HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Château Palmer 2011 3ème Cru, Margaux



Price	£275.00
Code	PALM150

“One of the superstars of the vintage… A tour de force in winemaking” ROBERT PARKER. Ch. Palmer was the star of Bordeaux’s Left Bank in 2011, eclipsing the First Growths in both concentration and aromatic complexity. This was no doubt helped by a rigorous selection process at blending and the lowest yields since their epic 1961, with just 20hl/ha. The wine was hailed as “Margaux’s wine of the vintage” by Robert Parker in 2014. With maturity, the wine – according to Bordeaux expert Jane Anson – has retained Margaux's distinct aromatic complexity and is absolutely singing" today. This is the first time Palmer has offered the 2011 since en primeur – and the last opportunity to source the wine directly from the château. Aged in optimum conditions for the last 10 years in Palmer’s cellars, winemaker Thomas Duroux believes the wine is now entering its long drinking window.

Tasting Notes:

“The opaque blue/purple-colored 2011 Palmer reveals a stunning bouquet of licorice, truffles, camphor, spring flowers, black raspberries and black currants. One of the superstars of the vintage, this brilliant 2011 possesses superb concentration and purity, medium to full body, and remarkable length of close to a minute. A tour de force in winemaking, the Palmer team merits accolades for achieving this level of quality in a more challenging vintage than either 2009 or 2010. The “wine of the vintage” in Margaux, tiny yields of 20 hectoliters per hectare, a final blend of 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and a severe selection (only 55% of the production made it into Palmer) are the reasons for this success. Winemaker Thomas Duroux continues to fine tune this already brilliant estate, producing first-growth quality wines year after year. Drink 2012-2042.” ROBERT PARKER, WINE ADVOCATE

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Specification	
ABV	13.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink from 2022 through to 2035
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Area	Margaux
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	55% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon
Genres	Fine Wine
Vintage	2011
Body	Rich, bold and robust
Producer	Château Palmer
Producer Overview	In 1938, four Bordeaux families – Sichel, Mähler-Besse, Ginestet, and Miailhe – all active in the Bordeaux fine wine trade – joined together to buy Palmer and restore it to the rank it deserved.
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	Enjoy with braised lamb with giant white beans.
Press Comments	“A vintage that I have tasted a few times this year, and an excellent one to be reminded of at the 10 year window. Layers of blueberry, plum, cassis and rosemary, sculpted and heavy on the rose and violet floral aromatics that speak of its appellation. As it opens, the smoky notes become more evident, and this is sensuous but reflective of a cooler summer than the blockbuster 2009 and 2010 that preceded it. A hail storm at the end of June meant this is a small yield at 21hl/ha - the lowest since 1961 (until 2018). **Read more online**