



THE CASTLE HOTEL


BISHOP'S CASTLE

WINE LIST



WINES BY THE GLASS

	125ml	175ml	250ml
	Glass	Glass	Glass
WHITE			
1. Blue Ridge Chardonnay, Domaine Boyer, Bulgaria 12.5% (Fresh & Crisp) Fresh and crisp with lemony fruit from the plain of the Danube	3.75	4.95	6.60
2. Sauvignon Blanc, Ladera Verde, Valle Central, Chile 12.5% (Crisp & dry) Crisp and fresh with limey fruit, a hint of herbs and a twist of melon.	3.75	4.95	6.60
3. Amanti del Vino, Pinot Grigio, Colline Pescaresi Italy 12% (Crisp & refreshing) From Italy's Abruzzo region; This Pinot Grigio is crisp, refreshing and unoaked.	3.75	4.95	6.60
9. Shropshire Lady, Solaris, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11.5% (Crisp & Dry) A crisp, dry wine full of citrus flavours rounded off with melon and hints of refreshing green apple.	4.95	6.95	8.95
ROSE			
16. Pinot Grigio Rose, Amanti Del Vino Italy 12% (Dryish) A very easy drinking rose with fragrant summer fruits on the nose followed by a soft fruity palate.	3.85	4.95	6.75
17. Foxcover White Zinfandel, California, USA 10% (Sweetish) A soft sweetish white zinfandel with plenty of soft red fruit flavours.	3.95	5.10	6.95
RED			
20. Ladera Verde Merlot, Valle Central, Chile 13.0% (Rich & round) This has a lovely plummy Merlot fruit with a ripeness that is typical of Chile.	3.75	4.95	6.60
21. Lyrebird Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 13.5% (Rich & Smooth) Full of rip plummy fruit flavours with a delicious hint of freshly ground black pepper.	3.75	4.95	6.60
22. Las Pampas Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 12.5% (Big & bold) Ripe and lush with smooth tannins, red fruit flavours and subtle oak.	3.95	5.50	6.95
SPARKLING			
39. Il Colle Prosecco Frizzante, Italy 10.5% Dry, well balanced, it leaves a pleasant and clean sensation		200ml Bottle	7.95
DESSERT			
37. Chateau Le Fage, Monbazillac, France 13.0% This is a luscious dessert wine, brimming with ripe botrytised fruit, both complex and intense.	100ml Glass		5.10


WHITE WINES

	Bottle
 1. Blue Ridge Chardonnay, Domaine Boyer, Bulgaria 12.5% (Fresh & crisp) Fresh and crisp with lemony fruit from the plain of the Danube	£19.50
 2. Ladera Verde Sauvignon, Valle Central, Chile 12.5% (Crisp & dry) Crisp & fresh with limey fruit, a hint of herbs and a twist of melon. Typically dependable and friendly.	£19.50
 3. Amanti del Vino, Pinot Grigio, Colline Pescaresi, Italy 12% (Crisp & refreshing) This Pinot Grigio is crisp, refreshing and unoaked, making it perfect for drinking before or during any meal.	£19.50
4. Rioja Vega Viura Blanco, Rioja, Spain 13.0% (Crisp & dry) A light fragrant Rioja made from the Viura grape variety. Youthful fruity citrus flavours, this is un-oaked and juicy.	£21.95
5. Running Duck Chenin/Sauvignon, Stellar Organics, Western Cape, South Africa 13% (Full & flavoursome) Fresh, full and flavoursome, this ethically traded and organic wine combines peachy Chenin fruit	£23.95
6. Woolloomooloo Chardonnay, South Eastern Australia 12.5% (Fruity & tropical) Melon & zesty citrus flavours with a clean flinty finish. Ideal with a wide range of dishes	£24.95
8. Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine des Lauriers, Coteaux du Languedoc, France 13.0% (Crisp & dry) Try this instead of your Chablis or Sauvignon. Fresh, lean, steely, mineral & bone dry. Perfect match for seafood.	£25.95
 9. Shropshire Lady, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11.5% (Crisp & dry) A crisp dry wine full of citrus flavours rounded off with melon & hints of green apple, a fantastic local English wine.	£27.95
10. Gruner Veltliner Weinviertel, Baumgartner, Australia 12.5 % (Crisp & dry) Full of zesty grapefruit character but with body and richness to back it up.	£28.95
11. Cliff Edge Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand 13% (Full, Fresh & Tropical) Generous stone-fruit, gooseberry and capsicum flavours are bound together by lively acidity and fine texture.	£31.95
12. Bodegas Aquitania Bernon Albarina, Rias Baixas, Spain 13% (Creamy Fruit) Yellow peach flavour and a good touch of underlining minerality	£32.95
13. Chablis, Alain Bretin, Domaine Jean-Marc Brocard 2014, France 12.5% (Crisp & dry) A firm Chablis with good fruit and plenty of minerality, juicy and elegant. A fine example of this classic wine.	£34.95
14. Gavi Del Comune di Gavi, La Chirara, Italy 12.5% (Crisp & dry) Juicy, Honey—Like Core. Apple Like Freshness, and you have a Standard bearer for gavi	£39.95
15. Kaesler Viognier, Barossa Valley, Australia 14% (Full, Oaked & Fruity) A rich, creamy Viognier that is both fermented and aged in French oak barrels	£45.00

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 17. Foxcover White Zinfandel, California, USA 10.0% (Sweetish) Coral pink in colour. Delicate and refreshing with soft fruit flavours of strawberries and peaches.	£22.95
18. Tanners French Rose, IGP des Cotes de Gascogne, France 13.5% (Proper rosé) Vibrant colour, intense nose & concentrated palate, lively ripe red fruit & citrus notes.	£25.95


SPARKLING WINES & CHAMPAGNE

 34. Italia Prosecco Spumante, Italy 11.5% Light & delicate with citrus notes & hints of apple & peach on the nose whilst soft, dry & very creamy on the palate.	£23.95
35. Gouguenheim Malbec Bubbles, Sparkling Rosé Extra Brut, Mendoza, Argentina 12% This characterful sparkler is full of delicate red fruit aromas and flavours of strawberries & bright cherries	£27.95
36. Tanners Brut Extra Réserve Champagne, France 12.0% A finely structured, fruit-driven style with an impression of white flowers, fleshy stone fruits and toast.	£49.00

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 21. Lyrebird Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 13.5% (Rich & Smooth) Full of rip plummy fruit flavours with a delicious hint of freshly ground black pepper.	£19.50
 22. Las Pampas Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina 12.5% (Big & bold) A rich, full red with lovely damson and plum fruits. Soft tannins with a subtle hint of underlying oak.	£19.95
23. Rioja Vega Tempranillo Rioja, Spain 13.5% (Soft & fruity) Flavours of plum & blackcurrant. Vibrant & juicy with a Young (joven) Wine made without Oak.	£22.95
24. Los Coaches, Pinot Noir, Valle Central, Chile 12.5% (Full & Weighty) Packed full of fresh red fruit character. Good weight, plenty of ripe fruit and length and not at all jammy.	£23.95
25. Woolloomooloo Shiraz, South Eastern Australia 13.5% (Full & spicy) Blackcurrant and plum aromas followed by earthy tones and spicy fruit on the palate.	£24.95
26. Tanners Claret, Bordeaux, France 13.0% (Rich & round) Succulent and juicy for which it is renowned, while still retaining its classic balance and style. (Half Bottle £14.95)	£26.95
27. Smart Dog Syrah, Alentejo, J P Ramos, Portugal 14% (Soft & fruity) Fragrant chocolate, lavender & spice box, with fruit filled palate.	£27.95
28. Chianti Colli Senesi, Geografico, Italy 13.5% (Soft & fruity) This is textbook Chianti, medium in body with mild tannins and flavours of cherry and sweet spices.	£28.95
30. Massaya Classic, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon 15.0% (Full & spicy) Spicy notes, with ripe blackberry & red fruit and a touch of chocolate with ripe tannins.	£31.95
31. Fleurie, Domaine de la Virolette, J Charlet, France 13.0% (Soft & fruity) A delicious example of this famous village that provides all that the name suggests; fragrant, floral and feminine.	£34.95
32. Doran Vineyards The Romy D, Cab Sauv/Merlot/Cab Franc, Voor Paardeberg, South Africa 14% (Full Bodied) Classic South African Bordeaux blend with plenty of blackcurrant fruit supporting cigar box flavours and fine tannins.	£39.95
33. Alto Del Obre Reserva, Rioja, Spain 2005 13.5 % (intense & Aromatic) Full of ripe blackberry and blueberry fruit with a hint of cassis. Subtle flavour of spices, cinnamon, Vanilla & Cloves.	£39.95

DESSERT WINES

 37. Château Le Fagé Monbazillac, France - Half 13.0% This is a luscious dessert wine, brimming with ripe botrytised fruit, both complex and intense. François Gerardin and son, Benoit, cultivate 40 hectares of rolling vineyard near Bergerac.	£20.95
38. Margan Botryis Semillon, Hunter Valley, Australia - Half 9.0% This lemon, fig & honey sticky is ripe with clean balancing acidity.	£25.95

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Gordon's London Dry Gin	£3.50
Bombay Sapphire	£4.25
Hendricks Gin	£4.90
Shropshire Tiger Gin	£4.95
Pinkster Gin	£4.95
Aber Falls Rhubarb & Ginger	£4.50
Aber Falls Orange Marmalade	£4.50

BRANDIES

H by Hine VSOP	£4.90
Martell	£3.10
Hennessy Cognac	£5.50
Remy Martin VSOP	£3.90

PORTS

Tanners Ruby Port	£3.40
Tanners Late Bottled Vintage	£4.50
Noval 10 Year Old Tawny	£5.50

LIQUERS

Cointreau	£3.20
Tia Maria	£3.75
Drambuie	£3.30
Grand Marnier	£3.10
Disaronno	£3.30

VODKAS

Smirnoff	£3.10
Brecon 5 Vodka	£4.50
Belvedere	£4.20

PLEASE VISIT THE BAR FOR OUR SELECTION OF OVER 30 SINGLE MALT WHISKIES

THE CASTLE AT BISHOPS CASTLE

A VERY OLDE FREEHOUSE.

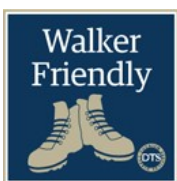
The Castle Hotel is a Grade 2 listed building ,built in 1719 on the site of the outer bailey of the original Castle.

Documented history begins in Saxon times for Bishop's Castle when Edwin Shakehead, grateful for being miraculously cured of the palsy at Saint Ethelbert's tomb in Hereford Cathedral gave part of his lands to the incumbent Bishop of Hereford. A successive Bishop of Hereford built the castle, originally a motte and bailey design, in 1087 to defend the church and village from the threat of the Welsh. The castle has been under attack several times, most notably in 1263 when John Fitzalan, 6th Earl of Arundel and Lord of Oswestry and Clun, held it under siege and caused significant damage.

In the Early Middle Ages the castle and parish were situated partly in Wales and partly in England so territorial disputes literally 'came with the territory'. In 1557 the castle was described as follows: "thirteen rooms covered with lead, a tower on the outer wall on the eastern side containing a stable, and two rooms covered with tiles. There were two other rooms called 'le new buyldinge' situated on the outer wall between the building over the gate and the tower called 'le prison tower'. There was also a dovecote, a garden, a forest and a park."

In 1618 the castle started to deteriorate and in the 1700s the stone keep and surroundings were flattened to make a bowling green, and in 1719 The Castle Hotel was built on the site of the outer bailey, probably using stones from the original castle. Some historians believe that the houses along Market Square and Castle Street were built on the foundations on an outer wall due to the curvature of the houses.

All that is physically left of the castle today is a 10 m long, coursed stone wall on the west side of the hotel gardens which is 2 m thick and 3 m high. It was overgrown with ivy and was recently renovated to keep it safe and stable. The Castle Hotel still welcomes guests from near and far, offering fine ales, local food, and bedrooms with facilities the original Bishop of Hereford could only have dreamed of!



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