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Food, drink and life at The Ship

We are delighted to welcome you to the wonderful village of Elie, to the iconic Ship Inn and to our new wine list for Summer 2025.

We have been lucky enough to own this fabulous pub for the past almost 10 years - though we have both known Elie for many years before. Rachel spent every summer of her childhood playing in the rock pools on Elie beach, and when we first met each other (many, many years ago) the first place we came to for a holiday was Elie.

There has been a pub on this site since 1832, and we are the 14th landlords of the Ship. Our aim is to look after the place during our time as custodians, and when one day we leave it to the 15th landlords, we will hopefully have left it just a little bit better than we found it. In our time here we have enlarged the downstairs bar, created a brand-new first-floor restaurant, developed the beer garden and the Ship's Cabin opposite, and added six lovely bedrooms, four of which have that stunning view across the water, of which we are so proud.

Our vision at The Ship is hopefully a simple one - to match the world-class location which nature has given us with an Inn that prides itself on friendly, professional service and great produce. Whether that produce comes from the farms behind Elie, or the seas in front of you, then even better.

In the summer, it's about outside drinks, barbecues and beach cricket during the day, and lovely dinners of fabulous fresh seafood, meat, veggies and fruit by night. In the winter, it's about crackling log fires, staying inside out of the cold, and maybe tapping your feet to some live local music.

Whatever the season, and whatever your age, you'll probably do it with a glass in your hand. In the summer it's rosé wine, Pimm's and crisp ales. In the winter it's delicious red wines, warming malt whiskies and tasty local beers.

Our main passion is wine. We have been lucky enough to travel to many of the world's great wine regions, we have met many growers and the winemakers, picked the grapes, and experienced the often-amazing places in which wine grapes are grown. Our new list contains wines from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Italy, France, Portugal and Spain in all of which we have been lucky enough to meet the team and taste the grapes. We encourage you to drink great wine to match the fantastic surroundings. So those who know, know to go to the slightly higher-priced wines on the list which offer the best value of all

After feedback from our customers, we also now have a selection of magnums, and we are also now offering our house claret in half bottles.

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Sparkling & Fizz

From Prosecco to Champagne – bubbles for every occasion.

125ml

Bottle

Light & Crisp Bubbles

Prosecco

'Riflessi', Massattina – Veneto, Italy, 11%

If you love prosecco, you will love this. Crisp, dry and full of fun

7

35

French Sparkling

Crémant de Loire, De Chanceny – Loire, France 12.5%

We are very excited about this discovery. Champagne method at a fantastic price. Give it a try and prosecco will become a distant memory.

8

41

Sparkling Rosé

Crémant de Loire, De Chanceny – Loire, France, 12.5%

...and then we found it in pink too. Fabulous to celebrate anything with, or just because. One of the staff's favourites.

9

45

Rich & Complex Bubbles

South African Sparkling

2020 Blanc de blanc, L'Ormarins, South Africa, 12.5%

A pure Chardonnay sparkler that's basically sunshine in a fluted elegant, bright, and utterly charming.

45

Champagne

Charles Heidsieck, France, 12%

One of the great houses. Stunning champagne, worth every penny. Honouring Champagne Charlie, this is a wine to celebrate life

16

86

Rosé Champagne

Charles Heidsieck, France, 12%

See above - but pink, so even more fun

96

Vintage Champagne

2013 Brut Millésimé, Charles Heidsieck – Champagne, France 12%

Pure decadence for those special occasions. One of the great and most awarded houses in the whole of Champagne. Our tasting notes said ripe fruit, with hints of cinnamon, liquorice and pepper. But don't just take our word for it.

250

Non-Alcoholic Fizz

Alcohol free Prosecco

Sea Change Alcohol, Treviso, Italy, 0%

Fresh, fizzy, and fabulously alcohol-free. Eco-conscious bubbles for those who want the fun without the fuzz.

30

Rosé Wines

Dry, elegant and refreshing – summer in a glass, all year round

	175ml	bottle
Pinot Grigio Rosé Ponte Pietra – Veneto, Italy, 12% <i>Does what it says on the bottle. Fruity, strawberry, pink and dry.</i>	8	29
Languedoc Rosé 'Tendem Rosé', Bruno Andreu – France, 12.5% <i>Provençal in style – pale, elegant, and dangerously drinkable. Rachel's go-to rosé, and one she's probably enjoyed a little too often...</i>	9	36
Provence Rosé 'AIX', Coteaux d'aix – Provence, France, 12.5% <i>Properly delicious Provençal rosé. Best enjoyed when the sun's out – or when you're pretending it is!</i>	13	48

White Wines

Light & Zesty <i>Crisp, refreshing whites - perfect for seafood, sunshine and easy drinking</i>	175ml	Bottle
Macabeo Familia Castano, Murcia, Spain 12% <i>We'd only put our name on something we love. Juicy, soft fruits and that "just one more glass" kind of charm.</i>	8	29
French Sauvignon Loire Sauvignon, Vignerons de Valency - Loire, France, 13% <i>Sauvignon as you love it - a gentler alternative to Kiwi Sauvignon. Utterly delicious.</i>	8	32
Kiwi Sauvignon Tinpot Hut, Marlborough, New Zealand, 13% <i>Fiona and Hamish welcomed Graham and Rachel to the vineyard and after several (and the rest) tasting of their wines this one made it straight from NZ to our menu and has been a Ship Inn fixture ever since.</i>	11	43
Picpoul de Pinet Baron de Badassiere - Languedoc, France, 13% <i>The ultimate crowd-pleaser. The rare find - good on its own or a great mate for fish or seafood from Morten's kitchen</i>	10	39
Albariño Terra De Asorei - Galicia, Spain, 13% <i>Back by popular demand. This goes just as well with fish and chips, and it does with posh seafood - utterly delicious.</i>		41
Aussie Riesling 'Regional Series', Capel Vale - Margaret River, Australia, 12% <i>Green apple, dry and tropical fruit from a beautiful area in Western Australia</i>		71
Sancerre Domaine des Brosses - Loire, France, 13% <i>A classic and beautiful Sancerre - citrus, minerality and elegance. But this one also has oomph.</i>		60
Chablis 'Les Fourneaux', Domaine Corinne Perchaud - Burgundy, France, 13% <i>Fourneaux means stoves. The warm micro-climate gives this chardonnay citrusy apple and a fabulous deep, rich and lingering finish.</i>		79

Aromatic & Floral

Fragrant and expressive wines with notes of fruit, blossom and spice.

175ml bottle

Pinot Grigio

10 37

Terrapieno Alpha Zeta, Veneto, Italy 12.5%

Intense notes of citrus and red stone fruit, slightly floral and dry as a good pinot should be, and this is a good pinot. A true classic that cannot be missed.

Chenin Blanc

8 30

Paarl Heights - Paarl, South Africa, 12.5%

Guava meets baked apple. Easy drinking heaven.

Gavi

9 36

Casa Ernesto - Piedmont, Italy, 12.5%

What we drank on holiday in Italy. Bags of aroma - think peaches and cut flowers. Transports me back to the piazzas of Italy. Give it a try instead of a pinot grigio...

Grüner Veltliner

49

Loimer - Kamptal, Austria, 12%

If you don't know it - try it. If you do, then this is a great one. Comes with Graham's money back guarantee.

Pinot Blanc

56

Jean Geiler - Alsace, France (2022), 13.5%

We couldn't leave this one off the list! A small Alsace gem that's light, fresh, and full of peaches. Something a bit different - and seriously tasty.

Viognier

58

'Les Champavins', Domaine Grand Veneur - Rhône, France, 13.5%

Honeysuckle and jasmine on the nose, a little drizzle of honey on the palate - sunshine in a glass.

Pecorino

45

'Calalenta', Fantini - Abruzzo, Italy, 12.5%

Rachel's new favourite wine. Peaches and pears, and summer in a glass. All in a beautiful bottle.

Soave Classico

75

'La Rocca', Pieropan - Veneto, Italy, 13%

A truly elegant wine from Italy. Think of gondoliers serenading you down the canal with glass in hand...

Smooth & Rounded 175ml bottle
Soft, balanced whites that bring gentle fruit and elegance.

Mâcon-Villages 12 47

'Terroir de Nancelles', Domaine Perraud - Burgundy, France 2021, 13%
A chardonnay from the south of Burgundy. Summer fruit salad with a hint of elderflower. Easily drunk all day in the sun.

Saint-Véran 61

'En Crèches', Domaine Saumaize - Burgundy, France 2022, 13.5%
A delicious chardonnay from one of Burgundy's top producers. Unoaked, dry and full of grapefruit acidity

White Bordeaux 69

Châteaux Lamothe-Bouscat - Pessac-Léognan, France, 13.5%
A sauvignon and semillon blend from the heart of Bordeaux. A really special wine at a great price.

South African Chardonnay 9 35

Lanzerac - Stellenbosch, South Africa, 12.5%
Very new to our list, a full-bodied yet beautifully fresh Chardonnay from one of South Africa's oldest vineyards, dating back to 1692.

Rich & Buttery 175ml bottle
Decadent chardonnays and full-bodied whites with creamy texture.

Kiwi Chardonnay 67

Greywacke - New Zealand, 14.5%
Another vineyard that Graham and Rachel have had the fortune to visit. Kevin Judd, the winemaker who put Cloudy Bay on the map, now makes this really beautiful wine. Go on, spoil yourself.

White Châteauneuf-du-Pape 80

'Le Miocène', Domaine Grand Veneur - Rhône, France, 14.5%
We are so excited to have this on our list. A very special find and a really amazing wine. Full-bodied, buttery and organic too...

Côte d'Or 82

'Le Clos du Château de Puligny-Montrachet' Domaine de Montille, Burgundy, France, 12.5%
The best white wine on our list. One of the oldest producers in the Côte D'Or. It spends a year on oak giving it delicious butteriness, balanced with citrus acidity. Lemon curd on toast in wine form.

Red Wines

Juicy & Easy Drinking

Lighter reds bursting with fruit – perfect for any occasion.

175ml

Bottle

Tinto

8

29

Evaristo, Lisboa, Portugal 12%

A Portuguese blend with attitude, this is an all-rounder with buckets of fruit. All too drinkable..

Pinot Noir

9

37

Casa Silva - Colchagua, Chile 14%

We have been searching for a pinot noir at a good price, and we discovered this. Red fruit, strawberries, chocolate and gorgeous.

Cinsault

Old Vine Cinsault, Percheron- Coastal Region, South Africa, 13%

Graham is delighted to have this back on our list agsin. You will tend to see him with a glass of it in hand..Light, juicy and full of red berry charm – an old-vine Cinsault that’s as easy to enjoy as it is to love.

Beaujolais

43

Beaujolais Latigne, Frédéric Berne, France, 13%

A recent discovery and an amazing wine. Modern style Beaujolais which everyone will love.

Merlot

30

‘Tendem’, Bruno Andreu - Languedoc, France, 13.5%

A cracking merlot at a cracking price from one of our favourite producers.

Montepulciano

8

32

Natum, Abruzzo, Italy, 12.5%

First of 3 Italian reds on our list. Good, honest everyday-drinking. Punches well above its weight. Cherries, plums, spices, and completely vegan

Bordeaux

22

Château Trincaud, Bordeaux Supérieur - Half Bottle, 13.5%

Near St Emillion and merlot dominated, this wine packs a punch and is fabulous value for money. The perfect size for lunch.

Fruity & Silky

Smooth, velvety reds with layers of ripe fruit and finesse

Malbec	9	35
Kaiken - Mendoza, Argentina, 14%		
<i>Ever popular, and a crowd pleaser. Best Malbec in its field.</i>		
Côtes-du-Rhône	10	39
Famille Perrin - Southern Rhône, France, 14%		
<i>Gorgeous, peppery fruit and fabulous value – our go-to red and a firm favourite on the list.</i>		
Fleurie		57
'Granits Rose', Domaine de Bel Air - Beaujolais, France, 13%		
<i>A new arrival we can't stop talking about! From a spot between Burgundy and the Rhône, it's the perfect mix of silky smoothness and rich flavour, quite possibly the best all-rounder on our list.</i>		
Pinotage	11	41
Lanzerac - Stellenbosch, South Africa, 14%		
<i>Lanzerac bottled the first Pinotage in the world, about 330 years ago, so they are quite good at it now. Bags of fruit and a velvety finish.</i>		
Kiwi Pinot Noir	14	55
'RUA' Pinot Noir, Akarua - Central Otago, New Zealand, 13%		
<i>Pinot Noir as you would always want it to be. If this was a burgundy, it would be three times the price. A bargain if you are a pinot noir lover.</i>		
Valpolicella		50
Ripasso Classico Superiore, Fumanelli - Veneto, Italy, 14.5%		
<i>Ripasso means that the valpolicella juice is passed over the skins of crushed grapes used for making Amarone. The result is a fabulous blend of Valpolicella zing but with an added Amarone style punch. Dark cherry, and spice</i>		
Aussie Cab Sauv		70
Cabernet Sauvignon 'Regional Series' Capel Vale - Margaret River, Australia, 14%		
<i>One of Graham and Rachels favourite wine regions in the world, the Margaret River cab sav. produces some truly beautiful wines. This wine is distinctive with soft red berries, plums and soft tannin.</i>		
South African Claret		65
'Optima', Anthonij Rupert (2020) - South Africa, 14.5%		
<i>Optima pays homage to the late Anthonij Rupert, whose dream was to make a Cape wine which could compete with the finest in the world. The result l opulent, silky and velvety and a resounding success</i>		

Spicy & Bold

Reds with character – spice, depth and warming richness.

Rioja Reserva 12 45
Izadi – Rioja, Spain, 14%
Aged in American and French oak for that perfect mix of vanilla, spice, and juicy red berries. Mellow, smooth, and seriously tasty. Classic Rioja

Barolo 100
'Coste di Rose', G.D. Vajra – Piedmont, Italy, 14.5%
Nebbiolo from Barolo, aged in Slavonian casks for 30 months giving a dark intense cherry and berry flavours with a finish as long and as smooth as the Monza track.

Aussie Shiraz 50
'The Barossan', Peter Lehmann – Barossa Valley, Australia, 14.5%
One of the founding makers in the Barossa, Peter Lehmann has given his name to this exceptional Shiraz.

Crozes-Hermitage 61
Maison Les Alexandrins – Northern Rhône, France, 15%
Graham's favourite wine on the list. Syrah, spicy, dark and silky velvetiness!

Priorat 53
'L'Expressio del Priorat', Mas La Mola – Priorat, Spain, 14%
Gemma's favourite wine on the list. Graham says "ram a bottle full of gorgeous grapes, give it the Priorat magic and out comes an absolute banger"

Elegant & Structured

Classic, complex reds with balance, finesse and ageing potential.

Pomerol 63
Château Bertineau 2020, Lalande-de-Pomerol – Bordeaux, France, 14%
Merlot led with a bit of Cabernet France for extra complexity, this is right bank Pomerol which with a different label would be 10 times the price.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 90
Château de Vaudieu 'Grand Vin', Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône, France, 15%
If you're a lover of Châteauneuf, we know you'll be very happy with this. Graham's father's favourite wine, rich and generous with dark berries, warm spice, and a hint of herbs. Smooth, full-bodied, and deeply satisfying.

Burgundy 95
Domaine Christophe Vaudoisey, Pommard, France, 14%
This was a top favourite with the team during our tasting and the wine they would choose if they could pick any wine from our list. Silky seductiveness, powerful style for this most elegant of wine regions

Saint-Emilion 76
Château Condat 2019, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru – Bordeaux, France, 13.5%

All rounded, silky loveliness! Deep, dark fruit with smoky, cedar spice – classic Saint-Émilion and one we can't get enough of.

Bottle

Magnums

Twice the wine, twice the fun – perfect for sharing.

Champagne

Charles Heidsieck, France, 12%

One of the greats! A stunning Champagne that's every bit worth it. Crafted in tribute to Champagne Charlie, this magnum is pure celebration in a bottle.

210

Provence Rose

'AIX' Coteaux d'aix en Provence France, 12.5%

As above- but at least twice as good and twice as much fun

92

Rioja

Izadi Reserva (2017), Spain, 14%

Aged in American and French oak for that perfect mix of vanilla, spice, and juicy red berries. Mellow, smooth, and seriously tasty.

92

Fleurie

'Granits Rose', Domaine de Bel Air - Beaujolais, France, 13%

New onto the wine list. We are very excited about this one and everyone who chooses it will love it. The best all round wine on our list. Situated between Burgundy and the Rhone therefore combines silky elegance with intense flavor

99

Saint-Émilion

Château Condat (2019), Saint-Émilion Grand Cru - Bordeaux, France, 13.5%

All rounded, silky loveliness! Deep, dark fruit with smoky, cedar spice – classic Saint-Émilion and one we can't get enough of.

150

Dessert Wines

Sweet endings

50ml bottle

Sauternes

Château Delmond, - Bordeaux, France

There are two types of pudding wine: Sauternes; and the rest. If you know what we are saying, then you have arrived. Welcome to the Pleasure Dome

6 35

Botrytis Pinot Gris

Greywacke - Marlborough, New Zealand

Zesty, floral and fabulous - try with blue cheese or on its own- go on, give it a go...

10 60

Port & Brandy

After-dinner classics.

25ml

Cockburns Ruby Port, Portugal

Rich, smooth and full of red fruit.

4

Kopke Fine Ruby Port, Portugal

Velvety and sweet-fruited - a perfect digestif.

5

Kopke White Port, Portugal

Fresh, honeyed white port - serve chilled.

5

Madeira, 5-year-old Fine Rich Reserve, Justino's, Portugal

Beautifully balanced sweetness with nutty depth.

5

Courvoisier VS, France

Classic French elegance

5

Hennessy VS, France

Bold French icon

6

Rémy Martin VSOP, France

Supple, rich and elegant.

7

Calvados Magloire - France

Normandy apple brandy - crisp and aromatic.

5

We hope you enjoy exploring this list as much as we enjoyed creating it.

Cheers from all of us at The Ship Inn, Elie.