


# VINTAGE MILESTONES

*Transport yourself back to a special year with a bottle of the very best wine from that vintage*

**PORT**  
**2003**

A fantastic vintage in Port – a small but perfectly formed harvest means that the top vineyards are highly sought after.



Hottest UK temperature ever recorded

**BAROLO**  
**2004**

Northern Italy enjoyed almost perfect conditions for Barolo – a long cold winter, cool spring, hot summer and sunny September.



Facebook is launched

**Medoc**  
**2005**

An exceptionally dry year, with above average temperatures, producing wines of great quality across all regions.



The royal wedding of Charles & Camilla

**Champagne**  
**2006**

A vintage that was saved at the last minute by a balmy September, wines from this ripe vintage show a great fruit purity and concentration.



Twitter is launched

**VENETO**  
**2007**


Despite unusual weather and localised hailstorms in Italy, fruits of very good qualities rewarded the brave and the bold.



Steve Jobs launches iPhone

South African  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
**2008**


Despite a difficult growing season, a good selection and great blending resulted in pockets of brilliance.



Obama is inaugurated as President of the USA

**WHITE BURGUNDY**  
**2009**


A problematic vintage that resulted in absolutely stunning wines against all expectations.



Usain Bolt sets a new 100m world record

**Bordeaux**  
**2010**


This vintage produced many wines, which are reminiscent of what a 'classic' Bordeaux is all about.



Justin Bieber dominates the charts

Chilean White  
**2011**


A cool vintage in Chile ensured that the whites were elegant and well balanced.



The royal wedding of Prince William & Kate Middleton

**2012**  
**CALIFORNIAN ZINFANDEL**

This was a vintage for classically proportioned wines that should be pretty while young, with the ability to age gracefully.



LONDON HOSTS THE 2012 OLYMPICS

**2013**  
**Californian Chardonnay**

An almost ideal vintage, with a long hot summer and dry conditions.



Prince George is born

South African  
Sauvignon Blanc  
**2014**

Although 2014 was a difficult year for much of South Africa, coastal regions had an exceptional harvest.



Brazil hosts the FIFA World Cup