



THE FALMOUTH HOTEL
Falmouth's Landmark Hotel
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Wine & dine @ The Falmouth

After plenty of hard research and hazy afternoons tasting we are pleased to present our wine list. (It's a tough job but somebody's got to do it!)

Here at The Falmouth Hotel we try and do things our own way – and wine should be no different. We have carefully selected wines that you will not find anywhere else and that complement our style of food. We have written a brief description of each wine and tried to keep things relevant along with an interesting 'Wine Fact' at the bottom of each page.

Finally, if you would like any assistance in making your choice please do not hesitate to ask – we all have our favourites.

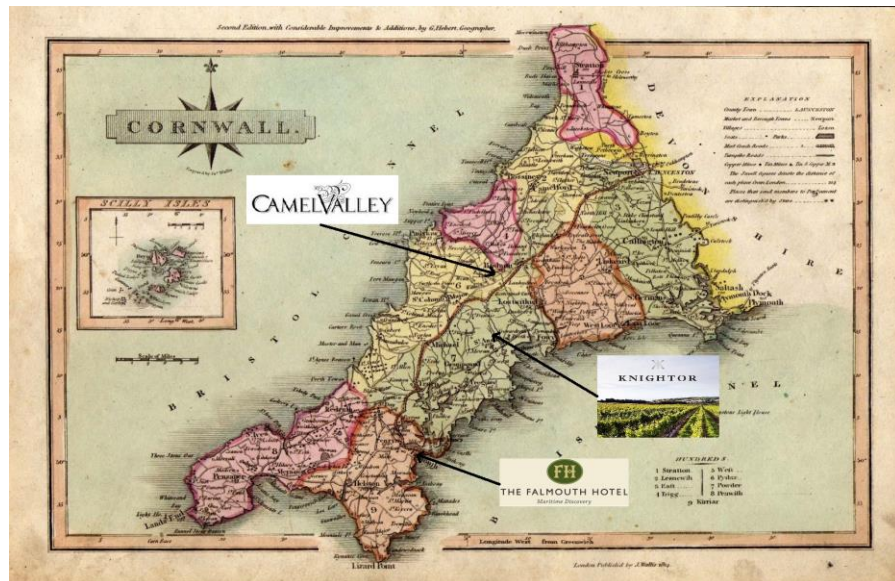
Cheers!

WINE GUIDE

White, Rosé & dessert: 1 (dry) - 9 (sweet)

Red: A (soft, light) - E (full bodied)

All prices are inclusive of 20% VAT. Wines on this list may contain sulphites, egg or milk products. Please note that vintages may vary due to the limited production of several of our wines. If you are curious and would like to know the vintage of your wine or require any guidance in your choice. please ask your waiter.



1 Knightor Brut Classic Cuvée

Cornwall, England

Cornish sparkling wine at its best. Regularly beats bona-fide Champagne's in blind tastings - I can guarantee you this will be a wine you will never forget. (1) 10.9% vol.

Bottle £41

2 Camel Valley Brut

Nanstallon, Cornwall

Aromas of spring flowers, the palate is rich with bubbles and finishes with a refined, zesty lemon and pastry fruit character. (2) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £39 – Glass £6.75

3 Camel Valley Pinot Noir Rosé Brut

Nanstallon, Cornwall, England

Cornwall's equivalent to heaven... Perfect with strawberries and cream or Cornish seafood. (2) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £45 – Glass £7.75

4 Roseland Portscatho Bacchus, Knightor

Cornwall, England

Yes! Cornwall makes white wine as well. To sum it up into 3 words... Cornish – Elderflower – Astounding. You'll love it! (1) 11.5% vol.

Bottle £36

5 Mena Hweg, Knightor

Cornwall, England

Inspired by the great wines of Germany. The Cornish translation for the wine which means 'pretty sweet hill'. Mena = Hill and Hweg = Nice/Sweet. With citrus and peach aromas It will leave a lasting memory. (4) 7.5% vol.

Bottle £33

6 Camel Valley Pinot Noir Rosé

Nanstallon, Cornwall, England

Strawberry and redcurrant notes, the palate is dry and finish long. (3) 13% vol.

Bottle £29

7 Roseland Pinot Précoce, Knightor

Cornwall, England

Are you up for a fruity adventure? Then this is the wine for you - a single vineyard Pinot Rose full of ripe red summer fruit characters with rich flavours of cherry, redcurrant and blackberry. (3) 10.5% vol/

Bottle £35

Wine fact: *If you own a collection of bottles – don't keep them standing up – this can cause the cork to dry, shrink and oxygen/air might get in the bottle. Always keep the bottles lying down (Unless it's an artificial cork.)*

10 Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial

Champagne, France

Perfect on its own... but we think that a glass of Moët is the perfect match for Fish & Chips. Who agrees??? (1) 12% vol.

75cl Bottle £49 - 37.5cl Bottle £25 - Glass £8.5

11 Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage Brut 2006

Champagne, France

Floral – Expansive – Succulent, a beautifully rich style of Moët. The 2006 is simply beautiful! (1) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £75

12 Moët & Chandon Rosé Impérial

Champagne, France

An enduring classic this has become **THE** rosé champagne and is perfect for any celebration. (1) 12% vol.

Bottle £65

13 Dom Perignon, 2006

Champagne, France

Dom Perignon's most famous statement was, "I see stars" on his first taste of Champagne, and once you have tasted this you will understand why! (1) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £189

14 Ruinart Rosé

Champagne, France

Delicate salmon pink with fine bubbles; delightful red fruit and raspberry aromas with nice creamy undertones

Bottle - £79

15 Sauvion Crémant de Loire Brut

Loire Valley, France

A beautiful sparkling blend of Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay grapes from vineyards around Angers, Saumur and Tours. What God would give the Angels if they had been very, very good. (1) 11.5% vol.

Bottle £25

16 Rocco Prosecco Superiore di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene

Italy

Italians treat Prosecco as a wine for all occasions, and to be honest... So do we! (1) 11.5% vol.

75cl Bottle £26 - 37.5cl Bottle £14 - Glass £5

16 Fantinel Prosecco Extra Dry

Italy

Time to celebrate! (2) 11.5% vol.

Magnum £65

21 Sancerre, Les Collinettes, Joseph Mellot
Loire, France

Sancerre as we all know and love. (1) 12.5% vol.
Bottle £29

22 Chablis, Bouchard Aîné & Fils
Burgundy, France

Among wine jokes, the one where someone says they don't like Chardonnay but love Chablis has to be one of the classics. Whatever you may think of this joke, you can argue that it reflects a popular perception of Chardonnay as very oaky, often over-oaked in fact, versus Chablis representing a light, elegant style of Chardonnay that is mostly untouched by oak. Minerality and finesse really do steal the show here. (1) 12.5% vol.
Bottle £31

23 Muscadet de Sèveret Maine Sur Lie, Château du Cléray
Loire, France

There should be a law that permits nothing but Muscadet to be drunk with Mussels – who's with me?! (1) 11.5% vol.
Bottle £26

24 Soellner Fumberg Grüner Veltliner
Wagram, Austria

Made from biodynamically produced fruit (making it organic as well) fantastically fresh with classic white pepper notes and aromatic flavours, matured in large oak casks. (2) 13% vol.
Bottle £31

25 Pouilly Fuissé, Les Ancolies, Jean Loron
Burgundy, France

Pouilly Fuissé deserves much more attention than it gets when it's as good as this. (2) 13% vol.
Bottle £39

26 Albariño, Paco & Lola
Rías Baixas, Spain

Albariño is a super trendy grape, and you'll understand why when you try this scrumptious peachy fresh wine. (2) 13% vol.
Bottle £35

27 Herenxia Altés Garnatxa Blanca
Terra Alta, Spain

The nose reveals peach, melon and flowers combined with mineral notes, the palate is creamy, long and finishes with a noticeable freshness. (3) 13.5% vol
Bottle £26

Wine fact: There are 406 vineyards in the United Kingdom

28 Don Jacobo Rioja Blanco, Bodegas Corral

Rioja, Spain

If you haven't heard of white Rioja you're missing out. Grown in the heart of Rioja, this wine is delicate, mouth-watering & refreshing. A perfect match with any of our seafood dishes. (2) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £22

29 Gavi, Enrico Serafino

Piedmont, Italy

Pinot Grigio's older and better looking brother! The Cortese grape produces a clean and citrusy wine that is extremely refreshing. (2) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £26

30 Sauvignon Blanc, Son Excellence

Cotes de Gascogne, France

An intense style of Sauvignon that sits somewhere in between a punchy New Zealand example and a restrained Sancerre. Excellent value for money. (1) 12% vol.

Bottle £23

31 Pinot Grigio, Grave del Friuli, Borgo Tesis, Fantinel

Italy

Napoleon marched this grape variety from France to Italy where it found its home. An excellent example of Pinot Grigio. Enjoy. (2) 13% vol.

Bottle £25

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Stellenbosch, South Africa

A classic South African Chenin that is crisp, refreshing and has a dominating apple flavour.

(2) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £25

41 Pinot Gris, Bay of Fires

Coal River Valley, Tasmania

My French isn't fantastic but here is a French lesson for you. Pinot translates to "pine cone" due to the shape of the bunch of grapes, and Gris translates to "grey" because of the unusual grey colour of the grape skins. This wine is made by one of our favourite producers! It's a real gem and will match perfectly with any food. (2) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £32

42 Chardonnay, Twin Oaks, Robert Mondavi

Central Coast, California

In days gone by, you would have smelt the oak from this wine across the room. Yet these days, skillful winemaking is creating a far better balance between the fruit and the oak that is just right. This wine falls into the latter category. (2) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £24

43 Riesling, Bay of Fires

Coal River Valley, Tasmania

Forget about Blue Nun and Black Tower! This grape variety is coming back in to fashion.... and it's coming back fast. (2) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £30

44 Chalk Hill Il Vivace Vermentino

McLaren Vale, Australia

A hidden gem with vibrant, tropical fruit and dried fennel notes. (2) 11.5%

Bottle £28

45 Sauvignon Blanc, Vavasour

Awatere Valley, New Zealand

Premium award winning Sauvignon. Say no more... (1) 13.5% vol

Bottle £27.5

46 Nederburg The Beautiful Lady Gewürztraminer

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Gold medal winner - Sommelier awards 2016

The wine is rich, with the sweetness is well tempered by the acidity; shows pronounced aromas of rose, lychee and pineapple. (4) 13% vol.

Bottle £29

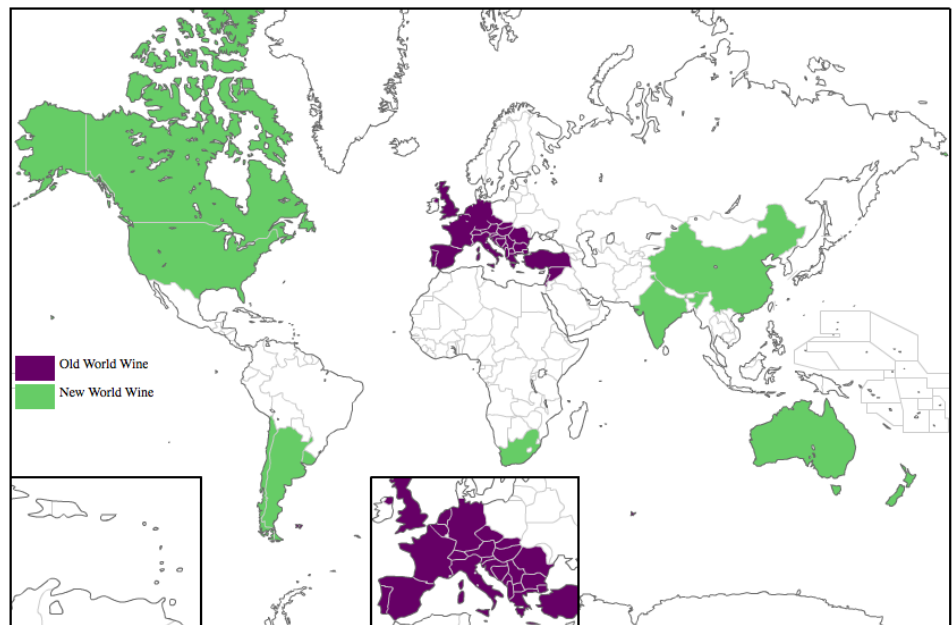
Wine fact: One ton of grapes make about 60 cases of wine, or 720 bottles. One bottle of wine contains about 2.8 pounds of grapes or 500-650 individual grapes.

Old World and New World

The most basic difference between Old World and New World wines is geographic: "Old World" refers to the traditional winegrowing regions of Europe, while "New World" refers to everything else.

These distinctions can also refer to differences in style. The climates of New World wine regions are often warmer, which tends to result in riper, more alcoholic, full-bodied and fruit-centered wines. These wines are often made in a more highly extracted and oak-influenced style. Old World wines tend to be lighter-bodied, exhibiting more herb, earth, mineral and floral components. While these are gross generalisations, that's how these terms are commonly used.

These days, the terms "Old World" and "New World" can take on even broader connotations and spark debates among wine lovers, usually about tradition vs. modernization. "Old World" implies tradition, history, and an "if it's not broke, don't fix it" mentality, while the term "New World" invokes technology, science, corporations and marketing.



50 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos de L'Oratoire des Papes, Ogier *Rhône, France*

A classic Grenache dominated Châteauneuf-du-Pape, living up to its iconic name, this certainly won't disappoint. (C) 15% vol.

Bottle £54

51 Chianti Celsus, Trambusti *Tuscany, Italy*

A favourite of Dr Lecter. Maybe not so good with liver and fava beans, however this wine will match well with any of Mark's red meat dishes. (C) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £22

52 La Closerie de Carmensac

Haut-Médoc, France

Merlot dominates this amazing value claret. Powerful aromatic intensity with mixed spices, this is a refined wine, perfect with red meat. (C) 13% vol.

Bottle £33

53 Côtes du Rhône, La Dentelière

Rhône Valley, France

Côtes du Rhône or “Hills of the Rhône” is full of big bold fruit with the earthy meatiness the Rhône is renowned for. (C) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £24

54 Don Jacobo Rioja Crianza Tinto, Bodegas Corral

Rioja, Spain

Rioja lovers look no further. This has it all, everyone’s friend on a wine list and this is no exception as it’s a cracking wine. (C) 12.5% vol.

Bottle £27

55 Beaujolais-Villages, Pascal Clément

Burgundy, France

Pascal Clément produces some of the firmest Gamay in Beaujolais, even taking on some rich, savoury flavors, not like a mature Pinot Noir. (C) 12% vol.

Bottle £26

56 Valpolicella, Vitis Nostra

Veneto, Italy

A velvet like texture instilled by the famed ripasso technique – a scrumptious choice! (B) 11.5% vol.

Bottle £24

57 Cabernet Sauvignon, Son Excellence

Cotes de Gascogne, France

The south of France is a brilliant place to grow Cabernet Sauvignon, and here is all the proof you should need. This is stunning. (C) 13% vol.

Bottle £23

Wine fact: *There is more alcohol in mouthwash than in wine*

60 Old Vine Zinfandel, Ravenswood

Lodi, California

Made with 100 year old vines, think Californian, jammy and juicy steak. Perfect. (E) 14.8% vol.

Bottle £29

61 Carmenère Reserva, Veramonte

Colchagua Valley, Chile

The little French grape that made it big in Chile! The best way to describe Carmenère is that it's Merlot's bigger, older and braver brother 'with a little bit of spice thrown in'. If you would like to venture beyond your usual Merlot, you could do far worse than trying this for size. (D) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £25

62 Cabernet Sauvignon, The Davey Estate, Shingleback

McLaren Vale, Australia

As Cabernet Sauvignon is the most widely planted red grape variety in the world it's hard to taste them all for you... But I have found one of my favourites, and here it is. (D) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £33

63 Barbera d'Alba, Enrico Serafino

Italy

They say you should always try something at least once... This is a rare treat I have found for you. I can guarantee it will leave you lost for words. (C) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £28

64 Pinotage, Coastal Region, Klein Zalze

Stellenbosch, South Africa

The Prius is the hybrid of Japan but in South Africa the hybrid on everyone's mind is Pinotage! As their flagship wine Pinotage lives up to its expectations. A mix of 'Pinot' Noir and Hermitage, don't miss out on this one. (D) 14% vol.

Bottle £24

65 Shiraz, Haycutters, Shingleback

Barossa Valley, Australia

A big Aussie Shiraz – think Rhone Valley, except 12,000km away! (D) 13.3% vol.

Bottle £30

66 Pinot Noir, Vavasour

Awatere Valley, New Zealand

I always say that Pinot Noir is like a teenager! It's unpredictable, never does what you want it to do and it's a pain in the ass! However the Kiwis have managed to keep this wild yet beautiful grape variety under control and have produced this little gem for you! (B) 14.5% vol.

Bottle £29

67 Merlot, Veramonte
Casablanca Valley, Chile

A classic Chilean Merlot that is laden with ripe berry flavours that make this a must on any wine list. (B) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £25 - 250ml £8.5 - 175ml £6.2

68 Malbec, Callia Lunaris
Mendoza, Argentina

A remarkable example of well-made, fruit driven Malbec. This will marry well with any steak. (C) 13.5% vol.

Bottle £22

69 Red Knot Grenache-Shiraz-Mouvedre
McLaren Valley, Australia

Juicy, ripe and rich, perfect with spicy lamb or opulently flavoured beef dishes

Bottle £27

70 White Zinfandel, Vendange*California, USA*

Medium sweet rosé, a rounded and vibrant wine with red currants and strawberries. Moreish. (3) 11% vol.

Bottle £23 - 250ml £8 - 175ml £5.7

71 Pinot Grigio Rosato del Veneto, Collezione Marchesini*Pavia, Italy*

As pleasing a Pinot Grigio rosé as you could find. Strawberries soak into the long, delicious finish. (2) 12% vol.

Bottle £24.5 - 250ml £8.25 - 175ml £5.95

How to tell if your wine is corked

Corked wine is something we've all heard of, but you may not know if you've ever actually encountered it. I'm going to break down what it means when a wine is 'corked' and what you should do when you buy a corked bottle.

Let's start with what isn't corked wine:

It's not the pieces of cork floating around your wine or a cork covered in little white crystals. These crystals, which are called tartrate, are a natural by-product of some wines and are totally harmless.

You also can't tell if a wine is corked from smelling the cork itself.

So what is a corked wine? Or breaking it down further, what is corked wine smell & what is corked wine taste? A corked wine is one that has been contaminated with cork taint, and this contamination gives off a very distinct smell and taste. Cork taint occurs in a small percentage of all natural corks available in the world, with recent studies finding that only about 5% of wines with natural corks are actually corked.

While drinking corked wine is not harmful to your health, it does ruin the experience, and you should always return the bottle if you believe it is corked.

How does cork taint occur? Since cork is a natural substance, little microorganisms often like to eat it, either while it's still part of the tree or after it's been turned into a wine cork. In small instances, these airborne fungi come in contact with the cork and create a substance known as TCA, a nasty chemical compound that ruins the wine the second the wine in the bottle comes in contact with it.

Corked Wine Taste & Corked Wine Smell

So how do you know if a wine is corked? Corked wine gives off a smell that is similar to a dank mouldy basement, a wet newspaper or a wet dog. When you actually sip the wine, a typical corked wine taste will be flat and dull, exhibiting no fruit characteristics. Some people also say that corked wine tastes astringent.

I hope this answered your questions

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Loire, France

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250ml £9.8 - 175ml £7

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Wine fact: Red wine can only be produced from red grapes. White wine can be produced from both red and white grapes.

101 Errázuriz Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc

Casablanca Valley, Chile

This is a perfect example of pudding wine. To sum up this wine in one word 'luscious'. (8) 11.5% vol.

Half Bottle £17 - 50ml £3 – 125ml £6.5

102 Willi Opitz, Goldackerl Welschriesling-Scheurebe,
Trockenbeerenauslese*Illmitz, Austria*

Rich and powerfully sweet with honey, peach and exotic fruit and spice notes - perfect with elegant, exotic deserts. (9) 12% vol.

Half Bottle £39 - 50ml £5.5 – 125ml £13.75

103 Vin Santo del Chianti Serelle, Ruffino

Italy

Aged and fermented in small oak barrels, concentrated, honeyed, candied fruit (9) 15.5% vol.

Half Bottle £30 - 50ml £4 – 125ml £10

104 Concha y Toro Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc

Maule Valley, Chile

If “death by chocolate” truly exists, then this is certainly the wine equivalent. Decadence is an understatement. Oozing sweet marmalade, raisin and honeysuckle flavours which ensure that you are left salivating and returning ever so quickly for more. Liquid gold! (8) 10% vol.

Half Bottle £27 - 50ml £3.7 – 125ml £9

105 Sauternes Les Garonnelles, Lucien Lurton et Fils

Bordeaux, France

You can't beat a good Sauternes.... and here it is. (8) 11.5% vol.

Half Bottle £25 - 50ml £3.5 – 125ml £8.5

106 Willi Opitz, Welschriesling, Eiswein

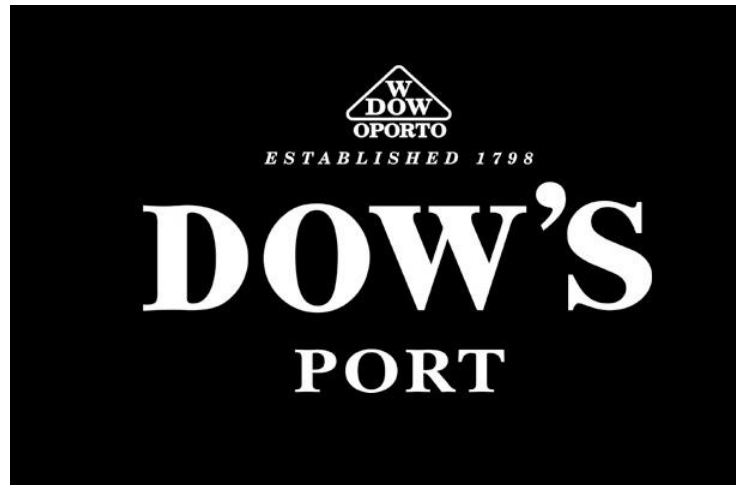
Illmitz, Austria

Racy apple, pear and peach fruit a stunningly good Eiswein. As brilliant with rich pâté, such as goose, as it is with sweet fruit and pastry desserts. (8) 8.5%

Half Bottle £39 - 50ml £5.5 – 125ml £13.75

Wine fact: Did you know why the printing on corks is done? “because they have always done it that way.” Actually, it was done as a first brand identifier. Yes, the branding of corks predates labels.

AND MOST IM-PORT-ANTLY



Since 1798, the name Dow's has been associated with the finest Ports from the Douro Valley. Dow's Ports are made at two of the most famous Quintas in the Douro: Quinta do Bomfim and Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira, together with the privately family-owned quintas of Santinho, Fonte Branca and Cerdeira.

The winery at Senhora da Ribeira has been extensively restored and the grapes continue to be trodden by foot in the original stone lagares. Three innovative robotic lagares have now been installed at the winery, and Vintage Port is made there in 'non-declared' years and released en primeur.

110 Dow's Fine Tawny Port

Douro, Portugal

Bottle £54 - 50ml £3.8

111 Dow's Fine Ruby Port

Douro, Portugal

Bottle £49 - 50ml £3.5

112 Dow's Quinta do Bomfim, Vintage Port

Douro, Portugal

Bottle £65 - 50ml £7.5

113 Dow's Late Bottled Vintage Port

Portugal

Bottle £55 - 50ml £3.9

114 Dow's Crusted Port

Portugal

Bottle £69 - 50ml £4.9

Wine fact: *The word Quinta that appears on the label of a bottle of port means 'farm or estate'. It is the name of the farm or estate that the port comes from.*

