



# The Rams Head Denshaw



## Red Wines & Port

### Brambly, blackcurrant and late summer fruits 250ml Bottle

861 Southern France **Bellefontaine Cabernet Sauvignon, VdP d'Oc** £5.99 £17.95  
Soft and juicy red from the warm Languedoc area in Southern France.  
Drink with an array of food from chicken to red meats and cheeses.

868 Chile **Sierra Grande Merlot** £5.99 £17.95  
Soft and easy drinking fruity red wine from Chile's Central Valley.

639 California, USA **The Big Top Zinfandel** £19.95  
A classic Californian Zinfandel - rich, sweet fruit, finished with ripe tannins and lovely soft, smooth mouthfeel typical of the Californian style.

12 Bordeaux, France **58 Guineas Everyday Claret** £19.95  
As the name suggests, this is a lovely, soft, easy drinking Claret which would be great on its own or with most foods.

359 South Africa **Circle of Life Red** £24.95  
World class red blend made from a selection of the best grapes from the highly rated and beautiful Waterkloof Estate in False Bay. Very European in style and ideal with game and other red meats, especially lamb.

489 Chile **Coyam, Carmenere Cabernet Merlot Mourvedre** £26.95  
Intensely violet in colour, this wine expresses a harmony of ripe black fruit such as berries, cassis, and forest fruits, delicately blended with oak, saddle leather and notes of vanilla. The palate is well balanced with soft, round tannins, and a long finish that shows both character and personality.

618 Australia **Balgownie Estate Cabernet** £28.95  
The star of the show! Bendigo in Victoria used to be a gold rush town. These days it is better known as one of Australia's best areas for high quality, expressive red wines. Great with big red meats and robust flavours.

### Spice & Liquorice Flavours

857 Rhone, France **Cotes du Rhone, Chapelle du Marin** £19.95  
Soft fruit style but with good gutsy character. Perfect with red meats and cheese.

853 South Africa **False Bay Pinotage** £6.75 £19.95  
A wine with a heady mix of fruit, rich chocolate and plums but which is at the same time soft and appealing. Ideal with big roasts.

854 Chile **Montevista Reserva Malbec** £19.95  
Delightful, leafy red forest fruits on the nose with wild, brambly notes persisting on the palate with cracked black pepper on the finish. This is a rich yet soulful malbec.

729 Spain **Rioja Artesa Crianza** £6.75 £19.95  
An attractive and modern style of Rioja with fresh plum and red berry aromas complemented by spicy vanilla oak.

855 Australia **Soldiers Block Shiraz** £6.75 £19.95  
This is not a big, blockbusting Shiraz but more restrained, almost European style which will match most red meat dishes really well.

907 Western Australia **The Listening Station Malbec** £19.95  
NASA inspired label celebrating the vast, dark emptiness of WA where the astronauts were tracked as they orbited earth in the '60s. Dense, atmospheric and moody.

535 South Africa **Circumstance Merlot** £24.95  
Sensational Merlot from the Waterkloof Estate in South Africa. Dense black cassis and bramble fruit aromas combined with plums, spice and a creamy oak on the palate. Superb with game dishes.

707 Rhone, France **La Cote Sauvagne, Cairanne** £24.95  
Sensational single village Cotes du Rhone made using a blend of Syrah and old vine Grenache grapes which has been aged in good oak barrels for over a year to mellow. Superb with any red meat or hard mature cheese.

859 Rhone, France **Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Dom Chante Cigale** £28.95  
Hugely powerful and majestic wine from a classy single property in the Southern Rhone. Great with game and lamb and powerful enough for most red meats, and even black pudding.

32 Italy **Barolo, Il Fiori** £23.95  
Powerful, rich red wine from an excellent producer. Red meats, pasta and cheeses.

27 California, USA **Clos du Val Zinfandel** £28.95  
Made by one of the star winemakers in California, this is silky soft, with superb ripe, juicy fruit and is just crying out for some red meat or cheese.

### Finesse, Complexity & Red Berry Flavours Bottle

451 Beaujolais **Fleurie, Reine de L'Arenite, La Madone** £22.95  
The Queen of Beaujolais produced in the traditional manner from Gamay grapes grown on the pink, crumbly "Arenite" soil below the statue of La Madonna on the hill overlooking the vineyards. Lovely bubblegum and raspberry, jammy red fruit flavours.

935 Chile **Taball Special Reserve Pinot Noir** £22.95  
Superb Pinot Noir from the Limari Valley, way up in the far North of Chile. Lovely raspberry fruited wine with great balance.

29 California **Byron Santa Barbara Pinot Noir** £25.95  
Sublime and gamey Pinot from the beautiful, warm valleys of Santa Barbara county. Ideal with game and other meat meats.

21 Burgundy **Beaune 1er Cru Les Epenottes, Bernard Vallet** £38.95  
The Vallet family have been producing great wine in Gevrey Chambertin for generations and the latest in the line, Bernard Vallet, has learned much from his predecessors. Elegant, complex and beautifully structured Pinot Noir from a great vintage.

### Rioja - the jewel of Spain's wine industry and a personal favourite here at The Rams Head

We are big fans of Rioja here at The Rams Head as we really believe the wines complement our food. We are delighted to introduce the wines of Bodegas Ontanon from the glorious high altitude vineyards of Sierra Yergas in Rioja Baja. This family run Bodega has magnificently merged tradition with modernity and the wines capture the natural, unforced terroir of the area.

858 Rioja, Bodegas **Ontanon Crianza** £21.95  
This wine is made in a very modern winery but in the traditional complex Crianza Rioja style. It has delicious black cherry and spice flavours, lovely vanilla oak and impressive concentration on the finish. Great with game and cheese.

397 Rioja, Bodegas **Ontanon Crianza Reserva** £25.95  
At least 2 years in American oak gives this fabulous, classic Rioja Reserva a sheen and quality which is hard to match from anywhere else in the world.

16 Rioja, Bodegas **Ontanon Crianza Gran Reserva** £29.95  
Rich, dense and bramble packed but softened beautifully with a very classy touch of American oak. This Gran Reserva has spent at least three years in American oak casks before bottling thus shows lovely, soft velvety fruit and bags of class.

### Wiese & Krohn - Port

**Dry White Port 125ml (Alc 20% Vol)** £4.95  
Bottled after 8 years in cask, this is a delicious aperitif which is best served chilled.

**Late Bottled Vintage 2006 125ml (Alc 20% Vol)** £5.95  
Traditional Port which has had between 4 and 6 years in cask before bottling, unfiltered to preserve the Xmas cake fruit style. This is what used to be called "crusted" Port.

1154 **20 Year Old Tawny 75cl bottle** £39.95  
This Port has been aged for an average of at least 20 years in cask, which really softens the tannins giving a Port of light, tawny appearance which is just beautiful anytime.

1155 **Vintage 2000 Quinta do Retiro Nova 75cl bottle** £55.95  
2000 was a superb vintage and this wine from grapes grown exclusively on the estate is excellent now whilst young, but will also benefit from anywhere between 10 and 15 years in bottle.

Colheita Ports are a real speciality. They are Vintage dated Tawny Ports and each one is deliciously different.

Colheita Vintage Dated Tawny 1997 125ml glass (Alc 20%) £7.50  
638 Colheita Vintage Dated Tawny 1978 75cl bottle £94.95  
636 Colheita Vintage Dated Tawny 1961 75cl bottle £109.95

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