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BORDEAUX, BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR & PREMIÈRES CÔTES

Château Carignan, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux £56 under bond
Bright red black to the rim, with lovely ripe black-red fruits on the nose, leading to a palate of soft red fruits, light and pure, sweet and juicy with supple tannins and a ripe finish. Pretty wine. From 2010

Château Beaulieu, Bordeaux Supérieur £69 under bond
Deep red black to dense on the rim, with musky, spiced red fruits on the nose, leading to a soft, supple palate of red fruits with ripe tannins and grilled new wood. Sweet and long on the finish, with better density than in 2006. From 2010

La Source Blanc, Bordeaux £149 under bond
Unusually for La Source, this year it is 100% Sauvignon Blanc. Pale straw in colour with a green glint, it has a gorgeous plump Sauvignon nose with creamy oak characters behind, overlaid with a hint of honey and spice. On the palate it has wonderfully pure Sauvignon fruit, grassy, ripe, concentrated with a long, grilled finish. Delicious. From 2010

La Source Rouge, Bordeaux £149 under bond
100% Merlot in 2007. Dense red to the rim, with tight grilled black fruits on the nose, hints of coffee and sloes, leading to a smooth, supple palate of red and black fruits, creamy and overt, with ripe, fine tannins and a mid to long finish. From 2011

Château Roc de Cambes, Côtes de Bourg £295 under bond
Deep purple black in colour right to the rim, with a nose of creamed ripe blackberries with hints of cedar and musky sous bois. Stalky, jammy black fruits on the palate, very fresh and pure, with subtle masked tannins behind. From 2013

MARGAUX

Château d'Angludet, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel Margaux £155 under bond
Deep red black to the rim, with a unilateral nose of ripe blackcurrants, leading to a lovely palate of dense black red fruits with gentle tannins and a ripe finish – not a blockbuster, but a genuinely nice wine. From 2012

Château Kirwan, 3ème Cru Classé Margaux £266 under bond
Deep red black to the rim, with sweet ripe fruit on the nose, grilled, spiced and almost exotic. On the palate soft, supple red fruits with a hint of marzipan, ripe tannins and a medium plus finish. From 2014

Château Giscours, 3ème Cru Classé Margaux £295 under bond
Deep red to firm on the rim, with a very tight nose of dense, sweet black fruits, very alluring. Cool black fruit on the palate, with grilled notes behind, sweet and ripe with supple tannins, going to a fine finish. Good effort. From 2014

ST JULIEN

La Croix de Beaucaillou, St Julien £205 under bond
Deep black red to firm on the rim. Tight black fruit on the nose, perfumed and sappy, leading to a sweet, concentrated palate with good depth of flavour, ripe, scarcely noticeable tannins, with lovely spice, going to a sweet, long finish. Really good wine in the context of the vintage. From 2012

Château Talbot, 4ème Cru Classé St Julien £268 under bond
Deep red black, intense colour right to the rim. Very tight and restrained on the nose, with black fruits and a distant grilled note, leading to a tightly fruited palate, grilled and tarry with blackcurrant notes, and a fine finish. Typically Talbot in its restraint at this stage, but well made and consistent. From 2014

Château Langoa Barton, 3ème Cru Classé St Julien £305 under bond
Lively red black to the rim, not opaque. Lovely perfumed red fruits on the nose, primary and fresh with some toasty oak and blackcurrant leading to a juicy palate of sappy blackcurrant fruit, again perfumed, with lovely density, scarcely noticeable tannins and a long, spiced finish. Delicious. From 2013

Château Gruaud Larose, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien £320 under bond
Deep red black to the rim, with a tight nose of blackcurrant fruit, vibrant, leading to a palate of dense black fruit, quite extracted, with strong grilled notes and fine density, going to a medium-long finish. From 2014

Château Léoville Poyferré, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien £375 under bond
Deep black red to the rim, with a nose of primary blackcurrant fruit overlaid with cedar leading to a dense, extracted palate of black fruits, sweet and toasty with firm, balanced tannins behind and a long, layered finish. Not easy to taste at this stage compared to some others, but showing real promise. From 2015

Château Léoville Barton, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien £395 under bond
Dense red black right to the rim, with a nose of sweet black fruits, more restrained than the Langoa but still showing the trademark ripe perfume, leading to a nicely concentrated black fruit palate, with damson and blackcurrant. Ripe tannins are just discernible on the end palate, and overall tighter and more restrained than the flirty Langoa. From 2014

Château Ducru Beaucaillou, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien £575 under bond
Deep purple black to firm on the rim, with a nose of sweet black fruits, rich and dense, leading to a deliciously concentrated palate, lightly perfumed with grilled notes behind the black fruits and deceptively supple tannins, going to an intensely long, satisfying finish. Truly lovely wine. From 2015

PAUILLAC

Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac **SOLD OUT** £426 under bond
Deep purple black to the rim, with a nose of crushed, creamed blackberries and damson and a grilled note. Creamy soft black fruits on the palate, spiced with fresh blackcurrant notes, supple ripe tannins going to a long, grilled, black fruit finish. Deliciously appealing. From 2015 (very low stocks)

Château Pontet Canet, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac £460 under bond
Dense red black to the rim, with tight grilled black fruits on the nose, tarry and intense, layered with hints of blackcurrant and crème pâtissier. Mouth coating fruit on the palate, ripe, concentrated and dense, with substantial, very ripe tannins, superb concentration and depth, sustained right through to a long finish. A tour de force in this vintage. From 2015

Château Pichon Longueville Baron, 2ème Cru Classé Pauillac £535 under bond
Black red right to the rim, intense and nearly opaque. On the nose concentrated black skinned fruits, perfumed and ripe, restrained, leading to a gorgeously concentrated palate of black fruits, blackcurrant and sloe, with substantial, ripe tannins underscored by a toasty, grilled notes and a long rich finish. Very good effort. From 2015

Château Pichon Lalande, 2ème Cru Classé Pauillac £599 under bond
Deep red black to a firm rim, semi-opaque. Ripe, tarry red fruits on the nose with some blackcurrant and cedar behind, leading to a stalky red fruit palate, with lovely supple tannins, grilled and very appealing, going to a fine, ripe, fruity finish. Elegance and now power. From 2014

ST ESTÈPHE

Château Phélan Ségur, Cru Bourgeois St Estèphe £190 under bond
Deep red black to paler on the rim, not as densely coloured as in other vintages. Dusty black fruits on the nose, with strong blackcurrant notes. On the palate similar blackcurrant fruit, soft, stalky tannins, smooth and slightly un-knit at present but with lovely fresh fruit and good bite. From 2011

Château Lafon Rochet, 4ème Cru Classé St Estèphe £215 under bond
Deep red black, with tight, soured black fruit on the nose, dense, leading to a palate of tight, extracted black fruit, with mineral blackcurrant notes, firm tannins and a long finish. From 2014

Les Pagodes de Cos, St Estèphe **SOLD OUT** £220 under bond
Deep purple black but not quite opaque, with a nose of tarry black fruits, leading to a concentrated palate of black fruits with substantial but ripe tannins and firm acidity, grilled and dense with a medium to long finish. From 2013

Château Calon Ségur, 3ème Cru Classé St Estèphe £350 under bond
Deep red black to the rim with a tight, tarry nose of dusty grilled black fruits, creamed blackcurrants overlaid with distant perfume. Dense, restrained black fruit on the palate, spiced and grilled with firm but ripe tannins going to a long finish. Very good for the vintage. From 2015 (very low stocks)

Château Cos d'Estournel, 2ème Cru Classé St Estèphe £665 under bond
Dense red black, opaque, with sappy black fruits on the nose, herbs and violets, underscored with toasty oak. Massive black fruits on the palate with a hint of dark chocolate, again strong musky violet notes with firm acidity and tannins for backbone going to a long, sustained finish. Quite a monster for the vintage! From 2015

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Château les Carmes Haut Brion, Pessac-Léognan £315 under bond
Deep purple black to the rim, with a nose of rich, grilled, black fruits, spiced and restrained. Tight on the palate initially then opening into ripe black fruits, extracted, leading to ripe red fruits, supple tannins and going to a long, fruited finish. From 2015

ST EMILION

Château Fonbel, Grand Cru St Emilion £115 under bond
From the Ausone stable, and the breeding shows. Wonderful deep colour right to the rim, with tight grilled fruits on the nose, dusty, sweet and ripe, leading to an intense, mineral palate of black fruits, chewy ripe, unobtrusive tannins with lovely depth and good length. From 2010

Château Moulin du Cadet, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion £165 under bond
Deep black red, with a tight, sappy, black fruited nose with hints of damson, leading to a palate of big black fruits, soft and supple with ripe, smooth tannins behind. Creamy and rich on the finish, with a subtle power. Good wine for this vintage. From 2014

Château Fonroque, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion £150 under bond
Dense red black in colour with a nose of sweet black fruits, mineral and primary, quite restrained. On the palate light red fruits are followed by ripe black ones, spiced with ripe unobtrusive tannins, perfumed and going to a long, well balanced, ripe finish. From 2014

Château Moulin St Georges, Grand Cru St Emilion £235 under bond
Also from the Ausone stable. Deep red black to the rim, opaque. Dense spicy fruit on the nose, almost sappy, rich, ripe and finely concentrated. Dense fruit on the palate, intense with ripe tannins only coming out on the end, spiced, grilled, ripe and long. From 2012

Château Belair, 1er Grand Cru Classé St Emilion £320 under bond
Dense red-black to the rim, with tight black skinned fruits on the nose, sloe and damson, with good depth. On the palate lovely intensity of fruit, not overwhelming but pretty, with substantial ripe tannins coming out on the end, with a long, fruited finish. From 2015

Château Troplong Mondot, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé St Emilion £465 under bond
Elevated to 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé in the 2006 classification, Troplong Mondot have set a fine example by reducing their price by around 41% from their 2006 vintage. Dense red-black in colour right to the rim, with a firm, mineral, black fruit nose with a hint of violets, leading to a palate of ripe, spiced black fruits with substantial tannins, going to a long finish. From 2016

Château le Tertre Rôteboeuf, Grand Cru St Emilion (6 per case) £425 under bond
Deep black red to firm on the rim, limpid. A gorgeously appealing nose of blackberries and fresh fruits overlaid with mocha and mineral notes, leading to a soft, supple black fruit palate, with classic Tertre Rôteboeuf density, ripe and grilled, with a long, almost edible finish. Tannins only appear right on the end palate, ripe and balanced. A real triumph. From 2015

Château Cheval Blanc, 1er Grand Cru Classé A, St Emilion (6 per case) £1900 under bond
Dense purple black to rim, spiced, perfumed black cherry fruit, rich and concentrated, mineral and ripe. Very tight on the palate with tarry red and black fruits, dense with scarcely noticeable tannins behind, lovely concentration, going to a rich, layered finish. From 2015

POMEROL

Château Plince, Pomerol £175 under bond
Deep black red to firm on rim, with a wonderfully appealing nose of cedar and spice with ripe red fruits and a touch of marzipan. The palate starts off as open as the nose but then tightens up with creamy black fruits and ripe tannins behind going to a long, spiced finish. Charming. From 2010

Château Bourgneuf Vayron, Pomerol £210 under bond
Deep red black to the rim, with a sweetly spiced nose of black fruit and crème pâtissier with some stalky notes. Warm red fruits on the palate, sweet and ripe, with smooth, supple tannins going to a creamy, grilled finish. From 2011.

Château Gazin, Pomerol £310 under bond
Deep black red. Sweet black cherry fruit on the nose, not overt but prettily fruited, leading to a palate of musky blackcurrant fruit, substantial supple and only just noticeable tannins, with some perfumed oak behind, going to a medium length finish. From 2013

Château Certan Marzelle, Pomerol £330 under bond
Bright ruby red colour right to the rim, not opaque but vibrant. Sweet, tight red berry fruit on the nose, warm, ripe with juicy stalky hints. On the palate tense red fruits, linear and pure with a fine, supple tannic structure behind and a good finish. Very restrained but pure. From 2012

Château Certan de May, Pomerol £565 under bond
Deep, dense, opaque in colour right to the rim. Rich, spiced nose with ripe red berries overlaid by hints of tar and vanillin going to a gorgeous palate of vibrant crushed blackcurrants, underscored by spice and oak with ripe, fine tannins. Long and sweet on the finish, lovely for the vintage. From 2015

Château La Fleur Pétrus, Pomerol £590 under bond
Opaque red black right to the rim, with a tight, dense nose of red and black fruits with some spicy, creamy notes. Deeply fruited on the palate, ripe, spiced, rich and layered with hints of mocha on the extended finish. What a triumph. From 2014

Château La Conseillante, Pomerol £635 under bond
Bright purple red right to the rim with dusty black and red skinned fruits on the nose, tight and restrained. Sweet, ripe and intense fruits on the palate with substantial tannins behind, firm yet supple at the same time, with a lovely long finish, beautifully balanced and more tightly controlled than many 2007s. From 2015

Château l'Évangile, Pomerol £895 under bond
Deep, vibrant red black, not opaque, to the edge, with very tight, ripe black skinned fruits on the nose, mineral and sweet. Huge grilled fruits on the palate, with hints of coffee, deliciously concentrated but smooth too; lovely ripe, substantial tannins, long and silky, well balanced with huge power beautifully controlled. Powerful wine. From 2015

SAUTERNES

Château Suduiraut, 1er Cru Classé Sauternes (bottles) £435 under bond
(halves) £445 under bond
Deep gold in colour, with a sweet, dense creamy fruit with hints of orange peel and honey and a hint of green zest. On the palate superbly concentrated with orange blossom fruit overlaid by caramel and floral notes, again creamy and dense to a fine, racy end palate. Weighty but perfectly balanced. From 2014

Château Rieussec, 1er Cru Classé Sauternes (bottles) £520 under bond
(halves) £530 under bond
Gold with a green glint, vibrant. On the nose plump, rich almost orange peel fruit with the trademark smell of botrytis, sweet, ripe and citrusy, layered, leading to a dense, ripe, multi-toned palate with citrus and floral notes, creamy with fine fresh acidity and a magnificent sustained finish. A real keeper. From 2015

Château de Fargues, Sauternes (bottles) £805 under bond
"Deep gold, with a nose of rich, burnt orange, floral, leafy and tight with luscious layer of botrytis. Huge botrytised fruit on the nose, intensely sweet and wonderfully concentrated with a long layered finish of burnt caramel and citrus. For the long term. From 2015

Château d'Yquem, 1er Cru Supérieur Sauternes (bottles) £3995 under bond
Deep burnished golden in colour, with a hint of orange. On the nose rich, botrytis flavours combine with floral and citrus notes, rich and alluring, leading to a dense palate with fine weight, rich yet not cloying, creamy and citrus with a hint of burnt cream. Long, ripe, rich and pure on the finish, with fine acidity to balance. From 2015

Beyond this selection we have tasted but NOT bought a large number of wines. If there is something specific you require, perhaps because you follow it year in-year out, please do let us know. Prices are per case, in bond London.

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