



# PRIVATE CELLAR



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## Ets Jean-Pierre Moueix 2018, En Primeur Offer

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Knowing how the Moueix family aim to reflect *terroir* and respect vintage character in their wines, our *primeur* tasting with them is always one of the most important moments of the week. Usually their wines confirm our impressions about the year's style but just occasionally we arrive somewhat confused by our tasting experiences to date; 2018 was one of those less than clear-cut vintages. We had been assaulted by tannins, alcohol and slippery soft fruit elsewhere and were looking for our benchmarks, which we happily found after a couple of hours intense tasting.

Having seen Edouard Moueix regularly between harvest and *en primeur* week, we were very aware of an undercurrent of excitement about their 2018s, perhaps augmented by the contrast between the bad spring and the long hot summer, and when we tasted the wines we could see why. A huge depth of fruit is underscored by super-ripe, supple tannins and, despite Merlot's propensity to race up the alcohol scale, all the wines have a freshness and elegance which we found missing in many other places; there is a lot of power in the wines yet it is beautifully restrained. These are, in the most part, wines which will give pleasure when young but which will also be able to mature and evolve well over the mid- to longer-term.

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### Saint Emilion

*£ per case  
in bond, London*

Château Fagnouse, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	NEW	2018	12 bottles	£150
			6 magnums	£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 Puy Blanquet, Saint Emilion Grand Cru		2018	12 bottles	£165
			6 magnums	£177

85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Dense purple black, not quite opaque with a nose of ripe black fruits, intense but pure with mineral notes too; on the palate dense black fruit, rich and ripe, with big structured tannins and again fresh crunchy fruit notes to the fore, going to a long, rich, creamed finish. A big wine with crunch and tannins, which will drink well for a few years to come. Drink 2025 - 2035



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			£ per case in bond, London
Château Pindefleurs, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£190 £202

#### 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Deep purple in colour with an intense nose of blackcurrant fruit, fresh and identifiable, with some creamed notes too, toasty and grilled, leading to a palate of rounded almost exotic spiced fruits, sweet and ripe, with substantial ripe tannins behind yet really fresh and poised and going to a long, creamed, lightly grilled yet fresh finish. Delicious. Drink 2024 - 2030

Château La Serre, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£480 £492
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#### 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

Deep purple black with a nose of toasty grilled red and black fruits, reminiscent of a *crème brûlée* with fresh blackberries. On the palate typical La Serre characteristics – substantial smooth creamy black fruits, very supple tannins, very visible oak influence but with a zip of freshness too. Love it! Drink 2024 - 2032

Clos La Madeleine, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	NEW	2018	6 bottles 3 magnums	£325 £331
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#### 76% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc

A property purchased by the Moueix family in September 2017. Deep purple red to the rim with a nose of tight black fruits, very closed at present, with sweet black cherry and some crunchy blackcurrant notes behind; smooth black fruits on the palate with substantial ripe tannins, structured and dense going to a long finish. Really quite grown up. Drink 2024 - 2030+

Château Bélair Monange, 1er Grand Cru Classé Saint Emilion	2018	6 bottles	TBC
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#### 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Dense opaque black red to the rim with a nose of stinky blackcurrant fruit, fresh and crunchy yet very ripe too, sweet and savoury. On the palate big black fruits, supple yet substantial, rich with intense blackcurrant fruit, spiced and floral too with some distant toasty notes, going to a long, intense yet cool and poised finish. Really powerful wine for the longer term, superb. Drink 2028 - 2039

### Lalande de Pomerol

Château de Bel-Air, Lalande de Pomerol	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£190 £202
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#### 73% Merlot; 19% Cabernet Franc; 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

Deep purple black to the rim with a nose of creamed black fruits, more restrained than the St Emilions at this stage; smooth creamed black fruits on the palate, with big tannins behind some spicity fruit, then a fresh vibrancy comes through and it finishes much more complete than it starts, growing and amplifying. This wine will give a lot of pleasure in the mid-term. Drink 2022 - 2028

### Pomerol

Château Moulinet Lasserre, Pomerol	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£295 £307
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#### 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Dense, opaque black right to the rim with a deliciously toasty nose of creamed black fruits, grilled and intense, with a stony, mineral note behind. On the palate big crunchy black fruits, surprisingly fresh with a layer of grilled oak, toasty and rich, with super-ripe tannins behind and a lovely structure. Drink 2025 - 2031



			£ per case in bond, London
Château Plince, Pomerol	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£335 £347
79% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc Slightly lighter in colour yet dense, to the rim; on the nose perfumed black fruits, mulberry, black cherry, sloe, damson, with some distant grilled notes behind and on the palate, all of the above and more, with big toasty black fruit underscored by firm, ripe tannins, some grip yet fresh, toasty and supple with a lovely fruited finish. Drink 2024 - 2030			
Château Lafleur-Gazin, Pomerol	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£345 £357
100% Merlot Very deep red black to the rim with a nose of crunchy black fruit, tight with some spice leading to a palate of musky black fruits, crunchy with substantial tannins, a fresh leafy note behind despite being pure Merlot, some toasty dark chocolate too, going to a fresh, vibrant, juicy finish which grows and develops. Drink 2024 - 2031			
Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol	2018	12 bottles 6 magnums	£450 £462
80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc Deep purple black right to the rim with a nose of savoury, tight black fruits and some grilled notes behind, fresh; on the palate huge smooth black fruits on entry, vibrant and more substantial than the others, very slightly reduced at this stage with lovely grilled toasty notes behind that, and big blackcurrant fruit – but definitely not opulent and needs time to show its true potential. Drink 2025 - 2032			
Château Certan de May, Pomerol	2018	6 bottles 3 magnums	TBC TBC
70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon Deep red black to the rim, not quite opaque, with a tight, mineral, stony nose of black fruits, distant, some perfume yet not hugely expressive; on the palate sweet and soured black fruits, fresh yet super ripe too with a light savoury, almost saline, twist, underscored by substantial ripe tannins and a long, pure, saline, linear finish. The best Certan de May for some time. Drink 2025 - 2035			
Château Hosanna, Pomerol	2018	6 bottles	TBC
70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc Dense purple black with tight black fruit on the nose, some leafy cassis notes, very restrained leading to a smooth palate on entry with the same crunchy black fruits, fresh and vibrant, intense and dense, with hints of dark chocolate, smoky, really alluring, with very ripe, supple tannins behind, and going to a really long, rich, evolving finish. Superb – this hints at so much to come! Drink 2025 - 2035			
Château La Fleur Pétrus, Pomerol	2018	6 bottles	TBC
91% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot Deep red black right to the rim with a nose of big black cherry fruit without being sweet, mineral and very restrained; on the palate more smooth black fruits with power behind them, mineral and savoury with substantial, supple tannins, perfectly in check, going to a vibrant, fresh, floral finish with a toasty, grilled note behind. This will need time to grow into itself. Wow! Drink 2027 - 2038+			

We tasted these wines on Monday 1st April 2019 at the offices of Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix

These wines will be shipped in the spring of 2021

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