle aromas to accentuate the Marlborough calling card. The selection of parcel of fruit are blended to create an expressive dry white that exhibits tropical flavours of pineapple and lime yet retains a crisp citrus acidity to balance a richly textured palate.

### Red

#### **Backsberg - Pinotage - Paarl, South Africa**

South Africa's signature grape, (derived by crossing Cinsault and Pinot Noir), has now created an international following. When carefully grown with limited yields, it produces an appealing red fruit aroma, a soft palate with ripe mulberry, sweet strawberry and a touch of herbs. Easy drinking well balanced with sweet, supple tannins, this Cape red displays lively fresh flavours.

#### **Altosur - Malbec - Mendoza, Argentina**

Attractive red colour with violet hues and aromas of intense ripe fruit, cherries, blackberries, blueberries, and fresh plums, combined with spicy and floral hints. In the mouth the sweet and round tannins increase its fruit sensation and balance. A wine of good intensity, concentration and long after taste. When originally launched this wine was awarded the Decanter International Trophy for Best World Red (only 31 wines scooped this award from 5000+ entered!). Quite some achievement for a new winery.

#### **Crianza Fincas de Azabache - Rioja - Rioja, Spain**

This excellent Rioja is well balanced with a soft seductive character typical of the Tempranillo, Garnacha and Mazuelo grapes. It is made to emphasise the fruit characteristics with a subtle hint of oak gained from one year in cask and allowed to mature in bottle before release. It exhibits intense plum and cherry flavours with elements of vanilla and spice and a soft rounded palate.

### Rose

#### **Sun Gate - White Zinfandel – California, USA**

A deep pink rose that offers an attractive bouquet redolent of summer fruits including strawberry and watermelon. The palate is medium bodied with a hint of sweetness and flavours of red cherries, raspberries and strawberries and cream. The confected fruit flavours are balanced by a refreshing acidity and linger on a crisp finish.