



# The Castle Hotel Bishop's Castle

## Wine List.

### WINES BY THE GLASS

	125ml	175ml	250ml
	Glass	Glass	Glass
<b>WHITE</b>			
<b>1. Ladera Verde Chardonnay, Valle Central, Chile 13% (Medium &amp; Fruity)</b> Showing aromas of tropical fruit and well-tuned weight on the palate	<b>4.40</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>7.40</b>
<b>2. Amanti del Vino, Pinot Grigio, Colline Pescaresi Italy 12% (Crisp &amp; refreshing)</b> Crisp, refreshing and unoaked, making it perfect for drinking before or during any meal	<b>4.40</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>7.40</b>
<b>3. Pato Torrente Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central, Chile 12% (Dry)</b> Well balanced Sauvignon with a clean, fresh fruit and attractive tropical fruit aromas	<b>4.55</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>7.65</b>
<b>10. Shropshire Lady, Solaris, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11.5% (Dry &amp; Crisp)</b> A crisp, dry wine full of citrus flavours rounded off with melon and hints of refreshing green apple	<b>6.35</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>9.85</b>
<b>ROSÉ</b>			
<b>16. Amanti del Vino Pinot Grigio Rosato, Veneto, Italy 12% (Dry)</b> Soft, easy pinot grigio rosé with juicy strawberry fruit	<b>4.55</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>7.85</b>
<b>17. Cougars Moon White Zinfandel, California, USA 10.0% (Sweetish)</b> Medium sweet rosé bursting with strawberries & watermelon	<b>4.55</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>7.85</b>
<b>RED</b>			
<b>20. Ladera Verde Merlot Chile 12.5% (Fruity &amp; Soft)</b> Lovely plummy merlot fruit with a ripeness that is so typical of Chile	<b>4.40</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>7.40</b>
<b>21. Aus Estate Reserve Shiraz Australia 13.5% (Full &amp; Fruity)</b> Dark fruits with a hint of black pepper and capsicum	<b>4.40</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>7.40</b>
<b>22. La Vaca Gorda Malbec Argentina 12.5% (Vegan)</b> Juicy, open nose, full and ripe palate with lovely black and red fruits and an appealing fresh character	<b>4.55</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>7.65</b>
<b>SPARKLING</b>			
<b>42. Single Serve Prosecco Italy 11%</b> The classic Italian sparkling wine. Peachy fruit with delicate citrus zest. A single serve			
<b>43. Le Contesse Rose Spumante Prosecco 11%</b> A gentle strawberry scented rosé from Italy		<b>£8.50</b>	
<b>DESSERT</b>		<b>£8.50</b>	
<b>39. Chateau Le Fage, Monbazillac, France 13.0%</b> This is a luscious dessert wine, brimming with ripe botrytised fruit, both complex and intense			
		<b>200ml</b>	
		<b>Bottle</b>	

## WHITE WINES

	<b>1. Ladera Verde Chardonnay, Valle Central, Chile 13% (Medium &amp; Fruity)</b>	Bottle £21.95
	Showing aromas of tropical fruit and well-tuned weight on the palate	
	<b>2. Amanti del Vino, Italy 12% (Crisp &amp; Refreshing)</b>	£21.95
	Crisp, refreshing and unoaked, making it perfect for drinking before or during any meal	
	<b>3. Pato Torrente Sauvignon Blanc, Valle Central, Chile 12% (Dry)</b>	£22.50
	Well balanced Sauvignon with a clean, fresh fruit and attractive tropical fruit aromas	
	<b>4. Navajas Rioja Blanco, Rioja, Spain 13% (Refreshing &amp; Crisp)</b>	£24.95
	A Pale, crystal clear white with a fresh and vibrant palate	
	<b>5. Freedom Cross, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape, South Africa 12.5% (Crisp &amp; Rich)</b>	£26.95
	Full, ripe apple fruit mingles with tropical flavours leading to a clean, dry finish. As ideal with food as it is without	
	<b>6. Vinho Verde Iago Portugal 10% (Vibrant &amp; Aromatic )</b>	£27.95
	Crisp and grassy with a slight petulance (fizz) which makes it very refreshing. Perfect match for seafood	
	<b>7. Picpoul de Pinet La Madone France 13% (Dry &amp; Fruity)</b>	£28.95
	Dry, Fruit wine with pear and lychee flavours and tongue tingling acidity	
	<b>8. Goldschild Riesling Trocken Germany 11% (Dry &amp; Crisp)</b>	£31.95
	Elegant and light with refreshingly racy lime acidity with juicy peach and apple fruit and a mineral finish	
	<b>9. Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand 12% (Fruity &amp; Refreshing)</b>	£32.95
	The big flavours in here, cut grass, gooseberries, flinty acidity but in an elegant refined package	
	<b>10. Shropshire Lady, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11.5% (Crisp &amp; dry)</b>	£35.50
	A crisp dry wine full of citrus flavours rounded off with melon & hints of green apple, a fantastic local English wine.	
	<b>11. La Petite Ferme Viognier, Franschhoek, South Africa 14% (Dry and Full)</b>	£36.50
	Each fruit combines with frangipane to give a complex wine with spicy hints and underlying almond nuttiness.	
	<b>12. Gavi Del Comune di Gavi, La Chirara, Italy 12.5% (Crisp &amp; dry)</b>	£44.95
	Juicy, honey—like core. Apple like freshness, and you have a standard bearer for Gavi	
	<b>13. Chablis, Chartron &amp; Trebuchet France 12.5% (Rich &amp; Crisp)</b>	£45.00
	Crisp and clean with a rich bouquet and elegant fruit & green tea characters.	
	<b>14. Sancerre, André Dezat et Fils. 14% (Crisp &amp; dry )</b>	£52.95
	Fine Sancerre, bone dry with a great depth of mineral and herbaceous fruit, and the perfect foil for anything fishy.	
	<b>15. Pouilly-Fuissé, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Guerrin &amp; Fils 13.5% (Dry &amp; Full)</b>	£68.00
	Beautifully intense yet elegant, with roundness and a yeasty finish	

## ROSÉ WINES

	<b>16. Amanti del Vino Pinot Grigio Rosato, Veneto, Italy 12% (Dry)</b>	£23.50
	Soft, easy Pinot Grigio Rosé with juicy strawberry fruit.	
	<b>17. Cougars Moon White Zinfandel, California, USA 10.0% (Sweetish)</b>	£23.50
	Medium sweet rose bursting with strawberries & watermelon.	
	<b>18. La Tonnelle Hautes de Provence France 12.5% (Dry &amp; Refreshing)</b>	£28.95
	Dry mouth-watering Rosé, perfect with spicy foods	
	<b>19. Rare Hare, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11% (Medium/Dry)</b>	£33.50
	Packed with strawberry, raspberry and summer fruit flavours. Delicate soft floral notes	

## DESSERT WINES

	<b>39. Château Le Fagé Monbazillac, France - Half 13.0%</b>	£23.50
	This is a luscious dessert wine, brimming with ripe botrytised fruit, both complex and intense.	
	<b>40. Toro De Piedra Late Harvest Sauvignon/Semillon- Half 14%</b>	£34.00
	Honey, apricots & marmalade extends to a luscious yet well balanced palate	
	<b>41. Quady Elisium, Black Muscat- Half 15%</b>	£42.00
	Virtually black in colour, with a rose-like aroma, very intense on the palate and full of fantastic rich velvety fruit	

## RED WINES

Bottle



**20. Ladera Verde Merlot Chili (Fruity & Soft)**

£21.95

A soft, fruity, easy-going Merlot, from vineyards on the plains of northern Bulgaria



**21. Aus Estate Reserve Shiraz Australia (Full & Fruity)**

£21.95

Full of ripe plummy fruit flavours with a delicious hint of freshly ground black pepper



**22. La Vaca Gorda Malbec Argentina 14% (Vegan)**

£22.50

Juicy, open nose, full and ripe palate with lovely black and red fruits and an appealing fresh character

**23. Riviera Collection , Pinot Noir, Chile 12.5% (Full & weighty)**

£26.95

Middleweight but beautifully structured. Redcurrants, & cranberries

**24. Freedom Cross Pinotage, Western Cape, South Africa 13.5% (Medium-bodied)**

£29.95

South Africa's unique grape. This example is softly styled with intense blackberry fruit and mocha coffee notes

**25. Azabache Rioja Crianza Spain 14% (Fruity & Full)**

£29.95

Oaked but seamlessly integrated , lovely deep wine. Blackberries, damsons and a touch of vanilla

**26. Tanners Claret, Bordeaux, France 13.0% (Rich & round)**

£30.95

Succulent and juicy for which it is renowned, while still retaining its classic balance and style (Half Bottle £17.95)

**27. Smart Dog Syrah, Alentejo, J P Ramos, Portugal 14% (Soft & fruity)**

£31.95

Fragrant chocolate, lavender & spice box, with fruit filled palate

**28. Gouguenheim Cabernet Sauvignon, Valle Escondido, Mendoza, Argentina 13.5% (Medium Bodied)**

£31.95

Intense and juicy, aromatic blackcurrant fruit, with velvety soft tannins and attractive toasty oak

**29. Chianti Colli Senesi, Geografico, Italy 13.5% (Soft & fruity)**

£34.95

This is textbook Chianti, medium in body with mild tannins and flavours of cherry and sweet spices

**30. Offa's Shadow, Rondo Reserve, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11.5% (Dry & Lightly Oaked)**

£36.95

Deep ruby colour with intense aroma of roasted pepper eucalyptus & spice

**31. Piedra Negra Malbec, Alta Coleccion, Mendoza, Lurton. 14.5% (Fruity & Spicy)**

£36.95

Supple wine with soft tannins. Blackberry fruit, spice and a long finish

**32. Fleurie, La Pigionnier, France 13% (Smooth & Silky)**

£37.95

An elegant red, violet in colour with a luscious, light style

**33. Massaya Classic, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon 15.0% (Full & spicy)**

£44.95

Spicy notes, with ripe blackberry & red fruit and a touch of chocolate with ripe tannins

**34. Sarget de Gruaud Larose, Saint-Julien 2016. 13.5% (Full & Fruity)**

£98.00

Cabernet Sauvignon with deeply intense fruit, matched by well-structured tannins

## SPARKLING WINES & CHAMPAGNE

**35. Baroco Prosecco Frizzante, Italy 11%**

£26.95

Peaches and pears with a hint of lime drop sweetness

**36. Baroco Prosecco Rosé Frizzante 11%**

£27.95

A gently strawberry-scented Rosé with bags of fruit flavours and aromas

**37. Phoenix Brut Sparking White, Kerry Vale Vineyard, Churchstoke, Shropshire 11%**

£61.00

Dry & light bodies with a beautiful crisp acidity .Full of toast notes and fine bubbles

**38. Tanners Brut Extra Reserve Champagne, France 12.0%**

£76.00

A finely structured, fruit-driven style with an impression of white flowers, fleshy stone fruits and toast

## BRANDIES

Martell £4.20

Remy Martin VSOP £4.80

H by Hine VSOP £5.10

Janneau Armagnac £5.20

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# THE CASTLE AT BISHOPS CASTLE

## A VERY OLDE FREEHOUSE.

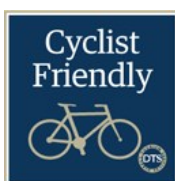
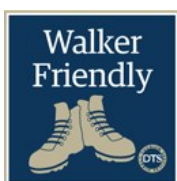
The Castle Hotel is a Grade 2 listed building ,built in 1719 on the site of the outer bailey of the original Castle.

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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