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FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Big Beltie Cabernet Sauvignon

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<b>Usual Price</b>	£10.99
<b>Discount Price (inc. VAT)</b>	£9.99
<b>Code</b>	BIGB001

When it comes to matching a wine with steak (or other red meat), look no further than this fabulous Cabernet Sauvignon. The story began last December on a buying trip to Languedoc. We were tasting with Xavier Roger, and had tried the 2021 vintage of a number of existing wines. He then produced a Cabernet Sauvignon which I thought was stunning. There was one small problem – no label, no name! Fast forward to a cold March morning when I was out for an early morning jog. As I stopped for a breather just past Ilkley Monastery, I was greeted by a field of Belted Galloways – a truly beautiful and majestic breed. By the time I'd arrived home, I'd decided on 'Big Beltie' for the fantastic, nameless Languedoc Cabernet and Wendy in our Design office soon had the label designed. The wine is now here and even better than I remember!

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### Tasting Notes:

Rich, ripe, blackcurrant and cassis fruit, with smoky and peppery hints. Ripe tannins and a savoury coffee note with a delicate hint of oak.

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Specification	
<b>Vinification</b>	The Big Beltie Cabernet Sauvignon requires perfectly ripe grapes to show its full potential. Xavier looks for the right moment for the harvest of each particular vineyard, ensuring perfect phenolic maturity. The grapes are destemmed, crushed and then sent to maceration for about ten weeks. This long process is ideal to extract the fruity character of the variety. Approximately one third of the blend is aged with half-toasted French oak which adds complexity to the wine.
<b>ABV</b>	13.5%
<b>Size</b>	75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink now
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Languedoc-Roussillon
<b>Type</b>	Red Wine
<b>Grapes</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Genres</b>	Vegan, Vegetarian
<b>Vintage</b>	2023
<b>Body</b>	Soft, fruity and smooth
<b>Producer</b>	Fredéric Garrabou
<b>Producer Overview</b>	Fred was born in the small village of Limoux, situated amongst the Languedoc vineyards. His father and both his grandfathers were vine growers, and he grew up immersed in the vineyards, assisting his father from a young age. The cultivation of vines has always captivated him, as he believes that the finest wines are crafted in the vineyard.
<b>Closure Type</b>	Screw Cap
<b>Food Matches</b>	Enjoy Big Beltie with a big juicy steak!
<b>Press Comments</b>	Silver Medal, 83 points- London Wine Competition, 2024. The Guardian, May 2023, David Williams: "In the right hands, cabernet sauvignon is far too interesting and adaptable a grape to ignore, however, with a wine such as the superb-value Big Beltie bringing a little French Mediterranean solar charge to the classic cassis characters." London Wine Competition, 2023 - Silver Medal. Jancisrobinson.com, 2023, 16: "Classic blackcurrant fruit. Ripe, bodacious and extrovert. Lovely network of thyme, tarragon and sweetbox bring herbal fragrance. Plush, velvety tannins. <b>Read more online</b>