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Bordeaux 2008
En Primeur Offer

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After 2007 the equally wet summer of 2008 was at first touted as being another disappointing washout. Even the French press jumped on the bandwagon. However, it was not so with an Indian summer coming not just to rescue the vintage but craft some very polished wines indeed. The Genesis tasting trip in April 2009 proved to be a pleasant one.

More so than ever pricing is going to be crucial. As you can see from James' report on the facing page and our list of recommendations, there are plenty of good wines both on the Left and Right Banks (though the whites do not quite reach the heights of the reds) but it is now in the hands of the Châteaux as to whether they will make these wines financially accessible in these economically turbulent times.

We expect prices to be released during the second half of April and throughout May. Please could you indicate your interest on the Wish List (page 13 before the T&Cs) together with the best contact numbers/email addresses and we will provide you with regular updates on the releases. Alternatively you will be able to view the prices on our web site www.genesiswines.com, as châteaux release their wines.

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The Offer

- Prices quoted are estimated price spreads per case of 12 x 75cl in bond UK, unless otherwise indicated. As soon as a wine is released we will confirm the price to you. Any confirmed prices are shown in bold. Wines are listed by commune and alphabetically within each commune.
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- Payment is due with order.
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Introduction

Bad timing or good timing? Good timing can definitely be used to describe the late summer sunshine that saved the day in Bordeaux (more on the weather in the following section), while bad timing is more apt when it comes to the arrival of a good vintage when the world's appetite for blue chip wines is at its lowest in over decade. Economics aside the 2008 vintage has crafted some really wonderful wines; the words ripe and pure appear in the tasting notes time and time again, tannins on the whole are ripe and balanced, and where oak has been used carefully the over all weight of the wines is good and plump without being over the top; dilute 2007-a-likes these are not. Only acidity levels on the low side are a noticeable short coming (but then again at the time they said 1985 lacked the acidity to be a truly great wines so maybe over analysis of single component does not give the whole story). In short, external economic influences have knocked the confidence out of the market and this offer of 60 or wines is a bit of a 'suck it and see' exercise. If it were down purely to wine quality the drinker and investor alike would be all over these wines and Genesis would be at the front of the queue.

Growing Conditions

The summer of 2008 was not a lot better in Bordeaux than it was in the UK, with July offering the only really dry sunny month. August was wet and it was not until the weekend of 13th September that things got any better, thereafter a glorious Indian Summer set in, the grapes ripened during warm days and retained their profiles during the cool nights. Most of the Chateaux recorded their latest ever harvests and some were still picking in November.

This extra long growing season was paired with low yields. The beginning of April saw a severe frost (the temperature got down to -4°C in the Southern Graves and Sauternes) that damaged the developing buds especially among the white vines. Then a very wet and warm May resulted in significant loss from mildew. However, this natural thinning of the crop was the saving grace for the vintage, because when the mid to late September sun came the vines were able to expend their energy over less bunches resulting in grapes of full ripeness and concentration.

The Wines

Star of the show this year is Pauillac, where hardly a bad wine has been made, the commune would argue (and most would agree) that this is where it should be. Saint Julien is just behind but there was the odd duffer out there. Margaux and Saint Estephe each have wines that should grace many a cellar, especially where the extraction has not been overdone. Pessac was slightly erratic but the top producers and some old favourites will provide excellent drinking at sensible prices. On the right bank Saint Emilion (the one commune that I had heard good rumours about prior to my visit) has some excellent wines but as ever in the most point chasing region of Bordeaux some wines that left me scratching my head and asking what is wrong with keeping it simple? Pomerol is good, and again it is the usual consistent Chateaux who left an impression.

For the whites, despite Haut Brion claiming that their 08s were as good as their 07s (they are not), generally the wines are good, but not exceptional. In Sauternes the few I tasted were perfectly charming and will provide good medium term drinking that will please rather than excite.

Prices

So now for the crux of the matter – the price. It appears that the barrage of pleas from négociants and merchants around the world may just have had an effect. We are praying that the muted comments coming our way from the owners will be acted upon and that we will see a return to the level of price last seen when the 2004s were released, even if the present exchange rate claws some of that back. That said the quality of wines are good, and in some places great, so let us pray that the prices are sensible. If they are this will be a vintage that may well turn out to be a bargain in comparison with many recent ones, And let us pray also that the euro takes an almighty pounding over the next few weeks, it is well overdue.



James Price
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Genesis Recommends

Best overall	Château Lafite Rothschild
Punches above its weight	Château Langoa Barton
Not to be overlooked	Château Palmer (<i>price depending</i>)
What we would buy	Château Haut Batailley
Classic beauty	Château Pichon Longueville Baron
Consistent improver	Château Barde Haut
Continued bargain	Château Cantemerle
Cheap thrill	Clos Floridine Rouge

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Saint Estèphe

Château Calon Ségur 3ème Cru

confirmed £295

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot

Terrific nose with layers of peppery spice complementing the cassis and blackberry fruit aromas. The palate is ripe, rich and lush with delicious feminine flavours of raspberries and meringue even. Great acidity too. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 18.

Château Cos d'Estournel 2ème Cru

confirmed £780

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc. 80% new oak.

Quite tense on the nose but with plenty of purity too. In the mouth it is ripe and juicy – opulent almost – with lots of cassis and a touch of graphite. Plenty of length on the finish with good acidity and persistence. This feels like it is almost ready to drink now. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 18.

Pagodes de Cos

confirmed £240

53% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot. 50% new oak.

Sweet-scented and floral nose. The palate shows some black fruit pastille appeal with lovely rich and juicy fresh fruit flavours. Toasty oak gives some added structure. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.

Château Montrose 2ème Cru

confirmed £495

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. 60% of total production.

Slightly muted on the nose but with lots of lurking dark fruit and hints of new wood. Very rich and succulent palate with good balancing tannins as well. Quite classy plus just a hint of edginess to go with the weighty and big finish. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17+.

La Dame de Montrose

confirmed £180

56% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon. 28% of total production.

A nose of polished herbal notes has some warmth too. Very ripe in the mouth the impact is soft and sweet with baked black forest fruit flavours. Good structure on the finish with nice acidity. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 16+.

Pauillac

Château Clerc Milon 5ème Cru

confirmed £270

42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot.

The nose veers towards meaty extract notes with the fruit aromas slightly muted. More supple and pure than the Duhart and is better for it too. Cassis plus a bit of spice with good length on the finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.5.

Château Duhart Milon 4ème Cru

confirmed £265

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot.

The muted nose is followed up by a fleshy palate with lots of ripeness and richness infused with spice and herb flavours. Good Cabernet blackcurrant and leaf flavours present. This is very classy, though at the moment lacks a bit of balance to finish; tannins are a little firm. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 17.

Château Grand Puy Lacoste 5ème Cru

confirmed £285

69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc. 65% new oak.

A smooth nose shows lots of pure cassis. Very round and succulent on the palate with lots of purity again. Very cassis to finish, it is delicious with good elegant tannins. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.5+.

Château Haut Batailley 5ème Cru

confirmed £210

66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc. 55% new oak.

Lovely elegant and juicy nose. Good purity in the mouth with a nice coolness. The sweetness and purity of the fruit leave a gentle impression. It finishes sexily with a touch of toasty oak. Delicious. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 17.

Château Lafite Rothschild 1er Cru

£1600-2000

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc.

Almost opaque in colour it has a classic Lafite nose: deep and exotic herbs plus spice layered with black fruit. As usual the palate is very cerebral showing big fruit complexity and plenty of structured richness. The good acidity sits in the background providing a lovely freshness to finish. Restrained yet full to the brim. Very, very Lafite and very, very good. Drink from 2017. Genesis score 18.5++ (almost 19)

Carrudes de Lafite

£600-850

51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc.

Mineral nose with supple black fruits too. In the mouth there is good finesse, nice structure and refreshing acidity. Relaxed, this shows a stylish, yet unforced, polish. Very good. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17+.

Château Latour 1er Cru

£1600-2000

94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 0.75% Cabernet Franc, 0.25% Petit Verdot. 40% of total production.

The nose has lots of perfume with minty notes but almost no fruit evident for now. Big weight on the palate with immense texture and power; this is very intense but not OTT at all. There is masses of concentration but the overall structure with hints of oak is very balanced. Broader than the other firsts, it has less fleshiness than Mouton but is bigger than Lafite. Won't please everyone but it is proper Bordeaux. Drink from 2020+. Genesis score 18.5+.

Les Forts de Latour

confirmed £550

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc. 47% of total production.

Striking notes of anise and spice feature on the nose plus a touch of menthol warmth too. Super-supple impact in the mouth with lots of roundness and some mintiness. More mineral than most Pauillacs it has a lot of polish and is the best of the second wines. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.5.

Château Lynch Bages 5ème Cru

confirmed £385

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot. 15 months in barrel.

Touch of green pepper on nose to complement the forest fruits. Very smooth and rounded on the palate, this is a very big wine. The tannins are quite evident at present but will balance eventually with the sweet fruits on the finish. Drink from 2018. Genesis score 17.5.

Château Mouton Rothschild 1er Cru

£1600-2000

83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot.

Pure blackcurrant fruit nose – not confected or sugary at all – with a touch of oak evident too. On the palate it has a very smooth impact with huge purity and bags of classy precision. Lots of warm fruit and well judged oak, the texture and the mouthfeel are so polished and creamy. Fresher than the other firsts. Very, very classy. Drink from 2020. Genesis score 18.5+

Château Pichon Longueville Baron 2ème Cru

confirmed £515

71% Cabernet Sauvignon and 29% Merlot. 15-18 months in barrel.

Aromas of leaf with some sweet black fruit too. Very ripe and juicy in the mouth with lots of power and richness. Muscular compared to Comtesse, it is big and long but with a softness too appearing on the finish. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.5+.

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2ème Cru

confirmed £470

63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc. 50% new oak.

Very tight yet very rich and round too; this shows great potential. The palate is full of black fruit, warming wood, concentration, grip and balance. This has it all. Excellent. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 18.5.

Château Pontet Canet 5ème Cru

confirmed £515

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot.

A lovely nose of sweet fruit and enticing oak spice is elegant and suggestively sexy. Super ripe in the mouth it is very rich and sweet with lots of polish and wood, but great acidity and crunch keep it all in check. Very, very black flavoured and pure. This is so well done. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 18.

Saint Julien

Château Beychevelle 4ème Cru

confirmed £260

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc. 15-18 months in barrel.

Nice fruit on nose, there is good richness and some minerality on the palate. Good grip and pithiness to finish. Drink from 2014+. Genesis score 16.

Château Branaire Ducru 4ème Cru

confirmed £275

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot.

Lovely, sexy nose of very pure black fruit aromas. In the mouth it is very sweet to start with but moves quickly onto lots of dry blackcurrant flavours and a nice crunchy finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 17.

Château Ducru Beaucaillou 2ème Cru

confirmed £760

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot. 90% new oak.

Dense and masculine nose with lots of concentration and hints of meatiness and leafy cassis. The palate is ripe and very silky to start with then gives way to more a densely structured slightly menthol finish. Full bodied and powerful but elegant to finish. Drink from 2017. Genesis score 17+.

Croix de Beaucaillou

confirmed £190

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot. 60% new oak.

Spicy and elegant on the nose, the palate shows a lot of cassis with good minerality too. Reasonably ripe and rich, this shows a bit of modern styled extraction on the finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.

Château Gruaud Larose 2ème Cru

confirmed £280

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot. 40% new oak.

Nose is slightly muted with a suggestion of summer berries. Ripe yet with good grip there are fresh flavours of menthol and herbs layered on a foundation of blackcurrant and blackberry. It finishes sweetly but is not forced in the slightest. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.

Château Langoa Barton 3ème Cru

confirmed £245

67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc. 50% new oak.

Quite sweet on the nose with nice vanilla touches. On the palate it is very juicy and pure with an extra layer of freshness and gripiness coming through on the black fruit infused finish. Very good indeed. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 17++.

Château Léoville Barton 2ème Cru

confirmed £330

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc. 50% new oak.

The nose explodes from the glass with bags of cinnamon and clove spiciness layered on fruity blackberry. Lots of weight and impact in the mouth showing cassis and dark plum, it is fantastically polished and could seem overripe if it was not for the balancing acidity on the finish that returns to the spiciness showed on the nose. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 18.

Château Léoville Las Cases 2ème Cru

£700-850

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot. 65% new oak.

Stunning and esoteric nose with youthful vanilla aromas. On the palate it tastes like it is more mature with plenty of texture and lots of polish coming towards the finish, which is very, very long indeed. This is very close to being exceptional. Drink from 1017+. Genesis score 18.

Clos du Marquis

£175-240

55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot. 25% new oak.

Classical nose with black hedgerow fruit and herbal notes. Lovely sweet impact in the mouth with ripe, Cabernet-dominant flavours of cassis and green leaves. Lots of length and good definition it has a rich and warming finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16+.

Château Léoville Poyferré 2ème Cru

confirmed £315

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot. 75% new oak.

More serious than the Barton but with a less exuberant nose. The palate however has a very sweet start with creamy oak, crushed berries and a touch of spice. Is not quite showing its full personality at present but should come around. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 16.5?

Château Talbot 4ème Cru

confirmed £245

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot. 50% new barrels.

Aromas of forest fruits combine with forest floor also; even a hint of truffle too. The palate has lots of pure cassis and fresh berry fruits. Overall quite light and elegant. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.5?

Margaux

Château d'Issan 3ème Cru

confirmed £263

Light and fresh nose with lovely ripe cassis and graphite aromas. Very pure with no edges or angles at all. Lovely balance and great acidity to finish. Very, very good. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 17.

Château Kirwan 3ème Cru

confirmed £250

Lovely and spicy ripe dark fruits on the nose. The palate is quite fleshy though with nice tannins and a good helping of rich oak. This is like a more concentrated version of du Tertre. Very long to finish with. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 16+

Château Lascombes 2ème Cru

confirmed £370

55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot. 18-20 months in barrel.

Super supple sexy nose that is sure to be a Parker-pleaser; touches of spice evident too. Rich, ripe and fleshy in the mouth. Very upfront and rounded but there is good structure too supplied by well judged tannins and warming oak. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.

Château Margaux 1er Cru

£1600-2000

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot 1.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Cabernet Franc. 31% of total production.

Fantastic nose of cassis and spice; it is quite high toned. So polished and juicy in the mouth, the berry flavours are very creamy. Classy and noticeably Cabernet, it has great minerality and acidity too. Quite big tannins but very, very sweet to counter-balance Very much a mind wine now, this will open and show more personality with time. Drink from 2016+. Genesis score 18.

Pavillon Rouge

confirmed £315

68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 1% Petit Verdot. 47% of total production.

Lovely feminine-tinged nose, it is elegant and perfumed. Very pure, sexy and creamy textured in the mouth. This is showing so well now that it is not a really a keeper. Drink from 2013+. Genesis score 17.

Pavillon Blanc

100% Sauvignon Blanc.

Very tense and nervy on the nose showing plenty of citrus aromas – it could almost be a Loire Sauvignon on the nose. Very mineral on palate with plenty of purity and elegance, it finishes with rapier-like precision. This is what a Bordeaux Sauvignon should be like. Drink from 2011-2014, or after 2020. Genesis score 17.

confirmed £725

Château Palmer 3^{ème} Cru

51% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot.

Lovely purity on the nose with a touch of cassis. Good rich and ripe mouthfeel, with hints of herbs as well more cassis. Lovely purity and weight with terrific balancing acidity. This is delicious and a real show stopper. Drink from 2016+. Genesis score 18.5.

confirmed £1020

Alter Ego

52% Merlot, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Much more Bordeaux-like than in previous years it shows a bit of spice on the nose, while the palate has a supple impact but with a cool streak too. Lovely freshness, and nice sweetness too. This is good. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16+.

£250-350

Château Rauzan Séglà 2^{ème} Cru

55% of total production.

No edges on a very together and fleshy ripe nose that has a touch of vanillin oak too. Polished and attractive this is very long with lots of blackcurrant purity and some supple touches of cream. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 16.5.

confirmed £430

Château du Tertre 5^{ème} Cru

Very perfumed nose with deep black fruits and a noticeable element of creaminess. The palate is tauter and less extravagant with good tannin structure and nice crunchy acidity. Good length. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.5+.

confirmed £190

Haut Médoc & Moulis en Médoc

Château Beaumont Cru Bourgeois, Haut Médoc

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. 12-14 months in barrel.

Cinnamon spiciness on the nose eases onto a gentle and supple palate with some redcurrant juiciness and balanced medium length finish. Drink from 2011. Genesis score 15+.

confirmed £75

Château Cantemerle 5^{ème} Cru, Haut Médoc

58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc. 40% new oak.

The nose shows plenty of herbal and spice notes on top of juicy blackcurrants. Good and ripe in the mouth with an attractive hint of oak apparent. Mid weight and drinkable. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 16.

confirmed £170

Château Chasse Spleen Cru Bourgeois, Moulis en Médoc

confirmed £160

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. 40% new oak.

A good nose with lots of upfront bramble fruit and a touch of cream too. A bit of crunch on the finish leaves a impression of freshness. Not bad at all. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 15+.

Château La Tour Carnet 4^{ème} Cru, Haut Médoc

confirmed £199

51% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. 70% new oak.

Big upfront nose that jumps out of the glass. Lots of concentration with big fruit and big oak. Lots of ripe tannins, a few oaky ones too. Modern and possibly a bit over done for some. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 16.5?

Pessac-Léognan

Château Branon Cru Classé

confirmed £460

Very flashy nose that shows lots of power and concentration. Very rich in the mouth with lots of ripe blackberry and fine tannins. Quite complex with a very long finish and a lasting impression of power. Drink from 2015+.

Genesis score 17.5.

Domaine de Chevalier Cru Classé

confirmed £280

An intriguing nose of rubber plantation and cassis is followed up by a palate packed with sweet blackcurrant fruit and lots of rounded juiciness; not OTT though. Nice minerality and super long to finish. Drink from 2013+.

Genesis score 16.5.

Domaine de Chevalier Blanc Cru Classé

£450-600

70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30% Semillon. 33% new oak.

Very mineral on the nose with more restraint and less up front fruit than the white Smith Haut Lafite. There is oak present but this is a more subdued style. Very elegant and very long, this will be very good with time. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 17+.

Clos Floridene Rouge

confirmed £85

Nice richness evident on the nose with lots of round cassis and touches of oak. Palate is soft and really easy going though there is good acidity too. Very pure. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 15.5.

Clos Floridene Blanc

£110-130

Nice nose with hints of pear and orchard fruit. The palate is racier than the nose with added citrus flavours and a noticeably green grassiness. Touch of oak on the finish gives a nice dollop of weight and balance. Drink from 2011.

Genesis score 15.5.

Château Haut Bergey Cru Classé

confirmed £170

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot. 50% new oak.

Good black fruit juiciness and minerality on the nose. Lots of good ripe cassis and blackberry in the mouth plus quite a lot of acidity. More minerality on the finish with a nice added element of freshness and grip. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.5+.

Château Haut Bergey Blanc Cru Classé

confirmed £230

80% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Semillon. Only 3000 bottles produced.

Fresh and citrus filled nose with plenty of zesty limey notes. On the palate it is warm and very juicy with good acidity on finish and a touch of oak. Big and bright this is very, very good indeed. Drink from 2012. Genesis score 17+.

Château Haut Brion 1er Cru

£1600-2000

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc.

A subtle but very Haut Brion nose with some sexy perfume of dried flowers and cassis. In the mouth it is very juicy and succulent with a lovely texture of rich fruits overlaid with ripe sweet oak, but not intrusively so. Very pure on the finish with good grip and polish. Very good, and very classy. Drink from 2020. Genesis score 18.5+.

Château La Mission Haut Brion Cru Classé

£900-1400

51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc.

Brilliantly enticing nose with glossy fruits and feminine perfume. Full and ripe dark fruits hit the palate immediately with plenty of concentration and grip. Medium bodied tannins indicate unforced restraint despite the polish and quite toasty oak hints. Very long. Drink from 2018. Genesis score 18.

Château Smith Haut Lafite Blanc Cru Classé

£375-450

90% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Sauvignon Gris, 5% Semillon. 50% new oak.

Almost a mandarin-infused nose with hints of orange blossom. Very distinctive. The palate has lovely citrus flavours with warm oak and good weight. Fresh and very appealing. Drink from 2011. Genesis score 17.

Saint Emilion

the classifications stated have been voided but are stated here for completion

Château Ausone Premier Grand Cru Classé A

£2000+

55% Cabernet Franc, 45% Merlot. 100% new oak.

Fantastic nose of blackberry and blueberry jump out of the glass; you could keep smelling this for hours. Very polished in the mouth with superb concentration though it is so unforced. Layered, succulent and with a touch of oak evident this is very, very, very long! Brilliant. Drink from 2018+. Genesis score 18.5.

Chapelle d'Ausone

£500-650

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc. 30% of total production.

Very pure and sexy in a similar way to the first wine but with more oak notes evident. Lush and textured plus inner mouth perfume. Round, very persistent and ultra pure on the finish. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.

Château Barde Haut Grand Cru

confirmed £195

Slightly minty on the nose, this has a super ripe palate with grip and definition and very, very pure blackcurrant fruit. Again terrific acidity and length to finish with. This is the best B-H yet. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 17+.

Château Cheval Blanc Premier Grand Cru Classé A

£1600-2200

50% Cabernet Franc, 50% Merlot.

Dense and meaty nose with some sweetness lurking underneath. Very pure on the palate with density and power coming through. This is a very serious wine with lots of black fruit polish, purity and structured tannins. Very powerful and very long. Drink from 2018. Genesis score 17.5+.

Château Fleur Cardinale Grand Cru Classé

confirmed £225

70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

A subtle and gently feminine nose. On the palate it is vibrant and black fruit flavoured with some sweetness and decent tannins. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16.5.

Château de Fonbel Grand Cru

confirmed £114

65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot. 30% new oak.

Very pure and easy drinking with a deliciously inviting attack and quite a lot of structure. Very pure and unforced blackcurrant flavours. Good and persistent. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16+.

Château Monbousquet Grand Cru Classé

£260-340

60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. 60% new oak.

Meaty barrel extract comes to the fore on the nose with cedary wood hints too. It has a sweet and juicy mouthfeel that is very textured and concentrated. Pretty tannins that seem a touch extracted but not at all bad. Freshness very evident on the finish. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 16.5+.

Château Rol Valentin Grand Cru

confirmed £220

Meaty extract with a bit of plum. Very ripe almost prune style this is very modern and forward in style. Lots of power on finish that is just about in check. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 16.5.

Château Troplong Mondot Premier Grand Cru Classé B

confirmed £465

90% Merlot, 5% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Cabernet Franc

Super nose with deep plum and blackberry aromas. On the palate it starts with a big attack of very sweet ripe fruit then follows through with more structure. Big and powerful. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 17.

Pomerol & Satellites

Clos l'Eglise

confirmed £520

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc. 50% new oak.

Very rich black fruit aromas with dark mocha notes too. This has real power, depth and concentration. Fantastic acidity, verve and structure with some floral elegance too on the long finish. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 18.

Château La Fleur de Bouard, Lalande de Pomerol

confirmed £165

Quite round and ripe with juicy blackcurrant appeal. Top acidity on the finish paired with good fine tannins. A good easy drinking effort. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 16.5.

Château La Pointe

75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc. 35% new oak.

Very good ripe cassis and blackcurrant fruit on both the palate and nose. Good balance with an overall gentle and attractive appeal. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 16+.

confirmed £180

Château Nenin

81% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc. 22% new oak.

Quite muted on the nose though with a delicate feminine perfume showing with time. The palate has some class but again it is not shouting that loudly. Quite a bit of spice comes through on finish with some warmth too. Drink from 2014. Genesis score 15.5.

£250-325

Vieux Chateau Certan

70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. 16-22 months in barrel.

A perfumed nose that is very pure and quite sexy but a bit richer than normal – owing to being later picked possibly? Very sexy on finish too, with a round, expressive and juicy personality. Absolutely delicious. Drink from 2015+. Genesis score 18+. (*sample assembled 10 days before being tasted*)

confirmed £465

Sauternes

Château Doisy-Vedrines 2ème Cru

85% Semillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc.

Very sweet and candied on the nose with aromas of sugared rhubarb. More lemony on the palate with touches of spice and lifting zest. Fresh and pure with good persistence and length, but lacks a little acidity possibly. Drink from 2012. Genesis score 16.

confirmed £230

Château de Fargues

80% Semillon, 20% Sauvignon Blanc.

Ethereal nose of apricot, honey and grapefruit. Very, very rich and ripe in the mouth this shows brilliant impact with out sacrificing finesse. Good sweet brioche and toast flavours too. Brilliant acidity. Very, very good. Drink from 2015. Genesis score 18.

confirmed £865

Château Suduiraut 1er Cru Sauternes

90% Semillon, 10% Sauvignon Blanc.

Very fresh nose of lemon and honeycomb. This is proper Sauternes with good sweetness and depth without being OTT. The long finish has notes of honeyed melon and really good acidity with lots of lift. Drink from 2013. Genesis score 17.

confirmed £425

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