

At Summer Lodge

this year we are combining the best that our master Sommelier, Eric Zwiebel, and the wine world has to offer with the finest Dorset produce expertly prepared by our Executive Chef Steven Titman. Our aim is to marry the unique flavours of the Dorset terroir with wines from around the world. With a huge emphasis on the local provenance of our food, our goal is to highlight the flavours of stunning wines that complement our home-grown culinary treasures.

BON APPETIT

Eric Zwiebel & Steven Titman



THE SUMMER LODGE GOURMET WINE EXPERIENCES

2020



RESERVATIONS

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COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL & RESTAURANT

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Discover our collection of gourmet wine experiences, each one with four delicious courses accompanied by five exquisite wines...

Glenelly: Stellenbosch, South Africa

7TH APRIL 2020
£110 PER PERSON

In 2003 at the age of 78, May de Lancquesaing, then owner of the famous Chateau Pinchon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, purchased the estate. Part of the original Idas Valley farm, granted by Simon van der Stel in 1682, and with a nod to the original Huguenot settlers she set about removing the fruit trees and planting vines. Her vision to create a winery using the best of the microclimate and soil of the valley while providing local economic development for the community was realised and Glenelly was born.

The 1783 stamp on the label denotes her family's involvement with wine for almost a quarter of a century and this love of wine, and long tradition of wine making, has translated into wines of genuine character and complexity.

Brancaia: Tuscany, Italy

7TH JULY 2020
£110 PER PERSON

It was in 1981, when the Swiss couple Brigitte and Bruno Widmer fell in love with the at the time abandoned Brancaia estate (Castellina in Chianti) and purchased it. Only two years later, Brancaia made the first rank in an important Chianti Classico tasting and then rapidly gained international recognition. This led to a continuous extension of the activities resulting in purchasing the Poppi estate (Radda in Chianti) in 1989, followed in 1998 by the founding of Brancaia in Maremma, only 10km from the Mediterranean coastline. Since 1998 Barbara Widmer, oenologist and daughter of the founders, has been responsible for the winemaking as well as for the vineyards on all three estates - she thereby relies on the consultancy of the famous oenologist Carlo Ferrini. Today Brancaia is one of Tuscany's leading wineries, receiving important national and international awards every year.

Pares Balta: Masia Can Balta, Spain

5TH MAY 2020
£110 PER PERSON

This is a winery with more than 220 years of history. In 1978, Mr Joan Cusiné Hill took over the winery. His son Joan Cusiné Cusiné started to manage Pares Baltà in the eighties and released his first still white wine "Blanc de Pacs" which is still produced today. At the end of the eighties, the first red wine was produced and since then, they have enthusiastically been doing their best to raise the quality of their wines.

Since 2000 the management has been in hands of the two grandsons, Joan and Josep Cusiné Carol. They have brought new and fresh ideas into the company but they have also shown respect for its tradition and heritage. The winemakers, Maria Elena Jimenez and Marta Casas, wives of Joan and Josep Cusiné, have contributed to the consolidation of the winery's philosophy. In 2011 they made the first biodynamic treatments and they were applied in some experimental plots. One year later, the excellent results encouraged them to extend the application to all the vineyards. Biodynamic farming seeks to provide maximum vitality, self-balance and harmony to the vineyard. It is an agriculture based on biodiversity and astronomy (not astrology).

Alsace: France

6TH OCTOBER 2020
£110 PER PERSON

Renowned amongst experts the world over for their aromatic fruitiness and compatibility with many kinds of food, Alsace whites are outstanding - from powerful Rieslings and spicy Gewurztraminers to delicately scented Muscats and pretty Pinots (Blanc, Gris and Noir). The only permitted red grape - Pinot Noir - makes wines full of summer berry flavours. Alsace's white wines range in style from bone dry to lusciously sweet, which means there's a perfect wine to match with whatever you're eating - from spicy Indian curries to fragrant Asian dishes and sushi to traditional fare from Alsace.

5 Sommeliers Dinner

4TH AUGUST 2020
£140 PER PERSON

Enjoy a night of laughter, learning and luscious wines as Eric and his world class sommelier friends put you through your paces. With complementary food from Steven and his team we can guarantee you a gourmet experience to savour featuring interesting and unusual wines from around the world.

Champagne Dinner: Dumangin, Champagne, France

1ST DECEMBER 2020
£140 PER PERSON

The Dumangin family history can be traced back to working in the vineyards since the 1650's. Champagne Dumangin was created by Hippolyte Dumangin in the 1890s in the 1er Cru village of Chigny-les-Roses. Jacky Dumangin, three generations later, perfected the characteristically feminine Premier Cru champagne range. His son, Gilles Dumangin, 5th generation of successful winemakers, expanded the domaine by introducing several high end cuvees that helped position his domaine as one of the leading small houses in the area.

The installations for pressing and making the wines have been awarded the quality label by the CIVC. His press of 2000Kg combines modernism and tradition and is one of only two made of this type in the world. It crushes the grapes ever so delicately, with less pressure and more respect for the grape, adhering to the family philosophy of never "stressing" the grapes at any point in the production process. Gilles Dumangin is also one of the few producers in Champagne who utilises enamel tanks in which the porosity maintains a signature yeast component cuvee after cuvee.

Champagne J. Dumangin has more than 13 acres in the prestigious Montagne de Reims and is considered a classic recoltant-manipulant (grower producer) who carefully controls every aspect of production, from picking to bottling, to hand riddling.