

the George & Dragon hotel

THE WINE SELECTION

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A meal without wine is called
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A Warm Welcome & Brief History

Kirbymoorside is noted as 'Chirchebi' in the Domesday Book (1086). It served as a trading hub at least since 1254, when it first became a market town. Through the years, two castles have stood in the town and stones from one of them were used to build the Memorial Hall in the centre of the market place.

The George and Dragon Hotel was originally a cruck-framed building in the 13th century but re-modeled with 2 floors on a 3 room plan in the 17th/18th century. The main part of the building is the original inn and the two bedroom areas were added to the property at a much later date. The inn keeper's private accommodation had a small living area where the current lounge is today and bedrooms upstairs, along with a handful of letting rooms. Prior to a family owning the Inn in the late 1960s (who did much of the development of the property), the small area by the fire was the only bar area, it would have been very small and dark.

Thankfully nowadays things have improved. The George and Dragon hotel is a family business run by Alison and David Nicholas and their daughter, Laura Moore, which makes for a unique and truly personal service. The mission is simple; serve top quality food, stock local ales and offer a great selection of wines in a relaxed and friendly environment. Enjoy!

Dessert Wine

		½ Bottle	
33	Samos 'Nectar' - Greece		£22.00
	A strong and harmonious bouquet ably assisted by the noble aromas of walnut, with a particularly lingering end palate redolent of smoke, incense and macaroons.	50ml	£3.95

Port

		Bottle	
34	Niepoort Tawny Dee		£22.00
	Brick red/tawny in colour, with delicate nutty aromas and a hint of dried fruit. On the palate very well balanced with a youthful, fruity, luscious character, which integrates well with a long spirity finish.	50ml	£3.95

"If you're interested in purchasing any additional bottles of the wines on the list, they are all available to order by the case at a reduced price. Please speak to David, Alison, Laura or Chris to organise this."

Red Wines

			Bottle
21	Merlot - Pacifico Sur, Curico Valley, Chile Red berry and plum aromas. More plummy fruit flavours on the palate, a well-balanced wine.	175ml 250ml	£17.50 £4.95 £6.25
22	Shiraz - Beyond the River, South Eastern Australia A full-bodied and smooth wine enriched with ripe black fruity flavours.	175ml 250ml	£19.00 £5.75 £6.95
23	Aga Tinto - Azcunaga, Navarra, Spain Crisp and clear on the nose, with fresh fruits and flower notes. In the mouth is smooth with very sweet tannins.	175ml 250ml	£21.00 £6.25 £7.50
24	Malbec - Kaleu, Mendoza, Argentina A juicy, brambly nose leads to a soft and round palate with redcurrants, blackcurrants and plums. Soft tannins.	175ml 250ml	£20.00 £5.95 £7.25
25	Pinotage - Abrahams & The Heretics Stellenbosch, South Africa Sweet cherry and red berry mixed with bold black fruits. A hint of complexity with some smoky bacon and dark molasses to the palate.		£24.00
26	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo - Il Caggio, Veneto, Italy Full-bodied and juicy. Combinations of black and red fruit flavours are complemented by a twist of spice on the palate.		£18.00
27	Rioja Crianza - Diez Caballero, Rioja, Spain Not too dry, refreshing, complex flavours, a little on the light side in a good way allowing all the amazing character to come out.		£27.00
28	Pinot Noir - Honu, Wairarapa, New Zealand Aromas of strawberry and redcurrant leading to savoury flavours of roast game, beetroot and raspberry. Soft tannins.		£27.00
29	Chianti Colli de Senesi DOCG - Tenuta Bichi Borghesei Tuscany, Italy A fruity bouquet with inklings of cherry. The taste is gentle and fresh with a long finish.		£27.00
30	Zinfandel 'Beyer Ranch' - Wente, California, USA Strawberry and dark fruit aromas with hints of cinnamon, vanilla and cherry. Mouth filling dark fruit flavours with spice.		£34.50
31	Hochar - Château Musar, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon Robust and aromatic, with baked plum, warm earth, leather, thyme and dark chocolate characters.		£36.00
32	Reserva Malbec - Dante Robino, Mendoza, Argentina Red fruit aromas with delicate notes of chocolate and vanilla on the nose. It is very elegant with round tannins and has a long finish.		£37.00

Sparkling Wines

			Bottle
1	Prosecco NV - Il Caggio, Italy		£24.00
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3	Nyetimber Classic Cuvée - West Sussex, England		£50.00
4	Nyetimber Classic Cuvée - West Sussex, England Great clarity and tiny bubbles. Aromas of melon, meyer lemon, proving bread, sweet pea flowers and vanilla followed by apricot and melon flavours on the palate. <i>Delicious on its own or with light desserts.</i>	½ bottle	£30.00
5	Nyetimber Rosé - West Sussex, England		£55.00
6	Nyetimber Rosé - West Sussex, England Vibrant antique red rose colour, hint of copper tones, lovely tiny bubbles. Red mango, honey, hints of star anise, cardamom and alyssum. Red liquorice, red cherry and currant flavours. High intensity, with lovely round and full but soft texture. Finish is very long and full with red currant and hints of shortcrust pastry. <i>Delicious on its own, with salads or light desserts.</i>	½ bottle	£30.00
7	Nyetimber Blanc de Blancs - West Sussex, England Pale gold in colour with tiny, delicate bubbles. Floral and lime aromas lead on to rich notes of pastry and brioche. On the palate, fresh citrus flavours are balanced with an underlying minerality and a toasty intensity. Very fine and elegant with a long, complex finish. <i>Excellent with smoked salmon.</i>		£60.00
8	Nyetimber Demi Sec - West Sussex, England Aromas of pure lemon, mineral and honey tones and a hint of tangerine fill the nose. The palate has a lively sweet lemon start set off by a crisp acidity and a very clean, pure structure. The finish is minerally and citrus filled. <i>A great aperitif or accompaniment for light desserts.</i>		£50.00

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Food & Wine Pairings

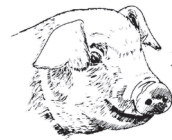


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Notes of white peach, apricot kernel and zesty lime peel culminating in a silky mouth-feel and crisp, vibrant acidity.
- 16 **Quinta da Raza - Vinho Verde, Portugal**
Crisp and fresh citron coloured wine, that has a balanced acidity and a fruity fragrance with a grapefruit character.

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Aromas of white flesh fruits and flowers, easy drinking.
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White Wines

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| 9 | Viña Mariposa Blanco - Viño de España | | £16.50 |
| | Crisp, white wine, with lots of juicy lime fruit and hints of green apple. | 175ml | £4.50 |
| | | 250ml | £5.75 |
| 10 | Pinot Grigio - Il Caggio, Veneto, Italy | | £17.50 |
| | Flavours of fresh green apples and citrus, balanced well by aromas of stone fruit. | 175ml | £4.95 |
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| 12 | Sauvignon Blanc - Santa Alba, Curico Valley, Chile | | £17.50 |
| | Citrus fruits, acacia and apple on the nose. Light refreshing palate of apples, pears and freshly cut grass. | 175ml | £4.95 |
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| 17 | Sauvignon Blanc - Bascand, Marlborough, New Zealand | | £29.50 |
| | Aromas of pineapple and freshly cut grass. The palate shows richness with good texture and fine acidity. | | |
| 18 | Chablis - William Fèvre, Burgundy, France | | £30.00 |
| | A crisp, dry white wine with fantastic clean minerality and notes of citrus on the palate. | | |

Rosé Wines

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| 19 | Pinot Grigio Blush- Il Caggio, Veneto, Italy | | £18.00 |
| | Crisp and refreshing flavours of soft red fruits are complemented by subtle floral aromas. | 175ml | £5.25 |
| | | 250ml | £6.25 |
| 20 | Zinfandel Rosé - Discovery Beach, California, USA | | £19.50 |
| | Watermelon, strawberry and cherry on the palate. Well balanced with floral character, sweetness and crisp acidity. | 175ml | £5.75 |
| | | 250ml | £6.75 |