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# EDITOR'S NOTE



I hope you enjoy this guide to Bordeaux 2010 futures, or *en primeur*. The 2010 is clearly one of the top vintages of my lifetime, although I am not sure it is better than the superb 2009. Time will tell.

I have tasted young vintages of Bordeaux from barrel since the legendary 1982 vintage. I learned to evaluate fledgling wines from some of the master wine tasters, including the late author and winemaker Alexis Lichine and wine merchant Daniel Lawton. I rated every vintage since then as an editor for *The Wine Spectator*. I left the magazine in August 2010 to launch my own internet site at [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com). I started as wine editor of *Asia Tatler* this year.

In March I spent three weeks in Bordeaux tasting hundreds of samples. I was also in Bordeaux in September 2010 for part of the harvest and it was already evident this vintage would be a great one.

The winemakers were elated as they crushed the grapes and began fermentation.

They knew they had another winner following the great 2009.

In early spring, wine merchants and tasters descended on Bordeaux and their findings were pretty much unanimous. The wines are powerful and rich, with ripe and firm tannins and bright acidities. They are wines for the cellar, yet show a tantalising harmony and refinement.

I scored all the wines in 2010 in a two-point range using a 100-point scale. In the past, I was required to use a four-point range. I think narrowing the range should help when buying futures. I will give the wines an exact score when I taste them after bottling in December 2012. Any wine I rate 90 points or more is potentially of outstanding quality. Wines with 95 points or more are superb quality. I tasted close to 700 barrel samples last spring. Please check my website for any tasting notes not listed in this guide.

As a final note, I hope you find that special bottle of Bordeaux in 2010.



# TWIN PEAKS

James Suckling believes 2009 and 2010 are two of the best back-to-back vintages in his 28 years of tasting barrel samples in Bordeaux

**T**he 2010 Bordeaux vintage would be considered one of the greatest in decades if it didn't follow the legendary 2009. Nonetheless, the two harvests are superb back-to-back vintages that France's premier wine region hasn't seen since 1989 and 1990.

The 2010 vintage is exceptional for red, harking back to great years such as 2000, 1990, 1986, 1961 and maybe even 1929. But the wines are made with much more precision in the vineyard and cellar, giving them a more

polished character. They have such beauty in a toned and muscular way.

The reds' tannins are layered and caressing, their acidities strong and creamy. These are wines built for ageing, but they already impress. I really enjoyed tasting almost 700 samples from barrel in late March. The notes are in this special insert of *Hong Kong Tatler*.

The best reds will age at least another year in-barrel before bottling. Most of the top wines will come to market in spring 2013. Until then,

they will be sold as futures.

The top 2010 dry whites are also absolutely stunning. I can't think of a better vintage in my 28 years of tasting barrel samples in Bordeaux. They are so dense and intense in fruit yet bright, aromatic and fresh that they come across incredibly balanced and enticing.

Sauternes is very good in 2010, but not outstanding. I prefer the vintages of 2009, 2007, 2005, 2003 and 2001.

Many factors contributed to the greatness of 2010 for Bordeaux. The wet winter helped the vines continue growing during one of the driest summers in memory. The cool nights



IMAGE: JAMES ORR

helped maintain the acidities and perfumes in the grapes. Yields were slightly lower and the berries slightly smaller, adding to their concentration. And, finally, the grapes were left a little longer on the vine than in past top years, due to the less extreme weather conditions in August and September. The result: gorgeous ripe grapes that produced wines with bright acidities, ripe fruit and creamy tannins.

My top wines were from all the key appellations, although I think Margaux and St.-Émilion were exceptional. Vieux-Château-Certan was the big surprise. What a compelling young red with fabulous complexity and awakening intensity.

In fact, there are hundreds of outstanding wines in 2010 Bordeaux. The question now is what and how much to buy.

# WAY OF THE FUTURES

A trustworthy merchant can help steer Asian investors through the minefield that is wine futures

## WHAT ARE WINE FUTURES?

Buying wine futures, or *en primeur*, is like buying commodities on the stock market. But instead of coffee or gold, buyers pay for wine maturing in the cellars of the best châteaux that will not be delivered until two or three years after the harvest.

“Buying *en primeur* guarantees starting prices, and great vintages rarely fall in price,” says Stephen Browett of London-based wine merchant Farr Vintners. “The only disadvantage is paying two years before delivery, so you must buy from a rock-solid wine merchant.”

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN THINGS TO BE WARY OF?

A lot can happen in two years. Wine merchants can go out of business. Currencies can fluctuate. Economies can rise or fall. New, and perhaps even better, vintages can be produced. All these variables, and more, can influence the value of



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Bordeaux futures. So it's not risk free.

But the upside is that you usually pay less than when the wine is finally released in the bottle, you can secure quantities of the wine you want, and you have a great bottle of wine at the end of the day.

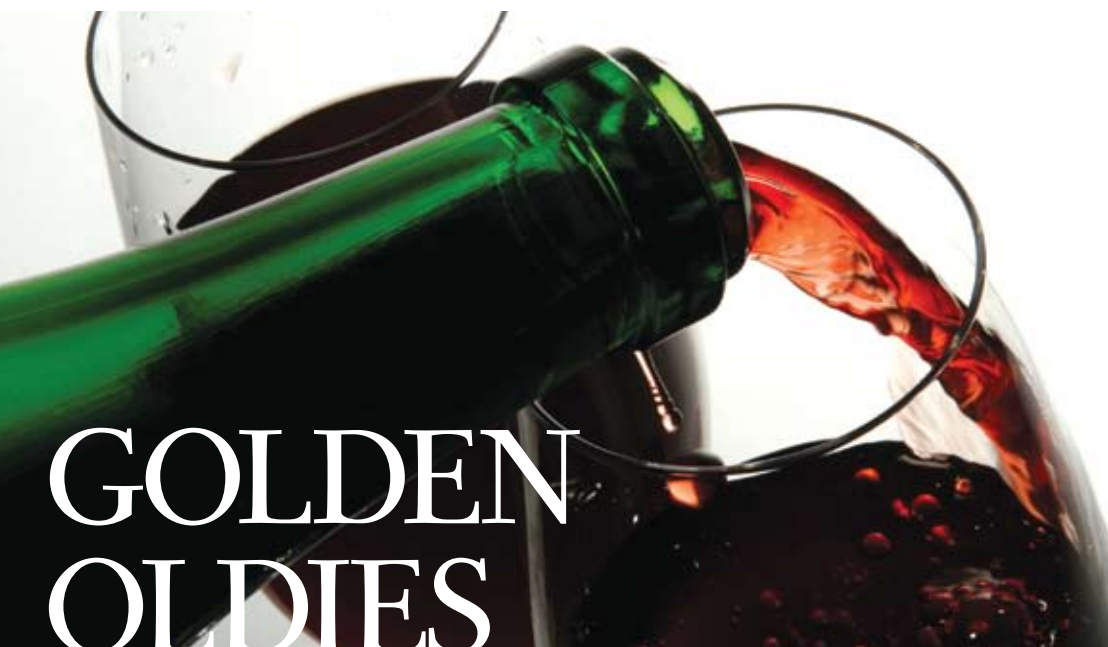
## HOW CAN I MINIMISE THE RISKS?

“Only buy from merchants who have been in the business a long time,” says David Sokolin, of New York wine merchant Sokolin. He advises investors to be wary of merchants who offer significantly lower prices than everyone else since they rarely can deliver. Some merchants have been known to take the money but not even buy the wines. So choose your wine merchant using the same criteria you would use when choosing an investment manager.

## WHERE'S THE BEST PLACE TO BUY WINE FUTURES?

Traditionally, Bordeaux futures were best bought in Britain because in-bond storage and frequent auction sales made selling the wine easy. Once the Bordeaux was delivered, it could be stored in climatically controlled cellars without paying duty or taxes. And it could be auctioned off with very little fuss.

The same system is essentially now available in Hong Kong because of its no-tax-on-wine status. Good storage facilities are also available. Combine this with the robust wine auctions in the city, and futures sales are sure to thrive.



# GOLDEN OLDIES

With many classic vintages cheaper than more recent ones, now's the time to be buying a Bordeaux for drinking

**T**he fine-wine market may be focusing on 2010 Bordeaux, but there are many fine Bordeaux vintages already out there, waiting to be bought and savoured.

Among the top vintages still readily available are the 2005, 2003, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1989 and 1982. The 2009 vintage is also available, but the best wines have not been bottled and can only be bought as futures.

The best wines of 2005 and 2000 are still too young for drinking and need to be cellared for longer. The 2003s are more opulent and approachable because they were from a very hot and sunny vintage. But the top wines, particularly those from Médoc areas such as St.-Estèphe

and Pauillac, need more time in the bottle. The 1995s are just starting to become drinkable, while the 1990s, 1989s and 1982s are beautiful now, even though they will improve with age.

Asia is a keen market for the 1982s, especially Lafite and Pétrus. If the wines have been stored properly, they are very fresh and wonderful to drink now. My favourite wines of the vintage include Mouton-Rothschild, Latour, Cheval-Blanc, Margaux and Lafleur. The only problem with the 1982s is that they are becoming rare and expensive.

Bordeaux connoisseurs have been debating for years which of the back-to-back vintages are better. In the beginning, many favoured the



1990, but now even the Bordeaux wine producers themselves believe 1989 is superior in most cases. My favourite wines in 1989 include Haut-Brion, Pétrus, Mouton-Rothschild, Lafite, Lafleur and Lynch-Bages. In 1990, I prefer Latour, Pétrus, Lafite, Le Pin and Trotanoy.

Many Bordeaux lovers have forgotten about 1995, or mistakenly thought 1996 was better. The best 1995s are just now coming out of their dormancy. Look for Margaux, Lafleur, Pétrus, Lafite and Léoville-Las-Cases.

I have a slight preference for 2005 over 2000 due to the 2005's more exotic and opulent character. But both are powerful young vintages that need cellaring.

Many of the older vintages are now less expensive than the most recent ones. For instance, many of the first growths, such as



Latour and Margaux, are cheaper for 1995 or 1990 than for 2005, 2009 and, most likely, 2010.

This means it has never been a better time to be buying Bordeaux for drinking. Plenty of excellent Bordeaux in the bottle is awaiting discerning tippers on the market.



# BARRELS YOU CAN BANK ON

Great Bordeaux vintages have always proved a winner when it comes to long-term investment

**M**any buyers of 2010 Bordeaux futures will be looking at investment, not drinking or collecting. Young Bordeaux vintages have long been a target of speculators, and this won't change any time soon. "Everyone talks about speculation as if it was something new," said Pierre Lawton, a Bordeaux wine merchant who owns Alias. His family has been trading in fine Bordeaux since 1739. "Speculation has always been part of the Bordeaux's history."

The big question is, will the 2010 vintage be a good investment? Investment in Bordeaux focuses primarily on a handful of famous châteaux, including Lafite Rothschild, Latour, Margaux, Mouton-Rothschild, Haut-Brion, Cheval-Blanc and Pétrus. But a number of

others are now also popular with investors. For example, London-based Farr Vintners, arguably the world's biggest trader of *en primeur* Bordeaux, sold more than US\$100 million in 2009 futures. Its top sellers by value included all of the above, as well as Ausone, La Mission-Haut-Brion, Cos d'Estournel, Lynch-Bages, and Pontet-Canet.

"The real advice on investment can only be given when we know the prices," said Stephen Browett, owner of Farr Vintners. "If prices are not significantly more than the current 2005 or 2009, then it will be a good investment." Prices for the top 2010 Bordeaux should be out early this summer.

Regardless of price, my top 30 for investment in 2010 are: Lafite, Latour, Margaux,



Mouton-Rothschild, Haut-Brion, Cheval-Blanc, Petrus, Vieux Château Certan, Lafleur, Cos d'Estournel, Ducru-Beaucaillou, Lynch-Bages, La Fleur-Pétrus, La Mission-Haut-Brion, Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarosse, Palmer, Pontet-Canet, L'Église Clinet, Angélu, Ausone, Pavie, Montrose, Léoville Las Cases, Carruades de Lafite Rothschild, Le Pin, Les Forts de Latour, Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux, Le Petit Mouton de Mouton-Rothschild, Pichon-Longueville-Baron and La Mondotte.

Apart from the famous châteaux, I chose rare and high-quality names from Pomerol and the best second wines from the first growths. "Right-bank wines always have a strong second market in Asia," said Thomas Bohrer of Hong Kong-based wine merchant Habanos. "The top collectors enjoy drinking them with age."

Prices for 2010 futures are expected to be

slightly higher than 2009. The key will be buying wines early in the game, as châteaux and wine merchants traditionally release wines in various offerings – each offer being more expensive.

"Knowing that release prices will be high, if investors are looking for short-term gain I would probably advise them against buying," said Paulo Pong, managing director of Hong Kong's Altaya Wines. "But if investors are patient and have a window of two or more years, it is definitely worth looking at it because demand for this vintage will undoubtedly be extraordinary upon release."

Lili Ma, of Mayfair Fine Wines in Hong Kong, sees a bright future for 2010 Bordeaux in Asia. Ma said there was a growing number of prosperous young Asian collectors who were submitting their wish lists. "With an increasing level of knowledge and developed objectives for

purchasing, the appetite for the vintage will expand to the second growths or perceived comparables," she said.

Looking back at top vintages over the past two decades, investments in young Bordeaux appear extremely attractive. For instance, the first growth in the 2000 vintage when released as futures cost about US\$500 a bottle, and now sells for about US\$1,500. The 1990 Latour was first sold for about US\$80 and now commands US\$1,000.

"The 2010 is a very good-to-excellent vintage and there will certainly be some wines that trade up in price and become hard to find," said David Sokolin, head of New York's Sokolin Wine Merchants and author of the book *Investing in Liquid Assets*. "That said, I have

three issues. One is that 2009 is considered to be a better vintage and there will still be some availability when the 2010s are released at even higher prices. Two, generally, when there are back-to-back stellar vintages, the second one becomes harder to sell. And, three, US buyers won't be as interested in this vintage since our currency is so weak, making more of the 2010s available for the rest of the world. That tends to keep prices lower."

One has to wonder if the best Bordeaux of 2010 can give much investment return, especially since the starting price could be as high as US\$1,500 a bottle. However, no one historically has lost money investing in a young Bordeaux when the year is considered one of the best ever. The 2010 vintage certainly has that going for it.

"I believe more wines in 2010 will escalate in price over time than in other recent great vintages, including 2009 and going back to 1982," said Shaun Bishop, CEO of California-based wine merchant JJ Buckley. "Vintage characteristics of 2010 [high tannin, acidity, alcohol; low yields; good concentration; better winemaking skills than ever before] bode well for long-term ageing potential. Would I rather own a 100-point wine from 2010 than a 100-point wine from 2009, 2005, 2000, 1990, etc? Yes."

The fact is that great long-lived vintages of Bordeaux have always been good investments.

# HIGH 5

The Bordeaux 2010 vintage has been heralded as one of the best in years. Top winemakers share their thoughts on what makes this a truly outstanding year

## Château Pétrus (p.64) Barrel-tasting score 100

Area: 11.4 hectares  
Grape variety: 100% merlot



**Olivier Berrouet**  
Winemaker Château Pétrus,  
Pomerol

**T**he 2010 is very different to the 2009. The 2009 is very round, fruity and juicy. The 2010 has more structure. It has more length. It is tighter. It is more aristocratic. The flavour and the length of the 2010 is very condensed. When you taste it, it lasts very, very long in your mouth. Aromatically it is very complex and dense. This is the mark of a great vintage.

## Château Lafite Rothschild (p.54) Barrel-tasting score 100

Area: 107 hectares  
Grape variety: 87.2% cabernet sauvignon, 12.8% merlot



**Charles Chevallier**  
Technical director Château Lafite  
Rothschild, first growth Pauillac

**T**he 2009 is full bodied, and very round and intense, but the 2010 is phenomenal, rich and round. At the end of the palate it has lots of fruit and freshness and acidity. The two vintages are along the same lines analytically, but the difference is that the total acidity comes through at the beginning of your palate with 2009 and it comes out at the end with 2010. I don't like to make comparisons to older vintages, but 2010 is a little severe, so it reminds me of something like 1986.

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## Château Margaux (p.61) Barrel-tasting score 100

Area: 92 hectares  
Grape variety: 90% cabernet sauvignon,  
7% merlot, 1.5% petit verdot, 1.5% cabernet franc



**Paul Pontallier**  
Technical director of Château  
Margaux, first growth Margaux

**I** am almost embarrassed by the quality of the 2010. I remember last year saying that I probably would never see a vintage as beautiful as 2009 again and here we are with 2010. We had a marvellous summer. The difference between 2009 and 2010 is that in 2010 the temperatures were cooler, which allowed us to make a different style of wine. I am stunned. I didn't think we could have two extraordinary vintages in a row.

## Château Latour (p.56)

### Barrel-tasting score 98-99

Area: 78 hectares

Grape variety: 90.5% cabernet sauvignon, 8.5% merlot, 0.5% cabernet franc, 0.5% petit verdot



**Frederic Engerer,**  
President of Château Latour,  
first growth Pauillac

**T**he 2009 is more sensual than the 2010. It has an incredible richness. The 2010 is a little more closed but it is longer. It has more acidity so it has more freshness that stays at the finish. It has a concentration of tannins that gives the wine much more of a finish than 2009. The 2009 is sexier and the 2010 is more reserved and structured. When you taste the wines side by side you can really see that they are brothers. We will see in the long run which is better. The 2010 could be better in the end.

## Château Haut-Brion (p.46)

### Barrel-tasting score 94-95

Area: 51.3 hectares

Grape variety: 23% merlot, 57% cabernet sauvignon, 20% cabernet franc



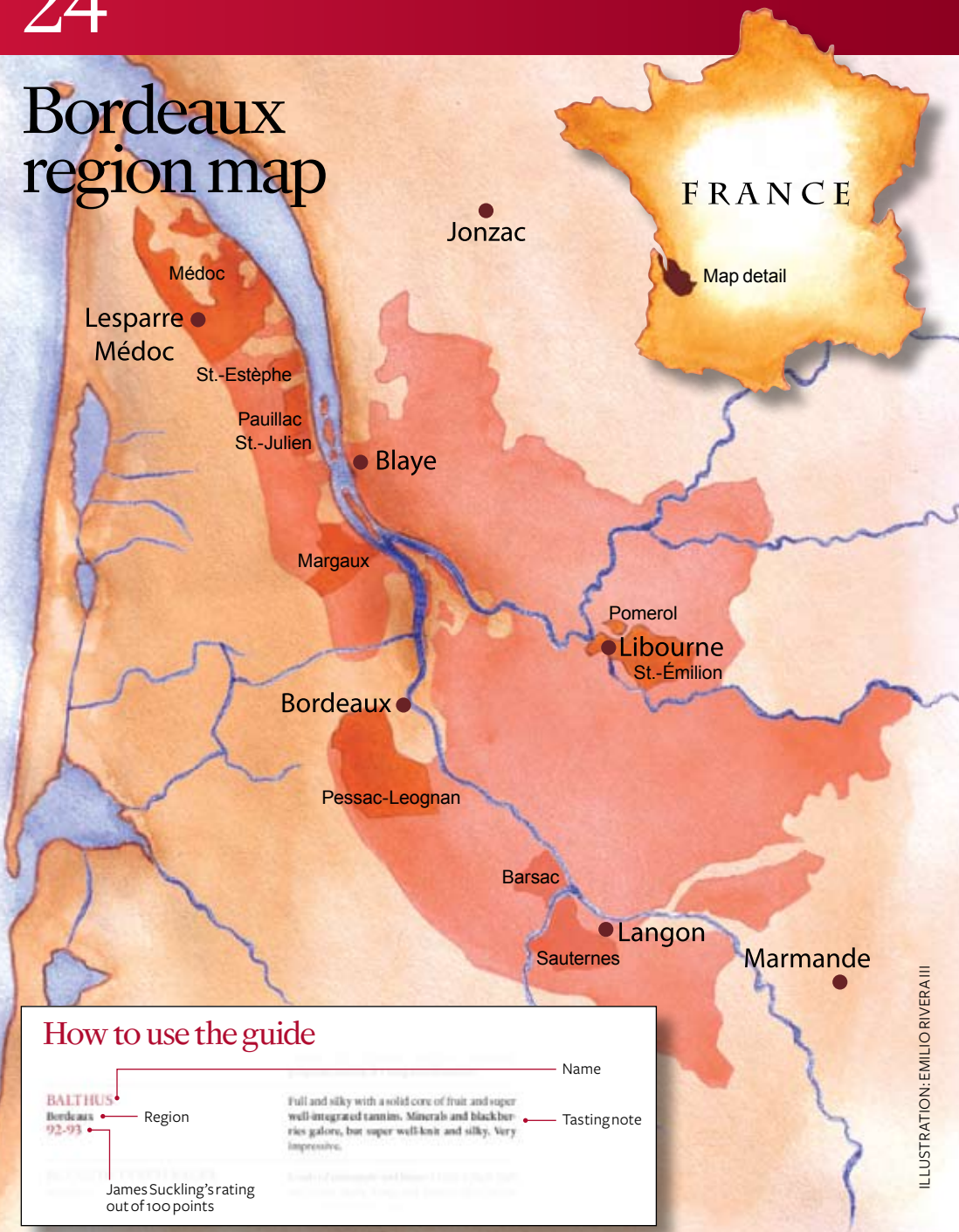
**Jean-Philippe Delmas**  
Technical director of Château  
Haut-Brion, first growth  
Pessac-Léognan

**T**he 2010 was a little challenging. First, it was the driest summer for us since 1949. We broke a lot of records, such as the highest level of alcohol, tannin and colour, so the challenge during the blending process was to find the best balance. In the end we found the 2010 has power yet elegance. I like both 2009 and 2010. I might like the balance of the 2010 better because of its freshness and it may be better in 30 or 40 years. We also created the greatest white for Haut-Brion or La Mission, perhaps forever, or at least in the past 20 years.

## BARREL- TASTING NOTES

*Hong Kong Tatler* puts you in touch with the cream of the crop after our wine editor sampled 431 of them in-barrel. James Suckling concludes the buzz about 2010 is not hype.

# Bordeaux region map



**How to use the guide**

**BALTHUS** — Name  
 Bordeaux 92-93 — Region  
 James Suckling's rating out of 100 points — Tastingnote

Full and silky with a solid core of fruit and super well-integrated tannins. Minerals and blackberries galore, but super well-knit and silky. Very impressive.

Source: *Wine Spectator* and *Wine* (2008 & 2009)  
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**AILE D'ARGENT BLANC**Bordeaux  
94-95

The best white from Mouton-Rothschild ever. Lots of papaya, apple, pineapple and gorgeous acidity. It's long and beautiful.

**BALTHUS**Bordeaux  
92-93

Full and silky with a solid core of fruit and super well-integrated tannins. Minerals and blackberries galore, but super well-knit and silky. Very impressive.

**BLANC DE LYNCH-BAGES**Bordeaux  
92-93

Loads of pineapple and limes. Really lively. Full and super fresh. Long and intense. Best white from here in a long time.

**BONNES RIVES**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
90-91

I like the velvety tannins that turn silky. Full and juicy with a meaty, dark fruit and tangy fruit finish. Organic.

**CARRUADES DE LAFITE  
ROTHSCHILD**Pauillac  
95-96

Incredible smoke, currants and blackberries. Spices too. Full bodied, with ultra-polished tannins and blackberries, blueberries and minerals. Orange peel too. Best Carruades ever?

**CHAPELLE D'AUSONE**St.-Émilion  
95-96

The second wine of Ausone doesn't taste like a second wine. It's too good. Dense and exciting, with blackberry, blueberry and currants. Full and powerful. It takes off at the end.

**CHÂTEAU ABELYCE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Dense and fruity, with a smoky, berry and dark chocolate character. Full and chewy. Opulent.

**CHÂTEAU ADAUGUSTA**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Blackberry character with velvety tannins and a fruity finish. Stylish.

**CHÂTEAU ALLARY HAUT-BRION**Pessac-Léognan  
94-95

Very structured, with loads of tannins, but then finishes incredibly well. Full and intense. So much going on. Reminds me of La Tour-Haut-Brion. Everything is made by hand. Stunning.

**CHÂTEAU ANGÉLUS**St.-Émilion  
97-98

Wild aromas of blackberries, dark chocolate and hints of toasted nuts. Very intense. Full bodied, with super-integrated tannins and a fabulous finish. Goes on for minutes. Really impressive.

**CHÂTEAU ARNOUTON CUVÉE  
GRAND SOL**Fronsac  
91-92

Lots of fruit with licorice and smoky character. Full and velvety. Yummy already.

**CHÂTEAU AUSONE**St.-Émilion  
96-97

Almost supernatural fruit character and earth-shattering acidity. Full and tannic, it finishes with a dark-fruit jam but then goes to citrus acidity and freshness. A tiny bit too much.

**CHÂTEAU  
BALESTARD-LA-TONNELLE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Full and very silky, with fine tannins and a dark chocolate, berry and mineral finish. Dense and beautiful.

**CHÂTEAU BARDE-HAUT**St.-Émilion  
91-92

This is very concentrated, with a treacle tart and chocolate character. Almost raisiny. Full and velvety. Intense.

**CHÂTEAU BARET**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

Very fine tannins with bright fruit, dark cherries and minerals. Medium to full body. Soft and pretty. Lovely finish.

**CHÂTEAU BARET BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

This shows a wonderful intensity of pineapple and mangos with hints of cream. Full and lively with loads of fruit. Wild and fresh.

**CHÂTEAU  
BASTOR-LAMONTAGNE**Sauternes  
90-91

It's a little short, but I am impressed with the character of dried oranges, pineapple and spices. Full and round with good acidity and freshness.

**CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY**Pauillac  
92-93

This really takes off on the finish. So long, with a beautiful pure cabernet sauvignon character that has masses of currants and berries. Raspberries too, and then turns to mineral.

**CHÂTEAU BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT**St.-Émilion  
93-94

Layered and very structured, with blueberry and toasted oak character. Full and silky, ripe tannins. Long finish.

**CHÂTEAU BEAU-SITE**St.-Estèphe  
91-92

This is really excellent, with super-fine tannins and a long, long finish. Beautiful and fruity yet firm and powerful. Really like the quality of the tannins. Nutty.

**CHÂTEAU BEAU-SOLEIL**Pomerol  
90-91

This is a little tight, but some really good and deep fruit, with fresh herbs and green coffee character. Velvety texture.

**CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR 1901**Montagne-St.-Émilion  
91-92

Very precise and clear fruit with lots of dark fruit. Full and velvety. A little one-dimensional but I like it. This is from ancient vines.

**CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR  
DUFFAU-LAGAROSSE**St.-Émilion  
98-99

Clearly the best wine from here since 1989 or 1990. The intensity of dark fruits is insane, with citrus and flowers. Full and lively with a finish that lasts for minutes but it is dense and impressive.

**CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE**St.-Émilion  
93-94

Best wine ever from this château, unless anyone remembers the 1950. Finally Belair has unleashed some exotic touches and suppleness. Full bodied, with a long milk chocolate, berry aftertaste.

**CHÂTEAU BELGRAVE**Haut-Médoc  
91-92

Very structured for Belgrave, with chewy tannins and a blackberry and dark chocolate character. Full and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU BELLE-VUE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

A beautiful core of ripe fruits and berries, with currants and spices. Full and silky. Very polished.

**CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE DE TAYAC**Margaux  
90-91

Fruity and friendly with currant and blueberry character. Velvety and fun.

**CHÂTEAU  
BELLEVUE-MONDOTTE**St.-Émilion  
95-96

Takes off with an amazing combination of dark fruits and insane acidity. Citrusy and wild. Full bodied, yet delicate and with finesse. Owner Gerard Perse calls it sweet power. I agree.

**CHÂTEAU BERGAT**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is really intense, with blackberries and minerals and fresh flowers. Full and silky with a long, long finish. Loads going on here. Bright.

**CHÂTEAU BERLIQUET**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Lots of dark fruits with intense leather and spices on the nose. Full body, with super-fine tannins and lovely fruit. Goes on for a long time.

**CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE**St.-Julien  
93-94

Mineral, lemon grass and berries on the nose. Full bodied, with ultra-fine tannins and a wonderful finish. Lasts for minutes. This is the best Beychevelle in years. Maybe decades.

**CHÂTEAU BOLLAIRE**Bordeaux Supérieur  
90-91

Old vines too. I really like the mineral, blackberry and licorice character. Full and chewy. Strong flavours.

**CHÂTEAU BONALGUE**Pomerol  
90-91

Soft and juicy with blackberry and dark chocolate character. Long and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU BOURGNEUF**Pomerol  
93-94

I love the nose, with roses and other flowers as well as dark fruit. Full and super silky, with fresh acidity and hints of wood. Best ever?

**CHÂTEAU BOYD-CANTENAC**Margaux  
91-92

A fruity and balanced red with currants, blackberries and cherries that follow through to a full body with fine tannins and a clean finish.

**CHÂTEAU BRANAIRE-DUCRU**St.-Julien  
93-94

This is very clear and precise, with blackberry and licorice and hints of toasted oak. Full bodied, with super-refined tannins and a pretty finish. This is very classy and elegant. Tight and refined.

**CHÂTEAU BRANE-CANTENAC**Margaux  
91-92

Balanced and polished, with pretty tannins and attractive fruit. Very elegant for the vintage. Lovely length to the wine.

**CHÂTEAU BRANON**Pessac-Léognan  
93-94

This has great fruit. So pure and beautiful, with blueberry, currant and raspberries. Full yet very reserved, with a long, long finish.

**CHÂTEAU BROUSTET**Sauternes  
90-91

It's a little close on the nose but the palate shows a lovely liveliness. Notes of mandarines and apricots on the palate. Round and tense. Medium sweet.

**CHÂTEAU BROWN**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

This is full and chewy with complex aromas and flavours of chocolate, berry, spice and minerals – even tobacco. Full and velvety. Best wine ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU BROWN BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

A severe and racy wine now but shows plenty of spring-like character with lots of mineral and citrus notes.

**CHÂTEAU CADET-BON**St.-Émilion  
93-94

Impressive centre palate of chocolate and ripe fruit. Flowers. Full and velvety. Smoky too. Long. Structured. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU CALON-SÉGUR**St.-Estèphe  
92-93

Racy and refined red with currants and hints of tobacco. Full and very silky. Delicate and elegant. So friendly at this stage. Like to see a little more concentration, but outstanding.

**CHÂTEAU CAMBON LA PELOUSE**Haut-Médoc  
91-92

Loads of fruit to this young wine, with masses of currants and dark berries. Full body, with silky tannins and a long, long finish.

**CHÂTEAU CANON-LA GAFFELIÈRE**St.-Émilion  
94-95

This is tight and powerful. Solid frame of fruit and tannins. Curious about this. Like the 2009.

**CHÂTEAU CANON**St.-Émilion  
95-96

Blackberries and hints of spices and fresh herbs. Wonderful round and juicy tannins with lots of fruit yet subtle and spicy. This is classic style of Canon, such as 1955 or 1959. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU CANTEMERLE**Haut-Médoc  
93-94

Layered and rich with lots of blueberry character and ripe, velvety tannins. Lovely texture. Best wine from here in years.

**CHÂTEAU CANTENAC CLIMAT**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Lots of pretty blueberry and blackberry fruit, with round and velvety tannins and a fresh acidity. Juicy.

**CHÂTEAU CANTENAC**St.-Émilion  
91-92

A dense, tight and refined young red, with silky tannins and a solid core of fruit. Complex and fascinating. All-in style and finesse.

**CHÂTEAU CANTENAC-BROWN**Margaux  
94-95

Chewy and structured, with ripe fruit and ripe tannins. Tar and dark fruit character. Full body. Super polished. Very Cantenac-Brown in personality. Best in a long time.

**CHÂTEAU CANTENAC-BROWN BRIO**Margaux  
91-92

This is a muscular wine with some yummy, fleshy fruit underneath the tannins. Juicy and enticing already. Lots of blueberry character. Excellent for a second wine.

**CHÂTEAU CANTIN**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Blueberry and currant character with hints of smoke. Full body with well-integrated tannins and a chewy finish, but a little alcoholic.

**CHÂTEAU CAP DE FAUGÈRES**Côtes de Castillon  
90-91

Blackberry and hints of vanilla on the nose. Full, with fresh tannins and bright acidity. Clean and ultra fine.

**CHÂTEAU CAP DE MOURLIN**St.-Émilion  
91-92

This is very fruit forward, with lots of coffee and berry character. Full and velvety. Long.

**CHÂTEAU CAPBERN-GASQUETON**St.-Estèphe  
90-91

Lovely velvety tannins and chocolate, berry and toasted oak character. Full and round. Yummy depth of fruit.

**CHÂTEAU CAPET GUILLIER**St.-Émilion  
92-93

What a wonderful licorice and blackberry character. Full and silky with ultra-fine tannins and a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
93-94

Wow. Best wine ever from here. Superb, with intense mineral character and loads of fruit. Full and rich with an ultra-long finish.

**CHÂTEAU CARIGNAN PRIMA**Côtes de Bordeaux  
91-92

Lots of chocolate and toasted oak with hints of coffee. Full and velvety. Long finish. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU CARIGNAN**Côtes de Bordeaux  
90-91

Builds on the palate with mineral, blackberry and floral character. Full body with silky tannins and a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU CERTAN DE MAY**Pomerol  
94-95

Gorgeous aromas. Tar, dark fruits and forest leaves on the nose. Full body, with lovely velvety tannins and a long aftertaste of dark chocolate, dark fruits and cappuccino.

**CHÂTEAU CHANTELUNE**Margaux  
91-92

Full body with chewy, velvety tannins and loads of blueberry and mineral character. Mouth-puckering. Structured and rich for this domaine.

**CHÂTEAU CHAUVIN**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This wine really develops on the palate, with mineral and blackberry character. Very polished and refined. Full yet elegant. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU CHEVAL-BLANC**St.-Émilion  
99-100

The blueberry and blackberry character and bouquet of violets is off the charts. Full body, the cabernet franc dominates the blend now, with so much dark fruit, minerals and flowers with hints of spices. Shows amazing length and purity.



**CHÂTEAU CLARKE**Lustrac  
92-93

Intense and ultra-powerful. Full and dense. Chewy tannins. Long finish. Muscular. Best ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU CLAUZET**St.-Estèphe  
91-92

This shows loads of fruit on the nose, with spices, dark chocolate and blackberries. Full body, with soft and silky tannins. Chewy finish. Love the length to this.

**CHÂTEAU CLERC MILON**Pauillac  
95-96

I can't remember tasting a young Clerc as exciting as this since the 1980s. Fascinating aromas of blackberries and currant jam. Tar too. Full and very dense. It just tickles the tip of your tongue.

**CHÂTEAU CLINET**Pomerol  
95-96

Nothing on the palate, and then all of a sudden it blasts off on the finish. Superb Clinet. Full and velvety. Juicy.

**CHÂTEAU CORBIN**St.-Émilion  
92-93

I really like the density of this wine, with bright and exciting dark fruit and velvety, caressing tannins. Long, long finish. Better than 2009. Tasted twice.

**CHÂTEAU COS-D'ESTOURNEL**St.-Estèphe  
96-97

This is a classic Cos, with wonderful layers of ultra-polished tannins and wonderful character of spices, currants and minerals. I love the finish and raciness to this. Lots of pedigree.

**CHÂTEAU COS-LABORY**St.-Estèphe  
92-93

Wonderful improvement here, with blackberry and chocolate character, full, round and soft. Very well done indeed.

**CHÂTEAU CÔTE MONTPEZAT  
CUVÉE COMPOSTELLE**Côtes de Castillon  
90-91

I like the core of fruit in this, with chocolate and berry character. Full and velvety. Love it.

**CHÂTEAU CROIX-MOUTON  
20 MILLE**Bordeaux Supérieur  
92-93

Intense concentration of polished tannins with blueberry and mineral flavours and plenty of fruit. Plenty going on. Strong and racy.

**CHÂTEAU CROIZET-BAGES**Pauillac  
90-91

A young wine with a pretty core of ripe fruit and silky tannins. Full body, chewy, yet cashmere in texture. Lacks a tiny bit on the finish. But nicely done.

**CHÂTEAU D'AGASSAC**Haut-Médoc  
91-92

Blueberry, mineral and floral character. Full and silky, with fine tannins and a long finish. Very well done for here.

**CHÂTEAU D'AIGUILHE**Côtes de Castillon  
92-93

An amazing precision of fruit, with a blackberry and blueberry character as well as mineral. Full and super silky with lovely fruit. Tasty. I want to drink it. Always great value.

**CHÂTEAU D'ARCHE**Sauternes  
91-92

I like this. Clean and very lively with lots of white fruits such as apricots and peaches. Firm, well-proportioned palate. Medium sweet. Long and rich on the finish.

**CHÂTEAU D'ARMAILHAC**Pauillac  
92-93

Very strong and muscular d'Armailhac with mineral and currant character. Full, linear and toned. Very racy and long. Plenty of finesse too.

**CHÂTEAU D'ISSAN**Margaux  
93-94

Starts off elegant and balanced with blueberry and floral character. Full and silky. But turns chewy and mouth-puckering. Will be really outstanding. Best from here in decades.

**CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM**Sauternes  
94-95

Super-balanced and racy with nuts, light pineapple and apple character. Full and dense but bright and fresh. Not a great vintage for Sauternes, but Yquem stays on top.

**CHÂTEAU DALEM**Fronsac  
90-91

Mineral and roasted meat, with dark fruits. Tar too. Full and velvety with a lovely texture. Impressive. Best wine from here in a long time.

**CHÂTEAU DASSAULT**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Wonderful core of ripe fruit and mineral with hints of mint. Full and velvety, with tar and berries. Juicy. Best ever.

**CHÂTEAU DE CANDALE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is more like a 2009 with lots of exotic fruit and chocolate. Full and velvety. Love it.

**CHÂTEAU DE CARLMAGNUS**Fronsac  
91-92

A fruit-forward Fronsac with a reduced, almost jammy, raspberry character. Full and velvety with bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU DE CHAMBRUN  
LE BOURG**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
92-93

Made from a small parcel of the estate. This tastes like outstanding Pomerol. Full and super silky, with lovely tannins and a solid core of fruit.

**CHÂTEAU DE CHAMBRUN**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
91-92

I love the chocolate and bright fruit on the nose and palate here. Full and velvety with loads of fruit. Maybe a little hollow on the centre palate. But long and gorgeous.

**CHÂTEAU DE CHANTEGRIVE  
CUVÉE CAROLINE BLANC**Graves  
90-91

Beautiful apple and lemon character with hints of cream. Full and bright with lovely acidity and a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU DE FIEUZAL BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

Very pretty fruit with hints of vanilla and pine-apple character. Full and fresh with good citrusy acidity and a clean finish.

**CHÂTEAU DE FIEUZAL**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

Velvety and polished, with lovely fruit and a mineral undertone. Full and balanced. I like the 2009 slightly better.

**CHÂTEAU DE FONBEL**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Bright and fruity with a lovely purity of cherries and berries, minerals and firm tannins. Lively acidity. The 7 per cent carménère gives this a lively and unique style.

**CHÂTEAU DE FONTENILLE  
BLANC**Entre-Deux-Mers  
90-91

This is rather eccentric in character, with notes of herbs and tropical fruits and bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU DE FRANCE BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

This medium-bodied wine grows on the palate, delivering citrus fruit and plenty of apple character. Bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU DE LA GARDE**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

Powerful and chewy, with loads of dark fruits and currant leaf. Full and velvety. Loads going on. Biodynamically produced.

**CHÂTEAU DE LA RIVIÈRE**Fronsac  
91-92

This is serious with loads of blueberry, vanilla and milk chocolate. Full and velvety. Very long.

**CHÂTEAU DE LUSSAC**Lussac-St.-Émilion  
90-91

This is rich and dense, with lots of blueberry and minerals on the nose and palate. Full and velvety texture.

**CHÂTEAU DE MYRAT**Sauternes  
89-90

A classically-styled Sauternes with a delicate nose of lemon curd and sweet spices. Rich and delicious but lacks a little bit of a middle palate.

**CHÂTEAU DE PEZ**St.-Estèphe  
90-91

Currants and blackberries with licorice and flowers. Full and firm, with silky tannins and a pretty finish.

**CHÂTEAU DE PRESSAC**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Outstanding centre palate of ripe tannins but a little austere. Full and chewy with mineral and berry character.

**CHÂTEAU DE RAYNE-VIGNEAU**Sauternes  
92-93

Very pretty 2010 from this estate. Very classic style but a little less opulent than some. I like the notes of oranges, honey and spices. It's long and racy.

**CHÂTEAU DE REIGNAC BLANC**Bordeaux  
91-92

Wow. Love the vanilla, apple and honey character with hints of peaches and pineapples. Full and lively with loads going on.

**CHÂTEAU DE REIGNAC**Bordeaux Supérieur  
90-91

Chewy and rich with a long finish of toasted oak, coffee and fruit. Ripe and rich tannins. Structured. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU DE VIAUD  
CUVÉE MADELEINE**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
90-91

Very attractive fruit with chocolate and vanilla character. Full, round and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU DES LAUDES**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Tannic with a touch of chocolate and tar character. Full, but slightly hollow in mid-palate.

**CHÂTEAU DES LAURETS**Puisseguin-St.-Émilion  
90-91

Wet earth and rich fruit with hints of vanilla. Full body and chewy tannins. Juicy.

**CHÂTEAU DESMIRAIL**Margaux  
91-92

Love the nose with bright cherries and berries. Full body, with very velvety tannins and a dusty, fruity finish. Dried cherry aftertaste.

**CHÂTEAU DOISY-VÉDRINES**Sauternes  
91-92

Nothing really exuberant here but lots of subtle fruit and spices. The palate shows pretty notes of oranges and cinnamon. Silky finish. Peaches and white fruits too.

**CHÂTEAU DU COURLAT CUVÉE  
JEAN BAPTISTE**Lussac-St.-Émilion  
90-91

Beautiful blackberry and chocolate character. Full and silky. Lovely polish. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU DU COURLAT**Puisseguin-St.-Émilion  
90-91

Pretty build-up on the palate, with spicy currants and berries on the nose and palate. Full and silky. Very well done.

**CHÂTEAU DU DOMAINE  
DE L'ÉGLISE**Pomerol  
91-92

I like the finish here. It gives lots of raspberries and mineral. Full body, but very fresh and clean with hints of citrus fruits. Bright acidity and fine tannins.

**CHÂTEAU DU GLANA**St.-Julien  
90-91

Wonderful finish to this wine, with flowers, citrus fruit and currants in the aftertaste. Full and silky. Lots going on for a young wine.

**CHÂTEAU DU RETOUT**Haut-Médoc  
90-91

Lots of blueberries and blackberries on the nose. Full body with soft and silky tannins and a long caressing finish. Very pretty young wine.

**CHÂTEAU DU TERTRE**Margaux  
91-92

This is velvety and very juicy, with a blueberry, mineral and wet-weather character that has hints of black truffles. Full and rich. Best du Tertre ever. Muscular. Not rustic like in the past.

**CHÂTEAU DUBOIS-GRIMON**Côtes de Castillon  
91-92

Lovely core of velvety tannins and fruit with chocolate and blueberry character. Impressive concentration.

**CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU**St.-Julien  
99-100

I can't believe the precision and complexity in this wine. This is really amazing, with minerals, berries, currants and blackberries. Full and extraordinary. It goes on and on and on. Tasted twice. Best ever from Ducru.



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**CHÂTEAU DUHART-MILON  
ROTHSCHILD**Pauillac  
91-92

Pure cabernet with currants, violets and minerals on the nose. Full and polished, with ultra-refined tannins and a wonderful intensity of spices and sweet tobacco.

**CHÂTEAU DURFORT-VIVENS**Margaux  
91-92

A chewy red with blackberry and blueberry character and polished tannins. Full, with a solid core of fruit. Serious finish. Balanced and attractive.

**CHÂTEAU FAIZEAU  
VIEILLES VIGNES**Montagne-St.-Émilion  
90-91

Shows some polish for this appellation, with fine tannins and attractive dark fruit. Minerals too. Full and refined.

**CHÂTEAU FAUGÈRES**St.-Émilion  
93-94

This is rich and chewy with blackberry and licorice character. Firm and long tannins. Dark chocolate and very structured. A little New World but intense. Good potential for ageing.

**CHÂTEAU  
FAURIE-DE-SOUCHARD**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Loads of structure in this, with powerful tannins and excellent acidity. Full and muscular. Will develop wonderfully.

**CHÂTEAU FERRAN**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

This wine is minerally, with cool, dark fruits and fine tannins. Full and long. Best ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU FERRAN BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

Straightforward white with lemon-lime character and bright acidity. Racy and structured for this estate.

**CHÂTEAU FERRIÈRE**Margaux  
91-92

A little subdued but a lovely freshness and firmness on the palate. Full and refined. Clean finish. Balanced and pretty.

**CHÂTEAU FEYTIT-CLINET**Pomerol  
93-94

This is classy, with a palate that opens on the finish to flowers, fine tannins and delicate fruit. Beautiful.

**CHÂTEAU FIGEAC**St.-Émilion  
94-95

This is very structured, with a solid core of plums, chocolate and bright acidity. Firm and silky tannins and a long, long finish. A powerful and structured young wine.

**CHÂTEAU FLEUR-CARDINALE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Dark chocolate and blackberry character with beautiful polished tannins and full body. This is gorgeous.

**CHÂTEAU FONBADET**Pauillac  
91-92

Wonderful finish here, with lots of mineral, currant leaf and blackberry on the finish. Full and chewy, yet polished.

**CHÂTEAU FONPLÉGADE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Focused and precise with pretty dark fruits and hints of vanilla. Full and silky. Very attractive.

**CHÂTEAU FONROQUE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Wonderful texture to this young wine, with silky tannins, minerals and dark fruits. Full and fresh. Subtle with finesse.

**CHÂTEAU FONTENIL**Fronsac  
92-93

A long and exciting finish to this, with blackberries, blueberries and mineral. Full body. Beautiful polish to the tannins.

**CHÂTEAU FOURCAS-DUPRÉ**Listrac  
90-91

Impressive concentration for this estate, with currant and fresh tobacco character, minerals and light-toasted oak. Full and chewy. Best ever from here?

**CHÂTEAU FOURCAS-HOSTEN**Listrac  
91-92

Excellent intensity, with spice, dark fruits and roasted coffee. Full and velvety. Long finish. Best ever?

**CHÂTEAU FRANC LA ROSE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Blueberry and jam all over, with velvety tannins and a bright acidity. Juicy.

**CHÂTEAU FRANC-MAYNE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Pretty fruit with blackberry and cherry character. Full and silky, with fresh acidity and a clean, bright finish.

**CHÂTEAU GARCIA LES ANGELOTS DE GARCIA**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Juicy and fruity with lots of blackberry and milk chocolate character. Pecans too. I like this so much. Fun. Voluptuous.

**CHÂTEAU GARCIA**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Very fruit forward, with loads of wood now, but it's bright and fruity.

**CHÂTEAU GARRAUD**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
91-92

Solid core of fruit with chocolate and coffee and berry character. Full and rich with velvety tannins and a long chewy finish.

**CHÂTEAU GAZIN**Pomerol  
92-93

This is a little tight. But it shows plenty of coffee and chocolate notes and dark fruits. Full and silky. I really like the polish to the tannins.

**CHÂTEAU GAZIN ROCQUENCOURT BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

There's a serious density of fruit here, with slightly bitter lemons and limes and hints of cream. Full, fresh, with an intense finish.

**CHÂTEAU GIGAUT CUVÉE VIVA**Premières Côtes de Bordeaux  
91-92

Loads of berry and chocolate with licorice and spices. Full and long. So much going on here. Gorgeous.

**CHÂTEAU GISCOURS**Margaux  
94-95

This is very structured and muscular, with a lots of toasty new wood showing now. But if you dig deep you see rich and beautiful fruit and a velvety tannin structure. Is this the new 1970?

**CHÂTEAU GLORIA**St.-Julien  
90-91

A little coarse with chewy tannins but velvety in texture. Full body, with plenty of fruit and bright acidity. Intense and interesting.

**CHÂTEAU GODEAU**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Very tannic with lots of acidity and mineral character. Full and muscular. A little one-dimensional but I like it.

**CHÂTEAU GRAND BARRAIL LAMARZELLE FIGEAC**St.-Émilion  
90-91

This is full and balanced with a lovely core of dark fruits and chocolate. Velvety tannins and a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU GRAND  
CORBIN-DESPAGNE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Soft and round with chocolate, coffee and dark fruits. Full and velvety. Chewy in the end. Best ever.

**CHÂTEAU GRAND VILLAGE G**Bordeaux Supérieur  
91-92

Chewy and rich with lovely berry and chocolate character. Full and firm with a wonderful density. This is a selection from a special part of the vineyards.

**CHÂTEAU GRAND VILLAGE**Bordeaux Supérieur  
90-91

A solid wine with blueberry and minerals. Full and fine. This is the best I have had from here. Layered and very pretty. From the family that owns Pomerol's legendary Lafleur.

**CHÂTEAU GRAND-MAYNE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Solid core of fruit in this red, with chocolate, berry and tobacco character. Full and dense. Better than 2009?

**CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-DUCASSE**Pauillac  
92-93

Blueberries, currants and blackberries on the nose and palate. Full body with velvety tannins and a long finish. Very well done.

**CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE**Pauillac  
95-96

Lovely aromas with currants and blackberries. Full body with very fine, yet dense tannins and a rich finish. Reserved and sophisticated. Noble tannins.

**CHÂTEAU GREE LAROQUE**Bordeaux Supérieur  
89-90

Chewy with ripe fruit and lots of new wood. But there's plenty underneath. I always like this.

**CHÂTEAU GRUAUD-LAROSE**St.-Julien  
93-94

I like the finish on this wine, with a blueberry, currant and citrus character on the nose and palate. Full and chewy, with ultra-fine tannins and a bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU GUIRAUD**Sauternes  
93-94

Deep colour gold with a fresh and rich palate of white peaches, melons and caramelised apples. Crisp. Medium sweet. A top 2010 Sauternes.

**CHÂTEAU HANTEILLAN**Haut-Médoc  
90-91

Lovely centre palate, licorice and blueberries, with delicate toasted oak. Full and soft textured.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT SIMARD**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Full and velvety with plenty of tangy fruit from currants to orange peel. Long and lively. Cabernet franc really comes through.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAGES-LIBÉRAL**Pauillac  
92-93

A balanced young wine with smoky, blackberry and chewy aromas and flavours. Full and velvety with a fresh finish.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAGES-  
MONPELOU**Pauillac  
90-91

This crus bourgeois is made at Lynch Moussas. Pretty, fine tannins with mineral and mint character that turn to currants. Pretty texture.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAILLY**Pessac-Léognan  
95-96

Wow. What a superb nose of blackberries, flowers and licorice. Full bodied with a powerful palate of super-rich fruit yet bright tannins and loads of blackberries and citrus on the finish.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BATAILLEY**Pauillac  
92-93

An impressive intensity of fruit here, with blueberries and lemon character. Full and very well integrated with ultra-fine tannins and a long, long finish. Better than 2000?

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BEAUSÉJOUR**St.-Estèphe  
89-90

Very fine with ultra-polished tannins and a clean and bright finish. Full body, balanced. A little hollow in the centre palate.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BERGEY**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

This is a wine that shows lots of chocolate, tobacco and currants. Full body, with velvety tannins and a long finish. All there.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BERGEY BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

An interesting mix of citrus fruit and vanilla follows through to a full-bodied white. This is fresh and round.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
100

This is insane. I am speechless. It twists your palate with so much character and intensity. Better than the 2005, and I gave that 100 points. Full yet refined. Intense yet reserved.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION**Pessac-Léognan  
97-98

Wonderful aromas of dark fruits with sweet tobacco and lilac. Blackberries too. Amazing nose. Tight and powerful with beautiful tannins and a racy structure. Super refined yet muscular.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRISSEON  
LA RESERVE**St.-Émilion  
93-94

What a finish. It starts off slowly and then goes and goes. Coffee, chocolate, berry and spices. Full and ultra-refined.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRISSEON**St.-Émilion  
92-93

I really like the refined texture of this young red, with lots of raspberry and light chocolate. Very pretty. For those who didn't know, the owners, Elaine Kwok and Adrian Cheong, are from Hong Kong.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-CORBIN**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Good fruit with blueberry and blackberry character. Full and soft.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-MAILLET**Pomerol  
90-91

This is very velvety with dark fruits and spices as well as coffee undertones. Full and round. Turns refined and elegant.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-MAZERIS**Canon-Fronsac  
89-90

Fruity and juicy with berry, spice and chocolate character. Round tannins.

**CHÂTEAU HAUT-NOUCHET**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

Fine tannins with a lovely mineral and berry character. Full body but balanced. New estate for me.

**CHÂTEAU HOSANNA**Pomerol  
94-95

Incredibly perfumed, with flowers and berries. A full-bodied wine with silky tannins and a bright and fruity finish. Not the weight of the Lafleur Petrus, but beautiful.

**CHÂTEAU JEAN DE GUÉ**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
89-90

Some berry and licorice character follows to a full body with silky tannins.

**CHÂTEAU JEAN FAUX**Bordeaux Supérieur  
90-91

A solid wine with mineral, berry and blackberry character with dark tobacco. Full and silky. Much better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU JEAN-FAURE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Shows dark fruits and spices with hints of meat. Full and chewy. More fourthright. Muscular.

**CHÂTEAU L'ÉGLISE CLINET**Pomerol  
97-98

So much elegance and complexity, with plenty of flowers and dark fruit notes. Full and super refined, with amazing complexity and firmness. Long and intense. This is a super 2001 or a 1961.

**CHÂTEAU L'EVANGILE**Pomerol  
94-95

What a nose, with orange peel, dark berries and blueberries. Full and bright with super-velvety tannins. Acidity is juicy too. Very sumptuous. Creamy tannin texture.

**CHÂTEAU L'ÉVÊCHÉ**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Dark fruits with mineral and stones. Full and velvety. Lovely texture.

**CHÂTEAU L'ÉVÊCHÉ FAMILLE  
CAPDEVIEILLE BLANC**Bordeaux  
89-90

Striaightforward with apple and citrus character. Pleasing.

**CHÂTEAU L'ARCHANGE**St.-Émilion  
91-90

Love the dark fruits and minerals. Full and silky. Pretty long finish.

**CHÂTEAU L'ISLE FORT**Bordeaux Supérieur  
89-90

Starts off slowly but finishes with pretty fruit and fine tannins. Bright acidity. I always like this. Pure cabernet sauvignon. Great value.

**CHÂTEAU LA BIENFAISANCE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Thick and rich with an almost jammy consistency. Full and generous. Fascinating.

**CHÂTEAU LA CABANNE**Pomerol  
90-91

Mineral and blackberry character, with thins of flowers too. Full and silky. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU LA CARDONNE**Médoc  
89-90

Nice core of fruit here, with silky tannins and a long finish. Chocolate and berry character.

**CHÂTEAU LA  
CHAPELLE-LESCOURS**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Loads of *sous bois* and sweet tobacco and berries. Full body with velvety tannins.

**CHÂTEAU LA CHENADE**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
91-92

Bright fruit with plum and chocolate with violets and berries. Full and bright with firm tannins. Intense. Wild fruit.

**CHÂTEAU LA CLARTE DU  
HAUT-BRION BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

This is the second wine of the whites of Haut-Brion and La Mission. I like the lemon, pineapple and white peach character. It's fresh with mineral and honey. A little one-dimensional in the end.

**CHÂTEAU LA COMMANDERIE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Round and velvety with chocolate, spice and coffee. Full body and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU LA CONFESSION**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Solid structure with mineral and blueberry character. Long and silky. Intense and balanced. Confession of high quality here.

**CHÂTEAU LA CONSEILLANTE**Pomerol  
97-98

The nose is exuberant, with pure violets and berries. Insane. This is so straight and racy with super-fine tannins and a long, long finish. There is a minimalist clarity to the wine. Superb.

**CHÂTEAU LA COUSPAUDE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

A lot of concentration, with lots of blackberry and dark chocolate. Full and velvety. Sexy and long. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX DES  
MOINES L'AUBRORISIE**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
89-90

I like the dark chocolate, berry and light coffee character. Full and silky.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX DU CASSE**Pomerol  
89-90

Attractive with berry, chocolate and plum on the nose and palate. Full and velvety. Perhaps a little hollow in the centre palate now. But pretty.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX FIGEAC**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Elegant and polished, with a wonderful density of fruit and ultra-fine tannins. Builds on the palate. Tasted twice.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX LARTIGUE**Côtes de Castillon  
91-92

A little rustic but impressively concentrated with blackberry, nuts and bitter chocolate. Full and lots on the finish.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX  
ST. GEORGES**Pomerol  
91-92

Balanced with beautiful fruit, blueberry and currants. Full yet refined. Delicate texture.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX TAILLEFER**Pomerol  
92-93

This wine shows lots of dark fruits and mineral character with hints of wood. It is really enticing. This seems almost like a St. Emilion in structure with its intense, linear character. Organic.

**CHÂTEAU LA CROIX-DE-GAY**Pomerol  
90-91

A chocolatey wine with flavourful fruit and round tannins. Mineral and licorice notes.

**CHÂTEAU LA DOMINIQUE**St.-Émilion  
94-95

This is super powerful, with amazing density and richness. Goes on for minutes. Full, yet reserved and focused. Best ever.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Lots of ripe fruit and soft tannins. A little one-dimensional now, but promising structure.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR D'HORUS**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Clean and fruity, with tobacco, dark fruit and mineral aromas and flavours. Medium body with fine tannins and a fruity finish. A little short. Wait and see.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR DE GAY**Pomerol  
89-90

Chewy and fruity with blackberry and chocolate aromas and flavours. Full and tight tannins. Slightly one-dimensional but should develop nicely. A little disappointing.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR MORANGE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Big and juicy, with loads of blackberry and chocolate character. Full and velvety textured. Very long finish.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR MORANGE  
MATHILDE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is really sexy and juicy, with exciting fruit. Full and silky, with beautiful acidity. Layered. Love the finish.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR MORANGE  
THE BUSHMEN**St.-Émilion  
91-92

An attractive wine with mineral, dark fruits and dried peaches. Full body, velvety. Very subtle finish.

**CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR-PÉTRUS**Pomerol  
98-99

A complex nose of dark fruits, truffles and wet earth. Fascinating. Full, yet super long with ultra-refined tannins and a long, long finish. It is tannic and muscular but polished and reserved.

**CHÂTEAU LA GAFFELIÈRE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Tasty and juicy with a lovely blackberry and chocolate character. Round and velvety. Shows a lovely richness.

**CHÂTEAU LA GARDE BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

This is fascinating, with a dried lemon, apple and mineral character on the nose and palate. Stony. Full and fruity. Serious white. Made with biodynamic methods.

**CHÂTEAU LA GARRICQ**Moulis  
91-92

Rich and dense with loads of raspberries and toasted oak. Chocolatey too. Full and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU LA GOMERIE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

The fruit and velvety tannins in this wine are beautiful, with chocolate and berry character. Love the texture. Always sexy.

**CHÂTEAU LA GRAVE À POMEROL**Pomerol  
93-94

What a wonderful nose. So much wild strawberry, with hints of milk chocolate. Full and super velvety. Long and satisfying.

**CHÂTEAU LA LAGUNE**Haut-Médoc  
92-93

What a lovely texture. Super soft and supple tannins and blackberry and currant character. Round and juicy. One of the softest and most supple 2010s. It tastes more like a 2009 in style.

**CHÂTEAU LA MADELEINE**Pomerol  
93-94

Loads of chocolate and dark fruits with hints of roses. The quality of the tannins is beautiful, with a silky texture and subtle fruit. Burgundian quality of tannins. Super fine.

**CHÂTEAU LA MARZELLE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Very pretty fruit with lots of dark berry and hints of vanilla creme. Full and velvety. Lovely texture.

**CHÂTEAU LA MISSION-HAUT-BRION BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
98-99

I love the lemon-lime, mineral and lilac character of this young white. It says great Montrachet, but it's dry white Bordeaux. Full and super-minerally and racy. Intense and vibrant. Tangy.

**CHÂTEAU LA MISSION-HAUT-BRION**Pessac-Léognan  
95-96

This is very perfumed for La Mission, with dark berry, light chocolate, flowers and minerals. Full and silky with fine tannins and a bright and tangy finish. Intense and powerful. Refined. Long.

**CHÂTEAU LA MOULEYRE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is made from 40-year-old vines at Cap de Faugeres. Full and dusty, with velvety and polished tannins and a long finish. That old-vine character of dark fruits and earth is on the palate.

**CHÂTEAU LA RÉVÉRENCE**St.-Émilion  
93-94

I love the density and tannin texture to this wine. Very perfumed and enticing. Full yet reserved. A beauty.

**CHÂTEAU LA ROSE PERRIÈRE**Lussac-St.-Émilion  
90-91

I like the way this Bordeaux builds on the palate, with blackberry and licorice character. Very velvety tannins. Long finish.

**CHÂTEAU LA ROUSSELLE**Fronsac  
90-91

Tar and chocolate and lots of fruit. Full and silky. Salty, with a black truffle character.

**CHÂTEAU LA SERRE**St.-Émilion  
93-94

What fruit. You see the ripe cabernet franc. Very perfumed, with red oranges and blackberries. Full, with super well-integrated tannins and a long, long finish. Tasted twice. Best ever?

**CHÂTEAU LA TOUR CARNET**Haut-Médoc  
92-93

A wine with dark berry, licorice and tar character. Subtle and silky. Lovely polished tannins and fresh acidity.

**CHÂTEAU LA TOUR DE MONS**Margaux  
91-92

Love the quality of the polished and velvety tannins. Full, but not full-blown. Balanced and attractive.

**CHÂTEAU LA TOUR FIGEAC**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Firm and silky with pretty fruit and a minerally aftertaste. Full and fine on the finish. Needs a little more at the end for better numbers.

**CHÂTEAU LA VIOLETTE**Pomerol  
92-93

The plummy, almost jammy, character is enticing, with a mineral and stoney undertone. Full and velvety. Generous. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU LABÉGORCE**Margaux  
92-93

Best ever from here, with blackberry and licorice. Full and velvety with loads going on. Mega.

**CHÂTEAU  
LAFAURIE-PEYRAGUEY**Sauternes  
93-94

Already a slightly dark colour. Beautiful concentration. It's rich and very sweet, with intense notes of bitter oranges and honey. Superb finish. Long and racy with notes of botrytis.

**CHÂTEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD**Pauillac  
100

Believe the hype. Lafite is perfect in 2010. The nose is amazing, with sweet tobacco, dark chocolate and currants. Full and powerful with amazing minerals, currants and bitter chocolate. This is really layered and wonderful. Stunning.

**CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR**Pomerol  
99-100

Very powerful wine with loads of cabernet franc character with dark fruits, blueberry and hints of spices. Licorice and flowers. Full and very powerful. Like a first growth from Pauillac. Incredible. Extreme, almost severe in style yet fabulous.

**CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR-GAZIN**Pomerol  
90-91

Pretty fruit with chocolate and cherry aromas and flavours. Medium to full body with fine tannins and fruity finish.

**CHÂTEAU LAFORGE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Fruity and straightforward. Full and velvety. Beautiful layers of tannins and fruit.

**CHÂTEAU LAGRANGE**St.-Julien  
94-95

A wine with very pretty balance and length already. Full body, with a wonderful core of ripe fruit and a persistent silky finish. Lasts for a long time. Dense.

**CHÂTEAU LALANDE-BORIE**St.-Julien  
91-92

Blackberries and dark licorice aromas. Full body with velvety tannins and a chocolate, berry and currant character. Intense. So much here.

**CHÂTEAU LAMOTHE**Sauternes  
90-91

Colour is already slightly dark but the palate is an explosion of exotic fruits. Full and rich with good botrytis character. Lacks a little harmony on the finish.

**CHÂTEAU LAMOTHE-GUIGNARD**Sauternes  
90-91

Delicate and elegant on the nose with aromas of peaches and pears. It's straightforward and not too rich. The finish shows botrytis and lots of oranges and spices.

**CHÂTEAU LANESSAN**Haut-Médoc  
91-92

Soft and silky with lovely fruit and a long and caressing texture. Excellent core of fruit. Solid for the vintage. An excellent Lanessan.

**CHÂTEAU LANGOA BARTON**St.-Julien  
93-94

What a depth of fruit here, with dark chocolate and currants and blackberries. Full and velvety. Wonderful texture. Like it. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU LARCIS-DUCASSE**St.-Émilion  
95-96

The intensity to this wine is incredible, with an electric dark-fruit character and dark chocolate note. It's so lively and vibrant. Full and beautiful.

**CHÂTEAU LARMANDE**St.-Émilion  
93-94

Very refined and dense, with a beautiful intensity of dark fruit and hints of mint. Touch of class here.

**CHÂTEAU LAROQUE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Some berry and chocolate character, with spices. Medium body with chewy tannins and a juicy finish.

**CHÂTEAU LAROSE-TRINTAUDON**Haut-Médoc  
90-91

Roses and berries with hints of milk chocolate. Full and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU LAROZE**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Fruity and rich with lots of soft and silky tannins. Almost like raspberry sauce. Delicious. Very well done for this estate.

**CHÂTEAU LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION**Pessac-Léognan  
93-94

Very spicy and intense with dark berries and sweet tobacco. Full and velvety. Very long and intense.

**CHÂTEAU LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

This tastes just so good. Full body with crème brûlée and apple pie and pineapple tart. So much going on here.

**CHÂTEAU LASCOMBES**Margaux  
91-92

Impressive start with lots of polished and silky tannins, an enticing depth of fruit and a caressing finish. Slightly one-dimensional.

**CHÂTEAU LATOUR**Pauillac  
98-99

The quality of the tannins and density of fruit is truly beautiful. So focused. The 1990 Latour came to mind when I tasted this (twice). It starts off slowly and then builds and builds and builds.

**CHÂTEAU LATOUR À POMEROL**Pomerol  
95-96

This is the best LP I have had in a long time, with black currant and flowers. Full body. It builds on the palate, with incredibly polished tannins and a long, intense finish.

**CHÂTEAU LATOUR MARTILLAC**Pessac-Léognan  
95-93

I love the mid-palate to this young and attractive red, with silky tannins and alluring mineral, berry and stone character. Enchanting.

**CHÂTEAU LATOUR MARTILLAC BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

A savoury white with a marvellous palate of rich fruits and bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU LE BON-PASTEUR**Pomerol  
95-96

I love the crescendo to this wine. It starts off slowly and then builds and builds with amazingly beautiful tannins and complex fruit and wood. Layered on the palate. Best ever from here?

**CHÂTEAU LE CROCK**St.-Estèphe  
90-91

I like the juicy and spicy character in this wine, with currants and berries. Full and refined with lovely tannins. I want to drink it now.

**CHÂTEAU LE GAY**Pomerol  
93-94

A beautiful solid core of ripe fruit with coffee and light vanilla. Tobacco too. Full and dense, with polished tannins and bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU LE JURAT**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Full and velvety with lots of blackberry and currants. Long and rich.

**CHÂTEAU LE MONTLABERT**St.-Émilion  
89-90

Blueberry character with firm tannins and a good finish. Chewy. A little rustic on the finish.

**CHÂTEAU LE PIN**

Pomerol  
95-96

This has muscles, with milk chocolate, plums and hints of wood. Very powerful, with lots of structure. It reminds me of the 1986, which is underrated and fabulous. A wine for ageing.

**CHÂTEAU LE PRIEURÉ**

St.-Émilion  
93-94

This is very velvety, with lots of dark fruit and toasted oak. Full body, loads of blackberry and chocolate.

**CHÂTEAU LE THIL COMTE  
CLARY BLANC**

Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

I like this always in white, with dried pineapple, lemon and lots of limes too. Full and fresh. Tangy.

**CHÂTEAU LEBOSCQ**

St.-Estèphe  
90-91

Beautiful berry and milk chocolate character on the nose and palate. Full body with soft tannins and a fruity finish.

**CHÂTEAU LÉCUYER**

Pomerol  
93-94

What fruit in this! Intense aromas of dark berries and licorice. Full and very soft with a long, long finish. So attractive.

**CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON**

St.-Julien  
97-98

Phenomenal. Dark fruits with cassis and blackberries. Full and super silky, with incredible fruit and ripe tannins. It goes on and on. So much depth of fruit. Barton is on a roll again in this vintage.

**CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES**

St.-Julien  
95-96

This is very silky, with a racy, fresh character of violets, currants and raspberries. Full with a super texture. Reminds me of the 1996.

**CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ**

St.-Julien  
93-94

So velvety and beautiful with a juicy, orange peel, raspberry and currant character on the nose and palate. Full with a long, long finish. Wonderful texture to this wine. Dense and yummy.

**CHÂTEAU LES  
CARMES-HAUT-BRION**

Pessac-Léognan  
93-94

Complex red with chocolate, berry, currants and nutmeg as well as other dried spices. Full and velvety with a long, long finish. Best ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU LES CHARMES-  
GODARD BLANC**

Côtes de Francs  
90-91

This semillon-based wine is always excellent. Pineapple skin and lemons. Full and lively with great acidity.

**CHÂTEAU LES CRUZELLES**

Lalande-de-Pomerol  
90-91

This is pure merlot. So much chocolate and vanilla character. Full and velvety with lovely fruit.

**CHÂTEAU LES GRANDES  
MURAILLES**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

Very clean and pretty fruit with blackberry and currants and hints of minerals. Full body with pretty tannins and a delicate finish.

**CHÂTEAU LES GRANDS  
MARÉCHAUX**

Premières Côtes de Blaye  
90-91

This is intense and chewy with a pretty berry character and an impressive tannin finish.

**CHÂTEAU LES LAURETS**

Puisseguin-St.-Émilion  
92-93

Tastes like St.-Émilion, with super-velvety tannins and a plummy, berry and cherry character. Full and very round.

**CHÂTEAU LES ORMES-DE-PEZ**

St.-Estèphe  
92-93

A wine with lots of flesh and chewy tannins. Full and round, with a lovely texture and finish. Long. The Cazes family of Lynch-Bages is on a roll here.

**CHÂTEAU LESPULT-MARTILLAC**

Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

Loads of fruit in this wine, with blueberry and currants and lots of oak. Full and velvety. Very impressive for the château.

**CHÂTEAU LÉPAULT-MARTILLAC  
BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

Long and minerally white with beautiful citrus and apple character. Balanced. From the owners of Domaine de Chevalier.

**CHÂTEAU LILIAN LADOUYS**St.-Estèphe  
90-91

Soft and velvety with blueberry and blackberry aromas. Full body with round tannins and a long finish. A rich and almost jammy wine. Plenty going on here. 2009 was excellent as well.

**CHÂTEAU LOUIS**St.-Émilion  
94-95

This is a wine for the restaurant in Paris of L'Amis Louis. What a beautiful layer of fruit and ultra-fine tannins. It's full of bright fruit.

**CHÂTEAU LUCIA**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Sexy, with wonderful roses and fruit. So subtle and complex, with super-fine tannins.

**CHÂTEAU LYNCH-BAGES**Pauillac  
98-99

What incredible precision and clarity. Currants, minerals, mint and lead pencil. Full body, with super-refined tannins and a long, long finish. I am loving this young wine. Builds on the palate.

**CHÂTEAU LYNCH-MOUSSAS**Pauillac  
92-93

This is solid for this estate, with currant and chocolate character, full body and a velvety textured finish. Best ever from here?

**CHÂTEAU LYONNAT EMOTION**Lussac-St.-Émilion  
91-92

I really enjoy the intense fruit yet delicate wet-earth character. Full body, with fine and polished tannins. Excellent finish.

**CHÂTEAU MADELEINE-BOUHOU**Côtes de Bordeaux  
91-92

What a texture. Dark chocolate, mineral and loads of fruit. So impressive. Loads going on. Big surprise. New wine for me.

**CHÂTEAU  
MALARTIC-LAGRAVIÈRE**Pessac-Léognan  
94-95

This is impressive, with a gorgeous palate of super velvety tannins and ultra-ripe fruit. Full and caressing yet muscular and powerful. Tasted three times. Best ever.

**CHÂTEAU MALARTIC-  
LAGRAVIÈRE BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
94-95

What a wine, with wonderful intensity of lemon, limes, dried papaya. Full and layered for a white. It goes on for minutes. This estate is rocking now. Tasted twice.

**CHÂTEAU  
MALESCOT-ST.-EXUPÉRY**Margaux  
96-97

This is a 2005 Malescot in the making. And that was stunning. I love the blueberries, chocolate and nuts on the nose and palate. The finish lasts for minutes. Wow.

**CHÂTEAU MALMAISON**Moulis  
91-92

This is a very powerful Malmaison, with dark chocolate, blueberry and minerals on the nose and palate. Solid and there.

**CHÂTEAU MARGAUX**Margaux  
100

A phenomenal nose of roses, violets and other flowers. A curious wine, almost ethereal. It is all in the front of the palate, with ultra-fine tannins. Very rich but balanced and in harmony. What a wine. So cerebral. Sends shivers down my spine.

**CHÂTEAU MARQUIS DE TERME**Margaux  
92-93

Intense blackberry and mineral character with flowers. Full and very chewy, with beautiful, fine tannins. Long depth and balanced.

**CHÂTEAU MARQUIS-  
D'ALESME-BECKER**Margaux  
90-91

Bright fruit with loads of blackberry and currants. Full yet very silky and refined. Fresh and pretty. Better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU MARSAC-SEGUINEAU**

Margaux  
91-92

Big and velvety wine for the appellation, with loads of blueberry and raspberry. Full and chewy. Licorice and blackberry on the finish. This will come together really well. Best ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU MARSAU**

Côtes de Francs  
91-92

Best wine from here ever, with wonderful blueberry, vanilla and blackberry aromas and flavours. Full body with velvety tannins and a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU MÉJEAN**

Graves  
91-92

Luscious, with loads of milk chocolate and fruit. Full and velvety. Lots going on. Best vintage so far.

**CHÂTEAU MEYNEY**

St.-Estèphe  
93-94

This is the best Meyney in years, with blackberry, mint and mineral on the nose and palate. Full and super silky, with a long, long finish. Wonderful wine.

**CHÂTEAU MONBOUSQUET**

St.-Émilion  
92-93

I love the finish on this. It's a different style for this estate, with bright cherries and berries and chocolate. Long and refined. Very pretty. All in the finish.

**CHÂTEAU MONTROSE**

St.-Estèphe  
95-96

This is really integrated and polished, with a full body and super layers of cashmere-like tannins. Goes on and on.

**CHÂTEAU MONTVIEL**

Pomerol  
90-91

Medium body with well-integrated tannins and a long-caressing finish. Builds on the palate.

**CHÂTEAU MOULIN RICHE**

St.-Julien  
90-91

A solid red with currants and toasted oak as well as smoke. Full and chewy with a long finish. A little rustic, but I appreciate the concentration.

**CHÂTEAU MOULIN-ST.-GEORGES**

St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is crazy stuff, with a super-lively acidity and then plenty of fruit and alcohol. Minerally and fruity at the same time. Excellent purity. One of the best ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU MOULINET**

Pomerol  
90-91

I really like the quality of the tannins, which have a lovely precision to them. Full yet reserved, with a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD**

Pauillac  
98-99

Pure Mouton. The aromas are fabulous. It took me back to the 1947, one of the great classics of Mouton. Full bodied. Magnificent. This is clearly better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU NENIN**

Pomerol  
92-93

Bright and fruity with raspberries and blueberries. Full and silky, with a long and caressing finish. Lovely wine already.

**CHÂTEAU PALMER**

Margaux  
97-98

This nose is crazy, with treacle tart, dark fruits, spices and milk chocolate. I was in a state of amazement tasting this. Wonderful ripe tannins. This is more powerful than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU PALMER ALTO EGO**

Margaux  
91-92

Floral and blackberry and currant. Full to medium body. Round and velvety with chocolate and nuts.

**CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT**

Pessac-Léognan  
96-97

Very chewy, with wonderful blueberry and mineral character. Hints of mint too. Full and super classy. Love the texture of the tannins. Hyper-refined in texture.

**CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT BLANC**

Pessac-Léognan  
94-95

This is a powerful white with wonderful mineral and citrus character on the nose and palate. Full and racy, bright acidity and dense palate. Long, long finish. Excellent.

**CHÂTEAU PAVIE**St.-Émilion  
96-97

Very powerful. It sneaks up on you. It doesn't show its strength at first but then takes off with excellent ripe fruit, spices, chocolate and nuts. So long and exciting. I prefer the style to the 2009.

**CHÂTEAU PAVIE-DECESSE**St.-Émilion  
95-96

This is so bright and beautiful, with lovely aromas of dark fruits and flowers. Full and silky yet fresh and bright. Complex.

**CHÂTEAU PAVIE-MACQUIN**St.-Émilion  
95-96

Super compacted with incredible intensity of minerals, black fruits, licorice and spices. Full and dense. Wild fruit that goes on for minutes. A little firm, as always, but will open nicely.

**CHÂTEAU PÉBY-FAUGÈRES**St.-Émilion  
94-95

This is super classy with super-fine and polished tannins. Chocolate, Indian spices and berries. Full and beautiful. Super fine.

**CHÂTEAU PÉDESCLAUX**Pauillac  
91-92

Lovely berry and chocolate character with full body, velvety tannins and a balance of mineral and currants. Finally on its way up.

**CHÂTEAU PETIT-GRAVET-AINE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

Wow. This excellent quality is a surprise. Full bodied with wonderful tannins. What a wine.

**CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS**Pomerol  
100

This is extraordinary. It is just like 1989 (100 points for me) but it is even more refined and defined. It's so deep and compelling. I put my nose in the glass and knew it was perfection. It just builds and builds with flavour.



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**CHÂTEAU PETIT-VILLAGE**Pomerol  
93-94

What a change here, with lots of blueberry, milk chocolate and polished tannins. It goes on for a long time on the palate. Much more precise winemaking.

**CHÂTEAU PETRUS GAIA**Bordeaux Supérieur  
91-92

This is really gorgeous, with lots of rich fruit and super-velvety tannins. Long and voluptuous. Super for the appellation.

**CHÂTEAU PEYFAURES  
DAME DE COEUR**Bordeaux  
90-91

A lovely core of fruit here, with plum and chocolate character and chewy tannins. Outstanding concentration of fruit and velvety tannins. All there.

**CHÂTEAU PHÉLAN-SÉGUR**St.-Estèphe  
92-93

This sneaks up on you, with blackberry and spices such as nutmeg and cloves. Full spices, with currants and berries. Builds on the palate like a wave. Best ever.

**CHÂTEAU PIBRAN**Pauillac  
90-91

What lovely balance to this wine with currants, pencil and berry. Full and velvety. Lovely all around.

**CHÂTEAU  
PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-BARON**Pauillac  
95-96

Wonderful purity of fruit with currants, blackberries and licorice on the nose and palate. Full body, with velvety yet poished tannins and a long, long finish. Reminds me of the 1990 PB.

**CHÂTEAU PICQUE-CAILLOU**Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

I like the silky tannins and blueberry character in this wine, with licorice and tar. Full and in balance. Better than 2010.

**CHÂTEAU PIPEAU**St.-Émilion  
90-91

A little tight in structure but some lovely tannins with blueberries, pleasant.

**CHÂTEAU PLAISANCE**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Some berry and mineral character with flowers and citrus fruit. Full and silky.

**CHÂTEAU POMEAUX**Pomerol  
91-92

Full and very chewy. Lacks some centre palate but finishes with lots of fruit and tannins. Will develop well.

**CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET**Pauillac  
97-98

What a nose of black currants, minerals and blueberries. Full bodied, with a wonderful texture of super-refined tannins. This is the first vintage completely certified for biodynamic status.

**CHÂTEAU POTENSAC**Médoc  
91-92

This is one of the fruitiest Potensacs that I remember, with loads of blueberry and currants. Full and velvety. Plenty going on underneath.

**CHÂTEAU POUGET**Margaux  
91-92

Layers of pretty fruit with minerals, dark berries and hints of licorice. Full and silky. Long finish.

**CHÂTEAU POUJEAUX**Moulis  
92-93

Love the fruity and chocolate character here, with lots of spices and nutmeg. Full and velvety, with soft tannins and a long finish.

**CHÂTEAU PRIEURÉ-LICHINE**Margaux  
94-95

Wow. This shows a wonderful core of intense, ripe fruit and velvety tannins. Loads of berry, chocolate and toasted oak. A joy to taste young.

**CHÂTEAU PROVIDENCE**Pomerol  
93-94

Wonderful nose of forest fruits and flowers follow through to a full body, with ultra-velvety tannins and an intense finish. Juicy.

**CHÂTEAU PUYGUERAUD**Côtes de Francs  
92-93

This is incredible for this site, with intense fruit and wild acidity. Full and super lively with blueberry, blackberry and firm tannins. Best ever.

**CHÂTEAU PUYGUERAUD  
CUVÉE GEORGE**Côtes de Francs  
91-92

Super refined and polished with beautiful fruit and minerals. Full and beautiful. Love the quality of the tannins. Refreshing.

**CHÂTEAU QUINAULT-L'ENCLOS**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Fresh and clean with fine tannins and a blueberry and orange peel character. Peaches too. Long and very pretty. One of the best Quinaults for a long time.

**CHÂTEAU RABAUD-PROMIS**Sauternes  
90-91

Attractive aromas of peaches and white fruits. Surprisingly impressive on the palate, with an intense acidity and fruit structure. You almost want to drink it now.

**CHÂTEAU RAUZAN-DESPAGNE  
BLANC**Bordeaux  
90-91

Apple and lemon and sliced pineapple with a full body yet a fresh and balanced finish with bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU RAUZAN-GASSIES**Margaux  
90-91

Solid red with lots of blackberry and toasted-oak character. Full body with velvety tannins and a chewy finish. Well done for this estate.

**CHÂTEAU RAUZAN-SÉGLA**Margaux  
97-98

What a wonderful wine with flower, currant and hints of mineral and wet earth with some smoke. Full bodied, with chewy and creamy tannins. Super-distinguished style.

**CHÂTEAU RIEUSSEC**Sauternes  
95-96

I love the botrytis spice character of this wine, with dried apricots and tropical fruits. It's full bodied, medium sweet, with a long, intense finish. Very layered. Sweet wine of the vintage.

**CHÂTEAU ROL VALENTIN**St.-Émilion  
94-95

This has lots of salty, juicy and enticing character to it. Full and velvety with gorgeous fruit. So sexy and elegant. Wonderful freshness too. Bright and sassy.

**CHÂTEAU ROLLAND-MAILLET**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Solid core of fruit here, with blackberry, chocolate and dark fruits. Full and silky with a bright acidity. Structured and lively.

**CHÂTEAU ROMER**Sauternes  
91-92

Lots of honey on the nose. Well-balanced. A refined palate and a long and spicy finish.

**CHÂTEAU ROUGET**Pomerol  
92-93

A solid core of fruit that is tight and dense. You have to look below the surface and find its true quality. Impressive structure and style.

**CHÂTEAU SANSONNET**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is a little overdone, with a porty, asphalt character, but the palate is thick, velvety and impressive. Much better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU SERGANT**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
90-91

Love the chocolate and blackberry character in this young wine. Full and velvety with a long and polished finish. Lots going on.

**CHÂTEAU SERILHAN**St.-Estèphe  
91-92

This is solid, with a lovely berry and cherry character and hints of currants. Full and velvety.

**CHÂTEAU SIGALAS-RABAUD**Sauternes  
92-93

This is bright, with a fresh and vibrant backbone of acidity. The first impression on the palate is full of honey and caramel and the finish is long and silky.

**CHÂTEAU SIRAN**Margaux  
93-94

Really bright character with dark berry, tar, light coffee and flowers on the nose and palate. Full and rich, yet balanced and complex. Best ever from here?

**CHÂTEAU SMITH-HAUT-LAFITTE**Pessac-Léognan  
95-96

Wonderful aromas of currants, berries and mineral. Very stoney. Full bodied, with an intense and dense palate structure. Long finish. We will see if it's better than the 2009.

**CHÂTEAU SMITH-HAUT-LAFITTE BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
95-96

Even better than the 2007, which was great. I love the racy, complex nature of this young white, with honey, apple pie, tropical fruits and hints of vanilla cream. Lovely backbone of bright acidity.

**CHÂTEAU SOLEIL**Lussac-St.-Émilion  
90-91

A bright and fruity wine with dark berries and flowers. Full and silky. Fresh finish.

**CHÂTEAU SOUTARD**St.-Émilion  
90-91

Chewy and rich with a fruit-forward character and a long finish. A little rustic. But cool.

**CHÂTEAU ST.-HUBERT**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Lots of notes of chocolate tart and fruit. Full and silky. Long finish.

**CHÂTEAU ST.-PAUL**Haut-Médoc  
90-91

I really like the polished tannins with mineral, berry and violet character. Full and round. Beautiful. This is next to Sociando Mallet.

**CHÂTEAU ST.-PAUL DE CORBIAN**St.-Estèphe  
91-92

Structured with lots of ripe tannins, yet mineral and floral. Full and rich. A little rustic.

**CHÂTEAU ST.-PIERRE**St.-Julien  
92-93

Blackberry and black currants with minerals and full body. Loads going on. Juicy red.

**CHÂTEAU SUDUIRAUT**Sauternes  
93-94

Very classically styled Sauternes in a subdued way. I love the notes of orange flowers with honey and spices. Very long and racy. A very beautiful 2009.

**CHÂTEAU TALBOT**St.-Julien  
92-93

Super focused and firm, with a bright and intense fruit. Full and super silky, with a long, long finish. Super straight and beautiful. This is better than 2009.

**CHÂTEAU TALBOT CONNETABLE**St.-Julien  
90-91

Lovely ripe cabernet with currant and chocolate character. Full and silky with fine tannins. Impressive for a second wine.

**CHÂTEAU TALBOT BLANC**St.-Julien  
90-91

Fresh and lemony with melon and honey character. Apple and green pineapple. Long finish.

**CHÂTEAU TERTRE DAUGAY**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Fascinating wine with dark fruit and citrus undertones. Full and refined. Lovely finish.

**CHÂTEAU TOUR DE  
MIRAMBEAU CUVÉE PASSION**Bordeaux Supérieur  
90-91

This must be the best ever from here, with flower and blueberry character, full body, firm and silky tannins.

**CHÂTEAU TOUR MAILLET**Pomerol  
90-91

Blueberry and spices with hints of vanilla and light coffee. Full and juicy, with bright acidity and a clean, medium finish.

**CHÂTEAU TRONQUOY-LALANDE**St.-Estèphe  
91-92

This has a lovely length to it. Very polished. Full and super long. I am impressed.

**CHÂTEAU TROPLONG-MONDOT**St.-Émilion  
95-96

What a nose. Gorgeous aromas of mineral, flowers and dark berries. Stunning. Full bodied, with a solid core of fruit and racy tannins. Citrusy finish. Loving this.

**CHÂTEAU TROTANOY**Pomerol  
97-98

Pure aromas of dark fruits from raspberries to blueberries. Full bodied, with super-silky tannins that are refined and elegant. The texture of this wine caresses all the palate. Very powerful.

**CHÂTEAU TROTTEVIEILLE**St.-Émilion  
93-94

I love the bright acidity and the citrus peel and red fruits on this. Then there are minerals such as flint and chalk. Full and velvety with a long, long finish. Turns silky. Best ever from here.

**CHÂTEAU VALANDRAUD**Bordeaux  
95-96

Wow. What beautiful fruit. Intense but balanced with fine and silky tannins and a caressing texture. I love the layers of everything here, from sliced plums to bright cherries. Best ever?

**CHÂTEAU VALANDRAUD  
NO.1 BLANC**Bordeaux  
90-91

Dense and fruity with a chalky, honey and lemony character. Slightly one-dimensional but stylish.

**CHÂTEAU VEYRY**Côtes de Castillon  
90-91

Full and soft with plenty of bright and ripe fruit and mineral undertones. Long and impressive.

**CHÂTEAU VILLEMAURINE**St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is firm and very silky, with chocolate, mineral and blackberries on the nose and palate. Very racy and beautiful. Powerful and in reserve. An improving estate.

**CHÂTEAU VRAI CANON BOUCHÉ**

Canon-Fronsac  
92-93

Lots of asphalt and dark fruits here. Full and chewy, long. Powerful. Magnificent for the appellation.

**CHÂTEAU VRAY-CROIX-DE-GAY**

Pomerol  
92-93

Dark chocolate, with asphalt and blackberries on the nose. Full bodied, with soft and velvety tannins and a beautiful core of fruit. Long finish. Best ever from here?

**CHEVAL NOIR**

St.-Émilion  
91-92

Lovely velvety tannins and lots of dark fruits, chocolate and coffee character. Full with a long finish.

**CLOS BADON-THUNEVIN**

St.-Émilion  
91-92

Funky and spicy with a decadent fruit character. Full and chewy. Long finish.

**CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE**

St.-Émilion  
94-95

Love the finish to this. It really kicks in with bright acidity, citrus and blackberries and mineral. This is complex. Full and super silky. Loving it!

**CLOS DES JACOBINS**

St.-Émilion  
92-93

There's a lot of sweet fruit here, with tobacco, berry and milk chocolate aromas and flavours. Full and silky. Long finish. Best in a long time.

**CLOS DES MENUTS**

St.-Émilion  
92-93

This is serious. Lots of mineral, dark chocolate and fruit. Full yet ultra polished and super, super long.

**CLOS DU CLOCHER**

Pomerol  
92-93

I like the subtle density of this young red, with chocolate and dark berry character, ultra-fine tannins and a long finish.

**CLOS DU JAUGUEYRON**

Margaux  
90-91

Plenty of fruit with a polished and velvety tannin structure. Hints of spices and earth.

**CLOS DU MARQUIS**

St.-Julien  
92-93

A little tough now but a solid core of currants and blueberries. Full body, with chewy tannins and a bright, crisp acidity on the finish.

**CLOS DUBREUIL**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

This is a caressing and refined wine with blackberries and vanilla. Full and rich with velvety tannins and good fruit on the finish.

**CLOS FOURTET**

St.-Émilion  
93-94

A beautiful wine, with everything in the bottle. Blackberries, minerals and blueberries. Full and silky. Long, long finish.

**CLOS HAUT-PEYRAGUEY**

Sauternes  
90-91

A subtle nose with spices and dried fruits. The palate shows pretty notes of botrytis and fruit. It's a little short on the finish but it remains opulent.

**CLOS L'ÉGLISE**

Pomerol  
92-93

The quality of the tannins in this young red is superb, with a velvety texture. Full and yummy.

**CLOS LA MADELEINE**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

Mineral, blueberry and licorice on the nose and palate. Full and velvety.

**CLOS MANOU**

Haut-Médoc  
90-91

Bright and curranty with loads of mineral and flowers. Full and linear with outstanding structure.

**CLOS MARSALETTE**Pessac-Léognan  
92-93

Crazy cool nose of dark fruits with licorice and black pepper. Full bodied, with gorgeous fruits and silky refined tannins and a long, fruity finish. Bright and beautiful. Best ever from here.

**CLOS MARSALETTE BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

This is 70 per cent sauvignon blanc and shows bright and wonderful aromas of peach and lemons. Full and bright with a clean finish.

**CLOS ST.-JULIEN**St.-Émilion  
92-93

A beautiful centre palate of fruit with dark berries and raspberries. Full and floral, with firm tannins and a long finish. Precise.

**CLOS ST.-MARTIN**St.-Émilion  
91-92

Full body with an dense fruit concentration and very polished tannins. Opens and gives you plenty.

**CROIX DE BEAUCAILLOU**St.-Julien  
92-93

What a beautiful nose, with currants and spices and hints of filtered coffee. Full and silky, with beautiful texture and length. Second wine of Ducru. Excellent.

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER BLANC**Pessac-Léognan  
99-100

This is a remarkable wine with a density of fruit that reminds me of a Montrachet from a great vintage. It's full bodied, dense and rich – almost oily – but then it turns bright and fresh with a powerful backbone of acidity. A marvel.

**DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER**Pessac-Léognan  
95-96

This is the most structured and powerful DC in a long, long time. Full bodied, with polished and rich tannins and a long finish. Tasted twice. The rising star of Bordeaux?

**DOMAINE DE LÍA  
CÔTES DE CASTILLON**Bordeaux  
90-91

Very attractive with berry and chocolate. Full and velvety, with a polished and fine finish.

**DOMAINE DES SABINES**Lalande-de-Pomerol  
91-92

Chewy and fruity with lots of fruit and spices and berry character. Long and spicy. Got some stuff happening here.

**DOMAINE DU BOUSCAT CUVÉE  
LA GARGONE**Bordeaux Supérieur  
91-92

This has a lot of malbec in it. Plenty of dark fruits and minerals with a floral character. Full and racy.

**DOMAINE ROSES CAMILLE**Pomerol  
91-92

I enjoy the soft and round tannins in this pretty red, with plum chocolate and nuts. Full and balanced.

**ECHO DE LYNCH-BAGES**Pauillac  
90-91

Brilliant fruit with super-clean and intense aromas of fruit and flowers. Full body with super-refined tannins.

**FOURCAS BORIE**St.-Julien  
90-91

This is very powerful, with chewy tannins and blueberry and cassis character. Full and solid with lots going on. Better than 2009.

**GIROLATE BLANC**Bordeaux  
91-92

This is bio-dynamically made. Fascinating, with celery, apple and melon character. Full body and a bright acidity.

**GOULÉE**Médoc  
90-91

Bright and fruity with raspberry and plums. Full, soft and velvety. Love the acidity.

**L'AURA DE CAMBON**

Margaux  
92-93

This is a tiny property from the owners of Cambon La Pelouse. Super concentrated, with loads of blueberry and currant character. Full and chewy. Serious stuff.

**LA CHAPELLE DE LA MISSION-HAUT-BRION**

Pessac-Léognan  
93-94

The second wine of La Mission shows a lot of restraint this year. Blueberry and lemon rind aromas and flavours. It's full and silky with fine tannins and a fresh finish.

**LA DAME DE MONTROSE**

St.-Estèphe  
91-92

The finesse in this wine is impressive for a second wine, with wonderful polish. Beautiful finish.

**LA FLEUR DE BOÜARD LEPLUS**

Lalande-de-Pomerol  
92-93

This is wonderful, with fabulous blackberries and hints of minerals. Full and intense. Plenty of wood but already integrated.

**LA FLEUR DE BOÜARD**

Lalande-de-Pomerol  
91-92

Lovely fruit and berry character with hints of citrus fruit and a clean, bright finish.

**LA MONDOTTE**

St.-Émilion  
96-97

This takes my breath away with dark fruits, blackberries, chocolate and spice. Full bodied, with super silky tannins and loads of beautiful dark fruits.

**LA PARDE DE HAUT-BAILLY**

Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

Blueberry and dark berries with hints of spices and flowers. Full body with bright and creamy acidity and firm tannins. Lively and fruity. Firm. Second wine of Haut-Bailly.

**LA PETITE ÉGLISE**

Pomerol  
92-93

Best second wine in a long time from here. This is so focused with amazing fruit and flowers. Full bodied, with firm tannins and a long, long finish. Best second wine of L'Eglise Clinet since 1995.

**LACOSTE-BORIE**

Pauillac  
90-91

Licorice and violets with berries, currants and spices. Full and silky. Very fine.

**LE CARILLON DE L'ANGÉLUS**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

The clarity of fruit in this second wine is impressive, with blackberries and dark chocolate, full body and silky tannins.

**LE CARRÉ**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

Some mineral and blueberry character. Full body, firm tannins. Not giving that much now.

**LE CLARENCE DE HAUT-BRION**

Pessac-Léognan  
93-94

This is a fresh and lively young wine. The second wine of Haut-Brion has a lot of linear richness. I really like the texture of this, with super-polished tannins and vibrant acidity.

**LE CLOS DU BEAU-PÈRE**

Pomerol  
91-92

A little lean, but it's dense and intense, with lots of berry, chocolate and spices on the palate. Silky tannins too.

**LE DÉFI DE FONTENIL  
VIN DE TABLE DE FRANCE**

Bordeaux  
91-92

Easier and softer than the Fontenil, with round and generous berry and plum character. Full and round. I like the "normal" cuvée of Fontenil a tiny bit better.

**LE DÔME**

St.-Émilion  
92-93

Lots of bright berry and mineral aromas, with flower too. Full throttle, with lots of roses and blueberries and a long, long finish. Extracted but interesting.

**LE PETIT CHEVAL**

St.-Émilion  
94-95

Love the mineral, violets and berries on the nose. Turns to chocolate too. So silky, with amazing texture for a second wine. Long and beautiful. It's like a top Pomerol this year. Better than 2009.

**LE PETIT HAUT LAFFITE**

Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

A new second wine made at Smith-Haut-Lafitte, but a different style from the one called Haut Smith. Full and rich with a sweet tobacco, dark chocolate, coffee and fruit character.

**LE PETIT LION**

St.-Julien  
90-91

The second wine of Las Cases shows mineral, violet and berry character. Full and silky, with a long finish. I like the balance.

**LE PETIT MOUTON DE MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD**

Pauillac  
94-95

This is really exceptional, with beautiful chocolate and blackberry character. It's full and velvety and has gorgeous ripe tannins. Loving this. Wonderful richness and length.

**LE RIVAL DE SOLEIL**

Puisseguin-St.-Émilion  
91-92

Dark fruits and hints of flowers. Full and silky with beautiful tannins and a long, fresh finish. Almost salty. Tasty.

**LES ASTÉRIES**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

Mineral and blackberry with a fresh herb note. Full and velvety.

**LES FORTS DE LATOUR**

Pauillac  
94-95

This is hyper fine, with beautiful tannins that are incredibly integrated. Full and super intense. Licorice and currants and violets. Splendid.

**LES HAUTS DE SMITH BLANC**

Pessac-Léognan  
91-92

Surprising for a second wine from Smith-Haut-Lafitte. Made from young vines, it is lively and fresh, with a wonderful character of peaches and apples and a bright background of lively acidity.

**LES HAUTS DE SMITH**

Pessac-Léognan  
90-91

Beautiful aromas of blackberries, blueberries and hints of spice and coffee. Full body with firm tannins and a fruity, clean finish.

**LES PAGODES DE COS**

St.-Estèphe  
92-93

Love the nose of this wine, with spices and berries and currants. Full and very refined, with super silky tannins and a long, long finish. Second wine of Cos.

**LIBER PATER**

Bordeaux  
93-94

Full and powerful. From 80-year-old vines. Chewy, yet polished, with a lovely mineral undertone. Big. Big. Big.

**MONTLANDRIE**

Côtes de Castillon  
92-93

A solid wine with gorgeous fruit and intense fruit. Full and velvety, loads going on here.

**PAUILLAC DE CHÂTEAU LATOUR**

Pauillac  
90-91

Currants and berries with fine tannins and pretty fruit. Polished and refined. Very fine.

**PAVILLON BLANC DU CHÂTEAU MARGAUX**

Bordeaux  
95-96

Dense and rich with dried lemons, mangos, papaya and apples, yet it's super bright and crisp. It's all there. Best-ever white from Margaux?

**PAVILLON ROUGE DU CHÂTEAU MARGAUX**

Bordeaux  
94-95

A wine that shows a lovely finesse and beauty, with orange peel, flowers, blueberries and raspberries. Paul Pontailler says it's the best Pavillon he has ever made. Second wine of Margaux.

**PENSÉES DE LAFLEUR**

Pomerol  
93-94

A lovely round and juicy wine with blackberry and milk chocolate and velvety tannins. Full and very attractive. Texture is everything here. The second wine of Lafleur.

**RÉSERVE DE LA COMTESSE**

Pauillac  
90-91

This starts slowly and moves on with speed. Super-fine tannins and a mineral, flower and spice character. Full and silky. Second wine of Pichon.

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**SAINTAYME**

St.-Émilion  
91-92

Blueberry and mineral aromas with lots of flowers. Full and refined, with beautiful, ripe tannins and long finish. Very bright. Chocolate.

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**SANCTUS**

St.-Émilion  
93-94

Very powerful and muscular. Full and tannic. Lots of horsepower.

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**SARGET DE GRUAUD-LAROSE**

St.-Julien  
90-91

Firm and fruity with currant and blackberry character and an orange peel character below. Full and silky. Bright acidity. Very direct. Second wine of Gruaud.

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**SÉGLA**

Margaux  
90-91

There's a wonderful deep and dark fruit to this second wine from Rauzan Ségla, with hints of soft tannins. Lovely ripe fruit and a chocolate, light raisin finish.

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**VIEUX CHÂTEAU DES MOINES**

St.-Émilion  
90-91

Blackberry and cassis, with silky tannins, full body and fresh acidity.

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**VIEUX CHÂTEAU PALON**

St.-Émilion  
92-93

Full and velvety, with beautiful fruit and ripe tannins. Dark chocolate and rich fruit on the palate. Sexy.

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**VIEUX-CHÂTEAU-CERTAN**

Pomerol  
100

This is off the charts. So concentrated yet perfect. With chocolate, blackberry, coffee. The grapes were tiny and the production was tiny. This may match the legendary 1947 or 1945.



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