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## Bordeaux's Petits Châteaux 2018 Refreshingly Good Value

After an exhilarating few days of high end 2018 releases, we felt it was time for something a touch more refreshing, something we can put away for a couple of years and enjoy over kitchen supper, at shoot lunches, watching the news; delicious wines for every day drinking.

These are soul food wines, made by people who are passionate about their inconveniently small plots; growers who have no delusions of grandeur and just want to make the best possible wine and serve it to delighted drinkers. What's not to like about that?

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Château Haut Gay, Bordeaux Supérieur 2018	bottles	6 per case	£25
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From *négociant*-turned-vigneron Guillaume de Tastes' vineyards to the north of St Emilion, with its trade-mark bright orange label. Deep purple black with a fresh vibrant nose of jammy and juicy black fruit, leading to a palate of sweet black fruit, briary and primary, very fresh and easy, juicy and so tasty with mid-weight, ripe tannins and going to a deliciously ripe finish. Oh, the simple pleasures! Drink 2023 - 2027

Château Beaulieu Comtes de Tastes, Bordeaux Supérieur 2018	bottles	6 per case	£29
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Guillaume de Tastes' top *cuvée*: deep red black with mouth-watering black fruits on the nose, and sweet, juicy fruit behind, spiced, leading to a palate of big cool black fruit, substantial ripe tannins, with a judicious splash of oak, going to a sweet, plump, broad finish. Yum! Drink 2024 - 2028

Château Carignan 2018	bottles	12 per case	£80
Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux	magnums	6 per case	£92

Deep red black right to the rim with a nose of dusty, mineral black fruit, tight and rich, really expressive, leading to a rich, deep, densely fruited palate, very intense with notes of warm black fruit, spiced, layered, almost tactile with supple tannins and freshness behind; this will take some time to come round and you get lots of bang for your buck here. Drink 2022 - 2028

Château Vieux Robin, Médoc 2018	bottles	12 per case	£105
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Vibrant purple black with a lovely clean black-fruited nose, sweet and brambly, very alluring, leading to a densely concentrated palate again with sweet red and black fruit and substantial tannins behind; there's lovely depth here, sweet and rich, with a juicily long finish. Rich and easy, definitely worth a detour. Drink 2024 - 2030

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Clos Fontaine 2018	bottles	6 per case	£60
Côtes de Francs	magnums	3 per case	£60

Belonging to part of the extended Thienpont family, Clos Fontaine is incredibly small yet with spectacular ambitions; it is made from 100% Merlot from 75 year old vines and aged in barrels from Vieux Château Certan. Deep red black with a nose of bright red fruits, redcurrants and even some raspberry notes, red and black cherry without being overly floral along with a hint of red cherry *clafoutis*. On the palate bright, juicy fresh fruits, rich and ripe, intense with fine supple tannins behind, floral and leafy with a really long, fresh, mineral finish – what a lovely wine! Drink 2023 - 2028

Château Cissac, Médoc 2018	bottles	12 per case	£110
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Deep red black with a nose of dense plummy black fruit, ripe and intense with some light leafy notes behind, layered and inviting. Rich and dense on the palate with more than enough big black fruits to balance the substantial tannic structure and sweetness, with lovely cool fruit on the long, plummy, perfumed finish. Drink 2024 - 2034

Château Cap de Haut 2018	bottles	12 per case	£115
Haut Médoc	magnums	6 per case	£125
	double magnum	1 per case	£80
	imperial	1 per case	£130

In 2018, the Merlot was reduced to accommodate 8% of the excellent Petit Verdot. Deep red black, not opaque, with a nose of crisp blackcurrant fruit, some warm red berry fruit, creamy and really alluring with an overall fresh feel. On the palate intense smooth black fruit with a lovely perfume from the Petit Verdot, vibrant and fresh, surprisingly racy with a grilled coffee note behind and a long, bright finish. This was our first tasting of our trip after a very early flight – what a great start to the day! Drink 2020 - 2028+

Château Mauvesin Barton, Moulis 2018		12 per case	£140
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A true house wine in every sense, this is the production from Lilian Barton's own home, with the family know-how very apparent. Vibrant red black with a sweet, juicy, jammy, delicious black cherry and blackcurrant nose really alluring, leading to a palate of cool black fruits, with soft extraction, fresh and initially appearing quite simple before it broadens and plumps out to a lovely racy, fresh, unladen finish. Really nicely done. Drink 2022 - 2029+

Château Fagnouse 2018	bottles	12 per case	£150
Grand Cru St Emilion	magnums	6 per case	£162

70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc; new to the hustings this year and exclusive to Private Cellar, from a 9 hectare family-owned property in Saint-Etienne-de-Lisse, on clay-limestone soils with 40 year old vines. Deep purple black to the rim, semi-opaque, with a nose of blackcurrant and creamed black fruits, sweet and dark on the palate with a hint of dark chocolate and caramel behind, and then surprisingly fresh with fine crunchy black fruits going to a tarry, fresh, pure finish. Drink 2024 - 2029

Château Tour Baladoz, Grand Cru St Emilion 2018	bottles	6 per case	£78
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The Tour Baladoz vineyards sit partly on the limestone plateau and partly in the glorious bowl of vines which make up St Laurent des Combes, with the Château between the two. 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, the last 5% is made up of Cabernet Sauvignon with Petit Verdot. Inky black with a nose of damson, mulberry, loganberry, rich and dense, really alluring with lovely balanced grilled, toasty notes too. On the palate recognisably Tour Baladoz with slightly wild black fruits, sweet and intense, toasty with a distant menthol note behind with fine ripe tannins, the alcohol hidden behind the fruit, going to a long, rich, grilled finish. Drink 2024 - 2032+

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Château Haut Breton Larigaudière, Margaux 2018                      bottles                      6 per case                      £90

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Winemaker Jean-Michel Garcion has produced a stunner in 2018 from 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 15% Petit Verdot. Deep, dense purple black with a nose of plummily rich black fruit, very elegant and perfumed, inky and toasty with the Petit Verdot perfume to the fore and a light savoury note too. Rich, mouth-filling black fruits on the palate with supple yet substantial tannins behind, spiced, perfumed, focused, with a grilled, tarry note behind, overlaid by violets and going to an intense, evolving, persistent finish. Drink 2025 - 2035

Château Moulin Haut Laroque, Fronsac 2018                      bottles                      12 per case                      £175

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Dense deep purple black with a nose of sweet, brambly black fruits with a hint of tar, leading to a palate of big black fruits, perfumed, musky and very ripe, with fine, supple, hidden tannins and lovely depth and intensity going to a sweet, rich, finish. Really stylish wine. Drink 2023 - 2030

Château d'Aiguilhe, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2018                      bottles                      12 per case                      £185

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Owned by Stephan von Neipperg of 1er Grand Cru Classé Canon la Gaffelière and produced from vineyards on stark limestone soils. Dense purple black, tactile, with a nose of tight black fruits, fresh blackcurrant, spices, creamed and black skinned fruits. On the palate, huge black fruits on entry, sweet and ripe, briary and spiced, with a really substantial, ripe tannic structure, sweet and succulent with lovely freshness behind, long, rich, elegant and destined for a long life. Such good value. Drink 2025 - 2033



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