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Vintage 2025 Growing Season

The winter months of 2024/5 were mild and relatively uneventful, yet the legacy of the previous year's exceptional rainfall would have a decisive effect on the 2025 vintage. The saturated subsoils left behind by the high rainfall of 2024 acted as a natural reservoir, providing the vines with precious water reserves as Bordeaux entered what would become an early, hot and particularly dry growing season. From the outset everything moved very quickly. Bud break was recorded around the 27th March, some two weeks ahead of the seasonal norm, and with little frost pressure to impede progress there was an immediate sense that the vintage would be an early one.

April brought welcome rains, which replenished the surface soils and proved invaluable given what was to follow. Thereafter the weather changed dramatically. May was warm, dry and settled with temperatures reaching 30°C during the flowering on the 13th and 14th. The result was a rapid and homogeneous flowering, with little disease pressure and almost none of the mildew concerns that so dominated the previous campaign. However, the challenging flowering conditions of 2024 had already left their mark. Many vines entered the season carrying fewer bunches, and berry numbers were naturally reduced. The Châteaux knew early on that yields would be modest at best.

June and July were characterised by persistent heat and drought. Water stress arrived early, slowing the vegetative cycle before véraison and limiting berry size. The bunches remained small, healthy and thick skinned, producing grapes of intense concentration but with very little juice. It is no surprise that comparisons have been drawn with 2003 and 2022, all three vintages experiencing more days above 35°C than any others this century. Yet 2025 appears to have retained greater balancing freshness than either 2003 and 2022, thanks in no small part to the rains that arrived from the 28th August into early September, lowering temperatures, boosting the juice and allowing the vines to complete ripening at a steadier pace. Just as importantly, the cooler nights of September helped preserve acidities and checked rising alcohol levels. These late summer rains may well define the success of the 2025 vintage.

Harvesting began very early, with dry whites picked from mid August and the reds following in early September, many Châteaux recording their earliest harvest on record. Volumes are the smallest since 1991, around 15–20% below the five-year average. Organic producers often fared well, their cover crops helping soils retain moisture through the summer drought.

The following table shows the yields by appellation in 2025;

	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Comparison to 25 year average</u>
Saint Estephe	36.9	44.5	-17%
Pauillac	30.3	41.4	-27%
St Julien	26.4	41.9	-37%
Margaux	28.8	40.6	-29%
Pessac-Leognan	31.0	39.5	-22%
St Emilion	34.7	38.7	-10%
Pomerol	25.9	37.6	-31%

THE WINES

The wines we tasted during our Châteaux visits and Union des Grand Crus tastings during the week of 22nd April showed excellent ripeness, concentration and intensity. No surprise, given the hot and dry days during the summer of 2025. What we weren't expecting was the wonderful freshness and impressive natural balance that they displayed.

2025 was a vintage of extremes with heat and drought the central pillars. Yields were small in all appellations, yet, as so often happens in Bordeaux, something happens! In 2025 it was the late summer rains at the end of August and early September. Those that waited for these rains have produced wines that possess a remarkable precision, purity and poise. In many respects, 2025 is a triumph of restraint in both vineyard and the cellar.

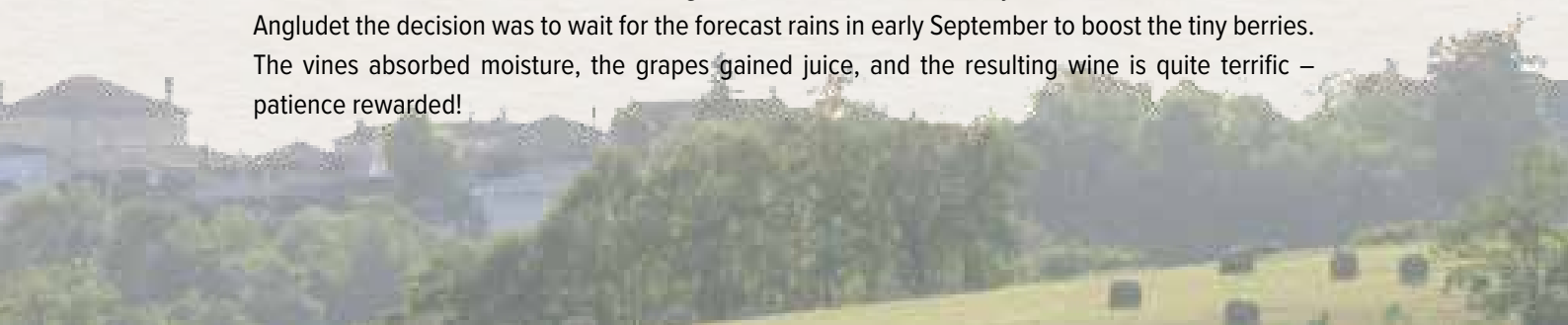
This was not a year for exuberant winemaking or heavy extraction. The berries were naturally small with thick skins, little juice and a strong tannic content. Gentle handling was everything. "Less is more" became the mantra in many cellars, with soft infusion replacing forceful extraction. The best wines are not hulking caricatures of power, but judged expressions of concentration and balance. Fermentation choices were similarly restrained prioritising purity over extraction and allowing terroir to emerge with unusual transparency and definition throughout.

The revelation of the vintage is its freshness. One might have expected the heat to bring high alcohols and overblown, concentrated, low acidity wines. Instead, many estates produced wines that show an invigorating acidity, lower pH and moderate alcohols that deliver energy and definition. Deep in colour and rich in structure, they are vivid and composed rather than heavy. This has resulted in wines that feel surprisingly lifted on the palate despite their underlying density and concentration.

Stylistically, 2025 recalls 2003 yet with the freshness found in both 2016 and 2023. It is a curious combination. Muscular wines, but polished rather than austere. The tannins are abundant yet silky, the fruit profiles are a blend of both black and red fruits, resulting in an immediacy and drinkability not always seen in concentrated vintages. There is a clarity of expression across the best estates that speaks to careful vineyard selection and precise harvesting decisions.

So what of the Left Bank? In the Médoc, the old Cabernet Sauvignon vines with deep roots were the stars of the vintage. Able to search for water reserves, they handled drought with composure and produced serious structured wines with excellent ageing potential. The younger vines struggled in the parched soils and lacked equilibrium. This disparity has highlighted once again the importance of old vines in mitigating climatic stress across the region overall.

There were local variations. Saint-Julien suffered from lack of water but this appellation has performed particularly well and we tasted some particularly impressive wines. In Margaux, no meaningful rain fell between 10 June and 25 August, testing the growers, yet where vineyard management was astute the results are excellent, with fragrant Cabernet fruit and finely etched tannins. At Château Angludet the decision was to wait for the forecast rains in early September to boost the tiny berries. The vines absorbed moisture, the grapes gained juice, and the resulting wine is quite terrific – patience rewarded!



In northern Pauillac, timely 25–30mm rains in mid June and mid July preserved balance and some excellent wines were produced. Such variability underscores the increasingly fragmented nature of Bordeaux vintages under extreme weather conditions, where microclimate and timing can determine success or failure.

On the Right Bank, Pomerol and Saint-Émilion excelled. The Merlots grown on clay soils thrived, producing plush aromatic wines. The blue clays of Pomerol conserved moisture and preserved freshness. Yields were very low especially in Pomerol. Édouard Labruyère of Château Rouget called organic farming ...”a nonsense”, given yields of just 22hl/ha. The contrast between clay and gravel soils was particularly evident this year, reinforcing long held understanding of terroir sensitivity in hot dry vintages across the Right Bank as a whole regionally.

The dry whites have performed very well once again. The Sauvignon Blancs delivered citrus freshness and floral lift, whilst the Sémillon added texture and waxy richness. The best combine tension and generosity and will give early pleasure, though the top cuvées will age very well. Several Châteaux commented that these wines may surprise in bottle with greater longevity.

Sauternes and Barsac produced wines of distinction. In a warm year, fears of heaviness were avoided and noble rot developed steadily. The finest examples balance botrytised richness with vibrant acidity, sweet but not cloying.

In conclusion, 2025 is a very good vintage overall. Selection is always the key, but that is our job! Small yields have delivered wines that are concentrated with exuberant red and black fruits that also show a surprising freshness and balance for such a hot vintage. The best wines are precise, fresh with a real terroir transparency. Structured for ageing yet polished enough to enjoy young, it is a modern Bordeaux vintage with classical balance. It also reflects a broader trend towards finesse driven Bordeaux, even in seasons defined by climatic extremes.



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DRY WHITES

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Often overlooked for its white wines, Bordeaux actually offers some outstanding everyday drinking, with wines of great character, not just one-dimensional fruit. It is a great source of rich and creamy blends, yielding flavours and aromas of Crème Brûlée, baked apples, orange zest, figs and lemon butter.

Geographically, Pessac-Léognan lies just southeast of the Haut-Médoc, forming a natural continuation of the region. Many vineyards in the north have disappeared as the city of Bordeaux has extended outwards. Historically, the entire area was known as Graves, but in 1996 it was divided into two appellations, Pessac-Léognan and Graves. Pessac-Léognan is both the northernmost and the most prestigious part of the region, home to nearly all of its Grands Crus.

Château Carbonnieux, Cru Classé, (6x75cl)

£152.00 per case In Bond

55% Sauvignon Blanc, 45% Semillon

Wine has been made at Carbonnieux since the mid-13th century, making it one of Bordeaux's oldest estates. Now run by the 4th generation of the Perrin family, the estate covers 100 hectares of vines and woodland around the highest point in the Léognan commune, right in the heart of the Pessac appellation. Its 90 hectares of vineyards sit on deep clay and gravel soils over limestone, benefiting from excellent drainage thanks to the estate's elevated slopes.

The yield in 2025 was 25hl/ha. Aged in 25% new oak for 10 months in a mixture of small (250 litre) and larger 400 litre foudres. Very ripe, forward and deliciously appealing on the nose, with very citrus and oyster-shell character. The nose is fresh cut grass, peach, lemon balm and vanilla spice. The palate is rich and rounded in the mouth with quenching acidity that invigorates the palate. Very textural with creaminess and weight.

Drink 2028-2035 

Château Olivier Blanc Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£135.00 per case In Bond

80% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Sémillon

Owned by the Bethmann family since the 19th century, this estate is one of only seven in Pessac-Léognan to be classified for both red and white wines since 1886. The 2025 harvest began on September 3rd and finished on 18th September, yielding a meagre 26 hl/ha. This wine will be aged in 35% new oak of which 15% are demi muids, 5% glass and 45% old oak.

A bouquet of ripe yellow fruits – peach, apricot, and passion fruit. The palate, both unctuous and indulgent, echoes these summer fruit aromas, whilst notes of lime and grapefruit provide a welcome tension.

Drink 2028-2034 

Château Larrivet Haut Brion Blanc (6x75cl)

£195.00 per case In Bond

88% Sauvignon Blanc, 12% Semillon

Owned by the Gervoson family since 1987, this 75-hectare estate lies on gravel soils near Château Haut-Bailly and is renowned for producing high-quality red and white wines.

Harvested between the 25th August - 28th September with a yield of 22 hl/ha. Aged in 25% new oak 1/3 in 500lt demi muids for 12 months, with the remainder in 1 and 2 year barrels. A rich, waxy, opulent and complex Larrivet Blanc, showing richness and texture throughout. Sweet vanilla oak and spice supports a core of rich yet citric lemon peel, cut grass, fresh herbs and cut peach; this is a fruit-forward yet complex dry white. Great minerality and power, yet elegant and perfectly balanced. A worthy top score!

Drink 2029-2040 

DRY WHITES

Château de Fieuzal Blanc (6x75cl)

£273.00 per case In Bond

70% Sauvignon, 30% Sémillon

The Château was acquired in 2001 by Irish businessman and philanthropist, Lochlann Quinn, who has invested heavily whilst also increasing the vineyard holdings, to become one of the larger Classified Growths of the Pessac-Legnan Appellation. Harvest 19th – 27th August yielding 22 hl/ha. The grapes were whole bunch pressed, with two thirds of the crop fermented and aged in small oak barrels, 30% of which are new, with the remainder in acacia wood, which is less porous and thus, allows for a more gradual oxygen exchange.

A beautiful gold colour with hints of green, the bouquet delivers white floral notes with a touch of hawthorn. This is a polished and modern style of Pessac dry white. Grapefruit, lemon balm and well judged sweet oak with a subtle chalky note that provides added texture. In 2025 Fieuzal certainly benefited from its stock of older, 40 year + vines - great wine!

Drink 2028–2038 

Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£429.00 per 6x75cl In Bond

70% Sauvignon, 30% Sémillon

This fine 67 hectare estate is owned and ran by the Bernard family since 1983. Under their stewardship, it was included in the Graves classification of 1953, cementing their reputation as one of region's finest red and white wine producers. Today, Olivier Bernard manages the estate alongside his two sons, Adrien and Hugo. Of the total vineyard, 7 hectares are dedicated to white varieties. Harvest 25th August – 6th September with a yield of 38hl/ha. Aged in barrels for 16-18 months in 1/3 new oak.

A floral and aromatic Chevalier with a lovely rich core of peach, apple, citrus and cut grass, overlaid with intense minerality and bracing acidity. The oak is integrated and richly toned, adding weight and vanilla notes, as well as subtle spice and a note of honey and cereal. Complex, long and perfectly balanced.

Drink 2028-2040 

SAUTERNES & BARSAC

After a satisfying meal, what's better than a chilled glass of dessert wine with your favourite pudding? Especially from the world's finest dessert wine producing region.

South of Bordeaux, Sauternes and Barsac enjoy a unique microclimate shaped by their proximity to the Garonne and Ciron rivers. Here, morning mists and warm autumn afternoons create ideal conditions for the development of *Botrytis cinerea*, also known as noble rot. This beneficial fungus gently shrivels ripe grapes, concentrating their sugars and flavours by reducing their moisture content. The result? Lusciously rich wines with remarkable depth, offering layers of honey, apricot, marmalade, and exotic spice, all balanced by a vibrant streak of acidity that keeps every sip fresh and fascinating.

Château Liot, Sauternes (12x37.5cl)

£105.00 per case In Bond

80% Sémillon, 15% Sauvignon, 5% Muscadelle

This 24 hectare property has been in the David family for several generations and is currently run by Jean-Gérard David. Although it is labelled Sauternes, it is actually situated on the Haut-Barsac plateau on typical red clay over limestone soils, in the commune of Barsac, next to Château Climens.

The 2025 harvest began on 16th September until 8th October and involved five tries. Aged in oak barrels for 18 months. A bright, pale yellow hue with a radiant, luminous clarity. On the nose it opens with a lively, tangy quench revealing aromas of dried fruits. The palate unfolds with notes of dried apricot and mirabelle plum along with subtle hints of verbena, bringing a refreshing lift and a long, elegant persistence.

Drink 2027-2035 

Château Coutet, 1er Cru Classé, Barsac (12x37.5cl)

£180.00 per case In Bond

75% Sémillon, 23% Sauvignon, 2% Muscadelle

Château Coutet is one of the oldest estates in the Barsac region of Sauternes, with a winemaking legacy dating back to 1643. Covering 38.5 hectares, the estate has long been renowned for producing classic sweet wines of elegance and finesse. Owned by the Baly family, Château Coutet benefits from the technical and commercial expertise of Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Château Mouton Rothschild.

Harvest 7th September - 14th October. Aged for 18 months in 25% new oak barrels with a residual sugar of 155g/l. A golden surge of honeyed apricot and ginger on the nose with the estate's signature flinty precision. Luxurious layers of passion fruit and crème brûlée dance across the palate, held aloft by a vibrant, crystalline acidity. It finishes with a breathtaking saline snap, leaving a trail of white flowers and lemon curd that lingers long after the final sip.

Drink 2032-2055 



SAUTERNES & BARSAC

Château Doisy Daëne, 2ème Cru Classé, Barsac (12x37.5cl)

£197.00 per case In Bond

80% Sémillon, 20% Sauvignon

This second growth estate is run by the Durbourdieu family, who took over the property in Barsac in 1924. Now in its fourth generation, Fabrice and Jean-Jacques Durbourdieu continue to make excellent wine which combines rich, honeyed fruit with a lively acidity.

Elegant and expressive revealing aromas of baked pear, quince and orange blossom layered with hints of honey and sweet spice. The palate is rich yet beautifully focused, combining luscious orchard fruit with notes of brioche and candied citrus. A vibrant streak of acidity and underlying minerality brings freshness and precision throughout. Long, refined and harmonious on the finish, with lingering floral and saffron nuances. A poised and age worthy Doisy-Daëne.

Drink 2030-2045. 

Château Suduiraut, 1er Cru Classé, Sauternes (12x37.5cl)

£268.00 per case In Bond

100% Sémillon

One of the great historic vineyards of Sauternes, Château Suduiraut has a long history dating back to the 15th century. This 91 hectare estate shares borders with the renowned Château d'Yquem. Today, Château Suduiraut is owned by AXA Millésimes, the wine division of the global insurance group, which also owns Château Pichon Baron in Pauillac. Technical Director, Pierre Montégut, who has been at Suduiraut since 2004, is responsible for producing some of the estates' finest wines, known for their intensity, balance, complexity and ageing potential.

A wonderful bouquet with aromatics that combine ripe fruit and delicate floral tones with deeper nuances of roasted and candied notes. The palate is beautifully balanced, opening with a supple, almost unctuous texture followed by concentrated botrytised fruit and a vibrant, mouth watering acidity that brings lift and precision. There are flavours of honey and orange peel and whilst the mouthfeel is very intense it also remains beautifully pure and refined. A wine of remarkable finesse and layered complexity. Harvest 3rd September - 10th October with a yield of 13hl/ha and a residual sugar of 158g/l. The wine will be aged in 50% new oak barrels and 50% one year old barrels.

Drink 2030-2060 



BORDEAUX ROUGE

This appellation covers an area of 51,000 hectares of which 44,000 hectares are devoted to the production of red wines. Yields are capped at 55 hectolitres per hectare, and alcohol levels typically range between 10% and 13% vol. There is a lot of sub-standard wine in this appellation; however, with careful (sometimes tedious) selection it is the home of some wonderful wines that are great value for money for everyday drinking.

Château Tour de Luchey, Bordeaux Rouge (6x75cl)

£24.00 per case In Bond

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

This 25ha Château, situated in Moulon, to the south of Saint Emilion, is owned and run by the Massé family.

This is the kind of vintage that the likes of Tour de Luchey punch way above their weight and provide startling value for money. A vibrant bouquet of fresh raspberry and red cherry makes an immediately appealing introduction to this charming wine. The palate is juicy and energetic, packed with succulent cherry and blueberry fruit, bright acidity and soft, understated tannins that make it wonderfully approachable. Reflecting the freshness and purity of the excellent 2025 vintage, this is a deliciously balanced wine that delivers terrific everyday drinking.

Drink 2027-2032



MÉDOC AND HAUT-MÉDOC

The Left Bank of Bordeaux is home to some of the world's most prestigious red wines, defined by gravelly soils, a Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant style, and centuries of winemaking tradition. At its heart lies the Médoc, a celebrated stretch running north from the city of Bordeaux along the Gironde estuary.

The Médoc AOC itself covers approximately 5,700 ha, accounting for about 34.5% of the entire Médoc region. The soils are a mix of gravel and clay-limestone, with frequent pockets of heavy, clay-rich, moisture-retentive soils. Within its broader boundaries lie the great communal appellations of the Left Bank: Margaux, Saint-Julien, Pauillac, and Saint-Estèphe, along with the rising stars of Moulis and Listrac. These communes bottle under their own more prestigious names, often commanding higher prices.

The best examples of Haut-Médoc wines are typically found north of Ludon, just below Margaux. This area includes five Classified Growths, such as the elegant Fifth Growth Château Cantemerle, as well as a wealth of excellent Cru Bourgeois that offer remarkable quality for the price.

Château Semonlon, Haut-Médoc (6x75cl)

£36.00 per case In Bond

60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc/Petit Verdot

This is a cracking Château situated in the village of Avensan has 7ha of vines planted, with 1ha of vine situated in the Margaux appellation bordering Chateau Citran. Olivier Dumora uses 1 and 2 year old barrels from Château Prieure-Lichine for the élevage of this wine that punches hard and is a great entry into the Haut-Médoc appellation. The wine spends 12 months in oak, of which 33% are new and the remainder is aged in tank and blended prior to bottling. This retains the wines natural freshness and precision.

A wonderful aromatic and stylish bouquet with cassis and expressive raspberry, the palate is rich in black fruit with a lash of cedar and graphite as well as notes of sweet red cherry and mocha. The tannin structure is plush and provides a delicious chewy weight to the wine. This is great value; in fact, Haut-Medoc of this quality and at this price is crazy!

Drink 2028-2032



Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc (6x75cl)**£49.00 per case In Bond****50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot**

Château Cissac belongs to the Vialard family, and its reputation was built on the tireless work of Louis Vialard, who established the wine's fame through the 1970s and 1980s. Situated in the northern-most Haut-Médoc appellation, this historic château dates from 1769. The soil in the vineyards is less diverse than in the Médoc, predominantly sandy, with gravel

Harvest dates: 11th – 26th September. A paltry yield of only 24hl/ha. Fermentation takes place in large wooden vats and stainless steel tanks, and the wine is then aged in 225-litre oak barrels for 14-16 months, 20% of which are new. A small proportion of both the Merlot and Malbec are aged in amphora. Alc 12.7%

A lifted whiff of cherry and blackcurrant freshness with an immediate sense of purity and ripeness. The mouthfeel is rich and creamy with notes of cassis and crème de mur and subtle layers of spice and cracked pepper. The tannins are ripe and chewy and the palate evolves with flavours of stewed prunes, dark fruit compote and a touch of raisin giving added complexity. An excellent result at Cissac this vintage.

Drink 2029-2040 **Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc (6x75cl)****£58.00 per case In Bond****62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot**

Château Beaumont is a well regarded estate known for producing reliable, high quality claret that consistently over delivers on value and typicity. It is owned by a group of investors led by AXA Millésimes, ensuring strong stewardship and long term investment in the property. The estate is located in the Haut-Médoc, positioned between the communes of Saint-Julien and Moulis-en-Médoc. The vineyards benefit from a favourable gravel rich terroir, ideally suited to classic Bordeaux grape varieties.

Harvest 3rd – 17th September with a yield of 26hl/ha. Aged in 30% new oak barrels. Alc 13%.

Bright, precise and layered with sweet black fruits, restrained tannins and a touch of earthiness and graphite. Cherry, mulled raspberry and a touch of vanilla spice from the 30% new oak. The core is well structured, polished and shows good weight and texture. Long on the finish, this is another very impressive Beaumont!

Drink 2030-2038 **Château Cantemerle, 5ème Cru Classé, Haut-Médoc (6x75cl)****£116.00 per case In Bond
BARREL OFFER AVAILABLE****71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot**

Situated in the commune of Macau, just below the village of Margaux and next to Château La Lagune, this estate remains one of the best value growth clarets. It was the final property to be classified as one of the eighteen 5ème Crus in the 1855 Bordeaux Classification. Since taking over in 2021, director Laure Canu has brought a renewed focus to this 98-hectare estate.

Harvest 4th – 20th September with a yield of 32hl/ha. 12% press wine is included in the blend which is aged for 12 months in 1/3 new oak barrels.

An appealing, deeply glossy colour, opaque and thick in the glass. The bouquet is suave with fresh, uplifted aromas of ripe black cherries, followed by a succulent palate of cassis, plum and a note of espresso coffee. Dense, well structured, it is sweet in the mid palate and elegant on the finish, the tannins are softly textured and svelte. There is a naturally high refreshing acidity from the Cantemerle terroir along with a subtle, but notable hint of graphite and pencil lead. A great first vintage at their new winery.

Drink 2030-2042 

MOULIS

Moulis is the smallest of the Médoc appellations, nestled between Margaux and Listrac. Though lesser-known, it produces wines of real character and charm. With a mix of gravel and clay-limestone soils, Moulis offers a balanced style, combining the structure of the Left Bank with a softer, more approachable fruit profile. Quality has been rising steadily in recent years, making it a smart choice for value-conscious Bordeaux lovers.

Château Mauvesin Barton, Moulis-en-Médoc (6x75cl)

**£73.00 per case In Bond
BARREL OFFER AVAILABLE**

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

Château Mauvesin Barton, a 46 hectare estate in Moulis-en-Médoc, has been owned by the Barton family since 2011. In 2013, their daughter Mélanie became winemaker, reinforcing the family's hands-on commitment. The Barton family brings the same level of expertise to Château Mauvesin-Barton as they do to their renowned Saint-Julien estates, Langoa and Léoville Barton, which have been in the family for eight generations.

A very alluring bouquet - rich ripe and fruity. The palate offers a wonderful drinkability with bags of ripe black and red fruits, succulent tannins and a blueberry freshness. The finish is long and elegant with bags of finesse. A star buy!

Drink 2031-2040 🍷



SAINT-ESTÈPHE

Saint-Estèphe is the largest producer of the Haut-Médoc appellations, situated at the northern limit of the appellation. It is closest to the mouth of the Gironde River, joining the Atlantic Ocean. Here the richer soil with higher clay content retains moisture well during summer, so this appellation is well suited to the dryness of hotter years. Wines from the Saint Estèphe commune take time to develop but are also very long lived and at their best rival the finest wines of any of the Médoc communes.

Château Phelan Ségur, Saint Estèphe (6x75cl)

£206.00 per case In Bond

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot

This 70ha property consists of 115 plots and is a consistent producer of classic Saint Estèphe, solid, structured and long-lived. It is situated very close to both Château Montrose and Château Calon-Ségur, so in rather good company! Purchased by Xavier Gardinier in 1985 it is now run by his sons, Thierry and Laurent.

Harvested 10th - 25th September with a yield of 29 hl/ha. Vinified using indigenous yeasts with only very soft extraction and short maceration, the final blend includes 10% vin de presse. Will be aged in 55% new oak.

There is a lovely overt ripeness on the nose with a whiff of pencil shaving. Rich and creamy in texture there is also a wonderful refined freshness as well as perfectly poised and polished tannins. The finish is long with a delicious lingering note of black fruits.

Drink 2033-2045 

Château Montrose, 2ème Cru Classé, (6x75cl)

£618.00 per case In Bond

77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

Montrose is one of the great traditional names of Bordeaux, always sought-after by En Primeur fans. It was bought in 2006 by the Bouygues family and in recent years an astonishing investment programme has been carried out at the château. Now under the stewardship of Herve Berland, formerly at Mouton Rothschild, this château continues to compete at the very highest level.

Harvest 29th August - 20th September with a yield of 30 hl/ha. The Grand Vin will be aged in 60% new oak for 18 months. Alc 13.4%.

Aromas of blackcurrant, plum and violet with an underlay of graphite, cedar and subtle traces of truffle and smoke. On the palate it is full bodied and structured, with firm but polished tannins framing a concentrated core of dark fruit. A line of freshness brings lift and clarity, whilst fine oak spice and mineral notes extend through a long, focused finish. Elegant, muscular and built for long ageing, it shows both intensity and balance in equal measure.

Drink 2035-2055 

PAUILLAC

Pauillac is one of Bordeaux's most prestigious appellations, its reputation anchored by the presence of its three First Growths: Château Lafite Rothschild, Château Mouton Rothschild, and Château Latour. These iconic estates, along with fifteen other Cru Classé châteaux, make Pauillac a benchmark for world-class Cabernet-based wines.

The vineyards lie on deep gravel soils over clay, limestone, and sand, offering excellent drainage and warmth. These conditions produce some of Bordeaux's most powerful and long-lived wines, marked by depth, structure, and the classic Pauillac notes of blackcurrant, cedar, and graphite.

Château Batailley, 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)
ALSO AVAILABLE IN MARIE JEANNE BOTTLES (1x225cl)

£145.00 per case In Bond
£102.00 per case In Bond

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

A 5th Grand Cru Classé of 1855, Château Batailley is the flagship of the Castéja family and Borie-Manoux. One of the oldest estates in the Médoc, its name recalls a 1452 battle during the Hundred Years' War, when the French reclaimed nearby Château Latour from the English, a turning point in Aquitaine's history. Vines were planted soon after on this storied, blood-soaked land.

Harvest 4th – 19th September. Yield 28hl/ha. Aged in 50% new French oak barrels. A deep and intense black fruit bouquet with notes of fresh tobacco. This is a sturdy Batailley, rich in compact cassis fruits with a super blueberry freshness and notes of red cherry. The cedar oak is very much in check; there is some spice and alluring notes of lavender boosted by a layer of forest floor. The finish is long and brooding - an excellent Pauillac!

Drink 2035-2050 

Château Clerc Milon, 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£309.00 per case In Bond

62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 1% Carmenère, 1% Petit Verdot

Situated at the northern edge of Pauillac, close to the first growths of Lafite and Mouton Rothschild, with a similar clay and gravel soil structure, the 41 ha of vines are planted to all 5 Bordeaux red varieties. Château Clerc Milon is part of the Mouton Rothschild stable and made by the same winemaking team.

Clerc Milon is always a popular En primeur buy and this rich and concentrated 2025 is no exception. Deep, dark colour, thick in the glass, with a ripe, rich and highly toned nose of concentrated blackcurrant, red cherry and raspberry coulis. There is chocolate aplenty on the palate, with layers of vanilla spice, lush black fruits, supple tannins, and a succulent mid palate. The finish is long and elegant, with freshness energising the wine throughout. Aged in 55% new oak barrels.

Drink 2035-2046 

Château Lynch Bages, 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£402.00 per case In Bond

66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Situated on the Bages plateau, one of the finest gravelly rises in the appellation, this Château, owned by the Caz family for nearly 100 years is always one of the most popular amongst Bordeaux drinkers. While it is classified a 5th growth it is built like a super second and competes with them when it comes to quality and ageability.

Harvest 9th -21st September with a yield of 29hl/ha. The first wine from Lynch-Bages is drawn off into split stave-wood oak barrels with optimum aromatic capacity, made by reputed barrel-makers, before being aged in the cellars for 18 months in 75% new oak.

The nose is a jam jar of rich blackcurrant fruits screaming from the glass with power and expression. The palate shows a strong and sturdy structure, wrapped with a concentrated black fruit structure. The tannins are firm lending great support, there is graphite and slate minerality all balanced by a wonderful raspberry freshness. This is a finely crafted and powerful wine that represents the traits of the Pauillac appellation superbly.

Drink 2036-2055 

PAUILLAC

Château Pédesclaux, 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£138.00 per case In Bond

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

Château Pédesclaux is one of Pauillac's most compelling modern success stories. Classified as a Fifth Growth in the famous 1855 ranking, the estate has undergone a remarkable renaissance in recent years, combining historic pedigree with substantial investment and an uncompromising pursuit of quality. Since the Lorenzetti family acquired the property, extensive replanting, meticulous vineyard management and a striking state of the art winery have elevated Pédesclaux into the front ranks of the appellation. Today the vineyard extends over some of Pauillac's finest gravel soils, planted predominantly to Cabernet Sauvignon with Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot completing the blend. Increasingly impressive year after year, Château Pédesclaux now offers the stature and breeding of a classified growth with a modern energy all of its own.

Harvest 8th - 20th September with a yield of 41 hl/ha. Aged in 50% new oak barrels.

This is a very classic, stylish Pauillac. Deep and brooding, the nose is dominated by black fruit aromas with earthy forest floor. The palate is very precise as well as dense, cassis concentration and dark liquorice supported by super ripe tannins. There is a remarkable balancing freshness to this wine which bodes well for its ageing potential.

Drink 2035–2048 

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£228.00 per case In Bond

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot

Owned by the renowned Borie family, Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste is a highly respected Fifth Growth estate in the heart of Pauillac. The 45-hectare vineyard is planted predominantly with Cabernet Sauvignon on deep gravel soils ideally suited to producing structured, long lived wines. Under the meticulous stewardship of the Borie family, the château has earned a reputation for remarkable consistency, balance and ageing potential. Its wines are admired for delivering both power and refinement, often representing outstanding value among the classified growths of Bordeaux.

Harvest 4th - 18th September with a yield of 30hl/ha. Aged in 75% new oak barrels. Alc 13.2%.

GPL 2025 is a classic, brooding expression of Pauillac power with great finesse. Layers of forest floor and dark, chewy black fruits unfold slowly in the glass, led by ripe, succulent cassis and underpinned by a distinctive streak of pencil lead and graphite. The tannic structure is firm, precise and beautifully controlled, giving the wine shape, whilst a subtle creamy texture adds depth to its intense core. Harmonious yet complex, this is a deeply composed Grand-Puy-Lacoste with impressive underlying power and a long future ahead. Notably, it is the first vintage produced in the château's new winery, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the estate.

Drink 2035-2050 

Château Pontet Canet, 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£378.00 per case In Bond

56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

Alfred Tesseron has passionately built this 81 hectare estate over many years to the pinnacle of Bordeaux winemaking. Farmed organically, including working the vineyards by horse, Pontet-Canet is punching up there with the very best.

Harvest 2nd - 23rd September. Vinification involved a long, gentle cold maceration, with no pump overs employed, in keeping with the estate's desire for delicate extraction and precision. The wine is then blended relatively early, in mid November, allowing the final assemblage to integrate smoothly before élevage. Ageing was carried out across a combination of 50% new oak (principally from Tronçais and Allier), 35% in amphora, and 15% in one year old barrels. Alc 13.3%.

A beautiful freshness defines the bouquet, with pure black fruit aromas and a striking precision. The palate is supple and voluptuous, driven by generous layers of ripe blackcurrant and dark berry fruit. The sense of precision and purity is further enhanced by élevage in amphora, which helps preserve the brightness of fruit and adds a subtle textural lift. The tannins are plush yet finely grained and the finish is long and graceful, unfolding with real finesse and definition. Overall, this is a beautifully composed Pontet-Canet, combining depth of fruit with freshness, balance and a refined structure.

Drink 2035-2050 

PAUILLAC

Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) £597.00 per case In Bond

81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc

This is one of the great Châteaux of Bordeaux and is rightly one of the most sought after Second Growths, with a reputation for producing wines that are typically Pauillac. Now owned by the Champagne House Louis Roederer, the recently installed winery is quite magnificent.

Harvest 28th August - 23rd September with a yield of 24hl/ha. The Grand Vin will account for 52% of the crop this vintage. Aged in approximately 60% new oak barrels. Alc 13.1%.

The bouquet is rich and exotic with expressive aromas of cassis, blackberry, violet and cigar box, all lifted by hints of graphite and iris fragrance. On the palate it is medium to full bodied, combining depth and precision with a refined, layered structure. Fine, powdery tannins shape the elegant frame, carrying pure dark fruits through to a long, focused finish marked by cedar, cocoa and mineral tension. Sophisticated and poised, it balances power with a graceful, silky texture. This is always one of my favourite's!

Drink 2036-2055 

Château Mouton-Rothschild, 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£1824.00 per case In Bond

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot

Elevated to First Growth status in 1973, Château Mouton Rothschild is perhaps as celebrated for its tradition of commissioning renowned artists to design its labels as it is for the wine itself. Under the guidance of technical director Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy, Mouton is currently at the top of its game, fully justifying its place at the pinnacle of the Bordeaux hierarchy. Remarkably, it remains the only First Growth still owned by the same family since the 1855 classification, and it continues to be one of the world's most sought-after wines.

Harvest 5th - 20th September with 52% of the crop selected for the Grand Vin. Aged for 18 months in 100% new oak barrels. Alc 13.1%.

Deep, concentrated and beautifully composed, the 2025 Mouton Rothschild opens with aromas of crème de cassis, blueberry, violet and cigar box, layered with notes of mocha, espresso and exotic spice. The palate is rich yet remarkably controlled, showcasing the vintage's outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon through its freshness, precision and finely tuned structure. Powerful and persistent, with impressive depth and a long, mouthwatering finish, this is a Mouton of great elegance that promises both early appeal and exceptional ageing potential.

Drink 2038-2055 

Château Lafite-Rothschild, 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£2082.00 per case In Bond

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot

One of the original "First Growth" Clarets, Château Lafite is one of the most famous names in the world of wine. Since 2015, winemaking has been guided by the steady hand of Eric Kohler, and the results have been nothing short of magnificent.

Harvest 2nd - 20th September with a yield of 27 hl/ha. Gentle extractions and selective pressings were used, with 16% press wine included in the final blend. Aged in 90% new oak barrels. 55% of the total crop will be used for the Grand Vin. Alc 12.7%.

The bouquet is intense and powerful with aromas of ripe cassis and wild strawberry freshness. The palate smoulders, driven by impossibly fine tannins that feel etched rather than pressed, carrying cool black fruits, cigar leaf and wet slate across a frame that shows a remarkable purity. Rich yet resonant and beautifully precise, this is a classic Lafite full of black fruit concentration with supporting flavours of cedar smoke, graphite and an impressive mineral tension.

Drink 2035-2055 

SAINT JULIEN

The smallest producer among the four main Haut-Médoc communes, it nevertheless boasts some of the finest châteaux, including several Cru Bourgeois estates that rival the quality of the 1855 Classification. The terroir is characterised by gravelly soils over a subsoil of sandstone and clay, providing excellent drainage that ensures the appellation thrives even in wetter years. The wines tend to be a little smoother, and more elegant than their Pauillac neighbours, often drinking a little earlier while still offering the classic typicity of Bordeaux.

Château de Glana (6x75cl)

£96.00 per case In Bond

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

This is one of the finest Cru Bourgeois properties in St Julien, enjoying a fine location between the towns of Beychevelle and Saint-Julien. It has expanded by purchasing Classed Growth vineyards from the 3rd Growth Château Lagrange.

Harvest 4th – 20th September with a yield of 28 hl/ha. Aged for 12 months in 30% new oak barrels. Alc 13.5%.

A deeply aromatic profile opening with lifted notes of cassis, blackberries and cedar wood. On the palate it shows an impressive berry concentration delivering a core of ripe black fruits and cassis, layered with a distinctive streak of pencil lead and subtle graphite, showing a classic St-Julien character. This wine is beautifully crafted with purity of fruit and precision of structure. Fine grained tannins provide a refined and elegant framework giving both poise and depth without excess weight. Overall, this wine has the feel of a “classed growth in all but name,” combining aromatic complexity, balance and finesse with the underlying structure to age gracefully over time.

Drink 2033-2042 

Château Langoa-Barton 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£174.00 per case In Bond

45% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc

For many years now, this Château has produced some of the finest value claret on the left bank – what we like to call “proper claret”. The 20 hectare estate is the ‘sister’ to Léoville-Barton and the grape varieties and wine-making methods are similar for both estates.

Harvested between 4th - 19th September with a yield of only 20hl/ha and aged in 60% new oak for 18 months. To be bottled in June 2027. 13.5% vol.

Always forward, classy and elegant, this is a cracking 2025, rich and very ripe nose, appealing with notes of mulled red fruits, plum, cherry and a hint of spice. The palate is rich yet not overly concentrated, moreish and svelte with a delicious succulent mouthfeel and fruit quality with a touch of bergamot on the finish.

Drink 2033-2048 



CHATEAU LANGOA
LEOVILLE-BARTON

SAINT JULIEN

Château Gloria (6x75cl)

£135.00 per case In Bond

56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc

This Château is somewhat of an anomaly in Bordeaux. It is made up of small plots purchased from neighbouring Classed Growth properties, including Château Léoville-Poyferré, Château Gruaud-Larose and Château Duhart-Milon (who owned a small plot in St-Julien). However, once they were sold to the creator of Château Gloria, Monsieur Henri Martin, the vineyards ceased to possess their Classed Growth status. It is, however, Growth Claret in all but name. 45 hectares of vines with an average age of 45 years old, it continually performs year in year out to the highest level.

Harvest 10th – 19th September with a yield of only 20hl/ha. Aged in 50% new oak barrels. Alc 13.25%. Aromatic and fragrant perfumed bouquet showing ripe blackcurrant fruits as well as red cherry. A really impressive palate, rich, ripe and voluptuous with cassis, cocoa and espresso coffee notes. There is also spice and herbs giving wider dimension and the tannins are beautifully poised. A glorious Gloria!

Drink 2032 – 2045 

Château Talbot, 4ème Cru Classé, (6x75cl)

£216.00 per case In Bond

74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot

This Château has always had a very strong following amongst our customers here in the North of England - no doubt due to its continued policy of offering good Claret at a competitive price to its peers. The vineyard, a single 110-hectare block planted on deep alluvial gravel and siltstone soils stretching to the banks of the Gironde, offers an ideal terroir for producing structured, age-worthy wines.

Harvest 5th - 22nd September with a yield of only 28hl/ha. Aged in 60% new oak barrels. Alc 13.2%

A smouldering, deep bouquet suggesting restrained power leads to a palate that is rich, powerful and tightly knit. Laden with cassis fruits, there is a streak of slate and graphite and a raspberry freshness providing a beautiful balance. An underlay of forest floor typicity, finely integrated oak and ripe tannins provide added complexity. A very good result at Talbot this vintage.

Drink 2034 – 2048 

Château Léoville-Barton 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£320.00 per case In Bond

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

This Château is always one of the most popular with our En Primeur clients, due to its consistent high quality and the long standing commitment by the Barton family to maintain a sensible pricing policy. The vineyards are intensely planted with 9,100 vines per ha.

Harvested between 4th – 19th September with a yield of 22hl/ha and aged in 60% new oak for 18 months. To be bottled in June 2027. 13.5% vol.

A wine of stunning intensity. The nose is powerful, intense and brooding with notes of black fruits and liquorice leading to a palate that is oozing pure cassis fruits, underpinned by a refined note of cedar oak and a streak of graphite, wrapped around a robust structure with perfectly poised ripe tannin. Concentrated and harmonious with a very long on the finish, this is a top Leoville-Barton.

Drink 2036-2055 

SAINT JULIEN

Clos du Marquis (6x75cl)

£207.00 per case In Bond

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc

Clos du Marquis is one of those wines that carries a little confusion. It is not, in fact, the second wine of Leoville-Las-Cases, but a wine produced from the said property's vineyards close to Leoville Poyferré, a more St Julien-like terroir. Léoville-Las-Cases tends to be more Pauillac-like given that it sits alongside Château Latour.

A yield of 24hl/ha and aged in 55% new oak barrels.

Clos du Marquis 2025 offers an expressive bouquet of blackberry, cassis and dark cherry, layered with violet, cedar and graphite nuances. The palate is concentrated yet refined, combining vibrant dark fruit with fine grained tannins and fresh acidity. Notes of liquorice and subtle spice add complexity through the mid-palate, leading to a long, poised finish. Structured and harmonious, this is a classic Saint-Julien built for graceful ageing.

Drink 2032-2042 

Château Gruaud-Larose 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£258.00 per cases In Bond

77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc

This is one of the most famous and historic Saint Julien 2nd growth properties and has also been one of the most popular for many years. It is however a claret that is produced in a very modern, polished style.

Harvest 3rd – 20th September with a yield of 26hl/ha. Aged in 70% new oak barrels for 18 months. Alc 13.5%

This is Gruaud Larose's 300th anniversary vintage and what a wine to celebrate with! This is a big, dark, cassis driven claret, showing richness, concentrated red and black fruits, a hint of bell pepper, coffee and liquorice. Supple tannins support a core of richly sweet fruit – very polished throughout, and showing energy and a lovely freshness and elegant structure.

Drink 2034-2050 

Château Beychevelle 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£377.00 per case In Bond

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Château Beychevelle is one of the most beautiful châteaux of the Médoc, with its new winery proudly visible as you drive past. With estates covers 250 hectares with 90 hectares planted with vines. Extremely popular throughout the world.

Harvest 5th -20th with a yield of 32 hl/ha. Will be aged in 70% new oak for 18 months. Alc 13.5%.

A rich yet elegant expression of Beychevelle, precise and complex, brimming with generous sweet black and red fruits, raspberry, black cherry and a touch of liquorice. Voluptuous and generous, even exotic, showing great fruit intensity balanced by a beguiling freshness and purity. The tannins are plush and a touch of cedar lingers in the mouth.

Drink 2035-2050 

SAINT JULIEN

Château Ducru Beaucaillou 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£540.00 per case In Bond

79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot

This 49 hectare estate has recently been in outstanding form firmly upholding its reputation as a true 'Super Second Growth'. With origins dating back to the 13th century, Château Ducru-Beaucaillou has been under the stewardship of the Borie family since 1941. Under the dynamic leadership of Bruno Borie, the estate has undergone a remarkable transformation. Quality has risen significantly, while production has been deliberately reduced, nearly halved since 2003, in a pursuit of ever greater precision and excellence.

Harvest began 2nd – 23rd September with a yield of 22hl/ha. The Grand vin will be aged for 18 months in 100% new oak. Alc 13.5%.

A remarkable wine of precision and elegance in 2025, balancing layers of cassis, blackberry and fresh raspberry with floral lift, graphite and subtle spice. The palate is structured yet refined, combining polished tannins, vibrant acidity and beautifully integrated oak, whilst notes of cedar, cocoa and savoury herbs lead to a long, poised finish of exceptional freshness and depth.

Drink 2036-2055 

Château Léoville-Las-Cases, 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£660.00 per cases In Bond

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot

Château Léoville-Las Cases is widely regarded as one of the finest "Super Seconds" of the Médoc, so exceptional, in fact, that many, including the estate itself, consider it worthy of First Growth status. Located near the boundary between Saint-Julien and Pauillac, it sits adjacent to Château Latour. As a result, its character often leans as much toward Pauillac as it does its own appellation, Saint-Julien.

Harvest 5th - 20th September with a yield of 23hl/ha. Aged in 80% new oak barrels for 18 months.

A superb Las-Cases, opening with aromas of crushed blackcurrant, dark cherry, cedar and cold stone with an underlay of subtle tobacco and spice. The palate is muscular, intense and firmly structured, with concentrated dark fruits, cassis and liquorice, framed by powerful yet finely grained tannins, whilst a streak of freshness and mineral tension drives the wine towards an exceptionally long, savoury finish. This is a wine built for long ageing.

Drink 2037-2055 



MARGAUX

This is the largest commune in the Médoc, known for its lighter, gravelly soils yield some of the most sensual and elegant wines of the Médoc, the complete opposite of Pauillac. The commune is the most southerly of Médoc's appellations and it encompasses the neighbouring villages of Cantenac, Arsac, Labarde, and Soussans. Margaux is also the most represented appellation in the 1855 Classification, with more classified estates than any of its Médoc peers.

Château Angludet (6x75cl)

£120.00 per case In Bond
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55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot

Owned by the Sichel family and managed since 1989 by Ben, the youngest of the Sichel brothers, this property is blessed with the perfect conditions for producing splendidly consistent wines. The sandy, gravelly soils provide excellent natural drainage, enhancing the concentration of the fruit. Now farmed biodynamically, Château Angludet is producing exceptional wines year after year. The château sits on 30 hectares of deep gravel soils in the southern part of the Margaux appellation, near the renowned Châteaux Brane Cantenac and Du Tertre.

Harvest 8th – 24th September. Yield 20hl/ha. They intended to begin harvesting in early September but chose to delay, allowing the fruit to benefit from the forecasted rains and regain a touch of freshness. And what a great call! The Petit Verdot berries were exceptionally small, as were those of the Merlot, both affected by the intense summer heat. As a result, there is a higher proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the 2025 blend. 30% of the blend is aged in 700 litre clay amphorae with the remainder aged in oak barriques, 30% of which are new. Alc 13.5%.

A vibrant, ripe and spicy bouquet is complemented by a wonderful whiff of raspberry freshness. The palate is ripe and voluptuous with a wonderful streak of pure blackcurrant fruit, often associated with amphora élevage, the tannins are super suave and there is also a great energy in the wine. A wonderful, generous Angludet!

Drink 2031 – 2040 

Château Kirwan, 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£150.00 per case In Bond

63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Carmenere

Château Kirwan is a 3eme Cru Grand Cru Classé Margaux property, situated in the commune of Cantenac, that has returned to its former glories in recent years.

Harvest 9th – 20th September with a yield of 25hl/ha. The maceration period took 20 days during which both alcoholic and malolactic fermentations took place at the same time. Aged in 35% new oak.

Kirwan has produced another cracking example of Margaux in 2025. Rich in style, layered with cassis, raspberry and an edge of pomegranate. There is a dense core of spice, vanilla oak and sweetness to the fruit character, all bound in by polished tannins and balancing freshness.

Drink 2033 – 2044 

Alter Ego de Palmer (6x75cl)

£325.00 per case In Bond

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot

The second wine of Château Palmer, one of the most prestigious estates in the Margaux appellation on Bordeaux's Left Bank. The château sits just outside the village of Margaux and has been owned since 1938 by the Sichel and Mähler-Besse families, with Thomas Duroux leading the property as director in the modern era. Introduced in the late 1990s, Alter Ego was never intended to be a lesser replica of the Grand Vin, but rather a distinct expression crafted for earlier accessibility and vibrant fruit purity. Whilst it shares the same exceptional gravel and clay terroir as Palmer, the blend and élevage are tailored to highlight silkier textures, immediate charm and aromatic freshness.

Harvest 4th – 26th September with a yield of only 20 hl/ha. Aged in 20% new oak. Alc 13%.

This Alter Ego opens with vivid layers of black cherry, crushed raspberry and bitter orange zest, wrapped in cool floral perfume and subtle cedar spice. Silky yet energetic, the palate flows with polished dark fruit and fine chalk textured tannins, balancing seductive richness with a fresh precision. Its finish is long, refined and savoury with traces of violet, cracked pepper and mineral freshness that linger on the palate.

Drink 2032 – 2048 

MARGAUX

Château Cantenac Brown, 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£192.00 per case In Bond

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

This château, situated at the western boundary of the Margaux appellation with 62 ha under vine, was purchased by Tristan Le Lous and his family in 2019. They immediately embarked on a massive investment in a new 5000 m² eco-winery (first used with the 2023 vintage) built entirely of raw earth, guaranteeing thermal inertia and the perfect humidity for ageing thanks to the power of the earth, along with the acquisition of a further 9.5 ha of vines.

Harvest 5th - 22nd September with a yield of 29hl/ha. The vinification was carried out in 70 stainless steel tanks ranging in size from 50 – 120 hectolitres, followed by ageing in 60% new oak barrels. Alc 13.4%.

A richly structured and impressive Cantenac-Brown, showing intense purity and sweetness of fruit. Yields were low at just 29hl/ha with the smallest berries since 1997. The new chais means each plot was picked and fermented separately, using a warmer ferment at 27C and this showed in a generous mouth filling sweet succulent claret, mulled berries, spice and polished tannins, rounded and linear with sinew and minerality throughout. A very impressive wine.

Drink 2035 – 2045 

Château Giscours 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£252.00 per case In Bond

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Giscours has a long and rich history, which can be traced back to the fourteenth century at which time it was a defensive tower overlooking a wild and inhospitable region. The real beginning of the château came in 1552, when Pierre de L'homme, a wealthy Bordeaux draper, bought a nobleman's house called "Guyscoutz" and proceeded to turn it into a vast estate and planted the first vines. Wine production was launched and each of the rich merchant's successors made their own contribution to this magnificent building.

Harvest 3rd – 25th September with a yield of 30hl/ha. Aged in 50% new oak barrels. Alc 13.2%.

The bouquet is restrained and brooding with red berry fruits as well as notes of plum. The palate is powerful and intense, a black fruit compote, but also a red cherry freshness giving a wonderful balance. There are flavours of cedar and cocoa and the tannins are ripe and firm, whilst an edgy minerality on the finish provides extra dimension.

Drink 2035 – 2048 

Château Rauzan-Ségla 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£291.00 per case In Bond

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 0.5% Cabernet Franc

Château Rauzan-Ségla captures the essence of Margaux through a style defined by finesse rather than force. Its diverse gravel and clay terroirs produce cuvees that are carefully woven together to create a wine of remarkable nuance and harmony. Since becoming part of the Chanel portfolio in 1994, the estate's meticulous attention to each vineyard parcel allows subtle distinctions of place to shine through, resulting in wines that are both elegant and deeply characterful.

Harvest 2nd – 24th September with a yield of 29hl/ha. Aged in 60% new oak barrels and 40% 1 year old barrels. Alc 13.5%.

The bouquet is rich and ripe showing blackberry and black cherry fruits as well as cedar spice. The palate is classically Margaux in style with a rich and voluptuous core of fleshy and textured cassis and damson fruits. The tannins are polished and suave, giving muscularity to the core structure. This is a top wine in 2025.

Drink 2035 – 2055 

MARGAUX

Château Brane Cantenac 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£237.00 per case In Bond

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

The vineyards of Château Brane-Cantenac lie to the west of the village of Cantenac, on 72 hectares of fine gravel and clay that form the renowned Brane plateau, an area known for producing wines of remarkable finesse and longevity. Proprietor Henri Lurton has improved the quality in the vines, regrafting previously planted Merlot to high quality Cabernet Sauvignon.

Harvest 2nd September - 2nd October with a yield of 32hl/ha. Only 40% of the crop went into the Grand Vin in 2025. The final blend will be aged in 80% new oak barrels. 13.3% Alc.

A powerful bouquet, rich and perfumed with notes of cedar wood. The palate is voluptuous with dark chocolate, sweet red cherry spiced with baked plum and a touch of dried herbs. This is an intense but stylish Brane, heavily dominated by 80% Cabernet Sauvignon with balanced tannins and a lovely warmth and spice on the finish. A big wine, but worthy of long ageing I suspect.

Drink 2035 – 2048 

Château Palmer, 3ème Cru Classé, Margaux (6x75cl)

£1158.00 per case In Bond

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

After the First Growths this is traditionally one of the highest performing Châteaux and is always in high demand. Winemaker Thomas Duroux has overseen the Château's move to 100% biodynamic farming, a journey that began back in 2008 with certification in 2014.

Harvest 4th – 26th September with a yield of only 20 hl/ha. Aged in 80% new oak barrels. Alc 13.5%.

A supreme wine at Palmer this vintage. The bouquet is a moreish wave of blackberry preserve, rich and dreamy. The palate is opulent with cassis and plum fruits, a touch of clove and espresso coffee that glides beneath the fruit construct and seductively ripe tannins supporting the firm structure. There is a lingering mineral freshness and a refined savoury edge on the finish.

Drink 2036 – 2055 

Château Margaux, 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£2034.00 per case In Bond

89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

Château Margaux, a Premier Grand Cru Classé Bordeaux, is one of the most famous wines in the world. For over five centuries, the estate has been shaped by generations of dedicated vineyard workers, harvesters, cellar masters, coopers, and many other craftsmen, each contributing to its legacy. Under the stewardship of owners deeply committed to preserving its heritage, the château continues to produce wines of exceptional character.

Harvest 10th - 29th September with a yield of only 22 hl/ha. The Grand Vin accounts for 37% of the crop. Aged in 100% new oak barrels. Alc 13.8%.

Winemaker Philippe Bascaules has produced a refined and expressive Margaux. The bouquet is vibrant and aromatic, with notes of cassis, raspberry, black cherry and violet. On the palate, the wine shows remarkable concentration with a vivid freshness and a distinctive mineral edge. The tannins are silky and well integrated, offering a seamless texture that leads into a long, elegant finish. Classic and harmonious

Drink 2036 – 2055 

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Geographically, this region extends southeast from the Haut-Médoc. Urban expansion from the city of Bordeaux has led to the loss of many northern vineyards, but the area remains a source of both notable red and white wines, though production has increasingly favoured reds over the past two decades. Formerly known simply as Graves, the region was officially divided in 1996 into two appellations: Graves and Pessac-Léognan. The latter, situated in the northern part, is considered the finest section and is home to the majority of the Grands Crus.

Château de Fieuzal, Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£140.00 per case In Bond

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot

The Château was acquired in 2001 by Irish businessman and philanthropist, Lochlann Quinn, who has invested heavily whilst also increasing the vineyard holdings, to become one of the larger Classified Growths within the Pessac-Léognan appellation.

Harvest 4th-27th September with a yield of 26hl/ha followed by a meticulous vinification, including a gentle extraction and extended maceration of 35–40 days. Aged in 32% new oak along with 10% clay amphora. Alc 12.8%.

This is a finely tuned Pessac with black, opulent sweet fruits, layers of freshness, a touch of graphite, supporting tannins and a streak of raspberry, red cherry and herbs, all benefiting from finely judged oak. A wine of great precision, long in the mouth and age worthy.

Drink 2034 – 2044 

Château Olivier, Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£121.00 per case In Bond

50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot

Classified for its red and white wines, Château Olivier is surrounded by forest that not only influences the property's micro-climate, but which has given it 8 hectares of prime vineyard, already in the Pessac-Léognan AOC.

Harvest 3rd -18th September with a yield of 30hl/ha. Will be aged in 35% new oak as well as a small proportion of the wine being aged in glass Wine Globes. A very deep garnet hue and a highly expressive nose, blending notes of cocoa, dark fruits, and rose. On the palate, there is a remarkable concentration of texture that remains velvety, refreshed by hints of crushed raspberry. The lingering finish suggests excellent aging potential.

Drink 2031 – 2045 

Château Larrivet Haut Brion Rouge (6x75cl)

£140.00 per case In Bond

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Franc

Owned by the Gervoson family since 1987, this 75-hectare estate lies on gravel soils near Château Haut-Bailly and is renowned for producing high-quality red and white wines.

Harvested between 3rd - 25th September with a yield of 33 ha/ha. Aged in 50% new oak barrels for 16 months.

A wine boasting richness and elegance, complexity and instant appeal. The layers of sweet red and black cherry, baked raspberry, cassis and plum combined with sweet oak. Very aromatic, and showing silky, polished tannins that neither grip nor fade. Fresh, opulent and a complete delight!

Drink 2030 – 2045 

SATELLITE SAINT-EMILION

Situated just to the north and northeast of Saint-Emilion are four separate appellations known as the 'Saint-Emilion satellites'. They are Lussac-Saint-Emilion, Montagne-Saint-Emilion, Puisseguin-Saint-Emilion, and Saint-Georges-Saint-Emilion. Here the temperatures are slightly cooler than in Saint-Emilion as the area lies further from the moderating influence of the Dordogne River, resulting in a slightly later harvest. These appellations offer excellent value for money, particularly in top vintages.

Château Corbin, Montagne Saint-Emilion (6x75cl)

£45.00 per case In Bond

70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

A hidden jewel offering some of the finest value for money on the Right Bank. Overlooking both Cheval Blanc and Pétrus, this is a beautifully located, family-owned château that produces outstanding, affordable claret. It is one of the oldest properties in Montagne which in itself is the smallest appellation in the Bordeaux region with only 18 growers. Dating back to the 16th Century the property has 23 hectares of vines that surround the Château. The 2024 vintage is the 20th under the energetic Jacques Rambaud.

Harvest 14th -27th September with a yield of 37hl/ha. 60% aged in 1-5 year old 300lt barrels and 40% in concrete vats for 10-11 months. Alc 14%.

2025 is a highly successful Château Corbin that captures the charm and accessibility of the vintage whilst retaining classical Saint-Émilion character. A beautifully expressive bouquet, pure blackcurrant and dark cherry fruit with an aromatic freshness. The palate is layered with cassis and plum, subtle hints of liquorice and boasts a real clarity and precision. There is an impressive sense of energy throughout, balancing the generosity of the fruit with a poised, mineral freshness that gives the wine real definition.

Drink 2028 – 2033 🍷

Château Courlat, Lussac Saint-Emilion (12x75cl)

£90.00 per case In Bond

100% Merlot

Owned and managed by the Bourotte family. From the long driveway of Cyprus trees on your approach, this estate inspires peace and tranquility. Nature is present at every turn, with a large lake at the center of vines, forest and Château.

Harvest 18th – 19th September with a yield of 31hl/ha. Fermented in concrete and stainless steel vats.

Intense and aromatic, this is a finely knit wine offering a beautiful succulent black fruit palate, balanced by a wild strawberry freshness. A cold terroir with deep clay soils is perfect for hot vintages such as 2025, and this wine will give immense every day pleasure.

Drink 2027 – 2032 🍷



SAINT-EMILION

Located on the right bank of Bordeaux, this large appellation is where the Merlot grape dominates on the clay and limestone soils. The resulting wines are rich, plush, and seductive.

Saint-Émilion was not included in the historic 1855 Classification. Instead, its own classification was established in 1954 and, unlike its Left Bank counterpart, is revised regularly to reflect evolving quality and performance.

Château Grand Mayne, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (6x75cl)

£165.00 per case In Bond

62% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Franc

Located north-west of the town of Saint-Emilion, this château was built in 1767 and since 1934 has been owned and run by the Nony family with Jean-Pierre Nony at the helm since 1975. With 19 hectares of vineyards, the château is superbly sited on the edge of a limestone plateau, where the soils are rich in clay, limestone and iron.

Harvest 4th-18th September. Yield 36hl/ha. Aged for 18 months in 40% new oak barrels. 40% in 1 year barrels and 20% wooden vats. Alc 13.5%.

Rich, elegant and well structured, deeply coloured and immediately forward with crushed black fruits spiked with fresh raspberry, plum and red cherry. The oak is evident but supports the fruit and the wine is fresh and vibrant throughout. Long and intense in the mouth. Interesting hint of ginger and spice over the fruit and showing svelte and rounded tannins.

Drink 2032 – 2040 

Château Pavie-Macquin, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (6x75cl)

£249.00 per case In Bond

78% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

Pavie Macquin is located just east of the town of Saint-Émilion, close to the town's outer edge and positioned between Troplong-Mondot and Trottevieille. The estate covers 13.5 hectares, with vines planted on thick clay and fragmented limestone soils. These soils offer both excellent drainage and strong water retention, which helps during warmer vintages.

Harvest 12th - 25th September with a yield of 30hl/ha. Aged in 50% new oak barrels for 16 months. Alc 14%. A rich and ripe bouquet, even opulent and luxurious. The palate is intense and voluptuous, with mocha and creamy cassis fruit dominating. There is a good smattering of cedar oak and the tannins a ripe and firm giving added structure. A proper belly dancer!

Drink 2030 – 2040 



SAINT-EMILION

Château Grand-Corbin, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (6x75cl)

£112.00 per case In Bond

83% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Now under the same ownership as Chateau Cantemerle in the Haut Medoc, this is a prestigious St Emilion Grand Cru Classe that has benefitted from investment and expertise from the new owners. Situated on the northwestern edge of Saint-Émilion, the estate's vineyards are planted predominantly with Merlot, complemented by Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines are known for their elegant structure, ripe dark fruit character, and refined tannins, balancing richness with freshness and precision.

Harvest 25th August – 15th September with a yield of 30hl/ha. Aged in 35% new oak for 12 months. Alc 13%.

In 2025 Grand Corbin made a wonderfully judged wine with the dominant Merlot component and smaller yields of just 30 hl/ha giving a restrained, elegant, and yet opulent style. Succulent red and black cherry fruit, laced with dark chocolate, coffee and baked plum. The tannins are held in check by the ripe fruit, a benefit of the blue clay soil. The result is a muscular yet rounded and approachable wine with real breeding and complexity.

Drink 2030 – 2040 

Château Canon, Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£435.00 per case In Bond

76% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc

Since Chanel took over in 1996, the vineyard at Canon has undergone significant restructuring, and the newer plantings are now fully mature. Located just southwest of Saint-Émilion, the estate has 34 hectares under vine, with 24 hectares used for the Grand Vin.

Harvest 28th August - 18th September with a healthy yield of 40hl/ha. Aged in 49% new oak. 14% Alc.

Aromas of crushed black cherry, wild raspberry and violet followed by more subtle layers of graphite, fennel and damp stone. The palate is remarkably poised. Silky yet taut with finely powdered tannins carrying waves of red and blue fruit across a mineral laced core. Hints of iris, cocoa, cracked pepper and chalk emerge gradually giving the wine both energy and restraint. There is a quiet intensity here, driven by purity, tension and extraordinary persistence. The finish lingers with stony freshness and a delicate edge that reflects Canon's limestone soils.

Drink 2035 – 2050 



SAINT EMILION VINEYARDS

SAINT-EMILION

Château Valandraud, Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl)

£480.00 per case In Bond

84% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc

In 1989, Jean-Luc Thunevin and his wife Murielle Andraud purchased a 0.6 hectare plot in Saint-Émilion. Just two years later, they released their first commercial vintage, marking the beginning of their remarkable winemaking journey. Today, the estate spans 8.8 hectares, and the wines are produced through a combination of traditional, modern techniques, and innovative practices. A pioneer in the garage wine movement, Château Valandraud was promoted to Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé status in 2012 and renewed in 2022.

Harvest 12h September - 4th October with a yield of 35hl/ha. Aged in 90% new oak barrels.

A deep, dark, almost opaque purple colour, this is a big wine on all fronts. The bouquet is brimming with aromas of ripe cassis, dark berries, graphite, and a touch of spicy oak. The palate is full bodied, creamy rich and voluptuous with a wonderful concentration of ripe black, juicy blackcurrant, fine tannins and a long, polished finish. Almost Napa Merlot! MAGA!

Drink 2030 – 2040 

Château Cheval Blanc (6x75cl)

£2010.00 per case In Bond

51% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cheval Blanc is one of the great names of Bordeaux and unquestionably the most renowned château in Saint-Émilion. Its 39 hectares of vineyards are located on the border with Pomerol, yet the wine is markedly different due to the unusually high proportion of Cabernet Franc in the blend. Vinification takes place in a striking and modern winery that reflects the estate's commitment to precision and excellence. The vineyard is overseen by a highly skilled team, with technical director Pierre-Olivier Clouet leading operations under the guidance of Pierre Lurton.

The 2025 Cheval Blanc is a remarkably distinctive and expressive wine. Produced from exceptionally low yields of just 15hl/ha, the wine combines extraordinary concentration with surprising freshness and precision. The bouquet unfolds gradually, revealing layers of black cherry, cassis and wild berry fruit alongside notes of blood orange, crushed stone, graphite, dried flowers and subtle spice. As it opens in the glass, hints of sage, mint, incense, cocoa and cedar emerge, adding further complexity and intrigue. On the palate, the wine is refined yet powerful, built around a dense core of vibrant fruit framed by finely sculpted tannins. The texture is polished and seamless, delivering intensity without excess weight. Cabernet Franc plays a defining role, bringing aromatic lift, structure and remarkable length to the finish. Despite its depth, the wine remains poised and energetic, supported by bright acidity and a modest alcohol level of just 12.7%.

Drink 2035 – 2050 



LALANDE DE POMEROL

Just north of Pomerol, Lalande-de-Pomerol offers great bang for your buck. Sharing similar gravel and clay soils, though lighter on the signature blue clay, it produces Merlot-driven wines that are juicy, approachable, and smooth. While it lacks Pomerol's fame, it more than makes up for it with generous, crowd-pleasing character, perfect for those looking for quality.

Château Les Hauts Conseillants 2025, Lalande de Pomerol (6x75cl)

£72.00 per case In Bond

97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

Harvest 11th - 18th September, with yields of only 20hl/ha. Destemmed 100%. Fermented plot by plot in small stainless and cement vats with manual pumping over and punching of the caps. The wine is aged for 18 months in fine-grained French oak barrels (33% new). Alc 13%.

A rich and brooding bouquet with notes of plum and cassis. The palate is a delicious compote of red and black fruits, voluptuous and chocolatey in texture with a note of espresso coffee, supported by a perfectly poised tannin structure. Long on the finish, this is a great result in 2025.

Drink 2029 – 2036



CLOS DU CLOCHER
POMEROL

A large white billboard with the text 'CLOS DU CLOCHER' and 'POMEROL' in bold, grey, sans-serif capital letters. The billboard is set against a clear blue sky. In the background, there are stone buildings, including one with a sign that reads 'LA CROIX ST GEORGES POMEROL'. A street sign and a red triangular yield sign are also visible.

POMEROL

Pomerol is the smallest of Bordeaux's major appellations, covering just 800 hectares within a compact area measuring roughly 3 by 4 kilometers. Despite its modest size, it is home to around 150 châteaux and produces some of the most sought-after wines in the world. Uniquely among Bordeaux's top regions, Pomerol has no official classification system. Its distinctive blue clay soils contribute to wines that are richly textured, sensual, and deeply alluring.

Château Bonalgue (6x75cl)

£120.00 per case In Bond

93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc

Originally built by one of Napoleon's officers on his return from the Egyptian campaign over 200 years ago this property covers 7 hectares with an ideal exposure. Owned by the Bourotte family, this excellent property covers 7 hectares with an ideal exposure, producing classic Pomerol.

Harvested 3rd - 19th September with a yield of 32hl/ha. After 100% destemming, fermentation is carried out plot by plot, in small stainless and cement vats with manual pumping over and punching of the caps. The malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. Aged for 18 months in fine-grained French oak barrels of which 47% is new. Alc 13%.

A dark, glistening black colour, ripe and seductive nose with elements of graphite, cedar and tobacco edging across a wide textural palate of sweet black forest fruits, raspberry coulis and cassis jam. This is an impressive Bonalgue, showing great structure, extract and muscular tannins and balancing freshness.

Drink 2031 – 2042



Clos du Clocher (6x75cl)

£246.00 per case In Bond

78% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Franc

The exposure of this property is ideal. This superb 4.6 hectare estate lies just in front of the chapel, only 200 metres from Vieux Château Certan and 300 metres from Château Pétrus. Clos de Clocher benefits from soils rich in blue clay. Long considered a rising star by critics, the château has produced a super wine in 2024. The 2024 is a special year for the château as it celebrates 100 years since Jean-Baptiste Bourotte's father purchased the first plot in front of the church. It is also the château's first officially certified organic vintage.

Harvest 4th - 23rd September and 7th October, with a yield of 35hl/ha. Aged in 56% new oak barrels.

A very impressive Clos de Clocher! Rich, dense and more textural in style, offering warm mulled black fruits, laced with cherry liqueur and bergamot and balanced by a lovely purity and intense minerality. Yields were small in 2025 - just 35hl/ha and the oak was carefully managed at 50% new, but Clocher has also begun using 5% Amphora and 5% glass which adds to the purity and finish.

Drink 2031 – 2042



POMEROL

Château Le Gay (6x75cl)

£420.00 per case In Bond

85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

This 6.50 hectare estate is situated to the north of the Pomerol plateau and is in a rich seam of form in recent vintages. The château was purchased by the Parent family in 2002, and since then, significant changes have taken place, including vineyard replanting, cellar renovations, and adjustments to the winemaking process.

Harvest 2nd – 11th September with a yield of 19.5hl/ha. Will be aged in 100% new oak barrels. Alc 14%.

Richly succulent and very moreish, the semi rigid tannins are polished and hold the sweet, dense and smoky black cherry, raspberry and pomegranate fruit structure perfectly. This is a weighty, glossy and refined wine, with 85% Merlot adding more than a hint of mocha and chocolate to the long finish. The oak adds texture and sweetness, the finish is rich and long.

Drink 2031 – 2040 

Château Clinet (6x75cl)

£270.00 per case In Bond

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

This family-owned estate has been under the leadership of Ronan Laborde for over twenty years. Château Client is home to some of the oldest vineyards in Pomerol, dating back to 1595, and its vineyards rank among the highest in the appellation. The Laborde family purchased the estate in 1999, and since then, their focus has been on enhancing the quality of the wines through higher-density replanting and extensive renovations of the winery.

Harvest 4th-17th September with a yield of 34hl/ha. Aged in 60% new oak barrels for 18 months.

The heavy 80% Merlot content shows through in this wine, offering a rich, ripe and structured Pomerol that seems to grow in the glass. Deep and dark, dense and ripe, it is very expressive on the nose full of rich mulled red cherry, blackcurrant, raspberry and a touch of clove and eucalyptus. This is a big wine in all the senses, with ripe and balanced tannins enveloping the sweet fruit and balanced by a lovely persistent acidity. Long, rounded, complex and wonderful!

Drink 2033 – 2048 

Château Rouget (6x75cl)

£186.00 per case In Bond

85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

This Pomerol property was purchased by the Labruyère family in 1992. Located in the northern part of the appellation near such famous names as Eglise-Clinet and Petrus, the 18 ha of vines stretch across the gentle slopes of the Pomerol plateau. Unusual for Bordeaux is the practice of whole bunch ferment in the vinification process.

Harvest 10th - 23rd September with a yield of only 22hl/ha. 30% whole bunch fermentation, aged in 20% new oak barrels of which 50% are demi-muids. 13.0% Alc.

A very pretty and floral bouquet, intense wild flower aromas and strawberry fragrance. The palate is finely constructed with black and red fruits and succulent tannins woven into the core. A wonderful Pomerol that possesses both richness and charm.

Drink 2033 – 2043 







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