



ASHFORD CASTLE

HOTEL & COUNTRY ESTATE
EXCELLENCE SINCE 1928



THE CELLAR AT ASHFORD

WINE TASTINGS



THE
RED CARNATION
HOTEL COLLECTION





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FOOD PAIRINGS

Enhance your wine-tasting experience in our historical wine cellar, by ordering one of our delicious tasting room grazing platters. Our generous platters of cheese and charcuterie are focused on celebrating regional producers and suppliers. This includes our in house baked fresh breads delicious cheeses, locally cured charcuterie, and seasonal preserves.

Selection of Irish Cheese	€24
Selection of Irish Charcuterie	€28
Dooncastle Oysters – Au Naturel	€3 per Oyster

WINE TASTINGS

Hemel-en-Aarde (Heaven and Earth) White Wine

BOUCHARD-FINLAYSON WINERY

A selection of the diverse flagship white wines from an award-winning winery in Hemel-en-Aarde, South Africa.

Blanc de Mer Riesling, Walker Bay Sauvignon, Sans-Barrique Chardonnay, Missionvale Chardonnay

€70

Hemel-en-Aarde (Heaven and Earth) Red Wine

BOUCHARD-FINLAYSON WINERY

A selection of the diverse flagship red wines from an award-winning winery in Hemel-en-Aarde, South Africa.

Walker Bay Pinot Noir, Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, Hannibal Sangiovese Blend, Tête de Cuvée Pinot Noir

€90



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BOUCHARD FINLAYSON LIBRARY

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It is our great honour to present some of the finest vintages from Bouchard Finlayson Winery produced since their first vintage of 2001. We have chosen some of the finest vintages for you from the first one. This tasting experience gives greater understanding in the development of a wine over the years from its vintage.

SELECTIONS

MISSIONVALE CHARDONNAY

A perfect expression of the Hemel-en-Aarde terroir, the Missionvale Chardonnay is produced exclusively from grapes grown and harvested on the estate, taking advantage of the valley's cool maritime climate to produce a Chardonnay that balances textbook minerality and citrus notes on a foundation of well-integrated oak richness. Fermented and aged in both oak barrels and terracotta amphorae, it is a fine example of the ongoing innovation in the Bouchard Finlayson cellar.

Four wines selected by our Sommelier's from vintages 2012 to 2018 €120

HANNIBAL SANGIOVESE BLEND

Alongside his pioneering work with Pinot Noir, Peter Finlayson was instrumental in importing Sangiovese and Nebbiolo into South Africa. This memorable blend combines Sangiovese, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Nebbiolo, Mourvèdre and Barbera into a wine that emerges far greater than the sum of its parts.

Four wines selected by our Sommelier's from vintages 2001 to 2018 €130

GALPIN PEAK PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noir is renowned as a cultivar that truly expresses its terroir, and the Galpin Peak Pinot Noir is a perfect showcase of the balance and elegance of Pinot Noir from this unique corner of the South African winelands.

Four wines selected by our Sommelier's from vintages 2012 to 2018 €140

TÊTE DE CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

The Tête de Cuvée Pinot Noir speaks to a sense of place; offering a wine that is exuberant in youth, with the structure and complexity to improve over years of cellar maturation

Four wines selected by our Sommelier's from vintages 2001 to 2017 €180



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VARIETAL TASTING

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Explore some of the finest expressions of Sauvignon Blanc with wonderful combinations of flavours ranging from green and herbaceous, seasonal peppery, white asparagus, zesty and citrus, crunchy fresh green apples, and vegetal notes of green beans.

Sancerre Domaine de la Rossignole, Cakebread Cellars, Dog Point,
Steiermark Tement

€80

RIESLING

This magnificent tasting honours the versatile and highly 'terroir-expressive' grape variety of Riesling. Riesling is a wonderfully aromatic grape variety displaying flowery, almost perfumed, aromas as well as distinctively high acidity. Seldom oaked to retain their freshness, these wines epitomise 'aging like a fine wine' and characteristics range from young fresh lime to rich perfumed kerosene notes.

Alsace Riesling Trimbach, Clare Valley Grosset, Mosel Max Ferdinand Richter,
Forrest F-Series Old Vine

€85

CHAMPAGNE

Immerse yourself in the delicacy of the world's most prestigious wine category with our expert Sommelier. Selection includes examples of the region's finest styles and producers: Rosé, Brut and the ever-elegant Blanc de Blanc.

Lanson Rosé, Lanson Organic, Charles Heidsieck Brut Réserve, Ruinart Blanc de Blanc

€110

WINE GEESE WHITE

Many pioneering Irish emigrants have ensured a steady supply of our favourite tipples for the last three centuries, including some fascinating and innovative wines from around the world. We have collected a selection of the most exquisite of these wines -produced by Irish winemakers, from past to present, and prepared them for you to taste in our cellars.

Teac Chardonnay Sonoma California, Maison Róisín Curley Burgundy, Roka Furmint
Slovenia, O' Dwyer Riesling Australia

€105

15% Service Charge applies to all Wine Tastings and Masterclasses



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MASTER CLASS WINE TASTING

PROMENADE IN BURGUNDY

Take a walk down the yellow brick road of the vibrant Chardonnay grape variety, from the region globally recognised for producing many of the finest Chardonnay vineyards in the world. The many climates available in Burgundy produce a range of memorable flavours from fresh acidity, and flavours of green plum, apple, and pear, complimented by an elegant touch of oak.

Chablis Grand Cru Tremblay, Puligny-Montrachet Bzikot, Meursault D.Moret,
Chassagne-Montrachet T.Morey

€150

MASTER CLASS WINE TASTING

ASHFORD ICONIC WHITE

Throughout our rich history at Ashford Castle, we have always maintained a spectacular selection of the finest white wines from around the world. Continuing this tradition, we are delighted to bring you this unique opportunity to taste four of these wines side by side with our talented sommeliers on hand to guide you through them.

Corton-Charlemagne André Burgundy, Rioja Ygay Spain, Gaja Gaia & Rey, Italy
Clarté de Haut-Brion Bordeaux.

€350



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RED WINE TASTING

BORDEAUX VARIETALS

Originating in Bordeaux, these phenomenal grape varieties have adapted to the terroir and climates from around the world, producing an incredibly diverse selection of wines. Experience the versatility of these regions and learn how these familiar grape varieties are expressing the nature around them through aroma and taste.

Malbec Mendoza Balbo, Carménère Chile Los Boldos, Cabernet Franc, Saumur-Champigny
Germain, St Francis Merlot €80

SYRAH

Que Syrah, Syrah...this selection of wines is designed to explore the many variations of Syrah/Shiraz, and the amazing flavours it can exhibit from region to region. From high levels of refined tannins and notes of blackberry, mint, and black pepper - to more subtle, softer tannins, and jammier fruit and spice notes of liquorice, anise, and earthy leather - this variety is full of delightful surprises.

John & Mike Favre Switzerland, Crozes-Hermitage Domaine des Lises France,
Clare Valley O' Dwyer Australia, Waiheke Island Man O War New Zealand €90

ANTINORI

The Antinori family have been committed to the art of winemaking for over six centuries and remains today as one of Italy's most innovative producers. Based in the heart of the opulent wine region of Toscana, these wines are steeped in masterful winemaking techniques, tradition, and creativity.

Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico Gran Selezione, Pian delle Vigne Brunello
di Montalciano, Bramasole Syrah La Braccasca, Bocca di Lupo Aglianico Tormaresca €110



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MASTER CLASS WINE TASTING

WORLD CLASSIC

As winemakers around the world master their craft, many regions have become synonymous with particular styles and grape varieties. In this tasting, we investigate the characteristics that make these wines so magnificent and discover why these four wines are considered 'Classics'.

Rioja Alta Gran Reserva, Spain, Barolo Ascheri, Italy, Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch, South Africa, Burn Cottage, Central Otago Pinot Noir €150

WINE GEESE BORDEAUX

Did you know that these famous Châteaux have profound connections with Ireland? Families of Irish ancestry make these wines throughout the world. Not only are the wines some of the most remarkable in their respective categories, and there is also a beautiful and fascinating history behind each of these wines.

Château de Fieuzal, Château Lynch Bages, Château Phelan Segur, Château Kirwan €200

ASHFORD CASTLE PREMIER

Some wines are reserved for the most noteworthy of occasions. In this tasting, we aim to discover the complexity and subtlety of these masterfully aged wines and learn to distinguish between the nuances, which set them apart on the world stage.

Château Pontet-Canet, Sassicaia Super Tuscan, Château Mouton-Rothschild, Insignia Phelps €590

ASHFORD ICONIC RED

Our cellars at Ashford Castle date back to the 17th century and have housed some of the greatest wines ever made. This is a once in a lifetime tasting opportunity to experience four of the finest wines ever produced in concert. The tasting is directed by one of our Sommelier team who will guide you through the wines and ensure your experience is flawless.

Château Petrus, Pomerol, Quintarelli, Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico, Opus One, Napa Valley, Penfold Grange, Australia €1,000

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THE CELLAR AT ASHFORD

Since 1228, Ashford Castle has welcomed some of the most discerning guests through its fabled doors. To meet each guest's individual needs our wine cellar has been a great source of inspiration. The cellars at Ashford Castle date back to the 17th century and have housed some of the greatest wines ever made.

In a hidden valley at the Southern tip of the new world lies a winery, that combines the best of the old ways with a streak of innovation and creativity. Established in 1989, the now world-renowned Bouchard Finlayson winery is in the internationally acclaimed wine region of Walker Bay in the Western Cape. The winery began as a collaboration between Paul Bouchard, celebrated Burgundian winemaker, and locally awarded talent, Peter Finlayson. This blend of old and new world can be found in everything from the mix of steel and concrete tanks to the modern and classical art on the walls, right through to the wines themselves. Collaboration has always been a part of the vineyard, which is today owned by the Tollman family of The Red Carnation Hotel Collection and collaboratively run by Victoria Tollman and Peter Finlayson. Bouchard Finlayson has established a global reputation for its flagship wine, the Galpin Peak Pinot Noir, which has won numerous awards and accolades. Other cultivars from the farm include Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Sangiovese, Chenin Blanc, and Riesling.

The Wine Geese wines are also well represented on the list. These wines are made throughout the world by families of Irish ancestry. From Old World classics such as Château Leoville Barton and Château Siran in Bordeaux, to New World champions like the O'Dwyer Winery in Clare Valley Australia, there is a beautiful and interesting history behind each wine.

We are proud to offer vintage wines by the glass using the latest wine preservation technology, the 'Coravin' system. Some of the wines featured will make use of this system.

PRIVATE TASTINGS AND MASTERCLASSES

From 12pm to 8pm every day, our team of expert Sommeliers offer private tastings and masterclasses highlighting these fine wines. Each tasting lasts 45 minutes and takes place in our state-of-the-art wine cellar, the first of its kind in a hotel in Ireland. Tastings and masterclasses are available by appointment; please speak to Concierge to arrange your booking. Maximum of two different wine tastings per group. Vintages on request.