

Bordeaux 2019 En Primeur Offer

'Two thousand and nineteen is a great vintage. I know. Boring. But my job is to tell it as it is, and that is what it is. It is an excellent vintage.'

Neal Martin, Vinous.com

'There is no doubt 2019 is an outstanding vintage, clearly an important vintage. What stands out most about the finest 2019s is their exceptional balance.'

Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com

'I can unhesitatingly say that 2019 is a successful vintage in Bordeaux.'

Jane Anson, Decanter

'2019 is an outstanding vintage. I've heard some mutterings that it is a somewhat inconsistent vintage with a lot of disappointing wines at the lower end. I've been looking and looking for those real howlers. Honestly, I haven't found many.'

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com

'2019 is a delightful year with some very good to great wines that have both immediate appeal and ageing potential.'

James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com

'This is a beautiful, incredibly high-quality vintage for Bordeaux that will certainly be included in the list of recent great vintages'

Jeb Dunnuck

'The wines I have tasted so far from 2019 seem good to excellent and comparable in quality to 2018, 2016 and 2015 all excellent vintages'

James Suckling

'If you are a Cabernet lover, the Cabernet Sauvignon coming out of the Medoc this year is through-the-roof good.'

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com

'2019 is a wonderful vintage to finish the decade. It is a style of wine that I personally adore.'

Neal Martin, Vinous.com

'It looks like the futures market for 2019 will offer some superlative deals.'

James Suckling

'The wines show beautiful ripeness and relatively sunny, full-bodied characters, and the style can be thought of as a hypothetical mix of 2009 and 2010, or even 2015 and 2016.'

Jeb Dunnuck

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Bordeaux 2019: Vintage Summary

Certainly this was the most unusual Bordeaux En Primeur offer we have ever put together. At the time we were due to be hopping from château to château in Bordeaux, we had just been locked down in the UK. Rather than five days of intense tasting, feeding and trying desperately hard not to be late for the next appointment, we were setting up offices at home, trying to book supermarket delivery slots and assessing quite how much we could get done in our gardens. I am delighted to say my garden is now looking as good as it ever has, I have a reasonably full larder and we have a rather exciting and appealing Bordeaux vintage on our hands.

It may be considered a positive in regards to this review that we did not spend a lot of time over there, so we did not talk endlessly about yields, harvest times and the use of whole bunch fermentation which seem to be the in vogue points of discussion among those that taste. Samples were sent around the globe at impressive speed to critics and us merchants, so we have been able to focus on what is in the bottle rather than anything else. No bad thing perhaps for the consumer? My recycling boxes have been regularly overflowing, socially distanced tastings with my colleagues on my driveway were enacted, it transpires leftover samples make a very good base for meatballs and I think we now have a pretty good understanding of what Bordeaux 2019 has to offer.

But, before we talk about the specific wines in question, it would be folly not to talk about pricing, albeit briefly. Every year that I can recall there has been pressure put on the Bordelais to ensure that there is a strong reason to buy en primeur. Prices in Bordeaux have risen and fallen...though mainly risen over the last 20 years. Vintages like 2000, 2005, 2009, 2010 and 2016 have pushed the limits of what customers are willing to pay. A pattern emerges though. Invariably, soon after these higher priced vintages, more reasonably priced vintages release. 2001, 2008, 2014 and perhaps now 2019 have been more modestly priced in light of some rather unusual market conditions to give consumers a real incentive to buy and when married with the quality on offer in 2019, we have seen brisk trade thus far. While pricing is not down evenly across the board, the likes of Château Pontet-Canet set the tone early with a 30% price reduction on last year's price despite being awarded top markers from RobertParker.com. We bought almost five times as much as we did last year and it still sold in a flash. This is what the market demanded and in many cases it is what the market got.

The Fine Wine Team, Jean-Marc and I have tasted hundreds of samples, in many cases multiple samples, of the same wine, so I feel confident we have a good handle on the vintage. It is quite a stark contrast to 2018; far more supple, with easier to appreciate tannins than the 2018s and across the board the alcohol levels appear to be less intrusive and the wines appear considerably fresher. The fruit very much comes to the fore which has made them considerably more appealing to taste at this stage. They remind me a little of the 2009s, but with greater definition and elegance, a little like the 2015s, but certainly more consistent in the Médoc. Overall, I would still put the 2016s a nose ahead of the 2019s, but they are in the same conversation. Whereas the 2016s and 2018s are built for the long haul, I think I would have far less hesitation in tucking into 2019s earlier, though I have little doubt they will cellar well.

I am often asked where and what would I buy? In general, I think Margaux and St-Julien have performed particularly well, though as always seems to be the case nowadays St-Estèphe has so many well priced gems compared to the likes of Pauillac and St-Julien. St-Emilion for be has proven to be more exciting than Pomerol, certainly given the prices each demand. At this stage, I must admit, as yet I have not tasted enough dry whites or sweet wines to form an accurate opinion.

Gus's Good Value Picks	AOC	Case Price	Gus's Top Picks	AOC	Case Price
Château La Garde	Pessac-Léognan	£150 per 12	Château Branaire-Ducru	St-Julien 4GCC	SOLD OUT
Château Dalem	Fronsac	SOLD OUT	Château Malescot-St-Exupéry	Margaux 3GCC	SOLD OUT
Château Marsau	Frans Cotes	£75 per 6	Château Talbot	St-Julien 4GCC	SOLD OUT
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe	£180 per 12	Château Giscours	Margaux 3GCC	SOLD OUT
Château Le Boscq	St-Estèphe	£180 per 12	Château d'Issan	Margaux 3GCC	SOLD OUT
Château Labégorce	Margaux	£240 per 12	Domaine de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan GCC	£495 per 12
Château Tour Saint Christophe	St-Emilion GC	£276 per 12	Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5GCC	£270 per 6
Château Gloria	St-Julien	£301 per 12	Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3GCC	£420 per 6
Château Talbot Caillou Blanc	Bordeaux	£136 per 6	Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5GCC	SOLD OUT
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Bordeaux	SOLD OUT	Château Montrose	St-Estèphe 2GCC	£640 per 6

Angus McLean,
UK Fine Wine Manager
Laithwaite's Fine Wine

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Summary of Wines Released

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Red Bordeaux 2019	AOC	RP	NM	AG	DC	JS	Change	Case Price
Château Les Grands-Maréchaux	Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye	88-90	-	86-88	-	92-93	-12%	£75 per 12
Château Gigault 'Cuvée Viva'	Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye	86-88	-	90-92	-	92-93	-5%	£90 per 12
Château Puygueraud	Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	89-91+	-	89-91	90	92-93	-	SOLD OUT
Château Lanessan	Haut-Médoc	89-91	88-90	-	91	-	-7%	£115 per 12
Château Sénéjac	Haut-Médoc	90-92	89-91	-	91	92-93	2%	£125 per 12
Château La Garde	Pessac-Léognan	87-89	89-91	89-91	92	92-93	-7%	£150 per 12
Château Lilian-Ladouys	St-Estèphe	91-93+	92-94	90-92	93	92-93	-29%	SOLD OUT
Château Marsau	Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	-	-	-	-	93-94	n/a	£75 per 6
Château Joanin-Bécot	Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon	-	-	-	92	92-93	-13%	SOLD OUT
Château d'Arsac	Margaux	89-91	90-92	-	88	-	-12%	SOLD OUT
Château Dalem	Fronsac	92-94	93-95	90-92	91	92-93	3%	SOLD OUT
Château La Clarière	Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon	-	-	-	-	-	-	£180 per 12
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe	89-91	-	89-91	92	93-94	-4%	£180 per 12
Château Le Boscq	St-Estèphe	90-92	91-93	91-93	92	94-95	-12%	£180 per 12
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	-	-	-	-	-	-10%	£185 per 12
Château Belgrave	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	88-90	89-91	-	92-93	-17%	SOLD OUT
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-97	92-94	92-94	94	94-95	-	SOLD OUT
Château Les Ormes-de-Pez	St-Estèphe	-	92-94	91-93	93	92-93	-16%	£210 per 12
Château Cantemerle	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	91-93	91-93	92	-	-13%	SOLD OUT
Marquis de Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe	90-92	91-93	92-94	93	92-93	-9%	SOLD OUT
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe	90-92+	91-93	91-93	93	92-93	-7%	£225 per 12
Château Haut-Brisson	St-Emilion Grand Cru	89-91	90-92	91-93	91	93-94	3%	£228 per 12
Château Siran	Margaux	-	93-95	91-93	93	94-95	-5%	£233 per 12
Le Petit Ducru	St-Julien	89-91	91-93	88-90	91	91-92	-	£238 per 12
Château Chasse-Spleen	Moulis-en-Médoc	-	92-94	88-90	92	92-93	-18%	SOLD OUT
Château Labégorce	Margaux	89-91	93-95	91-93	92	91-92	-6%	£240 per 12
Château de Fieuzal	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	-	91-93	89-91	94	92-93	-25%	SOLD OUT
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-96+	93-95	93-95	93	94-95	-7%	SOLD OUT
Château Tour Saint Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-94+	94-96	92-94	92	96-97	3%	£276 per 12
Château Lynch-Moussas	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	92-94	92-94	92	94-95	-15%	SOLD OUT
Château Plince	Pomerol	90-92+	90-92	88-91	-	93-94	-12%	£295 per 12
Château Pédesclaux	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95	91-93	91-93	94	94-95	-20%	SOLD OUT
Château Gloria	St-Julien	91-93	93-95	91-93	94	94-95	-13%	SOLD OUT
Château Prieuré Lichine	Margaux 4ème Grand Cru Classé	-	91-93	93-95	93	93-94	-14%	SOLD OUT
La Dame de Montrose	St-Estèphe	-	-	-	94	-	-15%	£316 per 12
Château du Tertre	Margaux 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	?	92-94	92	95-96	-12%	SOLD OUT
Reserve de la Comtesse	Pauillac	92-94	92-94	91-93	93	93-94	-16%	£336 per 12
Château Malartic-Lagravière	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	93-95	94-96	93-95	95	95-96	-21%	SOLD OUT

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Red Bordeaux 2019	AOC	RP	NM	AG	DC	JS	Change	Case Price
Château Marquis d'Alesme	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94	94-96	92-94	94	93-94	-13%	£165 per 6
Château Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	89-91	94	95-96	-18%	SOLD OUT
Château Kirwan	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	-	91-93	88-90	93	93-94	-18%	SOLD OUT
Croix de Beaucaillou	Saint-Julien	90-92	94-96	89-91	94	93-94	-16%	£338 per 12
Château Branaire-Ducru	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	94-96	93	95-96	-25%	SOLD OUT
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	-	93-95	91-93	94	95-96	-19%	£354 per 12
Château Malescot-St-Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	-	95-97	94-96	92	96-97	-24%	SOLD OUT
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	91-93	92-94	89-91	93	92-93	-11%	£372 per 12
Château Cantenac-Brown	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	92-94	94	93-94	-21%	SOLD OUT
Château Lafon Rochet	Saint-Estèphe 4ème Grand Cru Classé	-	93-95	93-95	93	93-94	-2%	£378 per 12
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	-	-	95-97	93	-	2%	SOLD OUT
Pagodes de Cos	St-Estèphe	92-94	90-92	90-92	93	94-95	-7%	SOLD OUT
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien	93-95	93-95	91-93	92	94-95	-13%	£202 per 6
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	89-91+	92-94	91-93	93	93-94	-9%	£410 per 12
Château Haut-Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	93-95	93-95	92	95-96	-22%	£210 per 6
Petit Figeac	St-Emilion Grand Cru	-	-	-	-	-	-	£210 per 6
Château Talbot	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	-	93-95	91-93	93	94-95	-19%	SOLD OUT
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	94-96	94	96-97	-23%	SOLD OUT
Château Saint Pierre	Saint-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96+	94-96	92-94	92	93-94	-17%	SOLD OUT
Château d'Issan	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96+	93-95	92-94	96	96-97	-22%	SOLD OUT
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	90-92	93-95	91-93	94	95-96	3%	SOLD OUT
Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	-	-	-	96	-	-13%	£240 per 6
Château La Serre	St-Emilion Grand Cru	91-93+	91-93	92-94	94	94-95	0%	£240 per 6
Domaine de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	94-96+	94-96	95-97	95	96-97	-24%	£495 per 12
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	-	96	93-94	-20%	SOLD OUT
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux	-	-	-	94	-	n/a	SOLD OUT
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	-	95-97	-	96	94-95	-20%	£270 per 6
Château Larcis-Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-97+	95-97	94-96	94	98-99	-6%	SOLD OUT
Château La Clotte	St Emilion	-	95-97	96-98	-	-	0%	SOLD OUT
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97	-	94-96	97	98-99	-7%	SOLD OUT
Château Trotteville	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	-	-	89-91	-	96-97	-29%	SOLD OUT
Château Léoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	-	96-98	95-97	96	96-97	-25%	SOLD OUT
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94+	91-93	91-93	95	94-95	-15%	SOLD OUT
Château Duhart-Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94	93-95	91-93	94	95-96	-7%	£312 per 6
Château Gazin	Pomerol	-	95-97	91-93	93	95-96	-16%	SOLD OUT
Château Léoville-Barton	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	94-96	96	95-96	-13%	SOLD OUT
Château Clinet	Pomerol	-	97-99	93-95	95	97-98	-16%	SOLD OUT
Château Gruaud Larose	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	-	-	-	-	-	-3%	£325 per 6
Château Beychevelle	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	-	93-95	92-94	94	93-94	-8%	SOLD OUT

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Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	-	-	-	96	-	-24%	SOLD OUT
Château Pape-Clément	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-98+	96-98	95-97	95	96-97	-9%	SOLD OUT
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-100	-	95-97	96	98-99	-30%	SOLD OUT
Château Troplong-Mondot	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	96-98	-	96-98	96	-	-17%	SOLD OUT
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97+	95-97	96-98	97	95-96		£420 per 6
Château Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	-	95-97	95-97	97	95-96	-18%	£413 per 6
Château Haut-Bailly	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-99	96-98	95-97	97	98-99	-20%	SOLD OUT
Ch. Beausejour Duffau	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98	-	-	98	95-96	-11%	£493 per 6
Château Canon	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	-	-	-	98	-		SOLD OUT
Ch. Les Carmes Ht-Brion	Pessac-Léognan	-	-	-	96	-		SOLD OUT
Château Pavie-Decesse	St-Emilion Grand Cru	95-97	-	-	95	96-97	-4%	SOLD OUT
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	95-97	96-98	96-98	94	95-96	-6%	SOLD OUT
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-100	96-98	96-98	97	97-98	-15%	SOLD OUT
Château Montrose	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	-	95-97	93-95	98	-	-23%	£640 per 6
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98	96-98	95-97	97	96-97	-9%	£639 per 6
Château Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99	98-100	95-97	98	98-99	-20%	SOLD OUT
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99+	96-98	95-97	98	98-99	-23%	SOLD OUT
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-100	96-98	94-96	98	99-100		£750 per 6
Pav. Rouge du Ch. Margaux	Margaux	92-94+	91-93	92-94	94	96-97	-16%	£750 per 6
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100	94-96	95-97	97	98-99	-30%	SOLD OUT
Château La Conseillante	Pomerol	96-98	97-99	96-98	97	97-98		SOLD OUT
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	94-96	94-96	93-95	97	96-97	-17%	SOLD OUT
Château Léoville Las Cases	Saint-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99+	95-97	94-96	98	98-99	-20%	£873 per 6
Château l'Evangile	Pomerol	96-98	91-93	91-93	99	97-98	-22%	SOLD OUT
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac	92-94	93-95	92-94	94	96-97	-17%	SOLD OUT
Carruades de Lafite	Pauillac	92-94	91-93	92-94	93	95-96	-15%	SOLD OUT
Château Palmer	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	-	-	-	98	-	-31%	SOLD OUT
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	97-100	96-98	95-97	97	98-99	-20%	SOLD OUT
Château La Mission Ht-Brion	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-100	98-100	95-97	96	99-100		SOLD OUT
Château l'Eglise Clinet	Pomerol	98-100	97-99	97-99	99	99-100	-3%	SOLD OUT
Château La Violette	Pomerol	94-96	95-97	92-94	-	-	2%	£660 per 3
Château Angélu	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	97-99	96-98	95-97	97	98-99	-7%	SOLD OUT
Château Pavie	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	97-100	96-98	95-97	96	98-99	-15%	SOLD OUT
Château Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99+	96-98	96-98	97	99-100		SOLD OUT
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100	96-98	-	98	99-100		SOLD OUT
Château Margaux	Margaux 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-100	96-98	98-100	98	99-100		SOLD OUT
Château Cheval-Blanc	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	-	-	97-99	-	-	-32%	SOLD OUT
Château Ausone	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	-	-	-	-	-	-27%	SOLD OUT
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99	96-98	96-98	98	99-100	-12%	SOLD OUT

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Sweet White Bordeaux 2019	AOC	RP	NM	AG	DC	JS	Change	Case Price
Château Doisy-Védrines (37.5cl)	Sauternes 2ème Cru Classé	-	92-94	92-94	96	92-93	-4%	£135 per 12
Château Doisy-Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Cru Classé	94-96+	94-96	93-95	96	94-95	3%	SOLD OUT
Château Coutet (37.5cl)	Barsac 1er Grand Cru Classé	-	94-96	87-90	-	94-95	-7%	£171 per 12
Dry White Bordeaux 2019	AOC	RP	NM	AG	DC	JS	Change	Case Price
Château La Clarière Blanc	Bordeaux	-	-	-	-	-	-	£150 per 12
Château La Garde Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	88-90	84-96	88-90	90	92-93	3%	£180 per 12
Château La Tour Carnet Blanc	Bordeaux	89-91+	89-91	90-92	91	90-91	-2%	£135 per 6
Château Talbot Caillou Blanc	Bordeaux	-	-	-	93	-	-4%	£136 per 6
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Bordeaux	-	-	-	-	-	3%	SOLD OUT
Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	92-94+	91-93	91-93	94	96-97	-9%	SOLD OUT
Clarté de Haut Brion Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	90-92	92	92	92	93-94	-8%	£330 per 6
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	94-96+	93-95	92-94+	93	95-96	-17%	£360 per 6
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-98+	94-96	92-94	96	96-97	-7%	£475 per 6
Château Pape-Clément Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-97	91-93	91-93	94	96-97	-6%	SOLD OUT
Pavillon Blanc Ch. Margaux	Bordeaux	-	-	-	96	-	9%	SOLD OUT

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Château Capbern 2019
St-Estèphe



£180 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

93-94 James Suckling
89-91 Robert Parker

92 Decanter
89-91 Antonio Galloni

93 Jeff Leve

"This is a gorgeous young sample with wonderful blue fruit and spices, as well as a nice overlay of pretty wood. Medium to full body and firm, silky tannins. Hints of minerals. Better than 2018."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2020

"Powerful and impactful, and the alcohol although well balanced by fruit does have an impact on the texture and mouthfeel of this wine, which is gourmet and full of chocolate, damson and tar. High drama in this vintage. 60% new oak. A yield of 40hl/ha. 3.9pH."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com June 2020

Château Le Boscq 2019
St-Estèphe



£180 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Spring 2022

94-95 James Suckling
90-92 Robert Parker

91-93 Neal Martin
90-92 Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Antonio Galloni
92 Decanter

"Wow. This is a top young red with a very deep, rich palate of blueberry, chocolate and spice character. It's full-bodied, yet so polished with intertwined tannins that give a creamy texture to the wine."

94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2020

"The 2019 Le Boscq is a dense, powerful wine. Inky dark fruit, charcoal, lavender, spice and tobacco add layers of nuance to this inky, beautifully resonant Saint-Estèphe. Rich, deep and racy, Le Boscq has a lot to offer. Today, it is shaping up to be one of the gems of the vintage. The 2019 is absolutely terrific and a potential sleeper of the vintage."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

Château Les Ormes de Pez 2019
St Estèphe Cru Bourgeois



£210 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

92-93 James Suckling
91-93 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Neal Martin

93 Decanter

"Plenty of spice and plums on the nose. Full body, round tannins and flavorful finish. Raspberries and hazelnuts at the end."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"The 2019 Ormes de Pez has an intense bouquet of blackberry, bilberry, pencil box and light fumé aromas, nicely defined but demanding encouragement from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, pliant tannins almost unrecognizable from the somewhat sturdy offerings in the past. It feels seductively smooth in texture with a very satisfying, detailed finish. One of the best Ormes de Pez that I have tasted in recent years."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

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Château Meyney 2019
St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois



£225 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

91-93 Neal Martin
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

92-93 James Suckling
91-93 Antonio Galloni

93 Decanter
90-92+ Robert Parker

"One of the wines I use as a marker of how good the vintage is in St Estèphe, because it isn't classified but is in a brilliant location right next door to Montrose. And this is good, extremely concentrated, pure cassis and bilberry flavours, tons of tannins, clear austerity and fairly high acidity as I am getting in a lot of these 2019s. Not the same luscious character as 2018, but in many ways that makes it more typical of the appellation, and the alcohol seems less over the top than in 2018. Lots to enjoy here, not quite up to 2016 standard but not far. Tasted two weeks apart, and if anything its expression had deepened second time around. Hubert de Bouïard consultant."
93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

"This estate has been on a roll of late, and the 2019 Château Meyney is a terrific wine. Beautiful notes of crème de cassis, spicy oak, dried flowers, and dried tobacco all emerge from the glass, and this beauty is medium to full-bodied, with a seamless texture, ultra-fine tannins, and a great finish. Count me impressed. Not a powerhouse, it should drink nicely right out of the gate yet also evolve for 20 years or more."
92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

La Dame de Montrose 2019
St-Estèphe



£316 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2022

94 Decanter

17 Jancis Robinson

"The Merlots were so good this year that most have gone into the first wine, giving this a higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon than usual and making it a serious Dame de Montrose, with clear ageing potential. Elegant and balanced, with purity and juicy black fruits. It has that savoury Cabernet quality which is very Médocain, this is absolutely one to look out for, packed with estate signature. 30% new oak. 43% of total production. 4% Petit Verdot completes the blend. Lovely new label here also, with rose gold roses across it."
94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com June 2020

"Cabernet expression particularly marked, especially on the palate. Dark fruit with a savoury edge on the nose, the palate lively and lifted with fresher flavours. Dark fruit again with a mineral edge. Firm, dry finish. **Good Value?**"
17 Pts James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com June 2020

Château Lafon-Rochet 2019
St-Estèphe
4ème Grand Cru Classé



£378 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

93-94 James Suckling
93-95 Neal Martin

93 Decanter
93-95 Antonio Galloni

93-95 Jeff Leve

"The purity of fruit and balance in this young St.-Estèphe is really beautiful with crushed-currant, stone and orange-peel aromas and flavors. It's medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins and a pretty finish. We will see if this is better than the 2018 or not."
93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"The 2019 Lafon-Rochet is absolutely gorgeous. Dark and powerful, yet also wonderfully translucent, the 2019 has so much to offer. Black cherry, licorice, spice, sweet tobacco, leather and dried herbs infuse the 2019 with striking layers of dimension and nuance. There is so much going on in this potent wine; this is a real sleeper in Saint-Estèphe."
93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

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Château Calon-Ségur 2019
St-Estèphe
3ème Grand Cru Classé



£420 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

95-97+ Robert Parker
97 Decanter

96-98 Antonio Galloni
95-96 James Suckling

95-97 Neal Martin
97 Jeff Leve

"A total knock-out, the 2019 Calon Ségur is shaping up to be truly epic. Rich, dense and explosive, the 2019 soars out of the glass with stunning intensity. Graphite, pencil shavings, crème de cassis, new leather, spice and chocolate infuse the 2019 with stunning intensity. The 2019 is looking to be a wine for the ages."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

"This is a brilliant Calon Ségur, absolutely one to search out. Dripping with lush brambled fruit, from ripe damsons to sleek blackberries and touches of hedgerow that add an unforced juiciness through what is a powerful and concentrated wine. The tannins are chewy and very much present, and this has great ageing potential ahead of it. 3.8pH. A yield of 40hl/ha. 100% new oak. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend."

97 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com June 2020

Château Montrose 2019
St-Estèphe 2^{ème} Grand Cru
Classé



£640 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

98 Decanter
95-97 Neal Martin

18+ Jancis Robinson
93-95 Antonio Galloni

99-100 Yves Beck

"Oh this is good, it steals up on you with real depth of flavour, stately and concentrated in a way that reminds me of a 1996 or a 2016. Extremely measured, very clear that this is going to age effortlessly, it is extremely discreet and yet packed with persistent flavours. A masterclass in the flavours and aromatics that you expect in a great Médoc wine - slate, crushed stones, savoury blackcurrant, liquorice, hints of smoke and cold ash. After five minutes in the glass the sweeter berry fruit comes out, and the whole thing is sappy and mouthwatering, and makes you smile. 12% press wine, 3.77oH. A yield of 47hl/ha. 60% new oak. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend."

98 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com June 2020

"Deep purple-black hue. Slightly shy and reserved but clearly has plenty of depth. Elegant, dark-fruit fragrance as the wine opens. Clean and direct on attack with a marked note of salinity. Plenty of power but really refined tannins assisted by a bright, juicy quality to the fruit. Incredible length on the finish."

18+ Pts James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com June 2020

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Pauillac

**Pichon-Comtesse Réserve 2019
Pauillac**



£336 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**92-94 Neal Martin
92-94 Robert Parker**

91-93 Antonio Galloni

93 Decanter

"The 2019 Réserve de la Comtesse is conspicuously deep in colour. The bouquet takes time to unfurl with exceedingly pure blackberry, raspberry and cassis aromas, the oak seamlessly integrated. The palate is very well balanced with fresh acidity, fine grain tannins, a touch of salinity developing towards the finish that has more grip than previous vintages. Superb. 2024 – 2044"

92-94 Neal Martin, Vinous.com, June 2020

"Réserve de la Comtesse is especially fine in 2019. Wonderfully dark, fleshy and inviting, the Réserve is just striking today. A rush of dark red/purplish fruit builds effortlessly in the glass. More than anything else, the Réserve impresses for its sensual, inviting personality. It is an ideal second wine that is approachable and avoids being excessively serious, as some recent editions have been. General Manager and Winemaker Nicolas Glumineau describes 2019 as a year of drought, until rains arrived at the end of July and middle of August, which were very important for the maturation of the Cabernets in mid-October. Yields were 42 hectoliters per hectare, which is typical for the château. Glumineau added that the Merlots showed a wider range of quality, while the Cabernets were more homogeneous. In tasting, I found the two wines more differentiated stylistically, which has not often been the case."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, June 2020

**Château d'Armailhac 2019
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé**



£372 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**93 Decanter
92-94 Neal Martin**

92-93 James Suckling

91-93 Robert Parker

"Thoroughly enjoyable Armailhac, with concentration immediately apparent on the nose, more so than in many vintages of this wine. There's a pleasing austerity to the tannins giving a confident but not overbearing structure with lovely juiciness on the finish. Of the three Pauillac estates in the Mouton stable, this has the youngest vines as an average age (although also some of the oldest vines in the whole of the Médoc, dating back to the 1890s) which sometimes holds it back from reaching full complexity of expression, but that is not something you'll be complaining about here. Instead you get a fresh core, silkily textured blackberry and cassis fruits with good balance. This is the last vintage made in the old facilities, as they are about to re-do the cellars. Harvest began around one week earlier than average, on September 18, spread out through to October 9. Petit Verdot 2% completes the blend. Tasted twice one week apart."

93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

"The 2019 d'Armailhac was the last vintage made in the old winery that has since been demolished to make way for a new gravity-fed facility that will be equipped with 50 smaller vats tailored to the parcels in the vineyard. It will provide greater space that will permit longer élevage if desired. It is fascinating to juxtapose again its Clerc Milon stablemate. There is more amplitude on the nose, it is more forthright with blackberry, wild hedgerow, tobacco and a subtle leather aroma. It comes across less high-toned than previous vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins and slightly more mid-palate depth/grip than the Clerc Milon. The crescendo here is wonderful, fanning out towards the finish with subtle black pepper, sage and mint notes. This is a delicious d'Armailhac in the making."

92-94 Neal Martin, Vinous.com, June 2020

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Château Haut-Batailley 2019
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£210 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Antonio Galloni

93-95 Neal Martin

92 Decanter

"Plenty of blueberry and chocolate aromas and flavors. It's full and chewy with a powerful finish. Tar and graphite at the end. Solid core of fruit and tannin here. One of the most structured I have had from here. Cazes family making the difference."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"The 2019 Haut-Batailley, now of course part of the Cazes family's portfolio, is nicely detailed on the nose with blood orange and even a touch of marmalade tincturing the black fruit. The palate is very intense on the entry, the fruit remarkably pure with fine-grain tannins. This is a Haut-Batailley with ambition: very harmonious with touches of white pepper and cedar towards the finish. Is this a harbinger for things to come? I hope so."

93-95 Neal Martin, Vinous.com, June 2020

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste
2019
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£270 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

95-97 Neal Martin
95-97 Jeff Leve

94-95 James Suckling

96 Decanter

"The 2019 Grand Puy Lacoste is deep purple in colour. Initially the bouquet is tight and so I left my sample for 15-20 minutes to open. It rewards patience with a beguiling mélange of pure blackberry, raspberry, crushed violet and pencil shavings, very focused and mineral-driven. The palate is medium-bodied with finely chiseled tannins. Compared to the robust, tannic GPL's of old, this is much more lithe and approachable, yet it still bears the DNA of this Pauillac estate. It might not possess the flair of other 2019 Left Banks, but that it is not what I seek from this estate. Classy and full of breeding - quintessential Pauillac."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, June 2020

"Lovely depth of colour, a big difference between the 1st and 2nd wine in this vintage, this just screams Pauillac with its pencil lead, charcoal and cassis notes. Glass-staining colour, extremely silky, with liquorice and chocolate adding layers without taking away from the purity of expression. Fine tannic hold, tons of character and clear longevity - this is a brilliant wine, easily equal to the 2018 and approaching the 2016."

96 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

Château Duhart-Milon 2019
Pauillac 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£312 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Neal Martin

94 Decanter
91-93 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Robert Parker

"The 2019 Duhart-Milon was picked from 18 September to 4 October and raised in 50% new oak. Of course, this comes from one of the coldest terroirs in Pauillac due to the orientation of the vineyard and less proportion of clay, which has become an advantage in warmer growing seasons such as this. The 70% Cabernet Sauvignon dominates the aromatics with dense black fruit, pencil shavings and tobacco aromas, traces of dark chocolate in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with spicy black fruits on the entry. This is quintessential Duhart: a bit broody, conservative in a non-pejorative use of the word, harmonious and quite sturdy towards the finish. I like this. Whilst it has no intention of being the most flamboyant Pauillac on the gravel terrace, it is imbued with nobility."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, June 2020

"This one might sneak up on you, confirming the rise of this wine in recent years. Clear depth of fruit, and above all clear Pauillac character. This feels strict and confident, with beautiful balance and restraint. Duhart is one of the later-ripening and cooler Pauillac terroirs which is why in the past it could be overly austere when young, but it is benefitting from recent hot summers in terms of its fruit ripeness. Pencil lead is prominent here, along with cassis and bilberry. Very precise, very elegant, with a creaminess to the fruit through the mid palate, and overall this is an excellent Duhart."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com, May 2020

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St-Julien

**Le Petit Ducru
de Ducru-Beaucaillou 2019
St-Julien**



£238 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**91-93 Neal Martin
91 Decanter**

**91-92 James Suckling
89-91 Jeb Dunnuck**

**89-91 Robert Parker
91-93 Jeff Leve**

"The 2019 Le Petit Ducru de Ducru Beaucaillou has a tightly-packed bouquet with bold blackberry, bilberry and iodine scents. The oak here is nicely integrated. The palate is suave and velvety in texture. A very polished wine, moderate in terms of depth with a marine-like piquancy towards the classically-trained, tobacco-infused finish. Very fine."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"What was formerly known as the Lalande-Boire, the 2019 Le Petit Ducru De Ducru-Beaucaillou checks in as mostly Merlot yet includes 36% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot. It has beautiful Saint-Julien purity and elegance as well as lots of cassis, tobacco, violets, and lead pencil aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, supple, and elegant on the palate, it's a beautiful wine well worth drinking."

89-91 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

**La Croix
Ducru-Beaucaillou 2019
St-Julien**



£338 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**94-96 Neal Martin
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**93-94 James Suckling
94 Decanter**

**92-94 Jeff Leve
90-92 Robert Parker**

"The 2019 La Croix Ducru Beaucaillou is endowed with a gorgeous, quite sumptuous bouquet loaded with black plum, tobacco, smoke and Earl Grey aromas that burst from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with very pliant tannin, harmonious and velvety in texture, gradually building towards a detailed and mineral-driven finish. Maybe less opulent than the 2018 by comparison, yet a Deuxième Vin full of breeding."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"The second wine of Ducru-Beaucaillou, the 2019 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is based on 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot that was brought up in 60% new French oak. Tasting more like a grand vin than a second wine, its deep purple hue gives way to a deep, rich, beautifully concentrated, full-bodied Saint-Julien with awesome purity of fruit, lots of graphite, chocolate, and crushed stone, building tannins, and a great finish. It's going to need 5-7 years of bottle age to hit maturity and is going to keep for two decades. It's a serious bottle of wine."

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

**Château Langoa-Barton 2019
St-Julien 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé**



£354 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**93-95 Neal Martin
17 Jancis Robinson**

**95-96 James Suckling
91-93 Antonio Galloni**

94 Decanter

"The 2019 Langoa Barton has a very typical Langoa nose, which is a good thing, sporting vivacious black cherries, blackberry, crushed iris, cedar and light blood orange scents lurking offstage. Lovely oak integration here. The palate is beautifully defined on the entry, a structured almost big-boned Langoa with enormous grip on the spicy finish. I love the generosity of this Saint-Julien, one that I suspect will be seductive on release but don't be deceived - it deserves cellaring lest you get a smacked wrist for being impatient."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"Silky blackberry and bilberry fruits, this is a brilliant Langoa, with concentration and lift that pull you both forwards and upwards through the palate. For me this is more successful than the 2018 because it delivers an absolute punch of fruits but gently so, with elegance and control that is very St Julien. Grilled cedar finish, great stuff."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

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Clos du Marquis 2019
St-Julien



£202 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

93-95 Robert Parker
93-95 Neal Martin

94-95 James Suckling
17+ Jancis Robinson

91-93 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Jeff Leve

"The 2019 Clos du Marquis is composed of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc and 23% Merlot, harvested between the 21st of September and 9th of October. It is aging in French oak barriques, 50% new. The alcohol is 14.1% with a pH of 3.62 and an IPT of 79. Displaying a deep purple-black color, the nose is a little reticent to begin, but with just a little coaxing, it soon opens out to show off impressively flamboyant notes of blackberry preserves, baked plums and blackcurrant pastilles with suggestions of cinnamon toast, Darjeeling tea, licorice and camphor plus a hint of wilted roses. Medium to full-bodied, the palate layers in all of these exciting mineral sparks with the energetic, fresh black fruits, supported by rock-solid, ripe, grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing long and earthy. This a very polished and sophisticated Clos du Marquis!"

93-95 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com April 2019

"The 2019 Clos du Marquis was picked from 21 September to 9 October and matured in 50% new oak. It has a deep and quite penetrating bouquet: blackberry, hoisin intermingling with cedar and light pencil shaving scents. It becomes noticeably richer with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins that frame the vivid blackberry and wild strawberry fruit laced with orange sorbet. There is a citric freshness towards the end of this accomplished Clos du Marquis. Excellent."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

Château Gruaud-Larose 2019
St-Julien
2ème Grand Cru Classé



£325 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

95 Jean-Marc Quarin

Not yet tasted by the major English language critics.

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2019
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£750 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2022

97-100 Robert Parker
98 Decanter

99-100 James Suckling
97-100 Jeb Dunnuck

96-98 Neal Martin
98-100 Jeff Leve

"This year the blend is 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot. The alcohol weighed in at 14.2%, while the pH is 3.8 and the IPT is 88. It will mature for 18 months in French oak barrels, 100% new. Opaque purple-black in color, the 2019 Ducru-Beaucaillou explodes from the glass with bombastic notes of crème de cassis, blueberry pie and plum preserves plus hints of candied violets, dark chocolate, licorice, wild fungi, crushed rocks and tilled soil with a touch of mossy bark. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is a tightly wound coil poised to spring out with layer upon layer of minerals, rich black fruits and floral notes, framed by very firm, exquisitely ripe tannins and electric freshness, finishing long and incredibly layered. WOW!"

97-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com June 2020

"A very powerful Ducru with intense tannins and backbone, showing blue fruit, black tea and tobacco. Full-bodied with impressive structure and so much tannin. It goes on for minutes. Very traditional. Owner Bruno Borie said it is a wine to last forever and I have to agree. 80% cabernet sauvignon and 20% merlot."

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

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**Château Léoville-Las-Cases
2019
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé**



£873 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2022

**98-99 James Suckling
98 Decanter**

**97-99+ Robert Parker
94-96 Antonio Galloni**

**96-98 Neal Martin
19 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2019 Léoville Las Cases is a blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 11% Merlot. Harvest began early for the Merlot, on the 18th of September, and the Cabernets were picked in October, finishing on the 8th of October. The IPT number (measurement of tannins) is 80—the same as 2018. The alcohol came at 14.02% (lower than 2018), but it does seem a little lower than this percentage, probably because the pH is a little lower this year, at 3.67. It is aging in French oak barriques, 90% new.

The color is opaque purple-black, with a nose that unfurls slowly in the glass, beginning with vibrant, expressive black fruit notes of freshly crushed blackcurrants, ripe blackberries and fresh black cherries, followed by a beguiling array of floral and earth nuances—candied violets, lavender, fragrant soil, underbrush, crushed rocks and black truffles. The medium to full-bodied wine dances ever so gracefully on the palate, demurely revealing tightly wound layers of of bright, crunchy black fruits and tantalizing floral and mineral sparks, supported by a rock-solid structure of firm, finely grained tannins and fantastic tension, finishing with epic persistence. Although the style is completely different, the barrel sample is behaving a lot like the Haut-Brion sample was when I tasted it, in that it appears to be holding just that little bit extra back right now. I have to call it as I see it today, but I wouldn't be surprised if when I come back to taste this from bottle, it shows me all that and a lot more."

97-99+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com June 2020

"The 2019 Léoville Las-Cases was picked from 18 September to 8 October and matured in 90% new oak barrels. Typically deep and limpid in colour, it has a knockout nose with penetrating blackberry, bilberry and blueberry fruit struck through with an accentuated marine/oyster shell element. The palate is beautiful, the fine-grain tannins framing delineated, mineral-infused black fruit. There is a clarity to this Grand Vin that places it amongst Jean-Hubert Delon's finest releases in recent years and it is blessed with astounding length. You come away with the feeling of a nascent wine boasting immense coiled-up energy that will guarantee its longevity. Stunning."

96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

Margaux

**Château Labégorce 2019
Margaux Cru Bourgeois**



£240 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**93-95 Neal Martin
91-93 Antonio Galloni**

**92 Decanter
93 Jeff Leve**

**91-92 James Suckling
89-91 Robert Parker**

"The 2019 Labégorce, picked from 19 September to 12 October and matured in 40% new oak, has one of the more flamboyant Margaux bouquets with expressive black cherries, bilberry, light cedar notes and crushed violet. It develops impressive cohesion with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied and what you first notice is the finesse of the tannins. This has a satin-like texture and very well judged acidity. The new oak does poke out a little on the finish - if that can be assimilated during its barrel maturation, this could turn into a very serious Margaux."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"The largest of the Perrodo estates in Margaux, this is a little heavier set and muscular than the Marquis d'Alesme, extremely accomplished and majoring on coffee beans and tobacco alongside blackcurrant fruits. Enjoyable, a little less signature Margaux than its sibling property but this is a delicious gourmet-edged wine, and a brilliant (relatively) value choice in the appellation."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

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**Château Marquis d'Alesme 2019
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé**



£165 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**94-96 Neal Martin
94 Decanter**

**92-94 Robert Parker
92-94 Antonio Galloni**

93-94 James Suckling

"The 2019 Marquis d'Alesme Becker was picked from 26 September to 12 October and matures in 50% new oak. It has a clean and pure bouquet with blackberry, briary, cedar and subtle floral notes - very Margaux and enticingly understated in style. The palate is medium-bodied with a slightly grainy entry, a very well structured wine with a sappy finish that gets the saliva flowing. Superb."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"I've been thoroughly enjoying the work that they are doing at Marquis d'Alesme in recent vintages and this very much continues the success. Sappy, juicy, well defined raspberry and blackberry fruits, concentrated in all the right places, with a saline finish that is both mouthwatering and moreish. Winemaker Marjolaine de Coninck has steered the property through the heat of the summer and got the balance just right. Harvest September 26 to October 12."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

**Pavillon Rouge du
Château Margaux 2019
Margaux**



£750 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**92-94+ Robert Parker
94 Decanter**

**96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91-93 Neal Martin
93-95 Jeff Leve**

"Succulent and gorgeous with such supple tannins, yet it's full bodied and very rich. It's very savory, too. Dense, yet polished on the palate, showing fresh, mineral and salty notes. You want to drink it already. 27% of the crop and a blend of 76% cabernet sauvignon and 19% merlot, the rest petit verdot and cabernet franc."

96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"Starting with the second wine of this great estate, the 2019 Château Margaux Pavillon Rouge reveals a saturated purple color as well as young, unevolved notes of blue and black fruits, unsmoked tobacco, chocolate, and spring flowers. It has a wonderful freshness and purity yet is still a rich, powerful wine. Full-bodied, concentrated yet seamless, it's an incredible second wine and possibly the finest Pavillon Rouge I've tasted."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

Graves & Pessac-Léognan Reds

**Château La Garde 2019
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£150 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2022

**92-93 James Suckling
92 Decanter**

**89-91 Neal Martin
87-89 Robert Parker**

89-91 Antonio Galloni

"A beautifully balanced young red with currant, chocolate and hazelnut aromas and flavors. Medium to full body, juicy tannins and a flavorful finish."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2020

"The 2019 La Garde is powerful and explosive in the glass. A rush of ripe red cherry, scorched earth, licorice, tobacco and gravel makes a strong opening impression. The 2019 has everything it needs to develop into a beautiful wine, it just needs time. This is an impressive showing."

89-91 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

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Domaine de Chevalier 2019
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£495 per 12 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Neal Martin

95-97 Antonio Galloni
95 Decanter

94-96+ Robert Parker

"The chocolate, walnut, dark-fruit and stone character is attractive. It's full-bodied and very tight and linear with chewy yet polished tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Lots of intensity and complexity here, as always."
96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"The 2019 Domaine de Chevalier has the potential to be one of the wines of the vintage. Regal and soaring in the glass, with tremendous intensity, the 2019 is pure magic. An exotic mélange of ripe red plum, gravel, spice, cured meats and incense develops with time in the glass. Effortless and wonderfully nuanced, the 2019 is a fabulous wine in the making. Don't miss it."
95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

Other Left Bank Reds

Château Lanessan 2019
Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois



£115 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2022

91 Decanter

89-91 Robert Parker

"Inky medium to full intensity purple colour, this is an excellent Lanessan, stuffed full of Haut-Médoc character. Really does a good job of balancing fruit tannins and acidities, without straying too far into any one territory. Cassis and bilberry are the dominant fruits, slightly rustic in the right way, and good lift through the finish. Another impressive vintage from winemaker Paz Espejo."
91 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com June 2020

"Very deep purple-black colored, the 2019 Lanessan strides boldly out of the glass with notes of crushed blackcurrants, warm plums and cedar chest plus hints of pencil lead, bay leaves and Marmite toast. Medium bodied, the palate has a sturdy foundation of chewy, rugged tannins and loads of freshness supporting the black fruit layers, finishing savory."
89-91 Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com June 2020

Château Sénéjac 2019
Haut-Médoc



£125 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

92-93 James Suckling
89-91 Neal Martin

91 Decanter

90-92 Robert Parker

"A firm, chewy red with blackberry and light coffee character. Medium to full body. Solid structure."
92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"Extremely juicy cassis and enticing hedgerow here, this is bright, perky, less flesh on the bones than 2018 but with plenty of character. It settles in the glass, and you feel the build up of tannins. Will be interesting to taste in bottle, there is real potential here."
91 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

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St-Emilion & Satellites

Château Haut-Brisson 2019
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£228 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

93-94 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

92-94+ Jeb Dunnuck
91 Decanter

91-93 Antonio Galloni
89-91 Robert Parker

"The 2019 Château Haut Brisson is another rich yet finesse-oriented Saint-Emilion, and it might be the finest I've tasted from them. Lots of black raspberry, cassis, spring flowers, and violet notes define the bouquet, and it has a touch of chocolatey oak, lots of opulence and decadence, straight-up awesome purity, and a great finish. It's a beautiful, powerful yet elegant 2019."

92-94+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

"This is very opulent and rich with lots of ripe fruit. Full-bodied, layered and very rich. Dried fruit and black truffles. Very velvety and flavorful. Rich, yet fresh. Less new oak for this. 90% merlot and 10% cabernet franc."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2020

Château Tour Saint Christophe
2019
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£276 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

96-97 James Suckling
92-94 Antonio Galloni

95-97 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94+ Robert Parker

94-96 Neal Martin
92 Decanter

"This is tight with finesse and focus. Minerally and salty with an ultra-fine palate and polished tannins. It goes on and on and on. Strength and finesse at the same time. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc."

96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"From an estate that continues to fire on all cylinders, the 2019 Château Tour Saint Christophe reveals a saturated purple color to go with a pretty, floral bouquet of black raspberries, mulberries, violets, graphite, and crushed stone. Fabulously balanced, medium to full-bodied, with good acidity as well as sweet tannins, it's a finesse oriented, elegant version of this cuvée that does everything right. This estate has backed off the power and ripeness over the past few vintages, and the wine is more elegant, balanced, and seamless. It's a better wine today."

95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

Petit Figeac 2019
(2nd Wine of Château Figeac)
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£210 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

Not yet reviewed by the major critics

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**Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot
2019
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé**



£240 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

96 Decanter

"Rich plum colour. This takes its time to open, is pretty subtle at first, but then explodes in juicy fruit. Clear salinity where you can feel the slate scrape of the limestone terroir, alongside well expressed aromatics with touches of peony flowers. Elegant and succulent. Second vintage with Jean de Courmaud as technical director. A yield of 46hl/ha. 65% new oak, with a mix of barrels and 20hl casks. 3.77pH. Harvest 18-21 September, with all the Merlots in 3.5 days instead of the usual 11 days (and in fact stretched over one month in 2018), with just 20 minutes from picking to vat. Thomas Ducloux consultant."

96 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

**Château La Serre 2019
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé**



£240 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Antonio Galloni**

**94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93+ Robert Parker**

**94 Decanter
91-93 Neal Martin**

"Chocolate, tobacco, blueberry and wet-earth aromas and flavors. It's full-bodied with chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Loads of beautiful fruit, yet it remains reserved and polished. One of the best ever?"
94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc coming from the upper, limestone plateau outside of the village of Saint-Emilion, the 2019 Château La Serre reveals a deep, saturated purple color as well as rocking notes of cassis, spicy oak, tobacco, and crushed rock. Beautifully done, full-bodied, and balanced, it's going to be a wine to snatch up."
94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

**Château Clos Fourtet 2019
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé**



£413 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**95-96 James Suckling
97 Decanter**

**95-97 Antonio Galloni
95-97 Jeff Leve**

**95-97 Neal Martin
95 Jean-Marc Quarin**

"The 2019 Clos Fourtet continues its strong run of form under the direction of Mathieu Cuvelier and his team. It sprints out of the blocks with intense blackberries, raspberry coulis, blood orange and crushed violet aromas, touches of iodine developing as it musters ever increasing delineation. The palate is medium-bodied but (as expected) contains more weight and girth compared to its peers. Firm grip, solid and yet graceful, there is a crescendo of flavours towards its heady, focused and very persistent finish. Wonderful salinity in the mouth, the aftertaste is one of the longest you will find on the Right Bank. Fabulous."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"The 2019 Clos Fourtet is exotic and beguiling in the glass. Inky dark fruit, licorice, espresso, menthol and lavender all run through this sumptuous, beautifully resonant Saint-Émilion with bright mineral underpinnings that extend the finish effortlessly. A regal, exquisite wine, the 2019 has so much to offer. I can't wait to taste it in bottle."
95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

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**Château Beausejour
Duffau-Lagarrosse 2019
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé**



£493 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

**96-98 Robert Parker
98 Decanter
97-99 Jeff Leve**

**95-96 James Suckling
95-97 Jeb Dunnuck**

**95-97 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Neal Martin**

"The 2019 Beauséjour Héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse is shaping up to be magnificent. A wine of tremendous breadth and power, the 2019 has so much to offer. An infusion of scorched earth, gravel, spice, menthol and blackberry makes a strong first impression. Virile and potent, the 2019 offers remarkable persistence and yet retains quite a bit of finesse, especially given its size. The tannins are there, but they are matched by the intensity of the fruit. This is one of the most impressive wines of the year in the early going. Tasted two times."
95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

"Another stunning vintage from this brilliant estate that is just delivering hit after hit. Concentration and intensity right from the initial aromatics, damson, cassis and blackberry fruits that you could almost drink now until the tannins build up across the palate and remind you that this is built to last. Velvety texture, black chocolate and crushed stone minerality on the finish. One of the wines of the vintage. Tasted twice, one week apart. 60% 1st wine. A yield of 45hl/ha."
98 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

**Château Bélair-Monange 2019
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé**



£639 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2022

**96-98 Neal Martin
95-97 Antonio Galloni**

97 Decanter

96-97 James Suckling

"The 2019 Bélair-Monange, currently undergoing extensive renovation, was picked from 19 September to 3 October and matured in 50% new oak. It certainly leans upon red fruit on the nose with vivacious wild strawberry, cranberry and Morello scents, wonderful mineralité emerging with aeration. This really repays patience. Monitoring it over an hour it uncovers more black fruit - keeps you on your toes. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grain tannins and a sensual silky texture that belies the sheer depth of this Saint-Émilion. It fans out with abandon on the finish - just an outstanding wine that will offer drinkers many years of pleasure."
96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"The 2019 Bélair-Monange is classy, polished and elegant. In recent years Bélair-Monange has come across as a bit pushed in terms of ripeness, but the 2019 impresses with its sublime balance. Silky, racy and inviting, Bélair-Monange has so much to offer. It is wine that makes its case with finesse more than power. Christian Moueix chuckles that thirty years ago he was criticized for picking too early, but today it is the exact opposite."
95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

Pomerol & Lalande de Pomerol

**Château Chantalouette 2019
Pomerol**



£185 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

This little-known 'Second Wine' of Château de Sales always flies under the radars of the major critics, despite being part of the Moueix stable alongside the likes of Château Petrus. A richly fruited style with the ability to age for a decade, it is one of our customer favourites year-on-year. Very approachable when young, this will nevertheless stand up well to a decade in the cellar.

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**Château Plince 2019
Pomerol**



£295 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**93-94 James Suckling
90-92+ Robert Parker**

90-92 Neal Martin

89-91 Antonio Galloni

"The 2019 Plince is clean and pure on the nose with perfumed violets and incense infusing the black cherries and bilberry aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannins, a fine thread of acidity, moderate depth and a touch of balsamic enlivening the finish. Delightful."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinus.com June 2020

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Plince rolls out of the glass wearing a lot of woody/cedar scents, before offering up notes of baked plums, blackberry pie and stewed black cherries with wafts of chargrill and tilled soil in the background. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has appealing freshness and nice, ripe grape tannins with a chewy component from the obvious wood, finishing savory."

90-92+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com, June 2020

**Château Bourgneuf 2019
Pomerol**



£410 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**92-94 Neal Martin
93-94 James Suckling**

**93 Decanter
89-91+ Robert Parker**

**91-93 Antonio Galloni
16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2019 Bourgneuf was picked from 19 to 30 September and matured in 35% new oak. It has a pretty bouquet, refined and pure with blackberry, briary and touches of orange blossom. This is very well defined, the aromatics do not try to over-reach themselves. The palate is crisp on the entry with crunchy red fruit, tertiary in style, hints of truffle, brine and black pepper towards the finish. There is a "natural swagger" about this Bourgneuf, probably earlier drinking than other Pomerols, yet with breeding and class from the Vayron family. Tasted twice with consistent notes."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinus.com June 2020

"Concentrated and controlled cassis fruits. Violet edged ruby colour, this has noticeable grip running through the palate and lush tannins. There is austerity evident on the close of play with tannins that are serious and slightly chewy. Brilliant stuff from a vineyard located right next to Trotanoy."

93 Pts, Jane Anson, Decanter.com June 2020

**Château La Violette 2019
Pomerol**



£660 per 3 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

**96-99 Jeb Dunnuck
95-97 Neal Martin**

**97 Jeff Leve
94-96 Robert Parker**

92-94 Antonio Galloni

"The 2019 La Violette bursts out of the blocks with a smorgasbord of lush black cherry and blueberry fruit swathed in new oak, well defined and focused with incense and Clementine scents emerging with aeration. The palate is bright and fresh on the entry. The new oak here is nearly folded into the mostly black fruit laced with graphite (you might be duped into thinking there is a dash of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend!) Long in the mouth, this is a less flashy and more classically styled La Violette that should give 30 years of pleasure. Excellent."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"Coming from the same team as Château Le Gay yet a tiny selection of Merlot, the 2019 Château La Violette offers a slightly more elegant, finesse-driven style that carries gorgeous blue fruits, violets, damp earth, and exotic, floral nuances. This beauty has ultra-fine tannins, no hard edges, and is just an incredible mix of power and elegance. Bravo."

96-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

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Other Right Bank Reds

**Château Les Grands-Maréchaux
2019
Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye**



£75 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Spring 2022

92-93 James Suckling

88-90 Robert Parker

86-88 Antonio Galloni

"A juicy, flavorful red with plums, berries and hints of chocolate. It's full-bodied and round-tanned. Plenty of fruit and intensity."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

**Château Gigault 'Cuvée Viva'
2019
Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye**



£90 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Spring 2022

92-93 James Suckling

90-92 Antonio Galloni

"The 2019 Cuvée Viva is a rich, sumptuous beauty. Ripe red cherry, red plum, rose petal, spice, licorice and cedar all build in a resonant Blaye. A touch of blood orange brings freshness and energy to this super-expressive wine. The tannins are a bit firm at this stage; let's see what élevage brings."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, June 2020

**Château Marsau 2019
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux**



£75 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Spring 2022

93-94 James Suckling

"This is very linear and tight with beautiful balance and finesse, showing blackberries, light walnuts and spices. Some dried soil, too. Medium-to full-bodied, racy and fine with length and focus. Subtle. Light salinity. This has amphora, large cask, and cuvée. Organically farmed."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, Jamessuckling.com May 2020

Dry Whites

**Château La Garde Blanc 2019
Pessac-Léognan**



£180 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Spring 2022

**92-93 James Suckling
90 Decanter**

**88-90 Robert Parker
88-90 Antonio Galloni**

84-86 Neal Martin

"This shows intense, sliced green-apple and lime character and hints of vanilla. Medium to full body. Solid core of fruit. Tangy finish. From organically grown grapes"

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2020

"The 2019 La Garde Blanc is a light-bodied, crisp and dry white to drink young, while the flavors remain vibrant. Mint, white pepper, sage, tobacco leaves and crushed rocks come together nicely. There is good creaminess and depth to the 2019"

88-90 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, June 2020

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**Château La Tour Carnet
Blanc 2019
Bordeaux**



£135 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Spring 2022

**90-91 James Suckling
90 Decanter**

89-91+ Robert Parker

90-92 Antonio Galloni

"This is creamy and integrated with a tight palate of acidity and lemon, green-apple and lime flavors."
90-91 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2020

"The 2019 Blanc opens with beguiling scents of honeysuckle, pink grapefruit and mandarin peel with suggestions of chalk dust and lightly browned toast. Medium-bodied, the palate has a racy line of freshness cutting through the intense citrus layers, finishing pleasantly chalky."
88-90+ Pts Lis Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com, June 2020

**Château Talbot 'Caillou Blanc'
2019
Bordeaux**



£136 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2022

93 Decanter

"Rich and full of character, this has white peach, fleshy nectarine and soft citrus. An enticing, mouth-watering white wine and one I strongly recommend. Harvest 12 to 16 September for Caillou Blanc.
93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

**La Clarté de Haut-Brion 2019
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£330 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**93-94 James Suckling
92 Antonio Galloni**

**90-92 Robert Parker
92 Decanter**

92 Neal Martin

"La Clarté de Haut-Brion is the second wine of both Haut-Brion Blanc and La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc, produced from the declassified selections from both estates. This vintage is a blend of 51.7% Sauvignon Blanc and 48.3% Semillon, harvested from the 29th of August to the 10th of September. The estimated label alcohol degree is 13.5%. The 2019 La Clarté de Haut-Brion needs just a little swirling and coaxing to begin to shake loose lovely scents of Golden Delicious apple, ripe peaches and lemongrass with nuances of allspice, white pepper and shaved almonds. The medium-bodied palate offers a great intensity of spiced stone fruit flavors along with a satiny texture and seamless freshness, finishing savory."

90-92 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com June 2020

"Dense and thick with lots of dried-apple and peach character and hints of apricots. Full and round. Chewy at the end, but remains fresh."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

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**Domaine de Chevalier Blanc
2019
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£360 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**95-96 James Suckling
92-94+ Antonio Galloni**

**94-96+ Robert Parker
93 Decanter**

93-95 Neal Martin

"This is an opulent, dense white with dried-apple and honey character. Salty and hot-stone notes, too. Full-bodied, round and phenolic. Formed and beautiful. Quite open. Intense length."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

"Blended of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Semillon, the 2019 Blanc was harvested from 3rd of September to 19th of September. The alcohol is 14%. It is aging on its lees in French oak barrels, 35% new, for an anticipated 18 months. The nose is almost completely shut down on first sniff, soon giving way to notions of freshly squeezed lemons and limes, green apples and pear slices with nuances of orange blossom, fresh ginger and marzipan. Medium-bodied, the palate has a beguilingly satiny texture with crisp freshness, packed full of zesty layers, finishing long and perfumed."

94-96+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com, June 2020

**Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte
Blanc 2019
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£475 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2022

**96-98+ Robert Parker
94-96 Neal Martin
96-98 Jeff Leve**

**96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
17+ Jancis Robinson**

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
96 Decanter**

"The 2019 Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc has a perfumed bouquet with citrus lemon, red apples, yellow plum and jasmine bursting from the glass. The oak here is wonderfully assimilated. The palate is medium-bodied with a perfect bead of acidity. It is not the most complex white Smith Haut Lafitte that I have tasted, yet it is full of tension with subtle spicy notes of ginger and lemongrass that enliven the persistent finish. There is a brightness and sophistication to this wine that is very persuasive. Superb. Tasted twice."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"The blend this year is 90% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Sauvignon Gris and 5% Sémillon, fermented in French oak, 50% new, within which it will age for 12 months on lees with batonnage. The Smith Haut Lafitte 2019 Blanc has a nose that unfolds in stages—offering intense white grapefruit, green mango, yuzu and orange blossoms scents to begin, giving way to hints of coriander seed, turmeric, shaved almonds and cedar chest with wafts of baking bread and beeswax coming through after some coaxing. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is wonderfully opulent with layers of citrus, stone fruit and savory flavors and a seductive oiliness to the texture, finishing very long and fantastically refreshing. Wow-o-WOW, that is good!"

96-98+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com June 2020

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Sauternes & Barsac

Château Doisy-Védrines 2019
(37.5cl)
Sauternes 2^{ème} Cru Classé



£135 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

92-94 Neal Martin
96 Decanter

92-93 James Suckling

92-94 Antonio Galloni

"The 2019 Doisy-Védrines has an intense nose, though it does not quite have the precision of the Doisy-Daëne. The palate is very well balanced, a little fatter than its aforementioned Barsac sibling, a welcome touch of spice (lemongrass and ginger) surfacing towards its satisfying conclusion. Good potential."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"The 2019 Doisy-Védrines is a light, airy wine with pretty tropical notes and appealing perfume. The 2019 is at an awkward stage, with the oak showing through, but I expect it will be very, very good in time. Weight and texture develops over time here"

92-94 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2020

Château Coutet 2019
(37.5cl)
Barsac 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£171 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2022

94-96 Neal Martin

94-95 James Suckling

87-90 Antonio Galloni

"The 2019 Coutet has a luscious bouquet with scents of dried honey, honeysuckle and orange pith, intense and well defined. The palate is built around Coutet's trademark line of acidity, an underlying zestiness cutting through the unctuous honeyed fruit with a welcome orange rind and marmalade note on the persistent finish. Excellent."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2020

"A sweet, dense and rich white with oily character. Full and layered. Extremely long. Spicy. Very dense."

94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2020

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