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Many of us can't justify buying some of the world's top & most iconic wines. Their quality and scarcity mean there is less and less available and this in-turn pushes prices higher and higher every year and with every new vintage release.

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On receipt of your order & payment you will be issued a certificate of ownership for the product. This can be in any name which means you can gift it to or pass it to a third party.

We will record your details on our system as the owner of this 'portion' of the product. If you decide to gift or pass this to a third party you will need to inform us of the change of ownership so we can update our records.

We will notify the owner of the product (recorded on our system) within 3 months of the intended date of the tasting.

We do not accept responsibility for any faults in any of the products at time of tasting. We will not replace any wines found to be faulty.

Please note - we need to sell all 8 'portions' for this tasting to go ahead. In the event that we do not sell all 8 'portions' we reserve the right to cancel the tasting and a full refund (at invoice price) will be made.

BUYING PRE-RELEASE/EN PRIMEUR

PRE-RELEASE and EN-PRIMEUR Our Promise

Dunell's has been forging enviable relationships with growers, producers, properties, Chateaux and Merchants for over 50 years. During this time we have built up a portfolio of products to rival the very best of any merchant across the globe.

Because of this history and our enviable, trusted reputation we are constantly approached by the very best wine producers who would like us to represent them in the Channel Islands with many of their wines initially being offered 'En-Primeur' or Pre-Release'.

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We only buy direct from the property, via one of the foremost Bordeaux negociants in the case of Bordeaux Primeurs or through the UK Merchant who represents the property in the UK. The wine is then shipped directly to us. We also avoid transporting or shipping anything during the hot summer or cold winter months to avoid the wine being subject to temperature extremes.

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In the many years we have been offering this service we have never let down any customer or producer so you can be safe in the knowledge that you will get what you paid for whether it is 3 months from the date you ordered it or 3 years.

If you would like any further information or would like to place an order please either do so via our website www.dunells.com or via email to neil@dunells.com

Yours

Neil Pinel
MANAGING DIRECTOR



BUYING PRE-RELEASE/EN PRIMEUR

PRE-RELEASE and EN-PRIMEUR Why to buy

The main advantages of buying Pre-Release or En Primeur are:

- . To purchase wines at the initial release prices. Wines re-released after bottling will usually be more expensive.
- . To secure allocations of small-production wines that may not be commercially available after en primeur release.
- . To own a wine from the start of its life - provenance is priceless.
- . To purchase a birthyear vintage for a child, grandchild or godchild.
- . To be able to choose different formats – half bottles, magnums, double magnums and imperials.
- . To purchase the latest vintages of a Chateau that one has followed and purchased over the years. This is especially important for wines where there is always more demand than there is supply. Chateaux such as Léoville and Langoa Barton, Calon Segur and Lynch Bages spring to mind.

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Customers who wish to buy for delivery to a UK bond or other address should contact us for more information (extra freight will be charged at cost).

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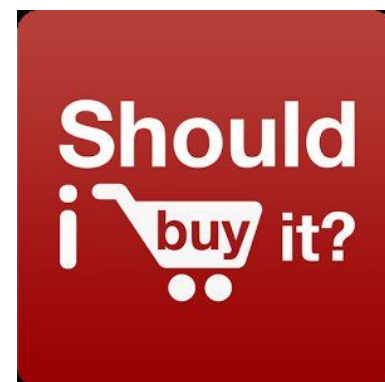
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A TASTE IN TIME

A TASTE IN TIME - SCREAMING EAGLE Napa Valley Tasting in 2027 - PRE-REL

£1,195.00

Our first offering is the thrilling Screaming Eagle from Napa Valley, California.

We will be offering 8 tasting portions (appx 75cl) from a bottle and we plan to do this in 2027. We will also put aside some Krug 2002 Vintage Champagne that we will open for a glass on arrival.

KRUG Vintage Brut 2002 (from Bottle)

THE WINE ADVOCAYE Rating: 97+ points

Drink Date: 2018 - 2030 - "Krug's 2002 Brut (ID 415064 – disgorged IV/2015) has an intense citrus color and opens with a generous, intense yet fine and precise bouquet that indicates great depth and elegance. Red fruit flavors on the nose lead to a generously rich yet pure, highly refined and elegant palate, with lots of ripe cherry fruits and delicious yeasty flavors. This is a highly complex and tensioned but beautifully balanced 2002 with a charming dosage that gives perfect roundness. The finish, however, is clear, fresh and well-structured, if not taut, and very mineral. Tasted in Reims in April 2018." - Stephan Reinhardt.

SCREAMING EAGLE Second Flight 2014

JAMES SUCKLING ***** 97 Points

5 May, 2017 – Intense blackberry and blueberry aromas with hints of fresh mushrooms. Black truffles, too. Full-bodied, tight and chewy with polished and velvety tannins. Long and muscular finish. Energetic. December 2016 availability. Needs four to five years to soften but it's impressive now.

SCREAMING EAGLE The Flight 2019 (new name for Second Flight from 2015)

JAMES SUCKLING ***** 99 points

Extremely floral and aromatic with violets and lavender throughout. Black olives, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, very fine-grained tannins that run the length of the wine. Goes on for minutes. A greenish undertone comes out at the end with some spearmint, green tea and green olive. About two-thirds merlot. Best after 2028, but already stunning.

SCREAMING EAGLE Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2019 (from Bottle)

JAMES SUCKLING 99 points

"Lots of crushed berries, such as raspberries and blackberries, with spearmint and crushed stone, as well as redcurrants. Full-bodied with regal tannins that build on the palate as you taste it and flow over like a gentle waterfall. Such a beautiful, subtle and graceful texture. Best after 2027."

SCREAMING EAGLE Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2020 (from Bottle)

JAMES SUCKLING 99 points

"Fabulous aromas of cabernet sauvignon with blackcurrants, blueberries, bark, fresh mushrooms and violets, follow through to a full body with an elegance that builds at the finish, leaving you with a freshness and minerality that goes on for minutes. Unique wine in so many ways. A blend of 76% cabernet sauvignon, 18% merlot and 6% cabernet franc. Best after 2028."



AU BON CLIMAT

Pre-Release Info

AU BON CLIMAT About

The late Jim Clendenen founded Au Bon Climat (ABC) in 1982. He became famous for making pioneering wines from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on California's Central Coast. He passed away in 2021 and is remembered as one of the most charismatic and influential people of his vinous generation.

Jim's passion for wine was born of a trip to Burgundy in the mid-1970s when he was a student studying Law at UC Santa Barbara. During subsequent visits his enthusiasm for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grew and he became convinced that the Californian hills were capable of something special with these two noble varieties.

Au Bon Climat translates as "a well-exposed vineyard" a name suiting the coastal position of the vineyards, with its benevolent Pacific fog and cooling breeze. Making the most of these conditions ABC buy clones from Burgundy. This contributes to creating wines which emulate the restraint and finesse of Europe but with a magic touch of New World flair.

The vineyards ABC source their grapes from reads as a 'who's who' of Central Coast vineyards. Bien Nacido and Jim's own "Le Bon Climat" are the biggest contributors. The influence of the Pacific can be felt standing in the canyon of Bien Nacido where the warm days and cool nights characterise this superb terroir. Le Bon Climat in contrast consists of mainly hilltop vineyards. Jim acquired 40ha here in 1998 and has applied his typically rigorous approach to get the best from the plot.

Like most of best early pioneers on USA's West Coast Jim needed no encouragement to recognise the importance of the soil. He farms all his own vineyards organically to maximise the personality of each site coming through in the wines. Le Bon Climat was certified organic in 2003.

A wide array of wines are produced from ABC's own vineyards and from the close relationships the estate enjoys with other growers.

They are classified into four categories. "Santa Barbara County Classics" are the most accessible in the range, both in terms of price and their sheer drinkability; "Single Vineyard" wines are an ever-changing selection of expressions from remarkable single sites; "Historic Vineyards" represent the five icons of the Central Coast, and the "Blue Series" which show off the very best cuvees, have a high proportion of new oak and reward a long bottle ageing.

It would be difficult to overstate Jim's impact on Californian wine-making. Just as it is difficult to overstate the quality of the wines.

AU BON CLIMAT Spring 2023 Offer & T&Cs

Terms and Conditions

Ordering - Please place your order by email to neil@dunells.com

Offered - Subject to availability

Delivery - Mid/Late 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

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Red Wine

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(CC) Santa Barbara

AU BON CLIMAT Pinot Noir, Isabelle 2020 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Isabelle Clendenen says of her eponymous wine that it is "the closest thing to a Henri Jayer-style Burgundy" that they make. Her father, the wonderful Jim Clendenen was great friends with Henri; he looked to him as a mentor and, with this blend of the finest five barrels across all the vineyards he worked with, he hoped to emulate him whilst also endeavouring to show off the very best that California has to offer.

The most noticeable thing about this wine is the way in which its glorious, sweet, rich strawberry fruit is perfectly matched by its intensity and power. It is overt and almost hedonistic on the nose with elements of sweet spice. This concentration continues upon tasting yet an undercurrent of supreme freshness brings everything into focus and fine savoury line cleanses the palate, leaving a wonderfully refreshing sensation, and making this a perfect match with richer foods. 2020 Isabelle is a gorgeous expression, not only of the finest quality that California can provide, but also of Jim Clendenen's unique and visionary winemaking style. Drink now to 2044. - Catriona Felstead MW



£315.00

AU BON CLIMAT Pinot Noir, Knox Alexander Sta Maria 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles -PRE-REL

Knox Alexander Pinot Noir is an estate selection of the very best parcels from the 58 acres of Pinot Noir planted by Jim Clendenen since 1994. It is intended to showcase the very essence of Au Bon Climat, and the 2019 is a triumph. The 2019 Knox has a lovely, floral, scented nose of red cherries and strawberries with a twist of spice. Unbelievably lighter and more elegant than in the past, the wine has a delicate savoury, umami backbone which brings the focus in on the palate. There is a European feel to the tannins of this wine which are ripe but not sweet, bringing refreshment and making you want another glass. A fine, iron-rich, mineral-slate character combines seamlessly with a gorgeous sweetness on the long strawberry and cured ham-infused finish. Knox is absolutely brilliant in 2019; it is the most refined and subtle Knox we have ever tasted. Drink now to 2042. - Catriona Felstead MW



£246.00

AU BON CLIMAT Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict 2020 CASE x 12 Bottles -PRE-REL

This wine is made from grapes specially selected from the oldest section of the Sanford & Benedict Vineyard located in the very cool Santa Rita Hills appellation. Au Bon Climat, quite rightly, consider this one of the truly great Pinot Noir vineyards of America.



£495.00

White Wine

(CC) Santa Barbara

AU BON CLIMAT Chardonnay, Nuits-Blanches au Bouge 2020 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

The 2020 Nuits Blanches has a gorgeous lemon scent combined with delicate hints of toast. The palate is brilliantly focused with a fine savoury-mineral line running right through the core. This has a lovely weight to it but is fresh and lean, not heavy at all. A tight, persistent finish draws it all together. Absolutely wonderful. Drink now to 2040. - Catriona Felstead MW



£240.00

AU BON CLIMAT

White Wine

(CC) Santa Barbara

AU BON CLIMAT Hildegard White, Santa Maria Vy 2020 CASE x 12 Bottles -PRE-REL

Critic tasting note: "This Burgundian-minded blend of 50% Pinot Gris, 45% Pinot Blanc and 5% Aligote is exciting to try each vintage. This year's is rich yet zesty, starting with aggressive aromas of lemon juice, baked apricot, cream and toast on the nose. The palate is layered in hazelnut, lemon confit and unabashed oak flavors, proving creamy in texture yet blasted with persistent acidity. Matt Kettmann" - 94/100, Wine Enthusiast

£378.00



RIDGE VINEYARDS

Pre-Release Info

RIDGE VINEYARDS About

Ridge Vineyards makes wines that compete in terms of quality and desirability with Bordeaux First Growths and Grand Cru White Burgundies. Winemaker Paul Draper has crafted 43 vintages at Ridge and his practical, hands-off approach to winemaking has resulted in an exceptional and highly sought-after range of wines.

Although a vineyard was first planted near the top of Monte Bello Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains in 1885, it lay abandoned until four Stanford Research Institute engineers bought it in 1959. Ridge Vineyards was formed in 1962 and Paul Draper was appointed as winemaker in 1969. After stunning the world by their triumph in the 1976 Judgement of Paris tasting, Ridge Vineyards shot to fame and gained cult status almost overnight. Since then, Ridge has concentrated on producing fine Bordeaux blends and Chardonnays from Monte Bello's exalted terroir as well as renowned Zinfandels from the Lytton Springs and Geyserville vineyards in Sonoma County.

RIDGE
VINEYARDS

Ridge's ethos is simple: 100% dedication in the vineyards to grow the most concentrated and flavoursome grapes followed by 100% dedication in the winery with minimum intervention to draw all the fruit's natural richness into the wine.

Paul Draper has studiously dedicated himself to employing traditional Old World methods in the creation of his wines, resulting in silky smooth reds with fine tannins and glorious fruit. The wines are racked and fined but remain unfiltered so as not to lose any character before being matured in new American oak barrels.

Ridge Monte Bello, once pure Cabernet, has been a Cabernet-dominated blend since 1975 with varying quantities, depending on the vintage, of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc to add complexity to the final wine. The Monte Bello Chardonnay, arguably California's most respected white wine, is elegantly structured and rivals the finest White Burgundy Grand Crus.

Since 1972 Ridge has also specialised in top-quality Zinfandel blends from the Lytton Springs and Geyserville vineyards in Sonoma County and in 1979 the Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet blend joined the range to offer a softer, earlier drinking companion to the famed Monte Bello.

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RIDGE VINEYARDS Brief History

Ridge Vineyards: Property in the 1800's

The history of Ridge Vineyards begins in 1885, when Osea Perrone, a doctor who became a prominent member of San Francisco's Italian community, bought 180 acres near the top of Monte Bello Ridge. He terraced the slopes and planted vineyards; using native limestone, he constructed the Monte Bello Winery, producing the first vintage under that name in 1892. This unique cellar, built into the mountainside on three levels, is Ridge's production facility. At 2600', it is surrounded by the "upper vineyard", now referred to as the Perrone Ranch.

The 1940's: Restart of the Winery

In the 1940s, William Short, a theologian, bought the abandoned winery and vineyard just below the Perrone property; he replanted several parcels to cabernet sauvignon in the late 1940s. From these vines — now the "middle vineyard" and referred to as the Torre Ranch — new owners Dave Bennion, Hew Crane, Charlie Rosen, and Howard Ziedler, all Stanford Research Institute engineers, made a quarter-barrel of "estate" cabernet. That Monte Bello Cabernet was among California's finest wines of the era. Its quality and distinctive character, and the wines produced from these same vines in 1960 and '61, convinced the partners to re-bond the winery in time for the 1962 vintage. Dave Bennion left his role at S.R.I. to oversee winemaking duties full time.

The Zinfandel Introduction

The first zinfandel was made in 1964, from a small nineteenth-century vineyard farther down the ridge. This was followed in 1966 by the first Geyserville zinfandel. The founding families reclaimed the Monte Bello terraces, increasing vineyard size from fifteen to forty-five acres. Working on weekends, they made wines of regional character and unprecedented intensity.

A New Era of Winemaking

By 1968, production had increased to just under three thousand cases per year, and in 1969, Paul Draper joined the partnership. A Stanford graduate in philosophy—recently returned from setting up a winery in Chile's coast range—he was a practical winemaker, not an enologist. His knowledge of fine wines and traditional methods complemented the straightforward "hands off" approach pioneered at Ridge. Under his guidance the old Perrone winery (acquired the previous year) was restored, the finest vineyard lands leased or purchased, the consistent quality and international reputation of the wines established. Cabernet and Zinfandel account for most of the production; Syrah, Grenache, Carignane, and Petite Sirah constitute a small percentage. Known primarily for its red wines, Ridge has also made limited amounts of chardonnay since 1962.

Recent History and Expansion of Operations

Lytton Springs, in Sonoma County, became part of the Ridge estate in 1991. A quarter century's experience with this vineyard had convinced us that it was an exceptional piece of ground. Forty consecutive vintages of Geyserville attest to yet another stunning combination of location and varietals. Though born in the early sixties to the post-Prohibition world of modern California winemaking, Ridge relies on nature and tradition rather than technology. Our pre-industrial approach is straightforward: find intense, flavorful grapes; intrude upon the process only when necessary; draw the fruit's distinctive character and richness into the wine.

Red Wine

(CC) Santa Cruz



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Red Wine

(CC) Santa Cruz

RIDGE Estate Cabernet, Santa Cruz Mountains 2020 CASE x 12 Bottles 14%abv - PRE-REL

£860.00

In 1886 the first blocks of the Monte Bello vineyard were planted and construction on the winery begun. The first vintage was the 1892. In the early 1940s, the last of the old vineyard was abandoned; in the late forties a few blocks were replanted. Those Cabernet vines—now over sixty-five years old—produced the first Ridge Monte Bello (1962) and subsequent vintages until 1974. By then other abandoned blocks had been replanted and their fruit considered for use in the Monte Bello. A number of those consistently produced a more accessible wine that developed its full complexity earlier and these were combined as the “Santa Cruz Mountains”. With the 2008 vintage, the name of this stylistically distinct wine became the Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, stressing the principal variety and the Monte Bello estate vineyard as its source. Decent rains in December led to dry weather in January and February. A very wet March and April helped the vines during the growing season. Unsettled weather in June saw several heat spikes in between cool spells.



The rest of the summer was mild until the middle of August, when very hot temperatures and dry lightning ignited wildfires throughout northern California. Fortunately, winds blew the smoke due south, bypassing Ridge's vineyards. The fruit was hand-picked between 17th September and 8th October. The 2020 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is made with fruit from eighteen of twenty estate parcels. The grapes were destemmed, and whole-berry fermentation proceeded with natural yeast. The wine was aged for 19 months in air-dried American oak barrels, with 55% new wood.

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot

Winemaker note

Late spring rains disrupted fruit set in the Merlot and yields were likewise down in Petit Verdot. With less of these two varieties to work with, Cabernet Sauvignon makes up a larger proportion of this year's wine. All the grapes were de-stemmed but left as whole berries for slower, gentler extraction during fermentation. After nineteen months of barrel aging, tannins are well integrated. This exemplary mountain-grown Cabernet will develop more fully over the next fifteen years.

White Wine

(CC) Santa Cruz

RIDGE Monte Bello Chardonnay, Santa Cruz 2020 CASE x 12 Bottles 14% abv - PRE-REL

£1,195.00

In the late 1940s, William Short, retired theologian and then-owner of the Ridge Torre vineyard, planted several acres of Chardonnay, which provided the 1962 estate Monte Bello Chardonnay for the Ridge partners' first vintage. From 1962 to 1984, four to eight barrels of Chardonnay were produced each year under the Monte Bello designation. By 1985, younger, replanted vines had begun to supplant the older vines, whose yields had dropped to a quarter-ton per acre and the designation was changed to Santa Cruz Mountains. By 1999, the young vines had matured, and it became possible to select, in most years, several exceptional parcels for a Monte Bello Chardonnay, a practice that continues to this day.



Rainfall in March and April helped the vines during the growing season. Unsettled weather in June saw several heat spikes in between cool spells. The rest of the summer was mild until the middle of August, when very hot temperatures and dry lightning ignited wildfires throughout northern California just as harvest had begun. Fortunately, winds blew the smoke due south, bypassing Ridge's vineyards, and the fruit was harvested on 1st and 3rd September. The hand-picked grapes were whole-cluster pressed and barrel-fermented with natural yeast, in 90% air-dried American oak and 10% French oak barrels, all between one and five years old. The wine was aged for 17 months in barrel, during which time it completed malolactic fermentation, and was bottled unfiltered.

Winemaker note

Mild summer weather cooled by fog ended in late August with several days of intense heat. Given the small crop, flavours ripened fully for a harvest in the first days of September. After barrel fermentation, two lots, one from Rousten and one from Perrone, were selected for their subtle fruit and minerality. Enjoyable upon release, this complex Chardonnay will age over the next eight years

Red Wine

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Red Wine

(NC) Sonoma County

RIDGE Geyserville, Alexander Valley 2021 CASE x 12 Bottles 15%abv - PRE-REL

£525.00

First produced in 1966, this is Ridge's 56th consecutive vintage of Geyserville. The grapes are grown in three adjoining vineyards on a single soil type, deposited by an ancient washout of the Russian River that carried river stone and gravel. It is approximately one-and-a quarter miles long and half a mile wide.

Winter was dry, with below-average rainfall of only 312mm. A moderate spring and summer followed, which stressed the vines, limiting yields and concentrating flavours. The grapes were hand harvested between 3rd September and 1st October. The grapes were crushed and fermentation proceeded with natural yeast. There were daily pump-overs during fermentation, after which the wine was aged for 16 months in air-dried American oak barrels, with 30% new wood.

76% Zinfandel, 16% Carignane, 6% Petite Sirah, 2% Alicante Bouschet

Winemaker note

We have made this Zinfandel every year for fifty-six years. Consistency of quality and vineyard character are its hallmarks. A dry winter with a moderate spring and summer ripened the grapes evenly. Showing plentiful fruit, elegant tannins and bright acidity, this fine wine will develop fully over the next fourteen years.



RIDGE Lytton Estate Petite Sirah 2020 CASE x 12 Bottles 14.5% - PRE-REL

£495.00

The oldest Petite Sirah vines at Lytton Estate were planted in 1901 and the youngest in 2008. In 2002, portions of the Petite Sirah began to be bottled as a separate wine for a limited release; the wine became part of the core range in 2009. At 203mm, rainfall was lower than average in 2020. The Petite Sirah was hand-harvested between 7th and 10th September. Whole-berry fermentation proceeded with natural yeast, with pump-overs limited to once a day. The wine was aged for 17 months in air-dried American oak barrels, with 25% new wood.

Winemaker note

Petite Sirah is most frequently a complementary variety to Zinfandel in traditional field blends. At Lytton Estate, since 1992, we have made it as a standalone wine. Here, in the loamy-clay soils, it thrives, producing compact clusters of very small, concentrated berries. True to the nature of this grape, the 2020 is deeply coloured, concentrated and capable of ageing for at least ten years.



RIDGE Lytton Springs (72% Zinfandel) 2021 CASE x 12 Bottles 14% - PRE-REL

£525.00

In 1972, Ridge made its first Lytton Springs from vines planted on the eastern half of the vineyard at the turn of the century. Both the eastern and western portions of the vineyard were purchased in the early 1990s. The vineyard is planted to Zinfandel and its principal complementary varieties.

Water was scarce during the Lytton Springs 2021 growing season with only 330mm of winter rainfall, leaving the vines at Lytton Springs water-stressed. This diminished overall yields, with the Zinfandel vines showing particular susceptibility. The vineyard crew contended with all of the challenges of farming in drought conditions and by late spring, it was clear that clusters and berries were smaller than usual, but the potential for quality was high. The grapes were hand-harvested at night between 1st September and 5th October. The grapes were crushed and fermentation proceeded with natural yeast. The wine was aged for 16 months in air-dried American oak barrels, with 17% new wood.

Winemaker note

A dry winter left the vines struggling to find water. This reduced fruit set in all varieties, especially Zinfandel. From the thirty-eight parcels were harvested from 1st September to 5th October and fermented separately. Thirty-four were selected, including vines planted in 1901 and eighty-year-old Counoise inter-planted with Cinsault. Enjoyable now, this beautiful, complex wine will continue to develop over the next ten years and beyond.



RIDGE VINEYARDS

Red Wine

(NC) Sonoma County

RIDGE Three Valleys, Sonoma County 2021 CASE x 12 Bottles 14%abv - PRE-REL

£410.00

First produced in 2001, Three Valleys is made from grapes which are primarily sourced from vineyards in Alexander Valley, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Russian River Valley. The Zinfandel determines the wine's varietal character while the Petite Sirah brings spice, depth of colour, and firm tannins.

Water was scarce during the 2021 growing season with winter rains in Sonoma totalling just 330mm, leaving the vines water-stressed. This diminished overall yields, with the zinfandel vines showing particular susceptibility. The vineyard crew contended with all of the challenges of farming in drought conditions and by early summer, it was clear that clusters and berries were smaller than usual, but the potential for quality was high. Great care was taken over selecting the fruit, which was hand harvested between 1st September and 5th October. The grapes were destemmed and crushed. Fermentation proceeded with natural yeast at both Monte Bello and Lytton Springs wineries.

Winemaker note

Indicative blend: 65% Zinfandel, 26% Petite Sirah, 5% Syrah, 4% Alicante Bouschet

Deep garnet in colour with rich raspberry, fig, exotic clove spice, and notes of fresh mint. Layered briary fruit on the palate with cocoa and a slight crushed granite minerality. Supple tannins and a long, lingering finish



SCREAMING EAGLE

SCREAMING EAGLE About

Screaming Eagle is one of the original Californian "cult wines". Proprietor Jean Philips never dreamt that her wine would be so sought after, when in 1992, after years of selling grapes to Napa Valley wineries, she decided to find out if her home-made wine, created in a plastic trash can, was any good. She took a sample down to Robert Mondavi where they thought enough of her dark, rich, cassis-flavoured Cabernet to encourage her to bottle it, though they snickered at her proposed name. The rest is history.

Screaming Eagle's 100% Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard is ideally situated. The soil is virtually a rock pile on a gentle, west-facing slope east of the Napa River. Drainage and exposure are excellent. The property is at a point in the valley where the weather is hot enough during the day to ripen Cabernet to its optimum, yet the grapes are cooled by the afternoon breezes that blow north from San Pablo Bay.

Only 500 cases a year of Screaming Eagle are produced under the direction of winemaker Heidi Peterson Barret. The resulting wines are brimming with deep, plush layers of flavour, echoing currant, cassis, blackberries and black cherry. The tannins are soft, round and polished, yet firm enough to give every indication that Screaming Eagle wines will age beautifully for 10 to 20 years.

Red Wine

(NC) Napa Valley

SCREAMING EAGLE Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2019 Bottle - PRE-REL

£3,950.00

Screaming Eagle is perhaps the most famous California Cult winery of all time and produces one of the most sought-after wines in the world. Sourced from a small, 57-acre vineyard in Oakville, Napa, production of this exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon-based blend is supremely limited and older vintages are increasingly rare. Here is the 2019 vintage, described by the renowned critic, James Suckling, as follows:

JAMES SUCKLING 99 points

"Lots of crushed berries, such as raspberries and blackberries, with spearmint and crushed stone, as well as redcurrants. Full-bodied with regal tannins that build on the palate as you taste it and flow over like a gentle waterfall. Such a beautiful, subtle and graceful texture. Best after 2027."



SCREAMING EAGLE Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2020 Bottle - PRE-REL

£3,650.00

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"Fabulous aromas of cabernet sauvignon with blackcurrants, blueberries, bark, fresh mushrooms and violets, follow through to a full body with an elegance that builds at the finish, leaving you with a freshness and minerality that goes on for minutes. Unique wine in so many ways. A blend of 76% cabernet sauvignon, 18% merlot and 6% cabernet franc. Best after 2028."



SCREAMING EAGLE The Flight Napa Valley 2019 Bottle - PRE-REL

£1,050.00

(new name for Second Flight from 2015)

JAMES SUCKLING ***** 99 points

Extremely floral and aromatic with violets and lavender throughout. Black olives, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, very fine-grained tannins that run the length of the wine. Goes on for minutes. A greenish undertone comes out at the end with some spearmint, green tea and green olive. About two-thirds merlot. Best after 2028, but already stunning.



GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary

GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary 2019 Pre-Release Offer

High scoring new releases including 100pts (WA + JS) Gran Enemigo

The Cabernet Franc dominated premium wines from El Enemigo in Argentina continue to go from strength to strength. This joint venture between Adrianna Catena and Alejandro Vigil (Catena Zapata's Head Winemaker and Drinks Business Top 100 Master Winemakers) has now released their 2019 single vineyard wines which we are offering here on a pre-shipment basis, along with the 'Red (Bordeaux) Blend' 2019 (96pts); the 2nd vintage of Torrontes 2020 (93+pts), Chardonnay 2021 (97pts) and Barranco Bonarda 2020 (91+pts).

The star of the show is undoubtedly the Gran Enemigo Gualtallary, awarded 100 points by Wine Advocate and James Suckling. But don't overlook the other single vineyard wines – Agrelo (97pts), El Cepillo (98pts) and Chacayes (97pts).

There is good availability of all wines in the offer, including the larger formats (mags and double mags) of the Gran Enemigo wines. If you would like to place an order please contact neil@dunells.com

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Offer - Subject to availability and confirmation.

Delivery – expected late 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Payment - Goods will be invoiced on receipt of order. Payment as per our normal T&Cs.

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Red Wine

Mendoza

EL ENEMIGO Bonarda El Barranco Single Vineyard 2020 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£76.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 91+ points

Drink Date 2022 - 2027

There were some sweet spices in the nose of the 2020 Bonarda Single Vineyard, a juicy and varietal example from a warm and dry year when the grape ripened thoroughly. The wine shows notes of black berries and some earthiness. The tannins are ripe but grainy and give it a dusty texture. 7,500 bottles were filled in June 2021.

JAMES SUCKLING 94 points

A dense and mineral bonarda with fresh black cherries, graphite, white pepper, oyster shell, dark spices and exotic herbs. The full-bodied palate has lots of chalky tannins on offer, showing a fine austerity to the cherry fruit of bonarda. Not a lot of flesh but rather more structured and chalky. Drink or hold.



GRAN ENEMIGO Agrelo Single Vineyard 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£335.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 97 points

Drink Date 2023 - 2032

The 2019 Gran Enemigo Agrelo Single Vineyard shows the completeness of the vintage, a year with good yields and a cooler winter and summer. The result is a very balanced wine with full development of aromas and flavors, moderate ripeness and good freshness and balance. It has a fine texture, some chalky sensations and a dry finish, despite the fact that the soils have no limestone. The vines here are over 40 years of age. 7,200 bottles were filled July 2020.

JAMES SUCKLING 97 points

A spicy cabernet franc full of red fruit, iodine, wet stones, white pepper and oyster shells. Full-bodied but nicely austere on the palate with chalky tannins and a linear finish. Tannins are super tight yet tense and dissolved. Mineral-driven finish. 50% whole bunch. Drink or hold.



ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS & DOUBLE MAGNUMS - POA

GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary

Red Wine

Mendoza

GRAN ENEMIGO Chacayes Single Vineyard 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE 97 points

Drink Date 2022 - 2033

The velvety and elegant 2019 Gran Enemigo Chacayes Single Vineyard shows a quality of tannins that I did not see in the 2018 or 2020, with a silky texture, pungent flavors and a lively mouthfeel. I think the highlight here is the texture and quality of tannins, which are so perfectly refined and ripe. This is balanced, tasty and savory, with no room for sweetness. These are some serious reds. 7,200 bottles were filled in July 2020.

JAMES SUCKLING 97 points

Impressive depth here full of mussels, dark minerals and some black olives. Black plums, dark cherries and a hint of red pepper. Tight but transparent on the palate with an ample but linear finish. Tightly clutched at the end. Really structured and mineral. Nothing heavy here. Drink or hold.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS & DOUBLE MAGNUMS - POA

£335.00



GRAN ENEMIGO El Cepillo Single Vineyard 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE 98+ points

Drink Date 2022 - 2033

The layered and complex 2019 Gran Enemigo El Cepillo Single Vineyard has an expressive nose with a mixture of curry, nutmeg, aromatic herbs and dried flowers, perfumed and expressive. The vineyard was planted in 2000 with Cabernet Franc and some 15% Malbec that fermented in concrete and a 2,000-liter oak vat with indigenous yeasts and with 50% full clusters. This bottling is always very distinct, with incredible aromatics, a medium to full-bodied palate, 13.5% alcohol and very good freshness. It's vibrant and finishes dry and with a salty twist. 7,200 bottles were filled in July 2020.

JAMES SUCKLING 98 points

A very mineral and deliciously austere cabernet franc that shows transparency and great tension. Seaweed, iodine, pu-er tea, oyster shells, garrigues, black pepper and wet stones. Subtle fruit here, but quite mineral! Incredible texture with powdery tannins. Super characterful! Drink or hold.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS & DOUBLE MAGNUMS - POA

£335.00



GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary Single Vineyard 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE 100 points

Drink Date 2023 - 2035The incredibly subtle, elegant and austere 2019 Gran Enemigo Gualtallary Single Vineyard reminds me of a great vintage of Lafleur, my favorite Bordeaux, as this is one of the finest vintages for this single-vineyard blend of Cabernet Franc with some 15% Malbec. It develops very slowly in the glass and shows layers and layers of aromas but all in a very subtle way. It also reminds me of the fabulous 2013 that I rated 100 points in 2018, and there has not been such a perfect vintage since then. It has great balance and a silky mouthfeel, with refined, elegant tannins and a long, dry finish with a chalky and salty sensation and no room for sweetness; it's more about herbs, flowers and rocks than anything else. They produced 9,000 bottles of this beauty. It was bottled in July 2020.

JAMES SUCKLING 100 points

A complex, restrained and deliciously austere cabernet franc with damp earth, oyster shells, blueberries, thyme, rosemary and mushrooms. Super serious and chalky on the palate with lots of dissolved, minerally-textured tannins. Very long and uncompromising! An incredible cabernet franc from Gualtallary by Alejandro Vigil. Extremely pure, mineral and seductive. A fabulous cabernet franc that grows on the palate with remarkable tension and texture. I'd want to drink a bottle now even it can hold extremely well.

£350.00



GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary Single Vineyard 2019 DOUBLE MAGNUM - PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE 100 points

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£252.00



GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary

Red Wine

Mendoza

GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary Single Vineyard 2019 MAGNUM - PRE-REL

£126.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 100 points

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GRAN ENEMIGO Red Blend 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£245.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 96 points

Drink Date 2022 - 2030

The blend of the 2019 Gran Enemigo changed to 40% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot from Gualtallary, in a year when they used less Malbec and more Cabernet. It has restrained 13.5% alcohol and an incredibly balanced palate, very tasty and juicy, with impressive herbal notes intermixed with ripe berries. If there's something these wines don't have, it's sweetness. They are austere and complete, serious and designed for the long run. 24,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in July 2020.



White Wine

Mendoza

EL ENEMIGO Chardonnay 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£84.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 94

Drink Date 2023 - 2030

The 2021 Chardonnay was phenomenal, way above the expectations for the price point. It was produced with pristine grapes from Gualtallary that in the cool 2021 vintage achieved 13.5% alcohol but kept a low pH of 3.05 and 7.7 grams of acidity. It matured in oak barrels that were not topped up and let to develop a veil of flor yeast. The barrels were 500-liter ones, and despite 35% of them being new, the wine doesn't feel marked by the wood. It has the chalky texture of the limestone soils. Superb! This is a bargain that is approachable now, but it should also develop nicely in bottle. 19,600 bottles produced.

JAMES SUCKLING 97

24 Feb, 2023 – A hint of flint and gunpowder with waxed lemon, oyster shell, mango and salted green apples. Quite a textured, saline expression of chardonnay with tangy flavors and a mineral drive. Full-bodied and reductive with phenolic support. Savory, saline and mouthwatering finish. Love the austerity here. Drink or hold.



GRAN ENEMIGO Gualtallary

White Wine

Mendoza

GRAN ENEMIGO Torrontes 2020 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£140.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93+

Drink Date 2023 - 2027

The 2020 Gran Enemigo Torrontés is the second vintage of the white produced with the only grape native to Argentina. It comes from a slightly warmer year, and the wine is mellower, despite having similar parameters of alcohol (12.5%) and freshness. It's quite shy and not as aromatic as one might expect from the grape. The grapes are from good yields and picked ripe, then fermented at high temperature. They achieve this profile without having to resource to harvesting early. The result is pretty amazing: a very pure, precise and elegant wine. It's a new style for Torrontés, and it's different from anything I have ever seen before. They select the grapes that have not been exposed to the sun, and the combination with limestone soils gives this an amazing finish. They produced some 16,000 bottles. They are slowly growing and might double that volume with time.

JAMES SUCKLING 94

Perfumed, but not too flashy for a torrontes. Lemongrass, peaches and white blossoms. Dry and quite serious with lovely phenolic drive. Nice, supportive chewiness adds some gravity to this perfumed white. Still pretty gastronomic. Drink now.



ZUCCARDI

ZUCCARDI About

Sebastián Zuccardi grew up in a family that had a strong visionary and innovative spirit. Since 1963, when his grandfather planted the first hectares of grapevines in Maipú, Mendoza, the Zuccardi family has not stopped growing and developing. It has become a leader in Argentine wine production.

From his father, José Alberto Zuccardi, Sebastián inherited the determination and desire to constantly strive for excellence.

Today, Sebastián, third generation of the family, finds himself leading a young team of agricultural engineers and enologists, who are in charge of producing the highest quality wines in the Uco Valley.

On his initiative, the winery has had a research and development area since 2008, dedicated to studying the terroir and the diverse variables that affect wine quality. The goal, in Sebastián's own words, is "not to strive for perfect wines, but wines that express the place, the region."

The construction of our winery began in 2013 and it was inaugurated in 2016. The building is a tribute to the mountains, which define the region's climate and soils. The construction was done with natural materials, stones from the land: round, white, chalky. The building is made with cement, from the outside in, from the stone walls to the epoxy-free cement tanks where the wines are made. The tanks and vessels are the result of years of experimentation in pursuit of the ideal vessel, resulting in the tapered neck, the element that makes it possible to work more naturally with the grape juices and wines.

The combination of multiple microclimates, altitudes, and soil types creates multiple terroirs. Zuccardi's challenge is to faithfully interpret them and express their identities in the wine.

Red Wine

Mendoza-Uco Valley

ZUCCARDI Cabernet Sauvignon, Finca Los Membrillos 2018 OWC x 6 Bottles -PRE-REL

£695.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE 95 points

Drink Date 2021 - 2027

"The difference between the 2018 Finca Los Membrillos and the 2017 I tasted next to it was notable. In the cooler 2018, the wine showed a lot more restraint and less ripeness. It's a single-vineyard bottling of pure Cabernet Sauvignon that reveals spicy and peppery notes; it's balsamic and minty without excess. The palate is medium-bodied and the tannins are fine, textbook of the variety. There's more complexity, balance and finesse here than in the 2017. Cabernet Sauvignon is super sensitive to the conditions of the year; this is grainier, more textured, fresher and more elegant. 3,400 bottles produced."

Aluvional is Zuccardi's village range, Altamira is the "paraje" or zone/quarter within the village, something larger than a vineyard, and then there is the single-vineyard range, being more precise in the origin of the grape as you go up in the hierarchy, a little in the Burgundy style. But in the single-vineyard Finca Piedra Infinita, they also have plots, Supercal and Gravascal, like the lieux-dits in a crus. They even use "lugar dicho," which is the Spanish translation for "lieu-dit." - Reviewed by Luis Gutiérrez

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2021 - 2028

In 2010, Sebastián Zuccardi bought a vineyard he was convinced would produce a Cabernet Sauvignon to rival some of his best Malbecs. Planted in the stony soils of an old riverbed, its vines deliver excellent quality fruit. Fermented in concrete, the wine is aged for 14 months in used barrels. The nose features herbs and balsamic notes initially before red and black berries come out in the glass while in the mouth it flows well with a medium body, good tension and a velvety texture. - Tasted by: Alejandro Iglesias

Terms and Conditions

Delivery - Autumn 2023

Prices - include Freight, Duty, GST

Offer/Allocation - Subject to availability. We expect high demand for some of the wines and this demand may therefore outstrip supply. Orders will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Invoice/Payment - As per our normal T&Cs.

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CHATEAU PALMER

Red Wine

Vin de France

CHATEAU PALMER Historical XIX Century L 20.20 Vin de France Bottle OWC - PRE-REL

£295.00

Château Palmer is a leading wine estate in Margaux. Within its appellation, Palmer is certainly the closest rival to their first growth neighbour, Ch. Margaux. Although officially ranked a third growth, at their best the wines of Ch. Palmer are among the greatest anywhere in Bordeaux.

The estate dates to the 17th century, though it was not until 1814 that Englishman Charles Palmer took ownership and gave it his name. In 1938, the estate was bought by four Bordeaux négociant families, two of whom – the Sichel and Mähler-Besse families – own the property today. Since 2004, the estate has been led by the charismatic agronomist and oenologist Thomas Duroux, who had lately returned from a stint making wine at Ornellaia, in Tuscany. He undertook major renovations including a complete modernisation of the grape reception area, the vat rooms and barrel cellar. In the vineyards, the technical team began experimenting with biodynamic farming and today Palmer is among the leading biodynamic vineyards in Bordeaux. In addition to the Grand Vin, the Ch. Palmer portfolio also includes a cuvée called Alter Ego. Introduced in 1998, Alter Ego is produced from grapes grown on dedicated plots and with a different blend from that of the Grand Vin. As such, Ch. Palmer regard it not as a second wine, but very much as a distinctive cuvée in its own right.

The estate lies just outside the village of Margaux, its 66 hectares of vines planted on a plateau of gravel, sand and clay soils overlooking the Gironde estuary. Plantings include equal parts of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon at 47% each, along with 6% Petit Verdot. Although the average age of the vines is fairly typical of the region at about 40 years, some of the vines are over 70 years old. That, along with the relatively high Merlot content and the benefits of careful, well-established biodynamic practices, may account for both the richness and complexity of the wines.

In the 19th century, Bordeaux vintners would fortify certain clarets by adding a little Hermitage wine to the assemblage to bolster the structure, the color, and the radiance. At the time, combining grape varieties and regions was tolerated. English connoisseurs enjoyed the droplets of the Rhône poured into the Gironde, which lent the wine a garnet-colored tinge while flavoring it with pepper or violet. Syrah was renowned for being a “medicinal” variety capable of enhancing ordinary vintages – and sometimes transforming them into smooth, powerful wines. Certain grands crus from Bordeaux were also “hermitaged” throughout the century.

When the pepper of the Petit Verdot meets the violet of the northern Syrah. All of this domesticated by the great finesse of a pure Margaux Cabernet Sauvignon. A free and unprecedented interpretation of the vintage.

Varietals : 44% Petit Verdot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon et 12% de Syrah (from the Northern Rhône Valley).

Terms and Conditions:

Delivery - May 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST. No further discounts apply

Allocation - On a first-come-first-served basis.

Payment - As per our normal T&Cs.

E&OE - Errors & Omissions Excepted

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MAISON CHAPOUTIER

White Wine

Bernardvillé

SCHIEFERKOPF Lieu-dit Fels Riesling 2021 M.Chapoutier CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£155.00

Located in the village of Bernardvillé, just a short distance from one of the Compostelle routes, this plot's vines are planted on the only strip of blue schist in Alsace, a unique subsoil that dates back to the Precambrian (over 542 million years ago). The plot's shallow soils (20-30 cm) lend the wines their exceptional mineral structure. The gradient of the hillside (30%), its southeast exposure and its windy microclimate give the wine from the Fels vineyard its elegant, round and taut character.

Deservedly a top Sélections Parcellaires Riesling. Racy, mineral wine, full of lemon characters. Made from a 0.8ha south-east facing single vineyard of shallow schist, that basks in the morning sun, conserving its freshness and acidity.

The 2021 vintage Fels has soft aromas of mint and yellow fruits. Rich and lively on the entry, the palate is underpinned by a pleasant acidity and discreet salinity, typical of its terroir that imparts its length and persistence. A great golden colour. The nose is refined with mineral notes and citrus aromas and lemon. The palate is racy and nervous with a lot of minerality. The finale has salty notes with a great length and texture.

100% organic (from 2015) Riesling, hand harvested, aged for 15 months in big casks (foudres)

Terms and Conditions

Ordering - Please place your order by email to neil@dunells.com

Offer - Subject to availability

Delivery - Summer 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Payment - Goods will be invoiced on receipt of order. Payment as per our normal T&Cs.

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BORDEAUX 2020

Red Wine

14 Crus Bourgeois Exceptionnels 2020 Wooden Case x 14 Bottles - PRE-REL

After the huge success of the initial release of the 2019 vintage we are extremely excited to release the second vintage collection of 14 Crus Bourgeois Exceptionnels. The excellent 2020.

The wines are fabulous in this vintage and offer a great representation of Bordeaux at its best at an affordable price.

They are offered in a lovely wooden display case, available for just £310.

Below is a list of the 14 Chateaux classified as Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel included in this special case:

ARNAULD Haut-Médoc
 BELLE-VUE Haut-Médoc
 CAMBON LA PELOUSE Haut-Médoc
 CHARMAIL Haut-Médoc
 D'AGASSAC Haut-Médoc
 DE MALLERET Haut-Médoc
 DU TAILLAN Haut-Médoc
 MALESCASSE Haut-Médoc
 LESTAGE Listrac-Médoc
 D'ARSAC Margaux
 PAVEIL DE LUZE Margaux
 LE BOSCOQ Saint-Estèphe
 LE CROCK Saint-Estèphe
 LILIAN LADOUYS Saint-Estèphe

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Delivery - Mid 2023

Prices - No further discount applies. Include Freight, Duty, GST

Allocation – Subject to availability. First come first served. Limited Availability

Payment - As per our normal T&Cs.

E&OE - Errors & Omissions Excepted



£310.00

CHATEAU LASCOMBES 2eme Cru Classe Margaux 2020 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

The blend at Lascombes is made up of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot, and the wine is aged in oak barriques (60% new) for 18 months. Lascombes produces elegant, well-balanced clarets, rich in succulent creamy blackcurrant fruits, which gain further complexity and depth with ageing.

THE WINE ADVOCATE 92-94 points

Drink Date: 2024 - 2042, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, 20th May 2021 - Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2020 Lascombes comes skipping out of the glass with bright, cheery scents of raspberry coulis, blackberry preserves and fresh blackcurrants, plus suggestions of pencil shavings, dried roses and charcuterie with a waft of bouquet garni. The medium to full-bodied palate has great tension and energy, delivering crunchy red and black fruit layers and a firm, grainy frame, finishing long with an herbal lift.

JAMES SUCKLING 94-95 Points

8 Apr, 2021 – Blackberries and spices, such as cloves and nutmeg, as well as licorice and hints of graphite. It's full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins, yet they are polished and beautiful. Structured. Solid.

DECANTER 92 points

Tasted by Jane Anson - A château that is used to finding charm and exuberance whatever the vintage, and it has avoided overly concentrated flavours. There is plenty of charm to the cassis and damson fruit but they are a little heavy through the mid palate which emphasises the grilled coffee and chocolate and adds bitter touches to the end of palate. Serious. A yield of 40hl/ha.

- Drinking Window 2027 - 2040

JANCIS ROBINSON 15.5 points

Drink: 2027 - 2035, Full bottle 1,353 g. Cask sample taken 6 April. 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. - Very dark core with deep crimson rim. Initial impression is a little bit toasty from the oak but rich dark fruit lies below, both blackcurrant and something a bit more lively like mulberry. Smooth but slightly thick tannins, a bit flat and a little too dry on the finish. Rather severe. (JH)



£395.00

BORDEAUX 2020

Red Wine

(LB)Margaux

CHATEAU PALMER 3eme Cru Classe Margaux 2020 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£835.00

Château Palmer is a leading wine estate in Margaux. Within its appellation, Palmer is certainly the closest rival to their first growth neighbour, Ch. Margaux. Although officially ranked a third growth, at their best the wines of Ch. Palmer are among the greatest anywhere in Bordeaux.

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Between 2008 and 2013, Ch. Palmer made the transition to 100% biodynamic farming. In addition to its vineyards, the estate is home to a diversity of complementary plants and grazing animals.

JAMES SUCKLING 97 Points

27 Apr, 2014 – A typical Palmer showing finesse alongside strength. I love the blackberry, plum, chocolate and cedar character. It's very long and beautiful. The velvety, textured tannins are impressive.

DECANTER 97 points

Tasted by Jane Anson(at Primeur week tastings in Bordeaux, 01 May 2021) Part of Best Margaux 2020 wines tasted en primeur - Vivid colours, and the aromatics grab hold straight away. This is intense and concentrated, elegant, balanced and classical, all about the texture which is velvety and seductive with softly-grained tannins. Moves oh so slowly through the palate with dozens of layers to get hold of. The overall feel is precise, slow and seductive, with appellation and estate signature at every turn. Sappy, hawthorn freshness, rosemary, redcurrant, tobacco, cigar box and dark chocolate shavings on the finish. 3.77pH, 78IPT, 55% of overall production, with 13% press wine. - Drinking Window 2028 - 2044

JANCIS ROBINSON 18+ points

Drink: 2028 - 2050, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot. Cask sample. - The Merlot provides the broad sweep and touch of sweetness on entry, the Cabernet the fine but punchy tannins that drive the wine. Lots of life and persistence, the tannins fine-grained and fresh. Clear potential. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2020

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2eme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2020 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£520.00

Château Cos d'Estournel is named after its 19th century owner, Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel, and it was he who built the bizarre oriental edifice that is a landmark for any tourist in the Médoc. Today Cos d'Estournel is without doubt the leading estate in St-Estéphe. It is located in the south of the appellation on the border with Pauillac and its vineyards are superbly sited on a south-facing gravel ridge with a high clay content, just north of Lafite.

Cos d'Estournel is typically a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc - do not be fooled by the relatively high Merlot content, as these are full-bodied, dark, brooding tannic wines when young which develop a complexity and intensity that can rival many top growths from Pauillac.

In 1998 the Prats family sold Cos d'Estournel to The Tailan Group. Cos d'Estournel is classified as a 2ème Cru Classé.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (96 - 98) points

Drink Date: 2028 - 2060, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, 20th May 2021 - The 2020 Cos d'Estournel is composed of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot. The harvest took place September 10–24 with a yield of 39 hectoliters per hectare. The alcohol weighs in at 13.46% with a pH of 3.9 and an IPT (total phenolic index) of 80. It is being aged in French oak barrels, 55% new.

Deep purple-black in color, it pops with explosive scents of ripe red and black currants, black cherry preserves and black raspberries, followed by sparks of violets, wild sage, pencil lead and clove oil, with emerging hints of iron ore and damp soil. The medium-bodied palate has amazing elegance and grace contrasted by jaw-dropping energy, featuring a firm frame of finely grained tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with a whole firework display of mineral nuances. I love the way this Cos d'Estournel shimmies and shines—a unique vintage signature expressed so beautifully at this estate!

JAMES SUCKLING 97-98 Points

27 Apr, 2021 – This is a very refined, polished Cos with superb finesse and length. Medium-to full-bodied, very fine and persistent. Really long with beautiful tannins. Rich, but fresh and linear. Yet, the alcohol is around 13.5%. 62% cabernet and 38% merlot.

DECANTER 97 points

Tasted by Jane Anson (at Primeur week tastings in Bordeaux, 01 May 2021), Part of Best St-Estephe 2020 wines tasted en primeur - you need to take a little time to let the concentrated flavours seep out, this is a long hauler. The tannins build slowly but surely through the palate, sombre and serious right now, particularly for an estate that is known for its exuberance. The opulence is there if you give it time, and as the tannins elongate and relax, richer notes of bilberry fruits, toasted cedar, salted chocolate, turmeric and black pepper spice arrives. Harvest September 10 to 24. A 3.9pH is the highest since 2003, but any threat of low acidity is balanced by high tannins, and relatively low alcohol. A yield of 39hl/ha (43hl/ha in 2019). - Drinking Window 2027 - 2044

JANCIS ROBINSON 18.5 points

Drink: 2030 - 2055, 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot. Cask sample. - Purple-black colour to the rim. Deep and dense (like an endless pool) but aromatically restrained. Some cassis with aeration. Big and bold with marked tension and supercharged but finely hewn tannins. Enough fruit to provide unctuousity. Fresh, dry and saline through to the finish. Powerful but sculpted. Very long ageing. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2020

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU COS LABORY 5eme Cru Classe Saint-Estephe 2020 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£160.00

Cos Labory is one of the smallest of the Cru Classé châteaux in Bordeaux. This 5ème Cru Classé St-Estèphe property has been in the hands of the Audoy family since the beginning of the last century - today it is owned by Madame Cécile Audoy and managed by her son Bernard. The main part of the 18-hectare vineyard is a long, thin strip, located just to the west of Cos d'Estournel, with the rest being near Lafon Rochet.

The average age of the vines in the vineyard is 25 years and the wine is typically a blend of one third each of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, with sometimes a small proportion of Petit Verdot. The grapes are fermented in enamel-lined concrete tanks and the wine is aged in small barriques (30-50% new) for 18 months. Cos Labory is never the most full-bodied of St-Estèphes, possibly due to the relatively high proportion of Cabernet Franc in the blend. However, the last 10 years have seen a move towards a more substantial style and the wines now are some of the best (and most sensibly priced) in St-Estèphe today.

THE WINE ADVOCATE (91-93)

Drink Date: 2025 - 2043, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, 20th May 2021 - Displaying a deep purple-black color, the 2020 Cos Labory offers classic cassis, ripe plums and kirsch notes, followed by hints of pencil shavings, red roses and damp soil. The medium-bodied palate has great tension and nice, ripe, grainy tannins supporting the tightly wound red and black fruits, finishing on a lingering mineral note.

JAMES SUCKLING 92-93 Points

16 Apr, 2021 – Blueberry and blackberry character with salt and mineral undertones. It's medium-bodied with firm, racy tannins and a long finish. Well crafted.

DECANTER 90 points

Tasted by Jane Anson - Charming, with an unfussy and welcoming focus on blackberry and black cherry fruits, a little soft through the mid palate, but with plenty to recommend for early-to-medium drinking. Not hugely intense although there are plenty of earthy tannins on display, a little surprising when you see the 30 hl/ha yield. Tasted twice. - Drinking Window 2026 - 2043

JANCIS ROBINSON 15.5points

Drink: 2027 - 2038, Full bottle 1,295 g. Cask sample taken 2 April. 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot. 50% new oak. - Purplish crimson. Unusually warm, rather sweaty nose. Much looser with less obvious tannin and more green astringency than many other 2020s. Lightish and a bit chewy and stringy. Has the freshness of the commune – perhaps rather too much so.

L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER Rouge 2020 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£150.00

Domaine de Chevalier is one of the few Graves estates to produce both first class reds and whites. The property was purchased by the Ricard family in 1865 and remained in their hands until it was bought by the Bernard distilling company in 1983. Domaine De Chevalier has 35 hectares of vines and red wine accounts for 80% of the production. Made from a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc, the wine is fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats and then matured in oak barriques (50% new) for 18 months.

Domaine de Chevalier is fortunate to have such a fine team to run its affairs. Olivier, whose family business owns the estate, is the outgoing but canny administrator whilst Rémi Edange is hands-on, knowing every vine and every barrel. Whilst their white wines have always been amongst the very finest, the reds were simpler affairs. But from the 1995 vintage onwards greater flair and concentration was in evidence. The quality curve is now further accentuated by the team's bold move to appoint Stéphane Derenoncourt, of La Mondotte fame, as consultant winemaker. Domaine De Chevalier is classified as a Graves Cru Classé.

JAMES SUCKLING 93-94 Points

4 May, 2021 – Impressive depth of fruit and polished tannins to this second wine of Domaine de Chevalier. Full and intense with beautiful texture and an attractive finish.

DECANTER 90 points

Tasted by Jane Anson - Deep plum purple colour, this has some pretty tight tannins, its structure a little less sleek overall than the first wine. You feel the tannins weighing heavier through the mid palate, but at the same time the bilberry fruits, coffee bean wash, and enjoyably chewy tannins give an old-school charm. - Drinking Window 2023 - 2030

Dessert Wine



BORDEAUX 2020

Dessert Wine

(STH)Sauternes

CHATEAU D'YQUEM 1er Cru Classe Superieur Sauternes 2020 OWC x 6 HALVES - PRE-REL

£925.00

DECANTER.COM 96 points

Tasted by: Georgina Hindle (at Château d'Yquem, 22 Mar 2023) Part of Reimagining Yquem: US 'Lighthouses' showcase Château d'Yquem's new 2020 release

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2070 - A masterclass in purity and delicacy for this 2020 vintage which manages to convey the beauty and allure of Yquem in a toned down, subtle and beguiling way. Aromas of white blossom and honeysuckle, gently caramelised Mirabelle plums and fresh apricots with flecks of clementine and grapefruit pith abound on the nose - richly scented in their individual aspects but delivered quietly, almost sultry and shy. Immediately mouthfilling and unctuous, streamlined and fresh with a sugary hit hitting first before mouthwatering acidity follows giving sumptuous succulence and vibrancy. Apricot, peach, fleshy mango and sharp pineapple give the exotic fruit zing balanced by a salty, flintiness that adds faint angles to the expression. Juicy, bright, clean and complete with hints of cinnamon spice and just-toasted bread providing the frame and structure reminding you that this is built to last. It's not as opulent as some vintages, much more understated and relaxed - and coincidentally one of the lowest in residual sugar at 135g/l - but this is a wonderful expression with control and confidence on show. It also has supreme drinkability even now with tension, clarity and energy so don't be afraid to open and enjoy this in its joyful youth. The 2020 is the smallest production since 2000 with an equivalent of 35,000 bottles made. All stock will be released for sale on 23rd March with only a small number of bottles kept back for the estate's library collection. 3.79pH. The vintage was challenging in terms of viticulture with tropical spring-like weather delivering early budburst and high mildew pressure, especially given it was the estate's first year of official organic conversion. June was wet and cool followed by a hot, dry summer. Botrytis arrived in mid-October but there was only a small window of five days and two separate passes to harvest grapes with perfect noble rot.

JAMES SUCKLING 96 points

Very transparent and elegant with white peaches, lilacs, and light caramel. Medium-bodied, sweet and agile with salted caramel and dried orange character. Spicy botrytis at the end. Give this three or four years to come together.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Margaux

ALTER EGO of Chateau Palmer, Margaux 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£395.00

Château Palmer is a leading wine estate in Margaux. Within its appellation, Palmer is certainly the closest rival to their first growth neighbour, Ch. Margaux. Although officially ranked a third growth, at their best the wines of Ch. Palmer are among the greatest anywhere in Bordeaux. Produced by the same team and from the same vineyards as Château Palmer, Alter Ego is literally the 'other side' of Palmer, another expression of Palmer. Alter Ego has the distinction and character of Palmer but is made to be drunk much earlier.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 93)

The 2021 Alter Ego de Palmer is a somewhat unusual blend, in that it's fully 60% Cabernet Sauvignon this year, the estate's Merlot having suffered in the April frosts. Exhibiting aromas of cherries, sweet berries and plums mingled with hints of spices and pencil shavings, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and polished, with a charming, seamless profile founded on beautifully refined structuring tannins. Tasted twice. - William Kelley 04/22

DECANTER 93 points

Cigar box, tobacco, cedar and cinnamon - really gorgeous savoury tones with smoked earth and dark chocolate mingling with the black fruits. High acid, touching on sharp and slightly sherbety but there is a lovely chew to the fruits, mouthfilling, mouthwatering and appealing with the freshness from the higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend. Smooth and delicate with a layer of seduction in the richness of the fruit and the overall depth. Wide flavours in the mouth, expansive and open with bright strawberry and red cherry juice at the end, so sweet and succulent and moreish. Not so exuberant but full of easy enjoyment, a successful second wine in 2021. Drinking Window 2026 - 2035 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING 4**** Score 94-95

Savory black and salted-olive character with oyster shells and black licorice. Fine, almost powdery yet firm tannins. Medium body. Excellent density and structure for the vintage. Second wine of Palmer. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot and 8% petit verdot. From biodynamically grown grapes.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5

Drink 2027 - 2036, 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot. Cask sample. - Less Merlot than usual due to mildew and frost. Attractive nose with dark-fruit and floral notes. Expressive fruit on the palate, lively and fresh with a refined texture. Tannins present but rounded. Finishes on a dry, chalky note. (JL)



CHATEAU ANGLUDET AOC Margaux 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£159.00

Home to the Sichel family since 1961, Château Angludet is one of the oldest properties in the Médoc, with a history which goes back to the twelfth century. It is named after Bertrand d'Angludet, a knight and lord of the noble residence which stood on this site in 1150.

Since 1758, the vineyard of Château Angludet has retained a configuration down the centuries which is very close to the original, 93 percent of the current surface area having nurtured vines for more than 250 years – exceptional continuity for a vineyard.

Situated on a plateau of Garonne gravel, the vineyard overlooks the low terraces of the Gironde estuary. The gravelly, sandy soil has good drainage, fostering concentration, finesse and elegance in the wines.

Managed today by Benjamin Sichel, the vineyard of Château Angludet covers a surface area of 32 hectares, all within the AOC Margaux winegrowing area and planted with 46 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 41 percent Merlot and 13 percent Petit Verdot. The relatively large proportion of Petit Verdot demands hard work but imparts depth and richness to the wine.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN: HALVES, MAGNUMS & DOUBLE MAGNUMS



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Margaux

CHATEAU BRANE-CANTENAC 2eme Cru Margaux 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL *

£335.00

Château Brane-Cantenac was for many years the home of Lucien Lurton - it is now owned and run by his son Henri. Its vineyards are located west of the village of Cantenac in the Margaux appellation. Brane-Cantenac's vineyards are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (55%), Merlot (40%), Cabernet Franc (4.5%) and Carmenère 0.5%, and lie on fine, gravelly soils. Vinification includes up to 18 months' wood ageing, a third to a half in new 'barriques'.

Brane Cantenac was perceived throughout much of the 70s and 80s as an underperforming property. Since Henri took over, there has been extensive investment in the cuverie and chai, as well as vastly improved vineyard management techniques. Consequently, the wines at Brane Cantenac now show more weight and concentration, although they still possess that haunting bouquet and quintessential elegance that characterise the wines of Margaux. It is classified as a 2ème Cru Classé.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 95)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Brane-Cantenac shows considerable promise, exhibiting a deep bouquet of wild berries, cassis, spices and violets, followed by a medium to full-bodied, layered and impressively concentrated palate that's framed by powdery tannins, concluding with a long, mouthwatering finish. This seamless and enveloping wine is a blend of 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and the balance Carmenère and Petit Verdot. Once again, it's derived from the château's best holdings on the plateau of Brane and is maturing in entirely new barrels.

DECANTER Score 95

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

A dark seductive nose, liquorice, sweet and sticky with a real depth to the aromatics, black chocolate and perfumed blackcurrants - that glamour that Margaux does so well. High acid here, crunchy fruit with bite and ample appeal. This is a little high-toned still, with the focus on the mineral, slightly austere sides to the bright and youthful strawberry fruit with toasted wood edges. Tannins are so supple and integrated however, they give a plumpness but this is still quite a linear wine, with such tension and drive - it's tightly-knitted no doubt but has the most gorgeous herbal Cabernet elements on the fresh finish which I totally love. You get understated power, this feels well controlled, sophisticated and totally delectable. What a lovely 2021. Eric Boissenot consultant. 1% Petit Verdot and 1% Carmenère complete the blend. 3.66pH.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2047

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

A medium-bodied, very polished Brane-Cantenac with firm yet fine and textured tannins. Deep and compact core of black fruit, herbs and spices. Pretty licorice and clove notes. Structured and long. 74% cabernet sauvignon, 22% merlot, 2% cabernet franc, 1% petit verdot and 1% carmenere.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Margaux

CHATEAU PALMER 3eme Cru Classe Margaux 2021 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£795.00

Château Palmer is a leading wine estate in Margaux. Within its appellation, Palmer is certainly the closest rival to their first growth neighbour, Ch. Margaux. Although officially ranked a third growth, at their best the wines of Ch. Palmer are among the greatest anywhere in Bordeaux.

The estate lies just outside the village of Margaux, its 66 hectares of vines planted on a plateau of gravel, sand and clay soils overlooking the Gironde estuary. Plantings include equal parts of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon at 47% each, along with 6% Petit Verdot. Although the average age of the vines is fairly typical of the region at about 40 years, some of the vines are over 70 years old. That, along with the relatively high Merlot content and the benefits of careful, well-established biodynamic practices, may account for both the richness and complexity of the wines.

Between 2008 and 2013, Ch. Palmer made the transition to 100% biodynamic farming. In addition to its vineyards, the estate is home to a diversity of complementary plants and grazing animals.

DECANTER 96 points

Drinking Window: 2027 - 2049

Perfumed chocolate cherries with bramble tones on the nose. This has a rich and round mouthfeel, clear structure on show but also with life and lift - a sweet, bright cherry element given definition by strict but fine tannins. You have a really beautiful, delicate opening, quite wide and airy then the depth arrives on the mid palate, with chalky tannins and red fruits coming into play before the spiced liquorice enters on the finish. The texture is striking, velvet-like with layers and a sublime verticality of freshness and minty aeration. It may be less glamorous and overtly plush and seductive than bigger previous vintages but I love the classicism on show - a focus, precision and sophistication. Superb winemaking from Thomas Duroux who successfully navigated the difficult vintage conditions in 2021. - Georgina Hindle 04/22

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (95 - 97) points

The late-ripening, low-yielding vintage has delivered a beautifully balanced wine of striking intensity in the 2021 Palmer. Unwinding in the glass with complex aromas of blackberries, exotic spices, licorice, violets and burning embers, it's full-bodied, layered and enveloping, with a deep, concentrated core of fruit, ripe tannins and lively acids, concluding with a long, expansive finish. If recent vintages of Palmer have set new records in their power and richness, the 2021 marks a return to the classical proportions of the 1990s—with all the additional concentration and precision that Thomas Duroux's pioneering viticulture and thoughtful winemaking have brought to the equation at this address in the interim. The grand vin is a blend of 56% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Petit Verdot, picked between September 24 and October 15. Tasted twice. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING 96-97 points

There's brightness and clarity to this young wine, with blackcurrants, violets, lavender and blackberries. Medium body with a solid core of fruit and a long, fresh finish. Fine tannins. Bright acidity. 56% merlot, 3% petit verdot and 41% cabernet sauvignon. From biodynamically grown grapes.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Margaux

CHATEAU RAUZAN-SEGLA 2eme Cru Margaux 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£420.00

Château Rauzan-Ségla and Mouton Rothschild were considered the leading 2^{emé} Cru Classé Bordeaux properties during the 19th century. However, while the fortunes of Mouton prospered in the 20th century, culminating in its elevation to 1^{er} Cru status in 1973, Rauzan-Ségla's reputation dwindled and a succession of disappointing wines were produced.

In the early 80s the Rauzan-Ségla was sold and the renaissance began. The eminent Professor Peynaud was appointed as a consultant and the proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend was increased, as was the proportion of new oak used in the maturation process. In 1986, a brand-new cuverie was built.

A succession of eye-catching wines were produced at Rauzan-Ségla in the mid to late 80s and early 1990s. Rauzan-Ségla was bought by Chanel in 1994.

There are now 45 hectares of vineyards at Rauzan-Ségla and the grapes (63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc) are fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. The wine is then matured in barriques

Blend : 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, PH : 3,72, Yield : 38hl/ha, Ageing : 18 months (60% new oak), Abv : 13%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 95)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Representing around 44% of the estate's production (more or less as usual), the 2021 Rauzan-Ségla unwinds in the glass with aromas of minty cassis, blackberries, loamy soil, dark chocolate and warm spices. Medium to full-bodied, deep and impressively concentrated, it's layered and seamless, with a sweet core of fruit, powdery tannins, lively acids and an impressively penetrating finish. The Rauzan team opted to ferment Merlot rather cooler than normal this year to moderate extraction. Tasted six times.

DECANTER Score 96

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Bordeaux 2021 wines: Our en primeur verdict

A showstopper of a wine for me in 2021. Wonderful aromatic intensity on the nose filled with perfumed fruits, chocolate and wild flowers. Gorgeous clarity and precision, the tannins are fine and powdery supporting the vibrant and energetic purple and black fruit; zingy blackcurrant, strawberry, cherry and plum with an overall creamy chalky texture and grip. Elegant and glamorous - so much styling on show, it feels polished and pristine with clear markings from the terroir but no harshness or austerity just great acidity and liveliness. Such mouthwatering salivation and lift at the end making you want another glass just to taste it again. Tasted twice and both times I loved it. Pure and precise with everything you want from a 2021. A yield of 38hl/ha. Ageing 18 months, 60% new barrels.

Drinking Window 2026 - 2049

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

A firm and linear wine with crushed stone and some citrusy acidity, Medium body, creamy tannins and a fresh finish. Lively at the end. Currant, blackberry and fresh tobacco in the aftertaste. 75% cabernet sauvignon.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 17

Drink 2026 - 2042

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot. Cask sample.

Pretty solid crimson. Much more complex nose than the Rauzan-Gassies. Sweet start and very polished tannins. A saline note adds interest. No sign of oak. The finish is impressively long and interesting without any dryness nor any excess of acidity. Very well judged and very Margaux though the opposite of concentrated or flashy. Complete and already relatively accessible.

CHATEAU BEAUMONT Cru Bourgeois Haut-Medoc 2021 Carton x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£75.00

NEIL & JANE Rating 8.5 (10)

Black and red berries with soft spice. Medium-bodied and very well balanced. 12.6% alcohol.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (87 - 89)

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Offering up aromas of sweet berries, spices and loamy soil, the 2021 Beaumont is medium-bodied, lively and nicely balanced, concluding with a discreetly minty finish. The blend is dominated by an unusually high 65% of Cabernet Sauvignon.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN: MAGNUMS



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Medoc/Haut-Medoc

CHATEAU CANTEMERLE 5eme Cru Classe Haut-Medoc 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£130.00

Château Cantemerle is a winery in the Haut-Médoc appellation of the Bordeaux wine region of France, in the commune of Macau. The wine produced here was the final estate to be classified as one of eighteen Cinquièmes Crus (Fifth Growths) in the Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855. Its absence from the classification map featured at the 1855 Exposition Universelle de Paris created some controversy, even though it has been listed on all maps published after 1855. Some sources will include an asterisk next to Château Cantemerle listing in reference to this controversy. The estate has a long history in the Haut-Médoc with records detailing its existence since at least the 12th century and wine production since at least the 14th century. In the 19th century, the estate was hard hit by the phylloxera epidemic as well as grapevine attacks of downy mildew, after which production dropped nearly 50%. Towards the end of the 20th century, the estate was sold to French insurance group Les Mutuelles d'Assurance du Bâtiment et des Travaux Public who have contributed significant investment in the estate's vineyards and winemaking facilities.



THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (90 - 91)

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The 2021 Cantemerle is a very strong effort in a challenging year, offering up aromas of blackcurrants and plums mingled with hints of spice box, black truffle and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, fleshy and charming, it's supple and succulent, with a generous core of fruit and a saline finish. It's sure to number among the sleepers of the vintage.

Château Cantemerle saw substantial investments in the 1980s and since then has cruised along very happily—until now, with a new winery and cellar about to enter the construction phase. There are 98 hectares under vine, some 68% of which are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, at a density of 8,500 vines per hectare. Occupying a crescent around the château, the vineyards sit on Mindel gravels, and the terroir is rather homogenous, such that any given parcel has the potential to make it into the grand vin (the second wine is mostly derived from young-vine parcels). Farming is thoughtful, with minimal chemicals and cover crops employed to limit vigor in parcels planted with Merlot. In the last few years, almost one kilometer of hedges has been added, to enhance biodiversity. The air-pulse system was prototyped here, so that's the order of the day during vinification, and élevage employs moderate percentages of new oak.

JANCIS ROBINSON 15.5 points

Drink: 2025 - 2035

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Pleasantly aromatic with cassis and dark-fruit notes. Juicy and fresh, if a little lean, the tannins well-handled. The oak, though, is rather present and drying (prise de bois?). If it settles, this could improve. (JL)

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Medoc/Haut-Medoc

MADAME DE BEUCAILLOU 2021 Flat Carton x 6 Bottles-PRE-REL

A new wine in the range (2018 Vintage), made from the vineyards that Ducru-Beaucaillou owns in the Haut-Medoc. We absolutely loved this at the tasting so we have given this STAY BUY status!

Blend : 71% Merlot Noir, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, Yield: 21hl/ha, PH : 3,71, Ageing : 12 months in Bordeaux barrels, 20% in new oak and the balance in one-year old barrels (12 months), Abv :12,5%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (88 - 89)+

Reviewed by William Kelley

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From 50 hectares of vineyards in Listrac and Cussac, the 2021 Madame de Beaucaillou offers up aromas of dark berries, rich spices and loamy soil, followed by a medium-bodied, lively and charming palate that's underpinned by tangy acids. It's a Merlot-dominant blend complemented by 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Petit Verdot. Around one-third of the production was sold off in bulk to guarantee the quality of the assemblage.

DECANTER Score 89

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Some blackcurrant liqueur touches with perfumed aromatics. Smooth and round, this shows weight on the tongue with richness in terms of the blackcurrant and black cherry flavours. A lovely concentration and persistence with freshness at the end. No hollow mid-palate, really giving a consistency that goes all the way through. A soft chew from the tannins and tangy acidity, but all presented with refinement. Appealing and approachable, but still with intensity.

Drinking Window 2024 - 2039

JAMES SUCKLING Score 90-91

A juicy red with currant, graphite and tobacco character. Medium body. Firm tannins. 71% merlot, 15% cabernet sauvignon and 14% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16

Drink 2024 - 2030

71% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot. Ex-Fourcas-Borie (in Listrac) with added fruit from Moulis and Cussac-Fort-Médoc. Cask sample.

Savoury and firm on the nose. Round, bright and succulent on the palate, the emphasis on the fruit. Structured and upright on the finish. Really quite delicious but for early-drinking pleasure. (JL)



£110.00

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Pauillac

CHATEAU CLERC MILON 5eme Cru Classe Pauillac 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£395.00

Fifth-growth Château Clerc Milon is one of a trinity of Pauillac classified growths owned by the Baron Philippe de Rothschild family. Baron Philippe began renovation and restoration here in 1970 – work that was later championed by his daughter Baroness Philippine until her death in 2014.

Baroness Philippine's children, Philippe and Camille Sereys de Rothschild and Julien de Beaumarchais de Rothschild, now continue their mother's legacy. In recent times, the estate has flourished under the careful stewardship of Director Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy. In 2020, his role expanded to include Ch. Mouton Rothschild and Ch. d'Armailhac and the talented winemaker Caroline Artaud joined the team at Ch. Clerc Milon in the capacity of Director.

THE WINE ADVOCATE (92 - 94)

The 2021 Clerc Milon is a success, bursting with aromas of blackberries, cassis and plums mingled with violets, tobacco leaf and nicely integrated new oak. Medium to full-bodied, layered and seamless, it's deep, fleshy and complete, with a rich core of succulent fruit, beautifully polished tannins and a long, sapid finish, it's a compelling, characterful wine that transcends the vintage. - William Kelley 04/22

DECANTER Score 93

Bramble and hedgerow notes, some smoke, tobacco, chocolate, liquorice-laced black fruits and graphite on the nose. Seriously captivating with the complexity continuing on the palate, comprising coffee, cedar, clove and cinnamon alongside plump and plush layers of succulent and concentrated blackcurrant and black cherry fruit and racy acidity. The 59% Cabernet Sauvignon influence is in sharp focus, right to the fore, wanting all the attention, but at the same time this has a beautiful and generous fragrance to it from 10% Cabernet Franc. Refined and elegant, I love the presentation and the structure, giving such length and freshness on the long finish. An excellent Clerc this year which really stands out. 1.5% Camenere and 1.5 Petit Verdot complete the blend. 3.73pH. Drinking Window 2025 - 2045 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING ***** Score 93-94

Polished and well-structured red with a medium body and firm but creamy and broad tannins. Perfumed already, with sandalwood, blackberry and currant character. Crushed stones. Tea leaves, too. Firm and solid to the end. Very solid for the vintage. 59% cabernet sauvignon, 28% merlot, 10% cabernet franc, 1.5% carmenere and 1.5% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16.5

Drink 2028 - 2040, 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Carmenère. Cask sample. - More restrained aromatically than some this year. Dark fruit and savoury nuance. Palate solid and firm with plenty of freshness. Tannins present but well rounded, tightening on the finish to give some persistence. Pleasantly dry finish. Pauillac muscle but in a low-key form. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Pauillac

CHATEAU DUHART-MILON ROTHSCHILD 4eme Cru Classe Pauillac 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE

£378.00

Château Duhart Milon Rothschild is a Pauillac estate owned by Domaines Barons de Rothschild that produces on average 28,000 cases of wine per year. The wine chais are located in Pauillac town and the property has a similar climate to that enjoyed by the Médoc: maritime, with the Gironde estuary and the Bay of Biscay combining to act as a climate regulator and the coastal pine forests sheltering the vines from the westerly and north-westerly winds.

Duhart Milon Rothschild's vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 30% and Cabernet Franc 5%) border Lafite Rothschild. Vinification includes oak ageing, up to 40% new.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16+

81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot. Cask sample.

Last time there was this much Cabernet was 2000 (but that was another vintage altogether...). Crimson hue but lighter at the rim. Pencil shavings and cassis notes. Upright and linear with a certain amount of drive but a little light in heft and structure. Could improve if it fills out in the bottle. (JL)

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 93)+

Reviewed by William Kelley, Issue Date 29th Apr 2022, Source Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate

Incorporating fully 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 Duhart-Milon unwinds in the glass with aromas of sweet berries, cigar wrapper and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, lively and persuasively concentrated, with beautifully refined tannins and a long, penetrating finish, it's a classy, serious wine that reflects all the progress this estate has been making over the last decade.

Duhart-Milon's vineyards are later-maturing than Lafite's, and the soils are less inherently balanced: the clay-rich parts of the vineyard are richer in clay than at Lafite, and the gravel-rich parts of the vineyard are richer in gravel—whereas Lafite's predominantly gravel soils sometimes contain more than 10% clay. That explains why Duhart-Milon historically often produced leaner wines than Lafite, with less mid-palate amplitude; but a warming climate and more attention to viticultural detail (sowing cover crops, for example, in clay-rich parts of the vineyard) are mitigating these disadvantages, and recent vintages have seen this estate attain new qualitative heights.

As at all the Domaines Barons de Rothschild properties, winemaking and élevage are very classical, with regular rackings and the majority of the barriques derived from the in-house cooperage (emphasizing lightly toasted Allier and Nevers oak seasoned for 24 months), and as at Lafite, Cabernet is very much in the ascendant here, something that the 2021 vintage has only amplified.

CHATEAU LYNCH-BAGES 5eme Cru Classe Pauillac 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£599.00

Château Lynch Bages, a 5ème Cru Classé, is one of the best-known Médoc estates and has always had a particularly strong following on this side of the English Channel. Since 1973 it has been owned by the enigmatic Jean-Michel Cazes and is now run by his son, Jean-Charles. Lynch Bages's vineyards are superbly sited on a plateau west of Pauillac town, in the small village of Bages. The 90 hectares of vineyards (Red: Cabernet Sauvignon 75%, Merlot 15%, Cabernet Franc 10%) lie on deep gravel beds over limestone. For the reds, fermentation is temperature-controlled with extensive 'remontage' to ensure concentration and depth of colour. A special system of pipes transfers the wine from the cuves to the oak barriques (60% new) where it matures for 15 months. Lynch Bages can be surprisingly soft and approachable when young. However, when fully mature, it develops a succulent richness and a heavenly bouquet of minty blackcurrants and cigar boxes. As Oz Clarke says "Lynch Bages is impressive at five years, beautiful at ten years and irresistible at twenty."

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 95)

The second vintage vinified in the Caze family's new winery, the 2021 Lynch-Bages unwinds in the glass with aromas of minty cassis, sweet berries, loamy soil, black truffle and cigar wrapper, framed by nicely integrated new oak. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated and muscular, it's a serious, layered, powerful, youthfully structured wine that will come together beautifully with maturation in barrel. - William Kelley 04/22

DECANTER 95

Sweet blackcurrant fruit on the nose, softly jammy and expressive. You can really feel the ripeness here, grapes got full maturity and this is plush, mouthfilling and plump with chewy tannins - more opulent and perfumed than others also with more power and body. Tannins are mouthfilling and you get the stone minerality and the Cabernet freshness that really takes over giving this a sense of tension and grip. A really characterful and expressive Pauillac where the tannins and acidity perfectly compliment each other with the muscular and concentrated fruit also giving a multi-faceted dimension. 3% Cabernet Sauvignon completes the blend. 3.72pH. Ageing 75% new barrels. Drinking Window 2026 - 2048 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 96-97

This is really cool to smell, with lead pencil shavings, iron filings and oyster shells. Blackcurrants, too. Full to medium body with layers of firm tannins, but a dusty and powdery texture, too. Lovely finish. 67% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Pauillac

CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1er Grand Cru 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£1,395.00

A first growth in the 1855 Classification, Château Mouton Rothschild has a long and storied history; wine has been made here since Roman times.

The estate has been in the Rothschild family since 1853, but it wasn't until the arrival of Baron Philippe de Rothschild in 1922 that its fortunes were transformed. Baron Philippe was a dynamic figure and revolutionised the estate. He was the first to introduce château-bottling, as early as 1924.

Baron Philippe also introduced the concept of commissioning an artist to design each new vintage's label. Some of the most notable contributors include Salvador Dalí, Henry Moore, Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso, Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud and Anish Kapoor.

His daughter Baroness Philippine continued to help raise Ch. Mouton Rothschild to new heights with numerous endeavours, including the inauguration of a new vat house in 2013.

Today, her three children, Philippe and Camille Sereys de Rothschild and Julien de Beaumarchais de Rothschild, continue the efforts of their predecessors.

Following the retirement in 2020 of Philippe Dhalluin, the winemaking team is now headed up by Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy. Danjoy, who was already in place as Director at Ch. Clerc Milon, brings with him considerable experience. He had also worked alongside Dhalluin for over a decade.

The estate, which spans 83 hectares of vines, is planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (78%), Merlot (18%), Cabernet Franc (3%) and Petit Verdot (1%). The average age of the vines is around 45 years.

In style, the wines have immense appeal, with exotic, powerful aromas of cassis, minerals, tobacco leaf and graphite, backed by an opulence on the palate and impressive length on the finish. "Flamboyant" is a word sometimes used in tasting notes, and in comparative blind tastings this attribute is frequently what sets Mouton apart.



Blend: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot, PH : 3,73, Abv : 13,1%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (95 - 96)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Mouton Rothschild is a terrific wine in the making, unfurling in the glass with aromas of cherries and wild berries mingled with notions of violets, espresso roast, pipe tobacco and mint. Medium to full-bodied, deep and seamless, it's a layered, enveloping wine that's ample and concentrated, with succulent acids, melting tannins and a long, resonant finish. A blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc that attained 13.1% alcohol, this is a demonstrative, sensual Mouton that's the fruit of extreme selection, and that may well make my score seem conservative with further élevage. Bravo to the talented Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy and his team.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 96-97

A firm and compact Mouton with a powerful tannin frame for the vintage, yet it remains fine and precise as it opens to a velvety texture. Black fruit with tar, pencil lead and tobacco. Driven and firm. A little angular and tight at the moment. 89% cabernet sauvignon, 10% merlot and 1% cabernet franc.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 17.5 +

Drink 2030 - 2050

89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Blackcurrant and cranberry notes indicate the dominance of Cabernet in the blend. Meaty but fresh on the palate, the tannins silky and dense. Plenty of substance here, the fruit generous, the tannins firm, providing length on the finish. Rich, within the context of the vintage, but fresh at the same time. Looks to have staying power. (JL)

DECANTER Score 96

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Bordeaux 2021 wines: Our en primeur verdict

Gorgeous deep pink purple rim to the glass. The nose is bright and intense, heady with perfumed aromatics and edges of graphite, cocoa and sweet red cherries. Such clarity on the palate, excellent tension from the get go with beautifully expressed cherry and strawberry fruit that has a soft, ripe fleshy core. The tannins are fine but plentiful, coating the mouth providing the structure and frame. This has such a sense of quiet confidence - it's not shouting so much but gently showing off its many layers of fruit, acidity, minerality and freshness. This really grows on you, expanding and deepening as the flavours travel across the palate, coming in waves. Understated and introverted at the moment but still harmonious and classy. I love it. Just 41% of grand vin. 3.73pH.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Pauillac

CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD Le Petit Mouton 2021 OWC x 3 Bottles-PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (89 - 91)

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£565.00



Since Mouton-Rothschild itself this year derives exclusively from the two plateaus that always make up the core of the blend, the 2021 Le Petit Mouton benefits from the inclusion of parcels that often make it into the grand vin. Exhibiting aromas of crème de cassis, mint, cigar wrapper, violets and espresso roast, it's medium to full-bodied, deep and fleshy, with a rich core of fruit, powdery tannins, succulent acids and a persistent finish. Characterful and beautifully made, I wonder if I'm being a little severe with my score?

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94

13 May, 2022 – A well-framed Petit Mouton with a tight core of black fruit and bitter-chocolate and graphite notes. Firm, fine-tannin structure. Mineral and classic with a classy finish. Punchy. 77% cabernet sauvignon, 19.5% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 0.5% petit verdot.

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DECANTER Score 92

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Beautifully fragrant strawberries and red cherries, just so perfumed and appealing, really a very lovely nose drawing you in. An excellent Petit Mouton in 2021; serious intensity here but also such a liveliness as well as creaminess. It has weight and layers while having fruit intensity and a core of aromatics. There's a softness and delicacy in terms of the tannins and frame - beguiling - but a real base of concentrated blue, red and black fruits - strawberries, red cherries and blackcurrants. You get the stony tones and the clove on the finish but this feels round, expansive and approachable. It's uber glamorous, still with freshness and lift. A gorgeous wine with lots going on! 0.5% Petit Verdot completes the blend. 3.73pH. 14% press wine.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2039

CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE Comtesse de Lalande Pauillac 2021 OWC x 3 Bottle - PRE-REL

£440.00

DECANTER 96

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Bordeaux 2021 wines: Our en primeur verdict

Cocoa powder, iris notes, pink roses and black fruits - so fragrant - you just want to smell the wines in 2021 for hours. This is a seriously impressive Comtesse and stands out as one of my favourite wines of the vintage with real promise. Power and depth from the get go, tannins are massy, softly fleshy but also provide support and structure, giving layers to the fruit and savoury elements that combine clove, cedar, cola, vanilla and cinnamon with teeth-coating liquorice and graphite too - the soft salinity entering towards the finish. It's concentrated and serious with a tightly knitted core, a consequence of the tiny yields and strict selection as well as the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend since 2013. I love the terroir signature on show in the glass as well as an overall sense of retaining elegance and finesse. A top buy for me! 3.76pH, 75IPT. 18-19 months ageing. Tasted twice.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2045



THE WINE ADVOCATE (94 - 95)+

This estate is one of the most dynamic in contemporary Bordeaux, so it's no surprise that the 2021 Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande is a terrific wine—though its a very atypical blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 2% Merlot, cropped at a derisory 15 hectoliters per hectare, hints at what a challenging year this was in the vineyards. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of wild berries, blackcurrants, iris, licorice, black truffles, cigar wrapper and sweet soil tones, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and textural, with beautifully refined tannins, lively acids and a supple but serious profile. It will see 60% new oak and, in all likelihood, a classical élevage of fully 18 months. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

This is really spicy with peppercorns, cloves and Chinese spices, especially on the finish. Blackcurrants, too. Medium-bodied, firm and polished with a long, intense finish. 88% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc and 2% merlot.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 17

Drink 2028 - 2042, 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot. Cask sample. - Characteristic elegance but the Pauillac character still evident. Fragrant nose with dark-fruit and floral notes and just a hint of chocolate. Persistent fruit through the mid palate with finely edged tannins. Well structured with good energy and drive, the finish persistent. Balanced and harmonious. (JL)

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Pauillac

CHATEAU PONTET-CANET 5eme Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£500.00

Château Pontet-Canet is a large Pauillac estate that can trace its origins back to 1725, when Jean-François Pontet gave his name to the estate he had acquired. The wine was not château-bottled until 1972 and in 1975 the property was sold to Guy Tesson, of the Tesson family, one of the finest exponents of luxury, very old, aged Cognacs (Cognac Tesson). The Tessons also own Château Lafon-Rochet in St-Estephe. Today, Château Pontet-Canet is owned and run by Alfred and Michel Tesson. Pontet-Canet's 78 hectares of vineyards adjoin those of Mouton Rothschild and are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (63%), Merlot (32%) and Cabernet Franc (5%). The Tessons have vastly improved the quality of the Pontet-Canet wines which are now full-bodied and packed with ripe, chewy, black fruits and finely integrated tannins. The wines possesses marvellous ageing potential.

DECANTER 95 points

Gorgeous fragrance on the nose, so perfumed and floral - really vibrant - you can smell the Cabernet and the Petit Verdot on the nose. Juiciness straight away from a burst of high acidity focussed on blackcurrant and black cherry with both a fragrance, spice and minerality following. This really hits you square on - it's not opulent but it's so fully flavoured, forward and upfront. Tannins are fine-grained but plentiful, they hold the structure and give the frame while the creaminess and freshness gives an expansive aspect to the palate. There's refinement and an aerial quality here despite the clear Pauillac power. The Cabernet fruit is in full shine mode, giving a eucalyptus, perfumed berry and black pepper touch. Structured and supple with grape and terroir characteristics. If you love Pontet, and classic Pauillac claret, this is an impressive reference point. Skilled winemaking from technical director Mathieu Bessonnet. 4% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. Drinking Window 2026 - 2050 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING 5***** Score 95-96

Plenty of blackberry and blueberry with wet earth and crushed stone. Some spice, tobacco and lead pencil, too. It's full-bodied with layered tannins and brightness. Fine and chewy at the end.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16 +

Drink 2027 - 2038, 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample. - Purple-crimson hue. Dark, dense and rich with a brush-stroke of vanilla oak. Broad across the palate on attack then prominent tannins on the finish. Certainly, chalky, dry and chewy. Élevage should help. Awkward at present but hopefully will pull together. (JL)

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 93)

Offering up wild, exotic aromas of blackberries, cloves and Indian spices mingled with notions of rose petal, bruised orchard fruit and cherry pit that evolve rapidly in the glass, the 2021 Pontet-Canet is medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, with a layered mid-palate and refined tannins that assert themselves on the firm, saline finish. Always one of the Médoc's most singular, idiosyncratic wines, it will be interesting to see how it performs in bottle. - William Kelley 04/22



ECHO DE LYNCH BAGES of Chateau Lynch-Bages 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£210.00

DECANTER Score 89

Seductively scented, deep and dark, ripe black fruits with very soft floral scents. Ripe, juicy and so approachable, such a great texture, mouthfilling in a delicate way. It's a cool style, with blue fruits - blueberries, plums, cherries - but the tannins are so well integrated and underpinned by quite high acidity that this just stays off being austere for the moment (but does give a healthy dose of firmness on the mid-palate). I love the overall feel, really well worked with a light overall frame. A slow burner with classic charm. 3.70pH. Drinking Window 2024 - 2034 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94

Lots of Lynch character to this wine, with a full body and blackcurrant, dark-chocolate, tar and lean-pencil character. Full and flavorful. Solid center-palate. Second wine. Nicely put together. 56% merlot and 44% cabernet sauvignon.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU CALON-SEGUR 3eme Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£275.00

Château Calon-Ségur, the most northerly of all the Médoc Grand-Crus Classés, is the château with a heart on its label. That is because the former owner, Marquis de Ségur, though he owned such Estates as Lafite and Latour, he declared "My heart belongs to Calon". For the last century it has been owned by the Gasqueton family.

Calon-Ségur's 74-hectare vineyard, which is partly enclosed by a wall, is located just to the north of the village of St-Estèphe. The vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 20%, Cabernet Franc 15%) lie on up to 5 metre deep gravel beds mixed with sand and, in parts, limestone and clay.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (95 - 96)+

Reviewed by William Kelley

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A brilliant effort that will delight Médoc purists, the 2021 Calon-Ségur wafts from the glass with aromas of rose petals, wild berries, plums, Indian spices, woodsmoke and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless, it's deep and lively, with beautifully ripe tannins and an exquisitely balanced profile. In spirit, this blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot is reminiscent of the 1996 vintage, though the 2021 won't go through such an extended period of hibernation and will attain a much higher peak of quality. It attained 12.9% alcohol without any chaptalization, saignée or osmosis. Tasted twice.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94

Polished and perfumed already, with very fine, powdery tannins. So silky. Bright red and black berries here with sandalwood and orange-zest notes. Medium-bodied. Refined. 81% cabernet sauvignon, 11% cabernet franc, 7% merlot and 1% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17+ points

Drink 2029 - 2048

81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Fine, floral bouquet. Density on attack, the oak a touch present but plentiful tannins that are smooth and honed.

Plenty of matière and freshness from beginning to end. Clearly has potential. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2eme Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£475.00

Château Cos d'Estournel is named after its 19th century owner, Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel, and it was he who built the bizarre oriental edifice that is a landmark for any tourist in the Médoc. Today Cos d'Estournel is without doubt the leading estate in St-Estéphe. It is located in the south of the appellation on the border with Pauillac and its vineyards are superbly sited on a south-facing gravel ridge with a high clay content, just north of Lafite.

Cos d'Estournel is typically a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc - do not be fooled by the relatively high Merlot content, as these are full-bodied, dark, brooding tannic wines when young which develop a complexity and intensity that can rival many top growths from Pauillac.

In 1998 the Prats family sold Cos d'Estournel to The Tailan Group.

Blend : 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, Yield : 35hl/ha, PH : 3,79, Ageing : in 55% new ok barrels, Abv : 12,74%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (94 - 95)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Cos d'Estournel is very promising, offering up rich aromas of dark berries, plums, exotic spices, loamy soil and rose petals, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and seamless palate that's impressively vibrant and concentrated, with powdery tannins, bright acids and a long, penetrating finish. Only 53% of the production made it into the grand vin, and the blend is 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Technical director Dominique Arangoits reports that Cos was spared by frost and coulure at flowering, harvesting between September 23 and October 4, and fermenting a touch hotter than has been the case in recent years, at around 28-29 degrees Celsius.

DECANTER Score 95

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Super rich dark berries on the nose, fragrant and seductive, this draws you in both from the nose and colour with a deep, inky purple and pink tone. Charming and lively, this is sophisticated with a minty, fresh, high-toned fruit profile that is poised and focussed, delivering each element in a straight line right now. Not so expansive but layered vertically with tobacco, coffee, dark chocolate and vanilla notes alongside bramble fruits. It's tightly packaged but so refined, elegant and classy. One to watch for sure. 2% Petit Verdot completes the blend.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

A firm red with solid, compact tannins. Medium to full body with plenty of blackcurrant, pencil-lead and graphite character. Compact and structured throughout, with a firm finish. Linear and muscular tannins at the end that are very formed and curated. It will be interesting to see how this one evolves. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 4% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 17 ++

Drink 2030 - 2050

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Dark and reticent with a touch of cassis as the wine opens. Linear and firm with a rich but fine tannic frame. Solid through the mid palate and on through the finish. Structured and with plenty of matière. Well within itself so room to develop. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU MONTROSE 2eme Cru Saint-Estephe 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£380.00

Château Montrose is one of the leading wine properties of St. Estèphe, and produces some of the longest-lived wines in the Médoc. Montrose had been owned by Jean-Louis Charmolue from 1962 until 2006, when it was sold to Martin and Olivier Bouygues, owner of the eponymously named construction firm Bouygues, is located in the east of the appellation, just north of the hamlet of Marbuzet, on a gravel knoll only 800 metres from the Gironde estuary. The proximity of the estuary ensures a microclimate that protects against frost, and the vines, which lie on deep clay-gravel soils, benefit from a south-easterly aspect.

Montrose's wine is typically a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and is matured in oak barriques (30% new) for 18 months.

Montrose wines are traditionally deeply coloured, austere and powerful when young, yet possess superb ageing potential, and when mature are quintessential St. Estèphe clarets.

Blend : 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, Yield : 38hl/ha, PH : 3,7, Abv : 13,1%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (94 - 96)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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A brilliant achievement, the 2021 Montrose is reminiscent of a purer, more precise, modern-day version of the estate's 1996. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of blackcurrants, pencil shavings, sweet loamy soil, black truffle and nicely integrated new oak, it's full-bodied, layered and concentrated, with terrific depth at the core, lively acids and a seamless, harmonious profile. Exhibiting beautifully refined tannins and an impressive sense of completeness, it's a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot—standing out as one of the few top wines of the vintage that actually includes more Merlot and less Cabernet than in recent years.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 17++

Drink 2030 - 2050

53% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc. 12% press wine. Cask sample.

Dark and minerally through and through. Good fruit concentration. Hint of barrel but integrated. Velvety attack, the tannins dense but finely framed. Long, cool finish. Evident potential for ageing. (JL)

DECANTER Score 95

Tasted by Georgina Hindle (at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Beautiful perfume on the nose, really fragrant and seductive, deep and heady but beguiling too. You get chunky, chewy fruit here - this is round, plump and filling a consequence of the slightly more Merlot in the blend than usual - opposed to more Cabernet seen elsewhere. It has a luscious appealing fruitiness then the austerity kicks in, with a vein of salinity and minerality, such a linear, quite strict middle where you get severity in the texture giving it some rigidity but you also have such great depth on the mid palate, the layers of fruit and spice that linger giving such a core of flavour. A sense of power, intensity and concentration but also with acidity keeping everything lifted. A stately wine with lots of potential. Pierre Graffeuille replaces Hervé Berland here, having arrived in March and taking over fully in October. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend. 39% grand vin.

Drinking Window 2026 - 2058

JAMES SUCKLING Score 95-96

A very classy and refined Montrose with excellent length and a compact, medium-bodied palate, showing fine, silky tannins and a fresh, bright finish. Lots of currant, blackberry and tar at the end, as well as some graphite. 62% cabernet sauvignon, 31% merlot, 6% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ Cru Bourgeois Saint-Estephe 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£145.00

Château Les Ormes de Pez is one of St-Estèphe's leading Cru Bourgeois properties. It was bought by Jean-Charles Cazes in 1936 and is now owned and run by Jean-Michel Cazes. The latter owns Lynch-Bages. The estate is located just outside the village of Pez in the northern part of the St-Estèphe commune. There are 32 hectares of vineyards, which lie on soils rich in gravel on a subsoil of sand and clay. They are planted with 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The grapes are hand-harvested and then fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats. The wine is then matured in a combination of one and two-year-old barrels from Lynch-Bages. In the last decade, the wines have become richer and more fruit-driven - selection at harvest has become more rigorous and the proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the final blend has been increased. The wines normally require at least 5 years of bottle ageing to show at their best.



THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (90 - 91)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Ormes de Pez exhibits aromas of cassis, licorice, warm spices and toasty new oak, followed by a medium-bodied, lively and nicely concentrated palate built around rich, powdery tannins that will round out with further maturation in barrel. Produced by the Cazes family of Château Lynch-Bages, it shows promise.

DECANTER 91

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Sweet strawberry, orange, grapefruit, plums and blackcurrants, but the sweet jammy kind. This is fruit forward and expressive out the gate, round and so appealing. Spiced aspects from the Petit Verdot with a sturdy backbone in terms of structure and frame. Tannins are more on the austere side, fine and detailed, extremely mouthfilling but you can almost taste each one with the minerality coming through strongly leaving that clean wet stone taste in the mouth. Ripe and juicy dark fruit also. This is medium bodied with lots of precision in terms of detail. Lovely potential here. 5% Petit Verdot completes the blend. 3.68pH.

Drinking Window 2024 - 2040

JAMES SUCKING 4**** 92-93

Medium-bodied with a firm tannin frame and pretty notes of pencil lead, blackberries and some walnuts. Hints of chocolate orange, too. Structured and a little chewy, with perfumed character. Juicy. 49% merlot, 40% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc and 5% petit verdot.

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

PAGODES DE COS Rouge of Chateau Cos d'Estournel 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles-PRE-REL

£220.00

Château Cos d'Estournel is named after its 19th century owner, Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel, and it was he who built the bizarre oriental edifice that is a landmark for any tourist in the Médoc. Today Cos d'Estournel is without doubt the leading estate in St-Estéphe. It is located in the south of the appellation on the border with Pauillac and its vineyards are superbly sited on a south-facing gravel ridge with a high clay content, just north of Lafite.

Cos d'Estournel is typically a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc - do not be fooled by the relatively high Merlot content, as these are full-bodied, dark, brooding tannic wines when young which develop a complexity and intensity that can rival many top growths from Pauillac.

Blend: 60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, Yield : 35 hl/ha, PH : 3,71, Abv : 12,49%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (90 - 92)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Impressively rich and concentrated for a second wine in this vintage, the 2021 Les Pagodes de Cos delivers notes of raspberries, spiced plums and violets, followed by a medium to full-bodied, velvety and salted palate framed by ripe tannins and lively acids.

DECANTER Score 90

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Fragrant with soft spicing, vanilla, cedar, cinnamon, dark chocolate with bramble tones and blackcurrant leaf. Fruit feels well worked, I love the texture here - still quite straight and linear, all in one line, but with cool fruit nuances, svelte and sleek tannins and a lovely freshness. Also these spicy Cabernet markers too which are so appealing. Direct with chalky elements that are given lift by the quite present acidity, adding a vivacity to the overall flavour. Good complexity and broad structure. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2036

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94

This is a racy Pagodes with beautiful fruit and tannins that leave a nice, persistent finish. Medium to full body. Savory finish. Tight and clean.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16

Drink 2027 - 2035

60% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Dark- and red-berry aromas. Medium-bodied, round and juicy but lacks some intensity. Firm tannins with a bit of bite on the finish so some structure. May develop but not much excitement at present. (JL)



White Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

BORDEAUX 2021

White Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL Bordeaux BLANC 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£720.00

Château Cos d'Estournel is named after its 19th century owner, Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel, and it was he who built the bizarre oriental edifice that is a landmark for any tourist in the Médoc. Today Cos d'Estournel is without doubt the leading estate in St-Estéphe. It is located in the south of the appellation on the border with Pauillac and its vineyards are superbly sited on a south-facing gravel ridge with a high clay content, just north of Lafite.

Cos d'Estournel is typically a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc - do not be fooled by the relatively high Merlot content, as these are full-bodied, dark, brooding tannic wines when young which develop a complexity and intensity that can rival many top growths from Pauillac.

In 1998 the Prats family sold Cos d'Estournel to The Tailan Group.

Blend : 71% Sauvignon Blanc, 29% Sémillon, PH : 3,13, Abv : 12,3%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 93)+

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Including fully 29% Sémillon, the 2021 Cos d'Estournel Blanc is a terrific effort from holdings in the northern Médoc. Offering up aromas of confit citrus, crisp orchard fruit, lime zest, pastry cream and freshly braked bread, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and incisive, with chalky structuring dry extract and a penetrating finish. There's no question that it's one of the Médoc's most interesting white wines.

DECANTER Score 94

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Such a gorgeous nose, really so aromatic filled with caramel , honey, lemon balm, cream, apricot, honeysuckle and white flowers. Generous, unctuous and driven, this is also quite sharp but in a precise way, it finds the back of the throat and takes aim delivering all the flavour at once in a straight line. I love the intensity, the drive of lemon and fragrant spice also with a wet stone bitterness that lingers. It's not round or expansive necessarily but so confident, super juicy and mouthwatering. Lots of complexity and detail - a yummy and impressive white.

Drinking Window 2024 - 2040

JAMES SUCKLING Score 97-98 Points

13 May, 2022 – This is layered and serious, with intense yet subtle notes of dried pineapple, lemon, crushed stones and shells. Salty. Long and driven with vivacity and energy. So minerally, in every sense. Grabs hold of you. 71% sauvignon blanc and 29% semillon.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16.5

Drink 2023 - 2030

71% Sauvignon Blanc, 29% Sémillon. Cask sample.

Intense, pure and long, again with marked tension and acidity. Persistent fruit with a floral-citrus nuance. Pebble-sucking finish. Clean cut, if a little hard on the finish but should develop further. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

White Wine

(LB)Saint-Estephe

PAGODES DE COS Blanc (WHITE) 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Château Cos d'Estournel is named after its 19th century owner, Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel, and it was he who built the bizarre oriental edifice that is a landmark for any tourist in the Médoc. Today Cos d'Estournel is without doubt the leading estate in St-Estéphe. It is located in the south of the appellation on the border with Pauillac and its vineyards are superbly sited on a south-facing gravel ridge with a high clay content, just north of Lafite.

Cos d'Estournel is typically a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc - do not be fooled by the relatively high Merlot content, as these are full-bodied, dark, brooding tannic wines when young which develop a complexity and intensity that can rival many top growths from Pauillac.

Blend : 85% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Sémillon, PH : 3,09, Alcool : 12%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (90 - 92)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Pagodes de Cos Blanc unwinds in the glass to exhibit notions of crisp citrus and orchard fruit mingled with hints of gooseberries and pastry cream. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless, it's taut and concentrated, concluding with a saline finish.

DECANTER Score 90

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Grape typicity on the nose, vanilla bean, lemon grass and orange - juicy and lively, so fresh. It's light but poised, not massive in terms of weight or fat, this is streamlined and succulent but direct, there's no messing around here. Sharp and direct with crushed stone lingering while the lemon, bitter grapefruit and creamy apricot settle on the tongue. Racy, I like it.

Drinking Window 2022 - 2030

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94 Points

13 May, 2022 – Intense, with plenty of flint, dried herbs, dried lemons, guava and a smoky touch. Medium-to full-bodied with bright acidity. Concentrated, yet vivid and energetic. Tangy. So delicious. 85% sauvignon blanc and 15% semillon.

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JANCIS ROBINSON Score 15.5

Drink 2022 - 2026

85% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Sémillon. Cask sample.

Aromatic citrus and herbal character, the Sauvignon prominent. Linear with quite a bit of tension, the acidity marked. On the leaner side but fresh with a dry, stony finish. (JL)

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

£275.00



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU BEYCHEVELLE 4eme Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£420.00

Château Beychevelle is a 4ème Cru Classé St-Julien wine property that boasts one of the most impressive châteaux in the whole of the Médoc. Its label depicts a beautiful galley with a large sail, as a consequence of its ownership in the 16th century by the Duc d'Eperon, Admiral of France at the time. The expression "Baisse-Vaille", meaning "lower sails", later evolved into the name Beychevelle. Today the property is owned by Grands Millésimes de France.

Beychevelle's 85 hectares of vineyards are located in the far south of the St-Julien appellation, just outside the hamlet of St-Julien-Beychevelle. The wine is typically a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. It is matured in oak barrels (50-60% new) for 18 months. It is renowned for its suppleness, smoothness and its rich, and sometimes chocolatey character.

The best examples from the best Beychevelle vintages are powerful and concentrated, with oodles of almost sweet, ultra-ripe Cabernet fruit, and can age effortlessly.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 94)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Beychevelle is a strong effort, exhibiting aromas of sweet berries and plums mingled with cigar wrapper and fresh mint. Medium to full-bodied, bright and fine-boned, it's deep and layered, with powdery tannins, lively acids and a saline finish. This wine only improved over the five times I tasted it.

DECANTER Score 94

Tasted by Georgina Hindle (at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best Pessac-Leognan & Graves 2021 wines tasted en primeur

Darkly herbal, spiced and perfumed nose. Supple, fruity, forward and lively, this has an initial vivacious and pulsing energy that settles giving some green pepper, eucalyptus and cedar notes as well as liquorice and clove which then dominate the finish. It starts well, with such pace, and you feel the fruit has been well worked with tannins that are silky and fine. This has density and chew which I love as well as structure and backbone wine overall finesse. Great potential here.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2048

JAMES SUCKLING Score 91-92

Blueberry and some chocolate and berry character. Medium body, fine tannins and a fresh, medium finish.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points

Drink 2027 - 2038

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Pleasantly fragrant with floral and dark-fruit notes. Juicy and ripe on the palate. Less flesh and concentration than top years but fruit present and tannins finely honed. Clean, persistent finish. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU BRANAIRE-DUCRU 4eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£225.00

Château Branaire-Ducru is situated on the opposite side of the road from Château Beychevelle in the south of the St-Julien appellation. Patrick Maroteaux has owned the property since 1988 and he has invested heavily in new plantings as well as installing a spanking new cuvier and an ultra-modern chai. Branaire-Ducru's 60 hectares of vineyards are planted with Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Merlot (22%), Cabernet Franc (5%), Petit Verdot (3%). The wines are matured in oak barriques (65% new). The proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend is even higher than that in the vineyards - 80-85% in most years, which is one of the highest in the Médoc. Branaire-Ducru produces a pure and classic St-Julien which is elegant, ripe, supple and well-balanced.



THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 94)+

Having tasted the 2021 Branaire-Ducru six times over the course of a month and a half, I feel confident in saying that it is a beautiful wine that numbers among the vintage's real successes. Offering up aromas of raspberry coulis and red cherries mingled with notions of rose petals, cigar box and spices, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with a layered core of fruit, lively acids and beautifully powdery tannins. Why is it quite so good? It isn't because a lot of wine was declassified, as around 60% of the estate's production went into the grand vin this year—a touch more than average. Rather, the key factors seem to be waiting to pick despite an alarming weather forecast; the blend itself, which emphasizes ripe Cabernet and the estate's later-ripening Merlot on clay-limestone soils; and the fact that a partially completed new winery means that Branaire already had fully 63 fermentation vats at its disposal to pick and vinify parcel by parcel. The exact composition is 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. - William Kelley 04/22

DECANTER Score 94

Purple and pink flowers on the nose, sweet strawberries and cherries and some milk chocolate notes. Delicate and poised on the palate, this has an air of elegance and refinement from the first sip, the sleek tannins giving support and a fine grip while the herbal Cabernet and Petit Verdot touches give spice, bright summer berry fruit and tension. This has a good core and persistence of flavour that doesn't let up, not weighty or particularly dense, but well defined and focussed. Stylish and glamorous in the best way while being understated - a difficult feat in 2021. Totally moreish and just so well constructed and delivered. A top wine! You get energy and precision here but it's the understated character I like so much, it just grows and grows quietly and then leaves you with the lingering impression of the beauty of St-Julien. Drinking Window 2026 - 2048 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

A very pretty wine, showing blackberry and blackcurrant aromas with crushed stone. Medium to full body with layers of fine-grained tannins. Bright and refined. Lots of dark fruit at the end. Solid weight.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16

Drink 2026 - 2036, 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 6.5% Cabernet Franc, 5.5% Petit Verdot. Cask sample. - Open and aromatic on the nose with savoury and dark-fruit notes. Supple and fleshy on the palate. Lacks a bit of density but there's a structure well in place. Competent rather than stirring. (JL)

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU DUCRU BEAUCAILLOU 2eme Cru 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£545.00

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou is a St-Julien property that today is one of the leading Super Seconds. It is owned by the Borie family and is situated in the south-east of the St-Julien appellation. Ducru-Beaucaillou's 50 hectares of vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 25%, Cabernet Franc 5% and Petit Verdot 5%) lie on deep, large-stone gravel beds enriched with alluvial soil deposits and with a high clay content. The wines are matured in oak barriques (50-60% new) for 18 months.

For many, Ducru-Beaucaillou is the quintessential St-Julien - deep-coloured, powerful, ripe, exquisitely well-balanced and perfectly harmonious. It requires a minimum of 10 years of bottle ageing before it should be approached and the best vintages will continue improving for many more years. Ducru-Beaucaillou is classified as a 2ème Cru Classé.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (94 - 96)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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A wine that will delight Médoc purists, the 2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a blend of fully 98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot and checks in at a mere 12.5% alcohol. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of dark berries, cigar wrapper, violets, loamy soil and spices, it's full-bodied, layered and velvety, with superb depth at the core, lively acids and powdery tannins. Complete and penetrating, it's a true classic, reminiscent of a modern-day version of Ducru's brilliant 1996—though today's precision winemaking means that the 2021 is unlikely to go through so long a hibernation as that vintage.

DECANTER Score 96

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best St-Julien 2021 wines tasted en primeur

Beautiful and beguiling nose, perfumed blackcurrants and dark fruits; damsons, plums, raspberries and rose petals. Lovely crunchy fruit, real bite and presence in the mouth. Excellent precision, tannins are succulent and ripe they fill the mouth with a juicy, intense granular texture. There is such depth to this - perfume, tobacco, earth, violets and concentrated fruits that have a verticality to them with an unprecedented 98% of Cabernet Sauvignon providing the support and the backbone. There is a crystalline purity to the fruit giving tension to the overall frame, it's focussed and driven all with excellent definition. This is not a wallflower of a wine - it's charming and confident, strutting its stuff right now and giving you absolut St-Julien terroir and vintage markers in the glass with slate, graphite and liquorice salinity on show. Skilled winemaking on show.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

JAMES SUCKLING Score 96-97

Firm, structured and pure with a cool and solid core of dark currants, blackberries, tar, pencil lead and bitter chocolate. Hints of tobacco, too. Firm but silky tannins. Very pure, with a long, mineral finish. Intense and very focused. 98% cabernet sauvignon and 2% merlot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points

Drink 2030 - 2050

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot. Record proportion of Cabernet in the blend. Cask sample.

Deep, bright purple hue. Elegant cedar, dark-fruit and cassis nose. Lovely depth of fruit, velvety texture, abundant but polished tannins and lingering freshness. Drives on the finish. A well-groomed thoroughbred. Pure, precise and long and a little more classic than recent years. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU LAGRANGE 3eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£240.00

Château Lagrange was for many years perceived as a tired, underperforming St Julien château that was unworthy of its 3eme Cru Classé status. In 1983 it was purchased by the Japanese Suntory Group which set about renovating the vineyards and the winery. Lagrange rose to become a model estate and even today few Bordeaux properties can match Lagrange, with its huge barrique chais and its state of the art cuvier with its 56 temperature-controlled, stainless steel cuvées.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (92 - 94)

Representing only 39% of the estate's production, the 2021 Lagrange is very promising indeed, mingling aromas of wild berries and blackcurrants with notions of loamy soils, pencil shavings and violets. Medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with fine depth at the core, powdery tannins and lively acids, it saw a cool vinification and contains a record 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, much of which was picked late, between the seventh and 12th of October. It's a brilliant effort from Matthieu Bordes and his team. Tasted five times, twice at the estate. - William Kelley 04/22

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5

Drink 2028 - 2040, 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot. Even more Cabernet than 2019 (80%). Cask sample. - Open and aromatic with dark fruit to the fore. Palate shows good density, again with attractive fruit and a firm but ripe tannic frame. Drives on the finish. Some potential here. (JL)

DECANTER 93

Super-floral on the nose, a celebration of peony, violet and rose flowers. Juicy and supple with a real life-force. The starts off bright and upfront with strawberry and red cherry notes that merge into a darker, more savoury mid-palate full of slate and chocolate. I like the persistence here, the clarity of the fruit expression and the brightness. It's not the most expansive but the individual elements are so well presented with detail on show. A great effort in the vintage with no drop in the mid-palate, acidity in check and nice floral fruit. Drinking Window 2025 - 2045 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 92-93

A firm and silky red with medium body, fresh acidity and an orange-peel and berry aftertaste. Refined and bright.



CHATEAU LANGOA BARTON 3eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2021 Carton x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL

£220.00

Château Langoa-Barton (archaically named Pontet Langlois) is a winery in the Saint-Julien appellation of the Bordeaux region of France. Château Langoa-Barton is also the name of the red wine produced by this property. The wine produced here was classified as one of fourteen Troisièmes Crus (Third Growths) in the historic Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (92 - 94)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The first vintage vinified in the Barton family's new winery, the 2021 Langoa Barton is immensely promising, offering up aromas of cassis, cigar wrapper, loamy soil and black truffle, followed by a medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless palate that's deep and complete, its vibrant core of fruit framed by ripe tannins and lively acids. It's a blend of 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Tasted three times.



JAMES SUCKLING 92-93 Points

17 May, 2022 – Blackberry and black olives with currants and crushed stone. Medium body, integrated tannins and a savory finish.

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU LEOVILLE BARTON 2eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£395.00

Château Léoville Barton is a vineyard in the Saint-Julien appellation of the Bordeaux region of France. Château Léoville Barton is also the name of the red wine produced by this property. The wine produced here was classified as one of fifteen Deuxièmes Crus (Second Growths) in the original Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855.

Unlike many of its peers, Château Léoville Barton has no château building; the wines are made at Château Langoa-Barton with which it shares ownership. The château depicted on Léoville Barton's label is that of Château Langoa Barton.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 95)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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A terrific success, the 2021 Léoville Barton unwinds in the glass with aromas of blackcurrant, wild berries and plums mingled with hints of pencil shavings, loamy soil and cigar wrapper. Medium to full-bodied, deep and seamless, it's concentrated and tensile, with beautifully refined tannins, lively acids and all the class that an elevated percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon growing in deep gravel can provide. It's the first vintage vinified in the Barton family's new winery, and I suspect that contributes to the ultra-refined quality of tannin this year. The blend is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Tasted three times.

JAMES SUCKLING 93-94 Points

17 May, 2022 – A medium-bodied red with redcurrant, crushed-stone and earth character, following through to fine tannins and a polished finish. Balanced.



CHATEAU LEOVILLE-POYFERRE 2eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£495.00

Château Léoville-Poyferré is a winery in the Saint-Julien appellation of the Bordeaux region of France. Château Léoville-Poyferré is also the name of the red wine produced by this property. The wine produced here was classified as one of fifteen Deuxièmes Crus (Second Growths) in the original Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 94)+

Reviewed by William Kelley, Issue Date 29th Apr 2022, Source Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate - The 2021 Léoville Poyferré shows considerable promise, wafting from the glass with aromas of sweet berries and plums mingled with spices, licorice and petals, framed by a deft touch of creamy new oak. Medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy, it's a polished, charming wine with a pretty core of fruit, lively acids and ripe, powdery tannins, concluding with a penetrating finish. It's a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot.

DECANTER 95 points

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022) - Beautifully fragranced on the nose - floral-edged ripe bramble fruits. Nicely detailed and presents, despite a clear youthful tannic structure this has layers of flavour with ripe and sweet fruit nuances balanced by a mineral grip, salty touches and cool fresh mint leaf notes. It's more of a contemplative wine, needing a few minutes and several tastes for the flavours to expand in the mouth, gaining in density yet keeping a lightness of touch and refinement. Such finesse going on here. The austerity is balanced with the ripe fruits so you're getting so many elements at play at once. This is complex and sensuous, you have the precise defined and well-worked fruit, so clear with poise, then the tannic strength though fine texture and a long, lifted finish. This has real class, and such estate signature with dark sweet liquorice touches at the end too. Really very captivating and a success. 5% Petit Verdot completes the blend. Julien Viaud consultant. Tasted twice. 3.84pH. Ageing 18 to 20 months in oak barrels, 80% new, 20% one year. - Drinking Window 2026 - 2047

JAMES SUCKLING ***** 95-96 points

This is very typical for St.-Julien with violets, berries, blackcurrants and crushed stone. Medium to full body with very fine tannins that run the length of the wine. Powdery tannins and a rich finish. Velvety texture. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 26% merlot, 9% cabernet franc and 5% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17+ points

Drink: 2030 - 2046 - 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot. Cask sample. - Deep, bright colour. Attractive nose with dark-fruit and floral notes and a creamy edge. Rich and round on attack with ample substance and a juiciness to the fruit. Tannins plentiful but fine and integrated. Grip and persistence on the finish. Clear potential. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU MARGAUX 1er Grand Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£1,445.00

Château Margaux, a 1er Cru Classé property, has been owned by the Mentzelopoulos family since 1978 - since then it has consistently produced the finest wines in the Médoc.

One of the grandest, most imposing buildings amongst the Médoc châteaux, Ch. Margaux in its current form was built in the early 19th century, although viticulture had been practised on the estate for several centuries before. A chequered period of ownership in the 19th and early 20th century meant that the quality of some Margaux vintages was patchy, but the change which restored the property to its rightful status came in 1977 when it was bought by André Mentzenopoulos, Greek by birth but who had lived in France since 1958 and had made a fortune through supermarket retailing. André immediately instigated much-needed investment in vineyard and cellar, but his untimely death in 1980 saw his daughter, Corinne, take up the reins. Corinne's shrewdest move was the recruitment of young, talented winemaker Paul Pontallier to oversee the production.

Paul stayed at the helm until 2015, and in that time Margaux has produced some legendary wines, but also displays a marvellous seam of consistency through good years and the not so good. Sebastien Vergne is the technical director since 2016.

The estate has 82 hectares under vine, with Cabernet Sauvignon inevitably dominant (75%) with 20% Merlot making up most of the rest, along with a smattering of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Unusually in Margaux, there is a white wine made here, Pavillon Blanc, from 100% Sauvignon Blanc, while the two red wines are, of course, Ch. Margaux itself and Pavillon Rouge. Typically, about 30,000 cases of red wine are made, with the Grand Vin usually accounting for just over 40% of the total. Production of the white wine amounts to less than 3,000 cases.

Fermentation takes place in oak vats, and ageing for Ch. Margaux in 100% new barrels for 22 months. It is Paul Pontallier's firmly-held belief that it is the Cabernet Sauvignon grape which is responsible for most of the sheer class which characterises the wines of Ch. Margaux and we are seeing, in consequence, an ever-greater percentage of this varietal in the blend of the Grand Vin.

Margaux wines are renowned for its perfumed elegance, but this should not be construed as meaning that these are light-bodied. Far from it, as the best have an enviable structure, layers of complexity, and formidable length.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (95 - 97+)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Château Margaux is clearly one of the finest wines of the vintage. Offering up a deep bouquet of raspberries, wild blueberries and plums mingled with sweet spices, violets, licorice and hints of cigar box, it's full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, with terrific depth at the core and beautifully refined, powdery tannins, concluding with a long, floral finish. Combining the vibrant flavors and moderate alcohol (13.1%) of a vintage of the last century with all the precision of the present in extraction and élevage, it is a timeless classic; and lest that be mistaken for a euphemism for a lack of concentration, note that the wine is analytically as high in polyphenols as the brilliant 2019. Representing only 36% of the estate's production, the 2021 is a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot.

DECANTER Score 97

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best St-Julien 2021 wines tasted en primeur

A dark nose, serious and a bit closed, though there is such complexity on the palate. You get the tannic feel in the mouth straight away, mouthfilling, ample, generous and chewy - these tannins have weight and density but are lifted by the bright, high-definition cherry, strawberry and raspberry acidity underneath keeping things vibrant and fresh with a sour cherry and stoney minerality on the finish. Exceptional balance and sculpting, this has energy but also poise. Sophisticated glamour in full force, svelte and suave - this is a wine that aims to please. Definitely one of the most thrilling and captivating wines of the vintage! 2% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. 36% grand vin.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

JAMES SUCKLING Score 97-98

A Margaux with beautiful depth and grace and wonderfully well-placed, refined tannins, showing presence and a soft texture. They caress your palate. Full-bodied, yet tight and extremely long. Seamless. 87% cabernet franc, 8% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points

Drink 2030 - 2050

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot. 36% of the production (same as 2020).

Cask sample.

Fragrant and floral with violet and peony notes. Clean and direct on attack, mid-palate weight and drive on the finish. Low-key but refined tannic frame. Super-length and persistence. Discreet but elegant, if less substance than a wine scoring 18 or higher. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU TALBOT 4eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£275.00

Château Talbot is one of the best-known Bordeaux wine estates to a UK audience, not surprisingly because it takes its name from John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, who in 1453 suffered the ignominy of losing the battle, and with it his life, which allowed Bordeaux and its vineyards to slip back into French control after belonging to the British Crown for over 340 years. In the last century it has been owned by the Cordier family, and the red wine of the estate has long enjoyed a reputation for solid dependability. It is one of the largest estates in the Médoc and its 102 hectare single vineyard is situated inland from the Gironde River and west of the hamlet of St-Julien-Beychevelle. Georges Cordier, who owned the property in the mid-20th century, was a great lover of white wine, and, determined to produce his own, took the highly unusual step of planting 5 hectares of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon in his vineyard, producing his first crop of white wine in 1945 (Le Caillou Blanc de Ch Talbot). The aim is to make wine in a Burgundian style, aged in oak barrels, with the 80% Sauvignon Blanc imparting vivacity and acidity, while the 20% Semillon imbues the wine with weight, backbone and ageing potential. Red wine from Talbot is typically a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (66%), Merlot (26%), Cabernet Franc (3%), and Petit Verdot (5%) - the vinification includes 18 months maturation in small oak barriques (50% new). Talbot has a reputation for consistency and is one of the most carefully made and reliable of the St-Julien Cru Classé clarets. The best examples are richly aromatic with a bouquet of cedarwood and vanilla scented cassis fruits and with a palate packed with well-delineated, ripe, black fruits and finely integrated tannins. It is classified as a 4ème Cru Classé.



THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 92)+

The 2021 Talbot is promising, exhibiting aromas of wild berries, cherries, cigar wrapper and sweet spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, layered and velvety palate that's bright and seamless, with an enveloping, charming profile despite analytically rather high levels of polyphenols. This is a fine effort that reminds Jean-Michel Laporte of the 2001 vintage in style—though the 2021 will benefit from all the improvements that the last two decades have witnessed at this address. Tasted four times. - William Kelley 04/22

JANCIS ROBINSON 16++

Drink 2028 - 2038, 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. Cask sample. - Open and aromatic with blackcurrant and mineral notes. Palate unusually seductive at this stage, the fruit supple and tannins finely honed. Some grip and drive on the finish. Medium-bodied and compact, if not quite the depth of a top year. (JL)

DECANTER 93

Spearmint and blackcurrants on the nose with some gorgeous perfume too. Excellent intensity of blackcurrant juice, not fleshy, more linear and direct, the lightness of flavour balancing with fine, just gripping tannins that also offer touches of tobacco and toasted spice flavours. It's overall quite a delicate and well worked wine for the vintage, with gentle fruit persistence and a lifted finish. Will no doubt round out over ageing, giving more density to the really beautifully presented floral-touched bramble fruit. Elegance and class; promising indeed. Drinking Window 2024 - 2048 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 92-93

A fruity and attractive 2021 with currant and berry aromas and flavors. Hints of citrus. Medium body. Fresh finish.

CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU AOC 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£230.00

Blend : 64% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, PH : 3,84, Ageing : 12 months - 60% new oak, Abv : 12,5%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (90 - 92)

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Complex aromas of dark berries, sweet spices, licorice, cigar wrapper and loamy soil introduce the 2021 La Croix de Beaucaillou, a medium to full-bodied, seamless and layered wine that exhibits promising depth, concentration and structure in this challenging vintage. It's a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot—in other words, it contains a lot more Cabernet than usual.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94

Medium body with a compact core of dark fruit, blackcurrants, pine cones, cloves and chocolate. Beautiful depth. Firm, creamy tannins. Dark and firm, yet cool at the end. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot and 4% petit verdot. Serious second wine.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

LE PETIT DUCRU DE DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£155.00

Blend : 80% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Petit Verdot, PH : 3,67, Ageing : 12 months – 30% new oak, Abv : 13%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (88 - 90)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Le Petit Ducru mostly derives from 25 hectares in Saint-Julien purchased by Jean-Eugène Borie in 1972 and formerly known as Lalande-Borie. Exhibiting aromas of cherries, cassis and petals, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with a polished, charming profile and an impressively penetrating finish.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 91-92

Perfumed already with currants, blueberries, violets, bark and sandalwood. Medium-bodied with fine, lightly powdery tannins. Very fresh. Cool blue fruit. 80% merlot, 12% cabernet sauvignon and 8% petit verdot. Third wine of Ducru-Beaucaillou.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16

Drink 2025 - 2033

80% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Rich and fleshy, the Merlot fully expressive but structured at the same time so a serious edge. Early to medium-term drinking rather than the long haul. (JL)



CHATEAU L'EVANGILE Pomerol 2021 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£645.00

Château L'Evangile is one of the prestigious estates in Pomerol and produces some of the most sought-after wines in the appellation. It is located in the far east of the Pomerol appellation and its vineyards border those of Château La Conseillante, Château Gazin and Château Cheval Blanc. Its 14.1 hectares of vineyards (Merlot 78%; Cabernet Franc 22%) lie on deep gravel beds pitted with sand and clay.

The wine is vinified traditionally, undergoing a lengthy cuvaizon followed by maturation in oak barriques (40% new) for 16-20 months. L'Evangile has always been a top-class estate but quality has been pushed noticeably higher since Domaines Baron de Rothschild of Château Lafite acquired a majority shareholding in 1990.

With Michel Rolland as consultant winemaker, the wines of L'Evangile are now challenging Pétrus and Lafleur in terms of their sheer class and quality.

THE WINE ADVOCATE (93 - 95)

A blend of 69% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 L'Evangile offers up aromas of plums, cherries and wild berries mingled with notions of rose petals, violets, licorice and tobacco leaf. Medium to full-bodied, ample and velvety, with fine concentration and rich, powdery structuring tannins that assert themselves on the finish, this estate's rather low average vine age meant Evangile didn't suffer much from coulure this year, and the rainy growing season also spared young Cabernet Franc from hydric stress—explaining its historically high percentage in the 2021 blend. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING 96-97

A pure, creamy and well-structured yet very fine Evangile. Long and caressing. Very fine tannins. Lots of fresh dark fruit and savory, mineral character. Understated and classy. 69% merlot, 30% cabernet franc and 1% cabernet sauvignon.

DECANTER 94

Smells concentrated and quite bold, more of a heady nose, dark fruits and gorgeous perfumed Cabernet aspects. Succulent and juicy, a really appealing and charming palate, juiciness but density too, you get plump fruit here rather than a piercing focus giving more of a mouthful than some others but still with a detail to the fine tannins, the ripe fruit, cherry and blackcurrant and plum with a long finish. Sustained on the palate, this doesn't let up, slowly building from start to finish giving a cool, delicate, refined palate but still with grippy maintaining attention. You can tell they got full ripeness here, but there's also this lovely cooling, slate aspect - the soft chalkiness that comes in on the finish. I like this - the initial intensity, directness of black fruit and then the chalk texture. Feels nicely complete and one of the larger, more dense wines this vintage. A yield of 20hl/ha with all the Cabernet Sauvignon going into the grand vin. Juliette Couderc technical director. First year certified organic. Drinking Window 2026 - 2045 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JANCIS ROBINSON 17

Drink 2028 - 2040, 69% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Cask sample. - The move towards more elegance and finesse confirmed. Floral violet notes. Crunchy fruit and tannins that provide length and persistence. Lovely texture with freshness as well. Harmonious. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(RB)Pomerol

CHATEAU LA CROIX DE GAY Pomerol 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£175.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE (89 - 91)

From 4.2 hectares of vineyards on the edge of the plateau of Pomerol, sandwiched between Rouget and Le Gay, the 2021 La Croix de Gay exhibits attractive aromas of sweet raspberries, cherries, rose petals and spices. Medium-bodied, fleshy and enveloping, it's an ample, seamless wine with fine tannins and lively acids. The blend is 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING 91-92

Textured and savory with medium body. Currants, mushrooms, bark and some salted-lemon notes. Nice density and firmness



CHATEAU LA FLEUR DE GAY Pomerol 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£420.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE (90 - 92)+

From around two hectares of vines on the plateau of Pomerol, the core of which are located opposite Lafleur, the 2021 La Fleur de Gay offers up aromas of sweet cherries, red berries, spices, pencil shavings and truffle. Medium to full-bodied, supple and sensual, it's fleshy and charming, with a textural core of fruit and lively acids. It's a blend of Merlot with 5% Cabernet Franc. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING 91-92

Juicy and slightly ripe character with berries, roses and spice. Medium body. Juicy finish.



CHATEAU ROUGET Pomerol 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£230.00

A classic Pomerol property with a great history, Château Rouget is definitely a wine to look out for. The property is situated in the northernmost part of the Pomerol appellation with a view of the Barbanne river through the trees. The vineyards are planted with a typical Pomerol mix of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc and are made up of sandy soils. The wine is aged for 15 months in oak barrels, one third of which are new.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 93+)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the 2021 Rouget offers up aromas of sweet berries, cherries, licorice and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy, it's impressively concentrated, with fine depth at the core, powdery tannins and lively acids. A success in this challenging vintage, in recent years Rouget has benefited from the acquisition of some small parcels on the plateau (in the Clinet sector and near Le Pin), as well as the relegation of the less propitious parts of its historic vineyard to a second wine. Anyone who has tasted the great Rouget wines of yesteryear such as the famous 1961 will know what this estate is capable of, and the Labruyère family is working hard to realize its potential. Tasted three times.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 93-94

9 May, 2022 – I like the round tannins and juicy mouth-feel to this wine, showing softness and focus. Medium body. Pleasant redcurrant and chocolate undertones.

DECANTER Score 93

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Richly perfumed on the nose, floral scented and vibrant. This has a nice texture, soft and smooth yet tannins grip the mouth and sides of the cheeks and have that slate, liquorice, crushed stone and graphite edge from the terroir. It's quite linear and focused, not moving so much from its vein of black fruit and minerality but it feels well worked with persistence and a long finish. A touch of salinity at the end is also great. I love the styling on this and will be great in a few years. Tasted four times.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2045



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CARILLON D'ANGELUS of Chateau Angelus Saint-Emilion 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£545.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE Robert Parker Rating (90 - 92)+

Reviewed by: William Kelley

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Now benefiting from its own dedicated winery, the 2021 Le Carillon d'Angélus is no longer a "second wine" per se, but rather draws on some 25 hectares of dedicated vineyards, emphasizing Merlot from the cool terroirs of Saint-Christophe-des-Bardès, complemented by holdings in the gravelly Figeac sector and on clay soils near Angélus itself—with anything that doesn't make the cut relegated to the No. 3 d'Angélus. Exhibiting aromas of raspberries, plums, warm spices and nicely integrated new oak, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and polished, with lively acids, refined tannins and a long, penetrating finish.

JAMES SUCKLING 92-93 Points

9 May, 2022 – Lavender, orange peel and redcurrants with some flowers. Medium body. Fine tannins and a tangy finish. Citrusy at the end. One that will be nice to drink young.

DECANTER 92

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Delicate raspberry purée perfume on the nose alongside roses and violets. So charming and welcoming. Smooth and succulent, the sharpness is there with the strawberry and raspberry fruit, plus graphite and slate touches as well. Extremely silky on the palate, the flavours just glide, the tannins are pure silk, excellently textured and the fruit has a crystalline purity with a tangy edge and chalky centre. Sensitive and delicately framed in terms of grace on the palate, but with an intensity of energy and pure fruit. Very playful, drinkable. focused, bright and shining with tension. A lovely Carillon that benefitted in 2021 from its own cellar as well as 10% more Cabernet Franc in the blend than usual.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2035



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CHAPELLE D'AUSONE of Chateau Ausone 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£845.00

Chateau Ausone is named after the Roman poet Ausonius who owned over 100 acres of vineyard around Saint Emilion. It is perched on the hillside in the southern outskirts of the village of Saint Emilion.

Ausone has only 7.3 hectares of vines and its vineyards (Merlot 50%, Cabernet Franc 50%) flourish on a steep, south-east facing slope, protecting them from cold north winds and westerly rain. Those vines at the top of the slope thrive on limestone (the 'St.Emilion plateau') whilst those further down benefit from a clay/loam topsoil (the 'Côtes').

Ausone struggled during the 1950s and 1960s, but with the hiring of new régisseur Pascal Delbeck in 1976, the estate returned to producing wines worthy of its outstanding historic reputation. Recently Ausone has been at the very peak of its form and with the ubiquitous Michel Rolland now acting as consultant, it is now producing ultra-rich, lush, exotically fruity wines that require a minimum 10 years of bottle ageing.

Blend : 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, PH : 3,64, Ageing: 20 months , Abv : 12,5%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (91 - 93)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Inviting aromas of berries and plums mingled with vine smoke, spices and loamy soil introduce the 2021 Chapelle d'Ausone, a medium to full-bodied, melting and precise wine that's pretty and seamless, with lively acids and a long, penetrating finish. As usual, it's a blend of wine from young vines with a few barriques of declassified Ausone.

DECANTER Score 92

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Soft perfume, green pepper, wild herbs, creamy black fruits, smoked cedar and dark chocolate - the Cabernet really shining through on the nose. Round and juicy on the palate, bright with lots of energy - almost-sour cherries, blueberries and freshly squeezed strawberry, a joyful burst of summer berry fruits. Subtle and soft in terms of texture with fine and smooth tannins, it's not at all showy, more calm and quiet with a burst of red fruit, then the minerality and soft saltiness comes through. I like the different components, all individually very precise and brought together. A good effort for the vintage. No Merlot for the first time, this is a blend of 75% Cabernet Franc and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2035

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

Lots of cool blue fruit and violets with some stones and chocolate orange. Supple, silky and very sleek tannins. Medium to full body. Lengthy and fresh on the finish. 75% cabernet franc and 25% cabernet sauvignon.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16++

Drink 2027 - 2036

75% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. Original and atypical blend with all that Cabernet and no Merlot. Cask sample.

Lifted and floral on the nose, long and linear on the palate, the tannins present but fine. Long, saline finish. Will be interesting to see how this evolves. (JL)

CHATEAU ANGELUS 1er Grand Cru Classe A Saint-Emilion 2021 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£875.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE Robert Parker Rating (94 - 96)+

Reviewed by: William Kelley

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A brilliant wine that signposts this estate's evolution under Stéphanie de Bouard-Rivoal, the 2021 Angélus is a blend of 60% Cabernet Franc and 40% Merlot, with fully half of the old-vine Cabernet Franc maturing in foudres rather than 225-liter barriques. The result is a wine of unprecedented purity and finesse, unwinding in the glass with compelling aromas of plums, raspberries, rose petals, vine smoke, blood orange and warm spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and layered palate with a rich and fleshy core that entirely conceals its structuring chassis of ultra-refined tannins. Bright and sapid, it's striking for its integration and elegance at this early stage, and I wouldn't be surprised to see it upstage a number of more touted vintages once it's in bottle.

JAMES SUCKLING 95-96 Points

1 Jun, 2022 – Beautiful depth here, with currants and blackberries, as well as hints of fresh herbs and wet earth. Medium-to full-bodied, layered and long, with depth and beauty. Savory. Impressive for the vintage. Persistent.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU FIGEAC 1er Grand Cru Classe B 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£565.00

Château Figeac is one of the leading St. Emilion estates and its wine, with its high Cabernet content, has often been described as the most Médoc-like in St-Emilion. Since 2010 Figeac has been managed by Comte Eric d'Aramon and his wife Laure. It is located in the north-west of the appellation with its vineyards adjoining those of Cheval Blanc. Its 40 hectares of vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 35%, Merlot 30%, Cabernet Franc 35%) lie on a deep, Médoc-like gravel topsoil ('Graves') over a flinty, iron-rich subsoil.

The alcoholic fermentation takes place in wood and the malolactic in stainless steel. The wine is matured in 100% new oak barriques for 18-22 months. Ideally, the wines need at least 10 years-bottle ageing to show at their best.

Blend: 29% Merlot, 31% Cabernet franc, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, PH : 3,65, Ageing : 100% French oak barrels, Abv : 13%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (94 - 97)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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One of the highlights of the vintage on the Right Bank, the 2021 Figeac is a blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 29% Merlot, and the fruit of a harvest that lasted a full month, from September 21 to October 19, with each parcel picked at optimal maturity. Offering up aromas of blackberries, cassis, rose petals, violets, cigar wrapper and sweet soil tones, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and seamless, its velvety attack segueing into a deep, layered core of beautifully vibrant fruit, concluding with a long, saline finish. The first vintage vinified in Figeac's new winery, it's a resounding success for administrator Frédéric Faye and his team.

DECANTER Score 97

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best Pessac-Leognan & Graves 2021 wines tasted en primeur

One of my absolute favourite wines in 2021 with Figeac's star power clearly on show. Amazing aromatic complexity on the nose: dark chocolate with perfume from the Cabernet Franc - pink flowers, red cherry touches vanilla and cinnamon - such a seductive smell. Pure and focused - so smooth and sleek with a clear tang to the palate. Quite taut, so defined and pure. The minerality comes through the sweet strawberry and raspberry fruit giving that chalky, salty flavour and texture on the palate. Everything is precise and in the right place. You can tell this is ripe, the concentration is there in the fruit, alongside such bright freshness but also these fun and playful red fruit flavours with lively acidity. Classic Bordeaux style with vibrancy, clarity and harmony - you feel the St-Emilion terroir and the understated glamour. This is an epic wine, a brilliant Figeac and contender for wine of the Right Bank. 100% new oak. 3.65pH.

Drinking Window 2028 - 2050

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

A red with lots of dark-fruit, graphite and tar aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied and very integrated with firm, polished tannins and a long finish. Racy and compact. Silky texture.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17++ points

Drink 2028 - 2046

40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc, 29% Merlot. 38 hl/ha. 70% of production. First vintage made in the new cellar. Cask sample.

Berry fruit with just a hint of oak. Sappy with plenty of freshness and drive. Velvety attack then a firm tannic structure all the way through. Just a hint of grainy tannin on the finish. Long. Typically Figeac in style. (JL)



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Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU FONPLEGADE Grand Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£220.00

Chateau Fonplegade is located close to the southeast portion of the St. Emilion village. What we know of as Chateau Fonplegade today, is one of the oldest vineyards in Saint Emilion. Proof of this is easily seen. If you're visiting Chateau Fonplegade and looking at the historic Roman pathways still visible today, it's easy to see how Fonplegade could be one of the oldest Bordeaux vineyards in the Right Bank. Ancient Roman ruins date the birth of the estate as a vineyard to about 400 AD.

They began a biodynamic, farming program starting with the 2009 vintage. They were certified organic in 2013. Michel Rolland was the first consultant they hired. In 2015, they also brought in the team of Stephane Derenoncourt to help consult in the vineyard management and winemaking along with Corinne Comme. Stephen Adams and Denise Adams own other vineyards in the Right Bank including Chateau L'Enclos in Pomerol. In 2020 the estate was officially certified as 100% Biodynamic. Along with biodynamic farming, they only use native yeasts in their vineyard as well.

The 18.5 hectare St. Emilion vineyard of Chateau Fonplegade is planted to 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. The remaining Cabernet Sauvignon vines were removed in 2010. The goal is to slowly increase the amount of Cabernet Franc planted in the vineyard to as much as 20% of the plantings over time.

The terroir is limestone and clay soils. The south facing vineyard has most of their vineyards ideally placed on the slopes, with some vines being planted on the plateau and a minor portion of their vines are planted at the bottom of their hillsides. They also have a parcel of vines north of the village, off the road to Libourne.

Blend : 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet franc, Ageing: 18 months. 50% new French oak barrels, 30% one year barrels, 10% cement eggs and 10% amphora, Abv: 13%

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (89 - 91)

The 2021 Fonplégade offers up aromas of rich berry and cherry fruit framed by minty new oak. Medium to full-bodied, fleshy and lively, it's generous and concentrated, albeit a touch marked by its 50% new oak at this early stage.

DECANTER Score 91

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Perfumed and scented on the nose with cocoa powder too. Dark and savoury on the palate, the fruit more blackcurrant, plum and damson with clear liquorice spicing throughout the palate. The texture is appealing as is the minerality at the back of the throat but this stop a little short or rather just lacks a little persistence in terms of weight. But good direction and long aerial finish.

Drinking Window 2024 - 2036

JAMES SUCKLING Score 92-93

All about finesse and focus for the vintage, with a medium-bodied palate and fine tannins. Racy and pretty. Slightly smoked lemon. From biodynamically grown grapes.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16

Drink 2026 - 2035

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Openly fragrant with red fruit, mint and chocolate notes. Supple texture and tannins, the fruit expressive through the palate. Light but fine structure. Looks accessible relatively early. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU LA GAFFELIERE 1er Grand Cru Classe B Saint-Emilion 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REI

£330.00

Château La Gaffelière, previously Château Gaffelière-Naudes, is a Bordeaux wine from the Saint-Émilion appellation, ranked among the Premiers grands crus classés B in the Classification of Saint-Émilion wine. The winery is located west of Château Pavie, just south of the town of Saint-Émilion, within the commune of the same name.

Blend : 58% Merlot , 42% Cabernet Franc

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (92 - 94)

Reviewed by William Kelley, Issue Date 29th Apr 2022, Source Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate - A notable success in this vintage, the 2021 La Gaffelière offers up aromas of sweet cherries and berries mingled with notions of licorice, loamy soil and spices. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and enveloping, it's supple and charming, with a fleshy core of fruit, lively acids and ripe, powdery tannins, concluding with impressive persistence. Tasted four times, twice at the château.

DECANTER Score 93

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022) - Succulent and supple, sugary, ripe, jammy tannins hit the palate with such a buzz and energy. It's not so complex at this point but I like the upfront nature: it's bright and bold, with bitter, salty minerality also coming through at the end - liquorice sticks, cedar, graphite. Clean, crisp and very enjoyable. Tannins are so smooth just perfectly integrated. Will be great in time and I love the cool mint aspect on the finish.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2045

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

A very precise and curated wine with ultra-fine tannins that run the length of the wine. Medium body. Dark berry and dark chocolate flavors and a creamy finish. Classy.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5+

Drink 2028 - 2042 - Cask sample. Bright crimson hue. Elegant demeanour with perfumed, red-berry fruit aromas and layered fruit on the palate. Tannins present but finely honed. Long, persistent finish. Matière and potential. (JL)



CHATEAU TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£145.00

Chateau Tour Saint Christophe, like many Bordeaux chateaux, takes its name from the location of its vineyard. The vines are situated in the commune of Saint Christophe des Bardes, which is due east of the Saint Emilion village, not far from Valandraud and Chateau Fleur Cardinale. The property was purchased by Peter Kwok in 2012 from the Castel group. By the time Peter Kwok obtained Chateau Tour Saint Christophe, he already owned Chateau Haut Brisson, located in the Vignonet sector of Saint Emilion, not far from Chateau Monbousquet or Chateau Teyssier.

The 20 hectare St. Emilion vineyard of Chateau Tour Saint Christophe has a terroir of clay and limestone soils. The vineyard is planted to 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. The vines are planted to a density of 6,500 vines per hectare on the older plots. New parcels are being planted to a higher vine density of 7,500 vines per hectare, though the Cabernet Franc is at 8,000 vines per hectare. Once the new owners took charge, one of the first decisions they made was to replant a large section of the vineyard which is at that higher level of density. They also terraced a portion of the hillside portion of the vineyard and completely modernized their entire winemaking facility and cellars. All the vineyard management work is done using only organic, biodynamically sustainable vineyard farming techniques.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (90 - 92)+

Reviewed by William Kelley, Issue Date 29th Apr 2022, Source Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate

The 2021 Tour Saint Christophe has turned out very well, delivering aromas of cherries and sweet berries mingled with hints of loamy soil and sweet new oak. Medium to full-bodied, pure and lively, it's elegantly muscular, with powdery tannins and a penetrating finish.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 92-93

This is already nicely salty and chalky with crushed stones. Medium-to full-bodied with medium, firm tannins and a medium, juicy finish.



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU TROPLONG MONDOT Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2021 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£250.00

Château Troplong Mondot is a St. Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classé property that has in the last decade been producing wines that are the equal of many 1er Grand Cru Classé estates. Its handsome château dates back to 1745 and Troplong-Mondot was originally part of one sizeable domaine which included the vineyards of Château Pavie. It became autonomous in 1850 when it was acquired by Raymond Troplong. Later on, it was bought by Alexandre Valette and today it is owned and run by his great-granddaughter, Christine and her husband Xavier Pariente.

Troplong Mondot has 30 hectares of vineyards well-sited alongside the hill of Mondot to the north-east of the St-Emilion appellation. The soils are rich in limestone clay and are planted with Merlot (90%), Cabernet Franc (5%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (5%). The grapes are hand-harvested and then fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. The wine is then aged in oak barriques (75% new) for 18 months. It is bottled unfiltered.

Guru oenologist Michel Rolland has been a consultant at Troplong Mondot since the mid 1980s.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 96)

The 2021 Troplong Mondot shows considerable promise, exhibiting aromas of plums and wild berries mingled with notions of sweet spices, rose petals, vine smoke and raw cocoa, followed by a medium to full-bodied, seamless palate endowed with impressive intensity and texture. Built around beautifully refined, powdery tannins and lively acids, it concludes with a long, mouthwateringly saline finish. Macerations here were long but gentle, including a long cold soak before fermentation, and the blend, after much deliberation, is 85% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc. Tasted four times. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 95-96

Lovely density here with a solid center-palate of fruit and fine tannins. Medium body. Underlying salinity and oyster-shell character in the finish. Well defined. Grows at the end.

DECANTER Score 91

Bright pink rim to the wine, lovely and vibrant. Fragrant and fresh red and black cherry notes on the nose, peonies and violets. High acidity, super tangy and sour on the palate, a real burst of juicy fruits with a softly-spiced mid palate and chalky finish. A little high-toned to begin with but there are layers here of flavour and texture. Tannins are so fine and silky, so pure, the fruit is to the fore completely with the acidity giving a buzz on the tongue with the terroir markers giving a soft creamy, chalky finish that's also full of cooling mint touches. Approachable and easy to like. Ageing in 60% one year barrel, 40% tank. Drinking Window 2024 - 2035 - Georgina Hindle 04/22

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16

Drink 2025 - 2032 Lifted and zesty with lively, crunchy fruit and red-berry fragrance. Chalky freshness as well. Adequate fruit to manage the tannins. Refreshing saline finish. Drinks relatively early. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY Grand Cru Classe 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£360.00

Château La Mission-Haut-Brion is the greatest Graves wine after Haut-Brion and in some vintages is considered the superior wine of the two. La Mission-Haut-Brion is situated just across the road from Haut-Brion in the commune of Talence in the southern suburbs of Bordeaux. Since 1983, both properties have been under the same ownership, Domaine Clarence Dillon S.A.

La Mission-Haut-Brion's vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 48%, Merlot 45%, Cabernet Franc 7%) lie on a large (up to 18 metres deep in places) gravel bank interspersed with clay. The wine is fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats and then matured in oak barriques (100% new) for 18 months. The wines of La Mission Haut Brion are rich, oaky and powerful and need at least 10 years of bottle ageing before they should be broached.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (94 - 95)+

Reviewed by William Kelley

Issue Date 29th Apr 2022

A classic in the making, the 2021 Haut-Bailly wafts from the glass with aromas of dark berries and wild plums mingled with sweet spices, loamy soil, raw cocoa and violets. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and concentrated, with bright acids, ultra-refined tannins and a long, penetrating finish, it's a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, only 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. With yields of a mere 19 hectoliters per hectare, it's impressively intensely flavored despite its quintessentially elegant, classically proportioned profile. In many respects, it may represent the Cabernet-driven modern-day alter ego of the superb Merlot-dominant 1998 Haut-Bailly.

DECANTER Score 95

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best Pessac-Leognan & Graves 2021 wines tasted en primeur

Seductive blackcurrant and juniper with purple floral touches on the nose. Smooth texture with high acidity giving sharp strawberry fruit balanced by both savoury and mineral touches - slate, crushed stone, smoke, violets and dark chocolate - very much in the style of the vintage with no harshness or overt opulence but instead gives a pure sense of classicism, restraint and refinement. Elegant and well structured with a long determined finish - this will continue to deliver pleasure for a long time. 10% press wine. No chaptalisation. 30% grand vin. 3.9pH. 3% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. Yield 19hl/ha. First year in the new cellar.

Drinking Window 2026 - 2045

JAMES SUCKLING Score 95-96

Lots of graphite and crushed-stone character with redcurrants and pine needles. Medium body with silky and layered tannins. Pretty balance and elegance. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 22% merlot, 10% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points

Drink 2027 - 2038

16.5 +

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc. 10% press wine. Cask sample.

Elegant and flowing with mineral, dark fruit and smoky notes. Plenty of freshness, the fruit juicy and gourmand.

Grainy tannins and a saline finish. Less grand scale than recent years but harmony and balance prevail. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

CHATEAU LA MISSION-HAUT-BRION Pessac 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£775.00

Château La Mission-Haut-Brion is the greatest Graves wine after Haut-Brion and in some vintages is considered the superior wine of the two. La Mission-Haut-Brion is situated just across the road from Haut-Brion in the commune of Talence in the southern suburbs of Bordeaux. Since 1983, both properties have been under the same ownership, Domaine Clarence Dillon S.A.

La Mission-Haut-Brion's vineyards (Cabernet Sauvignon 48%, Merlot 45%, Cabernet Franc 7%) lie on a large (up to 18 metres deep in places) gravel bank interspersed with clay. The wine is fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats and then matured in oak barriques (100% new) for 18 months. The wines of La Mission Haut Brion are rich, oaky and powerful and need at least 10 years of bottle ageing before they should be broached.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (94 - 96)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Unwinding in the glass with aromas of dark berries and plums mingled with loamy soil, sweet spices, cigar box and licorice, the 2021 La Mission Haut-Brion is full-bodied, lively and seamless, with a deep, concentrated core of fruit framed by bright acids and supple, powdery tannins. This charming, sensual rendition of La Mission is a blend of 48% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc, attaining 13.4% alcohol.

DECANTER Score 95

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best Pessac-Leognan & Graves 2021 wines tasted en primeur

Rose, violets and peonies on the nose, with dark chocolate and cassis, smells like liqueur chocolates, perfumed and aromatic. A crystalline quality to the fruit, so driven and pure on the palate. Energetic and lively filled with strawberry, raspberry, red cherry and plum - direct with a vein of exotic spice - cinnamon and clove, as well as touches of orange, bitter grapefruit, dark chocolate and crushed stone. Such a lot going on here, but so well delivered with intensity and direction with racy acidity that keeps everything lifted the whole way through. Lovely minerality on the tongue, the graphite lingering with the juiciness that is still so mouthwatering even on the finish. Compelling and charming.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94-95

Lots of sea-salt, iodine and purple-fruit aromas and flavors to this. Turns to bark and forest floor. Powerful. Full-bodied and muscular. 47.9% merlot, 45.8% cabernet sauvignon and 6.3% cabernet franc.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points

Drink 2030 - 2050

47.9% Merlot, 45.8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6.3% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

A mix of refined power and elegance. Deep crimson hue. Fragrant dark fruit and cassis notes as the wine opens. Texturally very fine with plentiful tannins that are coated and smooth. Lovely freshness accompanied by persistence and drive. Great balance. Plenty of potential. (JL)



BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

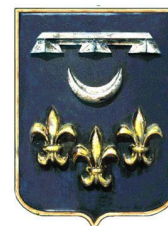
CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE Rouge, Pessac 2021 Wooden Case x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£310.00

Château Smith-Haut-Lafite has been transformed during the last decade from being a perennial underachiever to being one of the leading estates in the Graves region.

For many years it was owned by the Bordeaux négociant Eschenauer - in 1990 it was bought by former Olympic skiing champion, Daniel Cathiard. He cut down on the amount of chemicals and herbicides used in the vineyards, and fully modernised the winemaking facilities. The proportion of new oak barrels used in the maturation process was increased and a trio of eminent oenologists (including the ubiquitous Michel Rolland) were hired as consultants.

The 55 hectares of vineyards are located on a gravel ridge to the east of Château Haut-Bailly. The red wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (55%), Merlot (35%) and Cabernet Franc (10%). The grapes are fermented in stainless steel vats and the wine is then matured in oak barrels (50% new) for 15-18 months. The wines are bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.



CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (93 - 95)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Source Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate

A brilliant wine, the 2021 Smith Haut Lafitte offers up aromas of blackberries, violets, coniferous forest floor and dark chocolate. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless, it's deep and impressively multidimensional, with good concentration, beautifully refined tannins and notable purity of fruit, concluding with a long, penetrating finish. The fruit of a severe selection, this blend of 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot is testament to the Cathiard family's unwavering commitment to quality.

DECANTER Score 96-97

Lots of clove, black-licorice and cigar-box character. Already perfumed. Medium body with fine, chalky and precise tannins. Lead-pencil shavings. Well framed and structured with a fresh, lengthy and spicy finish. Extremely long and intense. 63% cabernet sauvignon, 33% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot. From organically grown grapes.

JANCIS ROBINSON Score 16.5 +

Drink 2028 - 2042

63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Dark crimson. Some ripe red fruit on the nose. Polished tannins and there is energy here. This sample seems to have a more convincing core than yesterday's sample tasted at the château. Good level of interest and detail here. Even if the level of acidity is higher than usual and the tannins obviously took some taming. Sweeter than some.

DECANTER Score 94

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Gorgeous aromas on the nose, so expressive with blackcurrant, plum, damson, strawberry and red cherry all abounding out of the glass. This has style and substance on the palate, the sour cherry, blackcurrant and blueberry covered in the terroir markers of slate, graphite, pencil lead and liquorice which are the drivers on the palate, the fruit taking a backseat right now though there is cohesion with verticality and an undercurrent of freshness. The energy is there, almost latent, it's under the surface, brimming, not yet ready to go but it will be there in time. This has refinement and you feel they haven't pushed too hard. It's definitely got the markers of the vintage, the coolness of the year, showing the grapes and terroir even more clearly in the glass, especially the spiced Cabernet aspects. I love the style and the no frills effect. It's got a super long length too with enough class on show you know it will age well.

Drinking Window 2026 - 2038

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Rouge Grand Cru 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£330.00

Domaine de Chevalier is one of the few Graves estates to produce both first class reds and whites. The property was purchased by the Ricard family in 1865 and remained in their hands until it was bought by the Bernard distilling company in 1983. Domaine De Chevalier has 35 hectares of vines and red wine accounts for 80% of the production. Made from a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc, the wine is fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats and then matured in oak barriques (50% new) for 18 months.

Domaine de Chevalier is fortunate to have such a fine team to run its affairs. Olivier, whose family business owns the estate, is the outgoing but canny administrator whilst Rémi Edange is hands-on, knowing every vine and every barrel. Whilst their white wines have always been amongst the very finest, the reds were simpler affairs. But from the 1995 vintage onwards greater flair and concentration was in evidence. The quality curve is now further accentuated by the team's bold move to appoint Stéphane Derenoncourt, of La Mondotte fame, as consultant winemaker. Domaine De Chevalier is classified as a Graves Cru Classé.



THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating 93 - 95

Reviewed by William Kelley

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The 2021 Domaine de Chevalier is full of promise, bursting with aromas of dark berries and plums mingled with loamy soil, bay leaf, licorice, potpourri and spices. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and complete, its velvety attack segues into a lively, layered core, concluding with a long, nicely defined finish. Olivier Bernard doesn't think that this will surpass his 2018, but I tend to disagree. The 2021 is a blend of fully 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

DECANTER Score 94

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best Pessac-Leognan & Graves 2021 wines tasted en primeur

Aromatic nose, perfumed black fruits, bramble tones and a touch of sweet spice. Round and mouthfilling, this has good density and depth for the vintage, tannins are on the juicy plump side with a dry grippy texture though satisfying not austere with the fruit powering through giving cherry and blackcurrant flavours. This has good persistency and doesn't let up - it's not a showstopper at this point but I love the quality of the fruit and the tannins and the lifted acidity as well as the darker more savoury elements of liquorice, black chocolate, graphite and smoked cedar that come in towards the end. Lots going on here with good potential. You get the impression nothing is hiding and I love that. Really the grapes and the terroir on show. A good success and will be interesting to taste in bottle. 2% Cabernet Franc completes the blend.

Drinking Window 2026 - 2035

JAMES SUCKLING Score 95-96

A medium-bodied DC with a pretty core of ripe fruit that shows licorice, blackberry and some currant character. Spice box, too. Very long, with fine tannins and plenty of energy. 80% cabernet sauvignon, 10% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 5% cabernet franc.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points

Drink 2028 - 2045

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Deep purplish crimson. Savoury nose with something more complex than just fruit. Good density and depth though still a little oak evidence (hardly surprisingly). Tingly finish. Polished tannins. Really quite fine and not lacking anything. Bone dry and on the refreshing side but it really doesn't taste like a wine from a less-than-successful vintage. Good weight and balance in the mouth. Refreshing but not austere.

BORDEAUX 2021

Red Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

LE PETIT HAUT LAFITTE Rouge of Chateau SHL 2021 Case x 6 Bottles-PRE-REL

£142.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating (89 - 91)

Reviewed by William Kelley

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Source Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate

Aromas of cassis, plums, pipe tobacco and loamy soil introduce the 2021 Le Petit Haut Lafitte, a medium-bodied, lively and elegant wine that's refined and charming. As usual, it's a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, and it's the more serious of Smith Haut Lafitte's two second wines.

JAMES SUCKLING Score 91-92

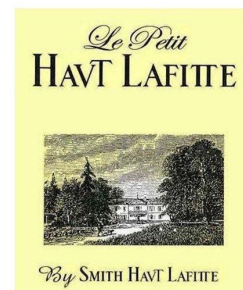
Medium-bodied with fine, tight tannins and a just-ripe core of black fruit. Some dark clove and black pepper, too. Fresh and focused. 60% cabernet sauvignon and 40% merlot. From organically grown grapes.

DECANTER Score 92

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Dark chocolate, liquorice and slate with pretty notes of rose and violet that softly edge the nose. The raspberry, strawberry and blueberry fruit has a touch of sharpness, though I love the edges of chalk and slate minerality that give it real direction and linearity with little movement up or down as the flavours travel across the palate. All the elements are well delivered, elegant and really in focus. This has excellent attention to detail and lots going on. A characterful pick in 2021.

Drinking Window 2024 - 2030



White Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Blanc Grand Cru 2021 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£550.00

Domaine de Chevalier is one of the few Graves estates to produce both first class reds and whites. The property was purchased by the Ricard family in 1865 and remained in their hands until it was bought by the Bernard distilling company in 1983. Domaine De Chevalier has 35 hectares of vines and red wine accounts for 80% of the production. Made from a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc, the wine is fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless steel vats and then matured in oak barriques (50% new) for 18 months.

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THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating

Reviewed by William Kelley

Issue Date 29th Apr 2022

DECANTER Score 94

Tasted by Georgina Hindle(at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)

Part of Best Pessac-Leognan & Graves 2021 wines tasted en primeur

CHATEAU LYNCH-BAGES Bordeaux Blanc AOC 2021 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£265.00

Château Lynch Bages, a 5ème Cru Classé, is one of the best-known Médoc estates and has always had a particularly strong following on this side of the English Channel. Since 1973 it has been owned by the enigmatic Jean-Michel Cazes and is now run by his son, Jean-Charles.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Rating 91

Drink Date 2021 - 2025

Already bottled, the 2021 Blanc de Lynch-Bages exhibits aromas of ripe grapefruit, musky peach and pastry cream. Medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy, with lively acids and a saline finish, it's a blend of 79% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Sémillon and 6% Muscadelle. - William Kelley 04/22

JAMES SUCKLING Score 94

Bright and crunchy white with layers of gooseberries, fennel, lemon grass and sea shells. White peach, too. Medium-bodied, bright and driven with linear character. Stony and saline at the end. 79% sauvignon blanc, 15% semillon and 6% muscadelle. Drink or hold.



BORDEAUX 2022

BORDEAUX 2022 What the Critics Say

JAMES SUCKLING

He's not shying away from calling this a truly great vintage, saying "it sets a new benchmark for Bordeaux". It's the 40th vintage he has tasted en primeur, and he feels it proves the region's ability to face the challenges of climate change, with its uniquely hot and dry conditions. He notes that while the reds are the undoubted star, it is also a great vintage for Sauternes – with botrytis development in mid-October that produced exceptional wines.

While the growing season urges parallels with 2003, the wines are totally different. The 2022s "can be flamboyant, fruity and tannic, yet they have a freshness and form that give them energy and vitality", he writes. While he found a few wines that were over the top, he generally felt there was consistent quality across the spectrum, from more modest estates to the grandest châteaux, with the wines "exceptional". He gives nine potential 100-point scores, versus only one last year (for Lafaurie-Peyraguey in Sauternes – an address he also praises this year).

Suckling's highlights: Cheval Blanc, Lafaurie-Peyraguey, Lafite-Rothschild, Le Pin, Léoville Las Cases, Pontet-Canet, Trotanoy, Pavillon Blanc du Ch. Margaux, Angélus, Canon

Read James Suckling's full report

WILLIAM KELLEY – WINE ADVOCATE

Publishing his report on the Friday of Primeurs week, William Kelley defines 2022 as "an amplifier" – highlighting differences between sites and how producers work both in the vineyard and winery. "Bordeaux has produced some monumental wines in 2022, but unlike many of the great vintages of the 20th century, the year was not a rising tide that raised all boats," he says.

The best wines offer "remarkable concentration, energy and harmony" but there are some that are "jammy, astringent and rustic". He highlights that those with higher organic matter in their soils and who managed their canopies well were rewarded. He argues that vines adapted to the long, dry season, and the experience of recent warm vintages ensured that 2022 was not another 2003 – despite its extreme, hot, dry conditions.

He warns that the frequently high pHs are a risk for the final hurdle – with an increased risk of volatile acidity and Brettanomyces, suggesting that although few samples showed these faults during the en primeur tastings, "it is certain that some producers will trip before the finish line this year". Nevertheless, he is clearly impressed by the best wines – with eight potential 100-point scores in the mix.

In a first, the work was divided between Kelley and Yohan Castaing, a relatively new member to the Wine Advocate team – so there are notes from both. The highlights noted below are 12 specifically recommended.

Kelley's highlights: Berliquet, Bourgneuf, Branaire-Ducrou, Clos Manou, Dame de Montrose, De Retout, Domaine de l'A, Grand Village, Haut Marbuzet, Langoa Barton, Larrivet Haut-Brion, Mangot, Ch. Canon in Saint-Emilion

GEORGIE HINDLE – DECANTER

Despite the year's extreme conditions, Decanter's Bordeaux correspondent Georgie Hindle writes that "a surprisingly large number of vineyards and their growers prevailed against the odds to create a wealth of exceptional wines in 2022". She feels there are "both serious highs and lows", but "some estates produced their best-ever bottles" – with "supple textures, excellent definition, long finishes and a sheer brightness and energy that has produced some of the most compelling wines I've ever tasted at this early stage". She also emphasises how, despite being similarly hot, the year is not another 2003. For Hindle, the Margaux appellation was a highlight, as were the wines from the Haut-Médoc, as well as the top end of Saint-Emilion. She has pulled out a list of "coup de coeur" wines – those that were heart-stoppingly good, and it is those that feature as her highlights below.

Hindle's highlights: Beauséjour Duffau Lagarrosse, Canon, Cheval Blanc, Clos Fourtet, Figeac, Larcis-Ducasse, Laroque, Troplong Mondot, Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Smith Haut Lafitte, Brane-Cantenac, Giscours, Branaire-Ducru, Gruaud-Larose, Léoville-Las Cases, Pichon Comtesse, Montrose, Phélan Ségur, La Conseillante, La Fleur-Pétrus, Vieux Château Certan, Clos du Clocher, Petrus

LISA PERROTTI-BROWN MW – THE WINE INDEPENDENT

With some major releases arriving earlier than anticipated, Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW has released a "teaser" article on the year, with notes and scores for wines that have been released or are set to be in the coming days, with more detail on Cheval Blanc, Angélus, the Barton stable and Beychevelle. Her full report will be published in a week or so's time.

In her notes on early releases, Perrotti-Brown writes that 2022 was "a faith-affirming vintage for Bordeaux growers" – proving that the region could handle climate change. She highlights the surprising consistency from the year, as



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well as “a luminosity... that defies what we thought we knew about Bordeaux varieties”. With “its myriad of earthy, nuanced, soft-spoken, shimmery expressions”, it’s “a vintage that Bordeaux fans and serious collectors will want to seek out”.

ANTONIO GALLONI – VINOUS

The first of the two Vinous reports comes from Antonio Galloni, who declares the best wines of the vintage to be “magnificent, viscerally thrilling wines” – “some of the most memorable young wines [he has] ever tasted” – although does temper this enthusiasm by saying that some selection is warranted. Running through the growing season, he highlights how “patience and technology” were critical – with larger numbers of smaller vats, allowing producers to harvest only what was perfectly ripe.

The greatest surprise, of course, is the wines – not rich and opulent as for 2009 or 2018, but wines that “combine flavour intensity, energy and finesse in a way that I can only describe as magical”. He repeats the refrain that the wines bode well for Bordeaux's fate in the face of climate change, and is clearly enchanted by the best wines. He flag that some of the wines are “a bit fragile” and that “élevage will make or break them”, not feeling it's totally consistent below the top tier. He does, however, pull out a handful of over-performers, which we've listed as his highlights below. For him, the advancements in viticulture and winemaking are what define 2022 – wines of “notable depth and freshness without excess weight”, but exactly why they turned out the way they did remains something of a mystery.

Galloni's highlights: Alter Ego de Palmer, Beau-Séjour Bécot, Brane-Cantenac, Clos Puy Arnaud, Clos Saint-Julien, Figeac, Forts de Latour, Giscours, La Conseillante, La Gaffelière, Lafon-Rochet, Larcis-Ducasse, Léoville Las Cases, Le Pin Beausoleil, Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Malartic Lagravière, Moulin Saint-Georges, Puyblanquet, Quinault l'Enclos

Red Wine

(LB)Medoc/Haut-Medoc

CHATEAU CHASSE-SPLEEN Cru Bourgeois Haut-Medoc 2022 OWC x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL

£175.00

Chasse-Spleen's wines were always noteworthy, though the quality improved dramatically with its acquisition by the Taillan Group, which also owns Château Haut-Bages-Libéral, in 1976. It was run by Bernadette Villars until she and her husband were killed in an accident while hiking in the Pyrénées in 1992. The property is now run by her daughter Claire. Chasse-Spleen's wine is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. It is matured in oak barriques (40% new) for 18 months and is bottled unfiltered.

DECANTER 93 points

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2046

Cool and crisp, a little sombre at first, the dense tannins and liquorice, blue fruit and soft herbal aspects at the fore but there is juiciness here, good depth and lovely precision where you feel the edges to the frame and the quality of the tannins, even though they're full and mouthcoating. Nice potential with cool freshness. Calm and confident, still with enough acidity to keep the life and energy, but a touch more serious than some others. Lots to like here and will age well. Yield of 34hl/ha. Harvest 17 September - 6 October. 2% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

THE WINE ADVOCATE (90 - 92)+ points

The 2022 Chasse-Spleen was showing especially well, bursting with aromas of cassis and plums mingled with licorice and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy, with levels of texture and mid-palate amplitude unusual at this address in recent years, this supple, charming Moulis should offer a broad drinking window. - William Kelley 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 93-94 points

13 Apr, 2023 – Firm and linear with medium to full body and chalky, slightly tight tannins. Hints of walnuts and dark berries at the end.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5+ points

Drink 2028 - 2042

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Blackcurrant and blackcurrant-leaf nose. Supple attack. Lovely mid-palate fruit. Tannins plentiful and ripe. Sufficient freshness. Generous and structured. Should age. GV? (JL)



Blend : 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet franc
pH : 3,7
Yield : 34hl/ha
Ageing : 18 months - 40% new oak
Alc : 13,9%

About the Château :

Vineyard : 125 hectares in red

Soil : Garonne gravels

Grape varieties : 73% de Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% de Merlot et 5% de Petit Verdot.

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Red Wine

(LB)Medoc/Haut-Medoc

CHATEAU POUJEAUX 5eme Cru Classe Haut-Medoc 2022 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£150.00

Château Poujeaux is a leading Cru Bourgeois property that consistently produces wines of Grand Cru Classé quality. Poujeaux is located in the commune of Moulis and can trace its history back to the 16th century. It has been owned and run since 1921 by the Theil family and today it is brothers Philippe and François who are at the helm.

Poujeaux's 52-hectare vineyard is located in a single plot on a well-sited gravel ridge just outside the village of Poujeaux. The wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (50%), Merlot (40%), Cabernet Franc (5%) and Petit Verdot (5%).

The legendary 1953 Poujeaux was famously mistaken by Baron Rothschild for Lafite, and remains the finest wine the property has ever produced. Poujeaux wines are typically deeply coloured, wonderfully perfumed on the nose and display a seductive, creamy texture with densely concentrated cassis fruits on the palate.

DECANTER 92 points

Drinking Window: 2027 - 2039

Clean and crisp, but tight and compact, initially a gorgeous burst of blue fruit with cool stony edges, dense but refined, before quite firm tannins come into play. I like the energy, adds a touch of vibrancy to the fruit which is appealing before the really quite herbal and spiced tannins take over. Nice potential but not as generous and easy as some. Taught but purposeful. Harvest 15-30 September. Yield of 40hl/ha. 3.85pH. Ageing in French oak for 12 months, 33% new. Derenoncourt consultants. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

THE WINE ADVOCATE 88 - 90 points

The 2022 Poujeaux offers up aromas of cassis, plums, pencil shavings and sweet soil tones, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and concentrated palate that opens with a velvety attack, segueing into a firmer, more austere mid-palate and finish that depress my score. If this rounds out with élevage, my review will prove conservative. - William Kelley 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 94-95 points

13 Apr, 2023 – A medium-bodied red with crunchy fruit and tight tannin structure. Juicy acidity coming through. Chewy and solid at the end. Closed and pretty tannins.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points

Drink 2028 - 2042

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Deep crimson hue. Discreet, dark-fruit nose. Tannins fine but firm. Long and persistent. Reserved at this stage but solid structure for ageing.

MADAME DE BEAUCAILLOU de Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022 Flat Carton x 6 Bottles - PRE-R

£110.00

DECANTER 89 points

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2035

Smells lovely, highly fragrant and open, expressive and generous. Sleek and slightly tense, a lovely focus and straightness though succulent too with black fruits, almost salty, firm tannins and an ample mouthfeel. High acidity offset by menthol, liquorice and clove spice. Juicy and approachable but still with bite and grip and Médoc typicity. 3.66pH. 95 IPT. Ageing 12 months oak, 30% new - a little higher than last year. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 92-93 points

13 Apr, 2023 – Very intense with impressive blackberry and currant aromas and flavors. Medium to full body. Excellent concentration. Bright fruit. 66% merlot, 23% cabernet sauvignon and 11% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16 points

Drink 2026 - 2034

66% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot. 70% grapes from Listrac, 30% from Cussac. Cask sample.

Muscular and modern. Deep purple-black hue. Plenty of ripe fruit but robust and firm as well. Slight chew on the finish. (JL)

THE WINE ADVOCATE 89-91 points

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From 50 hectares of vineyards in Listrac and Cussac, the 2021 Madame de Beaucaillou offers up aromas of dark berries, rich spices and loamy soil, followed by a medium-bodied, lively and charming palate that's underpinned by tangy acids. It's a Merlot-dominant blend complemented by 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Petit Verdot. Around one-third of the production was sold off in bulk to guarantee the quality of the assemblage. - William Kelley 04/23



Blend : 55% Cabernet Sauvignon - 42% Merlot - 3% Petit Verdot.
Yield : 31hl/ha
PH : 3,5
Ageing : 12 months in barrels 30% new barrels
Abv : 14%

About the Château :
Vineyard : 70 hectares
Density : 10,000 vines/hectare
Soil : Günz-ère gravel
Grape varieties : 50% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet franc.



Blend : 66% Merlot Noir, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petit Verdot
PH : 3,66
Ageing : 12 months in Bordeaux barrels
Abv : 14,5%

About the Château :
Vineyard : 75 hectares
Soil : Garonne gravels
Grape varieties : 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Cabernet franc.

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Red Wine

(LB)Pauillac

CARRUADES DE LAFITE of Chateau Lafite Rothschild Pauillac 2022 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£595.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE (91 - 93) points

Aromas of sweet cherries and berries mingled with hints of cedar box, loamy soil, warm spices, violets and orange zest introduce the 2022 Carruades de Lafite, a medium to full-bodied, bright and velvety blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. - William Kelley 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 96-97 points

Extremely perfumed with sweet tobacco and blackcurrants as well as cedar and dark chocolate. Aromatic. Medium-bodied with an intense center palate of blackcurrant, orange peel and peaches. Nervy. 53% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 4% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points

Drink 2029 - 2042

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. Cask sample.

Relatively complex nose with dark fruit and spice prominent. Energy and tension on the palate so freshness. Zesty for the year. Comfortable tannic structure. Should be intriguing as it opens. (JL)

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2027 - 2041

Plums, blackcurrants, dark chocolate and perfumed aromas on the nose. Smooth and bright, silky, sharp, intense but so likeable, a shot of high acidity really sets the tone, this is zinging with energy, bite and power. It's a look at me wine with a strawberry and red cherry sweetness as well as herbal savouriness that hits the mid palate creating a mouthwatering juiciness and sense of structure. The power comes in after a few minutes, alongside minerality and wet stone touches to the fine but present tannins. Streamlined, focussed and confident. Cleverly constructed with lots to like, will age well and has lovely Pauillac touches. 64IPT. 3.75pH. Harvest 31 August to 24 September. 16% press. 3% Petit Verdot completes the blend. - Georgina Hindle 04/23



Blend : 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet franc, 3% Petit Verdot.
PH : 3.8
Alc : 13,7%

About the Château :

Vineyard : 112 hectares

Soil : Deep Gravel on a Limestone subsoil

Grape varieties : 70% Cabernet sauvignon (70%), 25% Merlot, 3% Cabernet franc, 2% Petit verdot.

Officially in the process of organic conversion.

CHATEAU DUHART-MILON ROTHSCCHILD 4eme Cru Classe Pauillac 2022 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE

£420.00

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2029 - 2046

Ripe fruit on the nose, cherries, blackcurrants and plums, fresh, open and inviting. Sleek and smooth, this is intense but juicy giving tannic strength, just shy of chewy but appealingly chalky and fleshy giving a mouthfilling texture while the stony, saline, spiced edge to the tannins and cool blueberry and mint give the freshness. The tannins stand out here, present and at the fore, but well textured, crushed velvet but juicy with high acidity and a sharpness that counters the clear power underneath. Ageing will incorporate 40% of new oak plus up to 15% of amphora based on current trials. Harvest 31 August to 28 September. - Georgina Hindle 04/23



Blend : 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot
PH : 3,9
Alc : 13,5%

About the Château :

Vineyard : 78 hectares

Production : 30,000 cases

Soil : fine gravel mixed with aeolian sand on tertiary limestone subsoil.

Grape varieties : 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot.

Officially in the process of organic conversion.

JAMES SUCKLING 95-96 points

Very Pauillac in its blackcurrant, dark chocolate and walnut husk character. Full-bodied yet compacted. Wet earth, mushroom, earth, black tobacco. Fine and intense tannins. Fresh and complex. 78% cabernet sauvignon and 22% merlot.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points

Drink 2030 - 2042

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot. Cask sample.

Marked Cabernet nose – blackcurrant with a touch of mint. Big tannic base but with an opulence to the tannins. Long and persistent. Plenty of Pauillac power. (JL)

THE WINE ADVOCATE (91 - 93) points

The 2022 Duhart-Milon unwinds in the glass with aromas of dark berries, cedar box, loamy soil, herbs and spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, supple and velvety palate with a broad attack that segues into a lively, nicely concentrated core of fruit, concluding with a youthfully firm finish. - William Kelley 04/23

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Red Wine

(LB)Saint-Julien

CHATEAU LANGOA BARTON 3eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2022 Carton x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL (UC) £250.00

Château Langoa-Barton (archaically named Pontet Langlois) is a winery in the Saint-Julien appellation of the Bordeaux region of France. Château Langoa-Barton is also the name of the red wine produced by this property. The wine produced here was classified as one of fourteen Troisièmes Crus (Third Growths) in the historic Bordeaux Wine Official Classification of 1855.

DECANTER 95 points

Drinking Window: 2026 - 2048

Supple and lively, this has energy and intensity from the start. Clean and precise, well worked, cool and fresh with tannins that do well to give the frame and structure without overwhelming the fruit. Really nice this year, good movement and liveliness, rich fruit but juicy and fun. Doesn't take itself too seriously and I really like it!! Harvest 8-23 September. Yield of 30hl/ha. Ageing in French oak, 60% new. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

THE WINE ADVOCATE (93 - 95)+ points

The first vintage produced in the estate's new winery, which more than doubled the number of vats, permitting sub-plot by sub-plot vinification, the brilliant 2022 Langoa Barton offers up aromas of dark berries, cassis, violets and cigar wrapper, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and fleshy palate endowed with terrific depth and tension. Polished and penetrating, it should match or even surpass the 2019 and 2016 vintages, and it is sure to be one of the more intelligent purchases of the en primeur campaign. - William Kelley 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 96-97 points

13 Apr, 2023 – Deep fruit, dark spices and graphite with wide yet polished, linear tannins. Full-bodied and intense with depth and structure. Long and chalky at the end. Big wine.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points

Drink 2028 - 2038

56.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 2.5% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Dark fruit with a touch of oak spice. Generous fruit on the palate but the oak noticeable in this sample – prise de bois? Freshness there but dry and chewy on the finish. Needs retasting. (JL)



CHATEAU LEOVILLE BARTON 2eme Cru Classe Saint-Julien 2022 OWC x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL £440.00

DECANTER 96 points

Drinking Window: 2029 - 2050

Chewy, lively, bright, clean, intense, sleek, sharp and straight - this has it all. Excellent definition and poise, refined but still full of life and flavour. Appealing shots of milk chocolate, blackcurrant, black cherry and fragranced flowers. Not so dense or layered or plush, more lean, and straightforward but lovely detail and precision to the tannins balancing the density of fruit and energy of the lively acidity. Fun, serious, fruity, mineral - lots going on here. Simply gorgeous! I love it. Harvest 8-23 September. Yield of 30hl/ha. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

THE WINE ADVOCATE (96 - 97)+ points

One of the stars of the Médoc and a wine likely to equal or surpass its 2019 and 2016 counterparts, the 2022 Léoville Barton unwinds in the glass with deep aromas of cassis, pencil shavings, spices and tobacco leaf, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and layered palate that's vibrant, pure and seamless, with beautifully classy tannins and a long, penetrating finish. The 2022 is a blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11.5% Merlot and 5.5% Cabernet Franc; and it's the first vintage produced in the estate's new winery, which more than doubled the number of vats, permitting sub-plot by sub-plot harvesting and vinification, along with a number of other technical improvements which translate into enhanced purity and precision. - William Kelley 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 95-96 points

Very polished and poised with blackberry and blueberry character. Medium body with tight and focused tannin tension. Lively finish. Harmonious for the vintage.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points

Drink 2032 - 2050

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11.5% Merlot, 5.5% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Dark-fruit and spice notes. Layered fruit on the palate. Big tannic frame but tannins ripe and refined. Again (see Langoa Barton), the oak present in this sample resulting in a chewy, drying finish. Seems to have the potential but needs retasting. (JL)



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Red Wine

(RB)Fronsac

HAUT CARLES de Chateau Carles Fronsac 2022 OWC x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL

JAMES SUCKLING 94-95 points

One of the best Fronsacs I have had in years, with orange peel and fine tannins. Medium-bodied with a beautiful concentration of fruit and a long finish.

£130.00



Blend : 100% Merlot
Yield : 22hl/ha
Ageing : 16 to 18 month in French oak barrels (including 50% new wood). Fining with fresh egg white.

About the Château :
Vineyard : 15 hectares
Density : 7,500 vines per hectare
Production : 12 000 bottles/year
Soil : Clay & limestone on molasse from Fronsadais
Grape varieties : 96% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

CHATEAU LA CROIX DE GAY Pomerol 2022 OWC x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL

DECANTER 90 points

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2045

Fresh and lively, but quite tart and a little stalky too, nice acidity keeps the freshness, but the flavours are quite intensely spiced and herbal with strawberry, raspberry, liquorice, clove and dark chocolate giving a bitterness all the way through which doesn't quite match the sharp tangy fruit at this point. Tannins are well integrated, but so well that the sharpness stands out a little. A yield of 25hl/ha.

£190.00



Blend : 89% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc
Yield : 23hl/ha
Ageing : 50% new oak

About the Château :
Vineyard : 4,2 hectares
Production : 15,000 bottles
Soil : Graves du Ginz sur argile - Graves du Mindel sur argile
Grape varieties : 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc

JAMES SUCKLING 93-94 points

Wide and structured red with a medium to full body and fine-grained, silky tannins. Lingering and deep dark-fruited finish.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17 points

Drink 2026 - 2045

89% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Deep, glowing crimson. Intense and interesting on the nose with notes of dried herbs that I have not encountered elsewhere. Very sweet and plush – very different from Le Gay 2022 and closer to the Pomerol paradigm. Not overdone though – offering pure pleasure. Already quite approachable with the alcohol just a little evident on the end of the palate at which point ripe tannins make themselves felt.

THE WINE ADVOCATE (87-89) points

The extremes of the vintage have left their mark on the 2022 La Croix de Gay, a medium to full-bodied, soft, fleshy, low-acid wine evocative of smoked meats, toasty oak and berry compete.

CARILLON D'ANGELUS 2nd wine of Chateau Angelus 2022 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2026 - 2046

Scented red berries on the nose, creamy, floral, perfumed, juicy and fresh, with savoury herbal aspects too. Sleek and so refined, this is fresh and captivating but with weight and density. Mouthwatering acidity gives the life and the spark straight away, with firm but fresh and cool tannins supporting the fruit, present but not too much, giving the frame and the nuance. Tannin management is excellent with blue fruits, liquorice and subtle sweet tobacco notes. Bright, shining and sleek, this is both juicy and layered, mineral and fruity, while retaining freshness and bite. Leaves a lingering impression and has great ageing potential.

£320.00



Blend : 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
pH : 3,6
Yield : 40hl/ha
Ageing : 16 to 18 months in fine-grain French oak barrels with medium char, of which 60% are new and 40% second-fill barrels
Abv : 14,5%

About the Château :
Vineyard : 18 designated hectares
Density of plantation : 6,500 to 8,500 vines per hectares
Soil : Clay-limestone on the upper part; clay, sand and limestone as the slope goes down.
Grape varieties : 90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.

JAMES SUCKLING 94-95 points

A very fresh and vivid red with crunchy and bright character. Citrus rind as well. Medium-bodied. Fine taninned with a vivid finish. Precise.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 + points

Drink 2028 - 2038

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Precise in execution, the aroma lifted and refined, the texture of tannin pure and exact. Nothing overblown, the fruit remaining juicy. Harmonious. (JL)

THE WINE ADVOCATE (91 - 93) points

Unfurling in the glass with notions of raspberries, red plums, sweet soil tones and truffle, the 2022 Le Carillon d'Angélus is medium to full-bodied, fleshy and vibrant, with powdery tannins and a long, saline finish. As readers will remember, this bottling is no longer a "second wine" per se, but rather draws on some 25 hectares of dedicated vineyards, emphasizing Merlot from the cool terroirs of Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes, complemented by holdings in the gravelly Figeac sector and on clay soils near Angélus itself—with anything that doesn't make the cut relegated to the No. 3 d'Angélus.

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Red Wine

(RB)Saint-Emilion

CHATEAU ANGELUS 1er Grand Cru Classe A Saint-Emilion 2022 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

£1,200.00

DECANTER 97 points

Drinking Window: 2030 - 2050

An excellently constructed and impressive Angélus in 2022 with power, focus and detail. Aromatically expressive; a burst of black and blue fruits on the nose, gorgeous floral scents, liquorice, graphite, damson, juniper berries, dark chocolate, vanilla and cinnamon. Straight and sleek, almost sharp red and blue berries marry with a slate minerality edging the tannins that makes the texture quite firm and mouthcoating but so precise with a playful juiciness on the mid palate and overall appealing coolness. Lovely clarity and layering of flavour, some strictness coming from the Cabernet Franc at this point, but there's such class, finesse and precision on show. One for the long haul and will reward cellaring. Unlike in 2020 which took three days to harvest Merlot, 2022 took them two weeks, finishing with Cabernet Franc at the beginning of October. No press wine in the grand vin. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

THE WINE ADVOCATE 96 - 98 points

This estate's shift in the direction of gentler extraction and more reductive, less overtly oaky élevage continues, and this extreme vintage only underlines that. Fermented at cool temperatures (20 to 23 degrees Celsius), and with an increasing proportion of the wine's Cabernet Franc component matured in large wooden foudres, the 2022 Angélus wafts from the glass with deep aromas of dark berries and cherries mingled with hints of iris, licorice and pencil lead. Full-bodied, deep and seamless, with a layered core of cool, vibrant fruit, powdery tannins and a long, saline finish, it's a brilliant young wine in the making. The 2022 is a blend of 53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. - William Kelley 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 99-99 points

4 Apr, 2023 – So many beautiful primary fruit aromas. Al dente. Peaches. Very floral. Aromatic. Full-bodied and extremely fine tannins with length and beauty that show incredible depth. Superb brightness and reality. Exciting. Cabernet franc freshness and dynamics come through now, even though the blend is 60% merlot and 40% cabernet franc.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17.5 points

Drink 2030 - 2048

60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Purple-black hue. Dense, dark and spicy. Beautifully textured, the tannins ripe and smooth. Plenty of lift and no exaggeration. Firm, long and crunchy on the finish. Substantial but measured. (JL)



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Blend: 60% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot
Yield: 40hl/ha
PH: 3.65
Ageing: 20/22 months in 100% new oak
Alc: 14.5%

About the Château:

Vineyard: 30 hectares

Density of plantation: 6,500 to 8,500 vines per hectares

Soil: Clay-limestone on the upper part; clay, sand and limestone as the slope goes down.

Grape varieties: 53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit verdot.

CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1er Grand Cru Classe A 2022 OWC x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL (DV)

£1,600.00

One of Bordeaux's most complex terroirs, Cheval Blanc sits on the site of an ancient river delta, with (to generalize) clay-rich soils in the lower-lying parts where rivelets once flowed and gravel and sand elsewhere. This complexity is reflected, of course, in the resulting wine but also in how it is farmed and made, with thoughtful use of cover crops according to soil type and parcel-by-parcel vinification. A concerted effort is being made, moreover, to bring life back to the vineyard, with hedges of native species to act as wildlife corridors and fruit trees planted among the vines. The same attention to detail that's applied in the vineyards, for example with regard to developing and testing an in-house massal selection, is applied in the cellar, where cooperage trials are notable for their exigence. All of that shows in the glass. Cabernet dominates in the 2021 blend, and the result is a serious Cheval Blanc built for the long haul.

THE WINE ADVOCATE (97-99)+ points

One of the stars of the vintage is the striking 2022 Cheval Blanc, a blend of 53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon that bursts from the glass with aromas of mulberries, cherries and wild berries mingled with mint, orange zest, pencil lead, vine smoke and exotic spices. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and layered, it's rich and gourmand, with beautifully refined tannins, lively acids and a long, saline, pungently perfumed finish. Harvest began on 29 August, with all the Merlot picked before the month was out, and the result is a wine that is as vibrant as it is lavish. - William Kelley, 28th Apr 2023

JAMES SUCKLING 99-100 points

This is a wine that soars to new heights with its brightness and weightlessness. The balance of serene fruit that's perfectly ripe. Full-bodied yet tight and polished where it seems delicate and compressed, with berry, chocolate and walnut character. The finish is endless and poised. Wine of the vintage? 53% merlot, 46% cabernet franc and 1% cabernet sauvignon.

JANCIS ROBINSON 18.5 points

Drink 2032 - 2055

53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. No Petit Cheval this year and two parcels sold 'en VRAC' (sold in bulk to the négociants), the rest in the grand vin. Cask sample.

Floral notes from the Cabernet Franc with a hint of mint and chocolate. Sumptuous texture, the fruit juicy and fresh but the perception silky and smooth. Powerfully built but ripe tannins behind. Delicious and just so refined. One of the wines of the vintage. (JL)



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JEAN-MARC
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Blend: 53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
Yield: 29 hl/ha
PH: 3.80
Ageing: 16/18 months - 100% new oak
Alc: 14.25%

About the Château:

Vineyard: 39 hectares

Soil: 40% gravels, 40% clay, and sands on clay

Grape varieties: 52% Cabernet Franc, 43% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.

BORDEAUX 2022

Red Wine

(STH)Graves/Pessac

CHÂTEAU DE FIEUZAL Rouge, Pessac-Leognan 2022 OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE (94 - 96)+ points

The cumulative rainfall at Château Fieuzal was only 385 millimeters in 2022, compared to 753 millimeters in 2021 and 743 millimeters in 2020. But this did not prevent Stephen Carrier and his team from making a fresh and energetic 2022 de Fieuzal, bursting with aromas of violet, iris, menthol and crunchy wild berries mingled with hints of coniferous forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, it's pristinely balanced and beautifully layered, exhibiting a vibrant palate that's deep, tensile and elegant, concluding with a mouthwateringly mineral finish. This estate is achieving things no one would have thought possible a decade ago. - Yohan Castaing 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 94-95 points

A crunchy and energetic wine from here this year with black berry, black cherry and crushed stone character. Medium-bodied with lively acidity and a fine tannin background.

JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5 points

Drink 2027 - 2040

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. Property owned by the Quinn family, originally from Ireland. Vat room entirely renovated in 2011. Cask sample.

Bright blueish crimson, not that deep. Sweet, fresh nose. Lively and very transparent even if without the depth and richness of some 2022s. Flirtatious even. Slightly drying finish but with some confident fruit tucked in there for the future. Refreshing wine!



Blend : 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot.
Yield : 32hl/ha
pH : 3,7
Alc : 13,5%

About the Château :
Vineyard : 70 hectares (63 ha for the red wine)
Soil : gravel ridges & clay-limestone subsoil
Grape varieties : 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot.

£200.00

Dessert Wine

(STH)Sauternes

CHATEAU GUIRAUD 1er Grand Cru Classé Sauternes 2022 OWC x 12 HALVES - PRE-REL

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2027 - 2050

Supple and juicy, bright and clean - this lacks a little unctuousness and flesh, but it's focussed while having a long length. Sherbet lemon and pineapple fruit, wild honey and peach blossom which are so lovely with flinty touches that give an appealing mineral tang on the finish. This has an air of class, supremely approachable and drinkable now. 134g/l residual sugar. 3.5g total acidity. 4.0pH. - Georgina Hindle 04/23

JAMES SUCKLING 94-95 points

13 Apr, 2023 – A refined and pretty Sauternes with crushed apple, spice and dried pear character. Medium body with a fresh spice and intense finish at the end.

JANCIS ROBINSON 17+ points

Drink 2027 - 2045

65% Sémillon, 35% Sauvignon Blanc. RS 134 g/l. Cask sample.

Golden hue. Fresh and initially restrained but opens to pear and citrus notes. Well constructed on the palate, building as it goes. Rich but with length and persistence. Bit muted at present but should develop well. (JL)



Blend : 65% Sémillon, 35% Sauvignon blanc.
pH : 4,01
Yield : 10hl/ha
Ageing : in barrels for 18 months – 80% new oak
Alc : 13,65%

About the Château :
Vineyard : 54 hectares in Sauternes appellation
Density : 6,600 plants / ha
Soil : 80% of sandy gravel, the remaining 20% being deep earth that is a mixture of clay, limestone and gravel.
Grape varieties : 65% Sémillon, 35% Sauvignon Blanc.
Organic viticulture.

£280.00

BURGUNDY 2020

Red Wine

CdeB-Corton

BENJAMIN LEROUX Corton, Grand Cru 2020 Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

92-94 points Jasper Morris, MW: "From Clos des Meix only this year. Lovely mid purple, this is one of the more stylish types of Corton. Just a few tannins behind but they are ripe and there is a graceful quality to the fruit which sweeps through to an excellent finish. (Nov 2021)"

92-94 points Neal Martin (Vinous): "The 2020 Corton Grand Cru has a lively bouquet, well-defined with blackberry and raspberry fruit, touches of chalk dust. The palate is well balanced with a touch of reduction, good density with brambly red berry fruit laced with black pepper and clove on the finish. Very fine. Drink: 2026-2045. (Dec 2021)"

£695.00



White Wine

CdeB-Meursault

LOUIS JADOT Meursault Perrieres 1er Cru 2020 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

THE WINE ADVOCATE 93-95 points

Outer quote mark The 2020 Meursault 1er Cru Les Perrières (Domaine Louis Jadot) is also excellent, unwinding in the glass with scents of citrus zest, crisp green orchard fruit, vanilla pod and white flowers. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and chiseled, it's racy and incisive, with a tangy spine of acidity and a long, searingly chalky finish. The 2020 vintage has turned out beautifully at this address, delivering concentrated, flavorful wines with alcohol levels between 13.3% and 13.7% and with low pHs. Winemaker Frédéric Barnier told me that efforts were made to pick earlier in the day, and that fruit waiting to be processed was kept fresh in a special cold room. In the cellar, foudres and 500-liter barrels now complement classic 228-liter pièces, a further evolution adapting to warmer, riper vintages. But aside from the quality of the 2020s and these technical developments, described in more detail in the accompanying tasting notes, there's other noteworthy news too: in 2021, Jadot entered into organic conversion for their domaine vineyards. (WK) Inner quote mark (1/2022)

£695.00



BURGHOUND 91-93 points

Outer quote mark Elegant, pure and very restrained aromas include those of mineral reduction, Granny Smith apples, lemon-lime and a plenitude of floral elements. There is first-rate intensity to the refined if exceptionally intense middle weight flavors that brim with an almost pungent minerality on the linear, bone-dry and citrus pith-inflected finish. Note that this is very tightly wound and is definitely a wine where at least moderate patience should be most beneficial. *Burghound Outstanding!* Inner quote mark (6/2022) Allen Meadows

VINOUS 91-93 points

Outer quote mark The 2020 Meursault Les Perrières 1er Cru has a perfumed bouquet with crushed pebbles, granite and pressed white flower scents that unfurl in the glass. The palate is very well balanced with a tensile opening, taut and fresh, quite saline with a cohesive and persistent finish. Not bad at all, though the Genevrières shows a little more panache at this early juncture. Closure: Diam (NM) Inner quote mark (12/2021)

Jasper Morris Inside Burgundy 93-96 points

"The density of colour sits between Genevrières and Charmes, though with slightly the weightiest fruit on the nose. The oak has been pushed into the background by the volume of fruit. There is a little thread of grenadine through the essentially pure white fruit, with a very good mineral backbone throughout. Tasted: November 2021."

BURGUNDY 2021

Red Wine

Bourgogne AOC

HERESZTYN-MAZZINI Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£198.00

This is one of the most exciting and improved domaines in Gevrey. Since Florence Heresztyn took over her share of the family estate in 2012, the quality has soared. Aided by her Champenois husband Simon Mazzini, Florence has converted the vineyards to biodynamic viticulture and adapted the vinification to suit the characteristics of each vintage and vineyard. In 2020, the harvest was completed in four days from 1st to 4th September. All the wines were fermented with natural yeasts and the maceration was gentle with less pigeage than usual.



MAISON CHANZY Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Les Fortune 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£97.00

This wine has an attractive shiny light ruby colour. It is both refined and very frank on the nose and palate. It opens to aromas of red fruits. Its silky tannins support the balance of a wine, such that it can be kept for some time (5 to 7 years) while remaining pleasant in its youth.



White Wine

Bourgogne AOC

JEAN-MARC PILLOT Bourgogne Chardonnay Le Haut des Champs 2021 Carton x 6 Bottles - PRE-

£146.25

"Mix of domaine grapes from Chassagne-Montrachet and Côte Chalonnaise, with purchased grapes from the Hautes Côtes de Nuits and below Puligny. This has been the typical blend since 2019. Pale colour, with a lifted fresh apple and greengage nose. Bouncing energy, good acidity, faintest gunflint, but above all really appealing fruit." Jasper Morris MW, www.insideburgundy.com

The 2021 Bourgogne Chardonnay Le Haut des Champs has a well-defined bouquet with nectarine and peach aromas. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, quite saline in the mouth with a bitter lemon finish. Fine.



MAISON CHANZY Bourgogne Chardonnay, Les Fortune 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£97.00

This wine is a synthesis of finesse and freshness that is enhanced by the fruitiness that Chardonnay can bring. This white Burgundy adores fine dishes and tender flesh.



BURGUNDY 2021

Red Wine

CdeB-Aloxe-Corton

DOMAINE LECHENEAUT Aloxe-Corton 1er Cru Petites Lollieres 2021 Carton x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL £434.25

Closer to the Grand Cru hill of Corton than Chorey and sharing some of Corton's lower slopes, Aloxe-Corton gives a darker, more structured and powerful Pinot Noir with excellent complexity and aging potential.



White Wine

CdeB-Chassagne-Mont.

JEAN-MARC PILLOT Chassagne-Mont. 1er Cru Les Chenevottes 2021 CS x 6 Bots-PRE-REL £492.75

Jean-Marc has worked at the estate since 1985 and has managed it since 1991. He has implemented several changes such as the construction of new facilities and has expanded the number of vineyards. He has also reduced the use of new oak to mostly utilize "3-year-old" barrels for a lower average of new oak (around 10%). His son, Antonin has now joined him and helps with production.

We immediately loved the lean, fresh and complex style of Jean-Marc's wines. From the nearly 15 hectares of vineyards, the production of white wine is still dominant, although almost half the holdings are planted with Pinot Noir, which is unusual in Chassagne-Montrachet.

The vines in most parcels are between 25 and 50 years old but can reach 90 years of age in some premiers crus of Chassagne-Montrachet.



Red Wine

CdeB-Corton

BENJAMIN LEROUX Corton Grand Cru 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL £850.00

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2032

A mixture of fruit from Le Corton in Aloxe-Corton and Les Grandes Lolières in Pernand-Vergelesses goes into this wine - the latter of which has replaced Bressandes in the cuvée. It sees one-third whole bunches and is an intensely perfumed, sappy style of Corton that's all about minerality and freshness rather than tannin. - Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW (at Burgundy, 01 Jun 2022) Part of Top Meursault 2021 en primeur wines.



BURGUNDY 2021

Red Wine

CdeB-Cote de Beaune

BENJAMIN LEROUX Beaune 1er Cru, Les Cent-Vignes 2021 CASE x 6 Botts -PRE-REL

This vineyard was purchased in 2021 but the exploitant continues to run the vines for the moment. Lighter in colour, with a prettily perfumed nose. Really stylish, with grace length and elegance. Neither frost nor disease issues here apparently.

Jasper Morris MW 90-92

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DECANTER 93 points

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2035

This newly-purchased parcel will make an excellent addition to Leroux's lineup. The charming, forward fruit of the 2021 is one of the successes of his portfolio this year. The light ruby colour gives no hint of the pronounced cherry fruit, floral and mineral accents and touch of salinity that one finds on the palate. The body is light, but there is real ripeness here and a great purity to the fruit leading to a lingering finish. - Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW (at Burgundy, 01 Jun 2022) Part of Top Meursault 2021 en primeur wines



£410.00

BENJAMIN LEROUX Savigny-les-Beaune 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Burgundian native Benjamin Leroux is one of the brightest minds and winemaking talents of his generation. Benjamin Leroux's village level wines, particularly in the reds, are outstanding, with the Savigny-les-Beaune representing possibly the best value among them. It shows a power and sophistication not far off many 1er reds in the region, this release showing a particularly linear palate with a floral, musky nose, pure red fruit crunch and some light herbal notes (20% whole bunch). This offers gorgeous drinking now and will cellar beautifully for the next decade or more.



£210.00

White Wine

CdeB-Meursault

BENJAMIN LEROUX Meursault AOC Village 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Benjamin Leroux's Meursault AOC is blended from different vineyards in the municipality, including Criots, Sous la Velle, Millerands, Moulin Landin and Pellands from the lower slopes, and Bois de Blagny in the upper and cooler part the AOC, also known as Meursault-Blagny. It combines extract with finesse, the perfect combination of intense fruit, pressure, freshness and salty minerality is just as typical of the Meursault origin as it is of the Leroux wine style.

Benjamin Leroux made the decision to blend all his village Meursault into this one blend for the 2021 vintage, bar Vireuils, to achieve a workable volume; this also included his Narvaux. This is once again a satisfying and complete wine: open, generous, and appealing. Drink 2023 – 2030.

Jasper Morris MW 88-91

Drink 2025-2028

Made mostly from domaine fruit with the small amount of purchased Narvaux included. Pale lemon colour, lifted and charming. Good acidity behind, medium bodied, this will show a little more opulence later. - Jasper Morris, Inside Burgundy (January 2023)

DECANTER 93 points

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2035

There is a forward, engaging ripe apple and spice nose on the initial attack of this village Meursault with notes of acacia flowers and butter that open up on the palate. The wine seems to lack the incisive acidity of some of the 21s, yet is supple and very pleasant. Due to frost damage, this contains all the fruit from Les Criots, Au Moulin Landin, Les Millerands, Bois de Blagny, and Forges – everything was blended together and only Vireuils separated out, making twenty barrels, and only one was new. A classic village-level Meursault. - Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW (at Burgundy, 01 Jun 2022) Part of Top Meursault 2021 en primeur wines



£385.00

BURGUNDY 2021

White Wine

CdeB-Meursault

MICHEL BOUZEREAU Meursault, Les Grands Charrons 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£411.75

Domaine Michel Bouzereau et Fils is one of Meursault's most distinguished growers, creating rich and voluptuous wines. Grands Charrons sits at the same height as the Meursault Premiers Crus but with a more easterly exposure. This wine is beautifully aromatic with a bouquet of toasted hazelnuts, orange blossom and butterscotch. The palate offers up flavours of white fruits with a sublime honeyed richness and hint of toasted oak.



ALAIN CHAVY Puligny-Montrachet, Les Charmes 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£400.00

Alain Chavy has been joined by his son Corentin at this splendid Puligny domaine, created in 2003 when Alain and his brother Jean-Louis went their separate ways. Alain believes in harvesting early in order to retain as much freshness and acidity as possible. 2020 was his earliest ever vintage, starting on the 18th August and finishing on the 25th August. All his wines are fermented and aged for 12 months in a mixture of 228 litre and 400 litre barrels from tonnelleres Damy and Chassin followed by a second winter in stainless steel vats. This is a magnificent range of intense, taught, mineral wines.

A new parcel for Alain Chavy, Puligny Montrachet "Les Charmes" is a lieu-dit with 30 year-old vines that borders the Meursault 1er Cru Charmes. Chavy's style emphasizes precision and laser-like acidity. The Charmes has notably rich fruit and great energy. This really is a fine example of a top-class single-vineyard Puligny Montrachet. The wine is textured and weighted in the mid-palate with typical flavours of green apple and citrus fruits, all leading to an elegant and long finish, developing buttery notes that leave the mouth watering for more. There is superb ageing potential in this wine.



JEAN LOUIS CHAVY Puligny-Montrachet AOC 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£348.75

Jean-Louis Chavy is one of the sons of Gerard Chavy, and now runs his own Domaine. His brother Alain, now runs Domaine Gerard Chavy on his own.

Jean-Louis and Alain have split the families vineyards up between them with them sharing the Bourgogne Blanc, village Puligny Montrachet, the lieu-dit Charmes, as well as Premiers Crus Champs Gain, Clavoillons, and Folatieres vineyards. In addition Jean-Louis has control of the Premier Cru Perrieres parcel, while Alain kept the Pucelles parcel.

The winery was finished in 2004 and the winemaking and ageing style is traditional. It is early days to talk of a house style for Jean-Louis, but his wine are so far very elegant and without any noticeable oak influence.



BENJAMIN LEROUX Saint-Romain, Sous le Chateau 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£225.00

The cool valley that leads to St Romain encourages later budding, so yields were only down by 15%. Acidity was also lower than normal in the vintage, and this wine displays all the verve and bounce for which this appellation is becoming renowned. It also has a lime, citrus edge. Drink 2023 – 2030.

Jasper Morris MW 88-90

Drink 2024-2027

There was enough fruit to make use of a good mix of barrel shapes and sizes, as St-Romain was not much frosted. Pale colour with a light green tint. Fresh bouquet, some lime blossom, good tension here with a mineral backbone, and an attractive finish. - Jasper Morris, Inside Burgundy (January 2023)



BURGUNDY 2021

Red Wine

CdeB-Volnay

BENJAMIN LEROUX Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£520.00

Benjamin's Volnay is always a big favourite of ours - Ben has a very strong track record in the village, and he seems to have a keen eye for getting it just right. Mitans is always amongst the most elegant expressions of Volnay, and the winemaking here very much embraces that, but with an extra level of depth and intensity. Rich, luscious black berry fruit with coffee, dark chocolate and a vibrant aromatic freshness.



BENJAMIN LEROUX Chambolle-Musigny 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£520.00

The selection of very old vines for this cuvée made it perfect to use a large proportion of whole clusters during the vinification. At 70% this wine has all the "matière" to support the stalks. Firm dark fruit flavours, a touch of graphite and spice, this is quite a serious styled Chambolle focusing a little more on muscle and power than in some years. A wine to age.



BENJAMIN LEROUX Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru 2021 CASE x 3 Bottles -PRE-REL

£745.00

DECANTER 93 points

Drinking Window: 2025 - 2045

Ripe blackberry fruit is tempered here with a hint of menthol, earth, and spice on the attack. The texture is balanced and elegant, yet there is significant structure here with firm tannins, bright acidity, and plenty of extract. In 2021, Leroux fermented the grapes with one-third of whole clusters to give the wine a hint of menthol and some attractive, slightly bitter notes on the finish. Stylish and sophisticated. The 0.15-hectare parcel is on the border with Morey in Mazoyères-Chambertin. - Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW (at Burgundy, 01 Jun 2022) Part of Top Meursault 2021 en primeur wines



BENJAMIN LEROUX Clos Vougeot Grand Cru Petit Maupertuis 2021 CS x 6 Bts-PRE-REL

£795.00

DECANTER 94 points

Drinking Window: 2027 - 2055

There is a lovely sweetness to the cherry and plum fruit here, with cedar, earth, and clove accents. The texture is tannic and structured, but there is enough substance to ensure a slightly fleshy, approachable suppleness on the palate. Good length. This wine is produced from a 0.15-hectare plot at the southern extremity of the Clos; Leroux produced two barrels in '21. This Clos de Vougeot should age well indeed. - Tasted by: Charles Curtis MW (at Burgundy, 01 Jun 2022) Part of Top Meursault 2021 en primeur wines



BURGUNDY 2021

Red Wine

CdeN-Gevrey-Chamb.

BENJAMIN LEROUX Gevrey-Chambertin AOC Village 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£385.00

Since the addition of the excellent Brochon vineyards in 2020, what was already a very good wine is now an excellent one, perhaps with a little more grip and structure than in the past, without losing that classic Leroux purity and accessibility. The nose is pure Gevrey; chalky red berry fruits, a floral touch and a twist of spice. The palate is juicy with waves of succulent red berry fruit and a refreshing limestone finish. Drink 2024-2032.

Jasper Morris MW 88-91

Drink 2025-2030

Excellent fine bright purple. Clean and fresh, with plenty of red fruit energy. There is a crispness and precision which works really well, small red berries, Now Benjamin gets a lot of fruit from Brochon which really helps. He may do single vineyard bottlings in future. - Jasper Morris, Inside Burgundy (January 2023)



BERTRAND AMBROISE Nuits Saint Georges V-Vignes 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£247.50

Maison Ambroise dates back to the 18th century when only a few parcels had been planted around Nuits-Saint-Georges in Burgundy. Bertrand Ambroise took over the vineyard from his father-in-law in 1987, and is now run by his son and daughter. They have been working on developing the winery's organic philosophy and were certified by Ecocert in 2013. They remove many of the leaves around the bunches of the grapes to produce riper tannin and has de-stemmed the Pinot Noir since 2002 which, along with 28 day maceration, helps produce balanced wines of classic Burgundian character with structure and poise.

A combination of 55-year-old vines from the parcels of 'Les Fleurieres', 'Les Maladières' and 'Les Poisets' all located in the south of Nuits-Saint-Georges, as well as some plots in Prémieux-Prissey. The southeast facing slopes have brown-clay and limestone soils with a hint of silt. 50% new oak.

"Attractive, forward nose of mulberry, blackberry, and boysenberry and black with an underlying floral touch. Generous and silky texture reinforced by striking tension, energy, and purity of further dark black fruits and just a touch of toasted oak spice." Drink 2024-2030. (AR/JG. Tasted at the Domaine with François Ambroise in November 2022)



White Wine

Chablis

NATHALIE & GILLES FEVRE Chablis GrandCru Les Preuses 2021 CASE x 6 Botts -PRE-REL

£345.00

Julie Fevre "The mild winter is similar to recent years; with nevertheless a very hot last week of March, hence a very early budburst. Then, at the beginning of April, severe frosts on the nights of April 6 to 9. This led to very significant damage and variability in maturation. Indeed, the month of May is cool and rainy; the vine does not grow (it "vegetates") for more than a month, so flowering is late and difficult, which worries us. Summer is also cool and wet; veraison therefore takes place late with the development of a few diseases. The start of the harvest is September 19; we do a meticulous sorting. The lack of heat prevents the degradation of malic acid so we have a fairly high total acidity and a fairly low sugar content. The wines thus regain the typical Chablis character, quite fresh with citrus notes (profile highly appreciated by Chablis lovers!) – but the volume is very very low (-70 to -80% harvest). This vintage is therefore historically low in volume, but classic in its profile."

A magnificent 2.3 hectare holding of 55-year-old vines, facing south. 70% stainless steel vinification in 30% 500ltr and 228ltr oak barrels (half new).



MAISON CHANZY Bouzeron Monopole, Clos de La Fortune 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles-PRE-REL

£128.00

The Bouzeron vineyard is located on either side of a very old valley that is partly exposed to the west. "Clos de la Fortune" is among the most famous climats. Its southeast exposure is excellent. The name of this climat should be taken literally! It comes from the Latin fortuna - "fortune, happiness, luck". The wall that is visible above "Clos de la Fortune" is probably the remainder of the wall of the fortified enclosure of the site.

Chanzy is a 80 hectare Estate, divided between Côte Chalonnaise, Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits with their base in Bouzeron.

In 2017 Philippe Der Megreditchian purchased this historic Estate and set about a radical overhaul. Appointing Max Blondelle as winemaker, (ex. Winemaker of Domine Chanson) together they reshaped the range into a tighter offering, adding vineyards in Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beaune due to their purchase of Domaine Pagnotta. Consequently, this means that all of Chanzy's wines are made with at least 90% Estate-grown fruit, practically unheard of for a Burgundian producer of this size. Chanzy owns 5 Clos including 2 Monopoles, 11 Grands Crus and 16 Premiers Crus. They are one of the few Burgundy producers to achieve Haute Valeur Environnementale level 3; the most highly regarded certification for agriculture in France.



BURGUNDY 2021

White Wine

Cote de Nuits

MICHEL GROS Hautes Cotes de Nuits Blanc Fontaine Saint Martin 2021 Carton x 6 Bottles - PRE-

£165.00

Pierre Gros (First vintage 2019) " The severe frost impacted the quantity harvested, especially in the early plots located on the hillsides. This episode of frost led to a delay and heterogeneity in the development of the vine, accentuated by a very rainy month of May. Fortunately, the summer had better conditions, so that the vines were healthy, only the Chardonnays were affected by powdery mildew. The harvest starts on September 20, a date that seems almost late compared to recent vintages. Despite the small quantity harvested, the quality is there, with good maturity. The 2021 vintage promises to be a classic vintage, with pure fruitiness and great liveliness."

This is a monopole with the same soil and subsoil as the top part of the hill of Corton – marne and limestone rocks. A 3 hectare, east facing parcel of 10-25-year-old vines.



DOMAINE LEFLAIVE Macon-Verze Les Chenes 2021 CASE x 12 Bottles ORG/BIO - PRE-REL

£695.00

Domaine Leflaive Mâcon-Verzé Les Chenes is a biodynamic, barrel-aged white wine made with the Chardonnay variety by Domaine Leflaive in the AOC Mâcon-Verzé (Burgundy).

The Leflaive family has lived in the prestigious Mâcon-Verzé region since 1717 but it wasn't until 1904, when Joseph Leflaive took over, that the wines started gaining a reputation. This prestige reached an all-time high with Anna-Claude Leflaive. When she took over the family domain in 1990, she decided to use healthy organic soil and made all the vineyards biodynamic, including ten hectares of premier crus and five hectares of grand crus. Today, Brice de la Morandière, great-grandson of the founder Joseph Leflaive and current head of the domain, follows in the footsteps of Anne-Claude.

Domaine Leflaive Mâcon-Verzé Les Chenes comes from old vines planted on calcareous clay soil from a single, very special vineyard called Les Chenes. The vines have an average age of 30 years old, they lie about 300 metres above sea level and they are cultivated using biodynamic agriculture, without herbicides or chemical fertilisers. The harvest is carried out manually at the optimum point of ripeness.



NICOLAS MAILLET Macon Verze Le Chemin Blanc 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£150.00

We are thrilled to be working with the exquisite wines of Domaine Nicolas Maillet and the passionate family that makes them. This fourth-generation, 8-hectare domaine is situated in the commune of Verzé a cool terroir, being a corridor of well-ventilated opposing east and south-west facing slopes, with deep limestone and chalk soils. It is recognised as producing some of the tensest, freshest and most minerally wines in the Maconnais.

From 1928 to 1998, their grapes were sold to the local cooperative, which dominates production. However, since 1999, Nicolas has bottled everything at the property. The domaine was certified as organic in 2008 and since 2013 they have largely employed biodynamic practices. Their vines are surrounded by those of Domaine Leflaive, which similarly recognised the great terroir of Verzé, now own some 30 hectares in the commune and also farm biodynamically. Within seconds of first meeting Nicolas, we were whisked away from the melodic tones of Metallica which filled the cellars, to study his vines and it is here that his heart, mind and soul clearly lie. They work their soils vigorously to ensure healthy, microbiological activity and hand-harvest in small containers to preserve the integrity of the grapes. Only selection massale, from their oldest vines is used when replanting. All their wines are vinified in tank - with entirely indigenous, natural yeasts - to preserve the purity, freshness and character of the terroir. They are only racked if it is absolutely necessary and use minimal doses of SO2.

The Macon Verzé "Le Chemin Blanc" comes from vines planted in 1928 and 1936 and offers even greater depth, intensity and concentration of salty, mineral-laden peach and acacia flowers.



Champagne

Vintage

JACQUESSON Cuvee 746 Extra Brut, Famile Chiquet Brut NV CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE £335.00

"Why aim for average when you can achieve excellence?" - Until 1999, Non-Vintage Brut reigned supreme over all Champagne. A convention of homogeneity which tied the hands of those who made the wines. And then, everything changed.

"Never exactly the same, nor completely different" - Our revolution took the world by surprise but quickly won followers when they were presented with the results. Since then, every bottle proclaims its independence with the three digits of its birth, starting with the 728th Cuvée from the Domaine.

Based on the spectacular 2018 vintage, Cuvée 746 is composed of grapes from Ay, Dizy, Hautvillers (68%) and Avize, Oiry (32%). The harvest ran from August 30th to September 11th, yielding grapes in perfect health, excellent ripeness, and notable finesse. Dosage is a moderate 2g/l



FLORENT ROUVE

White Wine

FLORENT ROUVE Cotes du Jura Chardonnay Face a l'Est Blanc 2021 CASE X 12 BOTTLES - PRE-RI

£345.00

Florent Rouve is one of many that wasn't born into winemaking. His father was a geologist which led to a natural interest in nature. After the family moved to the Jura area, he took on a job working as a forest manager nearby several vineyards. The interest in viticulture bloomed and the rest is history. Florent got his feet wet working with Jean Rijckaert where he continued a minimalist style of winemaking. He then moved on to his own label. Currently, he makes wines in the Jura and Macon regions constantly improving his spirit of tradition and modernism.

Intense, ripe apple and nectarine with intense seam of citrus. Bright apple fruit, saline hint, citrus and creamy beeswax.



Vin Jaune

Arbois

FLORENT ROUVE Cotes du Jura Arbois Savagnin Blanc 2021 CASE X 12 BOTTLES - PRE-REL

£340.00

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Vin Jaune means yellow wine and refers to the Jura's classic tradition of oxidizing the Savagnin sous la velle, or under the veil. This wine comes from the Cotes du Jura and will spend six years in barrique before its release. The oxidizing process will concentrate the nutty flavors, giving the wine texture and preserving its acidity. It's a beautiful wine to behold. It will do well with many foods, including monkfish, chicken with morels, or aged cheeses like Comte. Perhaps its best known use is the base for the rich "sauce Vin Jaune" that bathes white fish and chicken dishes.



MAISON CHAPOUTIER

MAISON CHAPOUTIER About

Applying his usual break-neck rigour to the presidency of InterRhône has not in any way distracted Michel Chapoutier. His range is more impressive in scope than ever, providing the most complete dissection of the region's styles and terroir. Founded in 1808, Michel took charge in 1988 and became the seventh generation of his family to run the domaine. Since then, quality has soared and he is now farming all his vineyards biodynamically. He also invests in new winemaking projects across the globe, as far-flung as Australia. His children, in particular his daughter, Mathilde, are now increasingly involved in the day-to-day management of the maison, bringing with her her entrepreneurial skills and vision.

Michel describes '20 as a warm vintage that produced wines with the profile of a cool one. He attributes much of the success to his biodynamic practices, which enabled his vines to weather the drought successfully. The hydric stress increasing the intensity of both sugars and acids, producing wines with concentration and surprising freshness.



Red Wine

(N) Hermitage

M. CHAPOUTIER Hermitage Les Greffieux Rouge 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£599.00

Les Greffieux is located at the foot of the Hermitage hill, on a glacial alluvial deposit terrace composed of shingles and clay. The vines here are over 50-years-old, creating powerful wines.

This vintage displays enticing floral (peonies), bramble leaves and blackcurrant notes. Appealing palate with satin tannins and complex, berry and gently smoky notes on the finish.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Previous Scores (Last 6 Vintages)

2020 - (95-97), 2019 - 96, 2018 - (95-97), 2017 - 97, 2016 - 97, 2015 - 98



M. CHAPOUTIER Saint-Joseph Le Clos Rouge 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£555.00

One of the top wines from Saint-Joseph, Le Clos is made from a 0.98ha Syrah vineyard planted on coarse black mica granite. This ancient soil creates wine full of dark fruits, beautiful minerality, fine, silky tannins and notes of graphite on a long, lingering finish.

This vintage shows great finesse with a lovely plump palate. A long finish with mouth-watering notes of bramble leaves and blueberries – it certainly has marks of a great fine wine.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Previous Scores (Last 6 Vintages)

2020 - (92-94), 2019 - 94+, 2018 - (95-97), 2017 - 96, 2016 - 97, 2015 - 96



M. CHAPOUTIER Chateauneuf-du-Pape Croix de Bois 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£330.00

From a plot near the town of Bedarrides, from a vineyard covered in large round pebbles over sandy red clay. Planted on slightly higher altitude than Barbe Rac, wine from this plot is known for its great structure and intensity. The 2021 is a remarkably elegant wine with enticing notes of crushed raspberries and candied orange peel that follow onto the palate with a lingering finish.

THE WINE ADVOCATE Previous Scores (Last 4 Vintages)

2018 - 93, 2017 - 94, 2016 - (95-97), 2015 - 97



TENUTA SAN LEONARDO

Red Wine

Trentino-Alto-Adige

TENUTA SAN LEONARDO IGT Vigneti delle Dolomiti 2018 OWC x 6 Bottle - PRE-REL

£395.00

Tenuta San Leonardo in Trentino has been home to the Guerrieri Gonzaga family for over three hundred years, but it is only since the second half of the twentieth century, when Marchese Carlo took over, that this estate began to take wine production seriously. Following a spell working at Tenuta San Guido with the creator of Sassicaia, Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, he was inspired to see if the clay-limestone soils of his family estate could yield similar results to those achieved by his mentor. In 1978 the first Cabernet Sauvignon vines joined the Merlot and Carmenère that had long been planted, and in 1982 the first vintage of the flagship San Leonardo was produced. The wine has changed very little since then, with recent vintages displaying the same timeless elegance and subtlety as the first – traits that are echoed through the rest of the range, and that have helped secure San Leonardo's place in the pantheon of great Italian wineries.

FLIRTING WITH PERFECTION

2018 Vintage Release

Ideal weather conditions and a strict selection from older vines have yielded a classic San Leonardo of sublime balance. After the numerous challenges affecting the vineyards in 2017, the San Leonardo team hoped for an easier ride the following year. Their prayers were answered at every stage of the growing season, starting with a prolonged cold winter that killed off bugs which would otherwise attack leaves, flowers and grapes later in the year. There was also copious snow, turning to rain throughout spring, which replenished missing ground water. Flowering was perfect, and summer passed with much more sunlight than 2017, but without any extremes of temperature. Then September saw very large thermal differences between day and night – “the secret to incredible perfume” according to owner Anselmo Guerrieri Gonzaga. The grapes were harvested in the cold of October, further enhancing the aromatic freshness as well as helping fix a beautiful colour. Balance-wise, the result harks back to pre-climate change vintages, with all the flavour benefits of a lengthy growing season but still just 13% alcohol. Despite the propitious weather, the quantity made remains below average, due to recent replantings being excluded from the blend.

Harvest began on October 1st and finished on October 18th with the last of the pergola-trained Carmenère. Fermentation took place in small concrete tanks with indigenous yeast. Both pumpovers and délestage were used during the relatively short 12-16 maceration, before the wine was matured for 24 months in French oak barrels and a further 24 months in bottle before release.

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Carmenère, 10% Merlot.

This wine is likely to have the broadest drinking window of any modern San Leonardo. Despite the deep purple colour, it is already open and generous on the nose, with vivid ripe morello cherry fruit. The gentle extraction has imbued the wine with a cashmere texture even at this young stage, while the palate is lifted by the leafy, currant-bud notes that are San Leonardo's signature, reflecting as they do the influence of cool air flowing down from the Dolomites. Balance, charm, and great ageing potential – this San Leonardo has it all. – Alex Hunt MW

Offer - Subject to availability and confirmation

Delivery - Late 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Payment - Goods will be invoiced on receipt of order. Payment as per our normal T&Cs.

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Bruno Giacosa 2023 Release

BRUNO GIACOSA About

Bruno Giacosa's cellars are in Nieve and he has just over 17 hectares of vines in Barbaresco and Barolo. He also buys in grapes from growers that he has dealt with for over 30 years and trusts completely.

New techniques in the vineyards have ensured that the Nebbiolo grapes are now picked slightly earlier than before and at optimum ripeness. Maceration times have been reduced from around 50 days to nearer 30, as a consequence of having physiologically ripe fruit from the vineyards. Not for Giacosa the fashionable new French 225-litre barriques - all his wine is aged in large 5,000 litre botti, though these are now French rather than Slovenian.

His wines are marvellously perfumed on the nose and meaty and full-bodied on the palate. They have a suppleness and elegance that few wines in the region can match. Bruno Giacosa sadly died in early 2018. His daughters, Bruna and Marina remain at the helm, united by their father's obsessive antipathy towards mediocrity.

When the Giacosa family are satisfied that a vintage of a particular wine has reached as close to the peak of perfection as possible, there is another clear indication on the label - not only the word "Riserva" but a bold red background. However, it is no more likely that a vintage will receive this accolade than that it will be rejected altogether.

Red Wine

Barbaresco

BRUNO GIACOSA Barbaresco Rabaja 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

As the exclusive Jersey distributor, it is with great pleasure that we offer the new vintage releases from Bruno Giacosa. The company's philosophy has continued to follow a traditional style, whilst using selected modern technology to obtain the finest expression from each terroir. The late Bruno believed that great wines are born from the vines by the expert hands of the growers, and the new releases from the estate, overseen by his daughter Bruna, are a true testament to his beliefs.

There is no more significant name in Piedmont than 'el Maestro' Bruno Giacosa. His reputation as one of the greatest winemakers in the history of Piedmont was built over 50+ years, and the estate boasts some of the most celebrated holdings in Barolo and Barbaresco. Today's releases from the estate, overseen by his daughter Bruna, are nothing less than exceptional.

This year's releases celebrate the estate's commitment to translating their prized terroir in each bottle. The 2019s promise tension and balance, ensuring longevity and making this the vintage that will reward time in the cellar. Traditionally in worthy years, the much anticipated 'red label' Riserva is also produced. We are pleased to offer you the stunning 2017 Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva, made with grapes from Giacosa's most famous terroir. It comes as no surprise that the 2017 vintage is excellent in quality, but quantities are limited.

It comes as no surprise that quality is excellent, but quantities are limited, and orders across the range will be prioritised. This is one of the most anticipated releases of the year so demand will be high and orders will be subject to final confirmation.

"There is only one Bruno Giacosa. No one will ever make wines like these. It's as simple as that." - Antonio Galloni.

"I can think of no Italian producer whose wines have given me as much pleasure as the Barbarescos and Barolos from Bruno Giacosa. He is one of a handful of producers whose wines I will purchase without tasting them first. It wouldn't surprise me if God were learning the glories of Nebbiolo from the MASTER. Rest in peace" - Robert Parker.

Tasting Notes: Restrained and precise, composed of mineral and stony notes on the nose. Subtle red fruits, liquorice and herbs complete the spectrum of aromas. A superb palate, and a delicate and cool elegance signs the vintage. Firm, fine-grained tannins, length and charm define the finish. Drink from 2025 to 2050. "So perfumed and complex, with tangerines, jasmine, cedar, black truffle and iron. Full-bodied and very structured. Fantastic structure for the vintage. Very Barolo-like in structure." 98 points, James Suckling.



£1,295.00

Bruno Giacosa 2023 Release

Red Wine

Barbera d'Alba

BRUNO GIACOSA Barbera d'Alba DOCG 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

The 2021 is already showing the characteristics of a solar vintage, being very different from the 2019 and 2020. The 2021 yielded a Barbera of rich character, with great drinkability and structure. Dense and fleshy, accompanied by freshness of the fruit and velvety tannins. A true delight. Drink from 2024 to 2030.

£180.00



BRUNO GIACOSA Barolo Falletto 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

Ripe and generous, featuring an array of dark fruits and sweet spice with a distinctive smoky character, typical of this terroir. The palate is dense and round, still quite closed but the effortless freshness of the vintage provides length and true depth. A wine that needs time to settle but will provide true joy for those who have the patience to wait. Drink from 2026 to 2060.

£1,195.00



BRUNO GIACOSA Nebbiolo Valmaggiore 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

At this stage, the single-vineyard Valmaggiore from Roero is open and very pretty in terms of perfume, thanks to the sandy soil. Delicate and floral, with a classic character of orange peel and dry herbs. The palate is dense, with a pristine freshness and elegance, and a soft character of tannins, harmonious and balanced. Drink from 2024 to 2035.

£265.00



White Wine

Roero

BRUNO GIACOSA Roero Arneis DOCG 2022 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

Coming exclusively from the Roero region, the Arneis shows a ripe and profound character of aromas, expected for a warm and dry vintage. Nonetheless, the freshness of the fruit sustains the structure of a solar vintage, with notes of ripe orchard fruit and confit citrus. Drink from 2024 to 2028.

£160.00



PIO CESARE

Pre-Release Info

PIO CESARE 2019 Pre-Release Offer

There has been great anticipation for 2019 vintage Barolo and Barbaresco.

Pio Cesare, one of my long-time favourite producers, have made excellent wines and in particular we recommend for quality and value Pio Cesare's classic 'Barolo Pio' 2019 which is superb.

We won't know our exact allocations until the offer closes so will be taking requests initially and confirming when we know what we have managed to get.

The Vintage

The good weather conditions across a long growing season with no major temperature peaks and good water reserves in the soil allowed the Nebbiolo grapes to achieve perfect ripening without any stress, and to express the typical features of each vineyard revealing the great diversity that characterises each vineyard within the Pio Cesare estate.

The Wines

The 2019 vintage has a very traditional character, with wines that show great structure but retain great fruit concentration and floral character at the same time, along with balanced acidity, soft tannin and extraordinary aromatic complexity, all typical characteristics of great Barolo and Barbaresco vintages.

x Pre-Release T&Cs

PIO CESARE 2019 Pre-Release Offer T&Cs

Terms and Conditions

Ordering - Please place your order by email to neil@dunells.com

Offered - Subject to availability

Delivery - Mid/Late 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Allocation - We expect high demand for these wines and this demand may therefore outstrip supply. In such instances we tend to give precedence to those who have bought a particular wine before.

Payment Goods will be invoiced on receipt of order. Payment as per our normal T&Cs.

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Red Wine

Barbaresco

PIO CESARE Barbaresco 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Pio Cesare's "classic" Barbaresco is a unique wine that encapsulates the wide spectrum of terroir of this exciting region. Every vintage, they continue their family tradition blending the wines from different vineyards to create an ideal example of perfectly balanced Barbaresco.

James Suckling 95 points

"This is a very typical Barbaresco, with a solid core of fruit. Lots of strawberries, cedar and chewy tannins. Full and structured. Excellent length, with the tannins kicking in at the end."

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£280.00



PIO CESARE

Red Wine

Barbera d'Alba

PIO CESARE Barbera d'Alba Super. 'Fides' Vigna Mosconi 2019 CASE x 6 Bots-PRE-REL

Since 2017 Pio Cesare produces their 'Fides' Barbera d'Alba Superiore exclusively from 60 years old vines in the Mosconi cru, in Monforte d'Alba. After fermentation in stainless still tanks the wine ages in wooden casks and a small percentage in barriques. The resulting wine is a Barbera of great concentration and structure, able to age in bottle for a very long time.

Wine Spectator, Bruce Sanderson 92 Points - "This is bright and focused, exuding blackberry, black cherry and violet flavors. Balanced and firm on the long, fruit- and earth-tinged aftertaste. Drink now through 2025."

No.38 in the Top 100 wines of 2021



£190.00

PIO CESARE Barolo 'Mosconi' 2019 CASE x 3 Bottles - PRE-REL

This wine hails from a single plot in the Mosconi Cru in Monforte d'Alba. Here the soils have high limestone content and clay and produce a wine of great elegance and finesse, yet structured and complex. Barolo Mosconi always show great purity of fruit, refined tannins and balanced acidity with great ageing potential.

James Suckling 96 points

"This is so curated and fine, with a tannin structure that is both sophisticated and racy. Medium to full body. Silky texture with a finish that just takes off. Rose stems and dark fruit, such as plums and strawberries. Some black truffles, too. These are from vineyards planted in 1960 and 1970."



£295.00

PIO CESARE Barolo 'Ornato' 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Susan Hulme MW @susanhulmeMW 97 points

"This 2019 Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato is a distinctive and characterful single vineyard wine from Serralunga d'Alba, first produced in 1985. It is only made in the best years and from a selection of the best plots from the Ornato vineyard. The colour is an intense, youthful and blue toned ruby suggesting a low pH and higher acidity. The nose is beautifully incisive and persistent with seductive notes of violet and transparent, cool, red fruit such as raspberry, combined with a faint iron tonic aroma and distinctive mineral notes. On the palate there is a mouth-watering, tangy long finish with a range of flavours from raspberry, blood orange, orange peel and iron. This is an energetic and lively wine with a delicately balanced structure like fine bone china. I love its vibrant acidity, the finesse of the tannins and its distinctive personality."



£475.00

PIO CESARE Barolo 'Pio' 2019 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

Susan Hulme MW @susanhulmeMW 96 points

"The 2019 Pio Cesare Barolo has a very immediate and appealing nose...it has a beautiful, melting texture and super refined, perfectly ripe tannins. It is a classic Barolo in the old tradition of blending grapes from several different vineyard sites, in this case, three vineyards in Serralunga (Ornato, La Serra and Briccolina) as well as sites in La Morra, Grinzane Cavour, Novello and Monforte. Among the sweet red fruit and spice is a little twist of iron and a distinctive mineral note which evokes the Ornato vineyard and adds an extra dimension. This 2019 Barolo has such an appealing, outgoing and charming personality but also the power to last. I particularly like the transformation that has taken place with the tannins - they now glide gracefully across the palate."



£280.00

TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA

Bolgheri

TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA 2023 Pre-Release Offer

Tenuta dell'Ornellaia is located in one of the world's most exciting wine regions: Bolgheri. A breathtaking avenue lined by towering cypress trees leads inland from the Aurelia, the old Roman coastal road, up to the walls of Bolgheri's medieval hamlet. From the village the view extends far out to sea and on a clear day the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago and Corsica can be seen.

The mild maritime climate and the lush Mediterranean vegetation leave an imprint upon the character of the wines. Tenuta dell'Ornellaia's unique territory guides all aspects of production: limited quantities to ensure maximum quality, attention to every detail, selective hand harvesting, microvinification and ageing. Ornellaia is a Cabernet/Merlot wine blend. Masseto is made entirely from Merlot - it is a model of rich, silky elegance and has rapidly become a modern classic.

"Our production philosophy revolves around Ornellaia's obsession with excellence – at all levels. Every choice we make is of absolute importance and implies an all-consuming attention to detail. At no point in the production process are shortcuts allowed or tolerated, and this is how we succeed harvesting grapes that are of the very highest quality irrespective of the climatic conditions in that particular year."

Ornellaia. The mere mention makes wine aficionados swoon. Since its first vintage in 1985, this iconic Italian wine has been considered one of the top red wines in all of the world. Elegant and graceful, lively and expressive, the Super Tuscan can be found on nearly every wine collector's wish list. The 2018 vintage is particularly alluring. "Synergy and interaction among the varied terroirs on the estate created proportion and complexity," said Ornellaia estate director Axel Heinz. "The outcome is a rounded and silky wine in which all the elements blend together in an expression of grace and beauty."

Consistently ranked among the top Italian estates by Wine Advocate, Wine Spectator, James Suckling, Antonio Galloni, Bruce Sanderson, and the Italian Wine Guides Gambero Rosso, Espresso, and Veronelli, Ornellaia was originally established in 1981 by Marchese Lodovico Antinori in a region along the Tuscan coast (Bolgheri) not traditionally known for grape cultivation. The discovery in the 1980's of the region's potential - especially for growing Bordeaux varietal grapes - fueled a Super Tuscan revolution for which Ornellaia reigns supreme. In 2001, the 1998 Ornellaia was declared 'Wine of the Year' by Wine Spectator. In 2011, the German publication Der Feinschmecker awarded Ornellaia its most sought-after award, the 'Weinlegende.'

Owned by the Frescobaldi family since 2005, Ornellaia is equally well known by both wine and art collectors for its unique Vendemmia d'Artista program in which the exclusive character of every vintage is celebrated artistically. Each year, starting with the release of Ornellaia 2006 in May 2009, a contemporary artist crafts a site-specific artwork and a set of limited-edition labels inspired by a word chosen by Heinz to describe the personality of the new vintage.

Terms and Conditions:

Delivery - Autumn/Winter 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Allocation - On a first-come-first-served basis.

Payment - As per our normal T&Cs.

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Red Wine

Bolgheri Superiore



TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA

Red Wine

Bolgheri Superiore

TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Ornellaia 2020 La Proporzione OWC x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£999.00

Ornellaia is a blend of nature and musing. Complex ancient soils converse through human wisdom with a delicate microclimate that is echoed and reflected in the Mediterranean Sea. Prolonged ageing accompanies the estate's fine wine in achieving its utmost expression, revealing finesse and generosity over time.

Winemaker's notes

"With its usual deep ruby red colour, Ornellaia 2020 stands out on the nose with ripe red fruits and delicate vanilla and gentle tobacco notes. Upon tasting, the wine reveals itself to be rounded and velvety, making an enjoyable and engaging first impression that entices for a second sip. The tannins are dense yet elegant and the finish proves to be savoury and enduring." - Olga Fusari - Winemaker - July 2022

THE WINE ADVOCATE (95 - 97) points

Drink Date 2026 - 2050

Reviewed by Monica Lerner, Issue Date 29th Jul 2022, Source End of July 2022, The Wine Advocate

Tasted from barrel, the 2020 Bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia will be presented in the fall but won't hit the market until spring of the following year. This is a beauty, so generous and opulent with fully seamless transitions. The wine's traditional blend is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with tiny percentages of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, although this warm vintage makes due with a pinch less of the Cabernet Sauvignon. Fruit is selected across 107 hectares of Ornellaia vines, although the estate recently purchased an additional eight hectares next to Guado al Tasso in Castagneto Carducci, with terraces and vines aged between 15 and 28 years old. This broad and generous expression has a beautiful quality of fruit and oak that speaks to the very best of Italian winemaking.

JANCIS ROBINSON 18 points

Drink 2024 - 2038

Full bottle 1,327 g. This year's release is known as La Proporzione. Blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot from a year in which cold and rain alternated with extended hot and dry periods but temperatures fell towards harvest, which was welcome. Aged in 70% new barriques for about 18 months.

Deep, lustrous crimson. Very sumptuous nose followed up by a hedonistic palate that finishes especially fresh. Ripe but not too-ripe fruit – a drier (much less sweet) vintage than usual which should age well. Unusually, there is some vestige of tannin on the finish. It's certainly possible to drink now if it's aerated before serving but ideally, I'd keep this awhile. Savoury persistence.

DECANTER.COM 96 points

Tasted by: James Button (at Windsor, 07 Feb 2023)

Part of Place de Bordeaux March 2023 releases: from 100-point Napa to Italian gems

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2050

Estate director Axel Heinz called 2020 'a classic Ornellaia,' and picked the theme of 'La Proporzione' (proportion) to describe its character. Indeed, the blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot marks a return to a more typical blend following the pendulum swings of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon in 2019, and 51% Merlot in 2018. Fine-grained and beautifully textured, its finely integrated tannins support a concentration of black fruits lightened by red berries. Aromas of black cherry, liquorice, dark chocolate, cedar and damp earth make for a fragrant wine, accompanied by menthol and balsamic streaks which run through the wine and impart plenty of freshness. It finishes with a stony and salty element along with some chocolatey and woody hints. Tight and moreish, its ripeness of fruit combined with freshness and structure adeptly tells the story of this earlier-ripening vintage. It lacks complexity in the mouth – this will come with time – but the array of aromas gives a hint of what is to come.

96

Tasted by: Georgina Hindle

(at Bordeaux, 08 Feb 2023)

Part of Place de Bordeaux March 2023 releases: from 100-point Napa to Italian gems

Drinking Window: 2026 - 2046

Black bramble fruit on the nose, heady, expressive, forward and open. Aromatic and inviting - on the riper, jammy side. Lithe and supple, this has an energy and weight giving plush tannins but with an austere, mineral grip. A curious combination but one that serves to give a round, interesting mouthful with both balsamic black and sweet blue fruits with touches of wet stone, cola and liquorice. Dark and brooding, a little sombre right now, clearly powerful with concentration and you can tell it's been well worked - feels controlled but still quite tense and constricted. The overall texture is sublime and I do love the dark sticky liquorice and bitter orange zest but this isn't quite giving the wow factor. Nice layering, linear and pure, tannins a touch dry on the finish. Refined and austere. Has a touch of ripe jamminess that detracts a little from the charming elegance you know this wine can have. 5% Petit Verdot completes the blend.



TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA

Red Wine

Toscana IGT

TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Le Volte 2021 Toscana IGT CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£135.00

Le Volte dell'Ornellaia combines a Mediterranean expression of generosity with structure and complexity, reflecting the philosophy of Ornellaia. Le Volte dell'Ornellaia is a fine wine for spontaneous wine lovers and needs no ceremony. The different varietals were fermented separately in small steel tanks to maintain their varietal characteristics. The alcoholic fermentation was followed by malolactic fermentation, again in steel tanks. The wine was then aged for 10 months, partly in barrique used previously for Ornellaia and partly in concrete tanks, to obtain the perfect balance between tannic structure and an expression of fresh fruit.

Winemaker's notes

"With its signature ruby red hue and purple tinges, Le Volte dell'Ornellaia displays lively red fruit aromas alongside light spiciness. The wine is well balanced across all components on the palate, blending smooth tannins with refreshing acidity that lends crunchiness to this enjoyable wine." - Olga Fusari – Winemaker – December 2022



White Wine

Toscana IGT

TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Poggio alle Gazze Bianco 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£265.00

Poggio alle Gazze dell'Ornellaia, owes its elegant Mediterranean style to the estate's unique microclimate. This gift of nature allows Poggio alle Gazze dell'Ornellaia, with its predominance of Sauvignon Blanc, to display a firm structure and ripe fruit while maintaining great finesse.

Winemaker's notes

"Poggio alle Gazze dell'Ornellaia 2021 shows off its usual shade of bright straw yellow; the nose is complex and enticing with an array of citrus, exotic fruit and white floral notes accompanied by freshly cut grass and asparagus. On the palate, the wine is generous and refreshing, culminating in an enduring savoury, mineral finish as a true representation of the region." - Olga Fusari – Winemaker – May 2022



DECANTER.COM 92 points

Tasted by: Georgina Hindle (at Bordeaux, 08 Feb 2023)

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2028

Very Sauvignon on the nose, elderflower, green apple, with hawthorn, bitter lemon rind and soft honeysuckle aromas. Supple and nicely weighted in the mouth, a generosity of acidity and richness so you get thick lemon yoghurt type creaminess with orange peel and apricot flesh with lively lime juice flavours. Bright and charming, almost too squeaky clean contrasting some of the oaked notes, but overall enjoyable and easy to approach. Director Axel Heinz and winemaker Olga Fusari. 6% Verdicchio completes the blend.

TENUTA SAN GUIDO

TENUTA SAN GUIDO 2020 Vintage Report

The 2020 vintage was generally positive although it was conditioned by a certain climatic instability, that prevented it from reaching the level of the excellent 2016. This consideration generally applies to all grape varieties. Nonetheless, the less favourable conditions mostly influenced the more precautionary grapes as opposed to Cabernet Sauvignon for example, which constitutes almost 70% of the entire ampelographic base of Tenuta San Guido and about 85% our DOC Sassicaia.

The abundant rains that occurred in autumn, especially in November, throughout the first months of the new year, contributed to a good 2020 harvest. In fact, they guaranteed a good level of underground water resources, which proved to be indispensable during the hot summer months.

Spring started late due to colder temperatures, however, from a qualitative point of view this situation has favoured the conformation of smaller bunches, with more sparse berries and greater concentration. Spring continued with cool temperatures without rain. During May, the month of flowering, we recorded days of sunshine, with normal temperatures and no winds. The latter aspect is fundamental to facilitate the regular flowering and optimal fruit set. The most intense heat was recorded from the second half of June, with temperatures well above the seasonal average, continuing in the absence of rain until the first half of August. Luckily, thanks to the abundant rains that occurred in autumn and winter, enriching the water reserves of the subsoil, the vines never suffered any stress. On the contrary, they continued to develop regularly, even in the hottest months, close to the harvest. This is an important aspect that determined the good qualitative result of the 2020 vintage. The soils were fresh and moist, a condition that allowed the regular performance of the biological functions of the vines and facilitated their phenolic maturation.

The grapes arrived in the cellar healthy and with good ripeness and homogeneous pigmentation. On the other hand, the maturity and lignification of the grape seeds was excellent, in favour of a less dominant tannin content in the wines.

Although it is still early to be able to judge the quality of the products of the 2020 harvest, and equally to distinguish the results for the different wines and varieties, we would like to say that the main characteristics of the wines of this vintage are the good structure, with enveloping wines and of excellent density, a slightly lower acidity but in excellent balance with the PH, a good expression of the fruit, both on the nose but above all on the palate, and a nice persistence. Without a doubt, the wines of the 2020 vintage will have a long evolutionary path and a long positive curve in their evolution.

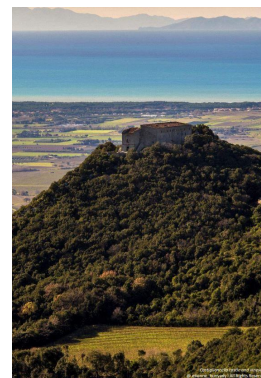
TENUTA SAN GUIDO The Estate

The Tenuta San Guido takes its name from San Guido della Gherardesca who lived in the thirteenth century. It is located on the Etruscan coast between Livorno and Grosseto, in the Maremma made famous by the verses of Giosuè Carducci and extends for 13 kilometers from the sea to behind the hills. It contains three excellences: The Sassicaia, the Dormello Olgiata Breed in thoroughbred horses and the Marshes Of Bolgheri Wildlife Refuge, the first in Italy.

Quietly, elegantly and almost involuntarily, the Incisa della Rocchetta family set to release the wine that would revolutionise the Italian wine scene creating a totally new genre: the Super-Tuscan. Tenuta San Guido is now a legendary estate and was first planted in the 1940s by the Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, who noted the similarity between Bolgheri's terroir and that of the Graves. When, in 1968, Sassicaia was finally commercially released, it took the fine wine world by storm. Cementing its iconic status, in 1994 it was granted its own appellation – Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC the first, and so far, only case in Italy of a DOC contained within one estate.

The specific parcels chosen to cultivate the vines vary in altitude, aspect, and soil composition, adding to the overall complexity of the wines of Tenuta San Guido. The first, and so far, only case in Italy of a DOC contained within one estate. The estate yields are kept very low, 55-60 quintals per hectare, guaranteeing pristine grapes that will give life to elegant, age-worthy wines.

Pre-Release Info



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TENUTA SAN GUIDO 2020 Pre-Release Offer

This vintage is a triumph, and a testament to what Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc can achieve with perfect terroir and expert hands.

The 2020 vintage can be considered a good one although two seasonal events have caused some critical issues to the harvest. Firstly, the spring frosts and the lowering of temperatures in the first week of April which, for the early ripening varieties Merlot and Cabernet Franc compromised a portion of the primary buds. As a result production developed on secondary (or axillary) buds. This caused a loss of production at around 15% less than in 2019. Fortunately, this phenomenon did not affect the Cabernet Sauvignon. The other difficulty was a very rainy spring.

Summer arrived from mid-June but without excessive heat, which instead increased in the second half of August. The spring rains and the rise in temperature led to an earlier ripening of the grapes which reached maturity at the same time. The efficiency of a fully functioning cellar was therefore decisive and made a difference. At Tenuta San Guido, we were able to make measured macerations, shorter than usual which favoured a non-invasive body allowing for perfect extraction.

The 2020 is very fresh, perhaps with a lower structure than the 2019, but it has been able to develop a beautiful complexity on an organoleptic level, a good acidity and silky, noble tannins. It will not be ready and immediate like the 2019 or 2016 were, but I believe it will be more appreciated in the long/medium ageing, when the tannins, that today may still be a little rough, will have the opportunity to express themselves at their best.

This year the release of Sassicaia is accompanied by Le Difese 2021 with Guidalberto 2021 having a separate release date on the 8th March.

x Pre-Release T&Cs

TENUTA SAN GUIDO 2020 Pre-Release Offer T&Cs

Terms and Conditions

Ordering - Please place your order by email to neil@dunells.com

Offered - Subject to availability

Delivery - Mid/Late 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Allocation - We expect high demand for these wines and this demand may therefore outstrip supply. In such instances we tend to give precedence to those who have bought a particular wine before.

Payment - Goods will be invoiced on receipt of order. Payment as per our normal T&Cs.

Disclaimer - Prices of wine and spirits can go up or down. We are not liable for any losses incurred should any wine decrease in value from date of purchase.

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Red Wine

Bolgheri Superiore

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TENUTA SAN GUIDO Sassicaia, Bolgheri 2020 Wooden Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-REL

£1,395.00

THE WINE ADVOCATE Monica Larner 96 points

"The Tenuta San Guido 2020 Bolgheri Sassicaia speaks to those who seek more voluptuous, opulent, ultimately more accessible wine. This vintage is a precise reflection of Coastal Tuscany, as opposed to a more generic "Tuscan" wine from elsewhere in this large central Italian region. You taste the ripeness and soft fruit weight that comes from a coastal appellation with the specially bright luminosity and warm Mediterranean offshore breezes. Sassicaia from the cool vintages is a famously reticent or withholding wine in its early years, requiring a long lead time before it eases into an ideal drinking window. That's definitely not the case here. This wine is beautiful and compelling straight out of the gate, showing a lovely mix of dark fruit, oak spice, balanced freshness, textural richness, soft tannins and an expertly contained 14% alcohol content. The wine's immediate character is what distinguishes this vintage, and I wouldn't get too fussed about exaggerated cellar ageing ambitions. The wine awards sheer pleasure in its current form with dazzling primary fruit and soaring intensity over the near and medium term."



DECANTER 97 points

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2055

Frosts damaged the the earlier-developing Cabernet Franc in late March, leading to reduced production but superb quality fruit. Spring was mild and summer was generally warm, but a rapid acceleration of maturation in late summer forced the team to begin picking in the first week of September to avoid any overripeness. A traditional 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet Franc blend, its blackcurranty, dusty, leafy and cedary character is brought into focus by an intense and balsamic palate. It's poised and light on its feet with super-fresh acidity and a fine-grained, almost imperceptible tannic structure. Ripe and tangy raspberry and blueberry fruits linger on the mid-palate, leading to a long, fresh finish with some cream and chocolate notes. This will reward cellaring into the 2050s, yet you'll get plenty of pleasure from it in its youth. 'We advise to keep it at least 10 months in the bottle before opening,' states third-generation Priscilla Incisa della Rocchetta. - Tasted by: James Button (at London, 07 Feb 2023) Part of First taste: Sassicaia 2020

JANCIS ROBINSON 18 points

Drink 2024 - 2038

Full bottle 1,370 g. The prototype Maremma bordeaux blend, Cabernet Sauvignon with Cabernet Franc in this case. Canopy was especially vigorous in spring and needed trimming, followed by a warm summer with occasional showers that meant the grapes ripened more than a week earlier than usual and, to retain Sassicaia's trademark freshness, harvest started in the first week of September and ended in the last week of September with vines on the hills at over 300 m (Vigna di Castiglioncello and Vigna del Quercione). The wine was matured for 25 months in 45% new French oak barrels before going into tank for selection and blending.

Mid crimson; easy to see the bottom of the glass. Intense nose with a hint of iodine. Great tanginess that seems more Tuscan than bordelais. Long and really builds towards its ample finish. Bone dry. Embryonic but convincing that a fine future lies ahead. Subtle rather than flashy. I wouldn't guess it was as much as 14%. I aerated it and gave it an hour in a young-wine decanter, and it was already a delight to drink. With more immediate appeal than many earlier vintages.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS & DOUBLE MAGNUMS

GUIDALBERTO IGT Toscana 2021 CASE x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

£199.00

An outstanding example of "supertuscan" wine, from the same terroir where the opulent Sassicaia grows.

"Another stellar vintage for Guidalberto, which year after year defines itself with its own identity and personality. It exudes a perfectly ripe character of bright dark berries, at once pure and floral, and a sense of minerality with graphite and stony character on the nose. The palate is dense, vibrant and balanced, with a sense of harmony and solidity. This is the wine that always delivers early in its life – and it offers real value, too"

ALSO AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS



TENUTA SAN GUIDO

Red Wine

Toscana IGT

TENUTA SAN GUIDO Le Difese IGT Toscana 2021 Case x 6 Bottles - PRE-RELEASE

£115.00

70% Cabernet and 30% Sangiovese blend.

Le Difese Tenuta San Guido is a Tuscan red wine of great elegance. The union between the Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese vines and the aging in French barriques make it an extremely pleasant, drinkable, round and velvety wine.

DECANTER 91 points

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2033

Le Difese in 2021 sports a majority of Sangiovese – 55% – in a break from the traditional 70/30 split in favour of Cabernet Sauvignon. Third-generation at Tenuta San Guido, Priscilla Incisa della Rocchetta, explained that this decision was made to enhance the wine's 'local Tuscan' character, and to improve its drinkability early on as 'a first step into the Tenuta San Guido world.' While the Cabernet is grown on the estate, the Sangiovese is sourced, as always, from long-term partners based in Chianti Rufina. Bright, incredibly vibrant red, black and blue fruits introduce subtle, finely grained tannins with notes of wood and chocolate. It's at once juicy, tangy and crunchy, with good ripeness and great acidity. Matured for eight months in used barriques. - Tasted by: James Button (at London, 07 Feb 2023) Part of First taste: Sassicaia 2020

JANCIS ROBINSON 16+

Drink 2023 - 2026

Full bottle just 1,193 g. Blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese from the same stable as Sassicaia and its early-drinking counterpart Guidalberto.

Transparent garnet. Light, fresh nose. Still pretty dry on the finish with pure fruit in the middle that's relatively light and with the obvious freshness of Sangiovese more apparent than Cabernet. Nicely judged and it tastes as though it may have seen some of the used barrels from its more expensive siblings. Should gain slightly more fruit and complexity with a year or two in bottle.



DOMINIO DE PINGUS

Ribera del Duero

DOMINIO DE PINGUS Psi (Peter Sissec) About

Pingus was established in 1995 by Peter Sisseck, who had already made a name for himself as winemaker at Hacienda Monasterio. He located three separate plots, each containing very old vines of Tinto Fino, and established the winery. His aim was to produce "an unmistakably Spanish, terroir-driven wine... a garage wine."

Peter's tiny production of fewer than 500 cases comes from three parcels of ancient, head-pruned Tempranillo vines. His true genius is demonstrated in the vineyard. The gnarled old vines have been carefully husbanded back to health - the trunks straightened, lowered, and pruned back to 1-2 buds per stump. Yields range from a high of 20 to an incredibly low 9 hl/ha.

"Tinto Fino is important," he explains. "A lot of cuttings of Tempranillo have come in from Rioja, so not all vineyards in Ribera del Duero are Tinto Fino. There is a difference. All the vines in my plots are very old. They have never been fertilised nor treated with pesticides and all grow following the traditional en vaso system. They are perfect." After fermentation in steel of large wooden vat, the wines are raised in 100% new French oak.

Dominio de Pingus has founded a joint project with local grape producers to make an old vine tempranillo called "PSI".

Red Wine

Ribera del Duero

DOMINIO DE PINGUS Psi (Peter Sissec) 2021 CASE x 12 Bottles - PRE-REL

Dominio de Pingus consistently produces the very best wines the Ribera del Duero, and Spain, has to offer. Peter's consistently dedicated approach and skill as a winemaker, coupled with the quality of fruit from the very old vines, has resulted in decadent (but not heavy), age worthy wines in the 2021 vintage, continuing the move toward a more elegant style.

Psi is made from grapes that Peter buys from local growers with very low yielding, old bush vines – average age of 50 years. Brilliant value for money, ready for drinking straight away.

Psi

The only wine that is not certified organic is the 2021 PSI, because they purchase grapes from growers and not all of them are organic, even if more and more are following the guidelines. The oak vats are older, so the influence from the oak is subtler. The wine has gained in precision also (he has a new winemaker), and all the vines are old. It's juicy and young, with a lively palate. It contains some 10% Garnacha, of which 3% comes from the new plantings (and of course the varieties intermixed in the old vines); this adds to the freshness and contains the pH to 3.8. The wine has a little less than 14% alcohol. There are some dusty tannins, but this vintage feels less rustic than the wines from yesteryear. 93-94 points by Luis Gutierrez, The Wine Advocate.

Terms and Conditions:

Offer - Subject to availability

Delivery - Mid 2023

Prices - Include Freight, Duty & GST

Allocation - On a first-come-first-served basis.

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£346.50

