

# Thomas Panton Wine Merchants

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## Boyntons Wines New to the UK

*As an enthusiastic and forward thinking business we are always on the look out for new wines of the highest quality for our customers. We also believe that our latest discovery from the south west of Victoria is something quite special...*

**Nigel Savage**

We are proud to present our new Australian agency from the Alpine Valleys region of Victoria State. We discovered these wines by a chance visit to our office by Kel Boynton the wine maker and owner of the Boynton Winery. The higher elevation of the vineyards has produced some stunning wines of great complexity and finesse in a style unlike many typical of Australia.

Kel and his wife Janelle have lovingly produced each wine with great care, almost hand crafted, and affectionately refer to them as their "babies".

*Feathertop wines - the flagship of the Boynton Range*

### Boynton Estate

Semillon Chardonnay  
Chardonnay  
Shiraz Cabernet  
Shiraz

£5.48

£5.98



Quite a picture... the Boynton Estate, a



### Feathertop

Viognier Shiraz £10.34

Pinot Gris £10.34

## New Italian has Impressed our Experts

*Another favourite of ours is the Ricossa Estate. As Italian wine fanatics we believe that we have a wealth of experience in selecting the best...*

**Steve Maynard**

New to Panton's are Ricossa's Classic Piedmont wines. These have been produced using the Nebiolo grape. We have found the Barolo to be full bodied and rich in red fruits. The adjacent vineyard homes the Barbaresco which accommodates the softer palate. The final two wines from this producer, the Barbera d'Asti and the Superiore represent fantastic value and have been highly recommended and appreciated by all who have tasted them! All of these wines have been produced in a traditional style and are the perfect companion for strong flavoursome dishes.



*The beautiful Ricossa Vineyard*

## Special Offers And competition

See the back cover of this newspaper...

## House Champagne competes with 'big name' brands

*We've been supporting the Ruffin vineyard and appreciating their fine quality wines for over 15 years and we still believe that they are the best. We have supplied this brand for many important occasions such as weddings and private dinner parties for many of our most distinguished customers. One of our favourite features of this bubbly is the fantastic value that it represents...*

For over 50 years, through France and Europe, the Ruffin & Fils house has accompanied outstanding events, by sharing with passion the best moments and pleasures of all lovers of Great Champagnes. Indeed, the adventure of the House of Champagne Ruffin & Fils started in the middle of the 20th century, thanks to the will of an exceptional man : Jean Ruffin. In 1965, his 3 sons, Maurice, Raymond and Dominique joined him, then in 1995, Alexandre, his grandson, also entered the family business. Telling the story of the Champagne Ruffin is talking above all about a family tradition marked with character, genius and know-how, like an expression of the territory and a unique style.

The Ruffin brand has four notable varieties and all are unique and possess special qualities. The Brut Rosé (pictured above) is the result of a blend of 50% Chardonnay, 37% Pinot Meunier and 13% Pinot Noir. Its colour is delicate-pink, the nose is fresh with red fruit flavours: strawberries, raspberries and blackberries are predominant. A Rosé Champagne that is balanced and clean equally well served as an aperitif or with dessert.



The Chardonnay D'Or's colour is a golden-yellow with reflections of green. Its nose is lively dominated by white fruits with a hint of lemon. This is a delicate champagne with fine bubbles and pleasant fragrances.



Their Brut reserve, which also serves as our house Champagne is a versatile bottle, suitable for a variety of occasions. It is pale in colour with a clean and fruity nose.

After opening, there are hints of pastries and dry fruit. The Brut Cuvee de Reserve is a full-bodied and powerful champagne (pictured right).

The 2000 Ruffin is made 100% from Chardonnay grapes which come from famous slopes of Cramant in Cotes des blancs, classified Grand Cru. Golden coloured with a fine expressive bouquet, characterised by citrus fruits and lemons and pears. These come through on the palate where it has delightful roundness and richness with a suggestion of dried fruit and vanilla at the end.

All in all Ruffin present a great opportunity for a high quality champagne that rivals the best Non-Vintage bottles from the famous houses of Champagne.



### Price List

Brut Reserve NV	£15.97
Chardonnay D'Or	£18.01
Brut Rosé	£18.40
Brut Nobilis 2000	£23.51

## Chateau La Canorgue – Another special wine from the Côtes du Rhône

*The "Chateau La Canorgue" is situated in the heart of the Luberon, exactly in Bonnieux between Avignon and Aix-en-Provence. The Château was built on the site of a roman villa and its name comes from many underground waterways, often cut into the rock. These galleries are used to this day for the water in the Château.*

The Chateau is a small traditional family vineyard ideally placed for viniculture and the best strains of vines have been chosen and selected for the different wines : for the Red, the "Syrah" dominates and is combined with Mourvèdre, Cinsault and Grenache. For the Rosé, Grenache and Cinsault grapes are used, which when converted into wine and pressed at very low temperatures have an extra pale colour and a delicate aroma.

The "CHATEAU LA CANORGUE " has one main objective - to produce high quality wines using the most natural methods. In order to respect the environment the vines are cultivated organically and biodynamically ; no chemical products are used - the land is ploughed and natural insecticides employed

The wines are bottled at the Château by the proprietor without any further processes in order to preserve the maximum aroma. The low yield (55hls/ha) and the small area of the vineyard produces a select top quality wine which has not changed for more than 20 years. During the last few years, the Château La Canorgue has won the highest awards, including :Gold medals at the "Concours Général Agricole de Paris", at the "Concours des Grands Vins à Macon", at Blayais, and at Avignon and Orange.



### Prices

La Canorgue Red	£9.22
La Canorgue White	£9.22
La Canorgue Viognier	£9.22
La Canorgue Rosé	£9.22

### **Mixed Case Promotions**

*Whatever your requirements, whether it's a dinner party, a formal occasion or a business lunch, Thomas Panton has a solution for you. However, you often find that buying a whole case is too much. You then have the question in the back of your mind of 'how much would I have saved by buying in a larger quantity?' ...*



That is why we are now, until the end of 2006, offering a discount on any case you buy (as long as it is 12 bottles or more). Whether it's port, pudding wine, rosé or champagne, make your occasion a more cost effective one by taking advantage of our special 10% discount on all cases.

In addition to this offer we are also presenting an opportunity to buy a case of mixed Champagne for a special price as well. As featured earlier in the newsletter we are offering a case comprising of 6 bottles of Ruffin NV with 6 bottles of Ruffin Rosé for £175.00. As our favourite champagne, we hope you'll find this offer irresistible in the run up to Christmas.

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## Nailsworth's Latest Catch

William's Fish Market and Food Hall has recently emerged from a major repair and refurbishment brought about by a need to restore the building which was quite literally about to fall into the stream beneath!!

### William Beeston (proprietor)

The result is a spacious new food hall displaying a wide and diverse range of fresh fish, artisan cheeses and charcuterie, together with a stunning selection of produce sourced twice weekly from the famous Rungis Market just outside Paris.

The Bistro is open again on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7pm an Oyster bar is planned, and our splendid wines are supplied by Thomas Panton Wine Merchants.



## End Of Summer Special

Domaine de Curebease Rosé

Was £6.75 now £6.10



## Bin End - Silly Prices!!

Marques de Caceres, Rioja, Crianza 2001

Was £7.50/bt now £6.00

Côtes de Rhone Reserve Blanc 2003 Perrin

Was £6.62 Now £5.50

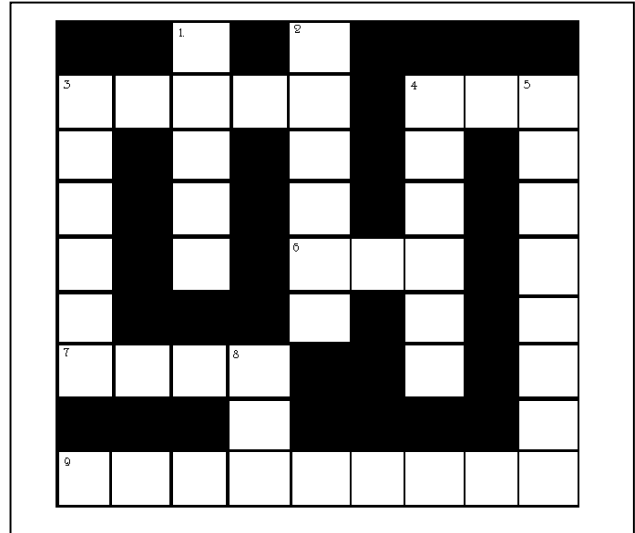
Champagne de Castellane Brut

Was £18.00 Now £14.50

Cotes de Luberon Rouge. Was £5.17 Now £3.99

## Crossword Competition

Enter our new crossword competition and win yourself a bottle of our finest house champagne – Ruffin. Either drop your entry in to our shop or post it back to our Tetbury address. The winner will be drawn from a hat on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.



## Clues

### Across

3. Wine region south of Lyon (5) famed for it's red wines
4. Bottle top (3)
6. Material used in casks (3)
7. Pinot ... (4)
9. Antipodean nation fr. (9)

### Down

1. Side fr. (5)
2. Famous red grape (5)
3. Thomas Panton's house  
Champagne (6)
4. Undrinkable (6)
5. A cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault  
grapes (7)
6. Red ger. (3)

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