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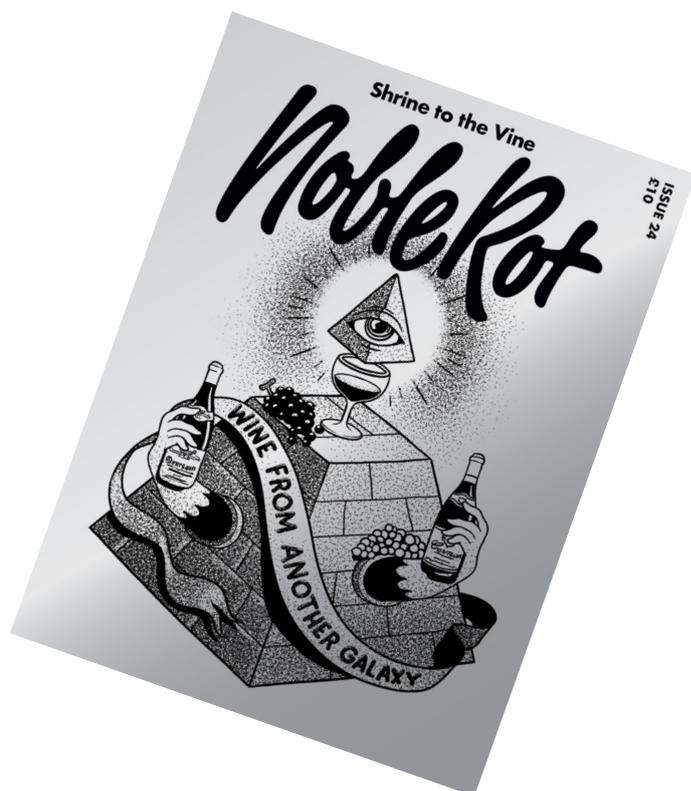
WINE FROM ANOTHER GALAXY

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We've often thought a good book is a bit like a good restaurant: a cocoon in which you can escape the outside world. So, it gives us nebuchadnezzars of pleasure to announce a new, lockdown-proof getaway: ***Wine from Another Galaxy***, the first ever *Noble Rot* book. Written by *Rot* co-founders Dan and Mark, it charts the story of *Noble Rot* magazine and restaurants; covers themes such as how to order wine without fear, start your own cellar, or talk about it without sounding like a bore; and celebrates our favourite bottles, and the dreamers that make them, in a 'Rotter's Road Trip' across Europe. Here, we dedicate issue 24 to celebrating its publication, enlisting some top vinonauts, including **natural wine-oracle Alice Feiring** and **Beastie Boy Mike Diamond**, to tell us about one of their own wines from another galaxy: a.k.a one that changed their perception forever.

On the subject of altered perceptions, this instalment's special guest is former Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer – and food and wine lover – **Ed Balls**, who, having lost his seat in parliament in 2015, has undergone a remarkable reinvention: dancing *Gangnam Style* on *Strictly*, reviewing restaurants for *The Sunday Times*, and proving himself as an accomplished documentary maker with the superb *Travels in Trumpland* and *Euroland*. We meet him for one of our signature leisurely lunch interviews at Rotter HQ for the inside scoop on MP's eating habits and **his verdict on Trump Winery Chardonnay**.

Elsewhere in this issue we profile **Muscadet**, **Limoux** and **English wine** (as well as **reprising our famous 2015 English sparkling wine V Champagne tasting**), **Bursting Bubbles** author



Richard Walters questions some of the received wisdom on cellaring Champagne, **Alastair Little** tells us about his greatest ever meal, and Noble Rot Soho's new Head Chef **Alex Jackson** gives us his recipe for plum and brown butter tart. Plus other recipes, stories and musings from **Simon Hopkinson, Marina O'Loughlin, John Niven, Jake Missing, Jon Bonné, Rowley Leigh, Tim Hayward, Eileen Twum** and **George Reynolds**.

Noble Rot magazine is the home of exciting wine and food writing. Since 2013 *Noble Rot* has seen chefs **Nigella Lawson, Yotam Ottolenghi** and **Fergus Henderson** rubbing shoulders with **Keira Knightley, Hot Chip** and **LCD Soundsystem**, blurring the boundaries between gastronomy and the creative arts.

"The *Noble Rot* guys have the ability to describe wines as if they're either future friends, or rock-stars coming to blow your mind."
Caitlin Moran

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