

## Organic Wine...what does it mean?

Part of the core of Excellar's ethos is sourcing wines that are produced with **sustainability** in mind. **Sustainable** wines contain fewer chemicals, which are better for both you and the environment. For many consumers, this is becoming an increasingly important consideration when it comes to what they buy.

Wine sustainability refers to a range of vineyard and wine production practices that are not only ecologically sound but also economically viable and socially responsible. Sustainable farmers may be certified (organic or biodynamic) or non-certified (Lutte Raissonnee). Sustainability also takes into account how "green" a producer may be. This includes energy and water conservation, and the use of renewable resources

In the second half of the 20th century, the use of chemicals increased significantly in order to control pests and diseases and produce a better harvest. The resulting environmental and health effects of this are a big concern to many. Reducing the use of chemicals, therefore, contributes to improving the health of the farmers. It also improves the vines and the greater ecosystem as well. That's why we care about wine sustainability.

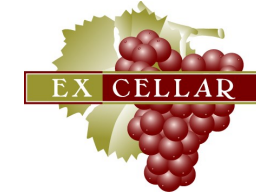
There's no exact definition for a sustainable wine. However, there are wine classifications that adhere to different levels of practices, which are considered sustainable.

Let's start with organic. **Organic wine** means that the grapes used were certified as organically grown. No use of harmful pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and chemical fertilisers. It also means that no additives were used, such as artificial preservatives. You can also get wine which is organically farmed. This means that organic practises have been followed but without formal certification of the vineyard as organic.

**Biodynamic** builds on organic, extending the ethos to the entire ecosystem around the vineyard. It includes unique methods of treatment of the soil and crops, and the planning of key activities around astrological cycles. It might sound a bit mad but the results certainly speak for themselves! A biodynamic wine is by definition organic, made from grapes that are farmed biodynamically.

**Lutte raisonnée**, literally "reasoned fight" (in French), or "supervised control" encourages biodiversity in the vineyards through the planting of cover crops, rigorous plowing of the soils, and the use of manures and natural composts to fertilize the vines. Some growers use this as a first step towards full organic farming. Others find it a happy medium between conventional methods and the stricter demands dictated by organic certifying agencies.

There is a wide berth of interpretation concerning these methods. Some farmers work through certifying agencies such as Terra Vitis, following a specific set of specifications and requirements. Others farm independently, following organic methodologies, and reserving treatments only when conditions are optimal (for example, when there is no wind). Zoologists have introduced more environmentally-friendly concepts such as integrated pest management, or hormone confusion, which prevents the reproduction of certain pests that may threaten the vines. The reduction of sprays not only contributes to the health of the vines and the greater ecosystem, but also to the health of the winegrowers (who account for the largest percentage of cancer cases among farmers).



## Wine List

### Ex Cellar Surbiton

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"To happy convents, bosomed deep in vines,  
Where slumber abbots, purple as their wines".  
Alexander Pope (1688-1744)



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Ex Cellar started life in 1998, shipping wines direct from small independent wine makers from different parts of the world, and selling them to the discerning wine buyers of Ashted, Surrey. The first shop opened a year later. Heavily influenced by my father, Nick Baile MW, the business has always concerned itself with the democratisation of wine, seeking out great wines at affordable prices, so more and more people can enjoy them.

ExCellar has 2 stores in Claygate and Surbiton. The business has evolved from a wine merchant to a collection of Wine Cafes, where wine can be bought for home, as well as being a wine bar, and cafe, selling cheese, Charcuterie, pies and much much more.

We have personal relationships with almost all of the wine estates that we have here in the shop. We like to understand the philosophy of the wine makers that we deal with and look for many different aspects when selecting the wines we sell.

Good vineyard husbandry, good wine making, minimal intervention.....all of these tend to ensure a much nicer bottle of wine



Simon has been in The Wine Trade since birth and was largely weaned on wine courtesy of his father who was a Master of Wine.

Having spent his formative years working in various branches of Oddbins, from the age of 13, he spent his first few years in the wine trade after University garnering experience in wine retail and wholesale, wine importing and also a short stint in the distilleries of Scotland.

During this time his passion for small family wineries from around the world grew. Having spent much time traveling through the vineyards of Europe, Simon has had the happy experience of eating and drinking plenty of home made produce, both food and wine. Our wine cafes now bring these fantastic experiences together under a roof hopefully near you! .



## spirits list

### cocktails

Mimosa	10
Amaresso Martini	10
Espresso Martini	10
Bloody Mary	10

### aperitif

Limoncello 50ml	5
Kir 175ml	7
Aperol spritz	10
Bellini	10
Kir Royale	10
Pimms Glass/jug	10/30

### gin

Tanqueray 43.1%	5.50
Bombay Sapphire 47.5%	5.50
Bloody Ben's 43%	5.95
Romeo's 46%	6.50
The Story Gin 42%	5.95
Elephant Gin 45%	6.50
Silent Pool	5.95
Elephant Strength Gin 57%	6.95
Saint Amans 40%	6.50
Beckett's 40%	5.95
Beckett's Sloe Gin	7.95

All Gins served as 25ml with Tonic water

### vodka

Stolichnaya	6.25
Pur Vodka	5.25
Greygoose	6.25

### tequila

Sotol Plata Chihuahua 38%	4.00
Sotol Reposado Chihuahua 38%	4.50
Sotol Anejo Chihuahua 38%	5.00
Tequila Casa Noble Reposado 38%	6.00

### whiskies

O'Cathain 8yr Old Irish Single Malt	5.50
Glen Keith, Speyside	5.50
Finlaggen Islay Old Reserve Single Malt	5.95
The Ileach Islay Malt	6.95
Finlaggen Cask Strength Islay Malt 58%	9.95

### brandy

Baron de Sigognac VSOP Armagnac	5.95
Baron de Sigognac 10 ans Armagnac	6.95
Maxime Trijol Elegance Cognac	5.95
Maxime Trijol VSOP Cognac	8.00
Maxime Trijol XO Cognac	13.00

### bourbon

Old Bardstown	5.95
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### calvados

Château du Breuil VSOP	4.25
Château du Breuil 8yr Old	6.95

### ports

Portal Late Bottled Vintage 2014	4.95
Portal Tawny Port	4.95

### liqueur

Baileys	4.95
Sambuca	5.00
Kahlua	5.50

### grappa

Tosolini Grappa Tipica	4.95
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### rums

J.Bally Blanc Martinique Rhum	5.95
Kraken Black Spiced Rum	5.95
J.Bally 2002 Martinique Rhum	7.95

Measures: Gin, Vodka, Rum, Tequila, Grappa, Calvados, Brandy - single measure 25ml, double measure 50ml

Ports & Liqueur— single measure 50ml

## for our pizza menu

	175ml	250ml	bottle	Organic?
<b><u>White wines</u></b>				
Vina Placiega Rioja Blanco 2020, Spain	7.25	9.95	29	<i>Organic</i>
L'instant Dom. Berthier Sauvignon Blanc Sec 2022, France	7.95	10.95	31	
Macon Villages, Maison Auvigue 2019, Burgundy			38	<i>almost</i>
<b><u>Red wines</u></b>				
Vina Palaciega Crianza 2017 Rioja, Spain	7.50	10.50	29	
Jordan Chameleon Syrah 2017, South Africa			31	
Albas Rouge Minervois 2018, France			38	<i>sustainable</i>

## great with platters

<b><u>Red wines</u></b>			
Château Coujan Cuvee Gabrielle, 2019 St Chinian, France			35
Jordan Estate Prospector Syrah, South Africa			36

## vegan friendly

<b><u>Champagne</u></b>				
Rene Jolly Champagne Blanc de Noir, France			55	<i>sustainable</i>
Rene Jolly Cuvee Speciale Champagne 2010, France			71	<i>sustainable</i>
<b><u>White wines</u></b>				
Villa Wolf Pinot Gris, pfalz Germany	7.95	10.95	31	<i>Organic</i>
<b><u>Red wines</u></b>				
Malbec Reservado Fabre Montmayou 2018, Argentina			39	<i>sustainable</i>
Sein Tinto Monastrell & Tintorera Alicante, Spain			36	<i>Yes</i>
Terra Danella Monastrell & Tempranillo Tinto, Alicante Spain			38	<i>Yes</i>
Chateau La Perriere Lussac St Emilion 2018, France			41	<i>sustainable</i>

## wine list.....a quick dip

	175ml	250ml	bottle/500ml	Organic?
<b><u>white wines</u></b>				
Pinot Grigio Fabiano 2020, Veneto, Italy	6.95	9.50	28	
Vina Placiega Rioja Blanco 2020, Spain	7.25	9.95	29	<i>Organic</i>
L'instant Dom. Berthier Sauvignon Blanc Sec 2022, France	7.95	10.95	31	
Villa Wolf Pinot Gris, pfalz Germany	7.95	10.95	31	<i>Organic</i>
Seysell Altesse Majeran 2019, Savoie France	8.95	11.95	36	
Jordan Estate Barrel Fermented Chardonnay, South Africa			38	<i>sustainable</i>
Cotueax du Giennois Sauvignon Domaine Berthier 2018, Loire, France			36	
<b><u>rosé wines</u></b>				
Ch. Coujan St Chinian Rose Organic 2019, France	6.95	9.50	18 500ml	
Pinot Grigio Rose 2020 Veneto, Italy	6.95	8.95	28	
St Hilaire Expresson Rose 2019, Beziers, France			30	<i>sustainable</i>
Petit St Jacques Albas Rose 2021, d'Oc, France			32	<i>Yes</i>
Mas de Cadenet Rose 2021, Provence France	10.95	13.95	38	<i>Yes</i>
<b><u>red wines</u></b>				
Petit St Jacques Rouge, St Chinian, France	7.25	9.95	31	<i>Organic</i>
Vina Palaciega Crianza 2017 Rioja, Spain	7.50	10.50	29	
Domaine Montlong, Bergerac France	7.50	10.50	20 500ml	<i>Organic</i>
P. Shaw Wirewalker Pinot Noir 2019 Orange, Australia			37	
Sin Complejos Tempranillo 2018, Toro, Spain	8.95	11.95	33	<i>organic</i>
Barbera da Capo 2018, Piemonte Italy	11.00	14.50	43	<i>Organic</i>
Chateau La Perriere 2018, Lussac St Emilion France			41	<i>sustainable</i>
Chateau Elisse Pomerol 2014, France			56	
<b><u>sparkling wines</u></b>				
Colderove DOCG Prosecco	125ml 6.95		31	
Colderove Prosecco Rosato Frizzante			27	
Cremant de Bourgogne			38	
<b><u>champagne</u></b>				
Rene Jolly Brut Champagne			55	<i>sustainable</i>
Rene Jolly Brut Rose Champagne			57	<i>sustainable</i>



spring.....  
for light bites & aperitif

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<u>White wines</u>				
Vina Placiega Rioja Blanco 2020, Spain	7.25	9.95	29	Organic
L’instant Dom. Berthier Sauvignon Blanc Sec 2022, France	7.95	10.95	31	
Tres Lunas Verdejo 2020, Toro Spain			35	Organic
Macon Villages, Maison Auvigue 2019, Burgundy			38	almost
Gavi San Pietro Biodynamic 2019, Piemonte, Italy			40	Biodynamic
St Veran, Maison Auvigue 2019, Burgundy, France			45	almost
Pouilly Fume Domaine Berthier 2018, Loire, France			42	sustainable

<u>Rose wines</u>				
Ch. Coujan St Chinian Rose Organic 2019, France	6.95	8.95	18 500ml	Yes
Pinot Grigio Rose 2019 Veneto, Italy	6.95	9.50	28	
St Hilaire Expresson Rose 2019, Beziers, France			30	sustainable
Petit St Jacques Albas Rose 2020, d’Oc, France			32	Yes
Mas de Cadenet Rose 2021, Provence France	10.95	13.95	38	Yes

<u>Red wines</u>				
Vina Palaciega Rioja Crianza 2017, Spain	7.50	10.50	29	
Domaine Montlong, Bergerac France	7.50	10.50	20 500ml	
Le Tracteur Vert Gamay Puy de Dome 2018, France			32	
Petit St Jacques Rouge, St Chinian, France	7.25	9.95	32	Organic
Barbera dacapo, Piemonte, Italy	11.00	14.50	43	Yes
Coujan Au Soleil de Martial. Grenache& Syrah 2021, France			36	No Sulphur
Lettre d’Eloise Coteaux Bourguignons Pinot Noir 2019, France			40	

time for pudding

Jordan Estate Melifera botrytis Riesling 2019, South Africa	125ml	12.00
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something to celebrate?

	175ml	250ml	bottle/500ml	Organic?
Prosecco DOCG Colderove, Italy	6.95	125ml	31	
Prosecco Rosato Castello, Italy			27	
Rene Jolly Champagne Blanc de Noir, France			55	
Albury Estate, Lansdowne Rose, Surrey, England			54	Yes
Rene Jolly Cuvee Speciale Champagne 2010, France			71	sustainable

in for a treat

<u>White wines</u>				
Chablis Domaines Seguinot Bordet, France			41	
Jordan Estate Barrel Fermented Chardonnay 2019, S Africa			38	
Pouilly Fuisse, La Frerie, Domaine Auvigue 2018, France			55	sustainable
<u>Red wines</u>				
Jordan Estate The Long Fuse Cabernet Sauvignon 2016,			37	
Vieux Chateau Gaubert Graves 2010, Bordeaux France			54	

something completely different

<u>White wines</u>				
Allram Gruner Veltliner 2019, Austria			35	
Domaine Lafond Lirac Blanc 2020, France			39	Yes
La Chapelle Blanc Viognier 2019, France			49	Yes
<u>Red wines</u>				
Ruche di Castagnole Monferrato dacapo 2016, Italy			46	
La Chapelle d’Albas Minervois 2015, France			49	Yes

**Wine Facts**  
1 acre of vineyards produces 5 tons of grapes=3,985 bottles of wine=797 gallons of wine=15,940 glasses of wine=13.5 barrels of wine  
One barrel of wine=1,180 glasses of wine=24.6 cases of wine  
One Case of Wine=30 pounds of grapes=48 glasses of wine=12 bottles of wine  
One bottle of wine=2.4 pounds of grapes=4 glasses of wine=4 happy people