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DOWNTON ABBEY WINES CELEBRATE FIFTH TV SEASON

A claret and a Bordeaux white are available under the label

The Oxford Wine Company has signed up the sole UK distribution rights for a range of wines inspired by TV drama Downton Abbey.

Downton Abbey Wines are made by Les Grands Chais de France and have been created to celebrate the fifth series of the drama, to be screened on ITV this autumn.

A spokesman for the Oxford Wine Company said: "When Mr Carson pulled a bottle of wine from the cellar for Lord and Lady Grantham, one could be assured it was a fine French claret from Bordeaux, the wine of choice among the British nobility in

Edwardian England.

"Honouring those same winemaking traditions, the Downton Abbey Wine collection is crafted with premium fruit from the famed Entre-Deux-Mers region of Bordeaux by fifth-generation winemaker Jean-Marc Dulong, whose ancestors might well have made the very wines enjoyed at Downton."

Downton Abbey Blanc 2012 is a 70:30 blend of Muscadelle and Semillon, while Downton Abbey Claret 2012 is 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec. Both are priced at £12.99.