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BORDEAUX 2022 EN PRIMEUR

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Mirror, Mirror, on the wall ..

The simplistic explanation of a mirror is that it perfectly reflects what it sees. Step back and consider for a moment however, and you can see that, whilst it is a reflection of what is visible, the image is in reality reversed; hence stand in front of a mirror, raise your left hand to your nose and in the mirror it appears to be your right hand that touches your nose.

This (convoluted) explanation perfectly sums up the comparison between the 2021 and the 2022 vintages in Bordeaux.

2021 saw a tumultuous growing season, combining continual struggles with climatic and vineyard problems - cooler than normal temperatures, haphazard flowering, too much rain, then Mildew followed by lack of photosynthesis etc. 2021 was a year when Cabernet Sauvignon reigned supreme, especially on free draining gravel and the resultant wines were lower in alcohol, fresher and the tannins and colour much reduced. What saved the vintage was a period of warmth toward the end of the season, which allowed many grapes to ripen sufficiently to make classic, elegant, fresher wines.

2022, in contrast, saw unprecedented temperatures, combined with almost drought-like conditions throughout the ripening season. There was very little disease and a preference for clay-dominated soils where Merlot showed its ability to continue ripening, even when temperatures at Merignac airport hit 41.9C! Two bands of hail in June affected some areas, especially in the Haut-Medoc and upper St Estèphe and in isolated cases, proved disastrous. The yields were generally down, especially on the left bank, but here many Chateaux were able to offset smaller crops by reducing the amount of wine classified into 2nd and 3rd wines. The wines produced in 2022 are a true testament to the advances in farming over the last twenty years, along with the better understanding of climate change and the viticultural developments associated with this.

Throughout our exhaustive tastings at the UGC and Châteaux in Bordeaux during the last week in April, the dominating factors of 2022 were dark colours, high levels of extract, alcohols and tannins. Just as many Château owners started to fear that the wines of 2022 would be dense, jammy and over-blown in a style akin to the hot 2003 vintage, the wines were saved by cooler nights, when the temperatures dropped considerably, allowing the grapes to cool and retain vital acidity. In addition, many vineyard owners spoke of their vines' growing resilience to higher temperatures and lack of water in recent years; this, in partnership with the higher levels of water reserves that had been built up by an overly wet winter, helped the vines maintain a thick canopy of foliage in late summer 2022, thereby protecting the grape bunches from the worst of the direct sun.

So, was 2022 a miracle, near perfect year across the whole region, resulting in a smaller quantity of powerful and balanced wines? Alas, no.

A singular dominating factor resulting from the heat and dry conditions across the ripening season of 2022 was the extraction levels. Thicker skins and smaller berries gave higher levels of colour, as well as increased level of sugars and tannins, thereby pulling some wines back from achieving sheer brilliance. Those winemakers who managed lighter extractions have made wines that will be near perfect – others have gripping tannins and increased alcohols that may, in the longer term, be unbalanced.

In summary, whilst the 2021 saw wine writers faintly cautious in both praise and scores, 2022 has already been heralded (again) as a 'vintage of the century' – with many wine writers and Château owners describing it as a miracle vintage. Others are a little more cautious, pointing to a minority of unbalanced wines with high extraction of tannin and alcohol levels and lack of freshness. Time, as always, will be the judge on those wines.

Overall, we rate this an excellent vintage, with wines that have richness, power, sweet dense fruit, brooding tannins and, in most cases, a balanced freshness. Where light extraction was managed and acidity maintained, great wines have been made that will cellar extremely well in the long term. 2022 has produced muscular and attractively opulent wines on both the left and right bank. On the right bank, both St Emilion and Pomerol produced fabulously rich and moreish wines, particularly at Châteaux that enjoy the benefit of deep-rooted old vines. On the left bank impressive wines can be found across all the famous appellations with Pauillac, St Julien and Margaux all performing well, although it is difficult to pick out any of them as the star performer – more a case of individual Château selection.

Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all ...?

Only time will tell whether 2022 proves to be a truly 'great' vintage!

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WHY BUY EN PRIMEUR?

Historically, there are a number of reasons for buying 'En Primeur', the most obvious being that you are buying your wine at the initial release price from the Château. The wines of Bordeaux take many years to develop before they are ready to drink, by which time they may not be commercially available, and even if they are, the price becomes prohibitive.

Also, by buying En Primeur you can be sure of the provenance of your wine, knowing where and how it has been stored. When buying mature wine on the open market, there is always the danger that it has been around the world, stored in variable conditions, which may cause damage to the wine.

Buying En Primeur requires careful judgement. What was once meant to be a system that benefited everyone, from Château owner through to the end consumer, has fallen victim to the greed of the Château owners who seem to think that no one should benefit from any value appreciation other than themselves. We must point out that this accusation is directed in particular towards the 1st Growths and 'Super Seconds', although there are others who have followed suit at the first opportunity.

We advise to purchase from a traditional, established wine merchant in whom you can place your trust. The House of Townend celebrates 117 years in the hands of the same family and we pride ourselves in giving personal, considered advice.

Example

You purchase a case of 6 bottles for $\pounds140.00$.

When the wine arrives in the UK and you wish to remove it from bond, the following process is completed in order for this to happen. Charges will apply.

- Payment of VAT on initial purchase £28.00
- Duty payment including VAT at the current rate £16.07
- Total Duty and VAT £44.07

Therefore bringing the total cost of your case of wine to £184.07 or £30.68 a bottle.

You can then collect your wine from our Cellar Door, or we can arrange delivery (at your cost) to an address in the UK.



BORDEAUX BLANC

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN BLANC

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 creme brûlée, baked apples, orange zest, figs and lemon butter.

Geographically, Pessac-Léognan is a continuation to the south-east of Haut-Médoc. Many vineyards in the north have disappeared as the city of Bordeaux has extended outwards. The whole region was formerly known as Graves, but since 1996 it has been divided into two appellations, Pessac-Léognan and Graves. Pessac-Léognan is the most northerly and best part, where most of the Grands Crus are situated.

Château Olivier Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 75% Sauvignon Blanc, 25% Semillon

£154.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 94-95 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 93 points)

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.

A yield of 40hl/ha and aged in 30% new oak for 10 months. A classic bouquet of ripe peach and wet wool, the mouthfeel is rich and luxurious and is filled with peach fruit and super ripe pear notes, with a delicious acidity providing a tropical explosion on the finish.

Drink 2024 - 2030

SAUTERNES

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.

Located to the south of Bordeaux, this area is perfectly suited to dessert wine production due to the close proximity to the Garonne River, where grapes often develop Botrytis Cinerea. This noble rot is a fungal rot that causes ripe grapes to shrivel under perfect conditions, reducing the moisture content of the grapes, resulting in incredibly intense sweet wines.

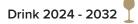
Château Liot (12x37.5cl) Grape Mix: 80% Sémillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Muscadelle

£102.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 90-91 points)

This 25-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.

Aged in oak barrels for 18 months. A bright golden colour, the nose displays a wonderful aromatic clarity and the palate is rich with concentrated pineapple, ripe apricot and juicy peach. It is aged in oak barrels for 18 months.



BORDEAUX & BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR

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This appellation covers an area of 51,000 hectares of which 44,000 hectares are devoted to the production of red wines. Maximum yields are 55hl/ha with alcohol levels of 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.

The Bordeaux Supérieur appellation covers the same geographical area as Bordeaux AOC, however the wines are produced from older vines and released 12 months later than Bordeaux AOC. Again, there are some fantastic wines to be found at this level.

Château Moulin de Mallet, Bordeaux (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

£24.00 per case IB

This super little Château situated on the plateau of Pujol, a rocky outcrop overlooking the Dordogne and facing the slopes of St Emilion. Owned and run by Serge Couderc and his son Julien who manage the estate, following "lutte raisonnée" principles, they always look to take low yields, hence the intensity of concentrated fruits.

This château has been the source of our leading 'Every Day Claret' for a number of years and provides exceptional quality at a very attractive price. Always very expressive, it screams ripe black fruit aromas on the bouquet, whilst the palate is brimming with succulent mulberry and plum fruits, supported by a soft, underpinning tannin structure.

Drink 2024 - 2028

Château Tour de Luchey, Bordeaux (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

£24.00 per case IB

This 25ha Château, situated in Moulon, to the south of St Emilion, is owned and run by the Massé family. Fermented and aged in cement and stainless steel tanks, with 5% aged in oak barrels.

Dark in the glass, quite limpid, with obvious dense and juicily sweet baked cherry fruit, layer soft chocolate, a balancing freshness of crunchy acidity and a touch of spice and sweet oak. Very well balanced with finely woven integrated tannins. Astonishing value for money!

Drink 2024 - 2026 📍

Château d'Argadens, Bordeaux Supérieur (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 63% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc £35.00 per case IB

In 2002, this property, situated in Saint-André-du-Bois, 60km south of Bordeaux, was purchased by the Sichel family, owners of Château Angludet and co owner of Château Palmer. A major investment programme was undertaken. The vineyards were re-structured with increased plantation density, and the winery and ageing cellar re-built. The result? Well, this property now produces the very best wine you can kind find at this level. Its popularity in recent years has soared and is now one of our most popular drinking clarets.

The fruit is hand-harvested and fermented in large vats, then aged in 30% new French oak barrels for 14 months, receiving light fining and filtering prior to being bottled. Succulent, rich and round in style, the palate is full of cassis fruits with soft approachable tannins.

HAUT-MÉDOC

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The Médoc AOC covers approximately 5,700 ha which constitutes 34.5% of the Médoc in total. The soils are gravel and clay-limestone with frequent areas of heavy, clay rich moisture, retentive soils that come to the fore in dry vintages such as 2016. The Cabernet Sauvignon grape performed particularly well this year.

Around the edges of the Médoc and between the specific communes lies the Haut-Médoc (Upper Médoc). It varies in quality from some of the finest wines, most notably Château La Lagune in Ludon in the south and Château Sociando-Mallet in the north, to the somewhat mediocre. In normal years, careful selection is required when choosing wines from the Haut-Médoc but value for money can be found here, which is hardly what Bordeaux is renowned for!

Château Semonlon, Haut-Médoc (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

£70.00 per case IB

This property is located in Avensan, a small commune not far from Margaux. Its vineyards border those of Château Citran. Owned by the Dumora family, whose patrimony spans several generations, its 7 hectares are planted with 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 60% Merlot, while the average age of the vines is 35 years. The soil is comprised of muddy gravel, large stones and small amounts of clay.

Deep purple in colour, dense to the rim. The nose boasts a wonderful ripeness, with intense black fruit and ripe plum aromas. Olivier Dumora uses 2 year old barrels from Château Prieure-Lichine for the elevage of this wine, which is moreish, concentrated and seductive, beautifully complex with hints of sandalwood and dark chocolate. This vintage is a fabulous wine, providing super value.

Drink 2025 - 2030 📍

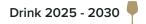
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Château Tour St Bonnet, Medoc (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 52% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc, 5% Petit Verdot £99.00 per case IB

This 40 hectare estate, owned by Jacques Merlet, is situated in the north of the Médoc in the commune of St Christoly. We loved the wines of the Northern Medoc in this vintage and there is real value in this wine – a real puncher! Produced from 35 year old vines and aged for 18 months in large oak foudres, this always offers superb value for money.

A deep fruit packed bouquet with moreish black fruits in abundance on the palate, with firm, supporting tannins and notes of cedar and graphite that typifies this appellation. The Cabernets provide the structure to the rich plummy Merlot, balanced by an even, balancing freshness and a touch of minerality.



CRU BOURGEOIS SUPÉRIEURS

HAUT-MÉDOC

Château Cissac, Haut-Medoc (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 5.5% Petit Verdot, 2.5% Malbec

£102.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 90-91 points)

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.

A yield of 25hl/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, 25% of which are new. Deep purple, almost opaque robe, the nose is full of charming ripeness. A delicious compote of blackberry and black cassis fruits balanced with a delicious blueberry freshness.



Château Beaumont, Haut-Medoc (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

£120.00 per case IB

£178.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 90-91 points) (JaneAnson.com: 96 points)

This is a highly regarded Château under the same ownership as Château Beychevelle. Located on the left bank of the Gironde, between the communes of Margaux and Saint-Julien, Château Beaumont draws its finesse and its delicacy from the deep gravels of the best soils of the Haut-Médoc. Yields of 28hl/ha, aged for 12-14 months in 30% new barrels, 50% 1 year old and 15% 2 year old for 14 months. An impressive, powerful and intense bouquet. Jammed with intense black fruits, the tannins are beautifully entwined. There are hints of pencil lead and a graphite infused structure, bolstered by a higher than normal proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon, suggests this wine is a real puncher this vintage. Very impressive.

Drink 2026 - 2035

Château Clément-Pichon Grape Mix: 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

One of the most beautiful châteaux in the Medoc. Situated in Parempuyre in the southern Medoc, this 25 ha property dates back to the 14th century. Between 1601 and 1880, the Château was owned by the Pichon family. Now in the ownership Clément Fayat, who also owns Château La Dominique in St Emilion, considerable investment has been made and the quality of wine produced is exceptional.

The 2022 vintage displays wonderful succulent, almost lushly sweet fruit, quite fat in style, and layered with raspberry coulis, boiled black currant, vanilla and some earthy, menthol and chalk characters. Lovely rounded, elegant style, more muscular than previous vintages, but definitely a wine to enjoy in 3-10 years.



CRU BOURGEOIS SUPÉRIEURS

Château de Malleret Grape Mix: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

A beautiful estate in the Haut-Médoc situated only 15km from the city of Bordeaux. Owned by Bruno Von der Heyden and Florence Deguillaume, who have invested heavily in the 54 ha of vines and wine cellars over recent years.

The nose expresses a super ripe black fruit intensity, ripe and succulent yet there is an excellent balancing freshness and beautifully singing tannins. This is an impressive wine with a velvety texture that extends right through to the long finish.

Drink 2025 - 2032 👎

Château Lamothe Bergeron, Haut-Medoc (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

This château is located to the south of St Julien on a plot of high land, the 'motte', between St Julien and Margaux in Cussac Fort de Medoc, near the banks of the Gironde on a fine gravel and clay soil. Wonderfully aromatic with classic claret forest floor notes. The palate is beautifully balanced, with succulent sweet ripe black fruits, cassis and black cherry, a delicious freshness, graphite and lead and

a superb tannin structure. The finish is long, beautiful and seasoned, with lingering flavours of Belgian chocolate, raspberry coulis and cinnamon.

Drink 2025 - 2032 👎

LISTRAC

This is the smallest appellation in the Médoc, with just 567 hectares in production and only 4% of Médoc's vineyards. The limestone plateau that cuts through Listrac is part of the oldest geological layer in the Médoc and sits at the highest point of the peninsula, at 43 metres above sea level. Fourcas Hosten is without doubt the star property.

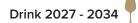
Château Fourcas-Hosten Grape Mix: 53% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

(Jane.Anson.com: 93 points)

This Château is the finest producer in Listrac, one of the six appellations of the Haut-Médoc. Purchased in 2006 by two brothers, Laurent and Renaud Mommeja, members of the Hermès luxury-goods family, the 47 hectares of vines are planted on clay and limestone, as well as a gravel plot nearby hamlet in Fourcas.

The wines of Listrac suffered some hail damage, and the yield at Fourcas was reduced by around 20% to 38hl/ha.

In the glass it has a dark appearance, quite limpid, with the nose forward and full of stewed cassis, plum and cherry fruit. The wine is incredibly energetic in the mouth, with semi-supple tannins and a rounded, generous quality and texture. The earthy notes in the mid-palate add a counter-balance to the sweet mulled black fruits and vanilla oak, while the acidity freshens the wine and almost dilutes the tannins. A very good Listrac and shows the class of this family owned estate.





TBC per case IB

£180.00 per case IB

CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNELS

MÉDOC

Château Potensac (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot £246.00 per case IB

(James Suckling: 94-95 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 89-91 points)

Produced by the winemaking team from Château Léoville-Las-Cases, this property is run by Jean-Hubert Delon and is situated in the far north of the Médoc, close to Château Sociando Mallet.

Yields of 38hl/ha and aged in 28% new oak. Purple in colour, the bouquet is classic with blackcurrant fruits, cedar oak and spice. The palate is intense and fruit packed, chalky tannins, cedar and forest floor with a light smattering of oak on the finish. This is a classic and stylish claret that has a wide following.

Drink 2026 - 2035

MOULIS

Along with Listrac, this appellation tends to be less familiar to buyers than the four major appellations, but does produce some outstanding Cru Bourgeois. The area is situated to the north west of Margaux on a gravelly plain.

The best soils are on the great dune of gravel, stretching from Grand Poujeaux in Moulis, inland through Listrac. It is here where the likes of Château Chasse-Spleen and Château Poujeaux are situated.

Château Chasse-Spleen (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

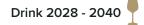
£282.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 93-94 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 93 points)

This renowned property was included in the new Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel classification in 2003, and rightly so, as many think it worthy of Cru Classé status. It is always extremely popular with our En Primeur buyers.

The yield in 2022 was 34hl/ha. The vinification is carried out in stainless steel thermoregulated tanks and cement or resin-coated epoxy. Aged for 18 months in 40% new oak barrels.

Deep purple in colour, aromas of super ripe cassis and fresh damson. The palate is impressive, structured and powerful, voluptuous in texture with cassis and black olive notes, tightly knit, suave tannins and a succulent chewiness on the finish. An impressive Chasse Spleen this vintage.



CRU BOURGEOIS EXCEPTIONNELS

ST ESTEPHE

St-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 river Gironde, 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 encountered in 2016. Wines from the St-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 Segur (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 56% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

£225.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 96-97 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 95 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points)

This 66ha property is a consistent producer of classic St. 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. Yield was reduced by nearly 50% due to severe hail that hit on June 20th after a hot spell, with only 28hl/ ha harvested. Ageing is in 500l oak barrels (55% new) and stainless steel tanks for 18 months.

The wine is incredibly rich, dense and concentrated, with sweet lush black fruits, powerful tannins and a sinew of structure that coils around the fruit and coats it in vanilla, tannin and a wonderful freshness. The sensation is a thick, powerful, almost oily-thick wine that dominates the mouth and lingers.. a wonderfully big and long lived Phelan.

Drink 2030 - 2037

MARGAUX

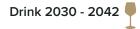
Château Angludet (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 47% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot £162.00 per case IB

(JaneAnson.com: 94 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 91-93 points)

Owned by the Sichel family and managed since 1989 by Ben, the youngest of the Sichel brothers. This property is blessed with ideal conditions for producing splendidly consistent wines. The sandy and gravelly soil provides good natural drainage, which increases concentration in the fruit.

This property is farmed biodynamically with yields of 26hl/ha. Aged for 12 months in 65% barrels (30% new French oak) 35% amphoras.

An expressive and tantalizing melange of blackcurrant, cedar and forest floor aromas give instant appeal. The palate is powerful, tight and chewy with cassis, black olive flavours beautifully balanced by a fresh acidity. The tannins are perfectly ripe and the finish long and sumptuous.





ST-JULIEN

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Château Gloria, St Julien (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc

(J. Suckling: 94-95 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 92 points) (Neal Martin: 94-96 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 91-93 points)

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.

The bouquet displays a beautiful black fruit perfume which draws you in for another sniff. Immediately approachable. Creamy in texture with a fine balancing freshness, rich cassis fruits, a firm tannins structure and vanilla oak binding the wine together. A very impressive wine.

Drink 2030 - 2040

Sarget de Gruaud Larose, St Julien (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

£232.00 per case IB

£189.00 per case IB

This is the first vintage produced under organic certification, following a sustained period of progress and the quality in 2022 is seriously impressive. This second wine of Gruaud-Larose gives a really good glimpse of what a second growth Claret is, and in vintages such as 2022 the value is exceptional.

Drink 2027 - 2032

Fiefs de Lagrange (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot

£215.00 per case IB

(William Kelley, Wine Advocate 90-91 points)

This is a superb second wine that provides a glimpse of the Grand Vin at a fraction of the price, and 2022 is the vintage to grab this kind of wine for your cellar. Claret drinkers will enjoy its warmth and generosity.

With an average vine age of 35 years, the quality of grapes is exceptional. Vinified in 63 impressive stainless steel tanks of 66-220 hl at temperatures below 30 ° C. After fermentation the wine matures for 13 months in oak barrels, of which 20% is aged in new barrels. A deep and layered black fruit structure with cassis and dark cherry, soft and yielding ripe tannins and a delicious freshness on the finish.

SATELLITE ST EMILION

Situated just to the north and northeast of Saint-Emilion are four separate appellations know as the 'St Emilion satellites'. They are Lussac-Saint-Emilion, Montagne-Saint-Emilion, Puisseguin-Saint-Emilion, and Saint-Georges-Saint-Emilion. Here, the temperatures are a little cooler than in St. Emilion, as the region is further from the Dordogne which means the harvesting is a little later. This is a great source of value for money wines, especially in top vintages.

Château Corbin, Montagne St Emilion (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

£42.00 per case IB

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 23ha of vines that surround the Château. Jacques Rambaud took over from his father in 2005.

Yields of 45hl/ha. Aged in 60% old barrels (33% new) and 40% in concrete tank. Pumping (no pigeage) over for 14 days.

A great vintage at this hidden jewel of a Château. Aged in 60% old barrels and 40% in tank, Jacques Rambaud now includes a small proportion of Malbec in the blend, which is co-fermented with Cabernet Franc. Packed with intense, stewed plum and ripe blackberry fruits, the structure of this wine is highly impressive with powerful, polished tannins that support the core impressively. The finish is long and seductive, boosted by the addition of Malbec.

Drink 2025 - 2030

Château du Courlat, Lussac St Emilion (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

£92.00 per case IB

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 centre of vines, forest and Château.

Yields of 48hl/ha. Fermented in stainless and cement vats, with manual pumping over. Aged in vats and fine-grained French oak (10% new) barrels for 15 months.

Dark violet in colour, this is a super ripe Merlot dominant wine, deep in powerful black fruits and liqourice intensity. Absolutely sumptuous, this is a great everyday drinker.

Drink 2023 - 2029 📍

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SATELLITE ST EMILION

Château du Courlat 2021 Cuvee Jean-Baptiste, Lussac St Emilion (12x75cl) Grape Mix : 100% Merlot £123.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 91-92 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 92 points)

In honour of Pierre Bourotte's grand-father, Jean-Baptiste Audy, this is a wine of power and depth, produced from the oldest Merlot vines of the property grown on a deep clay soil.

Yields of 48hl/ha. Fermented in stainless and cement vats, with manual pumping over. Aged in vats and fine-grained French oak barrels, 30% of which is new.

Deep, dark colour, forward nose of prune, raison and black cherry liqueur, which follows onto a deeply opulent and tensely structured palate, showing black fruits, boiled cherry, spice, liquorice and some coffee. The texture is rich, slightly smoky and condensed, noticeable oak, tightening tannins hint at long life. Very long finish.





Château Fonplegade

ST EMILION

On the right bank of Bordeaux, this is a large appellation where the Merlot grape dominates on the clay and limestone soils. Here, the wines are rich and sumptuous. For those who like ballet dancing, head for the Médoc. For those who like belly dancing, this is the place for you!

St Emilion wines were not included in the 1855 Bordeaux classification, with the first classification made in 1954. Unlike the 1855 classification, the St Emilion classification is regularly revised.

Château Fonplegade, Grand Cru St Emilion (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

£192.00 per case IB

(JaneAnson.com: 95 points) (James Suckling: 95-96 points)

The impressive 18.5ha property, situated close to the famous Château Angelus, belongs to Americans Denise and Stephen Adams who, with the advice of Michel Rolland and Stéphane Derenoncourt, are now producing one of the best value for money Grand Crus in St.Emilion, using bio-dynamic farming principles.

Produced biodynamically. Aged for between 16 and 18 months in 50% new French oak barrels, 30% one year barrels, 10% cement eggs and 10% amphora.

The bouquet is fragrant and fresh with red cherries, raspberries and flowers. The palate is rich and plump, with a lovely juicy acidity, giving perfect balance and finely grained tannins giving strength and underlying support. This really is a very classy wine, beautifully defined with a very polished finish.

Drink 2028 - 2038

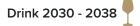
Château Grand Mayne, Grand Cru St Emilion (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc

£398.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 94-95 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 93 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 91-93 points)

Located north-west of the town of St-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.

Yields of 41hl/ha. Aged in 60% new oak barrels and 40% in one year old barrels for 18 months. A fresh and vibrant bouquet, the mouthfeel is very silky and velvety in texture, with intense ripe plum fruits all enveloping. The tannins are grippy, but there is an all round racy elegance that provides a perfect balance.



POMEROL

Pomerol is the smallest of the major Bordeaux appellations. It is only 3 kilometers by 4 kilometers in dimension, with only 800 hectares under vine and around 150 châteaux. Whilst Pomerol is the home to some of the most sought after wines in the world, unlike other Bordeaux regions, it has no official wine classification. With soils of blue clay, the wines produced are sensual, rich and alluring.

Château Les Hauts Conseillants (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

£153.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 91-92 points)

Located in Lalande de Pomerol, just across from Pomerol itself, the 10 hectare Château Les Hauts-Conseillants is owned and managed by the Bourotte family. Like some of the best soils in Pomerol, Les Hauts-Conseillants lies on a clay/gravel bed mixed with sand and produces a consistently full bodied plummy wine.

Fermented plot by plot, in small stainless and cement vats, with manual pumping over and punching of the caps. Yields of 25hl/ha. The wine is aged for 18 months in fine-grained French oak barrels (35% new).

Dark purple and vibrant, the bouquet is immediate and loaded with concentrated whiffs of blackberry. The palate is rich and velvety with charming black fruits, ripe plums and overtones of liquorice, balanced by a juicy acidity. Exceptionally long on the mouth, this is a moreish wine punching hard.

Drink 2026 - 2034

Château Bonalgue (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

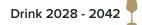
£150.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 93-94 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 92 points) (Neal Martin: 90-92 points)

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 ideal exposure, producing classic Pomerol.

Yields of 33hl/ha. Fermentation 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 (40% new).

Bonalgue suffered from a degree of loss due to April Frosts, and also mild hydric stress in the heatwave. The nose is incredibly jammy and ripe, with a real warmth and sweetness of fruit. The palate opens in the same way, then reveals a layer of mocha, cherry jam and coffee – with powerfully deep and forceful tannins that constrain the fruit and give a brooding sense of power and weight. The finish is long, satisfying and powerful, with sweet oak evident and a lovely elegance as the acidity kicks in.



POMEROL

Clos du Clocher (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc

(Jane.Anson.com: 97 points) (Neal Martin: 93-95 points)

A great little 4.6ha property in the ownership of Audy. The exposure of this property is perfect. Located in front of the chapel, only 200m from Vieux Château Certan and 300m from Château Petrus. Yields of 39hl/ha. Fermentation caried 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, 60% new.

Almost opaque in colour, with a very forward and overt nose, powerful and condensed. The fruit structure is stewed, thick and very ripe, with layers of cherry, bitter chocolate, cassis, mocha and cayenne. The wine has a tremendous weight and texture in the mouth, almost creamy. The tannins, ripe and rounded, gain power toward the finish, framing the wine in a solid yet yielding structure. Notes of graphite and capsicum give more complexity and an underlying impression of freshness and savoury quality that really appeals. A top, top Pomerol!

Drink 2028 - 2038

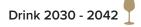
Château Rouget (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc £460.00 per case IB

£291.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 95 points)

This estate is owned by the Labruyère family, the only Burgundian family to own a Bordeaux château. The influence of Burgundy is notable, with a 30% whole cluster ferment in the vinification process, providing a wonderful freshness.

Yields of 24hl/ha, aged for 18 months in 30% new oak barrels, 25% of which is in 600lt barrels. Rich, thick and reeking of blackberry jam and confiture, this spicy, extracted and overt Pomerol just shouts 'Succulence'!. Notes of boiled black cherry, sweet spice, myrtle, coffee and vanilla. A powerful and well structured Pomerol that has tremendous weight and texture, yet feels incredibly fresh and poised, due to the wonderful fresh red fruit character and hedgerow notes that balance the wine on the finish. Also subtle overtones of liquorice, coconut and coffee. Very complex, long, balanced and fine.



HAUT-MEDOC

Château Cantemerle 5ème Cru Classé Haut-Médoc (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

(J. Suckling: 93-94 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 93 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 92-94 points)

Situated in the commune of Macau, just below the village of Margaux and next to Château La Lagune, this is one of the finest value Growth Clarets. It was the final property to be classified as one of eighteen Cinquièmes Crus (Fifth Growths) in the Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855.

Yields of 30hl/ha, the wine is aged for 12 months in barrel - 40% new, 40% 1 year and 20% 2 year, followed by a further 4 months in vat.

Dark purple in colour with notes of violet on the bouquet. Intense black fruits, blackberry and blackcurrant are balanced with a delicious blueberry freshness, the tannins are suave and polished and there is a delicious vein of pencil lead that streaks through the structure of the wine. A wine of great equilibrium, this is a proper Claret!

Drink 2028 - 2038



£266.00 per case IB

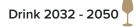
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Château Montrose 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot

(J. Suckling: 97-98 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 97 points) (Neal Martin: 97-99 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 99-100 points)

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.

Harvested between the 2nd - 22nd September in 60% new oak. A muscular and powerful wine, brimming with black fruit intensity and powered by a structure reinforced with graphite and pencil lead characters and chewy ripe tannins. A wine of great finesse.





£873.00 per case IB

PAUILLAC

The name, Pauillac is assured from the reflected glory of its three First Growths: Lafite, Mouton-Rothschild and Latour, not to mention the other fifteen Cru Classé Châteaux situated in the commune. The wines, produced from vineyards that sit on a generally heavy gravel soil with varying sub-soils, are among the most powerful and well structured in the whole of the Bordeaux region.

Château Duhart-Milon Rothschild 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot

£378.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 94 points) (Neal Martin: 93-95 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 91-93 points)

Another Rothschild property produced by the team that makes Lafite. Duhart is always a high achiever. This 46-hectare estate is ever increasing its reputation for excellent, consistent quality, producing great wines over recent vintages

A yield of 30hl/ha. Vinification includes a 20 day maceration and ageing in 50% new oak barrels for 16 months.

Produced by the Château Lafite winemaking team, this is a supremely focused wine, less 'blockbuster' than some of its peers, but all the better for it. The bouquet is fragrant and fresh, Cabernet dominant, cassis laden with a lick of spice. A finely crafted palate, with blackberry fruits at the core, a classic forest floor note as well as cinnamon and cedar. A cool and balanced finish lingers on...

Drink 2032 - 2045

Château Clerc Milon 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 1% Carmenere. £396.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 95 points) (Neal Martin: 91-93 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 93-95 points)

Part of the Mouton Rothschild stable and made by the same winemaking team. Aged in 55% new oak barrels for 18 months.

A deep and brooding bouquet, tight and concentrated, leads to a finely constructed palate of cassis, liqourice and raspberry freshness. Moreish but with real vivacity and charm, the tannins are grippy and there is a touch of spice. Everything comes together in a crescendo finish. A super Pauillac!

PAUILLAC

Château d'Armailhac 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

(J. Suckling: 96-97 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 94 points) (Neal Martin: 93-95 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 92-94 points)

Formerly known as Château Mouton Baron Philippe, this excellent property is still owned by the Rothschild family and is one to follow.

Aged in 50% new oak barrels and 50% 1 year barrels for 18 months. Sweet edged, powerfully forward in the glass, dark in colour. The palate is densely packed, concentrated with coffee, roasted blackcurrant, jam and spice notes; a distinct smokey note adds interest and a savoury element to the palate. The tannins are concentrated, almost unyielding and layered, each layer of tannin supported by acidity that streaks through it, splicing the sweet fruit and vanilla oak like a rapier. This is a purposeful and muscular claret, that will soften over the next 10+ years.

Drink 2030 - 2040

Château Batailley 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

£186.00 per case IB

£242.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 96 points) (Neal Martin: 94-96 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 91-93 points)

Château Batailley, a 5th Grand Cru Classé of the classification of 1855, is the family Castéja's and Borie-Manoux's flagship. It is one of the oldest estates in the Médoc. The name is derived from the battle that took place where the Château and vineyard are today, during the 100-years war in the in 1452. In this battle, the French re-conquered the neighbouring Chateau Latour from the English, a crucial point in the history of Aquitaine. A few years later, the first vines were planted on this historical and blood soaked grounds. Chateau Batailley's garden was designed by Barillet-Deschamps, Napoleon III's garden architect. In 1855, Napoleon III created the classification for the Grands Crus Classés of the Medoc. And Batailley was knighted Grand Cru.

Château Batailley 2022 will be dressed with a special label, for En Primeur buyers only, with a special label in honour of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Aged in 60% new oak barrels for 12-14 months. A top performance this vintage. Brooding black fruit aromas, cedar oak and a touch of coffee. The palate is tight with a solid frame, there are blackberry and liquorice notes, cedar oak and the tannins are polished and binding. This is a classic Pauillac, oozing power and finesse, that also offers very good value.



PAUILLAC

Château Grand Puy Lacoste 5ème Cru Classé (12x75cl) Grape Mix: 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot £715.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 96 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 95-97 points)

Owned by the Borie family, this 45-hectare property has a reputation for producing excellent, full-bodied Pauillac. Harvest 7th - 23rd September. A yield of 38hl/ha. Vinification is carried out in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks. The wine is then aged in 75% new oak barrels for 16-18 months.

Whiffs of fresh blackcurrant aromas, intense, polished and full of energy. A beautifully crafted Pauillac with a multi-layered fruit structure showing cassis and blueberry, pencil shavings and rolled tobacco, supported by a finely tuned tannin structure. GPL '22 is suave and oozing finesse!

Drink 2032 - 2045

Château Pontet Canet 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc

£539.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 99-100 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 94 points) (Neal Martin: 94-96 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 99-100 points)

Alfred Tesseron has passionately built this 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.

Harvested between the 8th -28th September, yields were 20% lower than 2021. Alfred Tesseron views this vintage as the finest he has produced. It is certainly an impressive wine, full of energy and precision, tightly knit and perfectly balanced. The fruit structure is compact and dense, cassis, blackberry and spice. The tannins are super suave and the finish is concentrated and long.

PAUILLAC

Château Lynch-Bages 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet franc

(J. Suckling: 98-99 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 97 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 93-96 points)

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.

Yields of 35 hl/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 winemaker's skilled craft involves regular racking and fining for harmonisation before the wines are bottled at the château and aged.

One of the stars of the vintage. Arguably one of the most powerful, muscular and broad-shouldered wines made in 2022, this Lynch shows a dense, tightly constructed and linear style. Packed with rich, sweet dark fruits, chewy and powerful, enveloping tannins; a structure that towers above most other Pauillac's. The flavour continues in the glass with notes of pomegranate, blackcurrant, chocolate, menthol and a dusting of chalkiness. Seriously rich, powerful and will be very long lived.



Château Pichon Longueville, Comtesse de Lalande 2ème Cru (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc £1032.00 per case IB

£636.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 98-99 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 98 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 97-99 points)

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.

A low 30hl/ha yield, the individual parcels are vinified separately. 12% press wine is included in the final blend. Aged in 60% new oak barrels for 18 months.

A beautiful Château, a beautiful 2022! This is a powerful yet elegant and svelte wine, showing the real pedigree and class of this 2nd growth. On the nose, the wine offers sweet, almost jammy characters, condensed black and red cherry fruits, cassis, plum and a touch of chocolate. The palate revels these and adds raspberry coulis, mulberry and even Chinese spices. The palate is exotic, concentrated and yet enlivening it all is a most wonderful acidity and freshness with a streak of graphite, giving the wine both tension and energy, especially as the oak swells up and adds vanilla and more weight to the long finish.





PAUILLAC

Château Lafite-Rothschild 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc £3570.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 99-100 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 95-98 points)

One of the original "First Growth" Clarets, Château Lafite is one of the most famous names in the world of wine. It has been particularly popular in China in recent years, which has seen the value of its wines soar. The grapes are hand-harvested, and each parcel is vinified separately. The yield was only 33hl/ha and this is the first vintage under organic conversion. The fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats, after which the wine is run off into 100% new oak barrels for 22 months ageing.

Harvested between the 31st August – 24th September, one of the earliest starts on record. A superlative, precise, multi-dimensional wine that will certainly outlive me!



Château Mouton Rothschild 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot

P.O.A per case IB

(J. Suckling: 98-99 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 98 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 96-99 points)

Upgraded to First Growth status back in 1973, Mouton Rothschild was more famous for the annual appointment of famous artists to design the label. During the 1990's its form dipped; however, during the reign of Philippe Dallhuin which started in 2003, Mouton is on top form and fully justifies its position at the altar of the Bordeaux hierarchy.

The grapes are hand-picked, and the juice is fermented in barrels, not in vat, followed by ageing in 100% new oak for 22 months. The first wine represents 49% of the estate's production in 2022, harvested between the 1st – 26th September. An immense wine showing great depth, concentration and power. The fruit structure is laden with highly concentrated cassis and blackberry fruits, powerful tannins wrap around the tightly knit structure and the length of finish is sensational. Outstanding.



ST-JULIEN

The smallest producer of the four main Haut-Médoc communes but one that boasts some of the finest châteaux, including several Cru Bourgeois that perform to the 1855 Classification standard. The soil is gravel with a subsoil of sandstone and clay. Drainage is very good, which allows the appellation to perform well even in wetter years. The wines tend to be a little smoother and more elegant than their Pauillac neighbours, drinking a little earlier, while at the same time offering that classic Bordeaux typicity.

Château Talbot 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

£289.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 94-95 points) Neal Martin: 92-94 points)

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.

This is arguably the finest wine produced by this Château this century. Aged in 60% new oak, the bouquet broods with deep, rich black fruits and a smouldering smokiness. The palate is broad and succulent with a velvety, creamy texture, brimming with layer upon layer of powerful black fruits, forest floor and notes of cedar intertwined with the perfectly poised tannins. A fantastic wine with freshness and balance on the finish.

Drink 2032 - 2045

Château Gruaud Larose 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

£420.00 per case IB

(JaneAnson.com: 96 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 94-96 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points)

Situated to the far south of the St Julien appellation, this is one of the most famous and historic Saint Julien 2nd growth properties that consistently delivers exceptional claret.

The wine is vinified in a combination of cement tanks and wood vats. A portion of the malolactic fermentation takes in place in French oak barrels (about 35%). The remainder of the malolactic fermentation takes place in a combination of cement vats and oak tanks. The wine is then aged in 80% new, French oak barrels for about 18 months.

This is an outstanding claret, one of the star performers, not only from St Julien but also the whole weeks tasting at the UGC. A superb, rich and forward nose, seemingly powerful, but at the same time not over-blown. In the mouth the wine rolls and reveals itself gradually, showing rich sweet dark berry fruit streaked through with acidity, savoury graphite, cedar and minerality. There is a sense of real power here, almost brooding and magnificent, yet the thrill of the acidity gives this wine energy and focus – very finely tuned and muscular tannins encase the sweet core, the oak is deft and not overly dominant.



ST-JULIEN

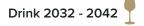
Château Beychevelle 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

£418.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 94-95 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 92-94 points)

Beychevelle is one of the most beautiful chateaux of the Medoc, with its new winery proudly visible as you drive past. Extremely popular throughout the world.

Yields of 36 hl/ha and aged in 70% new oak for 18 months. Tight and broody aromas of black cherry and cassis, the palate explodes with a cascade of black fruits, a touch of dark chocolate as well as black olive and a lick of spice giving added dimension. There is a lovely, refreshing attack of juicy acidity, giving an impressive equilibrium and the tannin structure is perfectly woven.

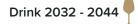


Château Langoa Barton 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 56.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 2.5% Cabernet Franc £214.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 96-97 points) (Neal Martin: 92-94 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 93-95 points)

This 20 hectare estate is the 'sister' to Léoville Barton and is also very fairly priced for the consistency of its quality. The grape varieties and wine-making methods are similar to these of Léoville Barton.

Aged in 60% new French oak for 18 months. This is the first Langoa to be produced in the new winery which allows for small batch vinification. Deep purple in colour, the bouquet is an alluring melange of violet aromas, blackberry and cassis, with a smouldering undertone of oak. The palate is rich, powerful, creamy and intense with a wonderful balancing freshness. The tannins are polished yet firm and there is a beautiful, classic cigar leaf character which adds dimension. This is a terrific Langoa.



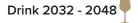
ST-JULIEN

Château Léoville-Barton 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11.5% Merlot, 5.5% Cabernet Franc £390.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 96-97 points)

This Château is always one of the most popular, and this will certainly be the case with this vintage. Aged for 18 months in 60% new oak for 18 months.

One of the stars of the vintage. An unyielding bouquet, deep and sturdy. This is a powerful, brooding and masculine wine, with a concentrated texture, filled with cassis fruits and notes of black olive. Beautifully constructed and tightly knit, the tannins are firm but deliciously ripe and the finish is poised and precise. An aristocratic Claret.



Château Léoville-Poyerré 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

£507.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 96-97 points) (JaneAnson.com: 96 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 94-96 points)

Owned by the Cuvelier family since 1921, the third of the Léoville properties has been regarded as the most lightweight for decades. That changed when Didier Cuvelier took charge in the 1970's, and a period of continuous improvement now sees this château amongst the finest châteaux of St-Julien.

Yields of 33.44hl/ha. Aged in 80% new oak barrels for 18-20 months. The harvest started on the 8th September, with the Merlot the first to be picked. Isabelle Davin, the winemaker, said the grapes were the most perfect she had ever seen – the phenolic ripeness and colour 'beautiful to see, taste and smell' as the first batches were crushed.

This wine displays a wonderfully hedonistic sweet and savoury edge, brimming with mulled black forest fruits, gripping yet not aggressive tannins, layers of pencil, cedar and spice. In the mouth the sweet oak is richly woven around the wine, adding weight, support and a texture that gives the impression of power and 'thickness' to an already impressively muscular wine. The tannins, flecks of redcurrant and acidity combine to give a real tension to the wine on the finish.

ST-JULIEN

Château Léoville-Las-Cases 2021, 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 83.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10.5% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot P.O.A per case IB

(J. Suckling: 99-100 points) (Jane.Anson.com: 97 points) (Neal Martin: 98-100 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 98-100 points)

Château Léoville-Las-Cases is one of the finest 'Super Second' growths of the Medoc, and in many eyes, not least their own, is worthy of First Growth status. Close to the border between St Julien and Pauillac, it is situated just next to Château Latour, and for this reason the wine is as much Pauillac in its expression, as it is of its own appellation, St Julien.

Harvested between 8th – 30th September and aged in 84% new oak, this is a muscular, regal wine that is in contention for wine of the vintage. Dark purple, almost opaque, the bouquet is big and brooding with intense cassis aromas, notes of tobacco and cedar wood. The palate is seamless, precise and layered with a magical fruit intensity. The tannins are suave and refined. A perfectly balanced wine that will live long.

Drink 2035 - 2055

Château Ducru Beaucaillou 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot

P.O.A per case IB

(J. Suckling: 97-98 points) (JaneAnson.com: 98 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 94-96 points)

This 49 hectare estate has recently been in outstanding form to maintain its reputation as a 'Super Second Growth'. Bruno Borie has continued to reduce the quantity of Ducru produced, nearly halving the quantity since 2003.

Harvested between the 7th - 4th October and aged in 100% new oak for 18 months, this is a super powerful wine, tightly knit with intense blackcurrant fruits, a firm tannins structure with undertones of pencil lead, graphite and tobacco. This vintage is an immense offering from Ducru.





MARGAUX

This is the largest commune in the Médoc. The 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 encompasses the neighbouring villages of Cantenac, Arsac, Labarde and Soussans. The 1855 classification includes more wines from Margaux than from any other appellation.

Château Kirwan 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot

£224.00 per case IB

(Neal Martin: 92-94 points) (J. Suckling: 94-95 points)

Owned by the Schöler family, Kirwan is on top form since the new winery was installed in 2016. A wine of great breeding and a great reference for the Margaux appellation.

A yield of 27hl/ha. The fermentation is cool at a maximum 25°C in order to contain the extraction and showpiece the classic Margaux characters. Aged in 50% new oak for 18 months.

A deep prune fruit bouquet grabs immediate attention. The palate is suave and stylish, beautifully crafted with succulent, sweet blackcurrant fruit. The tannins are seductive and the 50% new oak is absorbed completely. A very impressive Kirwan this vintage, arguably one of the stars of the appellation.

Drink 2030 - 2040 📕

£360.00 per case IB

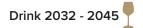
Château Brane Cantenac 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Carmenere

(J. Suckling: 96-97 points) (JaneAnson.com: 98 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 95-97 points)

The vineyards of this château are located to the west of the village of Cantenac. Proprietor Henri Lurton has improved the quality in the vines, regrafting previously planted Merlot to high quality Cabernet Sauvignon. Planted on 72 hectares of fine gravel and clay that forms the 'Brane' of Cantenac - a plateau that regularly produces exceptional wines.

Yield of 31.5 hl/ha. Aged in 100% new oak barrels for 18 months. In 2022, they achieved full malolactic in barrel. Improvements in recent years have seen the introduction of optical sorting tables and since 2018, 100% new oak for every vintage. Winemaker Henri Lurton, uses an innovative air plunging system instead of the normal mechanical 'pump overs' to aid a softer extraction.

The richness and elegance of this Margaux cannot be over-stated. A magnificent, moreish and plump wine, with a lovely fleshiness of sweet dark fruit, cherry, cassis and spicy pepper. The tannins are more yielding and enveloping than most, a thick wool jacket rather than a whale boned corset! The acidity is fresh, the elegance profound and the whole impression is of a wonderful deep and richly structured claret, that will eventually give enormous pleasure.



MARGAUX

Château Rauzan-Ségla 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot £505.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 97-98 points) (JaneAnson.com: 97 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 96-97 points)

This 43 hectare château has made major strides since its purchase by Chanel in 1994. It is fair to say that it now punches fully to its 1855 classification and is one of the great Super-Second's.

Yields of 30hl/ha. Aged in 50% new oak for 18 months. A polished, refined and deeply powerful claret, with a soft sweet edge of black fruit jam on the nose, brooding tense tannins that wrap in oiled layers around the sweet and condensed black fruits. The note of bitter chocolate adds a degree of savoury 'bite' with vanilla and coffee notes from the oak prevalent. There is also a distinct chalky minerality that dusts the long finish. Rich, powerful and elegant.

Drink 2032 - 2045

Château Giscours 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

£300.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 97-98 points) (JaneAnson.com: 95 points) (Neal Martin: 95-97 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 94-96 points)

A very popular château renowned for producing a rich and powerful style of wine. This Château is very much on top form, under the watchful eye of Alexander Van Beek. Yields of 28hl/ha. Aged in 50% new oak for 12-16 months.

In 2022 Giscours made a wine that really lifts its reputation as a stalwart of the Margaux Appellation. Elegant and forward in the glass, with an impressive dark and opaque colour. The mouth feel is glossy and rich, combining condensed black forest fruits with notes of bitter chocolate, raspberry juice and a touch of cranberry. The tannins are impressive but not aggressively robust, holding the fruit in check as the freshness of acidity adds tension and energy. This is a wine of immense appeal, power and refinement. Not the most muscular, but definitely one of the most svelte.





Château Giscours

MARGAUX

Château Palmer 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

(J. Suckling: 98-99 points) (JaneAnson.com: 96 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 95-97 points)

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.

Aged in 65% new French oak barrels for 12 months, followed by ageing in foudre.

This is a blockbuster wine, probably one of the most powerful and intense wines ever produced at this top Château, with yields of only 22hl/ha. The grapes were tiny but extremely concentrated.

Deep purple, almost opaque in colour, the bouquet is expansive with blackcurrant and dark cherry fruit aromas and violet freshness. The palate is impressive, volumptuous and rich with sweet black fruit concentrate. The tannins are beautifully woven and refined, there are notes of tobacco and black pepper, and the finish is quite immense. This wine is a stunning vintage at Palmer!

Drink 2032 - 2050

Château Margaux 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc P.O.A per case IB

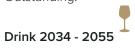
£1788.00 per case IB

(J. Suckling: 95-96 points) (JaneAnson.com: 98-100 points) (Neal Martin: 96-98 points) (William Kelley, Wine Advocate 96-97+ points)

Château Margaux, a Premier Grand Cru Classé Bordeaux, is one of the most famous wines in the world. Care has been lavished on the property by a line of owners with an abiding concern for the reputation of the estate. For more than five hundred years, season after season, generations of vineyard-workers, grape harvesters, cellar-workers, coopers and many other craftsmen have all played a part in making Château Margaux what it is today.

Harvested between 8th-27th September, 40% of the crop was used to make this big and dense wine, arguably one of the most powerful wines ever produced at this famous Château.

The bouquet is expressive with deep cassis aromas, violet, and an underlying vanilla touch. The palate is all powerful, dense and filled with compact black fruits; a superbly constructed tannin structure and integrated cedar oak. The finish is powerful and long with an intense and lingering fruit purity. Outstanding.



PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Geographically, this region is a continuation to the south-east of Haut-Médoc. Many vineyards in the north have disappeared as the city of Bordeaux has extended outwards. The area produces notable red and white wines, but the trend has been towards more red over the past two decades. The whole region was formerly known as Graves, but since 1996 it has been divided into two appellations, Pessac-Léognan and Graves. Pessac-Léognan is the most northerly and best part, where most of the Grands Crus are situated.

Château Olivier Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl) Grape Mix: 49% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot

£135.00 per case IB

(Jane.Anson.com: 93 points)

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. A detailed geological survey in 2003 revealed the forest was planted on a croupe of compact gravel; perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon.

Yields of 34hl/ha. Aged for 12 months in 35% new oak barrels. An expressive and tantalizing melange of blackcurrant, cedar and forest floor aromas give instant appeal. The palate is powerful, tight and chewy with cassis; black olive flavours are beautifully balanced by a fresh acidity. The tannins are perfectly ripe and the finish long and sumptuous.

Drink 2028 - 2038



Château Olivier

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Prices given are per ca	se, in bond Melton (ex VAT & Duty)	Cases	Cost	
BORDEAUX BLANC		Req'd	IB	Total
Pessac-Léognan	Château Olivier Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£154.00	
Sauternes	Château Liot (12x37.5cl)		£102.00	
BORDEAUX AND BOR	DEAUX SUPÉRIEUR			
	Château Moulin de Mallet, Bordeaux (6x75cl)		£24.00	
	Château Tour de Luchey, Bordeaux (6x75cl)		£24.00	
	Château d'Argadens, Bordeaux Supérieur (6x75cl)		£35.00	
Haut-Medoc	Château Semonlon, Haut-Médoc (12x75cl)		£70.00	
CRU BOURGEOIS				
Médoc	Château Tour St Bonnet, Medoc (12x75cl)		£99.00	
CRU BOURGEOIS SUF	PÉRIEURS			
Haut-Medoc	Château Cissac, Haut-Medoc (12x75cl)		£102.00	
	Château Beaumont, Haut-Medoc (12x75cl)		£120.00	
	Château Clément-Pichon		£178.00	
	Château de Malleret		£180.00	
	Château Lamothe Bergeron, Haut-Medoc (6x75cl)		TBC	
Listrac	Château Fourcas-Hosten		£186.00	
CRU BOURGEOIS EXC	EPTIONNELS			
Médoc	Château Potensac (12x75cl)		£246.00	
Moulis	Château Chasse-Spleen (12x75cl)		£282.00	
St Estephe	Château Phelan Segur (6x75cl)		£225.00	
Margaux	Château Angludet (6x75cl)		£162.00	
ST JULIEN				
	Château Gloria, St Julien (6x75cl)		£189.00	
	Sarget de Gruaud Larose, St Julien (12x75cl)		£232.00	
	Les Fiefs de Lagrange (12x75cl)		£215.00	
RIGHT BANK				
Satellite St Emilion	Château Corbin, Montagne St Emilion (6x75cl)		£42.00	
	Château du Courlat, Lussac St Emilion (12x75cl)		£92.00	
	Château du Courlat 2021 Cuvee Jean-Baptiste - Lussac St (12x75cl)		£123.00	
St Emilion	Château Fonplegade, Grand Cru St Emilion (6x75cl)		£192.00	
	Château Grand Mayne, Grand Cru St Emilion (12x75cl)		£398.00	

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Pomerol	Château Les Hauts Conseillants (12x75cı)		£153.00	
	Château Bonalgue (6x75cl)		£150.00	
	Clos du Clocher (6x75cl)		£291.00	
	Château Rouget (12x75cl)		£460.00	
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ				
Haut-Medoc	Château Cantemerle 5ème Cru Classé Haut-Médoc (12x75cl)		£266.00	
St Estephe	Château Montrose 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£873.00	
Pauillac	Château Duhart-Milon Rothschild 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£378.00	
	Château Clerc Milon 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£396.00	
	Château d'Armailhac 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£242.00	
	Château Batailley 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£186.00	
	Château Grand Puy Lacoste 5ème Cru Classé (12x75cl)		£715.00	
	Château Pontet Canet 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£539.00	
	Château Lynch-Bages 5ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£636.00	
	Château Pichon Longueville, Comtesse de Lalande - 2ème Cru (6x75cl)		£1032.00	
	Château Lafi te-Rothschild 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£3570.00	
	Château Mouton Rothschild 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl)		P.O.A	
St Julien	Château Talbot 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£289.00	
	Château Gruaud Larose 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£420.00	
	Château Beychevelle 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£418.00	
	Château Langoa Barton 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£214.00	
	Château Léoville-Barton 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£390.00	
	Château Léoville-Poyerré 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£507.00	
	Château Léoville-Las-Cases 2021, 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		P.O.A	
	Château Ducru Beaucaillou 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		P.O.A	
Margaux	Château Kirwan 4ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£224.00	
	Château Brane Cantenac 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£360.00	
	Château Rauzan-Ségla 2ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£505.00	
	Château Giscours 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£300.00	
	Château Palmer 3ème Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£1788.00	
	Château Margaux 1er Cru Classé (6x75cl)		P.O.A	
Pessac-Léognan	Château Olivier Grand Cru Classé (6x75cl)		£135.00	

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