



ASHFORD CASTLE

HOTEL & COUNTRY ESTATE
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The Wine Cellar

— AT ASHFORD CASTLE —



THE
RED CARNATION
HOTEL COLLECTION



Since 1228, Ashford Castle has welcomed some of the most discerning guests through its fabled doors and continues to this day to offer the warmest of welcomes, be it the first or one of many stays. Food and wine have long been the cornerstone of hospitality at Ashford Castle and nothing epitomises this more than the inspired Cellars at Ashford Castle. The Cellars date back to the 17th Century and were originally used as both coal storage and the service entrance. To this day, the original coal hatch can still be found in the tunnel.

With great care and thoughtfulness the Ashford Castle Wine Cellar was refurbished to house some of the greatest wines ever made. Our Wine Tastings offer guests the opportunity for both the novice as well as the aspiring wine connoisseur, a range of varietal, regional and classic wines across several different tastings. We are proud to offer vintage wines by the glass using the latest wine preservation technology, 'Coravin,' allowing guests to enjoy the most sought-after wines by the glass, including the likes of Château Cheval Blanc and Château Petrus.

The Wine Geese are also well represented on the list, showcasing the great Irish influenced wines that are made by those of Irish ancestry. From Old World classics such as Château Lynch Bages and Château Phelan Segur, to New World champions like the O'Dwyer Winery in Clare Valley, Australia and Róisín Curley in Burgundy.

Wine Tastings are available from 12:00 – 17:30 daily. For tastings outside of these hours please do enquire and we will aim to facilitate depending on what availability allows. Guided by our expert team of Sommeliers, these private masterclasses last in the region of 45 minutes to 1 hour. Do note that due to these being tutored tastings, we request for all guests to choose one tasting. Please allow a minimum of 2 hours' notice for wine selection.

*Cancellation policy – 24 hours notice is required in order to avoid 100% cancellation charge per person booked.
No show is 100% charge.*

FOOD & BEVERAGE EXPERIENCES

BLÁS: A TASTE & SAVOUR EXPERIENCE

POA

Blás—meaning “to taste” or “to savour” in Irish—is a curated culinary experience that begins in Ashford Castle’s historic Wine Cellars and concludes with a private, immersive dinner at Stanley’s.



The journey begins with a candlelit wine tasting thoughtfully curated and hosted by our sommelier team which is led by Paul Fogerty, featuring five exclusive pairings accompanied by elegant canapés.

Guests are then invited to Stanley’s for an intimate dining experience shaped by the collective talents of our kitchen team which is led by Executive Head Chef, Liam Finnegan.

A seasonal three-course menu is prepared, showcasing the finest estate-grown ingredients. The evening concludes with a decadent dessert course led by Paula Stakelum, Global Director of Chocolate and Pâtisserie, Paula will prepare a palate-cleansing sorbet which will be followed by an exquisite chocolate creation featuring seasonal flavours.

It is an unforgettable experience of flavour, storytelling and craftsmanship.





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 freshly baked breads, delicious cheeses, cured charcuterie and seasonal preserves. Each platter serves two people.

Selection of Irish Cheeses	€30
Selection of Irish Charcuterie	€30

Why not try Ashford Castle Royal Ossetra Caviar or our local Oysters with any of our white wine choices.

A Dozen Oysters	€48
Ashford Castle Royal Ossetra Caviar, Caspian Sea Origins 30grams	POA

WHITE WINE TASTINGS

WHITE WINES OF EUROPE	€130
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Explore some of the finest expressions of European white wines, with wonderful combinations of flavours ranging from green and herbaceous to zesty and citrus and fresh green apples to vegetal notes of green beans.

Grüner Veltliner Sepp Moser, Von den Terrassen Kremstal DAC, Biodynamic, Austria. Kalogeri Malagouzia PGI Attiki, Domaine Papagiannakos, Greece. Spätlese Reserve Familiale, Dr Lippold, Germany Aitako Txakolina, DO Getariako Txakolina, Spain

WINES OF ALSACE	€150
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This tasting honours the versatile and highly “terroir-expressive” wines of Alsace, France. As the second driest region after Perpignan alongside its location by the beautiful Vosges Mountain range, Alsace wines are rich and varied. Try their different styles from dry, off-dry, sparkling and red.

Crémant d’Alsace, Albert Mann, Trimbach, Gewürztraminer, Albert Mann Riesling Cuvee Albert, Pinot Noir, Trimbach

All prices are subject to 15% service charge



WHITE WINE TASTINGS

CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING

€180

Immerse yourself in the delicacy of the world's most prestigious wine category, exploring the distinct style and character of each of the sparkling wines, made in the Traditional Methodé.

Sugrue South Downs Ex Machine Rosa England, Franciacorta wine from Lombardy, Italy, Cava from Spain, Ruinart 'R' Champagne, France

WHITE WINE GEESE

€190

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 chosen the most exquisite of these, to showcase the broad influence of those with Irish roots.

Teac Chardonnay Sonoma, California. Maison Róisín Curley, Burgundy. Roka Furmint, Slovenia. Bonkers Chardonnay, Dermot Sugrue, South Down Wines, England

PROMENADE IN BURGUNDY

€210

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 Climats available to Burgundy produce a range of memorable flavours from fresh acidity and flavours of green plum, apple, and pear, complemented by the elegant touch of oak.

Chablis Grand Cru Tremblay, Pernand Vergelesses Les Pins, Domaine Andre, Puligny Montrachet Bzikot, Meursault D. Moret

ASHFORD ICONIC WHITE

€400

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 a selection of such wines side by side.

Clos Sainte Hune, Trimbach, Riesling, France. Rioja Ygay, Iconic White from Marqués de Murrieta. Gaya Rey Chardonnay, Piedmont Italy. La Clarté de Haut-Brion, Pessac Léognan AC Bordeaux, France

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RED WINE TASTINGS

BORDEAUX VARIETALS

€140

These classic Bordeaux grape-varieties have had many winemakers' plant and grow across new wine making regions. Adapting to the terroir and climates from around the world, these wines produce an incredibly diverse selection of flavour profiles showcasing the versatility of these regions. Learn how these familiar grape varieties are expressing the nature around them through aroma and taste.

Malbec Mendoza Balbo, Argentina. Tradition Réserve, Carménère, Château Los Boldos. Thierry Germain Saumur-Champigny, Cabernet Franc, France. St Francis Merlot, Sonoma Valley, California

THE MAGIC OF ITALY

€180

As the world's largest producer of wine, Italy is also one of the oldest wine producing countries. With its multitude of wine regions and different climates, using native and international grapes, we have selected wines to highlight the broad range of wine Italy has to offer.

Barbera d'Alba, Elio Altare, Piemonte. Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico. Gran Selezione, Guardiola, Tenuta delle Terre Nere, Etna. Bocca di Lupo Aglianico Tormaresca

WORLD CLASSIC

€190

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. Bolmida Barolo 'Bussia', Italy. Waterford Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Stellenbosch, South Africa. Burn Cottage, Central Otago Pinot Noir New Zealand.



RED WINE TASTINGS

WINE GEESE BORDEAUX

€250

Did you know that these famous Châteaux have profound connections with Ireland? Enjoy these to find out the beautiful and fascinating history behind each of these wines and the Irish Wine Geese.

Château de Fieuzal, Pessac Leognan, owned by the Quinn family since 2021, Château Lynch Bages, Pauillac, family originally from Galway, where the original Castle still stands in the heart of Galway city or go down the street to discover where the Kirwan's traded, Château Kirwan, Margaux, head to Tipperary and discover from where the Phelan family came from, Château Phélan Ségur Saint-Estèphe.

ASHFORD CASTLE PREMIER

€800

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.

Le Dôme, Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux, France. One of the 'garagiste' movement.

Sassicaia, Tenuta San Guido Bolgheri Sassicaia, Italy. The original Super Tuscan.

Château Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac, Bordeaux, France. Rated as a First Growth under the 1855 Bordeaux Classification and one of President Jefferson's favourite wines.

Insignia Joseph Phelps, Napa Valley, California. According to Robert Parker, "Insignia remains one of the world's finest Cabernet Sauvignon dominated blends."

ASHFORD ICONIC

€1500

Our Cellars at Ashford Castle date back to the 17th century and have housed some of the greatest wines ever made. This rare tasting opportunity allows you to experience four of the finest wines ever produced in concert. Guiding you along the journey for a flawless tasting, this is one to savour and remember for years to come.

Petrus, Pomerol, Bordeaux, France. The King of Merlot with 'The little bump', in reference to the small hill made up of 40 million year old blue clay.

Quintarelli, Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico, Italy. Regarded by many as the greatest of all Amarone producers. Quintarelli's Amarones are only released in excellent vintages.

Opus One, Napa Valley, California. Robert Mondavi of Napa fame and Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Château Mouton Rothschild began their collaboration to merge old world and new world wine styles into one grand opus back in the 1970's.

Penfold Grange, Australia. The first vintage of Penfolds Grange was made on an experimental basis in 1951 by Penfolds winemaker Max Schubert, and is now one of Australia's top wines.

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RED WINE TASTINGS

ASHFORD VAULT

€1750

These selected wines are expressions of the finest by the glass wines produced from around the world. The opportunity to taste these side by side allows for a unique tasting, representing the echelon of what great wine should be.

Echezeaux Dujac, Grand Cru, Burgundy, France. A great wine started by Jacques Seysses, the son of a biscuit maker, who purchased Domaine Graillet in 1967; he renamed it Domaine Dujac, a play on his first name (Domaine du Jacques).

Reserva Special, Unico, Vega Sicilia, Ribera del Duero, Spain. Wine expert Hugh Johnson, after comparing Rioja producers stated: "Vega Sicilia is the Latour; but Latour of a vintage that has raisined the grapes and fried the picking crews."

Case Basse, Soldera, Toscana IGT, Italy. The estate has expansive rose gardens – containing more than 1500 species – and woods to encourage biodiversity.

Château Cheval Blanc, Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux, France vines have been grown since the 14th Century at this spot with a split of 60% Cabernet Franc and 40% Merlot. One of the leading wine estates in Saint-Émilion.

BLENDED TASTINGS

IBERIA DISCOVERED

€150

Whilst Spain and Portugal have long been producing wonderful wines such as Port, Sherry, Cava and world renowned Riojas, there are many regions which are less discovered. Join in our journey to discover such regions, tasting white and red wines along the way.

Aitako Txakolina, DO Getariako Txakolina. Soalheiro, Vinho Verde Minho Region, Vertente, Niepoort, Douro Valley, Pesquera, Reserva Ribera del Duero

THE WINE EXPLORER

€160

Want to know the difference between oak and non-oaked wines, or how Rosé is made, or how climate effects the taste of a wine. Let us take you through a trip of some of the white, Rosé and red wines of the world.

Domaine Ott, Clos Mireille, Provence, France. Pieropan, Soave Classico, Veneto Italy. Crocodile's Lair, Chardonnay, Overberg, South Africa. Shiraz, O'Dwyer, Clare Valley, Australia.

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