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I started writing this by saying this month we are celebrating our love of French wine. What I should say is that we adore all things French throughout the year at Glengarry. After all, when you have the largest range of quality Champagne in New Zealand together with a Bordeaux offering of staggering depth (and that's just two regions), it'd be far more accurate to say we are slightly obsessed.

So, we are shining a spotlight on our range, and what a range it is. An expertly curated portfolio of wines from all around France. The majority of these wines are tasted, selected and imported by Glengarry. Imported in temperature-controlled containers to ensure that we present the wines to you in perfect condition. The balance sourced from our long-standing partners.

This offer is comprehensive beyond belief, and we make no apology for that. In fact, we've put it together in this format to give you the opportunity to explore the breadth of what is in store and online.

The majority of these wines are at Glengarry Victoria Park and Glengarry Thorndon Quay, in our temperature-controlled cellars, the rest in our storage cellar which is also temperature-controlled.

I trust you'll enjoy perusing this offer and the many wineries and wines that represent some of the very best wines in the world. We are immensely proud of this collection, I'm sure you'll see why.

In other news, our tastings and events have started again instore with an exceptional First Growth tasting scheduled and a New Arrival 2017 Bordeaux event. We are continuing our Virtual Tastings, which are accessible from your home wherever you are in New Zealand, with more events being added constantly. These include an excellent Château Haut-Brion tasting coming up at the end of July.

The team are well versed on all of the wines and the upcoming events, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I hope to see you online, or at one of our tastings in person, soon.



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Explore Bordeaux 2017 New Arrivals

We have just landed the exceptional 2017 Bordeaux vintage. This is a great year, with all the wines hand-selected by us from tasting them directly in Bordeaux. Join us for a walk around tasting, where you have 2 hours to take your time and try 25 top wines from across the region. Ranging in price from \$20 all the way up to \$135 a bottle. Our staff will be on hand to introduce you to the different appellations and styles. Grab some friends and visit Bordeaux for the afternoon!

When - Saturday 22nd August starting 1.00pm

Where - Glengarry Wines Victoria Park, 118 Wellesley Street West, Auckland

Price - \$50.00pp

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Annual First Growth Tasting - Best of 2017

As Bordeaux specialists, each year when the latest vintage of En Primeur arrives, we like to taste the best of the best. The 1st Growths are amongst the finest red wines in the world, and have held this position for hundreds of years. Embark on the vinous journey of a lifetime, as we taste our way through over \$15k worth of the 2017 vintage, including two incredibly rare bottles this year.

We start this year with one of the greatest and most rarest white wines in the world, **Chateau Haut Brion Blanc**. This is far and away the finest dry white of Bordeaux, and is very rarely seen, much less tasted. There are usually only 6 bottles allocated to New Zealand. We will then be drinking four of the five famed 'First Growths' from the 1855 classification, **Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Chateau Haut Brion, and Chateau Margaux**. These Cabernet dominant wines have been the favoured wines of Royalty for centuries. Thomas Jefferson famously visited and placed the first orders for the United States in 1787. From the Right Bank we also have the legendary **Chateau Cheval Blanc**, holder of the highest rank of Premier Grand Cru Classe (A) in Saint Emilion. Finally we finish with a wine that every Bordeaux lover has lusted over, but few have ever tasted due to its stratospheric price of around \$5,000 a bottle. The mythical **Chateau Petrus** from Pomerol is one of the most sought after wines in the world, made from 100% Merlot growing on a special plot of rare blue clay soil.

We know these estates extremely well, our General Manager Liz Wheadon, and Fine Wine Manager Regan McCaffery will lead you through the history, stories, and winemaking of each of them. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to try these phenomenal wines side by side in this once in a lifetime tasting.

When - Thursday 27th August starting 7.00pm

Where - Glengarry Wines Victoria Park, 118 Wellesley Street West, Auckland

Price - \$625.00pp

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Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion

At Home Tasting

Join us for an incredible tasting of one of the world's greatest wines, in your own lounge anywhere in New Zealand. Bordeaux Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion was established in 1533 by Jean de Pontac. He owned the estate across the road, which became the famed 1st Growth, Chateau Haut-Brion. Over the centuries there was a fierce rivalry, with La Mission always the chief challenger to Haut-Brion itself. Then in 1983 they came back under the same ownership (a case of 'if you can't beat it, buy it'). Since then the two have been managed together with the same winemaking team. Unique deep gravel soils are planted with high densities of 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, producing a fuller, richer, and more flamboyant style than that of Haut-Brion. It is also one of Bordeaux's most successful wines in poor vintages. If there was a reclassification today, they would top the list for promotion to 1st Growth. We will be tasting 6 vintages, including 3 of the greatest wines ever made at the **Chateau. La Mission Haut-Brion 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2015.**

Your ticket includes 50ml sample bottles of all the wines. To ensure these samples reach you in safe and optimum condition, we will be using the Coravin system to check for cork taint. The tasting bottles will then be filled under a veil of argon gas, to minimise contact with air and prevent oxidation. The team will be using applicable protective practises when preparing the samples. They will then be dispatched to you before the tasting on Thursday evening. These are designed for short term storage to get them to you for the tasting, not for keeping in your cellar. Details will be included explaining how to set up your computer / phone / iPad to join the tasting which will be conducted via Zoom.

When - Thursday 20th August starting 7.00pm

Where - via Zoom

Price - \$455.00pp

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Bordeaux



UNDERSTANDING BORDEAUX

To start the journey of exploring Bordeaux, you need to first start with the classification system. In 1855, being lovers of red wine, the French 'authorities' created what became known as 'The Classified Growths of the Médoc'. A five-class classification of 61 of the leading Médoc Châteaux (as well as two from Graves). This formalised lists that were already in place, based on each Châteaux relative quality as expressed by the prices of each individual estate. These growths, or 'Crus' range from first (Premier) through to fifth (Cinquièmes). Over the years that have passed since, there has been very little change to the 1855 classification other than Château Mouton Rothschild moving from second growth to first in 1973 - Baron Philippe de Rothschild reportedly saying "First I am, second I was, Mouton does not change". Château Cantemerle was added as a fifth growth in 1856 and Château Dubignon, a third growth, was absorbed into Château Malescot St Exupéry.

Saint-Émilion added its own classification system in 1955, which has subsequently been frequently amended. Pomerol has never been classified, although the greatest wine from this region, Château Petrus, is generally spoken of in the same hushed tones as the five first growths of the Médoc .

THE MÉDOC FIRST GROWTHS:

- Château Lafite-Rothschild (Pauillac)
- Château Margaux (Margaux)
- Château Latour (Pauillac)
- Château Haut-Brion (Graves)
- Château Mouton-Rothschild (Pauillac)

Whilst much of the classification system holds true today, the inherent problem with the system is that some of the Châteaux have improved out of sight since it was first introduced, while others are considered to have rested on their laurels, smug in the knowledge that their wines will always fetch high prices, as this was what the classification was based on in the first place. Like anything, it is a good guide as long as one keeps in mind the fact that some of the wines outside its boundaries can still be superb.



Bordeaux itself is located in the South West of France, and is the wine region that produces more top quality wine than any other. Bordeaux is renowned for its reds, which are often referred to as Claret. The reason these wines attract so much interest, and generate such high prices, is largely their ability to age with a lot of them not showing their true potential for decades. The main red grapes grown are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The most famous white region is that of Sauternes, where the world's most luscious dessert wines come from. The white wines from Bordeaux are made with Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and in some cases Muscadelle; the very best white wines, like red wines from Bordeaux, are extremely age worthy.

Bordeaux is neatly divided into two groupings of appellations - those on the left bank of the Gironde and those on the right with the Dordogne running through them. In general terms, the left bank is home to Cabernet driven wines and the right bank Merlot dominant expressions. The appellations on the left bank include Margaux, Pauillac, St-Julien and St-Estèphe. The appellations on the right bank include Fronsac, Lalande de Pomerol and the two great appellations of Saint-Émilion and Pomerol.

The city of Bordeaux is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the heart of this unique region. At the centre of all trade here is the Negociant system, a historic route to market that maintains strong today; the Châteaux sell their wines to Negociants, who in turn offer them to their partners around the world, essentially an open trading market - with a few exceptions - we are after all in France.



Château Climens

Château Climens is located in the sweet wine appellation of Barsac, classified in 1855 as a Premier Cru Classé - a first growth Sauternes. It has long been called the 'Lord of Barsac' in tribute to the unassailable elegance of its wines. Yep, we're talking Top Dog status. Its history is jaw-droppingly long, dating back to 1547. Made from 100% Semillon off 35-year-old vines, Climens' distinctive character comes from the limestone terroir, its outstanding aromatic complexity neatly balanced by a heady dose of freshness and finesse. Climens was purchased by Lucien Lurton (Château Brane-Cantenac) in 1971, and is now managed by his daughter, Bérénice. With 30 hectares under vine, Château Climens has been cultivated biodynamically since 2010 and continues to set the bar for sweet white Bordeaux wine.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46218	CHATEAU CLIMENS PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2009	\$239.00	\$227.05
	97/100 Robert Parker: "The 2009 displays a wonderful bouquet of honeysuckle, almond and a hint of creme caramel that is beautifully defined. The palate has a creamy entry with patently a good deal of oak that needs to be subsumed. The balance is just exquisite, the line of acidity perfectly pitched and moreover, there is that paradoxical mixture of weight and levity that makes Climens what it is. The finish blossoms with quince, almond and honey and lingers long in the mouth. This is surely destined to be a top tier Climens that will last the usual decades. Drink 2014-2050." - Neal Martin			
48982	CHATEAU CLIMENS PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2014	\$145.00	\$137.75
	94-96/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The Château Climens was tasted from several lots that Bérénice Lurton and her team are preparing to blend together during its barrel maturation. Having conducted this practice over many years, I would point out that whereas in some years one has to conjecture to the full, in 2014 the lots were both smaller in number, less heterogeneous and paradoxically, more "complete". This made it easier to envisage the final wine. Here, you had to focus on the second trie where 80% of the crop was picked with widespread onset of botrytis. There are fleeting senses of dried honey, juniper berries and marigold, dried apricot on a couple of barrels.[...]"			
46216	CHATEAU CLIMENS PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2006	\$179.00	\$170.05
	93/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Full gold with orange highlights. Fruit salad and floral aromas, along with sexy oak tones of nuts, marzipan, spices, vanilla and toasted almond. Enticing, opulent and concentrated, with lovely inner-mouth aromatic quality and bright acids to frame the sweet fruit salad flavors."			
48943	CHATEAU CLIMENS PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2013	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Apricot, nectarine and clementine flavors stitched with a racy orange zest note to give energy, while tropical papaya and mango flavors add a sublimely creamy edge.			
48981	CHATEAU CLIMENS PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2016	\$106.00	\$100.70

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49232	CHATEAU CLIMENS BARSAC	2016	\$211.00	\$200.45

"Pale lemon-gold colored, the 2016 Climens is a little youthfully mute, revealing notions of ripe peaches, mango and musk melon with touches of cedar chest, orange blossoms, candied ginger and baking bread. Bursting in the mouth with vibrant, energetic stone fruit and tropical layers, it is framed by fantastic freshness, finishing long and creamy." 96+ points, Robert Parker

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Château Coutet

Château Coutet is one of the oldest estates in Sauternes, an appellation possessing a magical collection of conditions that allow it to produce some of the greatest sweet wines in the world. Classified as First Growth in 1855, Coutet has an outstanding heritage, belonging to the de Lur Saluces family, of Château d'Yquem fame, for over a century. It is currently owned and operated by Philippe and Dominique Baly in a technical and commercial collaboration with Baron Philippe de Rothschild S.A. The 38.5 hectare estate is planted in 75% Sémillon, 23% Sauvignon Blanc and 2% Muscadelle.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46264	CHATEAU COUTET BARSAC	2003	\$129.99	\$123.49
46285	CHATEAU COUTET BARSAC	2006	\$74.95	\$71.20
43036	CHATEAU COUTET CHARTREUSE DE COUTET (375ML)	2011	\$29.00	\$27.55
	Chateau Coutet have produced a second wine since 1977, called Chartreuse de Coutet, an AOC Sauternes in its own right. Made from 75% Semillon, with some Sauvignon and 2% Muscadelle for good measure. The subtle nose misleads you with a unctuous exotic palate that follows. Full of finesse and elegance, from an excellent sweet wine vintage.			
46239	CHATEAU COUTET PREMIER CRU BARSAC	2008	\$125.00	\$118.75
	92/100 Robert Parker: "Tasted single blind against its peers. This has a very floral, exuberant bouquet with white peach and grapefruit soaring from the glass. It is very pure and vivacious. The palate is harmonious with what feels like more sucrosity than on previous occasions. It is not viscous in texture, suggesting high acidity to slice through all that sweetness (a typical Coutet trait, as it turns out.) The finish displays touches of ginger and dried orange rind that linger nicely in the mouth, although the general impression is that it needs several years to "calm down." Tasted January 2012." - Neal Martin			
40512	CHATEAU COUTET PREMIER CRU BARSAC	2016	\$120.00	\$114.00
	95-97 / Wine Enthusiast "Barrel Sample. This wine is dense, mingling spicy nutmeg along with superb ripe honey and marmalade flavors. With its balanced acidity and opulence, it is going to be a great wine."			
43037	CHATEAU COUTET PREMIER CRU BARSAC (375ml)	2013	\$41.00	\$38.95
	On the nose, lychee, mango and pineapple, followed by aromas of quince, toasted almonds and acaia flowers. Mouthfilling flavours of almond cream, ginger, honey and apricot. Great botrytis character.			
40525	CHATEAU COUTET PREMIER CRU BARSAC (375ml)	2016	\$60.00	\$57.00

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Château Doisy-Daëne

Located in Barsac on the limestone plateau that sits between Barsac and Sauternes, Château Doisy-Daëne was classified in 1855 as Grand Cru Classé Second Growth. Four generations of the Dubourdieu family have overseen the impeccable quality that comes out of the estate, with the talented Denis Dubourdieu (professor of oenology at Bordeaux University, international fix-it man and consultant to many) now at the helm. Situated on a combination of clay and limestone, the 17.2 hectares of vines are divided into 87% Semillon and 13% Sauvignon Blanc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41225	CHATEAU DOISY DAENE L'EXTRAVAGANT (375ML)	2007	\$399.00	\$379.05
	98/100 Robert Parker: "The 2007 L'Extravagant de Doisy-Daene, does not hold back, born with a lucid golden hue with big fat tears (of joy). The bouquet is very intense but very tight at first, demanding time to unfurl in the glass at its own pleasure: white peach, apricot, orange-blossom and a touch of marmalade with breathtaking definition. The palate is full-bodied with a viscous entry, so pure and caressing with mellifluous honey, apricot and citrus lemon, wonderful delineation on the finish, the thread of acidity interwoven through that powerful finish with the length of an ocean liner. Brilliant."			
46274	CHATEAU DOISY DAENE SECOND CRU CLASSE	2013	\$125.00	\$118.75
	Driven by sharp acidity keeping this wine fresh, lively and vibrant, the 2013 displays notes of muted apricot jam, vanilla custard and grapefruit.			
46271	CHATEAU DOISY DAENE SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2013	\$63.00	\$59.85
	Driven by sharp acidity keeping this wine fresh, lively and vibrant, the 2013 displays notes of muted apricot jam, vanilla custard and grapefruit.			

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Château Loupiac-Gaudiet

In the 18th century, the then owner Jean Belso built the Chateau, which was the size of his boat, as his second home. The property was brought by Marc Ducau in 1919 and renamed it Chateau Loupiac Gaudiet. Gaudiet was the name of the vineyard behind the Chateau. Ducau's family continues to own the Chateau today. Chateau Loupiac Gaudiet's wines have a great finesse on the palate. They spend a minimum of two years aging in tanks.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41949	CHATEAU LOUPIAC-GAUDIET LOUPIAC	2016	\$24.99	\$24.99

The appellation of Loupiac sits alongside the more famous Sauternes, offering a dollar-friendly doorway to the sweet wines of Bordeaux. Just the right balance of crispness and fresh fruit.

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Château Filhot

Located in Sauternes, Filhot dates back to the mid-1600's, with the château itself completed in 1709 by Romain de Filhot on one of the most attractive sites in Bordeaux. Since 1974, the Second Cru Classé Château Filhot has been managed by Count de Vaucelles and his son Gabriel, with the property undergoing a comprehensive restoration programme in 1995. The winemaking facilities were modernised, the old vinification replaced with temperature-controlled, stainless vats. The large, 62-hectare, gravel-based vineyard is planted in 60% Semillon, 36% Sauvignon Blanc and 4% Muscadelle. The wines are normally on the lighter side, refreshing in style, but they are, too, increasingly well made and reasonably priced.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40532	CHATEAU FILHOT SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2016	\$36.00	\$34.20

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Château Nairac

Named after a family of Huguenot ship owners who bought the Barsac property in 1777, the vines themselves go back to the 16th Century. Included as a second growth in the 1855 classification, Nairac garnered a reputation, back then, as one of the appellation's finest sweet Bordeaux wines. At 17 hectares, it is relatively small, and planted in 90% Sémillon, 6% Sauvignon Blanc and 4% Muscadelle. Like so many others, Nairac endured a succession of owners over the centuries and fell into serious disrepair. The USA to the rescue, though, in the form of American Tom Heeter, who purchased the property in 1971 and invested the necessary time and money to bring the estate back up to its former glory, worthy once again of its classification status. With Nicolas Tari-Heeter now managing the estate with much finesse, Nairac is undeniably one of Barsac's finest expressions, as rich as the best châteaux, with an elegant palate and a highly individual mineral edge.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41975	CHATEAU NAIRAC SECOND CRU CLASSE	2007	\$165.00	\$156.75
	94/100 Robert Parker: "This Barsac has supreme purity on the nose, but it is tightly coiled at the moment. Very fine definition with notes of honey, tangerine, quince juice and minerals. The palate is just gorgeous: a vibrant entry with very fine acidity, honey, barley sugar, apricot, white peach and a touch of mandarin. If I am to quibble, then perhaps it is not quite demonstrating the length I was hoping for, but this remains an excellent Nairac, an estate that is producing better wines than ever. Drink now-2040."			
41979	CHATEAU NAIRAC SECOND CRU CLASSE	2009	\$165.00	\$156.75
	95/100 Robert Parker: "This could be Nicolas Tari's finest Nairac to date. It has an impressive, intense bouquet with honey, white flowers, orange peel and a touch of toffee apple on the nose. It is missing a little clarity at first, but it clears marvelously with just a few swirls of the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with superb viscosity and weight. It is very well-balanced with outstanding purity and tension: notes of honey, peach and a little spice. There is great length on the finish that lingers tantalizingly in the mouth. Superb. Drink now-2035."			
41977	CHATEAU NAIRAC SECOND CRU CLASSE	2010	\$165.00	\$156.75
	90-92/100 Robert Parker: "The 2010 Nairac displays precision and minerality on the fresh, vibrant, lifted nose, with hints of beeswax and honeysuckle. The palate has a very lively, zesty entry with good acidity and tension, the finish needing time to meld together, but vibrant and vigorous. This Nairac is not as immediate as the 2009, but it will offer immense pleasure by bottling and may warrant a higher mark."			
41971	CHATEAU NAIRAC SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2007	\$79.00	\$75.05
	94/100 Robert Parker: "This Barsac has supreme purity on the nose, but it is tightly coiled at the moment. Very fine definition with notes of honey, tangerine, quince juice and minerals. The palate is just gorgeous: a vibrant entry with very fine acidity, honey, barley sugar, apricot, white peach and a touch of mandarin. If I am to quibble, then perhaps it is not quite demonstrating the length I was hoping for, but this remains an excellent Nairac, an estate that is producing better wines than ever. Drink now-2040."			
41970	CHATEAU NAIRAC SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2009	\$79.00	\$75.05
	93-95/100 Robert Parker: "Nicolas Tari has certainly improved this estate in recent years. His 2009 has a well defined nose with apple-blossom, lime leaf, apricot and orange peel. Opens nicely the longer it remains in the glass. The palate is well balanced, very good weight on the entry with a citric thread of acidity interwoven through the pure honeyed fruit with a hint of ginger on the aftertaste. Nothing extravagant here, but supremely well crafted and succinct."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41974	CHATEAU NAIRAC SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2010	\$79.00	\$75.05

Under priced and over-looked, this is wine shrewd consumers will pick up for a song. And what a song! Notes of minerals, black doris plums and tea dance on the nose, with a twirl of jammy black cherries and leather in the mouth.

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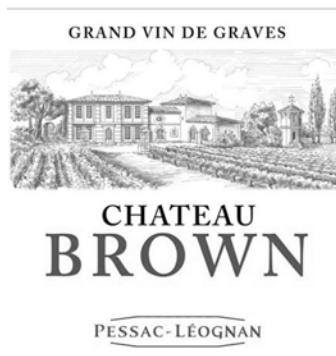
Chateau Bastor Lamontagne

Located 40 km south of Bordeaux, in Preignac, on one of the terraces of the Garonne, the vines of Chateau Bastor-Lamontagne cover a surface area of 56 hectares on magnificent siliceous and gravel soils and are wholly dedicated to the production of sweet white wine.



PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41229	CHATEAU BASTOR LAMONTAGNE SAUTERNES	2015	\$72.00	\$68.40
	80% Semillon and 20% Sauvignon, Intense and vibrant on the nose with a high amount of botrytis character. Concentrated, rich with roast grapefruit. Intense and concentrated, a full bodied wine.			
44682	CHATEAU BASTOR LAMONTAGNE SAUTERNES (375ML)	2016	\$36.00	\$34.20
	"This is wonderfully fresh, not in fact that rich but beautifully fragrant and complex wine. In the second tasting, a fresh ginger aspect is more evident. I can really see the improvement in this estate since the Cathiard's winemaking team have come on board, bringing acidity, tension and purity. 80% Sémillon and 20% Sauvignon Blanc." 93 points, Decanter			

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Chateau Brown

With all his respect for the history of Chateau BROWN, Jean-Christophe Mau had one dream, and one dream only: to place his ambitions at the service of this estate of 59 hectares (29 of vines) acquired at the end of 2004, and to cherish its vineyard in a manner worthy of the appellation's most prestigious wines.

By bringing out the best of BROWN's gravel soils, moving towards careful, sustainable production techniques, optimising modern technical facilities and building the right team... the successive vintages since 2005 have revealed ever more generosity, care and precision. Over the years, the haute-couture wines of Chateau BROWN, red and white alike, have seen their quality and reputation soar.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44684	CHATEAU BROWN Pessac-Leognan (375ML)	2016	\$45.00	\$42.75

"Beautifully sleek, fresh plum and damson fruit on the nose, and a confidently extracted deep purple colour. The little touch of Petit Verdot is making a clear impact here, with a brush of black pepper spice. Jean-Christophe Mau works with Stephane Derenoncourt as a consultant, and there is a lovely focus in the vibrancy of the fruit, vinified in small stainless steel tanks. 33% of malolactic takes place in new oak and the rest in stainless steel. The blend here is 50% Merlot, 48% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Petit Verdot, aged in 33% new oak barrels for 14 months." 92 points, Decanter

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Château Canon

Starting life as part of the Clos St-Martin vineyard, this Saint-Émilion estate was acquired in 1760 by Monsieur Jacques Kanon, thanks to the substantial profits he made as a privateer capturing English ships for King Louis XV. For 'privateer' read pirate; apparently, sometimes, crime does pay. Kanon expanded his holding outwards (did he, we wonder, capture the surrounding vineyards too?) before selling it to a Bordeaux wine merchant, Raymond Fontémoing, for a tidy sum. From there it passed to the Fournier family, who ploughed much time and money into the estate and its vineyards. In 1996 it passed to Chanel. They, too, have undertaken extensive renovation and replanting. The 32 hectares are made up of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, with the average vine age now close to 30 years following all the ferocious replanting. Classified a Premier Grand Cru Classé, Château Canon is widely recognised as a distinguished, superlative wine; ripe, mineral and opulent, a wine for those with the patience to wait.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42541	CHATEAU CANON LA GAFFELIERE MAGNUM (1500ML)	2015	\$499.00	\$474.05

97/100 | Vinous: "The 2015 Canon La Gaffelière is seriously impressive. Like all of Stephan von Neipperg's wines in this vintage, the Canon La Gaffelière is endowed with considerable richness and a sense of vertical structure. The significant presence of Cabernet Franc gives the wine striking aromatic lift, which it very much needs. Mocha, red cherry jam and sweet floral notes give the 2015 its soaring perfume. This exceptionally beautiful Saint-Émilion is going to need time to fully come together, but it is super-impressive, even in the early going. The 2015 has been nothing short of magnificent on the two occasions I have tasted it so far. The presence of Cabernet Franc is felt in the wine's strong aromatic signature."

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Château Canon



Château Cantenac-Brown

Farmed sustainably since 1996 and sited in Margaux, this Troisièmes Cru (Third Growth) estate occupies a terroir of gravel and sand. Cabernet Sauvignon accounts for 65% of the 48 hectares under vine, with the remainder 30% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. With a somewhat chequered career in its past, Cantenac Brown is, these days, one of the rising stars of the appellation, producing a silky, feminine claret that epitomises Margaux. The chateau building itself is somewhat unique in the Bordeaux hood, designed at the start of the 19th Century as a traditional Tudor estate by then owner, the Scottish animal painter, John Lewis Brown.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44664	CHATEAU CANTENAC BROWN ALTO DE CANTENAC BROWN	2016	\$64.99	\$61.74

90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Semillon, a wine taking after the great wines of Sancerre: a wine of great minerality, beautiful aroma, and a wine fit for the Gastronomical table. Elegant and delicate, Alto pays homage to the art of music, while at the same time complimenting the entire Cantenac Brown gamut of wines. A perfect addition!

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Chateau Cap St George

Geographically speaking, Saint Georges Saint-Emilion is right next to the most famous plateau of the right bank. The Barbanne spring separates the two - the same natural boundary that separates Pomerol from Saint-Emilion. The clay and limestone terroir extends over the ridges that excite and inspire connoisseurs. Saint Georges's heritage dates back to Roman times, when it became recognised for strong character and humbleness, a wine maker's soil whose secret lives on. The result is Bordeaux's most secretive appellation, with just 190 hectares and 20 producers.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49135	CHATEAU CAP ST GEORGE	2015	\$54.99	\$52.24

93/100 | Decanter: "One to watch in 2015. Not a hugely well known wine from a satellite appellation, but this has an excellent balance between glamour and restraint. There is good persistency, with touches of minerality and salinity. It's my favourite of the Janoueix range, and again a testament to 2015 in the smaller right bank appellations."

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Château Carbonnieux

Located in the Pessac-Léognan region of Graves, Château Carbonnieux is one of the oldest estates in Bordeaux, with a history dating back to the 12th Century. By the end of World War II it had been uninhabited for almost 30 years however, and was in a pretty dire condition. Ride in the Perrin family to the rescue. One big makeover later, they're no longer the shabby house down the road in a somewhat posh neighbourhood that contains the likes of Châteaux Haut-Bailly and Smith-Haut-Lafitte. We're talking new everything, with temperature control and stainless steel. At 90 hectares, it's one of the largest outfits in the area, sitting on gravel and producing both red and white wines. It is, indeed, one of the few Bordeaux estates to carry all five of the red Bordeaux varieties, namely 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, and a soupçon of Petit Verdot and Carménère. The main player on the white side is Sauvignon Blanc (65%), with 35% Semillon in attendance. Lovers of earlier drinking, red fruity elegance, this is you.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43214	CHATEAU CARBONNIEUX ROUGE	2016	\$117.00	\$111.15

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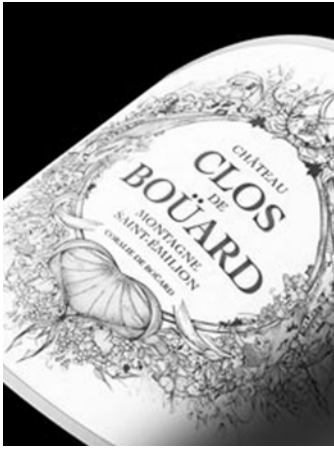
Château Chasse-Spleen

Situated in the Moulis-en-Médoc appellation of Bordeaux, this is an estate widely considered to be the leading wine of the area and easily of Cru-Classé standard. Two of their more distinguished visitors in the past have been Byron and Baudelaire. At 100 hectares they are on the large side, and planting is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. There is, too, a small portion set aside for the production of a white Bordeaux. Chasse-Spleen still adhere to traditional practices, with no filtering employed. A great value, classic Médoc, the wines are often tannic in their youth, but age gracefully and drink well after 6-8 years in the bottle.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40519	CHATEAU CHASSE SPLEEN BLANC	2016	\$63.00	\$59.85

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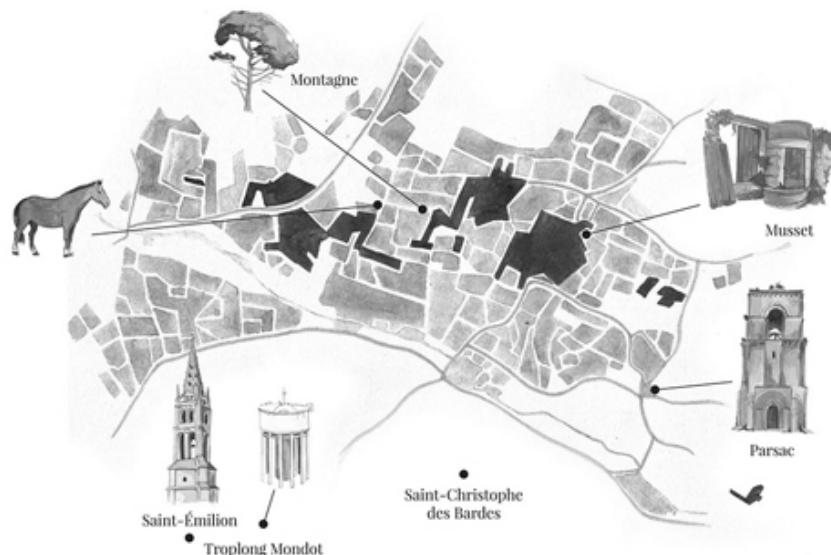
Château Clos de Bouard

Château Clos de Bouard has 30 hectares (74 acres) of well-oriented land in the former village of Parsac, which was historically reputed for the abundance and quality of its exceptional clay-limestone terroirs. The property lies close to the Saint-Émilion Grands Crus Classés and other top quality estates, such as Fombrauge, Laroque, Rocheyron, Croix de Labrie, Château Louis, Fleur Cardinale, Valandraud and Troplong Mondot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44693	CHATEAU CLOS DE BOUARD	2016	\$78.00	\$74.10

"The 2016 Clos de Bouard is a rich, powerful wine. Dark red cherry, raspberry, mocha, licorice and rose petal all flesh out in this succulent, potent Montagne Saint-Émilion. This is an impressive debut. Even so, it will be interesting to see if this wine can be more nuanced in future vintages. Tasted two times." 91 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous

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Château Couhins

Located in the municipality of Villenave d'Ornon, not far from Bordeaux, Chateau Couhins is part of the Pessac-Leognan appellation, birthplace of the great wines of Bordeaux.



PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42525	CHATEAU COUHINS BLANC	2014	\$59.99	\$56.99

93/100 | James Suckling: "Green-apple and lemon aromas follow through to a full body. Lots of exotic fruit and vanilla character. Bright finish. Deliciously rich for the vintage. Drink now."

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Château De Camensac

In 1965 Camensac was bought by the Forner brothers, who also own the well-known Marques de Caceres bodega in Rioja. The two brothers replanted most of the 85 hectares of vineyards, the balance now being 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49154	CHATEAU DE CAMENSAC LA CLOSERIE DE CAMENSAC	2012	\$44.99	\$42.74

2012 is an excellent vintage to be enjoying now, showing some maturity that is well integrated with the remaining fresh fruit. This small parcel of Bordeaux Fifth Growth Chateau Camensac's second wine La Closerie de Camensac was purchased following an extensive tasting I did last year of 2012 vintage wines in this price range. Having enjoyed a number of 2012 vintage Bordeaux, I was looking for wines at this price point and this over delivered.

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Château de Malle

Château de Malle surrounded by an Italian garden has a rich history. The Château was built in the 17th century by Jacques Malle. The estate was regenerated with new life when Pierre de Bournazel took over the estate. He inherited it from his uncle and godfather, Pierre de Lur-Saluces. The junior Pierre, restored the buildings and vineyard which were quite neglected at the time. He rebuilt the fermentation cellar and studied winemaking. Today, Château de Malle produces three great prestigious wines from 50 hectares of vineyard.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41613	CHATEAU DE MALLE SECOND CRU CLASSE	2013	\$98.00	\$93.10

16/20 | Jeannie Cho Lee: "Generous tropical fruits and fresh acidity with balanced sweetness. Focused and light with a salty, mineral finish."

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Château Desmirail

Château Desmirail, included among the third growths in the 1855 classification, has an outstanding terroir bordering on the Route des Châteaux.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49123	CHATEAU DESMIRAIL MARGAUX	2012	\$105.00	\$99.75

16.5/20 | jancisrobinson.com / Jancis Robinson MW: "Blackish crimson. Nose needs considerable encouragement. Quite firm and fresh – without the sweetness that characterises so many 2012 Médocs. Therefore a rather welcome change. But it's a little stringy on the end."

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Château d'Issan

A Third Growth Margaux that produces beautiful aromatic and delightful wines that sit well above their price structure with the best of the appellation.

The history of the property dates back to 1152 and includes being served at the wedding of Eleanor of Aquitaine to King Henry II. Owned now by the Cruse family who have a long and prestigious history in the Medoc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49138	CHATEAU D'ISSAN BLASON D'ISSAN	2015	\$79.99	\$75.99

91 / Vinous, Antonio Galloni "The 2015 Blason d'Issan is a superb second wine. Dark, powerful and enveloping, the 2015 has so much to offer in its fleshy, inviting personality. Dark plum, leather and cedar are some of the many nuances that flesh out in this resonant, super-expressive Margaux. I loved it."

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Château Doisy-Daëne

Located in Barsac on the limestone plateau that sits between Barsac and Sauternes, Château Doisy-Daëne was classified in 1855 as Grand Cru Classé Second Growth. Four generations of the Dubourdieu family have overseen the impeccable quality that comes out of the estate, with the talented Denis Dubourdieu (professor of oenology at Bordeaux University, international fix-it man and consultant to many) now at the helm. Situated on a combination of clay and limestone, the 17.2 hectares of vines are divided into 87% Semillon and 13% Sauvignon Blanc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46272	CHATEAU DOISY DAENE DOISY VEDRINES	2016	\$107.00	\$101.65

"The 2016 Doisy-Védrines is precise, understated and gracious. Candied orange peel, crème brûlée, wild flowers, passion fruit and tangerine are all delineated nicely. The 2016 is deep and resonant on the palate, yet it also retains quite a bit of brightness. Readers who prefer the more understated side of Sauternes will find much to admire." 90-93 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous

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Château Donis

Château Donis was taken over in 2005 by Vincent Mercier, a young 48-year-old wine grower. Native from

Corrèze, he moved to study viticulture and finally stayed in Bordeaux. The first years, he sold his wine through the

cooperative cellar. But in 2013 he decided to sell on its own, under a château label. Experienced with his first job

as a cellar employee in a property under conversion towards organic farming, he was certain that this method

had a vital interest in the quality of the wine. When he took over the property, he automatically did the necessary to

obtain organic certifications. "Donis" is a locality name.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49152	CHATEAU DONIS BORDEAUX	2015	\$23.99	\$19.99

Biodynamic, organically-certified Donis deliver a smoothly rounded blend of Merlot and Malbec that's aromatic and smartly structured, with pure, concentrated red fruit flavours on a subtly savoury palate.

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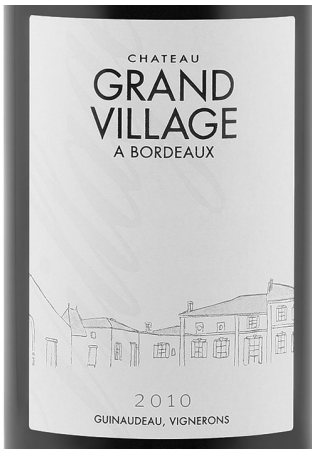
Château Fourcas Dupré

Situated at an altitude of 42 metres, the Fourcas plateau is called the "roof of the Médoc" and features the oldest geological stratum in the region. Formerly called "cru Rouillet", Fourcas Dupré took on its present name in 1843 when Jean-Antoine Baptiste Dupré, a Bordeaux solicitor, acquired the estate. In 1970, Guy Pagès bought the château and undertook a major renovation, transforming Fourcas Dupré in the process into one of the finest wines in its appellation. His son, Patrice Pagès, took over in 1985, perpetuating the same meticulousness, expertise, and passion. Château Fourcas Dupré's terroir is an unusual blend of gravel, clay, limestone. It is one of the rare estates in the Médoc with more than 80 % Pyrenean gravel, which accounts for the wine's strong personality.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41698	CHATEAU FOURCAS DUPRE LISTRAC-MEDOC	2016	\$48.00	\$45.60

"Still quite tightly bound. Restrained dark fruit with a hint of spice. Supple fruit palate, tannins follow firmly behind. Drinking Window 2022 - 2032" 90 points, Decanter

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Chateau Grand Village

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44479	CHATEAU GRAND VILLAGE BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR	2016	\$41.00	\$38.95

"The 2016 Grand Village is a big wine. The natural richness of the year is evident in the wine's exuberant fruit and plush, dense feel. Black cherry, plum, chocolate, sweet spice and lavender all race out of the glass. Today, the ripeness of the vintage is quite evident in the wine's intense profile and overall feel. The 2016 spent 14-15 months in oak, 30% new." 91 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous

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Chateau La Bridane

The estate of Château La Bridane has been in the same family since the end of the 17th century.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49136	CHATEAU LA BRIDANE ST JULIEN CRU BOURGEOIS	2015	\$55.99	\$53.19

93/100 - Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast: From one of the few estates in Saint-Julien that is not a classified growth, this wine represents a bargain. The wine is rich, perfumed and beautifully structured. It has a velvety consistency with its ripe black currants and generous tannins. The estate is named after the mill belonging to Abbot Bridane in the Middle Ages. Drink from 2022.

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Château La Gaffeliere

Another very old, Premier Grand Cru Classé Saint-Émilion estate, vines have been grown here since the Gallo-Roman period. The continuous presence of the Malet-Roquefort family on the estate since 1611 makes them the oldest winegrowing family in the district. Current owner, Count Léo de Malet-Roquefort and his son have established a dynamic winemaking team alongside them to harness the longstanding traditions, combine them with a modern sensibility and create a wine famed for its elegance and complexity.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41641	CHATEAU LA GAFFELIERE DAME DE LA GAFFELIERE	2015	\$69.99	\$66.49

93 / Wine Enthusiast, Roger Voss "The second wine of this Premier Grand Cru Classé estate is very fine. With its rich tannins, generous acidity and black fruits, it is solid and dense while having such attractive fruitiness. The wine will age well, full of ripe fruit and with excellent concentration. Drink from 2021."

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Chateau La Louviere

Château La Louvière is Bordeaux wine producer from the Pessac-Léognan appellation of Bordeaux. The château is located in the commune of Léognan. Château La Louvière is owned by André Lurton since 1965.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41136	CHATEAU LA LOUVIERE ROUGE	2015	\$91.00	\$86.45

88/100 | Decanter: "Like the white, a modern expression. Enjoyable, for mid-term drinking. 40% new oak gives glossy, coffee sheen to Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot."

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Château la Rose Trémière

Located in Lalande de Pomerol, Château la Rose Trémière, a small property of 3 ha, is divided into two plots with a dominant Merlot on old vines.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49133	CHATEAU LA ROSE TREMIERE LALANDE DE POMEROL	2016	\$36.99	\$35.14

La Rose Trémière's three-hectare vineyard stretches across two different Merlot-dominated blocks of old vines that combine to deliver wines of great finesse and complexity. An expressive nose of black berryfruits and floral notes introduces a supple, elegant palate with silky tannins and an attractive aromatic freshness.

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Château Labégorce

Château Labegorce dates back to the Grosse family in the 14th century. It was the one of the largest estates in the region for many years. The current Château was built in 1821. Château Labegorce is currently managed by Nathalie, who is the daughter of Hubert Perrodo who brought the estate in 1989. Perrodo is also behind L'Abbé Grosse de Grosse and Labégorce Zédé. Located in the Margaux commune in the Médoc region, the estate vineyard was planted on gravelly terrain. The estate grows about 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. It also grows Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42571	CHATEAU LABEGORCE MARGAUX (375ML)	2016	\$46.00	\$43.70

"Deep, rich extraction, black cherry in colour with very well controlled aromatics of damson and creamy cappuccino. This is a gorgeous wine and there are going to be many many fans of the contemporary but utterly controlled and well judged flavours on display here. Luscious and big, but everything has a reason for being where it is, nothing superfluous. One of the best ever from this property." 93 points, Decanter

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Château Lanessian

One of the most well known and respected names in the Haut-Médoc, Château Lanessian dates back to at least 1310. It was bought in 1793 by Jean Delbos, who refused to submit the wine for the 1855 Classification in the belief that it was "bureaucratic nonsense" and would add nothing to the estate's already good reputation. Lanessian's impressive Tudor-style building was constructed in 1878 by Andrée Delbos, who also expanded the estate to include stables in the shape of a horseshoe. Eight generations later, Lanessian is still owned by the Bouteiller family, who are direct descendants of Jean Delbos. This has always been an extremely popular wine due to its high quality, traditional style, low price, and ability to age for decades. The vineyards are situated on mostly gravel soils, planted in 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49181	CHATEAU LANESSAN HAUT-MEDOC	2016	\$52.00	\$49.40

"This is an ambitious take on 2016, pushing the vintage but successfully so, going for a cerebral 2010 feel rather than the generosity of 2009. Classic liquorice and slate, tight cassis fruits and an extremely well paced delivery of fresh tight tannins lead into a gorgeous, lifted juicy fruit finish. From a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc. I like this a lot." 91 points, Decanter

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Château Langoa Barton

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49183	CHATEAU LANGOIA BARTON	2016	\$225.00	\$213.75

94 / Decanter "Still extremely young, the construction here is clear in that you can feel the architectural hand of 2016 with St-Julien balance. This is rich and deep with intense, concentrated and juicy cassis fruits joined by a touch of sweet liquorice, dark chocolate and charred oak edging. I like the balance here. Matured in 60% new oak. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."

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Château Larcis Ducasse

Premier Grand Cru Classé Saint-Émilion producer Château Larcis Ducasse enjoys a history dating back to Roman times and has belonged to the Gratiot-Attmane family since 1893. Prior to the new millennium it had been years since Larcis Ducasse had enjoyed any sort of decent reputation for their wines, but that all changed when they hired consultants Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt in 2002 to manage the estate and turn things around. 11 hectares are planted in 78% Merlot and 22% Cabernet Franc, with the stated goal sustainable vineyard management and higher density with lower yields. The wines are much improved these days, elegant and balanced with fine tannins and a fresh minerality.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42620	CHATEAU LARCIS DUCASSE SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU	2016	\$231.00	\$219.45

96/100 | Lisa Perrotti-Brown: Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Larcis Ducasse sashays gracefully out of the glass with beautiful Black Forest cake, red cherry compote, raspberry preserves and blackberry pie scents plus hints of cigar box, Ceylon tea, dried lavender and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers gorgeous red and black fruit preserves flavors with a wonderfully plush texture and very long, perfumed finish.

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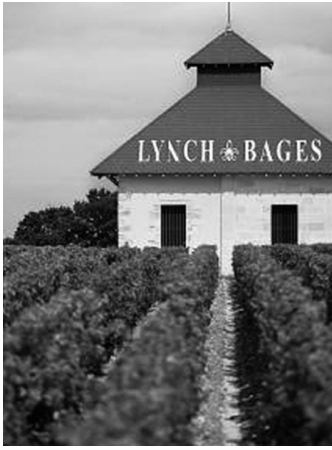
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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42524	CHATEAU LES VALLEES BORDEAUX	2016	\$19.99	\$17.99

Once owned by one of Napoleon's generals, Château Les Vallées was built in the 19th century on the ruins of a castle destroyed during the French Revolution. Plums and blackberries are given a gentle nudge of spice and a helping of fine tannins. Inexpensive, easy drinking and a great introduction to Bordeaux.

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Château Lynch-Bages

Arguably the most popular of all the eighteen Fifth Growths, Lynch Bages dates back to the 15th Century. Thomas Lynch was a descendent of the Tribe of Galway and inherited the estate through his wife in 1749. The golden era started in 1934 when it arrives in the hands of Jean-Charles Cazes, who immediately began to lift the quality. His grandson, Jean-Michel Cazes, took over in 1973, modernizing the estate and becoming a tireless global promoter of Bordeaux. Located just outside the town of Pauillac, the large 100-hectare vineyard sits on a gravel ridge overlooking the Gironde estuary. Plantings are 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, with an average vine age of around 30 years. The wines age very well, and sit nicely between the modern and the traditional styles, exuding power, concentration and charm.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41953	CHATEAU LYNCH BAGES FIFTH GROWTH	2013	\$228.00	\$216.60

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Chateau Marquisat

The Alzumara family first acquired the estate in 1939, and in the greatest respect for nature and for tradition, refused the use of any herbicides or chemical fertiliser on their vines. The property was sold in 2011 to Mr. Lévrier, who continues this approach and has gone even further, attaining organic certification and adhering to the Dynamis charter (natural winemaking principles, with no additives).

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49151	CHATEAU MARQUISAT LA PEROUSE BORDEAUX SUPERIEUR	2016	\$27.99	\$27.99

Sited in the Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux region, Château Marquisat la Pérouse is an organically certified and biodynamically managed Merlot-dominant property. This is 100% Merlot, with no artificial additions to the winemaking process. Sleekly smooth and plummy, with a lovely supple quality and great fruit purity.

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Château Montrose

One of the few estates in Bordeaux not named after an original owner, according to local legend it was the reference by local sailors to the hills covered in pink heather that inspired this name. Montrose had been owned by the Charmoule family since 1896 until it was sold in 2006 to the Bouygues brothers. The new owners instigated an intensive renovation project that was completed in time for the 2013 harvest. One of the key components was sustainability, to ensure that Montrose was as green and environmentally conscious as possible. The 94-hectare vineyard has a terroir of gravel, typical of the Saint-Estèphe appellation, with sand and some clay. The vineyard is planted in 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, with an average vine age of 40 years. On average, the vines reach between 40 and 60 years of age before they are replaced, and some of the oldest date back to 1933. Château Montrose is a powerful Bordeaux, massive dense and masculine, and can age and evolve for decades.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41774	CHATEAU MONTROSE LA DAME DE MONTROSE	2014	\$121.00	\$121.00
	93/100 James Suckling: "What a nose for a second wine! Lovely cassis and delicately leafy/earthy aromas. It's a rare beast: a really mineral red Bordeaux. This has excellent balance of ripeness and fresh dry tannins and acidity. Long, clean finish"			
49141	CHATEAU MONTROSE LE SAINT ESTEPHE DE MONTROSE	2014	\$69.99	\$69.99
	Le Saint-Estèphe de Montrose drinks well young and can be aged for three to five years. The wine is clear and bright, the nose slightly oaky, with notes of brioche, toast and cedarwood. From a clean and direct attack, the mid-palate shows great balance between freshness and fruit, together with good acidity.			

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Chateau Peymartin

Château Gloria was founded and assembled by Henri Martin who established the reputation of the property within the space of a generation. With the first acquisition of 15 acres (6 hectares) of vines in 1942, and purchase of the chai of Château Saint-Pierre, Martin added to the estate over the years with land bought from surrounding classified estates, including Château Saint-Pierre, Beychevelle, Léoville Poyferré, Gruaud-Larose, Léoville-Barton, Ducru-Beaucaillou, and Lagrange. The estate now encompasses nearly 124 acres (50 hectares) Peymartin is Château Gloria's second wine, produced using the youngest vines on the estate.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49134	CHATEAU PEYMARTIN ST JULIEN	2015	\$49.99	\$47.49

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Château Puy-Blanquet

The Saint-Émilion appellation is stylistically quite diverse, but it is the Merlot-based wines that have brought lasting fame to the region. Puy-Blanquet, a Grand Cru Classé Château, is a member of the J.P. Moueix winery stable, which includes among its number the legendary Château Pétrus. The Château's 23-hectare property is planted to 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the average vine age around 25 years.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44203	CHATEAU PUY BLANQUET ST EMILLION GRAND CRU	2014	\$46.00	\$43.70

83/100 | Decanter: "Easy red fruit nose. Hint of leaf. Light and fruit driven in style. Little pinched on the finish." - James Lawther

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Chateau Saintayme



Denis Durantou is famed from his wonderful Pomerol estate, Chateau L'Eglise Clinet but he has spread his wings to St Emilion.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49139	CHATEAU SAINTAYME SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU	2016	\$46.99	\$44.64

Jeannie Cho Lee: "A supple, fairly firm red with notes of cocoa and blackberry. A forward, ripe wine that will be ready to enjoy just a few years after bottling. Polished and well made."

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Chateau Senejac

Ch. Sénéjac is one of the better known Crus Bourgeois of the Haut-Médoc, located near to the vineyards of Margaux, just outside Parempuyre in the far south of the Haut-Médoc region.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41669	CHATEAU SENEJAC HAUT-MEDOC (375ML)	2016	\$25.00	\$23.75

"Sénéjac is a very classy château located in the far south of the Haut-Médoc. Owned by the Cordier family, it is overseen by Alfred Tesseron and the team from Pontet Canet. A refined, biodynamic Bordeaux red, this compares favourably with more highly classified wines. Dark red and blue fruits with leafy notes, fine tannins and subtle oak. Will age extremely well." 93 points, Decanter

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Château Sigognac



Medoc Sigognac is located on the plain of Saint-Yzans. It was built on the ruins of the Roman 'Villa Ausone', whose thermal baths from the time of Ciconius were located in the nearby 'bois carré'. 16th century texts refer to the noble house of Cru Bourgeois since 1932, ChateauSegougnac which belonged to the Count de Lesparre.

From the 18th century, the wine of Chateau Sigognac was exported to numerous countries. In the museum of the East India Company of Lorient there is the model of a ship, dating from 1740, on which there are barrels bearing the name 'Sigognac'.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49153	CHATEAU SIGOGNAC CRU BOURGEOIS	2015	\$38.99	\$37.04
49159	CHATEAU SIGOGNAC CRU BOURGEOIS	2016	\$38.99	\$37.04

Chateau Sigognac Medoc is an acclaimed Medoc produced from a skilful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Notes of cedar and black pepper with rich black berry fruit, a smooth body and fine tannins.

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Château Suduiraut

Château Suduiraut and Sauternes go back to 1580, and they produce one of the great Premier Cru Classé sweet wines. Indeed, meticulous and uncompromising is what they are, with tailored plot selection, grape-by-grape harvesting and fastidious control over the fermentation of each individual barrel. The wine's aging capacity is off the chart. The estate was significantly renovated in the 17th Century by the Count Blaise de Suduiraut, grandson of the founder, its stunning grounds and lakes courtesy of Le Nôtre, the designer of the gardens at Versailles. Like many Bordeaux estates, Suduiraut has passed through a number of hands. Losing its way somewhat in the 1940's-1960's, there has been a distinct return to form under the stewardship of insurance group AXA, who seem to have their fingers in a number of significant Bordeaux pies. With 92 hectares under vine, the wines are deeply opulent and highly collectible.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42178	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2015	\$202.00	\$202.00

94% Semillon and 6% Sauvignon Blanc. 138g/l. There were 5 vineyard passes to pick this year – similar to the 2001 vintage in that respect. The nose greets you with a mix of citrus fruits, a luscious marmalade. There's layers of complexity here, the next character that greets is all about stone fruits and spice with a generous finish. All that richness and complexity comes with beautiful balance.

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Jean Pierre Moueix

Internationally renowned, Etablissements Jean-Pierre Moueix has become a hallmark for the top wines of Bordeaux. The company is the largest wine merchant on the Right Bank, distributing worldwide fine wines from Bordeaux and California. Family run since 1937, Etablissements Jean-Pierre Moueix is also the owner and producer of several prestigious crus, including Chateau La Fleur-Petrus, Chateau Trotanoy, and Chateau Hosanna in Pomerol; Chateau Belair-Monange Premier Grand Cru Classe in Saint-Emilion; and, in Napa Valley, California, Dominus Estate and Ulysses. The philosophy of the Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix is simple: to produce exceptional wines, one must start with great fruit, possible only by cultivating impeccable vineyards and exercising the utmost respect towards nature.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44670	JEAN PIERRE MOUEIX BORDEAUX	2016	\$24.99	\$23.99
	From the owners of multiple prestigious Bordeaux houses, a pricefriendly 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc blend. Powerful and inviting, with intense aromatics and smooth, silky tannins.			
44674	JEAN PIERRE MOUEIX POMEROL	2015	\$49.99	\$42.90
	J-P Moueix are the largest wine merchants on the Right Bank and exclusive distributors of over 20 important châteaux. They are owners of a number of prestigious crus. The Jean-Pierre Moueix range is a tip of the hat to founder Jean-Pierre Moueix's original vision for authentic, terroir-driven wines channelling the nuances of fruit and terroir. The Pomerol is a 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc blend. Aromatic notes of berries, spice and smoke accompany a refined, precise palate with Pomerol's characteristic elegant, silky tannins.			
44676	JEAN PIERRE MOUEIX POMEROL	2016	\$49.99	\$47.49
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44675	JEAN PIERRE MOUEIX SAINT EMILION	2016	\$38.99	\$37.04
	Personally selected by Christian and Edouard Moueix, and composed primarily of Merlot with touches of Cabernet Franc. The wine is blended and aged in the historic Quai du Priourat cellars in Libourne, a recipient of all the care and expertise of the Jean-Pierre Moueix technical teams. Delicately complex aromas of blackberry and dark cherry enrich a mineral-edged palate of depth and balance.			

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Château Vrai Canon Bouché

Located in Canon-Fronsac, a lesser known part of Bordeaux west of Pomerol, Château Vrai Canon Bouché is the local superstar of the area. It is a small property, with just 12 hectares planted in 83% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec. Sustainable viticulture is practised and the owners have brought in the skilled services of the consultant extraordinaire, Stephane Derenoncourt.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43215	CHATEAU VRAI CANON BOUCHE CANON FRONSAC	2016	\$68.00	\$64.60

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Château Cantemerle

With a majestic courtyard, neoclassical architecture and cutting edge technology, Château Cantemerle is a Château of perfect harmony. Located in the Haut-Médoc appellation, the Cantemerle's vines produce complex, balanced and refined wines. The vineyard has 94 hectares planted and 91 hectares in production, with an average vine 30 years old. The winery is home to three thermo chests with a total capacity of 8000 hectolitres, a wooden vat with a 3400 hectolitre capacity for old vines, a stainless steel vat with a 2200 hectolitre capacity for young vines and a cement vat with a 2400 hectolitre capacity for blends.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44426	CHATEAU CANTEMERLE HAUT-MEDOC	2016	\$125.00	\$118.75

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Château La Lagune

This Third Growth Grand Cru Classé producer is situated in Haut-Médoc, on the site of 'The Village de La Lagune' built there in 1525. The château itself was erected between 1730 and 1734. The Sèzec family acquired it in 1886 and it remained in their hands until 1956, when it passed to Georges Brunet. The proprietors since 2000 have been the Frey family (owners of Jaboulet in the Rhône), who have invested heavily across all aspects of the business in the pursuit of higher levels of excellence. The properties on the Left Bank are slightly larger than those across the river, with La Lagune maintaining 82 hectares under vine: 60% in Cabernet, 30% in Merlot and 10% in Petit Verdot. The wines are early-drinking and quite feminine in style, with an aromatic and elegant presence. Nudges the upper reaches of its classification.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41834	CHATEAU LA LAGUNE THIRD GROWTH	2016	\$158.00	\$150.10

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Château Lanessian

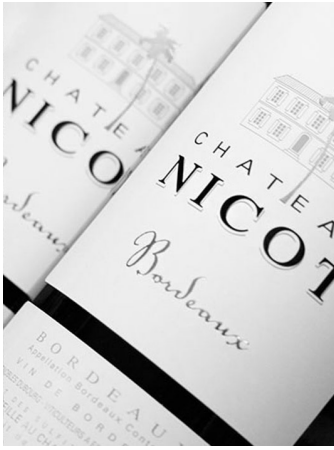
One of the most well known and respected names in the Haut-Médoc, Château Lanessian dates back to at least 1310. It was brought in 1793 by Jean Delbos, who refused to submit the wine for the 1855 Classification in the belief that it was "bureaucratic nonsense" and would add nothing to the estate's already good reputation. Lanessian's impressive Tudor-style building was constructed in 1878 by Andrée Delbos, who also expanded the estate to include stables in the shape of a horseshoe. Eight generations later, Lanessian is still owned by the Bouteiller family, who are direct descendants of Jean Delbos. This has always been an extremely popular wine due to its high quality, traditional style, low price, and ability to age for decades. The vineyards are situated on mostly gravel soils, planted in 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40529	CHATEAU LANESSAN HAUT-MEDOC	2014	\$49.99	\$47.49

Founded in 1793, eight generations later this Haut-Médoc property is still in the hands of the Bouteiller family. Cabernet dominant, with bright red fruit characters augmented by spicy, earthy notes.

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Chateau Nicot

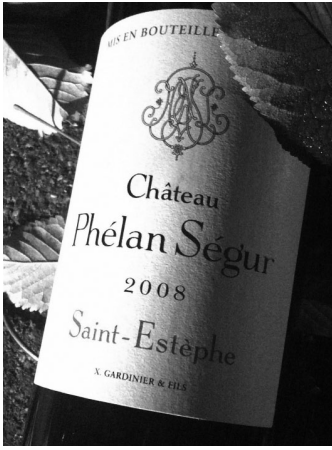
Although a relatively unknown château, Nicot has been under vine now for two centuries. It's positioned on the east bank of the Garonne river. This estate is part of the Dubourg family's 73 hectares of land in the Bordeaux region. The wines from this Château are typically supple and medium-bodied. They exemplify traditional Bordeaux with a great price-tag.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41620	CHATEAU NICOT BORDEAUX PETIT CHATEAU	2016	\$18.99	\$18.04

A Cabernet-dominant blend off an estate that has been in family hands for over two centuries. Situated on the east bank of the Garonne, Nicot is part of the Dubourg family's 73 ha of land in the Bordeaux region. Mineral-edged aromas of blackcurrant and raspberry embellish a supple and rounded palate of concentrated plummy flavours. Traditional Bordeaux with a great price tag.

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Château Phélan Ségur

Located within the Left Bank appellation of Saint-Estèphe, Château Phélan Ségur owes its name to founder, Irishman Bernard Phelan, who merged the properties of Clos de Garramey and Domaine Ségur de Cabanac, eventually taken over by his son Frank and renamed Château Phélan Ségur, with a second wine introduced under the moniker of Frank Phélan. This is a 70-hectare property, planted with 53% Cabernet and 47% Merlot on gravel and clay soils.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43663	CHATEAU PHELAN SEGUR FRANK PHELAN	2014	\$59.00	\$56.05
	A stately château founded by Irishman Bernard Phélan and developed by his son, Frank, in the late 1860s, Phélan-Segur is renowned for its long-lived, Cabernet-dominated wines. The second wine of the Château, Frank Phélan is intense and compelling with an elegant structure of silky tannins, its roundness and suppleness allow it to be enjoyed from a young age.			
43673	CHATEAU PHELAN SEGUR FRANK PHELAN	2015	\$64.99	\$61.74
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43660	CHATEAU PHELAN SEGUR SAINT-ESTEPHE	2016	\$145.00	\$137.75
	95 / Decanter "My overall favourite, as it displays such personality, gourmandise and freshness. Combines elegance, smoothness, lift on the finish, which is floral, without falling into a modern 'glossy' trap. Worth the higher price. Drinking Window 2020 - 2030."			

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Château Sociando-Mallet

Château Sociando-Mallet is located in the Haut-Médoc, in the commune of Saint-Seurin-de-Cadourne. The 57 hectares of vineyards are planted in 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Owned for the last 20 years by Jean Gautreau, the quality here has been on the up ever since he took the helm.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44286	CHATEAU SOCIANDO MALLET HAUT MEDOC	2004	\$129.99	\$123.49
	89-90/100 Vinous - Stephen Tanzer "Good ruby-red. Classic aromas of dark raspberry, plum, chocolate and spicy oak. Cooler in the mouth than the young 2005, but chewy, supple and sweet, with bright acidity giving cut to the expressive flavors of dark berries, leather, licorice, herbs and black olive. This has a lush texture for 2004, and the tannins are suave."			
44270	CHATEAU SOCIANDO MALLET HAUT MEDOC	2014	\$113.00	\$107.35
	92/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Sociando-Mallet put in a great performance in barrel. Now in bottle, the sophistication is evident on the nose with beautifully defined black fruit tinged with cedar and graphite. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, supple tannin, a silver bead of acidity and superb focus towards the finish. The energy here is superb and it tempts you back immediately for another sip. Probably a Sociano-Mallet that will drink young, yet there is the class to suggest it will age supremely well."			
44274	CHATEAU SOCIANDO MALLET HAUT MEDOC	2016	\$121.00	\$114.95
	92 / Decanter "Inky black in colour, with a beautiful graphite and black fruit nose. This is undoubtedly a great Sociando this year, with precise yet juicy graphite and black fruits on the palate, from a fairly even blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Cabernet Franc too. Drinking Window 2023 - 2040."			

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Château Brane-Cantenac

Established in the eighteenth century by the Gorce family, the estate's current name comes from the subsequent owner, Baron Hector de Brane, aka the 'Napoléon of the Vines' (due in part, no doubt, to boldly naming the estate after himself), a man of formidable political connections who saw it ranked as one of the fifteen Deuxièmes Crus (Second Growths) in the 1855 Classification. He sold what is now Château Mouton-Rothschild to finance the purchase, and his devotion to the vineyard saw it become, for a while, the finest in Cantenac. Now owned by one of the most famous winemaking families in Bordeaux, the Lurtons, Brane-Cantenac is steadily rebounding from a more recent history of mediocrity, these days producing soft, fruity expressions that lend themselves to earlier drinking more readily than some. The vineyard is planted in 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and 4.5% Cabernet Franc, plus it is one of very few estates in Bordeaux to still include a tiny percentage of the historically significant varietal, Carménère.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44471	CHATEAU BRANE CANTENAC SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$224.00	\$212.80

95 / Decanter "It's clear how well this wine is constructed in 2016. Vibrant cassis and violet notes are joined by a powerful shot of freshness then an austere finish with touches of white pepper, showing poise and power. A touch of Carmenère is now making a regular appearance in this wine. It represents 39% of the estate's production, from a 51hl/ha yield in 2016. Drinking Window 2025 - 2045."

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Château Cantenac-Brown

Farmed sustainably since 1996 and sited in Margaux, this Troisièmes Cru (Third Growth) estate occupies a terroir of gravel and sand. Cabernet Sauvignon accounts for 65% of the 48 hectares under vine, with the remainder 30% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. With a somewhat chequered career in its past, Cantenac Brown is, these days, one of the rising stars of the appellation, producing a silky, feminine claret that epitomises Margaux. The chateau building itself is somewhat unique in the Bordeaux hood, designed at the start of the 19th Century as a traditional Tudor estate by then owner, the Scottish animal painter, John Lewis Brown.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42186	CHATEAU CANTENAC BROWN BRIO DE CANTENAC BROWN	2015	\$79.99	\$75.99
	90 / Vinous, Antonio Galloni "Dark cherry, plum, mocha, espresso, licorice and spice are all amped up in the BriO, Cantenac Brown's second wine. Expressive floral and spice notes add attractive lift throughout. Pliant, open-knit and inviting, the 2015 is a terrific choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years."			
46246	CHATEAU CANTENAC BROWN THIRD GROWTH	2005	\$209.99	\$199.49
44472	CHATEAU CANTENAC BROWN THIRD GROWTH	2016	\$185.00	\$175.75

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Chateau Dauzac

Chateau Dauzac is a winery in the Margaux appellation of the Bordeaux region of France.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44699	CHATEAU DAUZAC MARGAUX	2016	\$139.00	\$132.05

"This rich wine comes from one of the most southerly estates in Margaux. Although structure is certainly there, it is cushioned by rich black fruits. Juicy acidity at the end offers a fresher view of this ageworthy wine. Drink from 2025." 92 points, Wine Enthusiast

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Château d'Issan

A Third Growth Margaux that produces beautiful aromatic and delightful wines that sit well above their price structure with the best of the appellation.

The history of the property dates back to 1152 and includes being served at the wedding of Eleanor of Aquitaine to King Henry II. Owned now by the Cruse family who have a long and prestigious history in the Medoc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49246	CHATEAU D'ISSAN THIRD GROWTH MARGAUX	2016	\$199.00	\$189.05

"Tight and closed but clearly going to power out of the gate in five or six years. Shows depth and persistency, with precision and balance to the fruit flavours, feels like every base is covered, laced through with liquorice, cinnamon and black chocolate, and although there is power it has a light touch. A delicious wine, long life ahead, note it down for the future." 97 points, Decanter

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Château Du Tertre

With a history that stretches back to 1143, Château du Tertre is one of the oldest properties on Bordeaux' Left Bank, and it sits regally atop one of the highest gravel-infused rises in Margaux. The 80-hectare property has 52 hectares under vine in a single block that is one of the largest in the appellation. It is one of the few 1855 Classified Growths remaining unchanged in size since that time, when it was ranked as one of eighteen Fifth Growths. It is planted in 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Originally established by Irishman Pierre Mitchell, founder of the first glassworks in Bordeaux, du Tertre has been in the hands of the Jelgersma family (then known in Margaux as the owners of Château Giscours) since 1997. With careful management combined with some serious investment, the Jelgersmas continue on an upward arc of quality and elegance.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44455	CHATEAU DU TERTRE LES HAUTS DU TERTRE	2015	\$69.00	\$65.55

Château du Tertre has its vineyards on the Le Grand Poujeau, a large plateau in the south-west of the Margaux commune, some 20 metres above sea level. It's gravelly and pebbly, ideal for Cabernet Sauvignon (45% of plantings), while Merlot and Cabernet Franc thrive there too. The Hauts du Tertre is a forward and positive wine, vibrant and approachable, giving up its wonders without any real struggle; a relief for those whose memory of good claret involves having to battle for its brilliance. 92 / Decanter "Full of a late summer evening feel, where the sense of exuberance fits the sheer languid sexiness of the thing. This has smoky oak, rich blueberries and charcoal. The ripe fruit is not precise so much as enticing; it's an unhurried and extremely beguiling wine. Drinking Window 2023 - 2038."

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Château Ferrière

Founded by Gabriel Ferrière, a member of the royal court in the 18th Century, the history runs deep in this Margaux property. It was classified Third Growth in the 1855 classification round-up, and didn't leave Ferrier hands until 1914. A succession of owners later, it has ended up with the Villars family. At 12 hectares, Ferrière is one of the smallest of the 1855 Classified Growths, with a vine mix of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. Currently managing the vineyard and winemaking activities, Claire Villars Lurton is at the beginnings of a dedicated programme to restore this unique gravel and limestone property, with a parcel at the heart of the Margaux village, to its original splendour.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46100	CHATEAU FERRIERE THIRD GROWTH	2005	\$199.00	\$189.05
	91/100 Wine Spectator: "This offers blackberry, currant and hints of meat on the nose. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a meat, berry and light vanilla character. Has a velvety texture, with pretty fruit."			
46102	CHATEAU FERRIERE THIRD GROWTH	2016	\$135.00	\$128.25

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Chateau Fourcas Hosten

A beautiful country manor house nestled in the heart of a magnificent 3-hectare park, in the shadow of the bell tower of the old Roman church, Chateau Fourcas Hosten is situated in the centre of Lustrac, a peaceful village in the eponymous appellation.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42570	CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN LISTRAC-MEDOC	2014	\$54.00	\$51.30
	91/100 "Chocolate and berry aromas with perfumed undertones. Full body, soft and silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Excellent." - James Suckling			
42507	CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN LISTRAC-MEDOC	2015	\$49.00	\$46.55
	"Rich fruit – the depth of ripeness showing the continuing improvement here. Drinking Window 2020 - 2030." 89 points, Decanter			
48994	CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN LISTRAC-MEDOC	2016	\$61.00	\$61.00
	92 / Decanter "I have been consistently impressed with the efforts and investment happening at this property since the Mommeja brothers took over (with Renaud very much taking the lead). This is tightly drawn and austere right now but the elements are all in place, showing good dark fruits, fresh acidity running through the palate, and rich, well integrated tannins. Good potential. Planted to 53% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon with the rest Cabernet Franc. Drinking Window 2025 - 2038."			

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Château Giscours

We're in Margaux now. Obviously at some point Bordeaux was not a restful place as, yet again, there is a fortress in the tale, in the form of a fortified keep erected on the property in 1330. Putting war aside though, the estate's great era, vinously, began in 1847, after a procession of owners had come and gone and Pierre Skawinski began managing the property. One of the great agriculturists of the region, he was an important figure in the fight against mildew and invented a plough that still carries his name. He managed the estate for 50 years and was instrumental in Giscours earning its Third Growth classification in 1855. At almost 400ha, she's a big'un, boasting a neoclassic palace and landscaped grounds, although only 90 hectares is under vine, a mix of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. Dutchman Alexander van Beek took charge in 1995, and his devoted and meticulous renovations have put Giscours on the road to recognition, with their current offerings the best yet.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44654	CHATEAU GISCOURS LA SIRENE DE GISCOURS MARGAUX	2015	\$99.00	\$94.05
	89-91/100 Neal Martin - "The 2015 La Sirene de Giscours is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. It has a crisp, quite pure black cherry, raspberry coulis and cedar-scented bouquet that gently unfolds in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with good depth for a deuxième vin, the 30% new oak nicely integrated with good depth and grip on the graphite and spice-tinged finish. This is worth seeking out - the best La Sirène de Giscours to date, but those with a wise head will give it 2-3 years in bottle. Drink 2019-2032."			
46135	CHATEAU GISCOURS THIRD GROWTH	2016	\$194.00	\$184.30

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Château Kirwan

This Margaux Grand Cru Classé estate is home to a late-18th century château built by Irishman Mark Kirwan. Third American president Thomas Jefferson is said to have been a fan, and it was listed the first of the Third Growths in 1855. The Godard family took charge in the second half of the 19th century, expanding the vineyards and installing grounds and gardens. The Shÿler family took over in 1926, having arrived in Bordeaux in 1739 to immerse themselves in the business of wine. They are still present today, in the form of Sophie, Nathalie and Yann Shÿler, who oversee the 37-hectare property of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 10% Petit Verdot vines, and employ experienced oenologist Philippe Delfaut as their managing director.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42540	CHATEAU KIRWAN K DE KIRWAN	2016	\$66.99	\$66.99
	Produced mainly from younger vines at Château Kirwan, this is the estate's second wine. It is ripe with berry fruit, dense tannins and the potential of further aging. It is on the point of showing signs of maturity, as the fruit conveys mushroom as well as berry flavors.			
42546	CHATEAU KIRWAN PETIT KIRWAN	2014	\$59.99	\$56.99
	Little brother of the classified growth Château Kirwan, the fruit off the same site as the fruit for the grand vin, though from younger vines. Hence the lively, fragrant fruits. This year the blend is 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 10% Petit Verdot. A wonderful basket of ripe blackberry, black-current and cherry notes, round, full and fresh in the mouth. An exceptional new arrival, one you'll find only in our Glengarry stores.			
42517	CHATEAU KIRWAN THIRD GROWTH	2014	\$115.00	\$109.25
	Deep dark purple hues. A broody yet opulent wine featuring an attack of blackberries and cinnamon, with notes of yeast, cedar, tobacco and chocolate.			
42605	CHATEAU KIRWAN THIRD GROWTH	2015	\$129.99	\$123.49
	93/100 James Suckling: "So much character here of wet earth, mushroom and black currants. Full and powerful. Chewy tannins yet polished and very fine. Focused intense."			

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Chateau La Tour de By

Château La Tour de By is a large Cru Bourgeois estate, consisting of 73 hectares of vineyards and is located in Bégadan at the viticultural northern extremes of the Médoc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49175	CHATEAU LA TOUR DE BY MEDOC	2016	\$58.00	\$55.10

"It's impressive how even a small percentage of Petit Verdot can bring color and spice to a wine. That's case in this wine that is rich while also stylish, full of tannins as well as freshness. Drink from 2022." 91 points, Wine Enthusiast

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Château La Tour de Mons

Originally named Tour de Marsac, this Cru Bourgeois estate dates back to the 13th Century. It was purchased by the de Mons family in 1623 and has enjoyed a good reputation for hundreds of years. Despite fetching higher prices than Pontet Canet and Lynch-Bages during the 18th Century it was not classified in 1855. The vineyard is a single 48ha block on gravel and limestone/clay that is surrounded by a wall in the northern part of the appellation near the banks of the Garonne. Rather unusually for Margaux, the plantings are predominantly Merlot at 56%, the remainder being 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49176	CHATEAU LA TOUR DE MONS MARGAUX	2016	\$71.00	\$67.45

91 / Decanter "Here we are stepping up a gear for this estate, with careful but not shy fruit extraction, some real intensity to the silky raspberry and bilberry flavours, and tannins that cradle without overpowering the fruit. Brilliant value for money in a wine where you get a hint of the floral silkiness of Margaux. Owned by CA Grands Crus, the same group that owns Grand Puy Ducasse, Tour de Mons is benefitting from recent investments together with the sure touch of technical director Anne le Naour. 56% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 6% Petit Verdot, Drinking Window 2023 - 2035."

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Château Labégorce

Château Labegorce dates back to the Grosse family in the 14th century. It was the one of the largest estates in the region for many years. The current Château was built in 1821. Château Labegorce is currently managed by Nathalie, who is the daughter of Hubert Perrodo who brought the estate in 1989. Perrodo is also behind L'Abbé Gorse de Gorse and Labégorce Zédé. Located in the Margaux commune in the Médoc region, the estates vineyard was planted on gravelly terrain. The estate grows about 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. It also grows Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42567	CHATEAU LABEGORCE CRU BOURGEOIS SUPERIEUR	2016	\$92.00	\$87.40

93 / Decanter "Deep, rich extraction, black cherry in colour with very well controlled aromatics of damson and creamy cappuccino. This is a gorgeous wine and there are going to be many fans of the contemporary but utterly controlled and well judged flavours on display here. Luscious and big, but everything has a reason for being where it is, nothing superfluous. One of the best ever from this property. Drinking Window 2027 - 2045."

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Château Lascombes

Situated on the highest knoll in Margaux, this Second Growth Grand Cru Classé estate was the property of the Lascombe family for three generations, right up to the French Revolution, before passing through the hands of a multitude of owners and coming to rest with the Gineset family, then owners of Château Margaux, in 1926. The estate was used as the Allied HQ during World War II. In 2001 it was purchased for \$67 Million and the new owners reportedly spent another \$47 Million renovating the estate, constructing a new winery and replanting the vineyards. Its 118 hectares are planted in 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. Its terroir is some of the finest in Margaux. Here, old traditions and new technologies combine to produce powerful and concentrated wines full of fruity elegance. It is arguably the most modern style of Margaux around, ripe and fleshy, with plenty of new oak that needs time to come together. The estate's various plots are somewhat scattered, contributing to a heightened degree of complexity in the wines.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41897	CHATEAU LASCOMBES SECOND GROWTH	2014	\$260.00	\$247.00
	87/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Lascombes was perplexing when I tasted it multiple times from barrel. Now in bottle, it has a generous, warm bouquet with chestnut-tinged black fruit, hints of cedar filtering through with time. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, smooth in texture with ample blackberry and blueberry fruit, although my main criticism is lack of detail and delineation on the finish. Ergo, you don't feel enthused about returning for another sip."			
48949	CHATEAU LASCOMBES SECOND GROWTH	2015	\$223.00	\$211.85
	94-95/100 James Suckling: "This is so powerful and rich with fantastic depth of fruit and tannin structure. Full body, chewy yet polished in impressive. Stretches the limit on tannin extraction but it's all there. Should develop beautifully in the barrel."			

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Château Margaux

One of the world's greatest wine estates, Margaux has a history dating back almost eight hundred years. Ranked as only one of four wines to achieve Premier Cru (First Growth) status in the 1855 Classification, it is also the only Bordeaux property to share the name of the appellation itself. With its building the grandest in Bordeaux, the wines of Château Margaux have been sought after by wealthy oenophiles for centuries. The 1771 vintage was the first claret to ever appear in a Christie's catalogue, and it was purchased by Thomas Jefferson during his tour of Bordeaux in 1787, with Jefferson later opining that Margaux was one of Bordeaux' Top Four. The wine itself has incredible elegance, purity and finesse, and it is, without doubt, one of the most beautiful in all of Bordeaux. The modern era for this estate is perhaps its greatest ever, with even their second wine, Pavillion Rouge du Château Margaux, better than the Grand Vin itself was a few decades earlier.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43253	CHATEAU MARGAUX FIRST GROWTH	2006	\$999.00	\$999.00
	96/100 Robert Parker: "This has more intensity on the nose than the 2007, certainly less Burgundian, with blacker fruit with boysenberry, wild hedgerow, a touch of smoke and violets. Good definition. The palate is medium-bodied, a little more structure and weight than the 2007, a little more grip and persistency. Touches of blackberry, cedar, blueberry, nice crescendo towards the finish. Very fine clarity with a slight graininess on the finish."			
43225	CHATEAU MARGAUX FIRST GROWTH	2016	\$1743.00	\$1743.00
	98 / Decanter "This is a serious Margaux, hugely Cabernet dominant on both nose and palate as you would expect with 94% of the blend. It has an extremely fine, elongated tannic structure, just barely there and so classy, focussing on the gentle elasticity. There are more blue than black fruits here, wonderfully spun out and softened with crushed tobacco. It has the expansive aromatic structure of Margaux, the floral and mineral aspects clear, as is the tension that lifts the palate up and out. It's reminiscent of the 2005, though with less evident tannins. It's not as hefty as the 2010 or as staggering as the 2015, but is still a joyful expression of the estate. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend. Drinking Window 2026 - 2045."			
44395	CHATEAU MARGAUX PAVILLON ROUGE	2013	\$325.00	\$308.75
	One of the world's greatest wine estates, Margaux has a history dating back almost 800 years and is ranked as one of only four wines to achieve first growth status in the 1855 Classification. The modern era for this estate is perhaps its greatest ever, with even the Pavillion Rouge better than the Grand Vin itself was a few decades earlier. 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2013 is the smallest vintage ever of Margaux' second wine.			
44398	CHATEAU MARGAUX PAVILLON ROUGE	2015	\$625.00	\$593.75
	95-96/100 James Suckling: "Shows incredible depth and power with near perfect Margaux character of black fruits and power. Full body, very tannic yet polished and refined. It's like the gran vin but in a year like 2006 or 2007. Best ever."			
44353	CHATEAU MARGAUX PAVILLON ROUGE	2016	\$481.00	\$456.95
	92 / Decanter "This has softened and deepened over the 18 months of ageing yet still has a touch of austerity and will take a few years to settle down. It's not as plump or generous as the 2015, but it's a beautiful wine that has balance and effortless class - a wonderfully poised Pavillon Rouge. 60% new oak has lent it some toasted almond and tarry notes. It represents just 26% of the harvest, making this the smallest ever percentage of the crop to make it into the second wine. Drinking Window 2024 - 2038."			

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Château Marojallia

Marojallia was the first boutique producer in the Médoc, debuted in 1999 by the team behind Saint-Émilion's Château Valandraud. The name comes from the ancient Roman word for the Margaux region, said to have been coined by the poet, imperial tutor and consul, Ausonius. Their methods, unorthodox for the region, initially caused some local consternation, but the quality of their output is undeniably high. Production is tiny at only 450 cases a year, and thus the wines of this estate are extremely difficult to procure. The vineyard area is a mere 4 hectares, planted in 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49218	CHATEAU MAROJALLIA MARGAUX	2016	\$149.00	\$141.55

"The 2016 Marojallia is dense, unctuous and full-bodied, with tremendous fruit intensity and pure power. Super-ripe black cherry, lavender, spice, mint and espresso all race out of the glass as this flamboyant, succulent Margaux shows off its strong voice and personality. Big, powerful and unapologetically opulent, the 2016 has so much to offer. In two tastings, it showed better from bottle than it did from barrel. Tasted two times." 94 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous

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Chateau Meyney

Chateau Meyney is one of the oldest estates in the Medoc. In 1662, it was a Convent mentioned in records under the names Couvent des Feuillants or Prieure des Couleys. Today, the estate stretches over some of the best hilltops above the Gironde Estuary. The river lying alongside the first rows of vines makes for a majestic, serene landscape. The estate belonged to the Luetkens family for several generations, and was then acquired by Mr Desire Cordier in 1919. In 2004, CA Grands Crus, a subsidiary of the Groupe Credit Agricole, acquired Chateau Meyney, with a determination to strengthen the potential of this outstanding cru. An improvement plan was put together for the entire estate. It is supervised today by Anne Le Naour, the Technical Director, and the consultant oenologist, Hubert de Bouard. The company CA Grands Crus, a fully-owned subsidiary of the Groupe Credit Agricole, became, in 2004, the owner of prestigious Bordeaux estates: Chateau de Rayne Vigneau, 1er Grand Cru Classe Sauternes, Chateau Grand-Puy Ducasse, 5eme Grand Cru Classe Pauillac, Chateau Meyney,

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49229	CHATEAU MEYNEY ST-ESTEPHE	2015	\$99.00	\$94.05
	"Leathery cassis fruit and broad – even massive – ripeness in the Meyney style. Will be very good with a bit of age. Drinking Window 2020 - 2030." 90 points, Decanter			
46284	CHATEAU MEYNEY ST-ESTEPHE (375ML)	2016	\$48.00	\$45.60

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Château Palmer

Château Palmer is perhaps the second most prestigious estate in Margaux. The name is undeniably English, Colonel Charles Palmer arriving in France with the army of the future Duke of Wellington in 1814 and purchasing the estate. Classified as a Third Growth in 1855, it has always been one of the most respected of the classified wines. The true golden era for Palmer is actually right now, with the wines produced since 2000 amongst the greatest ever seen here. The vines at Palmer have very deep roots, and are unusual in that the 47% Merlot is planted in gravel rather than the usual clay, perhaps contributing to its great elegance. There is also 47% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot, all to be farmed organically from 2014 onwards.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43626	CHATEAU PALMER ALTER EGO DE PALMER	2016	\$213.00	\$213.00
43601	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2001	\$854.00	\$854.00
	90/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Robert M. Parker Jr: "A virile, muscular effort for this estate, the 2001 Palmer (a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, and 5% Petit Verdot) exhibits a saturated purple color to the rim. Although closed and backward, it is surprisingly powerful, layered, and formidably endowed, revealing hints of charcoal, black fruits, earth, and underbrush. There is a lot going on in this offering, but it needs 5-7 years of cellaring to resolve its high tannin. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2022."			
43602	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2006	\$499.00	\$499.00
	94/100 Robert Parker: "Tasted at the Grand Vin Masterclass in January 2010 Deep garnet-purple colour. Ripe plum, cassia, cardamom and a whiff of musk / animal on the nose with some mocha and cigar boxes. Medium to high acidity balances out the concentrated dark cherry richness. Medium to firm level of fine tannins and a long finish." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown			
43604	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2010	\$699.00	\$699.00
	98+/100 Robert Parker: "The 2010 Palmer is one of the superstars of the vintage, a blend of 54% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot, which is just slightly different than what I indicated two years ago. The alcohol level hit 14.5%, and the wine comes across like a more stacked-and-packed version of their 2000. It is tannic and backward, but has a sensational black/purple color and a gorgeous nose of camphor, barbecue smoke, blackberry and cassis. Full-bodied, with oodles of glycerin but a relatively healthy pH, this wine has a precision and freshness that belie its lofty alcohol and extravagant concentration. This is a sensationally rich, full-throttle Palmer that could well end up being one of the all-time great wines made at this estate. It needs a good 7-10 years of cellaring and should keep for 50 or more years. There's no question that Thomas Duroux and the staff at Palmer are producing wines of first-growth quality, and have been for nearly a decade."			
43608	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2011	\$599.00	\$599.00
	96/100 Robert Parker: "The opaque blue/purple-colored 2011 Palmer reveals a stunning bouquet of licorice, truffles, camphor, spring flowers, black raspberries and black currants. One of the superstars of the vintage, this brilliant 2011 possesses superb concentration and purity, medium to full body, and remarkable length of close to a minute. A tour de force in winemaking, the Palmer team merits accolades for achieving this level of quality in a more challenging vintage than either 2009 or 2010. The "wine of the vintage" in Margaux, tiny yields of 20 hectoliters per hectare, a final blend of 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and a severe selection (only 55% of the production made it into Palmer) are the reasons for this success."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48917	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2012	\$450.00	\$450.00
	96/100 Robert Parker: "Château Palmer is one of the vintage's superstars. Opaque purple, with a gorgeous nose of blueberry, blackberry fruit, licorice, incense and graphite, the wine has a multi-dimensional, skyscraper-like richness, stunningly well-integrated acidity, tannin, wood, and alcohol, a finish of close to 45 seconds and a full-bodied mouthfeel. This is a great wine from Margaux in 2012 and one of the vintage's most remarkable efforts. Anticipated maturity: 2022-2040+. The final blend was 48% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot." - Robert M. Parker Jr.			
41822	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2013	\$460.00	\$460.00
	93/100 James Suckling: " Extremely perfumed and floral with hints of currants. Full body, firm and silky. Pretty fruit and finish. Bright and firm too. Milk chocolate on the finish. Drink in 2018 but already joyful." 90-92/100 Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: A blend of 49% Merlot and 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, the Palmer 2013 certainly has more fruit intensity on the nose compared to the Alter Ego. A little more opulent, there is a sense of plushness typical of Palmer with oodles of black cherries, cassis and blueberries - hints of dried violet. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. The acidity is nicely judged with a fine masculine, swarthy finish that shows more length than the Alter Ego. This is a good effort from the Palmer team - what you might call a "swish" Margaux in the making. (NM)"			
44352	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2014	\$645.00	\$645.00
	94/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Palmer builds on the promise that it showed in barrel. It is clearly a more understated and nuanced Palmer from winemaker Thomas Duroux this year, but a Margaux with exquisite delineation and precision, hints of blackberry, boysenberry and a touch of pencil box. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannin. It feels supple and lithe in the mouth. It will not have the depth and power of the subsequent 2015 Palmer, yet the "flow" is very sensual and the Merlot (45% of the blend) just lends it roundness and a caressing texture. What a beautiful Margaux and I bet it will be deceptively long-lived."			
49202	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH	2016	\$1001.00	\$1001.00
	Designated a third growth in 1855, Château Palmer has always been one of the most respected of the classified wines. The true golden era for Palmer is actually right now, with the wines produced since 2000 amongst the greatest ever seen here. Farmed organically from 2014, the vines have very deep roots, with the Merlot planted in gravel rather than the usual clay. Impressively rich and elegantly silky, this is a fabulous Margaux wine. 100 / Vinous, Antonio Galloni "Technical Director Thomas Duroux and his team made one of the most brilliant wines of the 2016 vintage. Palmer is simply exceptional. Rich and dramatically sweeping in the glass, the 2016 is breathtaking. All the elements simply fall into place in a wine of mesmerizing beauty. The counterpoint of dark, sumptuous fruit and floral notes makes for an utterly compelling Palmer that will take its place among the estate's finest vintages."			
49201	CHATEAU PALMER THIRD GROWTH (375ML)	2016	\$500.00	\$475.00
	"Powerful tannins and hugely rich fruit balance together in this superb wine. The velvet texture belies the power behind the concentrated, ripe black-fruit flavor, with vibrant acidity giving ample lift. The wine's structure will ensure aging for many years. Drink from 2024." 100 points, Wine Enthusiast			
42133	CHATEAU PALMER VIN BLANC DE PALMER	2014	\$399.00	\$399.00
	In the early twentieth century, it was customary for the great châteaux in the Médoc to produce a few barrels of white wine, reserved for the personal consumption of their owners. This was the case at Château Palmer until the 30s. A pleasant surprise and relic of this era, two bottles of Château Palmer white wine from the 1925 vintage, the trace of which had been lost, were found at the end of the 90s at the home of a French collector. In the early 2000s, to perpetuate this tradition, a few stock of these long-forgotten white wine vines were replanted: Muscadelle, Sauvignon Gris and Loset. The Vin Blanc de Palmer has been produced in limited quantity since 2007, exclusively for the owners and guests of the estate.			

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Château Prieuré-Lichine

Reflecting the Church's long love affair with things vinous, Prieuré-Lichine was founded back in the 12th century by monks who used it to produce the vinos for their meals and religious ceremonies. The church hung in there until the French Revolution, when, in a 'no-more wine-with-dinner' moment, the estate was seized, divided and disposed of. The portion that became Prieuré-Lichine received a Fourth Growth classification in 1855, and a much-neglected 11ha property was acquired in 1951 by Alexis Lichine (a.k.a. 'the Pope of Wine'), who with much patient dedication restored vineyards and cellars to their former status. Lichine, along with a consortium that included Count de Lur-Saluces of Chateau d'Yquem, invested heavily and seriously expanded the estate that now covers 78 hectares. It was sold to the Groupe Ballande in 1999, and they astutely employed the ubiquitous Stéphane Derenoncourt as their consulting oenologist. God knows how he fits it all in; with his name everywhere, there must, by now, almost be more pies in play than available fingers.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44651	CHATEAU PRIEURE LICHINE CONFIDENCES DE PRIEURE LICHINE	2014	\$54.99	\$52.24
	The dusty charm of the nose leads to a spicy, tightly structured palate of beautiful red fruits and a fine, elegant finish. Has won acclaim from numerous critics, including a 90/100 from James Suckling.			
44669	CHATEAU PRIEURE LICHINE CONFIDENCES DE PRIEURE LICHINE	2015	\$54.00	\$51.30
	90/100 Decanter - " This was the first vintage made in Prieure'-Lichine's new cellars, all cement vats, and as a result it's significantly different to the 2014. More precise and pure aromatics, more depth to the fruit, as well as greater weight and persistency in the mouth. The fruit has a creamy edge even though there's still no oak. A lovely wine that brings a smile to your lips."			
44649	CHATEAU PRIEURE LICHINE CONFIDENCES DE PRIEURE LICHINE	2016	\$64.99	\$61.74
	"This is full of dark fruits, maintained in the winery by the use of careful pumping over and short maceration periods at 26°C maximum. The grapes come from a wide array of sites, so it helps that winemaker, Stéphane Derenoncourt, chose to vinify them separately and blend after ageing – protecting the subtle identity of each in the final wine. Bottled in May 2018." 89 points, Decanter			
44192	CHATEAU PRIEURE LICHINE FOURTH GROWTH	2014	\$139.00	\$139.00
	89/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Prieure-Lichine has a reserved, slightly tertiary/gravel-tinged bouquet that takes time to develop the fruit behind it. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, a gentle grip in the mouth, but attenuating slightly towards the finish that just needs to develop a little more frisson. Probably best suited for short-term drinking rather than long-term, but you never know."			
44190	CHATEAU PRIEURE LICHINE FOURTH GROWTH	2015	\$139.00	\$139.00
	66% Cabernet, 29% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot. The colour is very bright with excellent concentration of red fruits and vibrant acidity. Very well structured and seems like it'll all come together, though is not right now.			
44193	CHATEAU PRIEURE LICHINE FOURTH GROWTH	2016	\$134.00	\$127.30

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Chateau Rauzan-Gassies

Chateau Rauzan-Gassies is a winery in the Margaux appellation of the Bordeaux region of France.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41714	CHATEAU RAUZAN GASSIES L'ORME DE RAUZAN GASSIES	2012	\$42.99	\$40.84
	First outing for this label by high-flying classified growth, Rauzan-Gassies, showing lovely development on the nose. With 2012 an earlier drinking vintage, it's ideal for this coming Christmas.			
43634	CHATEAU RAUZAN GASSIES MARGAUX	2015	\$133.00	\$126.35
	91/100 Decanter: "Deep cassis fruit with lifted fragrance that shows Margaux elegance, good depth and good future once the tannins have blended in."			

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Chateau Capbern

Chateau Capbern has been in the ownership of the Gasqueton family, owners of the 3rd classed Growth Chateau Calon-Segur, for 10 generations. It is a Cru Bourgeois, located close to the best part of St Estephe, and has 41 hectares under vine. It is benefiting from the excellence on Calon Segur team skills and produces wines of charm and structure capable of lasting comfortably 10-20 years. It is excellent value. In 2012, Chateau Capbern Gasqueton and Chateau Calon were sold to the large French Insurance company, Suravenir Insurance. Starting with the 2013 vintage, they dropped the second part of their name and began selling the wine under the simpler name of just Chateau Capbern.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40635	CHATEAU CAPBERN	2015	\$63.00	\$59.85

93/100 | Wine Enthusiast: "Produced by the team of Calon Ségur, this wine is stylish and elegant while also full of the Saint-Estèphe tannic structure. Fresh and fruity, it is also firm and tannic. Drink this spicy, juicy wine from 2025."

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Château Chasse-Spleen

Situated in the Moulis-en-Médoc appellation of Bordeaux, this is an estate widely considered to be the leading wine of the area and easily of Cru-Classé standard. Two of their more distinguished visitors in the past have been Byron and Baudelaire. At 100 hectares they are on the large side, and planting is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. There is, too, a small portion set aside for the production of a white Bordeaux. Chasse-Spleen still adhere to traditional practices, with no filtering employed. A great value, classic Médoc, the wines are often tannic in their youth, but age gracefully and drink well after 6-8 years in the bottle.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41165	CHATEAU CHASSE SPLEEN MOULIS	2016	\$100.00	\$95.00

93 / Vinous, Neal Martin "The 2016 Chasse-Spleen has a wonderful, detailed, mineral-driven bouquet that feels like a coiled spring at the moment. The harmonious palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, impressive depth and a pure but grippy, convincing finish. One of the best Chasse-Spleen in recent years. Bravo! This might represent one of the best quality-to-price ratios on the Left Bank. Drink 2022-2045"

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Château Cos d'Estournel

Often referred to as a Super Second (Growth), with a long and distinguished history in the Saint-Estèphe appellation. This is largely due to M. Gaspard d'Estournel, the 'Maharajah of Saint-Estèphe' who founded the estate in 1811. It wasn't long before the château was well-known to wine lovers all over the world, not least because of its famous pagoda design, built to celebrate the wine's presence in India. Recently a complete renovation of Cos d'Estournel took place across the whole business. While Cos d'Estournel may not have been as consistent as it could have been in the past, it is now making one of the most exciting wines in modern-day Bordeaux. The wines are big, concentrated and full bodied with a finely-judged balance.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44340	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL LA GOULEE	2015	\$89.00	\$84.55

77% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc, this is the second wine of the high-flying Second Growth Château Cos d'Estournel. With its generous ripe fruit and round nature, this is brilliant Bordeaux Merlot for early drinking, made to open over the next 4-6 years. A window into the class that is Cos winemaking.

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Chateau Haut Couloumey

Chateau Haut Couloumey carries a rich history. King Louis XIV used to hunt in their forests. In 1995, the Chateau provided the setting for two French films: "The Faithful Infidel" and "Dance with Life".

Following 60 years of no wine production, Pierre Bon replanted vines in 1998 and now has close to 4 hectares of vineyard in one of the oldest terroirs of Bordeaux. Chateau Haut Couloumey produces 95% red wine and 5% white wine. Their techniques are environmentally friendly, without the use of herbicides and treatments. The harvesting is done manually as well.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41135	CHATEAU HAUT COULOUMEY MEDOC	2016	\$24.99	\$22.99

Chateau Haut Couloumey carries a rich history. King Louis XIV used to hunt in their forests. It was replanted in 1998 and now has close to four hectares of vineyard in one of the oldest terroirs in Bordeaux. Harvesting is done manually and herbicides are shunned. Merlot-dominant, earthy on the nose, with plum, currant, a touch of cinnamon and oak on the palate. A freshly elegant Médoc that's good drinking right now.

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Château Potensac

Château Potensac is one of the three estates owned by the Delon family, with the other two being Château Leoville Las Cases in Saint Julien and Château Nenin in Pomerol. This estate has always been handed down by women in the family. Château Potensac is currently owned by Jean-Hubert Delon, who inherited the estate from his grandmother. Château Potensac is located on a high point in North Medoc. The vineyard is over 84 hectares, on mainly hilly mounds with a limestone subsoil covered with clay and gravel. Some of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc vines on the estate are over 80 years old.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44662	CHATEAU POTENSAC LA CHAPELLE DE POTENSAC MEDOC	2015	\$39.00	\$37.05
	One of the three estates owned by the Delon family, Château Potensac has always been handed down by the women in the family. This, their excellent earlier-drinking second wine, fully delivers on the quality and value stakes. Merlot dominant, with an attractive fruity nature and a nice edge to the tannins that gives way to a round, juicy finish.			
44175	CHATEAU POTENSAC MEDOC	2014	\$88.00	\$83.60
	93/100 James Suckling: "Wonderful aromas of crushed berries, wet earth and rose petals. Medium body and integrated and fine tannins. Very polished and pretty. Needs at least two years to soften a little but a beauty already. Tiny production due to hail. 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot."			
44171	CHATEAU POTENSAC MEDOC	2016	\$43.00	\$40.85
44176	CHATEAU POTENSAC MEDOC	2016	\$85.00	\$80.75
	90 / Decanter "This is such classic Médoc - the freshness is clear, perfectly underpinning the crunchy red and black berry fruits. It's super-seductive and easy to drink despite being closed right now, as you would expect at this stage, but the weight of tannins suggests that it will open back up fairly swiftly, and a second bottle I tasted was even more juicy. 2% Petit Verdot completes the blend. Drinking Window 2022 - 2036."			

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Château Poujeaux

Along with Château Chasse-Spleen this is the most highly regarded wine in the Moulis-en-Médoc area. Its history can be traced back to the 16th Century, when it was under the same ownership as Château Latour. The property suffered over time from a surfeit of sales and was broken up in the early 20th Century. Thanks to the ministrations of the Theil family, from 1921 on that situation was reversed, with the Theils doing much to endow the wine with an elevated reputation. Poujeaux was eventually purchased in 2008 by Clos Fourtet owners, the Cuvelier family. With consultant Stéphane Deroncourt on hand, Philippe Cuvelier and his son Matthieu are maintaining the wine's traditionally generous but delicate style while raising the property's potential for excellence through modernisation and sustainable viticultural practices. Organic farming is now used with lower yields, and they are also experimenting with biodynamics. The make-up is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5 % Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. One of the best value wines on the Left Bank.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44184	CHATEAU POUJEAUX CRU BOURGEOIS	2016	\$101.00	\$95.95

Poujeaux often displays richness and this year delivers with finesse and grip from the 2016 vintage. Intensely plummy with lifted Cabernet-Merlot flavours.

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Château Clerc-Milon

Located in the northern part of the Pauillac appellation, Clerc-Milon is one of eighteen Cinquièmes Crus (Fifth Growths) and faces Château Lafite Rothschild across the Route des Châteaux. Having become increasingly fragmented through sell-offs, it was acquired in 1970 by Baron Philippe de Rothschild, of Mouton Rothschild fame, as a do-up with great potential, and he immediately set about renovating the estate, constructing a new vat house and weaving his well documented magic on the château's imagery. The vat house is the first in Bordeaux to claim High Environmental Quality certification. The 45-hectare vineyard is planted in 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot and 1% of Carménère, the latter consisting of vines that were planted back in 1947. Clerc-Milon is now making the best wines in its history, beguiling, classically-styled expressions of currant, blackberry and spice, and can boast an outstanding run of recent vintages.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46210	CHATEAU CLERC MILON FIFTH GROWTH PAUILLAC	2014	\$290.00	\$290.00
	92/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Clerc Milon is more backward on the nose compared to the d'Armailhac: quite sumptuous in style with black fruit, dark plum, vanilla and a pungent violet scent. The palate is wonderful: a fabulous line of acidity, tensile and focused, mineral and intense with blackberry, citrus fruit, bilberry and cedar towards the elegant, yet intense finish. There is something almost Lafite-like about this Clerc-Milon and in my book, there is nothing wrong with that."			
42104	CHATEAU CLERC MILON FIFTH GROWTH PAUILLAC	2015	\$191.00	\$191.00
	95/100 James Suckling: "Extremely floral with blackberry and blueberry character plus hints of violets. Full-bodied yet always in check and reserve with fine tannins and bright acidity that goes on for minutes. Limestone undertones. The finish is particularly long this vintage. Super Clerc. Try in 2021."			
46275	CHATEAU CLERC MILON FIFTH GROWTH PAUILLAC	2016	\$219.00	\$219.00

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Château d'Armailhac



This high quality, 69-hectare Fifth Growth estate in Pauillac was once part of the mighty Mouton Rothschild, and is indeed owned by Baroness Philippine de Rothschild. The name comes from one of its first owners, Dominique d'Armailhacq, and by 1740 the wine was being marketed as Mouton d'Armailhacq. Debt eventually buried the d'Armailhacq family, and with their château remaining unfinished, it was quite possibly the construction costs that put them out of business. Whatever the reason, they flicked it off to the Ferrand family, and in 1933, a young Baron Philippe de Rothschild snapped it up from the Ferrands on his way to glory. The gravel, clay and limestone soils of the property are today planted in 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, with some of the oldest vines in the Médoc found here.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46240	CHATEAU D'ARMAILHAC FIFTH GROWTH	2016	\$144.00	\$136.80
40517	CHATEAU D'ARMAILHAC FIFTH GROWTH	2012	\$188.00	\$178.60

91/100 | Robert Parker: "Part of the empire of the Chateau Mouton Rothschild, this estate was once known as Mouton Baronne Philippe. This impressive, deep, opaque ruby/purple wine, with loads of charcoal, crème de cassis and a flowery-ness, this is rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, quite pure, and avoids any of the astringency or hollowness that some Médocs possess in this vintage. The wine is complete and finishes authoritatively. The tannins are there, but ripe, integrated and velvety. This is a very impressive d'Armailhac to drink over the next 20-25 years." - Robert M. Parker Jr

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Château Grand-Puy Ducasse

This Fifth Growth Grand Cru Classé producer consists of three large plots, totalling 40 hectares, on some of the appellation's finest terroir. It was pieced together via a combination of purchase and inheritance by lawyer Pierre Ducasse in the 18th Century, with the northern part bordering Mouton, Lafite and Pontet-Canet, the central plot located in Grand-Puy and the southern parcel on the Saint-Lambert plateau. Grand-Puy Ducasse is a 59-hectare estate, with 40 under vine in a mix of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot. Since 2004 the estate has been owned by CA Grands Crus, and there has been a decided upswing in quality during their tenure.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46157	CHATEAU GRAND PUY DUCASSE FIFTH GROWTH	2015	\$119.00	\$113.05
	90-91/100 James Suckling: "A refined and balanced red for the vintage with a lovely core of fruit. Medium to full body, bright finish. Lovely citrus, earth and fruit undertones."			
46159	CHATEAU GRAND PUY DUCASSE FIFTH GROWTH	2016	\$129.00	\$122.55

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Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste

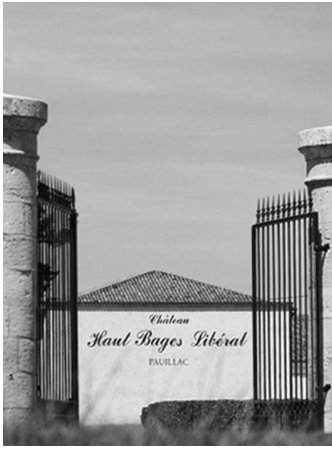
Derived from the Latin for hill, the name Grand-Puy describes this vineyard's valuable raised site overlooking Pauillac. Lacoste is the name of the family who owned the property from the beginning of the 18th Century to the end of the 19th. Hit hard by the disaster that phylloxera brought to Bordeaux, the Lacostes were eventually forced to sell up. A string of owners led in time to Raymond Dupin, a gentleman, so it is said, with a taste for the finer (read decadent) things in life, who purchased the property in 1930. Dupin passed Grand-Puy-Lacoste on to the Borie family in 1978, just prior to his death, and they remain in charge to this day. The man behind the estate's current resurgence is François-Xavier Borie, who has put his money where his mouth is and completely renovated the vineyards, winemaking facilities and cellars. The vine mix is 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, on 55 hectares. The style is classic Pauillac: succulent and concentrated with a strong tannic presence and the ability to age gracefully.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46164	CHATEAU GRAND PUY LACOSTE FIFTH GROWTH	2016	\$258.00	\$245.10

"This has a punch of mouthfilling dark cassis fruits and lots of complex tobacco, liquorice and truffle. Layer upon layer of flavour is joined by tight tannins, but with air and life in between. It's young and well balanced, easily equal to the power of a Lynch Bages or a Pichon Baron. I loved it en primeur and love it again here. Consultant is Eric Boissenot, technical director is Christel Spinner." 96 points, Decanter

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Chateau Haut Bages

The LIBERAL family had run the estate since the early XVIII th century. Then as wine brokers from father to son, they would sell most of the crops to the Netherlands and Belgium. Thanks to their name being next to that of the place, they were often invited to sit at the round tables of the political parties by the same name all over the world. As time passed, those fine connoisseurs of wine collected the best soils of the Pauillac area. That is why half of the vineyard of this 1855 fifth classified growth is next to Château Latour and the other half is behind Château Pichon Baron, located on the higher part of the place called « Bages », a large plateau south of Pauillac.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46188	CHATEAU HAUT BAGES LIBERAL	2015	\$121.00	\$114.95

92-93/100 | James Suckling: "This really grows in the palate and shows a deep tannin structure and richness. Full and powerful. Slightly hollow mid-palate but should fill in nicely."

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Château Lafite Rothschild

Château Lafite Rothschild is located at the northern tip of the Pauillac appellation, sitting in the shadow of Saint-Éstephe's Cos d'Estournel. Though it is not certain exactly when vines were first planted at Lafite, its history dates back to medieval times. Classified in the 1855 classification as a First Growth, Lafite was considered at the time to be the top of that group, its remarkably consistent performance over the ensuing years ensuring that reputation has remained unchallenged. The 100-hectare property is planted predominantly with Cabernet Sauvignon. Lafite go to extreme lengths to ensure quality: only around a third of the crop ends up in the Grand Vin, and the wine is matured in barrels produced by Lafite in their own cooperage. The estate's second wine is under the label Carruades de Lafite.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42585	CHATEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD FIRST GROWTH PAUILLAC	1982	\$19500.00	\$19500.00
	<p>"All three 1982 first-growth Pauillacs have turned out to be wines of extraordinary complexity, richness, and aging potential. To no one's surprise, they are all different. The two most backward wines are Lafite-Rothschild and Mouton-Rothschild. The 1982 Lafite possesses a dark, dense ruby/purple colour with only a subtle lightening at the rim. Spectacular aromatics offer jammy cherry and black fruits intertwined with lead pencil, mineral, and smoky wood scents. Powerful for a Lafite, this wine unfolds to reveal extraordinary richness, purity, and overall symmetry in addition to stunning flavour, depth and persistence. The finish lasts for nearly a minute. Plenty of tannin remains, and the wine displays a vibrancy and youthfulness that belie its 18 years of age. The modern day equivalent of Lafite-Rothschild's immortal 1959. An amazing achievement! Anticipated maturity: 2007-2070." 100 points, Rober Parker</p>			
42586	CHATEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD FIRST GROWTH PAUILLAC	2013	\$2250.00	\$2250.00
	<p>Robert Parker: A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2007 Lafite Rothschild (84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot) reveals classic Lafite aromas of graphite, unsmoked cigar tobacco, black currants, cherries, and a hint of truffles. The complex aromatics are followed by a round, medium to full-bodied wine with silky tannins, an overall subtle smoky component, and a rich, round, generous, plump finish. Already evolved and delicious, it should continue to drink well for two decades. 94/100.</p>			
48928	CHATEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD FIRST GROWTH PAUILLAC	2016	\$3850.00	\$3850.00
	<p>100 / James Suckling "Even stronger and more toned than the excellent 2015, this Lafite shows incredible power yet also finesse. Full-bodied, superfine and chewy wine. Muscular yet agile. Goes on for minutes. Stunning. Perhaps the greatest Lafite since the legendary 1959?"</p>			

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Château Latour

One of the most iconic names in Wine, Château Latour is in a class of its own, even among the other four Bordeaux First Growths. It has been the most consistent of them all for over one hundred years, producing wines of incredible depth, power and longevity. One of the oldest properties in the Pauillac appellation, its history goes back to the 14th Century, when a fortress was erected there during the Hundred Years War. With many legendary vintages under Latour's well-worn belt, the wines being currently produced are, nonetheless, said to be their greatest yet. At the heart of the 78-hectare vineyard are 47 hectares known as l'Enclos, the source of Latour's Grand Vin and considered by many to be the finest terroir in all of Bordeaux. In 1993 Latour was sold to François Pinault, who hired Frederic Engerer to manage things. Under Engerer's tenure the quality has risen, and things have never looked better. Sustainable farming is on the increase; as of 2013, 24ha are farmed biodynamically and 7ha organically. Since 2012, Latour is no longer available en primeur.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41916	CHATEAU LATOUR FIRST GROWTH	2008	\$1699.00	\$1614.05

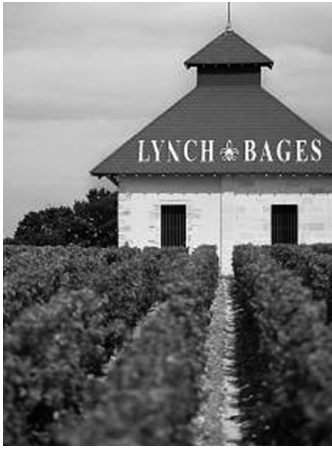
Ahh, that familiar Latour pencil lead character. You know you're in esteemed company as soon as you lift the lid and inhale the cassis, cedar and jammy fruit notes. Less extravagant than the 2000, more defined than the excellent 95, it's like saying which is your favourite Roller, really? Speechless, us.

42642	CHATEAU LATOUR FIRST GROWTH	2011	\$1650.00	\$1567.50
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93-95/100 | Robert Parker: "A blend of 84.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 0.5% Petit Verdot, the 2011 Latour represents only 34% of the crop. It hit 13.1% natural alcohol. One of the vintage's most compelling wines, it possesses a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet, open-knit personality with ripe tannin, superb intensity, good purity and harmony, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, and lots of crushed rock, floral and black as well as blue fruit notes in addition to hints of ink and forest floor. This beautifully rich, savory Latour will be surprisingly drinkable in 4-5 years, and should age easily for two decades or more." - Robert M. Parker Jr.

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Château Lynch-Bages

Arguably the most popular of all the eighteen Fifth Growths, Lynch Bages dates back to the 15th Century. Thomas Lynch was a descendent of the Tribe of Galway and inherited the estate through his wife in 1749. The golden era started in 1934 when it arrives in the hands of Jean-Charles Cazes, who immediately began to lift the quality. His grandson, Jean-Michel Cazes, took over in 1973, modernizing the estate and becoming a tireless global promoter of Bordeaux. Located just outside the town of Pauillac, the large 100-hectare vineyard sits on a gravel ridge overlooking the Gironde estuary. Plantings are 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, with an average vine age of around 30 years. The wines age very well, and sit nicely between the modern and the traditional styles, exuding power, concentration and charm.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44195	CHATEAU LYNCH BAGES BLANC DE LYNCH BAGES	2016	\$129.00	\$122.55
42529	CHATEAU LYNCH BAGES ECHO DE LYNCH BAGES	2014	\$79.00	\$79.00

A blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon and 27% Merlot. One of the Bordeaux properties who have, of late, out-performed their classified standing and historic quality, offering far more than anticipated. Their second wine is outstanding; with its blocky Pauillac tannins, the Echo is firm and boldly structured, unveiling a pure Cabernet precision. Fresh, vibrant, lively and ultra-fine.

49208	CHATEAU LYNCH BAGES ECHO DE LYNCH BAGES	2016	\$130.00	\$130.00
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73% Cabernet, 27% Merlot. Being from the 2016 vintage, the aromatics jump from the glass, vibrant and very attractive. The palate is intense with concentrated cassis and sweet ripe red berries. A bold structured wine with power and class that belies its quality level. Lovely freshness on the finish, lively and long. A wine that truly over delivers on every aspect.

43220	CHATEAU LYNCH BAGES FIFTH GROWTH	2016	\$407.00	\$407.00
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96 / Decanter "Harvest started a week later than in 2015, allowing a longer, slowing ripening as Pauillac fully benefitted from the conditions of the vintage. Touches of reduction for the first minute emphasise the redcurrant notes in with the cassis and bilberry. The acidity is clear, and the layers of fine tannins build to show an extremely impressive construction: thickly sliced black fruits, fresh menthol, toast, tobacco and grilled, almost tarry almonds. 2% Petit Verdot makes up the blend. Eric Boissenot consults. Drinking Window 2026 - 2042."

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Château Lynch-Moussas

Classified as a Fifth Growth property in 1855, Lynch-Moussas was originally a very large estate owned by the Irish Lynch family. It was eventually split into two halves, the other becoming Château Lynch-Bages, with Lynch-Moussas retaining the original building. The terroir is typical of Pauillac, consisting mostly of gravel over a limestone subsoil. The 60-hectare vineyard is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot. The current expressions are well known for their deep, dark colour and their red-fruit nose. On the palate they are generous and round, with ripe tannins followed by the ubiquitous hints of blackcurrant that are found in the wines of Pauillac.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43232	CHATEAU LYNCH MOUSSAS FIFTH GROWTH	2015	\$119.00	\$113.05

92-93/100 | James Suckling: "Extremely well done for the vintage in Pauillac with attractive dried flower, currant and light stone character. Medium to full body. Fine tannins."

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Château Mouton Rothschild

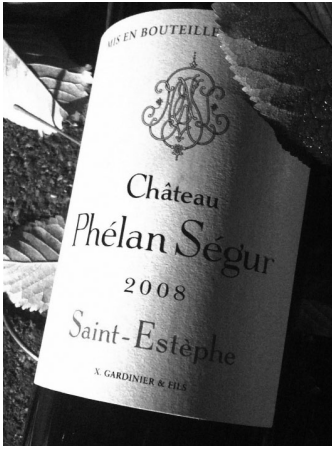
Mouton Rothschild was established in Pauillac in 1853, but their path to greatness started when a young Baron Philippe de Rothschild gained control of the property in the 1920's and began shaking things up in Bordeaux, changing the way wine was produced there. He was the first to bottle all his wine on the estate, allowing control over the selling process, and he introduced an unmatched level of sophistication to his branding. Artists to have created labels for Mouton Rothschild include Miró, Chagall, Braque and Picasso. Awarded Second Growth status in the original 1855 Classification, the Baron made it his mission to achieve First Growth status, something he achieved, against all odds, in 1973. Since his death in 1988, the estate has been controlled by daughter Philippine. In the astute hands of director Philippe Dhalluin, production has been decreased and quality increased. Labour intensive vineyard practices are matched to dazzling new cellars estimated to have cost close to 20 million euros. The wine? Flamboyant, exotic, opulent, unforgettable.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40507	CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD AILE D'ARGENT BLANC	2015	\$229.00	\$229.00
	96-97/100 James Suckling: "This has crazy energy with dried pineapple, pear and sliced apple. Full body, exotic and lively long. So exciting. 55% sauvignon 43% semillon and muscadelle."			
40501	CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD AILE D'ARGENT BLANC	2016	\$224.00	\$224.00
	93 / Decanter "This has almost an edge of sherry to the attack, shot through with gorgeous freshness through the mid-palate accompanied by white flowers and nectarines, adding light and juice. It has great persistency and is clearly an extremely good quality wine that's not going anywhere for a good few years. It's not as immediately joyous as the 2015 was in bottle at last year's tasting, but they have still managed to capture the lush signature of this white. Drinking Window 2018 - 2030."			
42001	CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD FIRST GROWTH	1973	\$3500.00	\$3500.00
	This is a very famous collectors bottle for two reasons. It was the year that Mouton was officially made a "1st Growth", and the baron declared on the label, "Premier je suis, second je fus, Mouton ne change". First I am, second I was, Mouton has not changed. It is also famous because the Baron dedicated the wine to Pablo Picasso who died in 1973. His daughter Paloma allowed the use of his beautiful painting "Bacchanale" (1959), that had been owned for a long time by the Mouton Museum. 1973 was not however one of the great vintages, critics throughout the 1970s and 1980s did not like this wine and expected it to not have a long life ahead. Yet one of the wonders of wine is that it is a living liquid, and especially in Bordeaux prone to long peaks and troughs. From recent cellartracker notes worldwide, it appears that this wine has gained a new lease on life since it hit 40 years of age, and is now drinking beautifully.			
42016	CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD FIRST GROWTH	1995	\$1999.00	\$1999.00
	95/100 Robert Parker: "Bottled in June, 1997, this profound Mouton is more accessible than the more muscular 1996. A blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, and 19% Merlot, it reveals an opaque purple colour, and reluctant aromas of cassis, truffles, coffee, liquorice, and spice. In the mouth, the wine is "great stuff," with superb density, a full-bodied personality, rich mid-palate, and a layered, profound finish that lasts for 40+ seconds. There is outstanding purity and high tannin, but my instincts suggest this wine is lower in acidity and slightly fleshier than the brawnier, bigger 1996. Both are great efforts from Mouton-Rothschild. Anticipated maturity: 2004-2030."			
43283	CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD FIRST GROWTH	2015	\$1850.00	\$1850.00
	One word – Wow. This is a sensational Mouton. The ripeness of the Cabernet greets you, there's an abundance of tight red berries. The palate is powerful with a clear voice of the charm of Mouton. Fine yet powerful tannins, leather, tobacco and a taut tight acidity that gives wonderful freshness.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44372	CHATEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD LE PETIT DE MOUTON ROTHSCHILD	2016	\$632.00	\$632.00

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Château Phélan Ségur

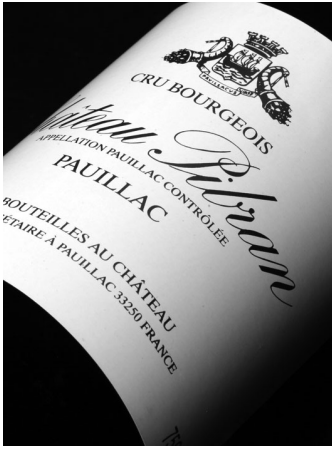
Located within the Left Bank appellation of Saint-Estèphe, Château Phélan Ségur owes its name to founder, Irishman Bernard Phelan, who merged the properties of Clos de Garramey and Domaine Ségur de Cabanac, eventually taken over by his son Frank and renamed Château Phélan Ségur, with a second wine introduced under the moniker of Frank Phélan. This is a 70-hectare property, planted with 53% Cabernet and 47% Merlot on gravel and clay soils.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43676	CHATEAU PHELAN SEGUR FRANK PHELAN	2016	\$87.00	\$82.65

Created in 1986, Frank Phélan, the second wine of the Château, bears the name of the son of Bernard Phélan, founder of the estate. Frank Phélan comes from 15 hectares of old vines and a selection of vines of less than ten years. It respects the classic values of the Château by expressing another facet of its terroir. Frank Phélan associates indulgent fruit, intense and compelling, with an elegant structure of silky tannins. It undergoes 14 months' ageing. Its roundness and suppleness allow it to be enjoyed from a young age.

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Château Pibran

Not a well-known estate, this is nonetheless vinified at Château Pichon-Longueville Baron. They are both owned by the prestigious AXA group, who also count in their polished portfolio Château Petit-Village and Château Suduiraut. AXA purchased Pibran in 1987 and have invested huge amounts of money to ensure it lives up to the quality of its terroir. The 17-hectare vineyard is situated on one of Pauillac's most beautiful gravel hilltops, and has one of the highest percentages of Merlot (54%) in the Médoc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43664	CHATEAU PIBRAN PAUILLAC	2016	\$109.00	\$103.55

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Château Pichon-Longueville Baron

Commonly referred to as Pichon Baron, this property began life as part of the same estate as Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, but was split apart in 1850 when the then owner, 90-year-old Baron Joseph de Pichon-Longueville died and bequeathed the property equally between his five children, the women receiving Pichon Lalande and the men what would become Pichon Baron. It remained in family hands right through to 1933, but following a difficult period through the 1960's and 70's, it was purchased by the AXA insurance group who, with the resources at their disposal, immediately began to turn things around, producing stunning 1989 and 1990 vintages. The wines have continued to improve to the point where they are now some of the most sought-after in Bordeaux. The hallmarks are a supremely rich spiciness and highly concentrated, tannic fruit that retains its elegance for decades. 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot are planted across the 40-hectare deep gravel vineyard, with some vines planted back in the 1930s.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44468	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE BARON LES TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE	2014	\$89.00	\$89.00
	For many years off the same vineyard site, this is no longer the second wine of Pichon-Longueville. Pichon has a new second label, Griffons, and the Tourelles stands now on it's own feet, and does it very well, too. Bold, powerful, Cabernet-dominant.			
42190	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE BARON LES TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE	2015	\$99.00	\$99.00
	Technically the second wine of the legendary Pichon-Longueville, LesTourelles now comes from its very own vineyard, with the winemaking team particularly proud of this vintage. Intensely aromatic with a pure red line of fruit, it is precise and elegant. An excellent 2015.90 / Decanter "The 'other' second wine from Pichon Baron is not quite as accomplished and sexy as the Griffons in this vintage, perhaps because the Merlot suffered more from September rains and so feels a touch more diluted. It's still a well-made and enjoyable wine, that can be approached at an earlier date than Les Griffons, but the mid-palate is lacking. 5% Petit Verdot finishes the blend. 30% new oak. Drinking Window 2020 - 2030."			
49216	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE BARON LES TOURELLES DE LONGUEVILLE	2016	\$113.00	\$99.00
	One of the few 'grands châteaux' in Pomerol, this stunningly appointed estate produces rich, full-bodied, concentrated, tannic wines poised eloquently between power and refinement, now some of the most sought-after in Bordeaux. The estate's second wine, Les Tourelles is sourced off the same vineyards and devoted all the care and attention of a first wine.			
43670	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE BARON SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$482.00	\$482.00
	96 / Decanter "There's no question that we are in Pauillac with this wine: it's a deep, dark purple in colour and a little more reserved on the nose than some, with more of that pencil-lead and slate character. The texture is almost as important as the flavour, and it shows its quality. This is all cassis, wet stone and loganberry, and conveys heft rather than sinew. It tightens through the mid-palate to the point that it contracts - a serious wine. Matured in 80% new oak. Drinking Window 2026 - 2042."			
42155	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE BARON SECOND GROWTH (375ML)	2016	\$240.00	\$240.00
	96 / Decanter "There's no question that we are in Pauillac with this wine: it's a deep, dark purple in colour and a little more reserved on the nose than some, with more of that pencil-lead and slate character. The texture is almost as important as the flavour, and it shows its quality. This is all cassis, wet stone and loganberry, and conveys heft rather than sinew. It tightens through the mid-palate to the point that it contracts - a serious wine. Matured in 80% new oak. Drinking Window 2026 - 2042."			

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Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

Commonly referred to as Pichon Lalande, this famous Second Growth wine is quintessential Pauillac for many consumers, voluptuously textured, with complex layers of fruit and a classic earthy perfume. Once part of the larger Pichon estate, it was split apart in 1850 when the then owner, 90-year-old Baron Joseph de Pichon-Longueville died and bequeathed the property equally between his five children, the women receiving Pichon Lalande and the men what would become Pichon-Longueville Baron. Pichon Lalande stayed in family hands for over 250 years until it was sold to Champagne giants Louis Roederer in 2007. A hugely expensive renovation then took place, both in the winery and in the vineyard. 67 hectares are planted in 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. The estate is managed sustainably, with half of the vineyard farmed organically. They are also experimenting with biodynamics.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49223	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE RESERVE DE LA	2016	\$134.00	\$127.30
	92 / Decanter "An incredibly luscious, gorgeously balanced and rich Réserve de la Comtesse. They picked right up until the light October rain, waiting until it had passed before continuing. Those extra few days have contributed to the particularly soft and silky quality of the tannins in the Cabernet Sauvignon, which have a gorgeous density to them. This is a serious wine that could stand up against many Médoc grand vins. The blend here is 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Drinking Window 2027 - 2050."			
43684	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE SECOND GROWTH	2007	\$190.00	\$190.00
	89/100 Robert Parker: "Pichon Lalande's 2007 is a seductive, dark ruby/plum-tinged wine displaying sweet cocoa, white chocolate, black currant, and foresty notes, medium body, a velvety texture, and a delicious style. The final blend is 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Drink it over the next decade."			
43680	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE SECOND GROWTH	2015	\$416.00	\$416.00
	Dense and shy initially, the palate is generous and elegant. The structure is bold, powerful and greets you up front, then lets way to a refined, elegant and well-polished mid palate. This is an excellent Lalande, has everything in such perfect balance and a fine long finish.			
43683	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$506.00	\$506.00
	100 / Vinous, Antonio Galloni "The 2016 Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande is every bit as regal as it has always been. Towering and spectacularly rich in the glass, the 2016 captures every ounce of potential is showed from barrel. The 2016 is a vivid, dramatically sweeping wine that will leave readers week at the knees. Beams of tannin give the 2016 soaring intensity that is matched by a host of aromas and flavors that open up in the glass. Blackberry jam, graphite, spice, menthol, licorice, pencil shavings and spice are all finely sketched in a bold, savory Pauillac that hits all the right notes. The 2016 Pichon Comtesse has been riveting on each of the four occasions I have tasted it from barrel thus far, making it easily one of the wines of the vintage. Nicolas Glumineu and his team turned out an epic Pichon Comtesse in 2016. Don't miss it!"			
43688	CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE SECOND GROWTH	2012	\$199.00	\$199.00
	90/100 Robert Parker: "The grande dame, the 2012 Pichon Lalande represents only 50% of their harvest production. It has soft, round tannins, endearing elegance, and up-front fruit. It is not a blockbuster, but its lush, richly fruity style is charming and seductive, with raspberry, blueberry, mocha and blackcurrant fruit and a deep ruby/purple color. This medium-bodied, supple-textured wine is surprisingly precocious and forward, and therefore best drunk over the next 15 years. The final blend was 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot." - Robert M. Parker Jr			

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Chateau Pontet Canet

Ranked as a Fifth Growth in the 1855 Classification, Pontet-Canet has seen a meteoric rise in quality in recent years, and is now arguably the most popular wine in Pauillac.

Over three centuries it has been owned by only three families, the latest being the Tesserons, who acquired it in 1975. Alfred Tesseron took the reins in 1994, and under his guidance, the quality has risen to the point where they are producing wines at the level of the 'Super Seconds', and in some vintages, they are the equal of the First Growths, which is indeed an amazing achievement.

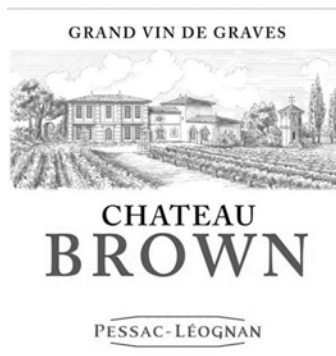
After taking over, Alfred moved to sustainable farming techniques on a parcel by parcel basis, and then in 2004 began to institute biodynamics. Everything is done by hand, and the entire vineyard will eventually be worked with horses in the traditional manner.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41742	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2006	\$299.00	\$269.10
	89/100 Robert Parker: "One of the great estates of the Medoc, Pontet-Canet has enjoyed increasing attention as well as a draconian selection process by owner Albert Tesseron ever since his breakthrough vintage of 1994. The 2001 does not possess the power of the 2000 or the huge 2003, but it is still a very fine albeit tannic, lighter wine. A blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, and small percentages of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, it was produced from modest yields of 37 hectoliters per hectare. Revealing classic cassis aromas, medium to full body, a firm structure with plenty of finesse, a closed personality, and dominant as well as intrusive tannin, it should age well for 12-20 years, but patience will be required. Certainly the concentration appears up to the level of the tannin. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2017."			
44164	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2010	\$699.00	\$629.10
	100/100 Robert Parker: "An absolutely amazing wine, from grapes harvested between the end of September and October 17, this blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot has close to 15% natural alcohol. It comes from one of the few biodynamic vineyards in Bordeaux, but you are likely to see many more..... This is a 50- to 75-year wine from one of the half-dozen or so most compulsive and obsessive proprietors in all of Bordeaux. Is there anything that proprietor Alfred Tesseron is not doing right? Talk about an estate that is on top of its game! Pontet-Canet's 2010 is a more structured, tannic and restrained version of their most recent perfect wine, the 2009. Kudos to Pontet-Canet!"			
44110	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2012	\$275.00	\$247.50
	93/100 Robert Parker: "This impeccably run, biodynamically farmed estate of Alfred Tesseron goes from strength to strength. The 2012 triumphs once again with its notes of dark plum, blackcurrant, licorice and almost a hint of truffle, its full-bodied, supple tannins, and beautiful, expensive mouthfeel. Complex and deep, this dense ruby/purple-colored wine may not be at the level of the 2009 or 2010, but it is a successful wine in this vintage, and a significant wine in 2012. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2035." - Robert M. Parker Jr			
48935	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2013	\$272.00	\$244.80
	Ranked as a Fifth Growth in the 1855 Classification, Pontet-Canet has undergone a meteoric rise in quality in recent years. In three centuries it has been owned by only three families, the latest being the Tesserons. Alfred Tesseron has embraced biodynamics in challenging conditions, using earthen eggs for maturation and horses in the vineyard. His wines are ethereal and stunning, capturing his terroir with increasing flair.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42137	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2014	\$299.00	\$269.10
	94/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Pontet-Canet, now in bottle, was tasted twice during my trip to Bordeaux. It has an attractive bouquet: graphite tinged black fruit, incense and violets, perhaps a little more hedonistic than I envisaged when I tasted it from barrel. The palate is medium-bodied with tensile tannin thanks to the keen line of acidity. I like the precision of this Pontet-Canet. It feels linear and correct, pencil lead notes developing towards the second half, more quintessentially Pauillac than previous vintages, with what you might describe as a classic Pauillac finish that retains the focus that I remarked upon from barrel. Tasted February 2017."			
41723	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2015	\$327.00	\$294.30
	"Alfred proudly told me straight up that 50% of this harvest was brought in by horse – always a topic we start with. 2015 Pontet Canet is made from 65% Cabernet, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Perfumed and incredibly fragrant, this jumps out of the glass to greet you. The aromas are vibrant red and exotic, it's exuberant and voluptuous. The palate is then very tightly held, the structure is like a picture frame that is holding tight the gorgeous fruit. The tannins are very fine and drive the lovely long finish. There's depth, minerality, tension, freshness and a huge amount of energy. An exceptional wine." - Liz Wheadon			
41744	CHATEAU PONTET CANET FIFTH GROWTH	2016	\$456.00	\$410.40
	98/100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown: The blend of the 2016 Pontet-Canet is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Around 55% of the wine was aged in new French oak barrels, 15% in two-year-old barrels and 35% in cement amphorae for 16 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, it opens with opulent scents of plum preserves, spice cake, hoisin and crème de cassis with fragrant wafts of potpourri, wood smoke and rose hip tea. Medium to full-bodied, rich and decadent, with loads of spicy layers, it has a firm, velvety texture with great freshness and incredible depth, finishing very long and on a compelling mineral note.			
46152	CHATEAU PONTET CANET MAGNUM (1500ml)	2014	\$599.00	\$539.10
	95/100 Decanter: "Classic Cabernet nose of cassis. Lovely purity and depth with a silky texture that caresses the palate – more obviously Pontet-Canet than Pauillac. An extremely fine wine almost in a class of its own." - Steven Spurrier			

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Chateau Brown

With all his respect for the history of Chateau BROWN, Jean-Christophe Mau had one dream, and one dream only: to place his ambitions at the service of this estate of 59 hectares (29 of vines) acquired at the end of 2004, and to cherish its vineyard in a manner worthy of the appellation's most prestigious wines.

By bringing out the best of BROWN's gravel soils, moving towards careful, sustainable production techniques, optimising modern technical facilities and building the right team... the successive vintages since 2005 have revealed ever more generosity, care and precision. Over the years, the haute-couture wines of Chateau BROWN, red and white alike, have seen their quality and reputation soar.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41654	CHATEAU BROWN BLANC	2015	\$78.00	\$74.10
	91-93/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Brown Blanc has a lively, showy bouquet with lime cordial and freshly squeezed grapefruit scents that are neatly entwined with the new oak. The palate is fresh and crisp on the entry, tropical tones of nectarine, Clementine and peach rendering this almost drinkable now. It is well balanced and displays fine length, a white Pessac that should give great pleasure over the next 12-15 years."			
41663	CHATEAU BROWN BLANC	2014	\$70.00	\$66.50
	One of the few Bordelaise vintners to make a red and a white, this is classic Graves wine, all minerals, citrus fruit and hints of soft cheese on the nose, about as far from Marlborough Sauvignon as you could possibly get. The palate pushes forward in a surge of lemony, exotic fruits all nailed down to a mineral base that adds an extra depth of complexity to the overall impression. Refreshing, intriguing, an oak aged style that in the old days would have been called 'Fumé'.			

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Château Carbonnieux

Located in the Pessac-Léognan region of Graves, Château Carbonnieux is one of the oldest estates in Bordeaux, with a history dating back to the 12th Century. By the end of World War II it had been uninhabited for almost 30 years however, and was in a pretty dire condition. Ride in the Perrin family to the rescue. One big makeover later, they're no longer the shabby house down the road in a somewhat posh neighbourhood that contains the likes of Châteaux Haut-Bailly and Smith-Haut-Lafitte. We're talking new everything, with temperature control and stainless steel. At 90 hectares, it's one of the largest outfits in the area, sitting on gravel and producing both red and white wines. It is, indeed, one of the few Bordeaux estates to carry all five of the red Bordeaux varieties, namely 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, and a soupçon of Petit Verdot and Carménère. The main player on the white side is Sauvignon Blanc (65%), with 35% Semillon in attendance. Lovers of earlier drinking, red fruity elegance, this is you.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43226	CHATEAU CARBONNIEUX BLANC	2015	\$98.00	\$93.10
	94/100 Wine Enthusiast: "The firm tannins in this wine are dense and concentrated, ripe rather than dry. The fruit and juicy acidity give the wine richness and crispness at the same time. It has a great future. Drink from 2025."			
43227	CHATEAU CARBONNIEUX CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2016	\$100.00	\$95.00
	92 / Decanter "A carefully constructed frame makes this a little subdued at this early stage, taking its time to show those subtle, floral-edged and rather lovely blackberry and redcurrant flavours. It's a good wine with impact and personality, and tannins that take hold halfway through, keeping things in place and suggesting plenty of ageing potential. Elegant and attractive. Drinking Window 2025 - 2038."			
43211	CHATEAU CARBONNIEUX BLANC	2014	\$92.00	\$87.40
	92/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Carbonnieux Blanc has a detailed and vivacious bouquet offering attractive blackcurrant leaf and citrus aromas, hints of almond and white chocolate just tucked in nicely below the surface. The palate is well balanced with a slice of bitter lemon on the entry. This is a little more piercing in the mouth compared to its peers, as such, it would shine when partnered with shellfish or even hard cheese, rather than a white Pessac-Léognan to serve on its own. Still, a great job here this year."			

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Château Haut Bailly

Château Haut Bailly has a unique terrior, which is expressed in their wines. The estate dates back to 1461. Located right next to the city of Bordeaux on the banks of the Garonne River, it is one of the most prestigious Cru Classé de Graves. Haut Bailly's vineyard is 30 hectares. Of that, there is 4 hectares of vines over a hundred years old, comprising of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Carmenère, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. The rest of the estate is planted with 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc. Château Haut Bailly is committed to environmental winemaking, grapes are picked by hand and no chemical weed killers are used.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48924	CHATEAU HAUT BAILLY GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$499.00	\$474.05
	<p>"Hugely successful, a wine where the architecture becomes clearer with every minute that it remains in your mouth. Each strand of those softly-spun tannins really stands out, giving effortless support to the cassis, charcoal, tobacco and slate. Over it all, the most appealing, gently curling woodsmoke comes right on up through the palate. The whole effect is of a soft, caressing texture that manages to also be hugely intense. A wonderfully complex layering of flavours, absolutely no doubt that this is going to age beautifully. Harvest lasted for 12 days but was spread out over four weeks. Alcohol levels are the same as last year because they had no blockages of ripening. The blend is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc aged in 50% new oak. 3.7pH." 97 points, Decanter</p>			
49171	CHATEAU HAUT BAILLY GRAND CRU CLASSE (375ML)	2016	\$179.00	\$170.05
	<p>"Hugely successful, a wine where the architecture becomes clearer with every minute that it remains in your mouth. Each strand of those softly-spun tannins really stands out, giving effortless support to the cassis, charcoal, tobacco and slate. Over it all, the most appealing, gently curling woodsmoke comes right on up through the palate. The whole effect is of a soft, caressing texture that manages to also be hugely intense. A wonderfully complex layering of flavours, absolutely no doubt that this is going to age beautifully. Harvest lasted for 12 days but was spread out over four weeks. Alcohol levels are the same as last year because they had no blockages of ripening. The blend is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc aged in 50% new oak. 3.7pH." 97 points, Decanter</p>			
44667	CHATEAU HAUT BAILLY LA PARDE DE HAUT BAILLY	2015	\$95.00	\$90.25
	<p>92 / Vinous, Antonio Galloni "The 2015 La Parde de Haut-Bailly is laced with the essence of black cherry, plum, licorice, menthol and grilled herbs. Supple and inviting, the 2015 will drink well upon release, but this deceptively midweight second wine from Haut-Bailly also has more than enough structure to age well for a number of years. The blend is 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc."</p>			

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Château Haut Bergey

Château Haut Bergey's history dates back to the 15th century. It was originally known as La Maison Noble de Pontey. The estate was brought by Francois de Cresse, a member of the Bordeaux parliament in 1700. He very quickly grew the vineyard to 100 hectares. The estate was brought by Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard in 1991. Sylviane is the granddaughter of a well-known Bordeaux wine merchant. Of the red varieties, the Haut Bergey vineyard is planted with 54% Cabernet Sauvignon and 46% Merlot. Of the white varieties, it is planted with 82% Sauvignon Blanc and 18% Semillon. Most of those vines were planted in 1989.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42598	CHATEAU HAUT BERGEY BLANC	2007	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Made from a blend of Sauvignon Blanc 70% and Semillon 30%, this wine offers lemon, melon, vanilla and hints of floral notes. A round texture on the palate. Also packed with fruit. Finishes with a fresh honeydew melon, citrus and a touch of spice.			
42560	CHATEAU HAUT BERGEY BLANC	2015	\$99.00	\$94.05
	"Rather floral nose. Lots of weight and charm but you have to like rich, rather old-fashioned wines. Impression of cider and baked apples." 16.5 points, Jancis Robinson			
42573	CHATEAU HAUT BERGEY ROUGE	2015	\$59.99	\$56.99
	89/100 Burghound: "This is prettier still with ultra-pure and very fresh red pinot fruit that complements well the supple, vibrant and equally fresh flavors that are shaped by unusually fine tannins for what this is as well as very solid length. This is a beautiful Chorey and worthy of consideration as well. Sweet Spot. Outstanding. Drink: 2013+."			

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Château Haut-Brion

Regarded as one of the world's greatest wines for around 600 years, Haut-Brion was the only First Growth outside of the Médoc in the 1855 Classification. Grapes are thought to have been grown here since Roman times, and it can boast the first-ever professional wine review, by Samuel Pepys in 1663. Lauded by Thomas Jefferson in 1787, it was the earliest recorded First Growth to be imported to the United States. The estate was eventually purchased by another American, New York Financier Clarence Dillon, in 1935, and it remains in Dillon family hands to this day. The elevated vineyard consists of deep gravels with a high clay and mineral content, planted in 45% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. They also produce one of the greatest and most expensive dry white wines in the world from 63% Semillion and 37% Sauvignon Blanc. The elegant and refined Haut-Brion is virtually in a class of its own, with a programme of deliberately lowered yields, stringent sorting and increased allocation to the second wine upping the ante significantly.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44680	CHATEAU HAUT BRION CHAPELLE DE LA MISSION HAUT-BRION	2016	\$283.00	\$283.00
	"The 2016 La Chapelle de La Mission Haut-Brion is just as captivating from bottle as it was from barrel. Fresh, silky and inviting, the Chapelle is all class. Floral notes lead into a core of expressive red cherry and plum fruit. Medium in body, silky and exquisite in its balance, the 2016 has so much to recommend it. I would prefer to give the wine a few years in bottle to allow a broader range of aromas and flavors to develop, but even today, the Chapelle is gorgeous. The 21% Cabernet Franc in the blend adds striking brightness and perfume throughout." 92 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous			
42558	CHATEAU HAUT BRION FIRST GROWTH	2007	\$780.00	\$780.00
	92/100 Robert Parker: "The 2007 Haut-Brion offers up aromas of crushed rocks, graphite, plum sauce, raspberries, and black cherries. The aromatics are truly complex for a three year-old wine. While the wine does not possess the fat and succulence of its nearby neighbor, La Mission Haut-Brion, its elegance, finesse, and nobility are apparent. Medium-bodied, rich, and intense with stunning aromatics."			
46190	CHATEAU HAUT BRION FIRST GROWTH	2011	\$925.00	\$925.00
	Regarded as one of the world's greatest wines for around 600 years, Haut-Brion was the only First Growth outside of the Médoc in the 1855 Classification. Grapes are thought to have been grown here since Roman times. Virtually in a class of its own, with a programme of deliberately lowered yields and stringent sorting. the 2011 is a superb classic, full of power, opulence and breadth, but still beautifully light on its feet.			
48925	CHATEAU HAUT BRION FIRST GROWTH	2016	\$1743.00	\$1743.00
	100 / Decanter "This has a little more reticence initially on the nose than La Mission, but after a few minutes the rich texture begins to reveal itself, with charcoal, tobacco, dark plum and damson fruits that are straining at the leash. It has hidden power and subtle oak toasting - this clearly feels no need to shout about its presence, but there will be plenty to discover over time. You can feel those tannins licking around your teeth, building up one layer at a time. A great wine En primeur that has settled into greatness. Drinking Window 2026 - 2046."			
42559	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2007	\$599.00	\$599.00
	92/100 Robert Parker: "The 2007 La Mission Haut Brion, a candidate for wine of the vintage, exhibits a dense ruby/purple hue along with notes of melted licorice, blueberries, cassis, burning embers, and charcoal, sweet tannin, medium to full body, a fleshy mouthfeel, and an endearing succulence as well as lushness. Already appealing, it should continue to evolve and drink well for 15+ years. It is a great success for the vintage."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42550	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2008	\$599.00	\$599.00
	95/100 Robert Parker: "Like a lot of wines in this underrated vintage, the 2008 La Mission was one of the great bargains of recent vintages. Its healthy blue/purple color is followed by aromas of blueberries, black raspberries, licorice, truffles, underbrush and forest floor. The scorched earthy/smoky character of this estate's terroir has not yet emerged. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated with good acidity, freshness and delineation, this is a big wine for the vintage, but also very classic in its balance of tannin, acidity and extract. It will benefit from another 5-7 years of cellaring and should keep for three decades. The final blend was 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc."			
42554	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2009	\$1450.00	\$1450.00
	100/100 Robert Parker: "A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2009 La Mission-Haut-Brion stood out as one of the most exceptional young wines I had ever tasted from barrel, and its greatness has been confirmed in the bottle. A remarkable effort from the Dillon family, this is another large-scaled La Mission that tips the scales at 15% alcohol. A blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot (47% of each) and the rest Cabernet Franc, it exhibits an opaque purple color as well as a magnificent bouquet of truffles, scorched earth, blackberry and blueberry liqueur, subtle smoke and spring flowers. The wine's remarkable concentration offers up an unctuous/viscous texture, a skyscraper-like mouthfeel, sweet, sumptuous, nearly over-the-top flavors and massive density. Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime La Mission-Haut-Brion, the 2009 will take its place alongside the many great wines made here since the early 1920s."			
41932	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2010	\$1450.00	\$1450.00
	98+/100 Robert Parker: "Dense purple, it offers up notes of lead pencil shavings, charcoal embers, blueberry and blackberry liqueur along with massive concentration, a multi-dimensional mouthfeel and a monumental finish that goes well past a minute, which I think might be a record for a young Bordeaux. Keep in mind that the 2009, which I gave three digits, came in at 14.7%, but the pH of the 2010 is lower, giving the wine a freshness and precision that is remarkable. The final blend was 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, and – unlike the Chapelle de la Mission, which has 26% Cabernet Franc – there's only 1% Cabernet Franc in the 2010 La Mission Haut-Brion. This is a wine for those of you with youth on your side as well as patience. It will need a good decade of cellaring. An amazing wine. Anticipated maturity: 2024-2075+."			
41933	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2011	\$599.00	\$599.00
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The small production (4,150 cases) of 2011 La Mission-Haut-Brion displays the nobility and complexity of this great terroir. Burning embers, scorched earth, blueberry, black currant, licorice and spice aromas jump from the glass of this dense ruby/purple-colored wine. With full body (atypical for a 2011), but no hard edges, this opulent, multidimensional, fleshy, rich, stunningly long, well-balanced La Mission is another great achievement in what has been nearly a century of producing remarkable wines from this hallowed vineyard. The long 2011 should be reasonably mature in another 4-6 years, and last for two decades. It will always be a revelation in a vintage that is unlikely to receive a lot of exciting press. The final blend was 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 11% Cabernet Franc." - April 2014			
41936	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2015	\$1150.00	\$1150.00
	100/100 James Suckling: "The purity in this wine is really mindblowing. So perfect. Licorice. Stone. Blackberry, blueberry. Full body. The power is amazing. But then it finishes ethereal and so agile and beautiful. I am lost for words. This will rank with the best ever from here including 1975 and 1929. 58% merlot, 35% cabernet sauvignon, and cabernet franc."			
42553	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES (1500ml)	2011	\$1200.00	\$1200.00
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The small production (4,150 cases) of 2011 La Mission-Haut-Brion displays the nobility and complexity of this great terroir. Burning embers, scorched earth, blueberry, black currant, licorice and spice aromas jump from the glass of this dense ruby/purple-colored wine. With full body (atypical for a 2011), but no hard edges, this opulent, multidimensional, fleshy, rich, stunningly long, well-balanced La Mission is another great achievement in what has been nearly a century of producing remarkable wines from this hallowed vineyard. The long 2011 should be reasonably mature in another 4-6 years, and last for two decades. It will always be a revelation in a vintage that is unlikely to receive a lot of exciting press. The final blend was 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 11% Cabernet Franc."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42549	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LA MISSION CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES (375ml)	2009	\$699.00	\$699.00
	100/100 Robert Parker: "A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2009 La Mission-Haut-Brion stood out as one of the most exceptional young wines I had ever tasted from barrel, and its greatness has been confirmed in the bottle. A remarkable effort from the Dillon family, this is another large-scaled La Mission that tips the scales at 15% alcohol. A blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot (47% of each) and the rest Cabernet Franc, it exhibits an opaque purple color as well as a magnificent bouquet of truffles, scorched earth, blackberry and blueberry liqueur, subtle smoke and spring flowers. The wine's remarkable concentration offers up an unctuous/viscous texture, a skyscraper-like mouthfeel, sweet, sumptuous, nearly over-the-top flavors and massive density. Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime La Mission-Haut-Brion, the 2009 will take its place alongside the many great wines made here since the early 1920s."			
44443	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LARRIVET BLANC	2014	\$89.00	\$89.00
	A 72-hectare property producing classic Bordeaux red blends and excellent whites, their wines some of the best-known of the unclassified estates in the Pessac-Léognan appellation. Acquired in 1988 by the Gerver-son family, the estate has made marked improvements in quality. Their 2014 white wine is replete with crisp, ripe citrus characters and vanilla notes, delivering a subtle honeyed edge and a bright, refreshing finish.			
49184	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LARRIVET BLANC	2016	\$105.00	\$105.00
	"The 2016 Larrivet-Haut-Brion Blanc deftly balances textural resonance and freshness. Lifted floral notes convey energy, which is further brought out by the decision to ferment some of the wine in cement and concrete egg (along with French oak). The 2016 was expressive and quite inviting on all three occasions I tasted." 91 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous			
49185	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LARRIVET ROUGE	2016	\$114.00	\$114.00
	"What a brilliant vintage this is - just so complete. Honestly at this level, where prices don't change that dramatically between vintages, you should go for the 2016 if you have the option. It's on a different level in terms of depth and structure, and has opened up further from my tasting two years ago. You can drink it now, although will probably improve again over the next few years. Excellent Pessac-Léognan character, polish and balance but also plenty of black fruits and great chocolate; hard to argue with." 94 points, Decanter			
43618	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LES CARMES	2015	\$197.00	\$197.00
	96-97/100 James Suckling: "This shows incredible texture with the finest velvet mouthfeel. Super character of chocolate, walnut and orange peel. Great length and subtlety. Lots of whole berry fermentation and maceration gives the wine grace and fruit. Then it kicks in. Great power and structure at the end. Very unique. 45% cabernet franc, 25% cabernet sauvignon and 30% merlot. 30,000 bottles made."			
49189	CHATEAU HAUT BRION LES CARMES	2016	\$308.00	\$308.00
	96 / Decanter "With 51% whole-bunch fermentation for the Cabernet Franc and Merlot, this is the highest proportion in this wine. This is just gorgeous, with a beautiful sweetness on the attack from ripe fruit and a touch of smoked caramel. It really rises through the palate, gripped by liquorice, hazelnut, dark chocolate and black cherry fruits that ripple through the palate. I loved this wine En primeur and it is absolutely living up to its billing. It has an IPT of 90, but the tannins are full of life, yielding in just the right places while still confident and keeping everything in line. Great persistency too. 3.49pH. 80% new oak, 10% Stockinger and 10% amphoras. Drinking Window 2026 - 2042."			
44661	CHATEAU HAUT BRION BLANC FIRST GROWTH	2012	\$2150.00	\$2150.00
	98/100 Robert Parker: "Easily the top wine of Pessac-Léognan, the 2012 from Haut-Brion has extraordinary flesh and intensity, with an unctuousness and thickness that is almost hard to believe for a dry white wine. The high proportion of Semillon in this blend has given the wine an almost liquid mandarin orange note intermixed with caramelized citrus, honeysuckle, fig and crushed rock. This absolutely profound dry white wine is full-bodied and capable of lasting 40-50 years." - Robert M. Parker Jr			

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Château Larrivet Haut-Brion

A Fifth Growth, 100-hectare estate established in the 1800's and rated as one of the top wines in the commune of Léognan from as early as 1840. From 1874, the new owner began calling it Château Haut-Brion Larrivet, causing extreme Gallic consternation down Château Haut-Brion way. Of course it all ended up in court, and the name was altered to the present version (Not sure how rearranging the order of the words achieves satisfaction, but we're not French, so what do we know?). The Gervoson family have been calling the shots since 1987, working hard to restore the estate to its glory days, partially through a thoroughly modernised winery and upgraded vineyard programme. The estate sits astride a sandy gravel ridge that is planted with 52% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc. They also produce a very good white wine from a mix of 81% Sauvignon Blanc and 19% Sémillon.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44473	CHATEAU LARRIVET HAUT BRION BLANC	2015	\$103.00	\$103.00

17/20 | Jancis Robinson - "Stéphane Derenoncourt. Really quite rich and broad. Racy and charming. Extremely vivacious. Chock full of fruit but then tense on the end."

88-91/100 | Antonio Galloni - "The 2015 Larrivet-Haut-Brion Blanc comes across as decidedly rustic and four square. There is no shortage of intensity, but a measure of textural finesse is missing. Lemon peel and orchard fruit notes abound in a distinctly phenolic white that emphasizes power at this stage. This is the first vintage made by Stéphane Derenoncourt and his team."

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Chateau Malartic Lagraviere

Domaine de Lagravière, recognized since time immemorial for its excellent terroir, was purchased at the end of the eighteenth century by the family of Count Hippolyte de Maurès de Malartic. Serving the armies of the Kings of France, this Admiral fought against the English on the many seas of the world, showing special bravery in 1756 during the battle of Quebec. The estate was then bought in 1850 by Madame Arnaud Ricard, who added the name Malartic to that of Lagravière as a tribute to the former owners. After land reorganisation and the acquisition of some small plots, the estate took on the form which it was to keep until the 1950s. The Marly family were the last of the Ricard ancestry to run the Château. Of particular note, Jacques Marly was estate manager from 1947 to 1990. Having enjoyed an excellent reputation from the beginning of the nineteenth century, Château Malartic-Lagravière was one of only six properties in Bordeaux to enter the 1953 Graves classification for both its red and white wines. At the end of 1996, the Château entered a new era with the arrival of the Bonnie family.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42526	CHATEAU MALARTIC LAGRAVIERE BLANC	2014	\$160.00	\$152.00

94/100 | erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Malartic-Lagraviere Blanc fulfills its potential that it showed in barrel. It has a well-defined and mineral-driven bouquet with light granitic aromas, a touch of sunflower seed and citrus peel. The palate is very well balanced with beautiful citrus fruit laced with nectarine, white peach and apricot. It feels very harmonious in the mouth, long and persistent, the aftertaste delivering a dash of spice that will put a smile on your face and leave you reaching for another sip of this excellent Pessac-Léognan Blanc."

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Chateau Olivier

At the heart of a vast area of forest, meadows and vineyards, Château Olivier emerges from its woods as in a clearing. Its beautiful architecture, its water and the quality of the annex buildings, make it an exceptional site in the countryside, just eleven kilometers from Bordeaux. Olivier is a very old seigneurie, which is found in the early Middle Ages. The Black Prince, it is said, loved to hunt there, so much the surrounding forests were rich in game. The domain belongs since the 19th century to an old family from Bordeaux, the family of Bethmann. The Château Olivier wine was classified in 1953, both in red and white.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49200	CHATEAU OLIVIER GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$101.00	\$95.95

"This is tight right now, still extremely young and Cabernet-dominant. You can feel the depth of the fruit, and this will take its time to open. They are really focussing hard on the red wine at this estate, finding its feet, growing its profile and giving it direction. Good quality, though give this a good five years before thinking about opening." 93 points, Decanter

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Château Pape Clément

Few great wines can boast seven centuries of history and trace their origins back to a pope, but this one can. Elected Supreme Pontiff in 1305, during the reign of King Philip the Handsome (a moniker no doubt initiated by Philip himself), Clement V gave his name to the estate, having, it's said, a strong interest in wine, whatever that means. The Pope was very hands-on, and something of an innovator as well; his was the first estate in Bordeaux, for instance, to destem the entire crop by hand. When Clement moved the papal court to Avignon, he gave his Bordeaux vineyards to the Archbishop of Bordeaux, from which time every Archbishop followed the vinous techniques and teachings of Bishop Clement. The estate was eventually sold to the Montagne family in 1939, and they are still in charge today, with the present owner, Bernard Magrez, doing his utmost to keep standards at papal heights. Combining the traditional with state-of-the-art, Pape Clément is produced to the highest standards, with chemical weed killers abandoned in favour of ploughing.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44480	CHATEAU PAPE CLEMENT CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES	2016	\$142.00	\$134.90
43610	CHATEAU PAPE CLEMENT CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES BLANC	2014	\$235.00	\$223.25
	90/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Pape Clement Blanc was tasted three times during my tastings. In all three occasions, I felt that it has not quite delivered on that initial promise from barrel, missing the mineral tension of the finest white Bordeaux such as Domaine de Chevalier or Malartic-Lagravière Blanc. The palate is quite rounded on the entry and the new oak is more evident here, lending the texture an attractive creaminess, but filing away some of the tension and nervosité on the finish. I can picture it having broad appeal, but I was hoping for more terroir expression."			
44482	CHATEAU PAPE CLEMENT CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES ROUGE	2014	\$315.00	\$299.25
	Lavish in profile, this sports a range of warm fruitcake, anise and black tea aromatics followed quickly by a hush of raspberry, plum and boysenberry confiture notes. Velvety, showing ample structure through the finish, pulling the fruit and wood notes together.			
43611	CHATEAU PAPE CLEMENT CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES ROUGE	2016	\$283.00	\$268.85
	"With their smoky and spicy bouquet, the red wines are of an admirable quality and a very characteristic softness. The wine is both concentrated, fine and harmonious, with an aromatic palette as wide as it is precise. The depth and length in the mouth are exceptional. Quality of the terroir, sustained efforts and dynamism have borne fruit bringing Pape Clément to a level very close to that of the premiers crus." - Figaro Vin			

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Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte

This Pessac-Léognan estate has a refined reputation as 'the quintessential Graves'. Its history stretches back over 800 years to the Crusades, with vines planted in 1365 on a gravelly plateau known as Lafitte. George Smith purchased the Graves estate in 1720, adding his name to the property. Current owners are the Cathiard family, who instigated manual harvesting and sorting regimes where only the best grapes are utilised, introducing, too, their own cooperage from where they produce 70% of their own barrels. A well-judged combination of new and old, the winery is ultra-modern, while the vineyard is ploughed using horses. The Cathiards have taken the estate from a degree of vinous mediocrity to its current position near the top of the pecking order. The farming is sustainable and organic, with a heavy slant towards biodynamics, producing fantastic smoky wines from 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. They also make a stunning dry white from 60-year-old vines of 90% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Sauvignon Gris and 5% Sémillon.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42166	CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE BLANC	2015	\$274.00	\$260.30
	96-97/100 James Suckling: "A beautiful white with pretty density and richness. Bright and clear with intense aromas and flavors of lilacs and stones. Some violet. Full and bright. Firm phenolic tension. Bright acidity."			
42191	CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES BLANC	2016	\$308.00	\$292.60
	96 / Decanter "One of Bordeaux's finest dry whites. With a refined palate, subtle oak, perfect balance of luscious lime fruit and fresh acidity, this is beautifully constructed. Intense, with a touch of pepper on the palate and a hint of lanolin, this will age beautifully. Drinking Window 2020 - 2035."			
44445	CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE LE PETIT HAUT LAFITTE	2015	\$79.00	\$75.05
	93 / Decanter "The grapes here come from the same plots as the grand vin, selected on tasting. It has rich and powerful fruits with an inky feel and cedar and graphite touches. It's an excellent second wine with real ageing potential. I love the confidence and sexiness of these wines. Drinking Window 2023 - 2036."			
44263	CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE ROUGE	2016	\$327.00	\$310.65

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Clos Floridene



Clos Floridène is a 31 hectares estate mostly located on the calcareous plateau of Pujols sur Ciron, near Barsac, in the Graves appellation. A few plots are also located on the pebbly terraces of Illats. Since 1982 Denis and Florence Dubourdieu have supervised the replanting of the vineyard. This estate combines the first names of husband and wife.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49245	CLOS FLORIDENE ROUGE	2015	\$44.00	\$41.80

"Plush, dense and inviting, with no hard edges and fine balance, the 2015 Clos Floridène is a winner from the Dubourdieu family. Super-ripe fruit and a dash of new oak, along with a good bit of raciness, give the 2015 its exuberant personality. This is an absolutely gorgeous wine, especially for the money." 89 points, Vinous

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Domaine de Chevalier

A very old estate with a lengthy history, designated as 'Chevalier' on the noted 1763 map produced by engineer Pierre de Belleyme, the sustained use of the prefix 'domaine' rather than the more recent 'château' an indication of its respectable age. In 1983, Domaine de Chevalier was acquired by leading Bordeaux wine merchants, the Bernard family and it has been managed since then by Olivier Bernard. Domaine de Chevalier's red wine is one of the leading expressions in the Pessac-Léognan appellation, and indeed one of Bordeaux' finest classed growths. They also produce a white wine, Domaine de Chevalier blanc, regarded as one of the world's finest dry whites.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49235	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER CLOS DES LUNES LUNE D'ARGENT	2016	\$39.99	\$37.99
	"Juicy, fresh-squeezed pomelo with a dab of honey, white peach and pear on the nose in the sweet, lusciously textured palate. The acidity here is exactly on point, giving this brilliant lift." 91 points, Jeff Leve - The Wine Cellar Insider			
41749	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES BLANC	2014	\$290.00	\$275.50
	97-98/100 James Suckling: "Amazing nose of dried fruits from peaches to apples to mangos. Pink grapefruit too. Full and very powerful white with an incredible length and intensity. It's like a beautiful block of velvet in your mouth. It goes on for minutes. It becomes so mineraly and subtly fruity at the end. Turns just to honey. Wow."			
44338	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES BLANC	2015	\$320.00	\$304.00
	98/100 James Suckling: "Instantly impressive nose with pristine lemons and limes as well as subtly flinty, reductive notes. The palate has power and direction, not to mention impressive yeast lees influence and perfectly integrated oak. Power, impressive tension and length. Drink this young or with some considerable age. It will deliver at both ends."			
41733	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES BLANC	2016	\$298.00	\$283.10
	97 / Decanter "Young and tight at first, what strikes me about this wine is the precision and the flinty, smoked notes. Stone fruits are revealed after a few moments in the glass, while the palate shows huge persistency - the reductive notes quickly disappear to be replaced by touches of green apple and bright citrus. It's closed-up right now, but the potential here is absolutely huge. Even at this stage, the oak comes through as a texture rather than a taste."			
44331	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER CRU CLASSE DE GRAVES ROUGE	2016	\$229.00	\$217.55
	The unbroken period of beautiful weather was favourable to full maturity of the red wine grapes, and refined their tannins immensely. The harvest dates for each plot could be chosen with great precision, by tasting the berries, and there was no need for haste thanks to the fine weather. All varieties had fine large bunches in tip-top condition with fairly big berries. The skins of the red wine grapes were thick (due to the drought conditions from July to September). Yields were generous, but not excessively so. The potential quality is excellent for all varieties. The grapes were rich, with fruity tannin, great balance, and considerable freshness.			
49209	DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER L'ESPRIT DE CHEVALIER BLANC	2016	\$78.00	\$74.10
	90 / Vinous "The 2016 Esprit de Chevalier has a focused, Golden Delicious apple and apricot blossom bouquet. The harmonious, well-balanced palate offers good weight and lovely orange zest and quince notes toward the classy finish. Excellent." Neal Martin			

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Château Bourgneuf

This Right Bank estate is situated in the heart of the prestigious Pomerol appellation, spread over almost 9 hectares in one unique holding. It is, indeed, one of the oldest family-owned properties there, having been in the hands of the Vayron family since 1821 and managed by them now for eight generations. The vines are pretty well established too, the average age 40 years, with one parcel over 70. The varietal mix is 90% Merlot to 10% Cabernet Franc, and the main section - their best terroir - almost exclusively clay. Bourgneuf produces a fairly traditional, lighter, rustic style of Pomerol. Its stocks are on the rise, and the neighbours (Châteaux Trotanoy and L'Eglise Clinet) are high-profile.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41195	CHATEAU BOURGNEUF POMEROL	2015	\$97.00	\$92.15

One of the oldest family-owned properties in Pomerol, having been in the hands of the Vayron family since 1821 and now managed by them for eight generations. 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. Displaying dark plum notes on the nose, the structure greets you at the out-set. Boasting a core of ripe red fruits and well-formed tannins, this lovely Pomerol is deliciously velvety with a fresh and lively finish.

41196	CHATEAU BOURGNEUF POMEROL	2016	\$121.00	\$89.00
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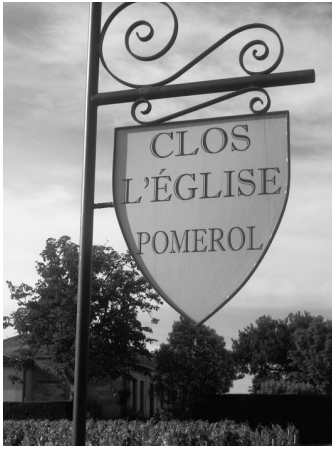
Château Certan-de-May

A Right Bank, Pomerol estate residing on clay and gravel soils, named after the Scottish founding family, the Demays, who had inhabited France since the Middle Ages and retained ownership from post-French Revolution times up to 1925. A two-owner vehicle, this is, with the then new purchasers the Badar family still in charge today, having morphed into the Barreau-Badar family. The vineyard is planted in 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. At around five hectares, Certan de May is a tiny jewel poised between Vieux Château Certan and Pétrus. It was very strong in the 1980's, then slipped a little through the 1990's. From 2005 onwards the estate has been back on track, producing elegant yet fleshy and flamboyant wines at a very reasonable price.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43694	CHATEAU CERTAN DE MAY POMEROL	2014	\$179.00	\$170.05
	89/10 James Lawther MW: "Tight and closed on the nose but good depth. Hint of vanilla oak. Ripe fruit on the palate then a firm, dry finish. Oak just a little dominant but there's potential."			
43695	CHATEAU CERTAN DE MAY POMEROL	2015	\$266.00	\$252.70
	97/100 James Suckling: "Wow. What a wine with incredible depth of fruit and generosity here. Walnut, chocolate, black olive and dark fruits. Full and rich. It goes on for minutes. Velvety texture. Best in decades. A majority of merlot with some cabernet franc and a touch of cabernet sauvignon."			
43696	CHATEAU CERTAN DE MAY POMEROL	2016	\$342.00	\$324.90
	96 / Decanter "It's hard to beat the location of this estate - right opposite Vieux Château Certan, in that magic triangle by Le Pin and Petrus. Flavours of cold ash, cedar, liquorice, slate, damson and black cherry are set off with a pulse of minerality. I just love this wine, it's wonderfully rich and expressive. and yet young, poised and held back. A physically exciting wine with tension, making it so easy to recommend. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."			

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Château Clos L'Eglise

One of the oldest Châteaux in Pomerol, dating back to the 1800's when the farmhouse was built that is still in use today. At the time it was part of a much larger estate that was eventually split in half, the other eventually becoming L'Eglise Clinet. The property was modernized in 1975, with the next step in 1997 when it was brought for 12 million Euros (a record at the time for Pomerol) by Sylvaine Garcin Cathiard, sister of Daniel Cathiard who owns Château Smith Haut Lafitte. The iron rich clay and gravel soils are located on a sloping hill planted in 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc. An interesting fact is that they use up to 12 different coopers to age the wine. An opulent Pomerol that ages particularly well.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44697	CHATEAU CLOS L'EGLISE POMEROL	2016	\$308.00	\$292.60

94 / Vinous "The 2016 Clos l'Eglise is a knockout Pomerol from the Garcin-Lévêque family. It has a very complex bouquet of blackberry, melted tar and a touch of mint and sage. Then, returning to my glass after an hour, I found that same faint tang of shucked oyster shell that I observed out of barrel. The palate is extremely well balanced with truffle-tinged black fruit, a very fine line of acidity and wonderful poise on the finish. Superb, although it will benefit from five or six years in bottle." Neal Martin

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Château Gazin

At 26 hectares one of Pomerol's larger properties, Gazin dates back to 1772 and is a single parcel on the upper part of the legendary Pomerol plateau. They share a border with Pétrus and have in the past sold part of their property to that venerable estate. Gazin was once the property of the Knights of the Templars, and current owners, the Bailliencourts family, have their own rich history tracing back to 1214 and an association with the then King of France, Philippe-Auguste. The Bailliencourts have been in residence at Gazin itself since 1946. Vine composition is 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc and the winemaking facilities were upgraded in 1996.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44325	CHATEAU GAZIN L'HOSPITALET DE GAZIN	2013	\$89.00	\$84.55
	<p>The present day Chateau Gazin is located on the site of a hospital built in the 18th century by the Knights of St. John, hence the name of the estate's second wine, "l'Hospitalet de Gazin", which was created in 1986. The vineyards, in addition, can be traced back to the 12th century. Gazin's superb vineyards (90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc), the most extensive of Pomerol's best growths, cover a single, contiguous block stretching across 70 acres of which 60 are planted to vine. Viticulture and vinification are carried out traditionally; no chemical herbicides are used, grapes are harvested by hand, fermentation is in lined concrete vats, followed by ageing in barriques. The wine is aged in 50% new oak barrels for 18 months.</p>			
41170	CHATEAU GAZIN L'HOSPITALET DE GAZIN	2014	\$99.00	\$94.05
	<p>92/100 jamesuckling.com / James Suckling: "Big nose of ripe black fruits, and this also has hints of chocolate. Savory and earth. The concentration, richness, generous dry tannins and almost silky balance on the finish should give it a long life. Delicious already."</p>			
44324	CHATEAU GAZIN L'HOSPITALET DE GAZIN	2015	\$83.00	\$78.85
	<p>A gentle, to the point, wine with lifted florals and juicy plummy sweet notes, all very ripe and with a subtle well-structured length.</p>			
44323	CHATEAU GAZIN L'HOSPITALET DE GAZIN	2016	\$98.00	\$93.10
	<p>94 / Decanter "A rich and elegant Gazin, cohesive yet still extremely young. You can taste the Cabernets coming through strongly, an elegant, stately expression of cassis with a silky texture and nice balance. The palate is intense and concentrated but with a real sense of lift. It's always a wine that takes its time to show its colours as it's a touch austere in its first five to eight years, but this is going to age beautifully. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."</p>			
46132	CHATEAU GAZIN POMEROL	2016	\$259.00	\$246.05
	<p>94 / Decanter "A rich and elegant Gazin, cohesive yet still extremely young. You can taste the Cabernets coming through strongly, an elegant, stately expression of cassis with a silky texture and nice balance. The palate is intense and concentrated but with a real sense of lift. It's always a wine that takes its time to show its colours as it's a touch austere in its first five to eight years, but this is going to age beautifully. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."</p>			

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Château Hosanna

Pomerol's Château Hosanna was originally part of the huge Certan estate that belonged to the de May family before the French Revolution. This was split up into Vieux Château Certan, Certan-de-May and Certan-Giraud. The Giraud family sold the latter estate to Christian Moueix in 1999; Moueix intended to use the name Château Certan, but decided on the name Hosanna after encountering objections from Certan-de-May. Only the best fruit from the oldest vines of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc is used to produce Hosanna, with the remainder sold as Château Certan Marzelle. This is one of the most exciting properties in Pomerol, producing wines that manage to be rich and concentrated while retaining the appellation's classic charm and elegance.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42502	CHATEAU HOSANNA POMEROL	2014	\$325.00	\$308.75

93/100 | erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Hosanna followed the 2014 Latour-à-Pomerol at my tasting at J-P Moueix. To be frank, it did not quite possess the same breeding and precision as that wine, veering more towards red rather than black fruit, crushed strawberry and mulberry, tinged with clove and bay leaf. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin and impressive fruit concentration. Here is the real quality: a structured and quite masculine Hosanna, albeit with genuine complexity, allspice and clove intermixed with dusky black fruit and freshly cracked black pepper. It finishes with a sense of confidence and style. Hopefully the aromatics can improve during bottle age; I strongly suspect that they will."

42503	CHATEAU HOSANNA POMEROL	2016	\$334.00	\$317.30
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95 / Decanter "2016 is clearly not the most exuberant Pomerol vintage ever, and yet here it offers a tantalising glimpse of a wine that will last a good few decades. It's another deft display of precision winemaking, playing with the idea of concentration by offering dense damson and cassis puree layered with rosemary and black olive, uplifted by menthol on the finish. Touches of violet lighten the overall impression. This has improved since I last tasted it. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."

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Château La Conseillante

This is one of the older properties in Pomerol, with a history going back to the mid-18th Century, when it was owned by the Conseillan family, who were producing wine there by the 1750's. Present owners, the Nicolas family, purchased the château back in 1871, so they have a bit of time on the clock now (five generations, to be exact). In 1971 the estate was completely renovated and modernized, with La Conseillante the first to introduce Pomerol to the concept of stainless steel. The vines average 35 years, but some date back as far as 1958. The winding, 11.8-hectare property, straddling both Pomerol and Saint-Émilion, is planted in 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, with a future goal of 25-30% for the latter variety. In the vineyard, methods are stridently traditional, while the winery is overtly state-of-the-art. With new cellars and stainless temperature-controlled vats, they can now vinify parcel by parcel, gaining much control in the process. La Conseillante lives up to its hefty reputation for powerful, elegant expressions and consistent output.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43041	CHATEAU LA CONSEILLANTE POMEROL	2016	\$630.00	\$598.50
	97 / Decanter "The aromatics leap out of the glass, utterly luscious and on a tightrope between power and elegance, displaying notes of rosemary, spice and rich liquorice alongside bursts of minerality. It stretches out through the tight palate, becoming juicy on the finish, This is one of the best of the tasting, so fine is its tannic structure - you almost overlook them at first, but the tannins slowly build. It's just as gorgeous as during en primeur, but with an extra kick. It will clearly age well. 70% new oak. They follow biodynamic practices in the vineyard. Michel Rolland consults. Drinking Window 2024 - 2045."			
43048	CHATEAU LA CONSEILLANTE POMEROL (375ML)	2010	\$199.00	\$189.05
	96/100 Robert Parker: "A brilliant effort from this property, known for the sheer elegance and finesse of its wines, the 2010 La Conseillante offers back-to-back monumental efforts, particularly given the remarkable 2009. This estate has been on a hot streak of late. The 2010 is a slightly bigger, richer wine, but without losing its floral, elegant mulberry, black raspberry and sweet kirsch notes. Combine those with some licorice, subtle new oak and a hint of forest floor, and the result is a medium to full-bodied, rich, complex wine that has striking aromatics and perfect balance in the mouth. Forget it for 3-5 years and drink it over the following 30."			

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Chateau La Fleur de Bouard

Château La Fleur de Bouard comes from the profound belief of its owner, Hubert de Bouard de Laforest, in the rich potential of Lalande-de-Pomerol terroirs. Supported by his children, Coralie and Matthieu, he applies his technical and oenological know-how in a new, environmentally friendly approach to wine growing. With precision and sustainable purpose, the de Bouard family makes wines with outstanding elegance that compare with the greatest Bordeaux appellations.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43266	CHATEAU LA FLEUR DE BOUARD POMEROL	2016	\$90.00	\$85.50

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Château La Fleur-Pétrus

Situated a stone's throw from Chateau Pétrus and adjacent to Lafleur, this vineyard lies on the north-eastern edge of the high plateau of Pomerol, where the soil involves large gravels with very little of the blue clay found in its high-profile neighbours. The château was built in 1782 and has had a strong reputation since the late 1800's. It was sold to the Moueix family, owners of Chateau Pétrus, in 1953, just in time for the decimating Pomerol frost of 1956, after which it was completely replanted with 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Since then the quality has headed steadily upwards and there is no doubt that recent vintages are the finest ever produced here.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42531	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2010	\$499.00	\$474.05
	A major sleeper of the vintage, the 2008 La Fleur Petrus (90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc) is a remarkably sexy, opulent wine that transcends the vintage character. Its dense plum/ruby/purple colour is accompanied by notes of sweet black cherries, licorice, truffles and a hint of graphite. Full-bodied with silky tannin as well as undeniable appeal, richness, purity and a 40+ second finish, this is a sure-fire big buy in 2008. Drink it over the next 20+ years.			
42534	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2011	\$290.00	\$275.50
	Lafleur-Pétrus is sited on the famous Pomerol Plateau, just across the road from Pétrus itself. Ushered into the Moueix stable in 1953, the 2011 vintage is one of the greatest produced by this château. Always a forward, floral, Merlot-driven wine, the 2011 is particularly expressive and offers great reward. While it will age gracefully for many years to come, it does offer the opportunity to enjoy it in its youth. Gorgeous.			
42539	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2013	\$290.00	\$275.50
	Black raspberries, spice, truffles, and earth feature in a soft, silky palate. Sensuous Pomerol character.			
44377	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2014	\$325.00	\$308.75
	94/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 La Fleur Petrus is impressive out of barrel and it continues to evince quality now in bottle. It has a lovely, engaging bouquet with vivacious redcurrant and cranberry fruit, superb mineralité and energy, real focus and a sense of drive in situ. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, a sense of symmetry and poise from start to finish. It has perhaps turned into a slightly more elegant and feminine wine than I anticipated, less bullish than the Hosanna. But there is real complexity on the finish with black pepper and clove lingering on the aftertaste. This is superb."			
42532	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2016	\$285.00	\$270.75
48964	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2016	\$569.00	\$540.55
	A stone's throw from Chateau Pétrus and adjacent to Lafleur, this vineyard lies on the north-eastern edge of the high plateau of Pomerol, where the soil involves large gravels with very little of the blue clay found in its high-profile neighbours. The château was built in 1782 and has had a strong reputation since the late 1800s. Recent vintages are the finest ever produced here. Fresh, sensuous, full of finesse.			

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Château Lafleur

Château Lafleur is a tiny property with a mere 4.5 hectares of vineyard on Pomerol's exalted plateau. It rivals Pomerol superstar, Château Pétrus in both quality and price, yet it remains somewhat under the radar, unlike its more famous compatriot. The minuscule quantity produced here makes it a very rare gem, more so than even the Pétrus. The vineyard is planted fairly evenly between Merlot and Cabernet Franc, with the old vine Cabernet Franc one of the hallmarks of this great wine. Despite the small production, in order to maintain the quality and tighten even further the selection of fruit for the Grand Vin, Château Lafleur, a second wine has been added, Les Pensées de Lafleur.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43619	CHATEAU LAFLEUR LES PENSEES LAFLEUR	2015	\$292.00	\$277.40
	94-95/100 James Suckling: "Fabulous balance and finesse with blackberry and blueberry. Hints of walnut and milk chocolate. Full body, seamless tannins and beauty. Super balance and length. 54% merlots and 46% cabernet."			
49193	CHATEAU LAFLEUR LES PENSEES LAFLEUR	2016	\$367.00	\$348.65
	"This has astonishing tannic presence for a second wine, and yet the individual strands are so soft and silky. It is more perfumed and softly fruited than Lafleur at this stage, rising in your mouth with a mouthwatering succulence on the finish. 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Franc from 0.7ha. 3.5pH. The biggest production volume for four years." 93 points, Decanter			
49194	CHATEAU LAFLEUR LES PENSEES LAFLEUR (1500ML)	2016	\$733.00	\$696.35
	"This has astonishing tannic presence for a second wine, and yet the individual strands are so soft and silky. It is more perfumed and softly fruited than Lafleur at this stage, rising in your mouth with a mouthwatering succulence on the finish. 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Franc from 0.7ha. 3.5pH. The biggest production volume for four years." 93 points, Decanter			
44434	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL	2010	\$2250.00	\$2137.50
	96+/100 Robert Parker: "As for the Lafleur itself, their 2010 is another fabulous wine from this extraordinary terroir. Composed of 62% Cabernet Franc and the rest Merlot (identical to what I saw early on), this wine is tightly knit and built for the long haul. Neither is it as exuberant nor as opulent as the 2009 was showing at a similar stage of its life. In stylistic terms, it is more along the lines of a more modern-day 2000. Deep ruby/purple, with sweet black raspberry and black cherry fruit as well as hints of forest floor, licorice and crushed rock, this wine has superb texture and a full-bodied mouthfeel – then the tannins kick in. This is a powerful, backward wine, and despite its elegance and precision, it needs at least a decade of cellaring. It is slightly more reserved and tannic than I remember it from barrel, but it is locked and loaded with potential. Forget it for a decade a drink it over the following 30-40 years. "			
44431	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL	2011	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	92-94/100 Robert Parker: "This tiny jewel of a property has produced a beautifully rich 2011 Lafleur from a blend of 53% Cabernet Franc and 47% Merlot. The Merlot was picked between August 31 and September 12, and the Cabernet Franc between September 22-23. The 2011 reveals a floral-scented bouquet with notions of kirsch, licorice and black raspberries. It is medium to full-bodied with terrific fruit purity, good minerality and slightly more acidity and freshness than are found in such ripe vintages as 2009 and 2010. At present, the Guinandeau family, the owners, are using between 50-60% new oak in an attempt to emphasize their great terroir and the extraordinary fruit quality they achieve from both the old vine Cabernet Franc and Merlot. This cuvee possesses some serious tannin and will undoubtedly need 5-6 years of cellaring after its release, but it should be one of the longer-lived wines of the vintage, lasting 25+ years. "			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48989	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL	2012	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	94+/100 Robert Parker: "Deep ruby to the rim, the 2012 Lafleur possesses beautiful kirsch, sweet raspberry fruit, ripe tannin, and a lushness and roundness. It is medium to full-bodied and complex, with an exceptional texture and purity – all hallmarks of this property. This wine should drink well for another 15 or more years." - Robert M. Parker Jr.			
48990	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL	2013	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	Jancis Robinson: "Deep garnet. Dark and smoky. Fine texture."			
44357	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL	2015	\$2115.00	\$2009.25
	100/100 James Suckling: "It's hard to describe perfection. It's not just power and depth. It's something mystical and ethereal. The wine just floats on your palate with incredible density yet precise. Taste it and you want it forever. So creamy and textured. Glorious."			
48988	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL (375ML)	2012	\$599.00	\$569.05
	94+/100 Robert Parker: "Deep ruby to the rim, the 2012 Lafleur possesses beautiful kirsch, sweet raspberry fruit, ripe tannin, and a lushness and roundness. It is medium to full-bodied and complex, with an exceptional texture and purity – all hallmarks of this property. This wine should drink well for another 15 or more years." - Robert M. Parker Jr.			
48991	CHATEAU LAFLEUR POMEROL (375ML)	2013	\$599.00	\$569.05
	Jancis Robinson "Deep garnet. Dark and smoky. Fine texture."			

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Château Lagrange

"The history of Lagrange dates back to 1796, when it was acquired by Count Jean Valère Cabarrus, Napoleon's Finance Minister in Spain. He expanded the estate by purchasing numerous vineyards plots and remained the owner until 1825. Château Lagrange was classified a third growth in 1855.

In 1983, the Suntory group, the leading Japanese wine and spirits firm, acquired Lagrange and invested heavily in a spectacular renovation. Priority was given to the vineyard, followed by refurbishing and modernising the vat room and cellars.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41171	CHATEAU LAGRANGE POMEROL	2016	\$92.00	\$87.40

92 / Decanter "A bigger-framed wine from beginning to end, here we get those fleshy Pomerol fruits on full display. Attractive fleshy damson and cherry fruits fade a little on the finish, to be replaced by soft cappuccino and tar notes which add a seductive swirl. Drinking Window 2022 - 2035."

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Château Le Bon Pasteur

Château le Bon Pasteur is owned and managed by Michel Rolland, a well-known Bordeaux wine consultant and Jean-Daniel Dupuy. The Bon Pasteur estate is located in Maillet, on the excellent terroirs of the Pomerol appellation. Bon Pasteur grew from the determination of Hermine and Joseph Dupuy who brought the estate in the 1920s. Since 1978, the estate has been run by the founding Dupuy's grandsons, Jean-Daniel and Michel Rolland. The estate strives to preserve the unique characteristics of each plot and grape variety. The diversity of the soil in the different parts of the estate contributes towards the complexity and originality of their wines.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40510	CHATEAU LE BON PASTEUR POMEROL	2015	\$225.00	\$213.75

95-96/100 | James Suckling: "This is very powerful and bright with lots of mineral, salt and white pepper character. Full body, velvety tannins. Velvety texture. 70% of this is made in barrel. A small percentage of co-fermentation of merlot and cabernet franc. 80% merlot. Racy winemaking. Showing more finesse in tannins compared to the past. Wow."

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Château L'Eglise Clinet

Even though the name has changed over the years, since its split in the 1800's from a larger estate, the vineyards used for production of L'Eglise Clinet have been constant for 100 years. Denis Durantou has been the owner and winemaker since 1983. His family had owned the estate since 1914 but, being predominantly farmers, had others manage the estate. Durantou did a huge amount of work to bring L'Eglise Clinet up to standard, renovating the dirt floor cellars, adding new vats, stainless steel, and increasing the amount of new French oak. The quality skyrocketed, and today it is one of the stars of Pomerol, rich and full bodied with beautiful harmony and balance. The vineyard has a century-old drainage network that removes excess water and the soil is deep clay and gravel. Plantings are 85% Merlot, 14% very old vine Cabernet Franc and 1% Malbec. In fact, 25% of the total vines are over 75 years old and 25% over 50 years old, giving L'Eglise Clinet the largest collection of old vines in all of Pomerol. This is one of the finest wines of Bordeaux' Right Bank.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49174	CHATEAU L'EGLISE CLINET	2016	\$938.00	\$891.10
	<p>"The 2016 L'Eglise-Clinet is glorious. Rich and ample on the palate, with striking depth, the 2016 has so much to offer. A rush of inky blue/purplish berry fruit, lavender, menthol and exotic spice grace this exquisite wine. The 2016 has tremendous richness and concentration, and yet is not ready to show all of its cards yet. Even so, the purity of flavors is simply tremendous. I will not be surprised if the 2016 turns out to be even better than this note suggests. At this stage, though, it is quite clearly one of the wines of the vintage. This is a fabulous showing from Denis Durantou." 98 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous</p>			
44485	CHATEAU L'EGLISE CLINET LA PETIT EGLISE POMEROL	2014	\$80.00	\$76.00
48919	CHATEAU L'EGLISE CLINET POMEROL	2010	\$790.00	\$750.50
	<p>96+/100 Robert Parker: "This opaque purple wine offers up notes of caramelized black currant and black cherry candies intermixed with some very high class, subtle vanillin and toast. Hints of licorice, mocha and perhaps even a touch of chocolate are also present in this full-bodied, super-duper, concentrated, classic wine, which has everything in perfect proportions. But in the finish, its whoppingly big tannins kick in and basically announce that drinking this wine now would be infanticide. Look for this wine to last for at least 50+ years. Proprietor Denis Durantou has been on a hot streak, and is one of those perfectionist proprietors who seems tortured by their compulsion to do everything so well. Believe me, as a wine drinker, you want people like Durantou making the wines."</p>			
48914	CHATEAU L'EGLISE CLINET POMEROL	2012	\$490.00	\$465.50
	<p>96/100 Robert Parker: "A gorgeous wine from proprietor Denis Durantou, this blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc is an inky purple color, with gorgeous purity of black raspberries, blackcurrants and blackberry with a hint of truffle and spring flowers. Its is full-bodied, opulent and a tour de force in this vintage. Great presence on the palate, fabulous purity and a long finish make for a magnificent bottle of wine to drink over the next 20-some years." - Robert M. Parker Jr</p>			
44373	CHATEAU L'EGLISE CLINET POMEROL	2014	\$525.00	\$498.75
	<p>95/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 L'Eglise Clinet was tasted from a single bottle but from two glasses, each poured at different times before I arrived for the tasting. They were almost identical on the nose but the one poured later was more compact. It has a very pure bouquet with blackberry, myrtle, a touch of iris and a touch of garrigue (actually reminiscent of fynbos, the wild South African shrubland). The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, a silver bead of acidity, wonderful precision and beguiling purity. This is an outstanding Pomerol for the vintage from Denis Durantou, sophisticated and classy, yet the bottom line is quintessentially Pomerol. Bravo Denis."</p>			

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Château L'Évangile

This Pomerol producer is one of the appellation's oldest, stretching back as far as 1741. It sits on a long strip of gravel on the south-eastern part of the Pomerol plateau that is unique to only three properties. It is bordered to the north by Château Pétrus, and to the south it is separated only by a road from Cheval Blanc. A rarified hood, indeed. Domaines Barons de Rothschild acquired the estate in 1990 and wasted no time in stamping their mark on it, instigating a more rigorous selection process for the grand vin, introducing a second wine, replanting vineyards and renovating the vat room and cellars. All of this activity has paid dividends, with Château l'Évangile lately producing a sustained stretch of very good vintages, elegant, powerful, long-lived wines that will age well.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41890	CHATEAU L'EVANGILE POMEROL	2010	\$545.00	\$517.75
	<p>98+/100 Robert Parker: "Another spectacular effort from L'Évangile, the 2010 is a close rival to the 2009 and should be fascinating to compare with that vintage over the next 30 or so years. Stunningly rich and black/purple in color, the 2010 L'Évangile offers up the tell-tale floral note as well as black raspberry jam intermixed with cassis and kirsch. There are also ethereal floral notes and a hint of background oak. The pH is slightly above average (3.7 versus the pH of 4.0 that the 2009 and 2000 possessed). This is a massive, rich, very impressive L'Évangile, and readers should take note of the "+" in my rating, which could certainly push this wine way up there. Remarkably, I was shocked when I learned that this wine was aged in 100% new oak, as the oak is a background element in this blockbuster l'Évangile. Forget it for 3-5 years, and drink it over the following 30-40."</p>			
43201	CHATEAU L'EVANGILE POMEROL	2016	\$753.00	\$715.35

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Château Nénin

The Demay family are thought to have planted vines here in the mid-18th Century, with the Despujol family founding the estate and running it for over 150 years. This is a huge property by Pomerol standards, with over 32 hectares of vines planted in 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. The terroir is gravel, clay and sand carrying some fairly old vines. Château Nénin also boasts a regal, 19th Century building that would feel right at home on the Left Bank. Winemaking here is traditional, with 30% or less new oak, the wines masculine and structured, with great longevity.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44668	CHATEAU NENIN FUGUE DE NENIN POMEROL	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	"Blended of 79% Merlot and 21% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Fugue de Nénin reveals plum preserves, baked black berries and black cherries with wafts of cigar box and pencil lead. Medium to full-bodied, plush and packed with black fruit and minty layers, it finishes long." 90 points, Robert Parker			
41619	CHATEAU NENIN SECOND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$215.00	\$204.25
41684	CHATEAU NENIN SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ML)	2009	\$215.00	\$204.25
	89+/100 Robert Parker: "The grand vin, the 2009 Nénin, is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc with 14% natural alcohol. This wine is the product of Jean-Hubert Delon, the proprietor of Leoville-Las-Cases and the excellent northern Medoc estate of Potensac. The wine has closed down considerably since I saw it from barrel, with a Medoc-like, structured minerality and backwardness. The tannins have moved to the front, and the wine displays loads of raspberry and black cherry fruit with a hint of earth in addition to floral notes. Give it 3-4 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 15-20 years."			

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Château Petit-Village

Perched high on Pomerol's gravel plateau, Petit-Village dates back to the 1700's. In 1919 it was sold to the Ginestet family. Having owned Château Margaux, the Ginestets were certainly no slouches, but perhaps not fully discerning their left from their right, the formerly Left Bank-aligned Ginestets planted excessively with Cabernet Sauvignon on their Right Bank property (at over 50%, the highest on the entire Right Bank), with rather disastrous results for the wines. When Bruno Prats of Cos d'Estournel took over in 1971, he ripped out the excess Cabernet plantings and replaced them with Merlot, thus steering the estate back in the right direction. This was followed by an upgrade of the cellars in 1977, and a consequent return to form for the Petit-Village wines. The property became part of the AXA portfolio in 1989, coming under the control of AXA's main man, Christian Seely, who instigated new vats and a barrel cellar, and brought in the accomplished Stephane Deroncourt to consult. Its recent vintages are, accordingly, the estate's best in modern times.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49203	CHATEAU PETIT VILLAGE (1500ML)	2016	\$469.00	\$445.55
	"The 2016 Petit-Village has blossomed into a striking wine. Perfumed, silky and sensual, with notable aromatic lift, the 2016 is absolutely gorgeous. The 2016 has found a measure of finesse and overall harmony during élevage that it did not show from barrel. Pretty floral notes add the closing flourish to this impeccable Pomerol from Petit-Village. Diana Berrouet-Garcia has done a terrific job with the 2016." 93 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous			
44452	CHATEAU PETIT VILLAGE (375ml)	2014	\$99.00	\$94.05
	88/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Petit Village was an odd showing. It felt a little disjointed at first, the wood component not as fully subsumed into the fruit as its Pomerol peers. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, fleshy in the mouth with black pepper and leather infusing the dark berry fruit, a hint of soy on the frustratingly abrupt finish. I am seeking more vivacity and precision here, a little more charm. I will seek to re-evaluate this at a later point. This was tasted twice with consistent notes."			
44447	CHATEAU PETIT VILLAGE POMEROL	2014	\$189.00	\$179.55
	88/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Petit Village was an odd showing. It felt a little disjointed at first, the wood component not as fully subsumed into the fruit as its Pomerol peers. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, fleshy in the mouth with black pepper and leather infusing the dark berry fruit, a hint of soy on the frustratingly abrupt finish. I am seeking more vivacity and precision here, a little more charm. I will seek to re-evaluate this at a later point. This was tasted twice with consistent notes."			
44453	CHATEAU PETIT VILLAGE POMEROL	2016	\$234.00	\$222.30
	"The well-extracted, polished, juicy black cherry and damson fruits are full of personality and elegance. This wine is nicely constructed, well held together and very good quality." 93 points, Decanter			

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Château Plince

Château Plince has a strong history in Pomerol, with its owners in Pomerol now for over four generations. Located on the outskirts of the village of Catusseau, this is a very traditional property, and one that benefits greatly from its association with JP Moueix, its exclusive distributors. 8.66 of the 10 hectares are under vine, with the highest planting Merlot, which makes up around 70% of the blend.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44213	CHATEAU PLINCE POMEROL	2012	\$107.00	\$101.65
	One of J-P Moueix' stunning associations, the Chateau Plince shows off its credentials to good effect with a bit of age under its belt, the Pomerol-inspired, Merlot-dominated tones radiating a smooth, harmonious presence as the contents of the bottle settle further into sweetly supple alignment.			
43691	CHATEAU PLINCE POMEROL	2014	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Part of the J-P Moueix stable. Merlot-dominant, rich and opulent, replete with lavish mocca characters and a toasty finish. One of Pomerol's finest.			
41918	CHATEAU PLINCE POMEROL	2015	\$86.00	\$81.70
	One of the few 'grands châteaux' in Pomerol, Plince has been owned by the Moreau family for four generations. The ten-hectare vineyard, consisting of dark sands and iron-rich sub-soils, is dominated by Merlot plantings, with the balance Cabernet Franc. The 2015 Plince is 74% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Franc, with the dominating character the gorgeous velvety finish. Roasted plum notes with a nice dash of freshness and finesse.			
44212	CHATEAU PLINCE POMEROL	2016	\$104.00	\$79.00
	One of the few 'grands châteaux' in Pomerol, Plince has been owned by the Moreau family for four generations. The ten-hectare vineyard, consisting of dark sands and iron-rich sub-soils, is dominated by Merlot plantings, with the balance Cabernet Franc. The 2015 Plince is 74% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Franc, with the dominating character the gorgeous velvety finish. Roasted plum notes with a nice dash of freshness and finesse.			

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Château Rouget

Château Rouget appearance on official records dates back to 1700 and is one of the first official Pomerol Crus. It was then owned by Bayonne Family. Since 1992, it has been owned by the Labruyère Family. The Labruyère Family have been involved in winemaking since 1850. Rouget aims to reclaim its former glory as one of the best producers in Pomerol. Vines at Rouget are sustainably farmed and the grapes are harvested by hand to retain the fruit's integrity and optimal ripeness. Located in North East Bordeaux, Rouget's terroirs slope down various terraces towards the Isle Valley. The Vineyard is planted with 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. The estate's vines are around 40 years old.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49231	CHATEAU ROUGET POMEROL	2016	\$161.00	\$152.95

"The 2016 Rouget is a total turn on. A rush of red cherry/raspberry jam, sweet spice, chocolate and tobacco builds as this exotic Pomerol shows off its racy, opulent personality. The full throttle-style works beautifully. There is not a whole lot of subtlety, but the Rouget is undeniably delicious. I loved it. Tasted three times." 94 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous

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Château Siaurac

Since 1832, the vineyards at Château Siaurac have been managed by the same family. The property was brought by Pierre Brisson in 1832. In 1892, Pierre's grandson, Joseph, brought Domain Grands Champs in Pomerol and a couple of years later another domain in Saint-Emilion. In 1949, Joseph's daughter and son-in-law brought Château Vray Croix de Gay. Since the turn of the millenium, the family has extensively renovated the estate. 50% of the vineyard was replanted according to recommendations by geological surveys. Siaurac are advocates of natural and sustainable winemaking, with their motto being "Believe in the earth, respect its future".

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49206	CHATEAU SIAURAC (375ML)	2016	\$31.00	\$29.45
	"This is the second vintage produced as entirely biodynamic under Latour tutelage. These are good, bright and pliable tannins, and the fruit is extremely dark with good spice through the palate. I really like the cut herbs on the nose. This is a wine that has improved over recent years and is really one to watch. Drinking Window 2023 - 2038." 92 points, Decanter			
49205	CHATEAU SIAURAC POMEROL	2016	\$63.00	\$59.85
	92 / Decanter "This is the second vintage produced as entirely biodynamic under Latour tutelage. These are good, bright and pliable tannins, and the fruit is extremely dark with good spice through the palate. I really like the cut herbs on the nose. This is a wine that has improved over recent years and is really one to watch. Drinking Window 2023 - 2038."			

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Château Trotanoy

Château Trotanoy was acquired in 1953 by Établissements Jean-Pierre Moueix from farmers. Situated on some of the best parts of the famous plateau of Pomerol, the soil is a mix of gravel over clay and half deep black clay with a bed of iron oxide. The soil profile one of the elements leading to Château Trotanoy's distinctive power, depth and complexity.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49105	CHATEAU TROTANOY ESPERANCE DE TROTANOY	2014	\$126.00	\$119.70
	Classic Pomerol, well balanced and with a fairly long finish.			
49107	CHATEAU TROTANOY ESPERANCE DE TROTANOY	2015	\$169.00	\$160.55
	The second wine of the famed Château Trotanoy, l'Esperance de Trotanoy debuted with the 2009 vintage and is not made every year. It is sourced from a parcel of Merlot in the north-eastern part the Trotanoy property that features gravel-based soils, producing a wine that is fruit-forward and approachable after just a few years of cellaring, while retaining much of the character of the estate's Grand Vin.			
44310	CHATEAU TROTANOY POMEROL	2011	\$260.00	\$247.00
	92+/100 Robert Parker: "Rich, dense, masculine and substantial, Trotanoy has produced a bigger wine than most 2011s. Similar to the masculinity and robustness of Gazin, with more mineral content, this medium to full-bodied, muscular effort will benefit from 3-4 years of cellaring and should keep for two decades. Think black cherries, earth, baking spices and serious extract!"			
44312	CHATEAU TROTANOY POMEROL	2014	\$399.00	\$379.05
	97/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Trotanoy had (que surprise!) closed down on the nose compared to its JP Moueix stablemates. A few swirls of the glass and it reveals very precise, mineral-soaked black fruit laced with black truffle and subtle sous-bois aromas. It soon gathers momentum and the aromas were gaining more and more intensity after five minutes. The palate is outstanding. There is brilliant structure here, immense and almost staggering purity, incredible focus and tension with an electrifying spiciness on the finish. Best Pomerol of the vintage? The only thing wrong with that last sentence is the question mark at the end."			
44314	CHATEAU TROTANOY POMEROL	2015	\$750.00	\$712.50
	96/100 Decanter: "True to character. Subtle and reserved on the nose but exudes depth and power. Dark fruit and mineral complexity apparent. Beautifully structured palate combining the richness of fruit, abundant, ripe tannins and freshness. Overall great harmony and staying power."			
44317	CHATEAU TROTANOY POMEROL	2016	\$589.00	\$559.55

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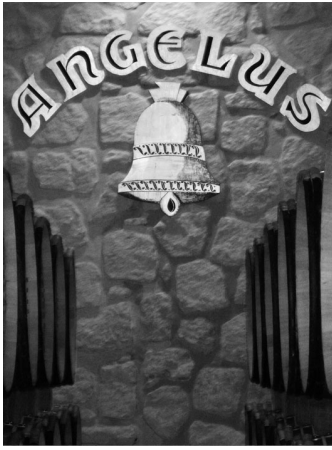


Vieux Château Certan

Known to insiders as VCC, the origins are estimated to be around 1770, when it was the property of the Demay family. At this time, VCC was considered to be the leading estate of the region, and today it is once again back in the top echelon. The land was divided after the French Revolution into the various Certan estates, and in 1924 was sold to the Belgian Merchant, Georges Thienpont. It has remained with the Thienpont family ever since. Georges himself came up with the astute idea of placing the now famous pink capsules on the bottles, so he could see if collectors were buying his wine when he visited their cellars. VCC sits on the top of the Pomerol plateau across the street from Certan de May and down the road from Pétrus. The vineyard is planted with 65% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, with a very old average vine age of 50 years. This is one of the most elegant Pomerols, with great richness and silky textures, yet the style depends on the vintage, with some years having a majority percentage of Cabernet Franc, giving it a more structured feel.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41858	VIEUX CHATEAU CERTAN POMEROL	2007	\$299.00	\$284.05
	89/100 Robert Parker: "Spicy notes of pepper, herbs, licorice, and black currants jump from the glass of this round, medium-bodied, easy to drink, cleanly made, soft wine. Enjoy it over the next decade."			
41857	VIEUX CHATEAU CERTAN POMEROL	2010	\$599.00	\$569.05
	99/100 Robert Parker: "Dense purple-coloured, the 2010 displays a vivid yet astonishing array of spice box, red, blue and black fruits, crushed rock and spring flowers. The oak is well-concealed behind the lavish concentration and richness. Exceptionally pure, this unbelievable wine flirts with perfection. Unfortunately, there is 20% less of it than in 2009, and the tannins warrant a good 8-10 years of cellaring, as I suspect it could actually close down. This is another 40- to 50-year effort in 2010 that should elicit considerable interest from wine consumers. Thienpont thinks he has produced three wines - 2008, 2009 and 2010 - that are the greatest trilogy in the history of Vieux Château Certan, rivaling what this estate did in 1947, 1948 and 1949."			
41917	VIEUX CHATEAU CERTAN POMEROL	2013	\$403.00	\$382.85
	91/100 James Lawther: "Less than 1,000 cases – 4,000 in a normal year. Mainly (92%) Merlot. Suave texture. Rich and ripe. Structured palate but a little less definition. Very good all the same."			
49226	VIEUX CHATEAU CERTAN POMEROL	2016	\$804.00	\$763.80
	"I have been fortunate to follow the 2016 Vieux Château Certan almost from the beginning, starting with a tasting of several lots from barrel in early January 2017, in which Alexandre and Guillaume Thienpont showed me the wines in a sequence arranged by the year of planting of various parcels. Even then, it was clear, the 2016 had the potential to be a majestic wine. Now, from bottle, it is every bit as captivating as early tastings suggested it would be. Sweet red/purplish berry fruit, lavender, rose petal and spice infuse this exquisitely beautiful, layered Pomerol. Alexandre Thienpont adds that the harvest was saved by September rains that gave the parched vines just enough water to restore some of the balance that had been lost earlier in the season. Put simply, the 2016 VCC has it all." 100 points, Antonio Galloni - Vinous			

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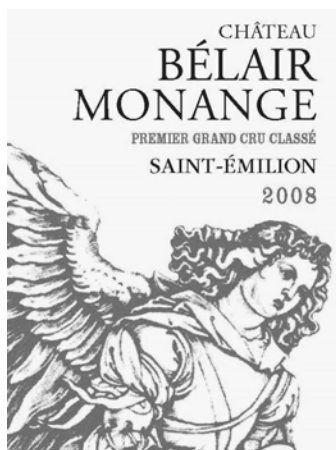
Château Angélu

Located less than a kilometre from the church in Saint-Émilion, Château Angélu is the culmination of the winemaking passion of eight generations of the de Boüard de Laforest family. The property takes its name from a plot of very old vines from which vineyard workers could hear the Angelus ringing simultaneously in three different churches. This three-hectare plot was acquired in the early 20th Century by Maurice de Boüard de Laforest. The original small vineyard holding was gradually expanded by his sons, Jacques and Christian, who bought several adjoining plots to form a superb estate in the 1960's that is currently managed by Hubert de Boüard de Laforest and his cousin, Jean-Bernard Grenié. Promoted to Premier Grand Cru Classé status, and recognised around the world as one of the jewels of Saint-Émilion, the 34-hectare Château Angélu is a ringing endorsement of what can be achieved when one family dedicates itself to its terroir in a seamless blend of tradition and technology.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41929	CHATEAU ANGELUS PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2016	\$1224.00	\$1162.80

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Château Bélair Monange

This is a very old estate. How old? Try the 1300's. Bélair was purchased by its rather famous neighbour Château Ausone in 1916; Ausone did the makeover and transformed it from vineyard to winery. It was sometimes opined, however, that it never quite lived up to its potential. In 2008, Christian Moueix - riding in on Château Pétrus glory - purchased the estate and renamed it Bélair-Monange in honour of his grandmother, Anne-Adèle Monange. In 2012, Moueix merged the neighbouring Château Magdelaine into Bélair-Monange. He believes this 12-hectare vineyard has the finest terroir in Saint-Émilion, and aspires to make it one of Bordeaux' greatest wines. With Moueix in charge, quality has, somewhat predictably, soared; the wine is already fleshier and more concentrated than previously, with an incredible elegance on the palate and the only direction in sight upwards.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49106	CHATEAU BELAIR MONANGE ANNONCE DE BELAIR MONANGE	2014	\$94.00	\$89.30
	Following the restructuring of the Chateau Belair-Monange, a new wine embodying the qualities of the vineyard emerged in 2014 - Annonce de Belair Monange, produced in very limited quantities.			
49108	CHATEAU BELAIR MONANGE ANNONCE DE BELAIR MONANGE	2015	\$129.00	\$122.55
	90/100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown - "Only the second vintage made of this "second wine" and composed of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, the medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2015 Annonce from Bélair Monange reveals a nose of warm red currants, black cherries and mulberries with touches of cigar box and dried herbs. Medium-bodied with a pleasantly grippy frame and oodles of freshness, it delivers a good amount of youthful red and black fruit flavors with a satisfyingly savory finish. Drink 2018-2027" - Robertparker.com			
41615	CHATEAU BELAIR MONANGE PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$383.00	\$363.85
	97 / Decanter "In 2016 the majority of the grapes were coming from the eastern side of the plateau of Bélair, near to Ausone, although from 2017 things balance out to more accurately reflect the entirety of the vineyard. There's no question that Bélair-Monange is signalling its intent to take on the very best wines of St-Emilion. The smoky oak notes dominate at first, more than in the 2015, but this was only bottled one year ago and it settles in the glass after five minutes. It has wonderful grip and impact, sizzling from the first moment with pulses of electricity and a vertical ride from the clearly evident minerality, both in taste and texture, joined by rich, precise blackberry and blueberry fruits. The whole thing levitated further upwards after 24 hours in bottle, as we tried it again the following night, this time with food. Drinking Window 2026 - 2046."			

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Château Bellevue

Walking the vineyards of Bellevue, you can still see the remains of the original Roman plantings; the place reeks of history. A little further down the timeline (the 17th Century, to be precise), we encounter the Fief de Bellevue renaming the estate after himself (well, you would, wouldn't you?) and creating the beginnings of the estate we have today. From the 2000 vintage onwards, Bordeaux aces Nicolas Theinpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt were brought in to up the ante, and they did just that, illustrating very quickly Bellevue's potential for greatness. In 2007 the de Boüard family, owners of Château Angélu, purchased a 50% stake, a move that generated a top-to-bottom revamp of the estate. The operation is ultra-hands-on, with hand harvesting followed by four rounds of sorting. Each block is fermented separately, 40% in barrel, and all of it is aged in new French oak. The 5.9 hectares of clay and limestone soils carry one of the highest percentages of Merlot vines in Saint-Émilion - 98% - with the remaining 2% in Cabernet Franc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42128	CHATEAU BELLEVUE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU	2016	\$146.00	\$138.70

93 / Decanter "There is a lovely creamy texture to this wine, joined by attractive spice notes. It's ripe but not overly so, showing good persistency and juicy fruit that fills out the tannins. Organically farmed. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."

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Château Bellevue Mondotte

Tiny! With a mere 2.5-hectare plot to play in, the annual production is miniscule. In 2001, Chateau Bellevue Mondotte was purchased by Gérard Perse, owner of the highly-rated Château Pavie, as well as Châteaux Pavie-Decesse and Monbousquet. Located on the Saint-Émilion limestone plateau within a stone's throw of Perse's other properties, the Bellevue Mondotte vines average around 45 years in age, with 90% planted in Merlot and the remainder evenly split between Cabernets Franc and Sauvignon. This is a trophy wine, produced with stunning levels of concentration, divinely opulent and velvety in the mouth. It doesn't come cheap, but rest assured, the quality is there and it is worth the outlay for its stellar interpretation of Saint-Émilion's magic.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42126	CHATEAU BELLEVUE MONDOTTE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU	2008	\$499.00	\$474.05
	16/20 Jancis Robinson: "Very dark crimson. Rich and ripe and concentrated on the nose. Then some slight oak and acidity. Fresh and zappy and certainly no shortage of ripeness and alcohol even if a little aggressive. A bit drying on the end."			
42125	CHATEAU BELLEVUE MONDOTTE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU	2015	\$466.00	\$442.70
	99/100 James Suckling: "This has a focus and intensity that I haven't seen before. It goes wide in the palate and then compresses with great precision and beauty. Full and excellent. So great. Best I ever had from here."			

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Château Canon

Starting life as part of the Clos St-Martin vineyard, this Saint-Émilion estate was acquired in 1760 by Monsieur Jacques Kanon, thanks to the substantial profits he made as a privateer capturing English ships for King Louis XV. For 'privateer' read pirate; apparently, sometimes, crime does pay. Kanon expanded his holding outwards (did he, we wonder, capture the surrounding vineyards too?) before selling it to a Bordeaux wine merchant, Raymond Fontémoing, for a tidy sum. From there it passed to the Fournier family, who ploughed much time and money into the estate and its vineyards. In 1996 it passed to Chanel. They, too, have undertaken extensive renovation and replanting. The 32 hectares are made up of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, with the average vine age now close to 30 years following all the ferocious replanting. Classified a Premier Grand Cru Classé, Château Canon is widely recognised as a distinguished, superlative wine; ripe, mineral and opulent, a wine for those with the patience to wait.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41152	CHATEAU CANON SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU	2015	\$999.00	\$949.05

Chateau Canon is widely regarded as one of the most successful wines from the 2015 vintage, we have a very tiny quantity of this great wine left. | 17.5/20: "72% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc. Very bright, deep crimson. Again, like the 2016, really savoury and appetising on the nose (not too sweet compared with Ch Canon La Gaffelière). Smooth and much sweeter on the palate. Fruit battling the considerable tannins. Masses buried in here. So juicy and alluring! Hint of pencil-shavings flavour (the Cabernet Franc?) but not the pencil-shavings texture which can be awkward. A triumph." - Jancis Robinson

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Château Canon



Château Cheval Blanc

The 'Castle of the White Horse' sits at the very peak of the Saint-Émilion classification, from where they create one of the world's finest wines. Founded in 1832, Cheval Blanc has been at the forefront of vineyard management for almost 200 years, installing a vast network of drains in 1860 and in 2011 building the most modern winemaking and cellaring facility in the appellation at a cost of around \$20M. They were purchased in 2009 by LVMH for a reputed 15 million euros per hectare, which would make them the most expensive estate in all of Bordeaux. Perched on the border with Pomerol, the Premier Grand Cru Classé A estate has a unique mix of 58% Cabernet Franc and 42% Merlot, with some of the vines close to 100 years old. The beauty of Cheval Blanc can be found in the complex and powerful perfume entwining textures that can feel as sensual as silk and as soft as velvet. The wine is incredibly opulent, yet light on its feet. Yes, you can drink it young, but really, it is one of the longest-lived Bordeaux wines being produced, so try to be patient. Truly a masterpiece.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46208	CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2006	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The brilliant 2006 Cheval Blanc performed better from bottle than from barrel. A blend of equal parts Cabernet Franc and Merlot grown in a superb vineyard site facing La Conseillante and l'Evangile at the very edge of the sandy, gravelly soils of St.-Emilion, it boasts a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet perfume of menthol, charcoal, boysenberries, black currants, and hints of cocoa and caramel. Lush, textured, and opulent with superb purity, medium to full body, savory flavors, and sweet, sexy tannins, this stunning Cheval Blanc may be even better than the 2005. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2030."			
48976	CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2011	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The 2011 Cheval Blanc is one of the more plump, opulent and sexy Cheval Blancs made over recent vintages, and its forwardness, lusciousness and complexity seemingly suggest this wine is on a fast evolutionary track. The wine exhibits a dense ruby/purple/plum color, a medium to full-bodied opulence, a sumptuous mid-palate (atypical for the vintage), and a lush, heady finish. It is a super, complex, evolved Cheval Blanc that can be drunk now or cellared for 15+ years. Bravo!" - Robert Parker Jr			
46205	CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2012	\$999.00	\$949.05
	94/100 Robert Parker: "A beautiful wine that always seems to drink well, the 2012 Cheval Blanc has a sweet, fragrant nose of black and red currants, floral nuances and spice. Supple, round and juicy, this wine can be drunk now or cellared for another 15 or more years." - Robert M. Parker Jr			
41736	CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2016	\$2287.00	\$2172.65
46209	CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC SAINT EMILLION 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2007	\$1250.00	\$949.05
	91/100 Robert Parker: "The evolved, perfumed, purple-tinged 2007 Cheval Blanc offers complex aromas of menthol, cedarwood, mulberries, and black currants. Medium-bodied with beautiful fruit, sweet tannin, and a heady finish, this lovely wine should drink well for 10-15 years."			
41737	CHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC SAINT EMILLION 1ER GRAND CRU CLASSE A	2008	\$999.00	\$949.05
	Founded in 1832, Cheval Blanc has a unique mix of 58% Cabernet Franc and 42% Merlot, with some of the vines close to 100 years old. Its beauty is encountered in the complex, powerful perfume-entwined textures that can feel as sensual as silk and as soft as velvet. The wine is incredibly opulent, yet light on its feet, a masterpiece of winemaking.			

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Château Clos Fourtet

Premier Grand Cru Classé producer Clos Fourtet started life in the Middle Ages as a defensive fort designed to protect the town of Saint-Émilion, with the chateau itself built by the Rulleau family in the 18th Century. The estate was purchase by the Ginestets in 1919, who on-sold it to finance their purchase of Château Margaux in 1949. From there it passed to the Lurtions, who traded it to current owners, the Cuvelier family, in 2001. Clos Fourtet has resoundingly confirmed its designated status, much assisted by the hard work and major investments of the Cuveliers. Their whatever-it-takes approach involves sustainable farming methods with an increasingly biodynamic focus. The 20 hectares under vine consist of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc, and a sizeable 12 hectares of underground cellars are cut out of the limestone bedrock. The ubiquitous Stéphane Derenoncourt once again raises his head, employed here as consultant. The wine is delightfully fresh, spicy and textural, with a strong mineral presence.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48944	CHATEAU CLOS FOURTET SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU	2016	\$353.00	\$335.35

96 / Decanter "This showcases why Clos Fourtet is such a confident, powerful wine. It gets the balance right between the sappy, saline quality of its limestone terroir and yet reflects the ripeness and flashiness of Merlot that makes St-Émilion such a well loved appellation. Excellent, serious quality, cerebral but sexy. Drinking Window 2027 - 2050."

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Chateau Clos St Martin

Established in 1850, this tiny estate is situated on Saint-Émilion's limestone plateau, adjacent to Château Canon. Named after the neighboring church of Saint Martin, Clos St. Martin is today owned and managed by Sophie Fourcade, with Michel Rolland acting as consulting winemaker. At 1.33 hectares (3.28 acres), Clos St. Martin is the smallest classified Bordeaux wine in Saint-Émilion.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48997	CHATEAU CLOS ST MARTIN SAINT EMILION	2015	\$263.00	\$249.85
	91/100 Decanter: "Clos St Martin's 1.3ha of vines on the limestone plateau capture the richness and ripeness of fruit in 2015, given an extra punch of liquorice, vanilla and a tarry, smoked quality from the oak. It's a touch over-charged right now, although it will soften over the next five to eight years."			
49207	CHATEAU CLOS ST MARTIN SAINT EMILION	2016	\$218.00	\$207.10
	90 / Decanter "Micro-cru of 1.3ha. Very ripe and weighty (on the limit of being over-ripe) and full of damson, cherry and a hint of jam. Palate sweet, suave and packed with fruit. Freshness of the limestone terroir just pulls it back into balance."			

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Château Faugères

Château Faugères has a long history in Saint-Émilion that stretches back to the early 1800's, though it did not become well known until Silvio Denz purchased the estate in 2005 from the Guisez family. With a comprehensive make-over completed by Denz in 2009, things are on an upward trajectory. The terroir is largely clay and limestone, with the vineyard planted in 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines punch well above their weight (and price point), displaying a presence that is ripe and fruity with plenty of appeal. They can be consumed early, but will benefit from 3-4 years cellaring, where they could remain, if so desired, for as long as 15 years.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44433	CHATEAU FAUGERES SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$134.00	\$127.30

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Château-Figeac

We're not just talking old here, the timelines are staggering: a Saint-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé, Figeac's history can be traced back to the Gallo-Roman period, during the 2nd Century AD, when the owner, Figeacus, named his villa here after himself. This is one of the few Saint-Émilion estates to have been continuously occupied for the past 2,000 years. By the 18th Century, Figeac had already been owned by the same family for around five centuries, and it has been in the possession of the current owners, the Manancourts, for over 120 years. It was, once, massive, at 200 hectares, but over time bits and pieces have been sold off by various owners, which is why, today, so many different châteaux have Figeac in their name. These days the vineyard stands at a relatively modest 40 hectares, plus 14 hectares of grounds. Under the innovative guidance of the late Thierry Manancourt, Figeac rose to become one of Bordeaux' greatest wines. As the Romans knew long ago, the terroir is superb, and the wines are consistently elegant, with fabulous aging potential.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41693	CHATEAU FIGEAC PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ML)	2016	\$314.00	\$298.30
41692	CHATEAU FIGEAC SAINT EMILION PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2009	\$499.00	\$474.05
	96/100 Wine Spectator: "Distinctive, with atypical (for St.-Émilion) force and drive to the black currant, roasted cedar and maduro tobacco flavours, which are supported by a dense, loam-tinged structure. Terrific roasted espresso, ganache and fig paste notes wait in reserve. Very muscular, but with the cut for balance. Best from 2017 through 2035." - James Molesworth			
41699	CHATEAU FIGEAC SAINT EMILLION PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$630.00	\$598.50
	98 / Decanter "A testament to the work being undertaken at Figeac in recent years, this has depth and intensity while retaining the smile of the fruit. Richness combines with gorgeous length and intensity, every bit as impressive as it was during en primeur. Touches of violet and a silky texture precede hugely precise slate walls that pull the fruit into place through the palate. It takes its time in the glass to fully open, only slowly revealing the black olives, pungent white pepper and rosemary aromatics. Bottled in late July. 100% new oak. Drinking Window 2024 - 2045."			
48992	CHATEAU FIGEAC SAINT EMILLION PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$1254.00	\$1191.30
	"Still looking like a barrel sample, the wine shows off a bouquet of flowers, black plums, smoke, licorice, coffee bean, wet earth and cherry. Full-bodied, rich, silky, velvety, long and frankly, this is just a joy to feel on your palate. The wine is sensuous, opulent and yet, remains focused on the freshness and purity of the fruit at its core. This is stunning in every sense of the word. If you score a bottle, try it within a year or so, else age it for 12 or more years. This is another 1949 in the making! The wine was made from blending 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot and 26% Cabernet Franc." 100 points, Jeff Leve - The Wine Cellar Insider			

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Château Fleur Cardinale

Taking its name from the wealth of flowers that populate the estate, the Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé Fleur Cardinale has been the property of Dominique and Florence Decoster since 2001. The 24.5 hectare vineyard is planted in 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and sits on a terroir of clay over limestone. Fleur Cardinale has a cooler, late-ripening climate which, combined with the Decosters' penchant for picking their fruit ripe, often has Fleur Cardinale being one of the last of the châteaux to finish harvesting on the Right Bank. Their style is round and generous, offering immediate gratification with the potential for short to medium-term aging.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46125	CHATEAU FLEUR CARDINALE ST EMILION GRAND CRU	2014	\$115.00	\$109.25

90/100 | erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Fleur Cardinale is located in Saint-Etienne-de-Lisse, the vines populating the lieu-dit of Thibaud. It has a powerful, rich and decadent bouquet bestowed with licorice and boysenberry jam. The palate is medium-bodied with muscular tannin, good depth, fine acidity with a structured and quite spicy finish that replicates the showing from barrel. Enjoy this over the next 8-10 years."

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Château Fonroque

Saint-Émilion's Château Fonroque was purchased by the celebrated Moueix family in 1931. In 1979 the property joined several other Right Bank wineries managed by Étienne Jean-Pierre Moueix, and in 2001 Alain Moueix took charge and began implementing numerous changes. He experimented with biodynamic farming techniques on select parcels, and by 2005, Fonroque had become completely biodynamic, earning the right to state their organic certification on the labels. The 20 hectare vineyard is planted in 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc and lies on clay, limestone and sand. The Fonroque style tends to be a robust, rich and tannic. In good vintages, it benefits from at least 2-3 years cellaring prior to consumption.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46120	CHATEAU FONROQUE SAINT EMILION	2016	\$103.00	\$97.85

93 / Decanter "This was the last vintage with Alain Moueix as the owner - in 2017 he sold the estate to a French insurance company, although he is likely to continue as consultant for the foreseeable future. This has an impressive texture right from the start, with silky black and red fruit that's well knitted together, along with coffee and chocolate. It has clear potential but needs time. 30% new oak. 50hl/ha yield. Drinking Window 2024 - 2038."

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Château Haut-Brisson

Situated in Saint-Émilion, Haut-Brisson was purchased by Peter Kwok in 1997. Kwok's agenda was to elevate the quality of the estate's output, and he immediately set about expanding the holding from 8 hectares to 12.77 hectares, introduced a small-production high-end offering from the best parcels and barrels, and moved to organic viticulture (certified in 2010). The blend is 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc, and the vines are close to 30 years old. Today Château Haut-Brisson is managed by Kwok's daughter Elaine. These attractively priced, rich, fruity wines deserve attention from consumers looking for good value.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49172	CHATEAU HAUT BRISSON SAINT EMILLION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$71.00	\$67.45
	92 / Vinous "The 2016 Haut Brisson is terrific. Plush and succulent in the glass, with tons of textural intensity, the 2016 has so much to offer. Dark red cherry, chocolate, mocha and spice all build in a beautifully textured, racy Saint-Émilion that is already quite delicious. The 2016 has really come together quite nicely over the course of its aging." Antonio Galloni			
43233	CHATEAU HAUT BRISSON SAINT EMILION (375ml)	2016	\$36.00	\$34.20

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Château La Fleur-Pétrus

Situated a stone's throw from Chateau Pétrus and adjacent to Lafleur, this vineyard lies on the north-eastern edge of the high plateau of Pomerol, where the soil involves large gravels with very little of the blue clay found in its high-profile neighbours. The château was built in 1782 and has had a strong reputation since the late 1800's. It was sold to the Moueix family, owners of Chateau Pétrus, in 1953, just in time for the decimating Pomerol frost of 1956, after which it was completely replanted with 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Since then the quality has headed steadily upwards and there is no doubt that recent vintages are the finest ever produced here.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42520	CHATEAU LA FLEUR PETRUS POMEROL	2015	\$377.00	\$358.15

99/100 | James Suckling: "The power and depth of fruit here is extraordinary with incredible phenolic texture and caressing mouthfeel. Full and enticing. It's a wine that shows power with finesse. Such contrast and greatness. 92% merlot, 7.5% cabernet franc and 0.5% petit verdot."

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Château La Serre

Château La Serre is located just outside the village of Saint-Émilion. La Serre takes its name from its south-facing position (La Serre can be translated as 'greenhouse' in reference to the property's excellent sun exposure). The château was erected in the 17th Century and procured in the 1950's by the d'Arfeuille family, who are still in residence today. The soil is a combination of chalk, clay and sand and supports a vine mix of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. The wines are modestly priced, so they offer excellent value in a good vintage. Fresh and clean in style, their aging potential is around 6-10 years.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42556	CHATEAU LA SERRE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2012	\$94.00	\$89.30
	Another of the Moueix exclusives, La Serre was erected in the 17th Century. A great-quality Saint-Emilion Bordeaux that's perfect drinking right now.			
42543	CHATEAU LA SERRE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2014	\$89.00	\$84.55
	88/100 Decanter: "Plateau estate. Red fruit with a little toast on the nose. Palate accented towards the fruit. Sweet entry then fresh and juicy. Chalky, minerally finish. Harmonious." - James Lawther			
42548	CHATEAU LA SERRE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2015	\$105.00	\$99.75
	70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, this was one of the standouts for me from 2015; Chateau La Serre have seriously over delivered for sure. The nose is lifted and aromatic, with generous fruit and an appealing texture; smart and very long, lingering supple finish.			
42557	CHATEAU LA SERRE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$135.00	\$128.25
	94 / Decanter "This will take a little longer to come around than the 2015 vintage at La Serre, displaying grip right through the palate. The mid-palate fills out with blackberries and black cherries lifted by violet notes. It speaks clearly of its limestone soils with the freshness that runs through it, although it's a touch subdued right now. Extremely pretty and will age well. Harvested 10-21 October, with no added sulphur during vinification, and matured in 50% new oak. Stéphane Toutoundji consults. Drinking Window 2023 - 2035."			

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Château Monbousquet

Château Monbousquet is another Saint-Émilion estate with a long history in the appellation, traceable back to 1540. When Gerard Perse purchased the property in 1993, there was a major leap forward in quality. This was the first winery that Perse acquired, and he immediately set about renovating the estate, building an entirely new cellar. The 32-hectare vineyard is planted in 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, with an average vine age of 40 years. The terroir of sand, clay and gravel soils is not the greatest in Saint-Émilion, however Perse gets the most out of it by starting with low yields. Monbousquet also produce a Bordeaux Blanc, and have planted a mix of 66% Sauvignon Blanc and 37% Sauvignon Gris. Perse's commitment to quality has seen this estate steadily emerge as a star of the appellation.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42097	CHATEAU MONBOUSQUET GRAND CRU BLANC	2009	\$155.00	\$147.25

92/100 | Robert Parker: "Proprietor Gerard Perse has backed off on the barrel fermentation and wood aging a bit, and the result is a more well-balanced, less over-the-top and exotic style of wine. Fresh melon and green apple notes intermixed with hints of mango and pineapple, zesty acidity and subtle oak all make for a delicious, full-throttle wine. Anticipated maturity: now -2018."

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Château Pavie

The slopes of Pavie first felt the touch of vines at the hands of the Romans in the 4th Century AD, however it only found fame as a Bordeaux producer a couple of millennia later. By the mid-19th Century Pavie was recognised as one of the first classed growths in Saint-Émilion. The estate was divided in two in the late 1800's, forming Châteaux Pavie and Pavie-Decesse, with the Macquin family following suit, purchasing parcels and creating Pavie Macquin. The 37-hectare, Premier Grand Cru Classé A Pavie estate has been in the hands of the Perse family since 1998 and sits on three different levels. On the southern slope of the Saint-Émilion hill, it is one of the largest in the appellation, containing a mix of 60% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. Enhanced by a low yield approach and sophisticated facilities, the wines are highly individual and elegant, displaying a comprehensive level of complexity.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42006	CHATEAU PAVIE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$1223.00	\$1161.85
42007	CHATEAU PAVIE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2015	\$1076.00	\$1022.20

100/100 | James Suckling: "For me, this redefines Pavie. The depth and intensity and more important, the clarity, is really something. Full and ultra-fine tannins. It shows such great tannins and finesse. It is the essences of Pavie"

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Château Pavie Decesse

Although Saint-Émilion's Château Pavie Decesse can trace its roots back to Roman times, it is really only since Gerard Perse, owner of Château Monbousquet, purchased the property that the quality took a massive leap forward. Perse ordered extensive work in the vineyards and winemaking facilities. Up until 1855, Pavie and Pavie Decesse were one and the same vineyard. Then owner Ferdinand Bouffard separated the vineyards, with both properties ultimately ending up in the hands of the Perse family. The two are, however, very different properties, with their own unique terroir and wine styles. Pavie Decesse is planted in 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the vine-age averaging 40 years-plus. The wines are lushly opulent and sensually textured, with Gerard Perse stamping his mark and introducing a distinct uplift in quality.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43640	CHATEAU PAVIE DECESSE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2008	\$345.00	\$327.75
	94+/100 Robert Parker: "A deep purple color is accompanied by massive notes of blackberries, incense, fruitcake, camphor and toasty oak intermixed with a crushed chalk-like minerality (a hallmark of this vineyard). The wine has softened considerably in bottle, and while it seems more structured than the 2010, it reveals a degree of accessibility. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2035."			
43630	CHATEAU PAVIE DECESSE SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$407.00	\$386.65
	94 / Decanter "A Perse wine from up on the limestone plateau where the vines never suffered from dry water stress in 2016, and so this has juice, tension and depth, plus a quite amazingly low 3.43pH. Gorgeous - the best that I remember. 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Drinking Window 2025 - 2038."			

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Château Pavie Macquin

Pavie Macquin took its name from founder Albert Macquin, a specialist in grafting and root stocks who was instrumental in saving not only Saint-Émilion, but much of Bordeaux from the predations of the Phylloxera epidemic that destroyed so much of France's vinous heritage. It was Macquin's idea to graft European vines onto American root stocks, and thus save the day. Owned by the Corre-Macquin family, the estate was producing below-par wines until the introduction in the 1990's of the A-team of Stéphane Derenoncourt and Nicolas Thienpont who, as elsewhere, have ridden into town and turned things around. The 15-hectare vineyard possesses a complex terroir consisting of nine different soil types, and the 40-year-old vines are 85% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Farming is undertaken using organic and sustainable principles and the winemaking facilities have undergone a complete makeover. These days undeniably one of the stars of the Saint-Émilion firmament, the Pavie-Macquin wines are strong, full bodied and generous.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43624	CHATEAU PAVIE MACQUIN SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$253.00	\$240.35

96/100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown: Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2016 Pavie Macquin charges out of the glass with gregarious black cherries, warm blackberries and wild blueberries scents followed up by loads of red roses, baking spices, cedar chest and unsmoked cigars sparks plus a waft of wild thyme. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is an exercise in poise, revealing layer upon layer of cherries and berries flavors and tons of savory nuances, framed by firm yet exquisitely ripe tannins, finishing very long.

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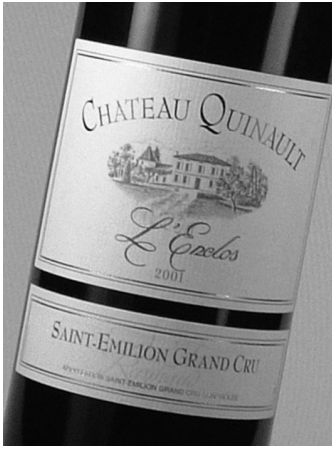
Château Puy-Blanquet

The Saint-Émilion appellation is stylistically quite diverse, but it is the Merlot-based wines that have brought lasting fame to the region. Puy-Blanquet, a Grand Cru Classé Château, is a member of the J.P. Moueix winery stable, which includes among its number the legendary Château Pétrus. The Château's 23-hectare property is planted to 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the average vine age around 25 years.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44200	CHATEAU PUY BLANQUET ST EMILLION GRAND CRU	2015	\$46.00	\$29.99
	A popular Chateau year in year out with our customers. 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, the nose is pure, chalky and with a fine mineral line. The palate is chocolatey, with firm tannins and a core of red fruits. Very appealing and well positioned.			
44202	CHATEAU PUY BLANQUET ST EMILLION GRAND CRU	2016	\$54.00	\$51.30
	Owned by the Jacquet family, Puy-Blanquet is managed by J-P Moueix (of Château Petrus fame) via a longterm leasing agreement. The Merlot-dominated wines benefit from amazing vine age, and the chateau undertakes a range of environmentally friendly practices. Medium-bodied, with fresh raspberry and floral characters.			

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Château Quinault L'Enclos

Quinault L'Enclos was originally bought back to life by Alain Reynaud (former president of the Union des Grands Crus) who purchased it in 1997, saving it from a new housing development. Its history is largely unknown, but the estate is thought to have originated in the 17th Century. The vines on Quinault L'Enclos are actually some of the oldest in Saint-Émilion, and many are close to 50 years old. The vineyard itself is walled, and situated on gravel, sand and clay soils planted in 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec. Reynaud produced a sweet, forward, supple style that would drink well in the first 10-15 years. In 2008, the property was sold to Bernard Arnault and Albert Frère (owners of Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy), who also own Château Cheval Blanc and Château d'Yquem. With the change in ownership came a change of style, the wines now offering more purity, less oak treatment and increased aging potential.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43648	CHATEAU QUINAULT L' ENCLOS SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$110.00	\$104.50

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Château Rol Valentin

Unlike the majority of its peers, Rol Valentin doesn't have a long history, only making its debut in 1994. The founder of Rol Valentin was former European football star, Eric Prissette, but from the legendary 2009 vintage, the estate was sold to the daughter of Leclerc's chief wine buyer, Jean-Luc Roché and her husband, Nicolas Robin. The vineyards are located in two separate parcels. About 40% of their vines are placed on sandy soils, north of La Gomerie on the way to Cheval Blanc, and the remaining 60% are planted in the cooler clay and limestone soils near Valandraud. The vines are, on average, 43 years old and are planted in 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Although Rol Valentin are relatively new, the quality in recent years here has been excellent.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44241	CHATEAU ROL VALENTIN SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$53.00	\$50.35

Chateau Rol Valentin is a Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classe, made from Merlot and Cabernet Franc. From the excellent 2016 vintage, the wine displays vibrant fruit with a long finish.

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Château Calon-Ségur

Situated in Saint-Estèphe, this estate stretches all the way back to 1147, when it was owned by Monseigneur de Calon, a bishop, no less. Perhaps not so surprising when one considers the level of intimacy that has long existed between the Church and the vine. Eventually the property came to be owned by Nicolas Alexandre, marquis de Segur and owner of Châteaux Latour and Lafite. The iconic heart on the label comes from his famous quote, 'I make my wine at Lafite and Latour, but my heart is in Calon.' One of the few walled-in vineyards to be found in Bordeaux, the estate was sold recently to a large French Insurance company, with the Moueix family, owners of Château Pétrus, also taking a stake. There has been extensive renovation of the winemaking facilities, along with a replanting programme to increase the vine density and boost the percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon. The style of Calon-Ségur is masculine and sturdy, the structure tannic, textural and traditional in approach. .

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49220	CHATEAU CALON SEGUR MARQUIS DE CALON	2016	\$88.00	\$83.60
	"A beautifully vibrant violet colour with tight, sappy, dark fruits that grip right through the palate. This is a beautifully mouthwatering second wine from 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 30% new oak for 17 months. The young vines suffered somewhat in 2016 with the drought, and many that were blended into the grand vin in 2015 (70% Merlot) did not make it in 2016. Drinking Window 2027 - 2050." 91 points, Decanter			
44296	CHATEAU CALON SEGUR THIRD GROWTH	2016	\$380.00	\$380.00
	There is a wonderful pureness of fruit, blackcurrant and cassis, with a little creamy oak. The palate is full of energy, spice and vitality, with silky ripe tannins and then an almost menthol freshness at the end. It feels almost delicate and very elegant.			
44297	CHATEAU CALON SEGUR THIRD GROWTH	2015	\$340.00	\$340.00
	95/100 Decanter: "Really lovely bouquet: totally aromatic and full of finesse and restrained power. Great charm and purity of fruit on the palate, showing lovely precision and persistence. This château continues on its progression to the top."			

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Château Cos d'Estournel

Often referred to as a Super Second (Growth), with a long and distinguished history in the Saint-Estèphe appellation. This is largely due to M. Gaspard d'Estournel, the 'Maharajah of Saint-Estèphe' who founded the estate in 1811. It wasn't long before the château was well-known to wine lovers all over the world, not least because of its famous pagoda design, built to celebrate the wine's presence in India. Recently a complete renovation of Cos d'Estournel took place across the whole business. While Cos d'Estournel may not have been as consistent as it could have been in the past, it is now making one of the most exciting wines in modern-day Bordeaux. The wines are big, concentrated and full bodied with a finely-judged balance.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49132	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL BLANC	2015	\$465.00	\$465.00
	75% Sauvignon Blanc and 25% Semillon, the nose is captivating with a tropical punch of passionfruit meeting you head on. This is the 10th vintage for Cos Blanc, the fruit comes from a different vineyard to the red grapes at the very northern point of the Medoc, close to the river and sea giving a high degree of freshness to the wine. 15% went into new oak and all was barrel fermented.			
44698	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL BLANC	2016	\$386.00	\$386.00
49214	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL LES PAGODES DE COS	2016	\$143.00	\$135.85
	"The 2016 Les Pagodes de Cos is matured in 30% new oak. It has an intense bouquet for a deuxième vin, featuring blackberry, bilberry, light cedar and graphite aromas, quite Pauillac in style. The medium-bodied palate is fresh and vigorous though not deep, displaying fine tannin and exerting a gentle grip. There is a symmetry about this Les Pagodes, which is longer than other vintages, with just a hint of graphite and cracked black pepper on the finish. Excellent. 13.02% alcohol." 92 points, Neal Martin - Vinous			
46223	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL SECOND GROWTH	2005	\$999.00	\$949.05
	78% Cabernet Sauvignon resides within this wonderful Saint-Estephe. Displaying a wealth of deep black fruit characters, lively acidity and poised tannins enfolded in a powerful yet seamless structure, this is classic Cos, polished and majestic, one of the greatest vintages ever and a strong contender for wine of the vintage.			
46225	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL SECOND GROWTH	2014	\$499.00	\$499.00
	93/100 Robert Parker: "One of the candidates for wine of the vintage, this beauty has a dense purple color to the rim and a classic, noble nose of graphite intermixed with black currant, spice box, licorice, and red and black fruits. Medium to full-bodied with exceptional precision and definition, this beautifully textured wine stands out as one of the most successful wines of this irregular vintage. A brilliant effort, it should be at its best between 2008 and 2020."			
46221	CHATEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$505.00	\$505.00
	97 / Decanter "This is a little tight right now, as are so many of the 2016s. The fruit is deep, dark and concentrated, with fierce tannins that will take a long time to come around but will age well. There's no question that this is a monumental Cos, with the walls of slate ready to be scaled, joined by a rosemary and black olive tang, juicy liquorice root and lashings of cassis. I tasted this wine both en primeur and again during a vertical at the property in July, and have felt thrilled to recommend it each time. Aymeric de Gironde was still the director at the time, before leaving in 2017. Drinking Window 2024 - 2040."			

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Château Lafon-Rochet

Château Lafon-Rochet in Saint-Estèphe dates back to the middle of the 17th Century, and like most producers in Bordeaux it was named after the owners of the time. Today it is owned by the Tesseron family and run by Basile Tesseron. Lafon-Rochet was awarded Fourth Growth status in 1855, and after a slump in quality in the 1970's, it has improved vastly and is worthy once again of its status. The 45 hectares of vineyards are in almost one single parcel with three soil types - limestone, marl and clay - and is planted in 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41878	CHATEAU LAFON ROCHET FOURTH GROWTH	2004	\$169.99	\$161.49
42590	CHATEAU LAFON ROCHET FOURTH GROWTH	2015	\$128.00	\$121.60
	91-92/100 James Suckling: "A firm and silky red with blueberry and dark chocolate aromas and flavors. Full to medium body, serious core of fruit for the vintage."			
42594	CHATEAU LAFON ROCHET FOURTH GROWTH	2016	\$150.00	\$142.50

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Chateau Meyney

Chateau Meyney is one of the oldest estates in the Medoc. In 1662, it was a Convent mentioned in records under the names Couvent des Feuillants or Prieure des Couleys. Today, the estate stretches over some of the best hilltops above the Gironde Estuary. The river lying alongside the first rows of vines makes for a majestic, serene landscape. The estate belonged to the Luetkens family for several generations, and was then acquired by Mr Desire Cordier in 1919. In 2004, CA Grands Crus, a subsidiary of the Groupe Credit Agricole, acquired Chateau Meyney, with a determination to strengthen the potential of this outstanding cru. An improvement plan was put together for the entire estate. It is supervised today by Anne Le Naour, the Technical Director, and the consultant oenologist, Hubert de Bouard. The company CA Grands Crus, a fully-owned subsidiary of the Groupe Credit Agricole, became, in 2004, the owner of prestigious Bordeaux estates: Chateau de Rayne Vigneau, 1er Grand Cru Classe Sauternes, Chateau Grand-Puy Ducasse, 5eme Grand Cru Classe Pauillac, Chateau Meyney,

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43268	CHATEAU MEYNEY ST-ESTEPHE	2016	\$96.00	\$91.20

"Cool blueberry fruit aromas, with some creamy, round qualities. The palate is smooth and pleasurable. 'A more modern style,' said wine buyer Jean Haudy, 'but very agreeable'. Indeed, somewhat similar in style to Beau-Site, and also an improvement over the 2010, which is not quite as focused or as fresh." 92 points, Decanter

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Château Montrose

One of the few estates in Bordeaux not named after an original owner, according to local legend it was the reference by local sailors to the hills covered in pink heather that inspired this name. Montrose had been owned by the Charmoule family since 1896 until it was sold in 2006 to the Bouygues brothers. The new owners instigated an intensive renovation project that was completed in time for the 2013 harvest. One of the key components was sustainability, to ensure that Montrose was as green and environmentally conscious as possible. The 94-hectare vineyard has a terroir of gravel, typical of the Saint-Estèphe appellation, with sand and some clay. The vineyard is planted in 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, with an average vine age of 40 years. On average, the vines reach between 40 and 60 years of age before they are replaced, and some of the oldest date back to 1933. Château Montrose is a powerful Bordeaux, massive dense and masculine, and can age and evolve for decades.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49210	CHATEAU MONTROSE LA DAME DE MONTROSE	2016	\$119.00	\$113.05
	91 / Decanter "A gorgeous second wine in this vintage. It's almost seductive, with deep, rich spice and fruit flavours on the palate, along with plenty of vibrancy and aromas of violets, plums and smoke. La Dame represents 42% of the estate's production – and is a real bargain for the quality. Drinking Window 2022 - 2035."			
43273	CHATEAU MONTROSE SECOND GROWTH	2014	\$365.00	\$365.00
	96/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate: "Tasted at the château, the 2014 Montrose builds on the promise it showed in barrel with gorgeous blackberry, raspberry, cedar and orange sorbet scents that are extremely pure and refined. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, very precise acidity and layers of crisp black fruit laced with vanilla from the new oak at the moment. That will be subsumed in time. What you have here is a very precise, multi-layered, almost sensual Montrose that is going to delight many for years to come. This is highly recommended—one of the finest Left Bank wines this vintage. Tasted September 2016." - Neal Martin			
48969	CHATEAU MONTROSE SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$432.00	\$410.40

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Château Ormes-de-Pez

This estate is located in the hamlet of Pez, the old French word for 'peace'. At one time, the château also had very old elm trees ('ormes' in French) dating back to the 18th Century. Marie Cazes married the owner of Ormes-de-Pez in the late 19th Century, and when widowed, in fine French tradition she took on the task of managing the estate. The property was purchased just before WWII by Marie's brother, Jean-Charles, then owner of Château Lynch-Bages in Pauillac. The Cazes family's link with this exceptional cru thus goes back more than a century. Ormes-de Pez produce dependably fine wines year after year, and much investment has been made in the facilities since the early 1980's, as part of an ambitious renovation programme.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42075	CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ ST ESTEPHE	2009	\$148.00	\$140.60
	Jancis Robinson: "Very deep crimson. Solid and very Cabernet."			
42691	CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ ST ESTEPHE	2012	\$79.00	\$75.05
	"The 2012 Les Ormes de Pez is flashy and seductive. Scents of sweet tobacco, mint, crushed flower, savory herbs, game, anise and leather meld into a core of dark-fleshed fruit. Drink this attractive, mid-weight Saint Estèphe over the next decade. This is a terrific effort from the Cazes family. The blend is 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot." 89 points, Vinous			
42697	CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ ST ESTEPHE	2014	\$99.00	\$94.05
	89/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "The 2014 Les Ormes de Pez was backward and surly on the nose, touches of gravel and graphite, but the fruit felt a little suppressed at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannin. It felt a little pinched, but the finish shows vivacity and focus with graphite-infused black fruit. It just cuts away swiftly on the finish. This is one of the few 2014s that I felt did not match up to its showing in barrel, then again, it often does repay several years down in the cellar."			
49212	CHATEAU ORMES DE PEZ ST ESTEPHE	2016	\$100.00	\$95.00
	92 / Decanter "A real standout wine. The gorgeous, fruit-driven nose is followed by a broad, focused palate, seamlessly integrating oak, fruit, acidity and alcohol, achieving veritable racy elegance that sets it apart. Bravo! Drinking Window 2020 - 2030."			

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Château Branaire-Ducru

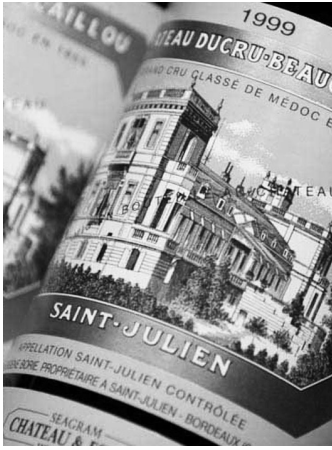
We're on the Left Bank, in the appellation of Saint-Julien, with Château Branaire-Ducru's beginnings as far back as 1680, and its main wine classified as one of the ten Fourth Growths in the Official Classification of 1855. Since purchasing Branaire-Ducru in 1988 from the Tapie family, owner Patrick Maroteaux has done extensive work on all aspects of the property, including the introduction of a state-of-the-art, gravity operated cellar (the first in Bordeaux). He is credited with getting Branaire-Ducru back on track, introducing more depth and concentration to what was already an elegant wine. He was ably assisted by Philippe Dhalluin, who left in 2004 to take over the winemaking duties at Château Mouton Rothschild. All Maroteaux' hard work has paid dividends, with Branaire-Ducru now one of the leading Saint-Julien wines. Its 60 hectares are planted in 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, and it is one of the better value, high quality Bordeaux wines on the market.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44655	CHATEAU BRANAIRE-DUCRU DULUC SAINT-JULIEN	2015	\$69.99	\$66.49

The second wine of the high-flying 2nd-Growth Chateau Branaire-Ducru. This is, quite simply, stunning. If we had to pick out one from all these superb wines, this would be it. One word: balance. Generous fruit, superb concentration, beautifully integrated, well-formed tannins, a fresh and lively palate, exquisite length. Has it all. A case is a must.

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Château Ducru-Beaucaillou

The soils at Ducru-Beaucaillou are covered with large stones that lend themselves to the estate's name (Beaucaillou translating as 'beautiful stone'). The property can trace its roots back to the 13th Century. They are, in modern times, producing some of the finest wines they have ever made, thanks in part to the efforts of Bruno Borie, who inherited the estate from his father, Francis. The 75-hectare vineyard is planted with 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot, with the average vine age 35 years, the oldest plot 'Les Sadons' planted all the way back in 1918. Ducru-Beaucaillou are operating at their highest level to date, thanks in part to the fact that, increasingly, only the very best fruit is used to make the Grand Vin. The wines are concentrated, supple, textural and harmonious, in a way that is only found in the best of the Bordeaux wines.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42698	CHATEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU SECOND GROWTH	2009	\$799.00	\$759.05
	100/100 Robert Parker: "The 2009 Ducru Beaucaillou will eclipse the brilliant wines produced in 2005, 2003 and 2000. It will be interesting to see how the 2009 fares against the 2010 after twenty years of aging, but my money is on the 2009. A blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot that achieved 13.5% natural alcohol, this inky purple, unctuous wine possesses classic aromas of graphite, creme de cassis, blueberries, violets, licorice and Christmas fruitcake. Full-bodied and intense with Ducru's inimitable elegance and purity, it should firm up in the bottle after 7-10 years of cellaring and last for 40-50 years. Magnificent! Bruno Borie has done a remarkable job at Ducru Beaucaillou."			
41751	CHATEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU SECOND GROWTH	2010	\$499.00	\$474.05
	98+/100 Robert Parker: "With loads of minerality, a terrific opaque purple color, and slightly more structure and tannin than either Poyferre or St.-Pierre (and that's saying something), this is a blockbuster, fabulous Ducru-Beaucaillou that should be at its best a good decade from now and last 40-50 years. The proprietor is not alone in thinking this is the finest Ducru-Beaucaillou since the 1961. The classic wet rock, creme de cassis, subtle oak and gravelly stoniness of the vineyard come through in this spectacular, full-bodied, gorgeously pure and intense effort. This is wine for the ages that should be forgotten for at least a decade."			
42695	CHATEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$585.00	\$555.75
	98 / Wine Enthusiast "Barrel Sample. This wine is so stylish, with a great future that is all balance and elegance. There are structured tannins as well as ample acidity that will allow the wine to age gracefully. A great Ducru with restrained power for long-term aging."			
41746	CHATEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU SECOND GROWTH	2015	\$517.00	\$491.15
	98/100 Vinous: "The 2015 Ducru-Beaucaillou is phenomenally great. Inky, powerful and explosive, the 2015 pulses with energy in all of its dimensions. Creme de cassis, blackberry jam, graphite, smoke, leather and incense, along with the wine's muscular tannins, convey an impression of brooding intensity. The 2015 has been nothing short of sensational on the two occasions I have tasted it so far. Readers should be prepared to be patient. Don't miss it!"			

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Château Gloria

Gloria is something of a new kid on the Bordeaux block, comparatively speaking, established as recently as 1939 by Henri Martin, who had become weary of making barrels and decided he wanted to fill them instead. Although a cooper by trade, like his dad, Henri was also the grandson of the cellar master at Château Gruard-Larose, and his family had been intimately associated with the vineyards and cellars of Saint-Julien, in one capacity or another, for around three centuries. Destiny called. Gloria is a patchwork of parcels scattered throughout the classified growth vineyards. Today, the estate is managed by Henri's daughter Françoise, her husband Jean-Louis Triaud and their children, Vanessa and Jean. They operate on 50 hectares consisting of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot, turning out a lighter style of Saint-Julien that is price-friendly and made for earlier drinking. The 2009 and 2010 were standout vintages.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46143	CHATEAU GLORIA SAINT-JULIEN	216	\$135.00	\$128.25

94 / Decanter "Immediately on the nose you get the rich structure of the fruit, rippling with texture and life. It has just the right amount of drama, offering a tight and well-focussed delivery. This is beautiful, showing great underlying freshness and grip with real tension and minerality. Drinking Window 2027 - 2050."

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Château Gruaud Larose

Have you heard the one about the Knight, the Abbot and the Magistrate? Sadly, we have no punch-line, so we'll move on. The knight, Joseph Stanislaw Gruaud, established the Saint-Julien property, and it was administered by two Gruauds, the priest and the magistrate. Upon the demise of the magistrate, part of the property went to Joseph Sebastian de La Rose, and there we have the origins of the name. Back in the day, they erected a tower over their vineyards so they could watch their workers. Supremely innovative, they would sell their wines to the highest bidder at auction, and if the wine didn't sell, they would keep lifting the price until it did. Over their history, Gruaud-Larose have been somewhat hit-or-miss; they have been more than capable of turning out stunning wines, just not with sufficient consistency to accompany their Second Growth status. Since 1997, the estate has been in the hands of the Merlaut family, and they, with much acumen, have introduced sustainable practices and organics into the vineyard, with their 2009 vintage a welcome return to form.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44462	CHATEAU GRUAUD LAROSE SARGET DE GRUAUD LAROSE	2014	\$66.00	\$66.00
	Established in 1725, back in the day Gruaud-Larose erected a tower over the vineyards so they could watch their workers. Not lacking in audacity, they would sell their wines to the highest bidder at auction, and if the wine didn't sell, they would keep lifting the price until it did. This, the second wine is intense but charming, luxuriant aromatics of plum and bold cassis surging across a vibrant, deliciously smooth palate.			
44402	CHATEAU GRUAUD LAROSE SARGET DE GRUAUD LAROSE	2016	\$79.99	\$79.99
	89 / The Wine Advocate - Robert Parker "The 2016 Sarget from Gruaud Larose is a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot with smaller parts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, bottled in May 2018. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it offers up expressive redcurrants and blackberry compote notes with hints of blackcurrant, unsmoked cigars, dried herbs and rose hip tea. Medium-bodied, soft, very fresh and with exhilarating vibrancy, it has loads of mineral sparks on the finish."			
49224	CHATEAU GRUAUD LAROSE SARGET DE GRUAUD LAROSE (375ML)	2016	\$40.00	\$38.00
	"The 2016 Sarget from Gruaud Larose is a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot with smaller parts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, bottled in May 2018. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it offers up expressive redcurrants and blackberry compote notes with hints of blackcurrant, unsmoked cigars, dried herbs and rose hip tea. Medium-bodied, soft, very fresh and with exhilarating vibrancy, it has loads of mineral sparks on the finish." 89 points, Robert Parker			
41192	CHATEAU GRUAUD LAROSE SECOND GROWTH	2015	\$207.00	\$207.00
	A higher percentage of Merlot in this year's blend has lifted floral notes jumping out of the glass and gives this a wonderful gentle nature to the palate. Gruaud Larose is excellent this year, ripe and rich fruit are upfront and intense in a strong firm core. Savoury sinewy tannins lead to an amazing length and fantastic balance. I Really enjoyed this and its little brother, Sarget which has been released for now and is exceptionally good value.			
46176	CHATEAU GRUAUD LAROSE SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$229.00	\$229.00
	93 / Wine Enthusiast "Barrel Sample. This wine is rich and juicy, with fine tannins that come as much from the fruit as from the wood aging. It shows great promise for positive development."			
46189	CHATEAU GRUAUD LAROSE SECOND GROWTH MAGNUM (1500ml)	2016	\$456.00	\$433.20

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Château Lagrange

"The history of Lagrange dates back to 1796, when it was acquired by Count Jean Valère Cabarrus, Napoleon's Finance Minister in Spain. He expanded the estate by purchasing numerous vineyards plots and remained the owner until 1825. Château Lagrange was classified a third growth in 1855.

In 1983, the Suntory group, the leading Japanese wine and spirits firm, acquired Lagrange and invested heavily in a spectacular renovation. Priority was given to the vineyard, followed by refurbishing and modernising the vat room and cellars.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44666	CHATEAU LAGRANGE LES FIEFS DE LAGRANGE	2015	\$94.00	\$89.30
	89-91/100 Antonio Galloni - "The 2015 Les Fiefs de Lagrange is round, supple and absolutely delicious. Plump and juicy to the core, the 2015 will drink nicely upon release. Sweet red cherry, plum, spice and wild flowers are nicely delineated throughout. This is a beautifully balanced second wine from Lagrange. I am not sure the Grand Vin is meaningfully better nor more complex. If anything, the Fiefs is particularly strong in 2015."			
42615	CHATEAU LAGRANGE SAINT JULIEN	2016	\$154.00	\$146.30

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Château Léoville Barton

Château Léoville Barton in reality has no château, with the wines made at their sister property, Langoa Barton (although with their differing locations, the wines are not the same). In 1826, Langoa Barton's owner, Hugh Barton purchased a portion of Saint-Julien's large Léoville estate and created Château Léoville Barton. The Second Growth Grand Cru Classé property is still in Barton family hands, with the current generation firm believers in the importance of terroir. Here, it's all about elegance, balance and finesse. The Bartons can trace their Bordeaux roots back as far as 1722, when Thomas Barton vacated Ireland for the Gallic lifestyle. Twice they have been forced to flee the country, once during the French Revolution and once during World War II. Leoville Barton is now the only château from the 1855 Classification that has the same family still in unbroken ownership from that time. Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, their winemaking methods lean towards the traditional, with the style and high tannin levels meaning these babies are not for early drinking.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42655	CHATEAU LEOVILLE BARTON SECOND GROWTH	2015	\$349.00	\$331.55

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Château Léoville Las Cases

Château Léoville Las Cases is a Second Growth under the 1855 Classification. Like most Bordeaux producers, it has a long history that dates back to the 16th Century. A large estate, it was at one time considerably larger, encompassing both of the other Léoville vineyards, Léoville Poyferré and Léoville Barton. Today, the Delon family, headed by Jean Hubert Delon and his sister Geneviève d'Alton, own and manage the property. It is planted in 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. Léoville Las Cases produces a very structured style, and in the top vintages it can take 20 years or more to develop and shed its tannic structure. However your patience will be rewarded with an expression that often resembles a First Growth Pauillac, yet is unique to the estate it comes from.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44658	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES LE PETIT LION DU MARQUIS DE LAS CASES	2016	\$160.00	\$152.00
	93 / Decanter "From 'young' vines within the Clos of Léoville, although they can go up to 20 or even 25 years. This is tight yet elegant, with notes of pencil-lead and slate giving a real sense of minerality and lift. It's not luscious yet, as this is still young and austere, but it has incredible poise and grip. In the glass the sweetness of the fruit comes through after a minute or so. You're going to want a bottle or two of this in your cellar. Drinking Window 2022 - 2036."			
49187	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SAINT JULIEN	2016	\$377.00	\$358.15
	100/100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown: Very deep purple-black colored, the 2016 Léoville Las Cases (composed of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Franc) is quite closed to begin, yet with patient coaxing it unfurls beautifully to reveal suggestions of ripe blackcurrants, black raspberries, warm redcurrants and wild blueberries, followed by touches of unsmoked cigars, tilled red soil, cast iron pan, fallen leaves and lavender plus wonderfully fragrant wafts of lilacs and baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with tightly knit, very subtle layers of minerals, floral notions and black and red berries, all framed by exquisitely ripe, silt-like tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing with epic length and depth. Simply captivating even in its youth, give it at least a decade in the cellar and then enjoy it over the next 50+ years.			
42667	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SECOND GROWTH	1989	\$950.00	\$902.50
	90/100 Robert Parker: Dark ruby (a far less saturated color than the 1990, for example), this wine offers up a somewhat internationally styled nose of new oak and ripe black currant fruit, with a hint of mineral and graphite. The wine is a medium weight, relatively elegant style of wine without nearly the power, density, and layers of concentration that the 1990 possesses. Like so many 1989s, there is a feeling that the selection was not as strict as it could have been, or that the harvest occurred perhaps a few days earlier than it should have to achieve full phenolic ripeness. This wine will continue to improve for at least another 15 or more years, and while it is an outstanding wine, it is hardly a profound example of Leoville Las Cases.			
41937	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SECOND GROWTH	2004	\$641.00	\$608.95
	93/100 Robert Parker: Performing better from bottle than it did from cask, this blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, and 11% Cabernet Franc has put on weight over the last year. It exhibits the classic style of both Las Cases and St.-Julien in its deep black currant notes interwoven with sweet cherries, wet stones, and toasty vanillin. Made in a structured, medium to full-bodied style with superb concentration, beautiful purity, and admirable symmetry, this beauty is one of the strongest efforts of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2028.			
42661	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SECOND GROWTH	2006	\$545.00	\$517.75
	95/100 Robert Parker: "Classic aromas of sweet black raspberries, kirsch, cassis, and subtle toasty oak are followed by a full-bodied, concentrated wine displaying moderately high tannin. This cuvee can often resemble a Pauillac wrapped in the St.-Julien appellation, and the 2006 is no exception. A blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.5% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, it will require significant cellaring before consumption."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42664	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SECOND GROWTH	2009	\$799.00	\$759.05
	98+/100 Robert Parker: "The 2009 Leoville Las Cases may be the most open-knit and forward Las Cases I have tasted to date. Analytically, it is high in tannin and the alcohol is 13.8%, nearly a record at this estate. This blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc was showing brilliantly at the 2009 tasting I did in Hong Kong and at a later tasting. It boasts an inky/purple color, monumental concentration and lots of sweet, jammy black currant, black cherry and kirsch fruit intermixed with crushed rock and mineral notes. The super-concentrated 2009 needs another 5-7 years before additional nuances emerge. This is a brilliant, full-throttle St.-Julien."			
42666	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SECOND GROWTH	2010	\$599.00	\$569.05
	96+/100 Robert Parker: "The 2010 is a quintessentially elegant, classic wine of Bordeaux – firm, rigid, perhaps slightly lighter than most of the other St.-Juliens, but stylish, potentially complex, and reminiscent of the style of the 1986, but more concentrated and powerful. It is a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc with a normal pH of 3.56. It was raised in 75% new oak and the alcohol came to 13.7%. This wine displays loads of black currants, cedar wood and vanillin, but needs a good 7-8 years of cellaring, if not much longer. It should last for 30+ years."			
48930	CHATEAU LEOVILLE LAS CASES SECOND GROWTH	2016	\$753.00	\$715.35
	100/100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown: Very deep purple-black colored, the 2016 Léoville Las Cases (composed of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Franc) is quite closed to begin, yet with patient coaxing it unfurls beautifully to reveal suggestions of ripe blackcurrants, black raspberries, warm redcurrants and wild blueberries, followed by touches of unsmoked cigars, tilled red soil, cast iron pan, fallen leaves and lavender plus wonderfully fragrant wafts of lilacs and baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with tightly knit, very subtle layers of minerals, floral notions and black and red berries, all framed by exquisitely ripe, silt-like tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing with epic length and depth. Simply captivating even in its youth, give it at least a decade in the cellar and then enjoy it over the next 50+ years.			

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Château Léoville Poyferré

One of the offspring of the division of Saint-Julien's large Léoville estate, Léoville Poyferré came into existence in 1840 and was included among the Second Growths in the 1855 Classification. The Poyferré family kept the château until 1865, but had to sell due to the oidium crisis. The estate's modern history begins in 1920 when it was purchased by the high-profile négociant family, the Cuveliers, with Didier Cuvelier taking the reins in 1979 and transforming Léoville Poyferré into one of the leading Great Growths. With its outstanding 80-hectare terroir, Cuvelier's huge investment in facilities and his consistent attention to detail, the estate is now firmly on the radar as a significant producer of elegant, lushly concentrated, long-lived wines, and it is one of the most exciting properties to be found in the Médoc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48931	CHATEAU LEOVILLE POYFERRE SECOND GROWTH	2015	\$243.00	\$230.85

95-96/100 | James Suckling: "A dense and savory red with plenty of phenolic texture and ripe fruit character. Hints of walnut and spice too. Chewy finish. Solid center palate."

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Château Saint Pierre

Chateau Saint Pierre is a classified fourth growth and probably one of the most under estimated classified growths of Bordeaux. In 1982 Henri Martin bought the complete estate and restored the château and improved the winemaking techniques. The current proprietors of the estate and residents of the château, are Martin's daughter and son-in-law, Françoise and Jean-Louis Triaud. The 42 acre vineyard of Saint Pierre is planted to 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet France. The property has old vines, on average close to 50 years of age. The terroir of Chateau Saint Pierre is gravel, sand and clay. Interestingly, the wine is not made at Chateau Saint Pierre, the grapes are transported to Chateau Gloria where the wine is vinified. The wines offer plush rich fruit and can be concentrated and polished. Great value!

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44252	CHATEAU SAINT PIERRE FOURTH GROWTH	2015	\$180.00	\$171.00

91-92/100 | James Suckling: "A red with dark chocolate and dried fruits. Medium to full body, fine tannins and a savory finish. White pepper too."

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Château Talbot

The Fourth Growth Grand Cru Classé Château Talbot inhabits some of Saint-Julien's most highly-prized terroir, gravelly rises that are known for their excellent wines. Talbot is one of the Médoc's oldest estates, as well as one of its most consistent, and its reputation remains high, thanks to the consistent procession of talented and experienced managers who have passed through its doors. The Cordiers, yet another négociant family, have run things there since the early 20th Century, with tradition and technical innovation both playing key roles in their approach. Respected wine consultant Stéphane Derenoncourt has also played a key role, as he has on so many other estates. The 104 hectares of vineyard consist of 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot. Talbot also produce a white wine, the only ones within the Saint-Julien appellation to do so.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44290	CHATEAU TALBOT SAINT JULIEN	2016	\$184.00	\$174.80

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Château Clos Haut-Peyraguey

Classified as a Premier Cru Classé in 1855, Sauternes' Château Peyraguey was divided in 1879, with the smaller parcel becoming Château Clos Haut-Peyraguey and retaining the vital classification. It has only been in the last few years that the quality of this property has regained its true potential for greatness. The 2011 vintage was a turning point, producing an excellent wine made predominantly from Semillon, with an average vine age of 35 years and the wine half aged in new oak. Currently under the wing of the golden-fingered Bernard Magrez (Château La Tour Carnet, Fombrauge and Pape Clément), Clos Haut-Peyraguey is proving to be capable of producing excellent Sauternes for medium-term cellaring, benefiting from around 6-12 years in the cellar.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48980	CHATEAU CLOS HAUT-PEYRAGUEY 1ER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2011	\$59.00	\$56.05

Decanter, 18/20: "Fleshy and dense, this is a concentrated style with notes of sweet pineapple and dried mangos. Its density is well balanced by acidity and the finish is very long. A lot of promise in this wine when it loses its baby fat. Drink 2025-2047."

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Château Coutet

Château Coutet is one of the oldest estates in Sauternes, an appellation possessing a magical collection of conditions that allow it to produce some of the greatest sweet wines in the world. Classified as First Growth in 1855, Coutet has an outstanding heritage, belonging to the de Lur Saluces family, of Château d'Yquem fame, for over a century. It is currently owned and operated by Philippe and Dominique Baly in a technical and commercial collaboration with Baron Philippe de Rothschild S.A. The 38.5 hectare estate is planted in 75% Sémillon, 23% Sauvignon Blanc and 2% Muscadelle.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43031	CHATEAU COUTET OPALIE DE CHATEAU	2011	\$109.99	\$104.49
	Opalie comes from selected rows off the Coutet vineyards with an average vine age of 40 years. An equal blend of Sauvignon and Semillon, the grapes are picked by hand, aged in French oak for 9 months. This is an elegant dry white wine with a fresh lively palate. 2011 was a vintage that produced excellent quality white wines in Bordeaux.			
43035	CHATEAU COUTET OPALIE DE CHATEAU	2012	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Opalie comes from selected rows off the Coutet vineyards with an average vine age of 40 years. An equal blend of Sauvignon and Semillon, the grapes are picked by hand, aged in French oak for 9 months. This is an elegant dry white wine with a fresh lively palate. 2011 was a vintage that produced excellent quality white wines in Bordeaux.			

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Château de Fargues

With an impressively lengthy history under its belt, de Fargues was built in 1306 by Cardinal Raymond Guilhem de Fargues. The estate came into the de Lur family in 1472, and has been owned by the de Lur-Saluces family since 1586. The solid walls of the former fortified château overlook the vines of one of the finest estates in Sauternes. At 170 hectares this is a large estate, however only the magnificent clay-gravel rise next to the old castle is devoted to winegrowing. The grapes are picked with great care in several waves, the wine aged in barrel for three years to produce an expression of deep complexity with magnificent cellaring potential. The de Fargues compares most favourably with d'Yquem, which says it all, really.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46250	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES	2007	\$265.00	\$251.75
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The 2007 de Fargues is just a little smudged at first on the nose, so putting it aside for 10-15 minutes, it soon gains more clarity and develops engaging aromas of clear honey, barley sugar, a touch of quince and pear, in many ways more Barsac in style than Sauternes. The palate is beautifully balanced on the entry with touches of lemon curd, barley sugar, pear, apple-blossom and ginger, the finish more persistent than it showed at primeur, lingering like a temptress with illicit intentions."			
46255	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES	2008	\$225.00	\$213.75
	93/100 Wine Spectator: "This harnesses the steely, nervy quinine edge of the vintage and buries it nicely in a core of lemon chiffon, shortbread and honeysuckle notes. The pure finish shows a nice sweet-sour interplay and fine length. This could age on a fairly slow track. Best from 2014 through 2024. 830 cases made." - James Molesworth			
46257	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES	2010	\$349.00	\$331.55
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The Chateau de Fargues 2010 has a fresh and vibrant, well-delineated bouquet with peaches and cream, quince and buttercup on the pretty nose that unfolds in the glass. The palate is taut and linear on the entry with a silver thread of acidity lending this Sauternes race and class. There is ample freshness here and an effervescent quality that lends its life and vigor. Vivacious and appealing, this should age well for the next 20-30 years, possibly more. To repeat my comment from barrel: "This is another great de Fargues." Chapeau! Drink 2016-2035+." - Neal Martin			
46252	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES (375ML)	2007	\$165.00	\$156.75
	97/100 Robert Parker: "The de Fargues 2007 delivers 13.9% alcohol and 134 grams of residual sugar. Picking commenced on September 11, with slow botrytis formation and recommenced October 2-24, the picking ale to be conducted at a relatively leisurely pace. It has a very typical de Fargues nose that has lost its tongue at first, but it opens up to reveal a slightly spirituous bouquet with clear honey, pressed flowers, almond and a distant scent of the sea. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins and outstanding delineation. It is utterly harmonious with a thrilling, edgy finish that expresses the terroir with great clarity. There is an effervescent quality that really takes the 2007 to another level, while the marmalade and white pepper finish is powerful and leaves a lasting impression. This is a fabulous 2007, one of the wines of the vintage. Tasted April 2013." - Neal Martin			
46253	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES (375ML)	2008	\$144.00	\$136.80
	95/100 Robert Parker: "Tasted single blind against its peers. Whereas last year the de Fargues 2008 was immediately forthcoming, a few months later this example demands much more coaxing from the glass. Eventually, it reveals scents of dried pineapple, limestone and a touch of cooking apple with some VA notes lending it a bit of a "kick." The palate is medium-bodied with a mellifluous texture. It is very well-balanced with a tangible sense of tension from start to finish, attractive notes of dried honey and quince interlacing the long structured finish. This constitutes a serious Sauternes for the serious Sauternes-lover. Tasted January 2012."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46254	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES (375ML)	2009	\$135.00	\$128.25
	96/100 Robert Parker: "Coming in at 140-grams-per-liter residual sugar, the 2009 de Fargues was picked from September 28 over three tries until October 19, a day before heavy showers curtailed the vintages. It seems to have gone into its shell since I last tasted it. It opens gradually with subtle notes of dried honey, lanolin, just a touch of chlorophyll and stem ginger. The palate is gorgeous: super fine tannins here, wonderful minerality and tension with a sense of everything being in its right place. It is not a powerful de Fargues – in fact, this is understated for the vintage. However, it will have great complexity and is worth cellaring for a couple of decades. Tasted April 2013."			
46258	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES (375ML)	2010	\$175.00	\$166.25
	95/100 Robert Parker: "The Chateau de Fargues 2010 has a fresh and vibrant, well-delineated bouquet with peaches and cream, quince and buttercup on the pretty nose that unfolds in the glass. The palate is taut and linear on the entry with a silver thread of acidity lending this Sauternes race and class. There is ample freshness here and an effervescent quality that lends its life and vigor. Vivacious and appealing, this should age well for the next 20-30 years, possibly more. To repeat my comment from barrel: "This is another great de Fargues." Chapeau! Drink 2016-2035+." - Neal Martin			
46251	CHATEAU DE FARGUES SAUTERNES (375ML)	2011	\$149.00	\$141.55
	93/100 Robert Parker: "Tasted blind at the Sauternes 2011 horizontal tasting. The Chateau de Fargues 2011 has a slightly disjointed nose at first, although with aeration it appears to coalesce with scents of honey, almond shavings, an exotic hint of marzipan and just a touch of mandarin. The palate is well balanced with a keen line of acidity, well balanced and poised with a noticeable spicy finish that just tapers in slightly, yet there is genuine persistence and breeding here." - Neal Martin			

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Château de Malle

Château de Malle surrounded by an Italian garden has a rich history. The Château was built in the 17th century by Jacques Malle. The estate was regenerated with new life when Pierre de Bournazel took over the estate. He inherited it from his uncle and godfather, Pierre de Lur-Saluces. The junior Pierre, restored the buildings and vineyard which were quite neglected at the time. He rebuilt the fermentation cellar and studied winemaking. Today, Château de Malle produces three great prestigious wines from 50 hectares of vineyard.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41606	CHATEAU DE MALLE SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ML)	2013	\$55.00	\$52.25

"Generous tropical fruits and fresh acidity with balanced sweetness. Focused and light with a salty, minerally finish." - Jeannie Cho Lee MW

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Château de Rayne Vigneau

Over 200 years ago, Château de Rayne Vigneau was said to be the second-best producer of Sauternes (surely a galling position to be in for a French winemaker). Only Château d'Yquem was considered to be its superior. Located directly next door to that legendary estate, Château de Rayne Vigneau resides upon a large 83.7 hectare property and is classified as Premier Grand Cru Classé. The terroir is sand, clay and gravel, although legend has it that there are gemstones (or at least semi-precious stones) scattered through them thar hills that account for the wine's incredible golden hues. As long as they don't stick in the throat, we're fine with that. Using a blend of 80% Sémillon and 20% Sauvignon Blanc vines, the wines are quite moderately priced for Sauternes and, since 2005, increasingly popular as the current owners have injected renewed impetus and upped the ante.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41792	CHATEAU DE RAYNE VIGNEAU PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2013	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Jeannie Cho Lee: "Fresh and pure, this wine has lifted dried mango and apricot flavours. Layered and intense, there is wonderful precision and detail in this vintage."			
42043	CHATEAU DE RAYNE VIGNEAU PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$139.00	\$132.05
41782	CHATEAU DE RAYNE VIGNEAU PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2016	\$70.00	\$66.50

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Château Doisy-Daëne

Located in Barsac on the limestone plateau that sits between Barsac and Sauternes, Château Doisy-Daëne was classified in 1855 as Grand Cru Classé Second Growth. Four generations of the Dubourdieu family have overseen the impeccable quality that comes out of the estate, with the talented Denis Dubourdieu (professor of oenology at Bordeaux University, international fix-it man and consultant to many) now at the helm. Situated on a combination of clay and limestone, the 17.2 hectares of vines are divided into 87% Semillon and 13% Sauvignon Blanc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41240	CHATEAU DOISY DAENE SECOND CRU CLASSE	2015	\$121.00	\$114.95
	Gorgeous lively and expressive nose, dominated with roast lemon characters. The palate is driven and very precise, a very long tantalising finish. An exceptionally well made classy wine.			
42047	CHATEAU DOISY DAENE SECOND CRU CLASSE	2016	\$119.00	\$113.05

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Château d'Yquem

First Growth, unassailably top of the class and the stuff of legend, this, though the building itself is more of a fortified farmhouse than a château, really. The golden, ambrosial expression they produce is famed the world over. Of course all of this is brought about by serious attention to detail. The botrytised grapes are carefully removed with small secateurs so as not to damage the remaining fruit that is still bringing itself to, well, fruition, with each plot picked over an average of six times in a season. The grapes are pressed immediately upon arrival at the cellar, the juice put straight into new oak barrels and aged for 30 months, with regular topping and racking. Yquem's philosophy has been the same for five centuries: to finesse nature and produce an average of just one glass of brilliance per vine. If the quality is not worthy of the estate's reputation in a given year, it is not sold under the château name. Nine vintages were thus not marketed by Yquem in the 20th Century. The estate is these days managed by Pierre Lurton on behalf of the L.V.M.H. group.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49160	CHATEAU D'YQUEM D'YQUEM	2016	\$1150.00	\$1092.50
	95-97/100 Neal Martin - "A classic blend of 75% Sémillon and 25% Sauvignon Blanc, it has a comparatively nuanced bouquet compared to Yquems that I have encountered at this stage. It opens gradually with light honeyed aromas, white flowers, apple blossom and just a touch of honeysuckle, although it does not possess the bravura personality of the astounding 2015. The palate is medium-bodied with a viscous opening, a subtle spice note leaving the mouth tingling. This is a fresh Yquem, tensile with moderate weight and delivering, perhaps belatedly, fine attack on the finish lined with subtle lemongrass notes. It will be interesting to plot the progress of this Yquem throughout its barrel maturation. This is an excellent Yquem no doubt, though I was missing that nerve, the labyrinthine complexity that can mark a top-tier Yquem even at this premature stage. I suspect that this will drink earlier than others, but age in a style only it knows. Drink 2026-2070"			
41764	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2001	\$1450.00	\$1377.50
	100/100 Robert Parker: "Just a perfect Yquem – absolutely flawless. The nose just explodes from the glass with honey, citrus fruits, orange peel, almond, coconut and lots of creamy new oak that is completely subsumed into the bouquet. The palate has perfect balance, vibrant acidity and a sense of tautness and poise that I would love to infuse into the preceding Cuvee da Capo! Incredibly length, this is just an exceptional Yquem born a legend."			
41754	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2006	\$999.00	\$949.05
	96-98+/100 Robert Parker: "This light gold wine offers up a sensational smorgasbord of aromas including huge honeyed pineapple and other caramelized tropical fruit flavors, massive richness, and a viscous, unctuous texture with the oak beautifully integrated."			
41756	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2007	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	98/100 Robert Parker: "Tasted single blind against its peers. Under blind conditions, the Yquem 2007 shines like a diamond. Nevertheless, it is initially rather taciturn on the nose, eventually opening up beautifully with touches of lemon curd, Mirabelle, and clear honey. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine definition and there seems to be a great deal of energy and vigor dispensed for your pleasure. There is such race and nervousity, and then that finish just purrs with harmony and focus. This Yquem feels just so alive and vivacious, yet there is an effortless quality here that is unmatched by its peers. Tasted January 2011." - Neal Martin			
41887	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2010	\$1250.00	\$1187.50
	96-98/100 Robert Parker: "Picked predominantly over 10 days from October 14, the 2010 d'Yquem has 141gms/L residual sugar and pH 3.80. It is a slow-burner, the nose understated at first but unfurling with each passing moment with subtle scents of freshly sliced apricots, Clementine, clear honey and white flowers. There is an underlying minerality that really defines this bouquet. The palate is similar to the nose, revealing hidden facets with almost each swirl of the glass – orange blossom, limestone, white peach and honeysuckle. This is such a precise d'Yquem; it is after you have swallowed the wine that one comprehends just how brilliant it is."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41789	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2013	\$999.00	\$949.05
	95-97/100 Robert Parker: "Firstly, you notice the colour, which is a touch deeper than recent vintages at this stage. The bouquet is quite honeyed and rich for Yquem at this early juncture, with subtle scents of peach skin, white flowers, and a puff of chalk and frangipane. The palate is viscous on the entry, all about the texture at first, coating the mouth with luscious botrytized fruit. There are touches of Seville orange marmalade, fresh apricot, a hint of spice and passion fruit. This is imbued with impressive depth and weight, perhaps an Yquem that is determined to make an impression after last year's absence. It might not possess the finesse of a top flight Yquem, but it has immense power and persistency." - Neal Martin			
49102	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2014	\$1150.00	\$1092.50
	Yquem's philosophy has been the same for five centuries: to finesse nature and produce an average of just one glass of brilliance per vine. The 2014 d'Yquem was widely regarded not only as the top sweet wine from the 2014 vintage, but the top wine from the vintage. An exceptional d'Yquem that will age for many years.			
41726	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH	2017	\$1226.00	\$1164.70
	97-99 / Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate - Lisa Perrotti-Brown "There was no frost at d'Yquem in 2017, and botrytis was very regular and even this vintage. The nose opens with very pure notes of freshly sliced oranges, yuzu and lemon barley water with hints of white pepper, fresh ginger and lime cordial. The incredibly rich, unctuous sweetness (148 grams per liter of residual sugar) is beautifully marbled with bright, vivacious citrus fruit and spice flavors, while lifted by well-knit freshness, and it finishes with epic length and great depth."			
41767	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH (375ml)	2006	\$599.00	\$569.05
	96-98+/100 Robert Parker: "This light gold wine offers up a sensational smorgasbord of aromas including huge honeyed pineapple and other caramelized tropical fruit flavors, massive richness, and a viscous, unctuous texture with the oak beautifully integrated."			
41753	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH (375ml)	2007	\$799.00	\$759.05
	This is the benchmark when you're talking Sauternes, the honeyed citrus characters effortlessly vibrant as they tantalize the nose and roll across the tongue. Superbly rich and harmonious. Put it on your bucket list.			
41755	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH (375ml)	2010	\$799.00	\$759.05
	96-98/100 Robert Parker: "It is a slow-burner, the nose understated at first but unfurling with each passing moment with subtle scents of freshly sliced apricots, Clementine, clear honey and white flowers. There is an underlying minerality that really defines this bouquet. The palate is similar to the nose, revealing hidden facets with almost each swirl of the glass – orange blossom, limestone, white peach and honeysuckle. This is such a precise d'Yquem; it is after you have swallowed the wine that one comprehends just how brilliant it is." - Neal Martin			
41146	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH (375ml)	2013	\$499.00	\$474.05
	95-97/100 Robert Parker: "Firstly, you notice the colour, which is a touch deeper than recent vintages at this stage. The bouquet is quite honeyed and rich for Yquem at this early juncture, with subtle scents of peach skin, white flowers, and a puff of chalk and frangipane. The palate is viscous on the entry, all about the texture at first, coating the mouth with luscious botrytized fruit. There are touches of Seville orange marmalade, fresh apricot, a hint of spice and passion fruit. This is imbued with impressive depth and weight, perhaps an Yquem that is determined to make an impression after last year's absence. It might not possess the finesse of a top flight Yquem, but it has immense power and persistency." - Neal Martin			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49101	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH (375ml)	2014	\$550.00	\$522.50
	<p>Yet another French house steered to further success by the steely determination of a winemaking widow, in this instance Françoise-Joséphine de Sauvage d'Yquem, otherwise known as La Dame d'Yquem. The only estate with a Premier cru supérieur designation, Yquem's goal has been the same for five centuries: to finesse nature and produce an average of just one glass of brilliance per vine. The 2014 d'Yquem was widely regarded not only as the top sweet wine from the 2014 vintage, but the top wine from the vintage. An exceptional d'Yquem wine that will only grow in stature over the years.</p>			
49161	CHATEAU D'YQUEM SUPERIOR FIRST GROWTH (375ML)	2016	\$570.00	\$541.50
	<p>95-97/100 Neal Martin - "A classic blend of 75% Sémillon and 25% Sauvignon Blanc, it has a comparatively nuanced bouquet compared to Yquems that I have encountered at this stage. It opens gradually with light honeyed aromas, white flowers, apple blossom and just a touch of honeysuckle, although it does not possess the bravura personality of the astounding 2015. The palate is medium-bodied with a viscous opening, a subtle spice note leaving the mouth tingling. This is a fresh Yquem, tensile with moderate weight and delivering, perhaps belatedly, fine attack on the finish lined with subtle lemongrass notes. It will be interesting to plot the progress of this Yquem throughout its barrel maturation. This is an excellent Yquem no doubt, though I was missing that nerve, the labyrinthine complexity that can mark a top-tier Yquem even at this premature stage. I suspect that this will drink earlier than others, but age in a style only it knows. Drink 2026-2070"</p>			
44441	CHATEAU D'YQUEM Y DE CHATEAU D'YQUEM BLANC	2014	\$509.00	\$483.55
	<p>With an annual production of 10,000 bottles a year, Y (pronounced "ee-grek" in French) is a rare wine. It is made from the same outstanding terroir and the same vines as Chateau d'Yquem. Although work in the vineyard is every bit as meticulous, the grapes are picked and the wine made in a different way. It usually consists predominantly of Sauvignon Blanc and a few lots of Semillon.</p>			
49168	CHATEAU D'YQUEM Y D'YQUEM	2017	\$455.00	\$432.25
	<p>94/100 Wine Cellar Insider - "Chateau d'Yquem also produces a special dry, white Bordeaux wine called "Y," which is pronounced (Ygrec). The wine is only made in select vintages. the fruit the estate uses does not only come from declassified grapes. Most of the berries are picked before the harvesting of the grapes for the production of Chateau d'Yquem has started. The blend of "Y" is normally close to 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon, almost the complete opposite of the grape blend that is placed in Chateau d'Yquem! The wine is vinified in stainless steel vats with no malolactic fermentation. It is then aged on its lees in 50% new barrels for an average of 10 months. The 2017 has a splash of freshness in the glass, the wine pops with loads of just-squeezed grapefruit, lemon peel, vanilla, lime, passion fruit, tangerine and honeysuckle. Vibrant and juicy on the palate, all this needs is fresh seafood to make a perfect pairing."</p>			
49240	CHATEAU D'YQUEM Y D'YQUEM	2018	\$469.00	\$445.55
	<p>The growing season of the 2018 vintage unfolded under tropical conditions. There was a 40% drop in production this year, largely the result of a devastating hailstorm in July that struck the south-western part of Sauternes. The hail caused significant damage to the Sauvignon Blanc plots, severely limiting the production of 'Y'. From then on they then saw a return to a hot and dry summer. For only the third time in history, Y was entirely harvested in August – from the 23rd until the 28th – in keeping with the greatest early-ripening vintages, such as the 2011 and 2017. The final wine has a residual sugar level of just 5 g/L with 14% alcohol.</p>			

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Château Filhot

Located in Sauternes, Filhot dates back to the mid-1600's, with the château itself completed in 1709 by Romain de Filhot on one of the most attractive sites in Bordeaux. Since 1974, the Second Cru Classé Château Filhot has been managed by Count de Vaucelles and his son Gabriel, with the property undergoing a comprehensive restoration programme in 1995. The winemaking facilities were modernised, the old vinification replaced with temperature-controlled, stainless vats. The large, 62-hectare, gravel-based vineyard is planted in 60% Semillon, 36% Sauvignon Blanc and 4% Muscadelle. The wines are normally on the lighter side, refreshing in style, but they are, too, increasingly well made and reasonably priced.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40554	CHATEAU FILHOT SECOND CRU CLASSE Made with 60% Sémillon, 36% Sauvignon and 4% Muscadelle grapes.	2016	\$72.00	\$68.40
40530	CHATEAU FILHOT SECOND CRU CLASSE (375ml) This sweet dessert wine is rich and luscious, its flavours of honey, peach and apricot coat the palate and this is followed by a hint of spice.	2014	\$49.00	\$46.55

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Château Guiraud

The Premier Grand Cru Classé Guiraud takes its name from the Bordeaux négociant Pierre Guiraud, who purchased the Sauternes property back in 1766. Owned these days by a consortium of interested parties, Guiraud is innovatively sustainable in its approach, and is the only First Growth from the 1855 Classification to be certified organic. There are 100 hectares under vine, the vineyards planted in 65% Semillon and 35% Sauvignon Blanc. Their wines are surprisingly rich, given they have one of the highest percentages of Sauvignon Blanc in the appellation. Considered one of the top six producers in Sauternes.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41795	CHATEAU GUIRAUD PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2013	\$132.00	\$125.40
	17+/20 Richard Hemming: "Remarkably ripe citrus and tropical fruit. Grapefruit, pineapple and caramel."			
46194	CHATEAU GUIRAUD PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2012	\$115.00	\$109.25
	90-92/100 Robert Parker: "Although there were three tries in 2012, Xavier Planty told me that all the botrytis-affected grapes were harvested in the three days period of October 29, 30 and 31, after the north-easterly wind. Nevertheless, his Guiraud has a sense of "confidence" on the nose that bodes well for the future – crisp, honeyed fruit with white peach and quince developing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with a viscous, effervescent entry. It has good depth and freshness, although like others it dips at the finish where it is missing a little viscosity and persistency. There are only 600 cases produced in this year – a tiny crop." - Robert M. Parker Jr			
46179	CHATEAU GUIRAUD PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2012	\$59.00	\$56.05
	90-92/100 Robert Parker: "Although there were three tries in 2012, Xavier Planty told me that all the botrytis-affected grapes were harvested in the three days period of October 29, 30 and 31, after the north-easterly wind. Nevertheless, his Guiraud has a sense of "confidence" on the nose that bodes well for the future – crisp, honeyed fruit with white peach and quince developing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with a viscous, effervescent entry. It has good depth and freshness, although like others it dips at the finish where it is missing a little viscosity and persistency. There are only 600 cases produced in this year – a tiny crop." - Robert M. Parker Jr.			
41796	CHATEAU GUIRAUD PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2013	\$66.00	\$62.70
	A bouquet of pineapple, orange zest and honey, with notes of fresh herbs and vanilla oak. Bright acids, with an elegant finish.			
46180	CHATEAU GUIRAUD PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2014	\$79.00	\$75.05
	93-95/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate: "The Château Guiraud 2014 has a perfumed bouquet with clear honey, beeswax and honeysuckle aromas that are well defined. The palate is fresh and taut on the entry: good tension and focus here, very harmonious with a gently build in the mouth towards a satisfying marmalade and quince-driven finish. This is a finely crafted Guiraud that will be a class act." - Neal Martin			

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Château La Tour Blanche

This Premier Grand Cru Classé Sauternes estate takes its name from its 18th Century founder, Jean Saint-Marc du Latourblanche, Treasurer General to Louis XIV. Its current tale begins, though, in the early 20th Century when then owner Daniel 'Osiris' Iffla bequeathed the château to the French Government, with the proviso that it be turned into a Wine School. After a period of Gallic humming and hawing, the Ministry of Agriculture agreed, and created the La Tour Blanche School of Viticulture and Oenology. Construction was completed in 1911. Despite its unusual status, Château La Tour Blanche is run by genuinely experienced Bordeaux personnel. The vineyard consists of 91 hectares planted in 83% Sémillon, 12% Sauvignon Blanc and 5% Muscadelle. The terroir is a mix of gravel, clay, sand and limestone. This estate has soared in quality since the late eighties and is now one of the most consistent in the region.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46267	CHATEAU LA TOUR BLANCHE PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2012	\$135.00	\$128.25

87-89/100 | Robert Parker: "I must confess that I was looking for a little more substance on the nose of the 2012 La Tour Blanche. It offers light honeysuckle aromas, but it does not possess real presence. The palate is crisp and balanced on the entry. It is taciturn at first, but over ten minutes it develops more weight and vigor, although it does drop away right on the finish. This is a decent effort from the estate in a difficult vintage, and this Sauternes does have a tendency to improve greatly during its barrel maturation." - Neal Martin

44379	CHATEAU LA TOUR BLANCHE PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2014	\$135.00	\$128.25
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92-94/100 | erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate: "The Château La Tour Blanche 2014 is a blend of 82% Sémillon, 12% Sauvignon Blanc and 5% Muscadelle that has 130 grams per liter residual sugar, a level that might be lower than what I was expecting, though still around average for the vintage. The Sémillon is matured in wooden barrel, the other two varieties in stainless steel. It was showing a little muddled on the nose due to a dab of SO₂, though that is no crime, no fault at this early stage. Putting that aside, the palate shows great potential with intense honeyed fruit, plenty of botrytis, veins of orange zest and quince that seems to "flow" through the finish. It will need some bottle age, but we all know how this Sauternes repays patience. I have my faith in this La Tour Blanche." - Neal Martin

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Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey

This Sauternes château is stunning visually, constructed in the 18th Century in a Byzantine-Hispanic style, with the outer wall and main gate dating as far back as the 13th Century, reflecting its days serving as a fortress. The name is a combination of the first known owners, the Peyraguey family, and the Laufauries, who purchased it in 1796. A Premier Grand Cru Classé, the 41 hectares of Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle vines are tended with great care, with the soil ploughed and the use of chemical sprays increasingly reduced. In 2014 it was bought from the GDF Suez Company by Silvio Denz, the owner of numerous châteaux and a man known for his spare-no-expense approach.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42576	CHATEAU LAFAURIE PEYRAGUEY (375ML)	2016	\$84.00	\$79.80
41848	CHATEAU LAFAURIE PEYRAGUEY PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$156.00	\$148.20

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Château Rabaud-Promis

Located in Sauternes, this estate was known as the 'field of Rabaud' in the 17th Century, in reference to early owners, the Rabaud family. Today the Déjean family own and manage the property. Rabaud-Promis had fallen into a somewhat dilapidated state by 1972, when Philippe and Michèle Déjean started working there. The wine did not see any new oak and was aged in concrete vats. Once the Déjeans took over, they began a slow but steady renovation of the winemaking facilities, cellars and the vineyards, which helped to improve the wine and restore the estate's reputation. The 33-hectare vineyard is planted in 80% Semillon, 18% Sauvignon Blanc and 2% Muscadelle. On average the vines are close to 40 years of age. The wines are rich, with layers of flavours, and capable of aging gracefully for many years.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44211	CHATEAU RABAUD PROMIS PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$97.00	\$92.15
48955	CHATEAU RABAUD PROMIS SAUTERNES 1ER CRU CLASSE (1500ML)	2016	\$194.00	\$184.30

"A blend of rich, well placed quince and citrus confit flavours, with white pepper and smoked almond notes. It has a lovely sense of frame and balance, but they could ratchet up the tension by another few notches. It's an undeniably luscious, highly attractive wine. The spiced notes really do flex all the way through this, bringing excellent focus." 91 points, Decanter

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Château Raymond-Lafon

Raymond-Lafon is a young vineyard by Sauternes standards. It was founded in 1850 by Raymond Lafon and still bears his name. The by then somewhat neglected property was purchased in 1972 by Pierre Meslier, who was at the time the technical director of Château d'Yquem, so the potential outcomes were great. This small property is located next door to the vineyards of d'Yquem (and very close to Suduiraut). Given the circumstances, it should come as no surprise that the wine is produced in the exact fashion used in that august location. The same blends are utilised at both properties as well. Today, the estate is managed by the three Meslier children. The 18-hectare estate is planted in 80% Semillon and 20% Sauvignon Blanc, with the vines that averaging 35 years of age. The wines are fresh, bright, sweet and lush.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46200	CHATEAU RAYMOND LAFON PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$119.00	\$113.05
44231	CHATEAU RAYMOND LAFON PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ML)	2015	\$61.00	\$57.95

93/100 | Decanter: "Hints of cedar and white pepper along with fresh citrus and tropical fruit nuances. Vibrant acidity, long and very tactile. The 25% Sauvignon Blanc is than usual, but 98% of the berries were hit by noble rot. Despite this, it is incredibly fresh and light."

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Château Rieussec

Like many Bordeaux properties, Rieussec was confiscated during the French Revolution and auctioned off. After numerous changes in ownership, the estate ended up in the hands of Domaines Barons de Rothschild. They bought the property in 1984 in partnership with Albert Frère (Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy). The following year, Rothschild director Charles Chevallier was placed in charge of managing Château Rieussec. The estate has one of the largest wineries in the appellation and boasts excellent terroir. It sits next to Château d'Yquem on the east and extends all the way to the border of Fargues and Sauternes, covering 92 hectares of gravel, sand, clay and limestone soils. The plantings are 90% Semillon, 7% Sauvignon Blanc and 3% Muscadelle, with an average vine age of 25 years. The property is close to the top of the Sauternes pyramid. With their intensely concentrated flavours and voluptuous textures, these are stunning wines that can age quite easily for decades.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48979	CHATEAU RIEUSSEC CARMES DE RIEUSSEC (375ml)	2016	\$35.00	\$33.25
	Seductive nose of pine apple, honeyed citruses, botrytis, acacia, some flowery action as well, in the mouth - medium weighted, fresh & vibrant. Organic/natural viticulture practices, gluten free.			
42163	CHATEAU RIEUSSEC PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$185.00	\$175.75
42164	CHATEAU RIEUSSEC PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2010	\$99.00	\$94.05
	96/100 Robert Parker: "The 2010 Rieussec was missing a little intellect when I tasted it from barrel. Now in bottle it has become a contender for the finest Sauternes of the vintage. It is blessed with a pure and lifted bouquet with ripe peach, nectarine and honey, hints of shaved ginger poke their head above the surface with aeration. It is very subtle. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, perfectly judged acidity and convincing harmony. This is a sophisticated Sauternes with superb mineralite and outstanding persistency. I will confess that I pinned this as "Yquem" and was both shocked and pleased when its identity was revealed. Go buy. Drink 2016-2035." Organic/natural viticulture practices, gluten free.			
48957	CHATEAU RIEUSSEC SAUTERNES 1ER CRU CLASSE	2013	\$190.00	\$180.50
	"(95.5% semillon and 4.5% sauvignon blanc): Full medium yellow. Pineapple and mango along with lemony botrytis and sexy vanillin oak notes on the enticing nose. Big, rich, dense and powerful, with an impressively rich semillon texture; pineapple and ripe, smoky yellow peach flavors are given a penetrating quality by strong, harmonious acidity. This firmly built, long Sauternes ought to age very well." 91-94 points, Ian D'Agata - Vinous			

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Château Sigalas-Rabaud

Created in Sauternes in 1660, at 14 hectares this is the smallest jewel in the first growth collection of 1855. It was purchased from the founding Rabaud family in the 1860's by the Sigalas family, and six generations on they are still at the helm and going strong. The Sigalas-Rabaud is subtle and understated, a freshly elegant blend of 85% Sémillon and 15% Sauvignon Blanc with a marvellous capacity for aging beautifully.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44449	CHATEAU SIGALAS RABAUD PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2007	\$119.00	\$113.05

93/100 | Wine Spectator: "This is so thick and dense, with an ultrarich palate of dried lemon, apple pie and toffee. Full and spicy, yet not overly sweet. Very powerful and long. Blockbuster comes to mind. Best after 2014."

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Château Suduiraut

Château Suduiraut and Sauternes go back to 1580, and they produce one of the great Premier Cru Classé sweet wines. Indeed, meticulous and uncompromising is what they are, with tailored plot selection, grape-by-grape harvesting and fastidious control over the fermentation of each individual barrel. The wine's aging capacity is off the chart. The estate was significantly renovated in the 17th Century by the Count Blaise de Suduiraut, grandson of the founder, its stunning grounds and lakes courtesy of Le Nôtre, the designer of the gardens at Versailles. Like many Bordeaux estates, Suduiraut has passed through a number of hands. Losing its way somewhat in the 1940's-1960's, there has been a distinct return to form under the stewardship of insurance group AXA, who seem to have their fingers in a number of significant Bordeaux pies. With 92 hectares under vine, the wines are deeply opulent and highly collectible.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44420	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT CASTELNAU DE SUDUIRAUT (375ml)	2012	\$29.00	\$27.55
	<p>Château Suduiraut go back to 1580, and they produce one of the great Premier cru classé sweet wines. This is their second wine, and it's excellent. Rich aromatic notes of spicy mandarin, apricot and butterscotch on a creamy, opulent palate balanced by subtle acidity. If the thought of laying out for the Yquem makes your eyes water, this is a great way to tap into the lush and poised brilliance that is Sauternes. Excellent value.</p>			
42617	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT LE BLANC SEC	2018	\$46.99	\$44.64
	<p>One of the white wines from this great Sauternes producer. 60% Semillon, 40% Sauvignon Blanc, the beautiful old vines deliver superb breadth and concentration. Very fresh, with an opulent edge. 91 / Decanter "I really like this: it's rich in stone fruits but with good grip and tension. It was a tough year in terms of production for the grand vin, but this dry white - the more freshly-styled of the two from the property and aimed at young drinking - is excellent. I tasted this on several occasions and always found it hugely enjoyable. 5% new oak was used. Drinking Window 2017 - 2025."</p>			
44218	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2011	\$184.00	\$184.00
	<p>93/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Neal Martin: "Tasted blind at the Sauternes 2011 horizontal tasting. The Château Suduiraut 2011 has a muffled nose at first: dried honey and quince, wet wool and marzipan scents that gradually open up with aeration. Coming back after 10 minutes there is a heartwarming gingerbread note. The palate is viscous on the entry and full of tension. There is a keen line of acidity here, quite linear at first, but it fans out nicely toward the finish and offers notes of honey, mandarin and even a touch of rhubarb! This is a class act, a Sauternes that does not need to shout about its inherent qualities." Organic/natural viticulture practices, gluten free.</p>			
44423	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2013	\$193.00	\$193.00
	<p>91/100 Sebastian Payne: "A rich style with lots of botrytis and an oily texture. Discreet mango and peach nose while the palate has good underlying acidity with a marked pineapple character. Will age well." Organic/natural viticulture practices, gluten free.</p>			
44282	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE	2016	\$200.00	\$200.00
	<p>97 / Vinous "The 2016 Suduiraut is fabulous. Crème brûlée, passion fruit, tangerine peel and exotic floral notes all race out of the glass. I marvel at how Suduiraut can deliver so much flavor intensity and yet remain so gracious and classy. The 140 grams of residual sugar are very well integrated. This is such a gorgeous wine." Antonio Galloni</p>			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44424	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2013	\$130.00	\$130.00
	<p>Robert Parker, 98/100: "The 2009 is one of the greatest wines ever produced from the estate. It has a riveting bouquet of quince, honey, pear and a touch of clarified butter that is beautifully defined, offering scents of yellow flowers with continued aeration. It is a little heavier and more intense than its peers at this stage. The palate is beautifully balanced with perfectly judged acidity and immense purity. The finish offers crisp honey, quince and clementine notes laden with botrytis that is counterpoised by wonderful acidity. It possesses an unerring sense of completeness and composure that is irresistible. Bravo! Drink now-2050." Organic/natural viticulture practices, gluten free.</p>			
42177	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ml)	2016	\$100.00	\$100.00
44281	CHATEAU SUDUIRAUT PREMIER CRU CLASSE (375ML)	2015	\$101.00	\$101.00
	<p>94% Semillon and 6% Sauvignon Blanc. 138g/l. There were 5 vineyard passes to pick this year – similar to the 2001 vintage in that respect. The nose greets you with a mix of citrus fruits, a luscious marmalade. There's layers of complexity here, the next character that greets is all about stone fruits and spice with a generous finish. All that richness and complexity comes with beautiful balance.</p>			

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Burgundy



UNDERSTANDING BURGUNDY

Burgundy is the narrowest and longest wine region in France, but one of the smallest, most fragmented and difficult to understand. With more than 1,000 names and over 100 appellations it's easy to see why. To understand the fragmentation, one must look at the past briefly. Once Burgundy was owned almost entirely by the church, until 1789 when the French Revolution took place. During this vineyards were seized and broken up and given to families to farm. French Inheritance laws have further fragmented these vineyards.

When it comes to the grapes grown in Burgundy, things get a little simpler. There are only three main grapes grown in Burgundy. Pinot Noir for red wine, Chardonnay for the white and Gamay for Beaujolais. There are various levels of quality in Burgundy. At the top is Grand Cru. Next is Premier Cru, followed by wine from a specific Village and then Burgundy generic appellations.

Burgundy can be divided into three distinct areas:

1. CHABLIS: The northern most and closest to Paris is Chablis. The only grape allowed to be planted here is Chardonnay because the soil is made up of chalk, decomposing oyster shells and the fact that it is very cold and could not reliably ripen Pinot Noir.

2. CÔTE D'OR: the heart of Burgundy – which is then further divided into;

a. Côte de Nuits: Quite literally home to the world's most expensive vineyards and wines. Virtually all Pinot Noir because of the soil being heavier and more clay based.

b. Côte de Beaune: The lower part of Burgundy central is dominated by Chardonnay and is the home to the most expensive Chardonnays in the world from the village of Puligny Montrachet.

3. BEAUJOLAIS: a huge region that produces vastly more wine than the 3 other areas combined. The only grape really planted here is Gamay.

CÔTE DE NUITS

The following are the main villages in the Côte de Nuits;

GEVREY CHAMBERTIN

In this village the vineyards are on gentle slopes with layers of pebbles on the top. The wines from Gevrey show red berry characters when young and game characters in the richer wines, as they develop they tend to have more licorice characters. Grand Cru's are Chambertin, Clos de Bèze, Charmes-Chambertin, Chapelle, Chambertin, Griotte-Chambertin, Latricières-Chambertin, Mazis-Chambertin and Ruchottes-Chambertin.

MOREY-ST-DENIS

Not as well known as the other villages in the Côte de Nuits, located between Gevrey and Chambolle, the vineyards in Morey-St-Denis have a good free draining gradient and a base of limestone. Morey-St-Denis is home to the Grand Cru vineyards of Clos de la Roche, Bonnes Mares, Clos de Tart, Clos St-Denis and Clos des Lambrays.

CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY

Wines from Chambolle Musigny are one of the most delicate in Burgundy, they display fragrant fruit and finesse. The light soil and varying gradients of the village create this delicacy and the complexity of these wines. Grand Cru's are Bonnes Mares and Musigny.

VOUGEOT

This village is home to one Grand Cru – Clos de Vougeot which covers more than four-fifths of the area under vines here. Clos de Vougeot wines are rich and generous yet not overpowering.

VOSNE ROMANÉE

Home to the most expensive wines in Burgundy, the village of Vosne Romanée is home to the Grand Crus – Romanée-Conti, La Romanée, La Tâche, Romanée-St-Vivant, Richebourg and La Grande Rue and home to some of the best domains including Domaine de la Romanée Conti. The Grand Cru's of Grands Échézeaux and Échézeaux are located next door in Flagey Échézeaux.

UNDERSTANDING BURGUNDY

NUITS ST GEORGES

The town of Nuits added the name of its finest vineyard - Les Saint Georges - in the 19th century. There are no Grand Cru in the village of Nuits St Georges, but a host of very good Premier Cru.

A FEW MORE FACTS:

Generic wines are labelled as Burgundy or Bourgogne.

In total there are more than 400 Premier Crus vineyards in Burgundy.

There are 32 Grand Crus Vineyards in total – 8 white Grand Crus, 24 red Grand Crus. Of these 24 are from the Côte de Nuits and 8 from the Côte de Beaune.

The largest red Grand Cru in Burgundy is Corton, this Grand Cru represents about 25% of Grand Cru Red wines by volume.

It's very important to know your vintages when you purchase Burgundy. 2010 is an excellent vintage.

Recently – 1996, 1997 and 2002 are all very good vintages, while 1999, 2005 and 2009 were excellent vintages.

Unlike Bordeaux, it is more likely that Domaines change hands, personnel change and the quality can improve in a short period of time, so it's often prudent to read as many reviews as possible to get a sense of the quality level they are producing in the current vintage.

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

The following are the main villages in the Côte de Beaune:

ALOXE-CORTON

Home to the Grand Cru, Corton, both red and white Corton can be produced. Red wine from Alox-Corton is one of the most powerful and tannic in the area and needs time to develop.

BEAUNE

This village is more known as the centre of Burgundy, where you'd likely stay when visiting the area, than for it's wines. There are however some good Premier Crus in this area.

VOLNAY

As with Pommard, there are no Grand Cru, but a host of Premier Crus, the wines from Volnay are fragrant, elegant and age very well.

POMMARD

There are no Grand Cru in Pommard – although Grand Clos des Épenots would be a definite candidate if the Grand Cru classifications were ever reviewed; wines from this Premier Cru show finesse, character and the ability to age gracefully. Wines from Pommard definitely demand age, when young the tannins are very tight, as they age the power and richness in the wine develops.





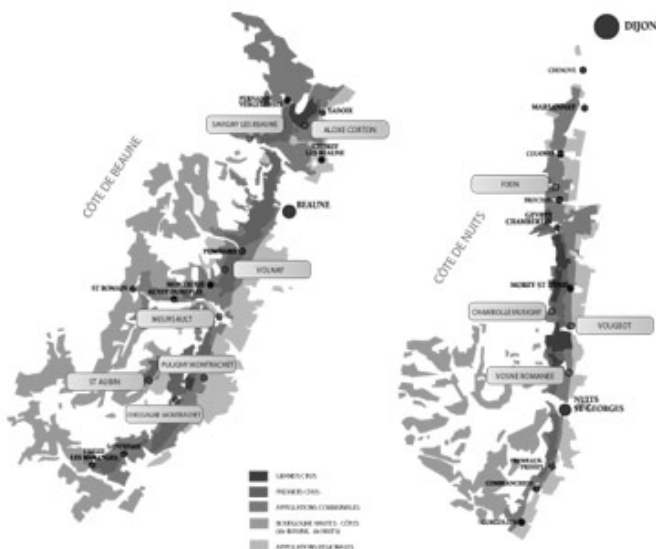
Alex Gambal

American Alex Gambal visited Burgundy back in the 1990's, fell in love and never left. As much as the concept of an American making wine in Burgundy might come across as some sort of winemaking anathema, fear not, our Alex has his act well together, along with a deep and abiding respect for the terroir in which he operates. Not only are his wines extremely well made, they are exceptionally well-priced (not something that comes up that often when one is contemplating Burgundian expressions). He has established solid relationships with the local growers, and the philosophy of both Alex and his head winemaker Fabrice Laronze revolves around a regard for the individual character of each appellation and vintage, along with a passionate belief that the quality of the grapes means everything.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42373	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU	2008	\$345.00	\$327.75
	91/100 Wine Spectator: "A straight, linear style, this red shows cherry, earth, spice and mineral flavors on a medium-weight frame. This is tight and needs time to reveal its complexity and full length. Best from 2014 through 2026. 50 cases made." - Bruce Sanderson			
42301	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE 1ER CRU ECHANGES	2011	\$145.00	\$137.75
	94/100 www.winemag.com: "A wine from a tiny premier cru that is literally situated at a crossroads. It displays the smoothness and richness that come with wood aging, as well as concentrated tannins to support the generous fruit. Black plums and strawberries give a dense wine that will age. Drink from 2018."			
42362	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2007	\$79.00	\$67.90
	89/100 Burghound: "A high-toned nose that is very Chambolle in character with its airy, cool, elegant and wispy red berry fruit and wet stone aromas that give way to round, stylish and detailed flavors that also reflect a subtle minerality on the balanced, persistent and delineated finish. A lovely villages that should age well over the medium-term."			
42297	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2008	\$79.00	\$67.90
	86-88/100 Burghound: "A very Chambolle nose of pretty and very high-toned red pinot fruit trimmed in background mineral notes that continue onto the detailed racy and bright middle weight flavors that finish with a distinct edginess that may be due to the substantial quantity of CO2."			
42303	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2011	\$79.00	\$67.90
	88-91/100 Burghound: "A very pretty and highly expressive nose features elegant and pure red pinot fruit that is liberally laced with mineral notes that leads to lacy and equally pure lightly stone-inflected flavors that possess good balance and punch on the moderately firm finish. A classic Chambolle of refinement and purity."			
42363	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES CHARMES	2007	\$135.00	\$128.25
	91/100 Burghound: "This is ever so slightly riper with a complex, airy and densely fruited nose that displays just a touch of oak influence that is followed by rich, delicious and noticeably mineral-infused middle weight flavors that offer both good depth and vibrancy and culminate in a lingering finish where a trace of wood resurfaces. It's important to note that the wood should not be an issue as it already seems to be integrating well."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40896	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES CHARMES	2009	\$149.00	\$141.55
	94/100 Wine Spectator: "Supple and laced with cherry, raspberry and spice flavors, this red is the epitome of Chambolle - delicate, perfumed and silky. There's grip on the finish, and this is beautifully balanced. Best from 2015 through 2030. 50 cases made." - Bruce Sanderson			
42288	ALEX GAMBAL CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY 1ER CRU LES CHARMES	2011	\$145.00	\$137.75
	91/100 Wine Spectator: "Offers aromas of smoke and spice, with tangy cherry and spice flavors. Balanced on the firm side, but finds equilibrium on the smoky finish."			
42361	ALEX GAMBAL CHOREY LES BEAUNE	2011	\$54.00	\$45.90
	87/100 Robert Parker: "The 2011 Chorey-les-Beaune Village has a simple but clean, fresh bouquet with light cranberry and raspberry scents that offer good intensity for a Village Cru. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy brambly red berries on the entry. The tannins are a little tough at the moment but it should soften over the next year and offer a decent Chorey-les-Beaune for early to mid-term drinking. Drink 2014-2018." - NM			
42299	ALEX GAMBAL CLOS VOUGEOT GRAND CRU	2011	\$189.00	\$179.55
	89/100 Robert Parker: "The 2011 Clos de Vougeot Grand Cru, which comes from a 2ha parcel in the middle of the ancient vineyard, has a crisp mulberry and raspberry-scented bouquet with dried herbs and bell pepper aromas intermingled. The palate is medium-bodied with a punchy, lively entry, offering plenty of raspberry and wild strawberry fruit. It then tails off just a little but it maintains a keen thread of acidity, plus a pleasant salty aftertaste." - Neal Martin			
40899	ALEX GAMBAL ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU	2009	\$245.00	\$232.75
	Located in the Cote de Nuits, within Burgundy's A-Lister zone of the Golden Slope, Echezeaux is a Grand Cru appellation. Here, Alex Gambal works magic with the Pinot Noir grape. From a once in a lifetime vintage, this is a wine to cellar for later.			
42309	ALEX GAMBAL VOSNE-ROMANEE VIEILLES VIGNES	2011	\$89.00	\$75.90
	87/100 Robert Parker: "It has a light bouquet of red cherry and cranberry with hints of undergrowth developing in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy tannins, chunky red fruit (cranberry and cassis) with a pleasant fresh, slightly salty finish. Fine."			

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Domaine Anne Parent

The Parent family can trace their roots back to Etienne Parent, who in 1787 became Thomas Jefferson's wine advisor for Burgundy. The Parent family have been a permanent fixture in Pommard ever since, with the 6th generation, sisters Anne and Catherine now in charge, and their brother Francois working with his wife at their Domaine Anne Francoise Gros. Since 1998, Anne has modified her approach to the wines. With 100% destemming, handpicking and three sorting tables, the story here is a little like that at Domaine Lamarche, where in recent years the quality has escalated. Anne views it thus: Pommard has two distinctive characters that can be grouped into the North and the South. The Pommards from the north of the appellation being like a man that plays Golf and drives an Aston Martin, those made from grapes grown in the south being like one that likes rugby and drives a Porsche.

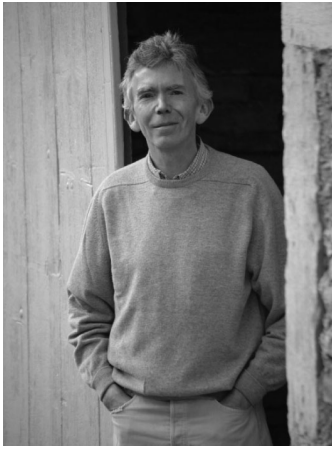
PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45463	DOMAINE ANNE PARENT 1ER CRU BEAUNE LES EPENOTTES	2017	\$225.00	\$213.75
	<p>The 2017 Beaune les Epenottes 1er Cru comes from a parcel of 47- and 85-year-old vines, made with 5% whole clusters and matured in 40% new French oak. It has a very pure nose of raspberry and crushed strawberry fruit, the whole cluster element imparting a subtle forest floor/bay leaf aroma. The medium-bodied palate offers fine tannin, good grip on the back palate, more black than red fruit and a slight tobacco note toward the structured finish. Promising, but it will need three or four years in bottle. 89-91 Neal Martin – VINOUS</p>			
45462	DOMAINE ANNE PARENT 1ER CRU CROIX NOIRES	2017	\$165.00	\$156.75
	<p>The 2017 Pommard Les Croix Noires Cuvée Louis (named after Anne Parent's grandson born in this year) is matured in two demi-muids and contains 5% whole clusters. It offers bright raspberry coulis and strawberry fruit on the nose, and just a hint of brown spice underneath. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red berry fruit, finely integrated new oak, good structure and a masculine, quintessentially Pommard-like finish. Very fine. 89-91 Neal Martin – VINOUS</p>			
45461	DOMAINE ANNE PARENT 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2017	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>The 2017 Pommard Les Argillières 1er Cru, which contains 5% whole clusters, has a pure black cherry and boysenberry bouquet; touches of crushed violet come through with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a little more forward than the Beaune les Epenottes. Quite smooth, with just a dab of licorice toward the finish. 88-90 Neal Martin – VINOUS</p>			
43456	DOMAINE ANNE PARENT 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2017	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>The 2017 Pommard Les Chanlins 1er Cru, which has 5% whole clusters and was matured in 50% new oak, has quite an intense bouquet, offering more black than red fruit and just a touch of tobacco in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannin, spicier than the Argillières, and the finish is slightly chalky. This will need a little more time than Parent's other 2017s. 90-92 Neal Martin – VINOUS</p>			
45460	DOMAINE ANNE PARENT CROIX BLANCHE	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	<p>The 2017 Pommard la Croix Blanche includes 5% whole clusters, matured in 35% new oak. This sample was not yet racked. It has an expressive, exuberant bouquet of red cherries, blackberry and hint of blood orange. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red berries and light in terms of grip, finishing fresh, vibrant and almost Volnay-like. I like the energy conveyed by this Pommard. Good potential. 89-91 Neal Martin – VINOUS</p>			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43454	DOMAINE ANNE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES	2017	\$199.00	\$189.05

The 2017 Pommard Les Chaponnières 1er Cru comes from 82-year-old vines. It sees 10% whole clusters and is matured in 50% new oak. The well-defined bouquet seems to carry the new oak well, and offers slightly tarry black cherry and bilberry fruit; wild strawberry emerges with time. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannin and quite saline in the mouth, coiling up toward a finish that implies it will need a few years in bottle. 90-92 Neal Martin – VINOUS

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Domaine Bonneau du Martray

Bonneau du Martray has been run since 1993 by Jean Charles de la Morinière, an architect who returned to the 11-hectare family property to manage it, fine-tuning the estate that his father originally brought back to life. The vineyard is on the side of the great Corton Hill, near Pernand, and while it is one continuous site, the parcels of grapes are treated separately in the winery to maintain their individual characteristics before combining as one great wine. Maturation is 33% in new oak for 12 months; the wine is blended and then assembled for a further six months of oak maturation.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40722	DOMAINE BONNEAU DU MARTRAY CORTON CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU	2016	\$395.00	\$375.25
	Lovely classic vintage with texture, balance and depth. Finishes very long, with subtle sweetness and noteworthy clarity.			
40730	DOMAINE BONNEAU DU MARTRAY CORTON CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU	2017	\$440.00	\$418.00
	The Domaine describe this - 'It is a connoisseur's vintage. It is very precise wine that unveils a chalky aspect, a feeling of humid rock, and hints of salinity. Fresh and vibrant, the wine opens in depth with dry fruits and nuts. Its broad texture ends on a crisp acidity giving energy, longevity and grace to the wine.'			

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Domaine Parent

The Parent family can trace their roots back to Etienne Parent. He established a professional and friendly relationship with Thomas Jefferson in 1787 as his Burgundy wine advisor. The Parent family have been a permanent fixture in Pommard since this time, with the sixth generation, sisters Anne and Catherine now in charge. Their brother Francois works with his wife at their Domaine A.F Gros. Since 1998 Anne has modified her approach to the wines, 100% destemming, hand picking and using three sorting tables. The story here is a little like that of Domaine Lamarche, where the quality has soared in recent years.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43450	DOMAINE PARENT BOURGOGNE PINOT NOIR	2017	\$36.99	\$35.14
	89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Bourgogne Pinot Noir Selection Pomone includes two barrels of Ladoix premier cru this year because of the frost damage, destemmed with a longer maceration on the skins and 10% new oak (demi-muids). It has an attractive, very pure and quite floral bouquet. The palate is ripe on the entry with tart red cherry and crushed strawberry and fine structure on the finish that is easily village cru level. This is fast becoming one of the hidden gems of Pommard and the 2016 is equal to the outstanding 2015." Neal Martin			
43464	DOMAINE PARENT CROIX BLANCHE POMMARD	2013	\$89.00	\$75.90
	87-89/100 Burghound: "There is a really lovely freshness to the slightly more complex aromas that reflect an array of red berry fruit elements where additional breadth is present in the form of earth and spiced herbal tea. Like several wines in the range there is a lovely texture to the middle weight flavors that possess both vibrancy and detail, all wrapped in a mildly austere but well-balanced finale the delivers good if not special depth and persistence." - Allen Meadows			
43451	DOMAINE PARENT LA CROIX BLANCHE POMMARD	2010	\$89.00	\$75.90
	A village wine that Anne has lavished an enormous amount of care and attention, each of the parcels are vinified separately and brought together to produce a delicious Village level Pommard. The fruit in this is forward, fragrant and quite magical.			
45458	DOMAINE PARENT LA CROIX BLANCHE POMMARD	2011	\$89.00	\$68.32
	Made from 100% Pinot Noir, this is a relatively dry red. Fruit and florals on the nose with a touch of spice. Those characters follow through to the palate. A refreshing acidity with a medium finish.			
43467	DOMAINE PARENT LA CROIX BLANCHE VILLAGE POMMARD	2015	\$99.00	\$84.90
	88-90/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Pommard Village la Croix Blanches contains 30% whole cluster and 30% new French oak. It has a lovely black cherry and bergamot-scented bouquet with fine delineation and neatly sutured new French oak. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannins, good depth in the mouth with hints of iodine and blood orange towards the satisfying finish. This is very fine for a village cru and it should age nicely over the next decade. Drink 2018-2028"			
45451	DOMAINE PARENT LA CROIX BLANCHE VILLAGE POMMARD	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	PRE ARRIVAL OFFER 88-90/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Pommard Village la Croix Blanche was 100% destemmed with 30% new French oak. It has a tightly-wound but detailed bouquet with black cherries, bilberry and subtle crushed stone aromas. The palate is well balanced with smooth tannin, an equal mix of red and black fruit and a touch of blood orange on the fresh finish. This is a very satisfying village cru." Neal Martin			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43441	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU CROIX NOIRES	2015	\$165.00	\$156.75
	90-92/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Pommard 1er Cru Les Croix Noires contains 30% whole cluster fruit and 30% new French oak. This felt more backward on the nose following the Les Argillières. It gradually opens in the glass revealing commendable mineralité. The palate is well balanced with supple tannin and crisp acidity, a pinch of white pepper towards the finish lending complexity and vivacity. This is another well-crafted wine from Anne Parent and comes recommended. Drink 2018-2030"			
45454	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU CROIX NOIRES	2016	\$140.00	\$133.00
	90-92/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Croix Noires, one of the smallest premier crus of the appellation on fine grey clay soils, includes 10% whole-cluster fruit. It has a slightly more tertiary-driven bouquet than Anne Parent's other cuvées, just a hint of brine underneath the carapace of blackberry and wild cherries. The palate is medium-bodied with a little more volume and flesh than the Les Argillières, plus a little more length. Excellent." Neal Martin			
43452	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2010	\$99.00	\$84.90
	This 1er Cru is located in the northern part of Pommard, it has the finesse that you would expect of an Anne Parent wine, but with a persistent finish. A wine I'd like to cellar for many years.			
45459	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2011	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Made from 34 year old vines. A medium-bodied palate with fine tannins. Fruit characters with touch of minerality.			
43465	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2013	\$145.00	\$137.75
	Subtle wood influence allowing the fresh red and dark currant, eath and herbal tea scents to shine.			
43449	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2014	\$145.00	\$137.75
	89-91/100 Burghound: "There is lovely energy and underlying tension to the relatively big-bodied flavors that display touches of austerity and rusticity on the attractively persistent finish where a hint of bitter cherry surfaces."- Allen Meadows			
43468	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2015	\$145.00	\$137.75
	Located right beside and just above epenots, 20% whole bunch, 40% new oak, 16 months ageing. Impressive concentration, the fruit profile has bold red fruits, a fine finish to a boldly structured wine. 90-92 Neal Martin: The 2015 Pommard 1er Cru Les Argillières contains 40% whole cluster and 40% new French oak. It has a refined and elegant bouquet that is very well defined: pure red cherry, crushed strawberry and rose petal notes emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, fine tannin and very well-judged acidity. Harmonious right to the finish, this will need a couple of years to fully absorb the oak, but it should give plenty of drinking pleasure over the next 12-15 years. This is excellent. Drink 2018-2030			
45452	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES ARGILLIERES	2016	\$140.00	\$133.00
	89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Argillières includes 10% whole cluster and 35% new oak. It is more introverted than Anne's other cuvées at present, yet still nicely detailed with almost broody black fruit. The palate is structured, quite sinewy in the mouth, the tannins neatly counterbalanced by a fine thread of acidity though it clams up toward the saline, precise finish. Good potential here but it will need three or four years in bottle." Neal Martin			
43453	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2010	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The partner to the 1er Cru, les Argillieres, this is from the southern side of Pommard, near Volnay.			

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43460	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2011	\$99.00	\$94.05
	89-92/100 Burghound: "Reduction blocks an evaluation of the nose. This is also attractively rich with excellent volume and an abundance of mouth coating sap that buffers the firm but relatively fine tannins that underpin the intensely mineral-suffused medium-bodied flavors. There is a touch of rusticity on the moderately toasty, balanced and agreeably long finish. Other than the toast, this is textbook Chanlins."			
43458	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2013	\$145.00	\$137.75
	89-92/100 Burghound: "This is earthier still though the floral top notes add a touch of elegance to the leather and game-inflected red berry fruit aromas. There is really lovely detail and a fine bead of minerality present on the medium-bodied flavors that possess good volume if less muscularity than usual while exhibiting fine length on the balanced, persistent and solidly complex finish. This is very Chanlins in character if perhaps a bit less youthfully austere than is typical. 2020+" - Allen Meadows			
43445	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2014	\$145.00	\$137.75
	The 2014 Pommard 1er Cru les Chanlins is the first wine to display any appreciable reduction and it's enough to mask the underlying fruit. Otherwise there is good freshness and intensity to the mineral-driven and tautly muscular middle weight plus flavors that possess a sleek mouth feel, all wrapped in a youthfully austere but well-balanced finale. This is lovely but note well that it's going to require the better part of a decade to arrive at its apogee. Worth considering. Drink 2022+			
43469	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2015	\$145.00	\$137.75
	90-92/100 Neal Martin: The 2015 Pommard 1er Cru Les Chanlins contains 40% whole cluster and 30% new French oak. It has a composed bouquet with hints of violet infusing the pure red fruit: lively and engaging, the new oak seamlessly integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with supple red berry fruit, impressive fruit concentration and yet maintaining impressive control and focus all the way through to the confit-like finish, which exerts an insistent grip. Give this 2-3 years in bottle before broaching. This is a fine Pommard from Anne Parent. Drink 2019-2030			
45453	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHANLINS	2016	\$140.00	\$133.00
43461	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES	2011	\$130.00	\$123.50
	Perfumed black currants on the nose and palate. Medium-bodied with firm tannins.			
43459	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES	2013	\$165.00	\$156.75
	88-91/100 Burghound: "A somber nose features notes of wood and reduction. There is good richness to the medium weight flavors where the texture on the finish is difficult to read due to the abundant gas that contributes a certain dryness. 2019+" - Allen Meadows			
43446	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES	2014	\$165.00	\$156.75
	90-93/100 Burghound: "Once again there is a subtle wisp of wood framing the beautifully fresh, cool and reserved aromas of various dark earth and soft sauvage scents. There are the hallmark soil tones present on the punchy and serious yet velvet-textured medium-bodied flavors that terminate in a firm, moderately austere and impressively long finish. I very much like the balance here and this is textbook Chaponnières. Recommended provided that you're willing to cellar this for at least 7 to 8 years first." - Allen Meadows			
43442	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES	2015	\$199.00	\$189.05
	90-92/100 Neal Martin: The 2015 Pommard 1er Cru Les Charponnières, which contains 50% whole cluster fruit, has an elegant, quite intense bouquet with expressive dark cherry and red plum notes, an underlying mineralité that becomes more apparent with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple ripe tannin, good body, perhaps requiring a little more precision on the finish, but that may come with time. Yet another simply delicious Pommard in the making from this Domaine. Drink 2018-2030			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45455	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES CHAPONNIERES	2016	\$171.00	\$162.45
	91-93/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Pommard 1er Cru Les Chaponnières includes 10% whole cluster and 37% new oak. Slightly deeper in color than the other premier cru Pommards, it has a detailed Morello cherry, raspberry preserve and crushed stone-scented bouquet that is very well focused. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grain tannin, tensile blackberry and red cherry fruit with a spicy, very sappy finish that conveys plenty of energy. You can still feel the mouth tingling long afterward. This may ultimately surpass Anne's excellent 2015." Neal Martin			
43447	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES EPENOTS	2014	\$175.00	\$166.25
	91-93/10 Burghound: "An attractively fresh nose is composed by notes of plum and red berry fruit liqueur aromas that are trimmed in discreet wood and earth nuances. There is excellent richness, size, weight and concentration to the full-bodied yet relatively refined flavors that are underpinned by firm but fine tannins on the gorgeously complex and persistent finish." - Allen Meadows			
45456	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES EPENOTS	2016	\$193.00	\$183.35
	89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Beaune 1er Cru les Epenots was reduced to four barrels this vintage, fully destemmed with 35% new oak. It has a vivid blueberry and black cherry bouquet with a touch of crushed rose petals. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, quite linear and strict with a slight chalkiness/mineralité toward the tensile finish. You can feel the nascent energy here." Neal Martin			
43462	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES EPONETS	2011	\$135.00	\$128.25
	Plum, violet, red currant and soil notes. Rich and full-bodied flavours on the palate. Well-balanced tannins and firmness. A long finish.			
43455	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES EPONETS	2013	\$175.00	\$166.25
	87-89/100 Burghound: "From both Grands and Petits. A deft touch of wood frames very fresh aromas of raspberry, red currant, earth and herbal tea scents. There is fine delineation to the relatively supple and accessible middle weight flavors that possess lovely complexity though here too there is a touch of dryness on the otherwise persistent finish. This isn't perfectly balanced but the complexity renders this appealing anyway. 2020+" - Allen Meadows			
43443	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES EPONETS	2015	\$225.00	\$213.75
	Anne uses 50% of Le Grand Epenots and 50% of Petit in the blend. She used to do a separate vinification of the parcels, but did not have enough resulting wine. 50% whole bunch, 50% new oak for 17 months. Only 3000 bottles made compared to their usual 6000 bottle production. Dense complex nose, a rich, bold structure with a powerful rich finish. This will need a lot of time, it's a full throttle Pommard. The finish is all red fruits. 92-94 Neal Martin: The 2015 Pommard 1er Cru Les Epenots has an enticing bouquet with hints of kirsch infiltrating the vibrant Morello cherry and crushed strawberry fruit, a hint of blood orange in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with caressing tannin, well-judged acidity, a little confit fruit towards the finish and a lovely subtle tang of marmalade on the aftertaste. This will be a delicious Pommard from Anne Parent that should age with style. Superb. Drink 2019-2032			
43466	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES POUTURES	2013	\$145.00	\$137.75
	89-91/100 Burghound: "A more deeply pitched nose reveals notes of pungent earth, red currant, dark cherry and once again a hint of the sauvage. The sleekly muscular middle weight flavors possess a beguiling mouth feel thanks to the relatively fine grained tannins, all wrapped in a complex, balanced and persistent finish. This too should be capable of rewarding 5 to 7 years of bottle age and it will need at least 3 to 4 to dissipate the very mild austerity that is present on the finale. 2019+" - Allen Meadows			
43463	DOMAINE PARENT POMMARD 1ER CRU LES RUGIENS	2011	\$145.00	\$137.75
	90-93/100 Burghound: "Here the nose exhibits a distinct step up in elegance from all the other wines in the range with its cool and admirably pure red pinot, dark currant, wet stone and subtle spice hints trimmed in a discreet application of wood. There is good muscle and excellent delineation to the complex, mineral and soil-inflected flavors that deliver very fine depth and length on the robust but not rustic finish. Worth considering."			

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Domaine Seguin-Manuel

Seguin-Manuel is a very old estate, originally founded in 1824; in 2004 it was acquired by Thibaut Marion, a 42 year old born into wine and with experience including the family winery Chanson Père & Fils. The vineyards are managed organically, with no use of chemicals and quality in mind - small yields, strict pruning and green harvest. Initially located in Savigny-lès-Beaune, new plots have been added to the domaine in the villages of Beaune and Puligny-Montrachet since 2007 and more recently in Pommard and Meursault. More than 6 hectares of vineyard are now grown by the domaine. Our good friend Jean Chartron introduced me to Thibaut and I was incredibly impressed with the wines, the quality will only go from strength to strength and unusually for Burgundy, they represent excellent value.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45475	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL BEAUNE CHAMPIMONTS 1ER CRU	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The 2017 Beaune Champimonts 1er Cru has an open, expressive and quite mineral bouquet that reflects its stony terroir. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannin. This feels crisp and quite elegant, not powerful and maybe not long-term, but I appreciate the tension and mineralité on the finish. 88-90 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
45477	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL BEAUNE CLOS DE MOUCHES 1ER CRU	2017	\$135.00	\$128.25
	The 2017 Beaune Clos des Mouches 1er Cru Blanc has an attractive licorice-tinged bouquet that opens gently in the glass. The palate is well balanced with a pleasing fatness on the entry and slightly honeyed in texture, revealing walnut and nutmeg on the finish. Fine. 88 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
45476	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL CHABLIS	2017	\$44.99	\$42.99
	One of his most dependable wines. A classic Chablis with oyster shell, flint and mineral characters, off vines at least 25 years old.			
43489	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL MACON VILLAGE	2017	\$29.99	\$28.49
	Stainless steel the whole way, no oak touching the Chardonnay fruit. Lees contact for six to eight months delivers a forward nose to a rich and creamy palate. Very well made.			
43476	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL MERCUREY VIEILLES VIGNES BLANC	2017	\$49.99	\$47.49
	Chardonnay grown on clay and limestone, located in Côte Chalonnaise in the south of the Côte d'Or. This wine has a lovely soft texture and a supple finish. An affordable taste of great white burgundy.			
45470	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL MEURSAULT LES CLOUS	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The 2017 Meursault Les Clous feels a little contained on the nose, lacking the sense of urgency that you seek in a Meursault. The palate is balanced, with good depth and a tang of mandarin and quince, but feels a little smudged on the finish. 86 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
45473	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL POMMARD PETITS NOIZONS	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The 2017 Pommard Les Petits Noizons offers brisk red cherry and crushed strawberry scents on the nose, the fruit a little darker than the Volnay Vieilles Vignes. The medium-bodied palate shows supple tannin and a fine bead of acidity. Vibrant and fresh, with gentle grip on the tart finish. I can see this fleshing out into a fine Pommard. 89-91 Neal Martin - VINOUS			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45471	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL PULIGNY MONTRACHET LES REUCHEAUX	2017	\$115.00	\$109.25
	The 2017 Puligny-Montrachet Les Reuchaux has a fresher, more precise bouquet than the Meursaults from Seguin-Manuel, featuring Granny Smith apples and light flinty scents. The crisp, vibrant palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, revealing mandarin and cooking apple on the finish. Drink over the next five years. 90 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
45472	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL SAVIGNY VIEILLES VIGNES	2017	\$54.99	\$52.24
	The 2017 Savigny-lès-Beaune Vieilles Vignes comes from 70-year-old vines. It has an attractive bouquet of crunchy red fruit and hints of gravel and undergrowth. The palate is well balanced with supple tannin, not deep but elegant, featuring tart red cherries on the finish. Enjoy this over the next five to six years. 88-90 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
45474	DOMAINE SEGUIN MANUEL VOSNE ROMANEE AUX COMMUNES	2017	\$96.00	\$91.20
	The 2017 Vosne-Romanée Aux Communes has a fragrant, floral bouquet of vibrant red fruit infused with rose petal and citrus notes. The palate is admittedly not terribly complex, since this is a modest Village Cru, but it is well balanced and gains more harmony toward the pretty, tart red cherry finish. Enjoy this over the next three to five years. 87-89 Neal Martin - VINOUS			

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43482	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL BEAUNE 1ER CRU CHAMPIMONTS	2015	\$86.00	\$81.70
	90-92/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts displayed a little reduction at first but underneath lies brisk red cherry, wild strawberry and undergrowth scents that appear well defined. The palate is fresh on the entry with crisp acidity, replete with energy and fission, though I feel it ought to evolve more substance on the finish. All the same, I feel this Beaune premier cru has good potential and certainly it represents a step up from the 2014. Drink 2018-2028"			
43488	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL BEAUNE 1ER CRU CHAMPIMONTS	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Beaune 1er Cru Champimonts was whittled down to three casks, half as much as normal. It has a fragrant, quite perfumed bouquet with raspberry preserve, black cherries and a slight cold steel scent underneath that lends tension. The palate is well balanced with succulent ripe fruit, quite lively and pretty on the finish with a pleasant saline tang." Neal Martin			
43473	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL MERCUREY VIEILLES VIGNES	2016	\$49.99	\$47.49
	Grown on clay and limestone, located in Côte Chalonnaise in the south of the Côte d'Or, this wine has a lovely soft texture and a supple finish.			
43484	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL MEURSAULT LES CLOS	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	87/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Meursault les Clos has a tightly wound bouquet with scents of yellow flowers and chalk. The palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity, not a complex Meursault but there is impressive weight and tension on the finish if not quite the persistence of a great white Burgundy vintage." Neal Martin			
43480	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL POMMARD PETITS NOIZONS	2015	\$96.00	\$91.20
	90/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Pommard Petits Noizons has plenty of dark berry fruit on the nose, quite floral and quasi-Volnaysian in style, though returning to re-taste in bottle, it had developed more tertiary characteristics. The palate is medium-bodied with fleshy ripe redcurrant and red plum fruit. This is fresh and with plenty of rondeur, fleshy and "punchy" on the finish. Très Pommard, très bon. Drink 2017-2024"			
43483	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL POMMARD PETITS NOIZONS	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	86-88/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Pommard Petits Noizons offers perfumed red cherries, kirsch and subtle balsamic notes on the nose, nicely defined and quite mercurial in the glass. The palate is fresh and crisp on the entry, a gentle grip in the mouth with darker berry fruit toward the structured but balanced finish. Give this a year in bottle." Neal Martin			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43479	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1ER CRU LAVIERES	2015	\$69.00	\$65.55
	90-92/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Savigny-les-Beaune 1er Cru Lavières was backward on the nose when compared with its Vieilles Vignes counterpart, the oak still needing time to fully assimilate, which it will because it feels nicely in proportion. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, harmonious with sensual and vivid morello cherry and cranberry scents, sturdy on the mid-palate but it dovetails into quite an elegant finish. Drink 2018-2028"			
43486	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL SAVIGNY VIELLES VIGNES	2016	\$54.99	\$52.24
	84-86/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Savigny les Beaune Vieilles Vignes, which contains the fruit usually bottled separately for Les Lavières, offers dusky blackberry and raspberry scents on the nose that is well defined. The palate is well balanced with slightly coarse tannin on the entry, moderate depth with some attenuation toward the finish. Hopefully it will manifest more fleshiness by the time this is in bottle." Neal Martin			
43470	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL SAVIGNY-LES-BEAUNE GOUDELETTES	2011	\$49.00	\$41.99
	Pale yellow colour. It is very open on the nose with summer fruit aromas combined with floral, mineral and vanilla notes. Very well-balanced on the palate, the wine shows great purity and depth. It has a lovely refreshing finish.			
43487	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL VOSNE ROMANEE AUX COMMUNES	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	88-90/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Vosne Romanee Aux Communes offers lovely mulberry and briary scents on the well-defined bouquet, not a million miles away from the 2014, the 20% whole cluster lending freshness. The palate is well balanced with a fresh, quite vibrant opening and there is impressive tension and energy for a village cru that carries it over the finish line. This is a worthy follow-up to the last two vintages." Neal Martin			
43481	DOMAINE SEGUIN-MANUEL VOSNE-ROMANEE AUX COMMUNES	2015	\$96.00	\$91.20
	89+/100 Neal Martin: "The 2015 Vosne-Romanée Aux Communes was still showing just a touch of reduction on a second visit to the winery in December, though underneath are pleasant mulberry and wild strawberry scents that unfold in the glass. The palate is well balanced with sappy red berry fruit. Yes, a little rustic perhaps on the finish, though there is decent depth and grip in the mouth. I suspect that this will continue to improve with another 2-3 years in bottle. Drink 2019-2029"			

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Domaine Faiveley

Domaine Faiveley is located in France, at the heart of viticultural Burgundy, between Dijon and Beaune in Nuits-Saint-Georges. Historically based in the Côte de Nuits capital, the Faiveley family have progressively extended their domaine, and today own vineyards in the finest climats in Burgundy - Gevrey-Chambertin, Pommard, Volnay, Puligny-Montrachet and Mercurey to name just some. The vineyards are very fragmented, with the average surface area per appellation around one hectare. The number of bottles produced for each wine is therefore very limited.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44549	FAIVELEY CHAMBERTIN CLOS DE BEZE GRAND CRU	2015	\$650.00	\$617.50
	18.5/20 Jancis Robinson: "Cask sample. Very rich and polished. Sweet start with a little bit of coffee grounds and tight bitterness and one of the most youthful wines I have tasted all week in London! Bravo for the ambition – and for letting us taste this marvel which will doubtless sell many times over. Throbs on the finish." Sustainable (ISO 9001 - Bureau Veritas Certification), natural vinification, gluten free.			
44525	FAIVELEY CLOS DE VOUGEOT	2016	\$310.00	\$294.50
	93/100 Decanter: "The Clos Vougeot is a real success this year, offering up notes of plum, cassis, smoked duck and incense, followed by a full-bodied, fine-grained palate with a good core of fruit, lots of incipient savoury complexity, and a long, penetrating finish. With a decade of bottle age this will be lovely."			
44569	FAIVELEY CORTON CHARLEMAGNE	2016	\$360.00	\$342.00
	91-94 Burghound "A difficult nose is presently composed by notes of reduction, sulfur and soft wood. Rich, full-bodied and powerful flavors are also blessed with an impressive amount of dry extract that coats the palate on the expressly dry but not really austere finale. Like the BBM, this too needs to develop better overall depth but the underlying material does appear to be on hand for that to occur."			

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Domaine Leflaive

It can be said that Leflaive is the heart and soul of Puligny; in fact, the 2017 vintage will mark their third century in the village, so their roots run pretty deep. Back in 1920, Joseph Leflaive undertook a significant programme of replanting, extension and enhancement of the vineyard. With vineyard manager, Francis Virost, he set in place the legacy that continues to this day. In a timely attack of common-sense, the four children from the next generation eschewed normal Burgundian tendencies and decided not to divide up the holdings, so as to maintain the integrity of the domaine. Brothers Vincent and Joseph Leflaive went on to shape a peerless reputation for their white Burgundy. Today, Leflaive remains under family control, helmed by Vincent's daughter Anne and Joseph's son Olivier.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46717	LEFLAIVE AND ASSOCIES AUXEY DURESSES BLANC	2015	\$110.00	\$104.50
	Good wine with lemon, green fruit aromas and flinty minerality. The oak comes out after some time, showing delicate toast and hazelnuts, even some anise. Fresh acidity and medium body; not very long or intense, but it has good balance and an entertaining aromatic profile.			
46710	LEFLAIVE AND ASSOCIES RULLY 1ER CRU BLANC	2015	\$96.99	\$92.14
	A refreshing and energetic wine showing a bright bouquet of white stone fruits which leads to a refreshing palate with lively green apple flavours with a lean mineral character.			
46719	LEFLAIVE BOURGOGNE BLANC	2015	\$74.99	\$71.24
	89/100 Decanter: "One of the very best Bourgogne blancs of the vintage (and priced accordingly), this wine reveals a very Puligny-like bouquet of yellow citrus, orange zest, apples and crème pâtissière. The intense, focussed palate shows a lovely core of fruit and acidity."			
46736	LEFLAIVE POUILLY FUSSE	2015	\$124.99	\$118.74
	91/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Pale, bright yellow. Musky aromas of apple, peach, spices and minerals, plus a sexy leesy complexity. Rich and fine-grained, showing enticing saline minerality to its ripe yellow fruit and spice flavors. Lovely subtle intensity here, and excellent energy and reserve for this very ripe year. Some CO2 is keeping the wine fresh in the early going. Finishes with sneaky spicy, savory length. Lovely wine."			

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Domaine Vincent Girardin

Born in Santenay in the Côte de Beaune, Vincent Girardin is part of a winemaking dynasty whose origins date back 11 generations to the 17th Century. He began in 1982 with only 2 hectares of vines. When his father retired, Girardin took over several additional hectares and, thanks to an energetic and innovative approach, he has managed to expand that original holding to 20 hectares. While habitually focussing on lesser-known appellations of the Côte de Beaune, Girardin has nonetheless managed to accumulate an impressive collection of Premier Cru and Grand Cru wines from some very famous appellations. Working 42 parcels from 8 villages in the Côte de Beaune, his vibrant wines are ripe, textural, aromatic and elegant.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40426	VINCENT GIRARDIN BATARD MONTRACHET GRAND CRU	2014	\$540.00	\$513.00

92-95/100 | Burghound: "This is not quite as elegant as the BBM though it's slightly more complex with its notably floral-suffused nose of various white orchard fruit, citrus and broad-ranging spice elements. There is impressive power and weight to the big-bodied flavors that also possess outstanding mid-palate concentration as well as superb depth and length on the once again impeccably well-balanced finish. This is indisputably terrific though note well that it's going to need plenty of time in a cool cellar."
- Allen Meadows

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Domaine Jean Chartron

Established 1859 in Puligny by the cooper-craftsman, Jean-Edouard Dupard, the Domaine has been governed by our generations, focused on both the prosperity and the expansion of the prestigious vineyards. The village owes its name to Jean-Edouard Dupard, when in 1873 as mayor of Puligny, he asked the local council to authorise that the name Montrachet - the most prestigious local vineyard - be added to that of Puligny, the original name of the village. Jean-Rene Chartron, the 4th generation, is without doubt the one who brought the most to the Domaine, making wines of the highest quality. Today, it is his son, Jean-Michel Chartron, who holds the reins and is now taking it to even greater levels. These are exceptional white Burgundies.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41460	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON BATARD MONTRACHET GRAND CRU	2012	\$320.00	\$304.00
	Planted in 1960 on Clay and Limestone, this wine is 100% barrel fermented in 40% new oak barrels, 60% old, aged 1, 2 and 3 years old. Matured on lees for 14 months. As with the Chevalier, this is intense, concentrated, it is somewhat unrelenting, piercing chalk arrows an aptdescription. A full and forward style that will need at least five years before being approached.			
41454	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON BATARD MONTRACHET GRAND CRU	2015	\$489.00	\$464.55
	91-93/100 Wine Advocate: "The 2015 Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru was picked on 6 September. It has more mineralité and stoniness than the Corton-Charlemagne: wet stone, a touch of smoke and struck match. The palate is well balanced with a vibrant entry: citrus peel, dried orange peel and a touch of honey. This is a richer style of Bâtard-Montrachet from Jean Chartron, but it managers to maintain crisp acidity that keeps the tension right to the finish. There is a bit of gusto about this Bâtard-Montrachet and there is nothing wrong with that. This comes recommended." - Neal Martin			
41470	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON BATARD MONTRACHET GRAND CRU	2017	\$489.00	\$464.55
	The 2017 Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru has a very backward and taciturn bouquet, not unlike Domaine Pierre Morey's that I tasted a couple of hours earlier. The palate is well balanced, quite sapid with orange rind and dried honey notes, lots of matière (perhaps more than the Corton-Charlemagne) with fine precision on the finish. Give it a couple of years in bottle. 92-94 Neal Martin-VINOUS			
41424	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON BOURGOGNE CHARDONNAY	2017	\$34.99	\$33.24
	The 2017 Bourgogne Chardonnay Clos de la Combe comes mainly from La Combe, it is fermented and aged in 500-litre barrels and pièce, also a 40-hectolitre wooden vat that has since been taken out of use. It has an attractive lime flower and orange blossom scented bouquet that is quite generous given this is a generic white burgundy. The palate is crisp and well balanced, touches of sour lemon and orange pith, fine tension with a lively finish. Recommended. 89 Neal Martin-VINOUS			
48304	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON BOURGOGNE CLOS DE LA COMBE BLANC	2016	\$31.99	\$30.39
	Jean Chartron's Bourgogne is always a step above the rest and the 2016 is no different. Behind a color of white gold, in the Clos de la Combe we perceive typical fragrances of a young chardonnay, tiny white wallflowers. On the palate the richness of the fruit is present; the body is supported and balanced by the oak, with a pleasant finish. This wine could pass from the coffee table to the dining room.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41461	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CHASSAGNE-MONTRACHET LES BENOITES	2017	\$125.00	\$118.75
	The 2017 Chassagne-Montrachet les Benoites has a similar bouquet to the nascent Saint-Aubins from Chartron: peach skin and lime flower emerging on the nose, again, just a hint of liquorish. The palate is quite intense on the entry. It has a fine bead of acidity, lightly spice (ginger and lemongrass) with an orange sorbet note towards the sustained finish. Very fine, especially considering that this is not a Premier Cru. 90-92 Neal Martin-VINOUS			
41406	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU CLOS DES	2011	\$390.00	\$370.50
	93/100 Wine Spectator: "Open and charming, with peach, fig and lemon cake flavors accented by sweet spice details. Concentrated and persistent, with a refined finish echoing the fruit and spice nuances. Shows terrific balance and harmony. Best from 2015 through 2025. 120 cases made."			
48307	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU CLOS DES	2016	\$499.00	\$474.05
	91-93/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Chevalier Montrachet Clos des Chevaliers Grand Cru is slightly richer on the nose compared to the Bâtard-Montrachet, although that may well be because there is more new oak. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry with apricot and peach notes, although at the moment, it is difficult to get a hold on the tension and terroir expression, which is why I prefer the Bâtard-Montrachet at this early moment. That said, another sample from an older barrel showed more nervosité. I remain prudent with my score for now and will endeavor to see how it turns out in bottle." Neal Martin			
41467	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CHEVALIER-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU CLOS DES	2017	\$595.00	\$565.25
	My sample of the 2017 Chevalier-Montrachet Clos de Chevaliers Grand Cru comes from a 2-year old Damy barrel that will go into the regular cuvée i.e. not from the oldest vines. It has an attractive bouquet, albeit without the penetration and mineral drive of the Cuvée Centenaire. The palate is very well balanced with a fine line of acidity, quite saline in the mouth with touches of blackcurrant leaf and liquorish emerging towards the finish. Very fine. 93-95 Neal Martin-VINOUS			
41451	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CORTON CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU	2015	\$329.00	\$312.55
	88-90/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2015 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru, which amounts to four barrels this year, has a slightly muted bouquet that seemed cowed by following the Clos des Caillerets. The palate has a lilting peach/passion fruit note, although it seems to miss some complexity towards the finish. Not bad but it needs to up its game by the time of bottling." - Neal Martin			
48305	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CORTON CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU	2016	\$252.00	\$239.40
	92-94/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Corton-Charlemagne came from a one-year-old barrel (there will also be a new and two-year-old barrel). It has a straightforward brioche-tinged bouquet that opens nicely in the glass, with hints of peaches and cream and later gooseberry tart. The palate is well balanced, honeyed in texture with notes of dried apricot, frangipane and a hint of honey. It does not quite deliver the length, but this is undoubtedly a well-crafted Corton-Charlemagne from Jean-Michel that will give immense pleasure over the next 10 to 15 years." Neal Martin			
41442	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON CORTON CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU	2017	\$329.00	\$312.55
	The 2017 Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru has an attractive bouquet with scents of Granny Smith apple, dried pineapple, minerals and a touch of patisserie. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, a pleasant fatness as you would expect from this Grand Cru, though it never quite builds from that promising opening. That said, I appreciate the dab of Moroccan spice that pops out of nowhere on the aftertaste. 91-93 Neal Martin-VINOUS			
41423	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON PULIGNY MONTRACHET	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
	91-92/100 View from the Cellar : "The village level bottling of Puligny-Montrachet from the Chartron family is one of the finest in the village and the wine has turned out beautifully in 2016. The bouquet wafts from the glass in a very stylish blend of pear, white peach, creme pâtissière, chalky soil tones, spring flowers and vanilla oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full bodied and complex, with bright, zesty acids, fine focus and grip and a long, classy and very well-balanced finish. I would try to give this at least a year's worth of bottle age to allow it to really blossom. 2019-2035" John Gilman			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41433	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON PULIGNY MONTRACHET	2017	\$115.00	\$109.25

The 2017 Puligny-Montrachet Village comes from Les Levrans, Derrière La Velle and Les Tremblots. This unfolds on the nose, taking its time, less immediate than other cuvées from Jean-Michel Chartron. Touches of mint and juniper better complement the apply aromas. The palate is very well balanced with a fine line of acidity. This feels very harmonious and composed, certainly punching above its weight for a Village Cru. All it is missing is a touch of length. 88-90 Neal Martin-VINOUS

41463	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON PULIGNY MONTRACHET VIEILLES VIGNES 1ER	2017	\$145.00	\$137.75
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A special one off wine from Chartron. They had a very unfortunate discovery in March 2019, when one of the seals on a tank broke. They lost a good part of the Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Folatières" 2017, a fantastic wine by the barrel tasting notes. Jean Chartron decided to assemble the remainder, with his Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Hameau de Blagny". This 1er Cru is not normally sold as the quantity is quite small, and is kept by the family for their personal consumption. Because the wine is from 2 different 1er Cru vineyards, they are obliged to label it as Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru "Vieilles Vignes" (average 50 years of age).

41421	DOMAINE JEAN CHARTRON RULLY MONTMORIN	2017	\$42.99	\$40.84
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The 2017 Rully Montmorin comes from 3.4-hectares of vine, three-quarters aged in pièces of which 10% are new. It has an attractive bouquet with orange blossom, touches of vanilla pod and white chocolate, very well defined and focused. The palate is well balanced with a taut, quite tensile entry. This is quite linear at first, but precise and detailed with a touch of spice on the finish. Very fine, but it needs 18 to 24 months in bottle. 90 Neal Martin-VINOUS

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Domaine de Bellene

Most of us have grown to accept that the nomenclature of Burgundy wines can be confusing, but when you discover that the wines of Maison de Nicolas Potel now have nothing to do with the maverick man himself, that he now has his own estate, Domaine de Bellene - located in a 15th-Century abbey in Beaune - you can do an eye roll worthy of the French themselves. The untimely death of his revered father Gerard, and difficult financial dealings under his own name, saw the young and dynamic artisan launch Domaine de Bellene. Nicolas has converted his growers to organic practices, and adhering religiously to his philosophy, Domaine de Bellene is 100% Organic, Carbon Neutral and uses donkeys and horses for all vineyard work. Nicolas Potel has gone from strength to strength, establishing himself as one of Burgundy's top 'new breed' winemakers.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42837	DOMAINE DE BELLENE BEAUNE 1ER CRU CLOS DU ROI	2010	\$79.00	\$75.05
	Tasting all three of Nicolas Beaune 1er Cru side by side is an interesting exercise; for me the Montée Rouge is the power and structure of the wine, the Pertuisots offers the fruit and fragrance, whilst Clos du Roi managed to bring together the best of both of previous two, integrated, excellent fruit, textured. The nose is more mineral than those that went before. Likewise across the palate this is narrower, more linear, but still with croquant fruit and fine tannin.			
42826	DOMAINE DE BELLENE BEAUNE 1ER CRU MONTEE ROUGE	2009	\$79.00	\$63.99
	Up at the serious end, it's aromatically clean and clear with a delicate touch of wood. The flavours are elegantly rich and medium weighted. The soft, lush red berryfruit and fine-grained tannins echo with subtle, stony notes. Recommended drinking time is from 2017 onwards.			
42905	DOMAINE DE BELLENE BEAUNE 1ER CUVÉE DU CINQUANTENAIRE	2015	\$99.00	\$84.90
	17/20 Jancis Robinson: Lovely soy and liquorice notes, dark red fruit and super-fine tannic feel. Lovely snap from acid on the finish. Finishes quite quickly, but there is great flavour range here already.			
48409	DOMAINE DE BELLENE BEAUNE 1ER CUVÉE DU CINQUANTENAIRE	2016	\$92.99	\$79.90
	Note. Bottled this year under Bellene, rather than Domaine de Bellene or the Negociant - Maison Roche de Bellene. Due to smaller quantities of wines from the 2016 vintage.			
48421	DOMAINE DE BELLENE BEAUNE 1ER CUVÉE DU CINQUANTENAIRE	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Blend of six premiers crus. Will be a labelled as homage to his mother next vintage. 100% whole bunch. In tank. Very spicy on the nose, almost a hint of something like curry, though that doesn't quite fit. Super-fine texture, scented on the palate, needs time to blossom. Beautifully fresh and the finest of frameworks for the pretty red Beaune fruit. Persistent. Jancis Robinson			
42823	DOMAINE DE BELLENE BOURGOGNE ROUGE	2017	\$34.99	\$32.99
	One of the new Burgundian breed, Nicolas Potel has converted many of his growers to organic practices, and adhering religiously to his philosophy, Domaine de Bellene is 100% organic, carbon neutral and uses donkeys and horses for all vineyard work. Nicolas has gone from strength to strength, establishing himself as one of Burgundy's top winemakers. Packed with exotic, earthy, spicy red fruit aromas. The palate displays forward cherry and raspberry flavours, a velvet texture and supple tannins.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48417	DOMAINE DE BELLENE COTE DE NUITS VILLAGE ROUGE	2017	\$59.99	\$56.99
	An exceptional Cote de Nuits Village from very old vines, with an average age of 75 years.			
42908	DOMAINE DE BELLENE NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU AUX CHAIGNOTS	2015	\$165.00	\$156.75
	90/100 Burghound: "An exuberantly spicy and floral-suffused array of red and dark currant aromas introduces suave and caressing middle weight flavors that exude a subtle minerality on the ever-so-mildly rustic finale. This isn't especially vibrant and it's certainly quite ripe but it is not without appeal as there is both fine richness and persistence." - Allen Meadows			
48412	DOMAINE DE BELLENE NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU AUX CHAIGNOTS	2016	\$156.00	\$148.20
	This is also very ripe with cassis, black cherry, spice and plenty of floral influence. The mouth feel of the middle weight flavors is notably finer while possessing a really lovely texture that contrasts considerably with the rustic, moderately firm and slightly warm finish.			
42824	DOMAINE DE BELLENE NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU AUX CHAIGNOTS	2017	\$165.00	\$156.75
	Mid to deep cherry red. Intense and seductive dark-red fruits, smells rich and intense and there's an attractive peppery note. Lovely roundness on the palate, the fruit exploding inside the structure of fine tannins and freshness. And that elegant peppery note adding complexity. (JH)			
42839	DOMAINE DE BELLENE NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES VIEILLES VIGNES	2010	\$69.00	\$65.55
	Already a fan of Burgundian maestro Nicolas Potel's entry-level offering and wondering if it can get any better? It certainly can, with his next step up the village level. From the village of Nuits-Saint-Georges, this vibrant, sensual Pinot is floral and fragrant with nice acidity. Delightfully substantial, sweet and creamy.			
42809	DOMAINE DE BELLENE NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES VIEILLES VIGNES	2014	\$69.00	\$58.90
	88/100 Burghound: "Once again there is relatively strong reduction present on the mildly woody nose. There is a lovely sense of underlying tension to the detailed and muscular middle weight flavors that also exude a fine bead of minerality onto the rustic and austere but not hard finish that suggests this should reach its apogee in 7 to 8 years."			
42830	DOMAINE DE BELLENE NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES VIEILLES VIGNES	2015	\$89.99	\$76.90
	16/20 Jancis Robinson: "Bright deep crimson. Meaty nose and lots of bright fruit. Very fresh, frank fruit. Dry end but not drying. Masses of punch and life. And a bit of carbon dioxide!"			
42814	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAINT-ROMAIN VIEILLES VIGNES BLANC	2016	\$48.99	\$46.99
	"Bottled this year under just 'Bellene', rather than 'Domaine de Bellene' or the Negociant - 'Maison Roche de Bellene'. due to smaller quantities of wines from the 2016 vintage. Only 6000 bottles made from a 0.9ha plot with the early frosts reducing yields by up to 50%. The label is in Hommage to Nicolas Potel's mother Françoise who passed this year. The 2016 Saint Romain Vieilles Vignes has honeyed tincture on the nose, nicely defined, quite rich for a Saint Romain. The palate is balanced with tropical tones on the entry, a dab of spice with orange pith toward the lively finish. ." Neal Martin			
48416	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAINT-ROMAIN VIEILLES VIGNES BLANC	2017	\$59.99	\$56.99
	Nicolas is probably more well known for his reds, but we think the whites are exceptional quality and value. Made from very old chardonnay vines this is on the nose, nicely defined, and quite rich for a Saint Romain. The palate is tropical on the entry with a dab of spice and orange pith toward the lively finish.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42821	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SANTENAY LES CHARMES DESSUS	2009	\$49.00	\$46.55
42394	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SANTENAY LES CHARMES DESSUS	2017	\$60.99	\$57.94
	Very ripe fruit, almost apricot. Ripe and full yet crisp. Deep and chewy, more character than elegance but full of flavour. Really moreish. (JH) 16.5/20			
48420	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1 ER CRU HOMMAGE	2017	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Nicolas calls this his homage to the great Barolo producer, Bartolo Mascarello. Why? He used to swap wine with him when he was alive and Bartolo often wondered aloud to Potel why he didn't just blend some of the vineyards together. To put it in context, Mascarello was/is one of the great traditionalist producers of Barolo and railed against the growing trend for single-vineyard bottling within his own region. So like he did with his Beaune 1er Cru Cuvee du Cinquantenaire, this is a blend of 1er Cru vineyards.			
42391	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1ER CRU	2016	\$85.99	\$81.69
	Note. Bottled this year under Bellene, rather than Domaine de Bellene or the Negociant - Maison Roche de Bellene. Due to smaller quantities of wines from the 2016 vintage. 89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru is a blend of Haut Jarrons and Les Peuillets, both parcels decimated by the frost. It has a blackberry and raspberry-coulis scented nose armed with subtle floral scents. The palate is well balanced with strict, slightly chalky tannin and good structure; it just needs more fleshiness to develop on the finish. They are so pleased with the blend that this has been repeated in 2017. And why not?" Neal Martin			
42818	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES HAUTS JARRONS	2010	\$69.00	\$65.55
	88-91 Burghound. From 50-year-old vines just above Dominode. Here the nose is a bit more refined with lovely complexity to the scents of violets, earth, plum and cassis. There is good richness with the same light mineral streak that runs the length of the wine to the velvety, mouth coating and delicious finish. The flavor profile doesn't quite match the depth of the nose but overall, this is really quite pretty.			
42806	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES HAUTS JARRONS	2014	\$69.00	\$58.90
	89/100 Burghound: "Here there is no reductive funk as the exceptionally pretty nose offers up notes of dark cherry, plum, spice, rose petal and a deft application of wood. There is fine richness to the appealingly concentrated medium weight flavors that also display a touch of youthful austerity on the lingering finish where a hint of bitter cherry appears. This should repay 6 to 8 years of cellaring."			
42805	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES PEUILLETS	2014	\$69.00	\$58.90
	A nose of dried flowers, red currant, blueberry, plum and Savigny earth. Refined, rich and velvety mouth feel with delicious middle weight flavours that display just enough minerality to add lift to the textured and mildly austere finish.			
42843	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE 1ER CRU LES PEUILLETS	2015	\$79.99	\$67.90
	88/100 Decanter: "The Peuillets reveals a bouquet of juicy strawberry and wild berries, mingling with notes of liquorice and rich soil. On the palate the wine is ample, with more fruit enrobing its firm chassis of tannin. Drinking Window 2023 - 2040"			
42820	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE VIEILLE VIGNES	2016	\$54.99	\$52.24
	88/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Savigny les Beaune Blanc has a resinous, white flower-tinged bouquet that demanded some encouragement from the glass. It just needs a little more "attack." The palate is well balanced with tropical notes of pineapple and guava on the entry, countered by a fine thread of acidity and a speck of spice on the bright finish. Drink this over the next 3 or 4 years." Neal Martin			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48418	DOMAINE DE BELLENE SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE VIEILLE VIGNES	2017	\$59.99	\$56.99
	Nicolas Potel has done an impressive job with his Domaine reds and whites in 2017, balancing the bouncy fruit sweetness of the vintage with freshness and acidity. This alluringly perfumed Pinot is light, sappy and racy, with redcurrant and raspberry fruit and just a hint of oak. 91/100 Decanter			
42834	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOLNAY LES GRANDS POISOTS	2010	\$69.00	\$65.55
	89/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Good full red. Pure aromas of cherry, spices and licorice. Supple, sweet and gentle, with a touch of reduction. A juicy, slightly lean wine with sweet tannins and good length."			
42807	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOLNAY LES GRANDS POISOTS	2014	\$69.00	\$65.55
	Seductive nose of wild strawberry and spice with minty notes. The palate is plump and precise with a juicy structure and very delicate.			
42844	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOLNAY LES GRANDS POISOTS	2015	\$89.99	\$76.90
	16.5/20 Jancis Robinson: Healthy crimson. Rich and charming. Just a little tough on the end. Light bodied but very charming.			
48407	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOLNAY LES GRANDS POISOTS	2016	\$85.99	\$81.69
	Note. Bottled this year under Bellene, rather than Domaine de Bellene or the Negociant - Maison Roche de Bellene. Due to smaller quantities of wines from the 2016 vintage.			
48415	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOLNAY LES GRANDS POISOTS	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
42909	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOSNE ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES SUCHOTS	2015	\$225.00	\$213.75
	17/20 Jancis Robinson: "Juicy and racy with lovely line and attack. Real line. Lots of juice."			
48413	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOSNE ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES SUCHOTS	2016	\$228.00	\$216.60
	17/20 Jancis Robinson - "100% whole bunch. Racked to tank in November and now on fine lees in tank. 25% new oak. Incredibly deeply coloured for a Pinot. Power here and finesse. Such fine tannins again and freshness with the dark elegance of perfectly ripe fruit. Long, dry, serious finish, power and freshness are the keys here but power without excess weight." (JH)			
48411	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOSNE ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES SUCHOTS	2017	\$265.00	\$251.75
	Planted 1937. 100% whole bunch. In tank. Lifted peppery sour-cherry fragrance. Crushed rocks too. The tannins are fine and very slightly chewy and really moreish. Needs time for the roundness to come to this whole-bunch-shaped wine. Tender and elegant on the finish. Jancis Robinson			
48422	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOSNE ROMANEE QUARTIERS NUITS	2017	\$115.00	\$109.25
	16.5 Jancis Robinson "More refined than the Maison Roche de Bellene Vosne-Romanée Vieilles Vignes. Delicately scented with dark-red fruit. Just a touch stemmy on the nose for now. Dry tannins that leave your mouth clean and nicely dry."			
42907	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOSNE-ROMANEE LES QUARTIERS DE NUITS	2015	\$115.00	\$109.25
	16.5/20 Jancis Robinson: These vines were planted in 1927. Aged in 600-litre cask (too big for the 2016 harvest!). Lovely energy on the nose. Full and round and frank fruit. Lots of tannins on the end. Smooth and suave.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48414	DOMAINE DE BELLENE VOSNE-ROMANEE VIEILLES VIGNES	2016	\$126.00	\$119.70

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Domaine de Bellene





Domaine Jessiaume

Impossible to miss, the small jewel of Domaine Jessiaume sits welcomingly at the entrance to the tiny spa town of Santenay. Built in 1850, it comprises around 15 hectares, with a large plot in Santenay, important holdings in the Premier Crus Auxey Duresses, Les Ecusseaux and Volnay Les Brouillards vineyards, and a terrific section of the Cent Vignes vineyard, just behind the city of Beaune. The Jessiaumes are, in fact, the biggest landowners in Santenay. Domaine Jessiaume established their négociant business, Maison Jessiaume, in 2008, and have forged a formidable reputation as a small négociant éleveur of unparalleled quality.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42714	DOMAINE JESSIAUME AUXEY DURESSSES 1ER CRU ECUSSEAU	2008	\$59.00	\$50.90
	Apperance: Deep ruby colour Bouquet: rich aromas of small fruits (blackcurrant, blueberry, blackberry, peony) Palate: Confer a delicacy and smooth complexity reminiscent of Volnay			
42778	DOMAINE JESSIAUME CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY 1ER CRU	2010	\$115.00	\$97.90
	Wine Spectator gave it 92/100 points. Characters of cheery, raspberry, mineral and spice. Vibrant body with a balanced and good length.			
42708	DOMAINE JESSIAUME MOREY ST DENIS LES HERBUOTTES	2008	\$69.00	\$58.90
	Domaine Jessiaume established their négociant business, Maison Jessiaume, in 2008, and have forged a formidable reputation as a small négociant éleveur of unparalleled quality.			
42746	DOMAINE JESSIAUME MOREY ST DENIS LES HERBUOTTES	2009	\$69.00	\$58.90
	A light ruby red in the glass. Red and black fruits on the nose with liquorice notes. A sweet and spicy wine with generous character and silky tannins. Will go down well with meats and cheeses.			
42777	DOMAINE JESSIAUME MOREY ST DENIS LES HERBUOTTES	2010	\$69.00	\$58.90
	Jancis Robinson MW described this as "Fresh and savoury with real energy" and also "racy and fluid with great crunchy fruit." Drink now till 2020.			
42706	DOMAINE JESSIAUME VOLNAY	2007	\$79.00	\$67.90
	Pale pomegranate colour. Bouquet offers notes of gooseberry, cherry, and violet. Its delicacy is pure Côte de Beaune. White meats, poultry and refined cheeses bring out its feminine character.			
42709	DOMAINE JESSIAUME VOLNAY	2008	\$69.00	\$58.90
	Domaine Jessiaume established their negociant business Maison Jessiaume in 2008 and a formidable reputation as a small negociant éleveur of unparalleled quality has been formed to complement the existing Domaine holdings.			
42745	DOMAINE JESSIAUME VOLNAY	2009	\$69.00	\$58.90
	This is an intense but well-balanced wine. Black cherries and sweet spices fill the palate, followed by a medium-long finish with accents of vanilla.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42776	DOMAINE JESSIAUME VOLNAY	2010	\$69.00	\$58.90
	16.5/20 Jancis Robinson: "Very dark purple - bluer than most 2010s. Extremely fruity and luscious. Good purity. Freshness on the palate. More dramatic and concentrated than most Volnays. A distinctive style that's easy to like."			
42703	DOMAINE JESSIAUME VOLNAY 1ER CRU BROUILLARDS	2009	\$69.00	\$58.90
	87/100 Burghound: "A ripe, pretty, earthy and expressive red berry fruit suffused nose introduces detailed, supple and lacy flavors that like the Cent Vignes, are just shy of being medium weight and culminate in a delicious and lightly structured finish that is mildly dry though lingering."			

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Domaine Lamarche

The family history in the village of Vosne-Romanée dates back to around 1740, and from the end of the 19th Century the estate has grown considerably. Henri Lamarche, a cooper, married Marie Grivelet from Chambolle-Musigny and founded the estate. From early in the 1700's wines were produced by various members of the family off the prestigious terroirs of Vosne-Romanée and Vougeot, including from La Grande Rue, one of the rare Grand Crus of Vosne-Romanée. This vineyard has an incredible terroir, sitting in between La Tâche and Romanée-Conti itself. Today the estate is run by the sixth generation, Nicole and Nathalie, who have begun to transform the quality back to where it should be.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42985	DOMAINE LAMARCHE BOURGOGNE	2017	\$39.99	\$37.99
	Off four vineyards outside the village of Vosne-Romanée, and a good introduction to the current Lamarche style of gentleness and elegance.			
42997	DOMAINE LAMARCHE CLOS DE VOUGEOT	2013	\$165.00	\$156.75
	91-94/100 Burghound: "There is enough reduction present to push the underlying fruit to the background. By contrast there is lovely freshness to the delicious if quite virile medium weight plus flavors that possess both good power and punch, all wrapped in a moderately austere and impressively persistent finish. This should be at its best 12 to 15 years hence." - Allen Meadows			
42971	DOMAINE LAMARCHE CLOS DE VOUGEOT	2015	\$265.00	\$251.75
	92-94/100 Burghound: "A more deeply pitched and much earthier and gamier array mixes notes of various red berries, floral and enough wood influence to mention. Like the Les Cras the broad-shouldered flavors possess a sleekly muscular mouth feel while delivering excellent length on the firm, serious and youthfully austere finale. I would suggest allowing this at least 7 to 8 years of cellaring first." - Allen Meadows			
42987	DOMAINE LAMARCHE CLOS DE VOUGEOT	2017	\$265.00	\$251.75
	A background whiff of wood sets off the very fresh aromas of red and dark berry, earth and a hint of leather. The rich, full-bodied and very serious flavours possess solid size and weight along with excellent drive on the powerful and youthfully austere if decidedly linear finish. Like the Les Cras, this is going to require at least some aging to fill out and until that occurs this is going to be more potential than pleasure. With that said, my range implicitly assumes that it will flesh out in time. 91-94/100			
42982	DOMAINE LAMARCHE DE ECHEZEUX	2017	\$265.00	\$251.75
	An exuberantly spicy nose reflects aromas of exotic tea, sandalwood, red and dark currant plus a pretty array of floral elements. The supple and round flavours possess both good volume and richness though not nearly the same minerality on the succulent yet still entirely serious finish that coats the palate with sappy dry extract. This is a quality Echezeaux though at least some patience is required.			
42984	DOMAINE LAMARCHE HAUTS COTE-DE-NUITS	2017	\$49.99	\$47.49
	This is aromatically even fresher with its relatively high-toned nose of cranberry, pomegranate and soft earth and spice wisps. There is both good intensity and minerality suffusing the slightly denser flavours that firm up noticeably on the mildly rustic, focused and more complex finale. This is quite good for the genre and worth considering though note that it will need at least a year or two of cellaring to unwind. 87/100			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45437	DOMAINE LAMARCHE LA GRANDE RUE GRAND CRU	2016	\$888.00	\$843.60
	<p>95/100 Tim Atkin MW: Showing a little bit of reduction - as it often does at this early stage - this comes from a 1.65-hectare parcel that's one of only five monopoly Grands Crus in the Côte d'Or. Showing notes of mint, cranberry and angostura bitters, it's textured, subtle and well balanced with fruit sweetness dominating the finish. 2022-32"</p> <p>94-97/100 Jasper Morris MW: "...Fine density to this, as discreet as you want up front, but nonetheless more detail than the earlier wines, very silky texture across the middle, not an extra burst of intensity but still a thread of velvet which endures for much longer..."</p>			
42899	DOMAINE LAMARCHE LA GRANDE RUE GRAND CRU	2017	\$999.00	\$949.05
	<p>This is also quite floral with its array of violet, lavender and rose petal wisps that add considerable elegance to the very pretty mix of black pinot fruit, sandalwood and lovely spice elements. The mouthfeel of the medium weight plus flavours is finer than those of the GE if not quite as powerful or muscular, all wrapped in a wonderfully long if slightly warm and austere finale. This is a big but balanced example of LGR and should age effortlessly. 92-94/100</p>			
45438	DOMAINE LAMARCHE VOSNE-ROMANEE LES CHAUMES	2016	\$140.00	\$133.00
	<p>91/100 Jasper Morris MW:"The colour is the same as the village wine, the flavour profile is the same, but the density on the palate is a notch more significant and there is fresher acidity. Good persistence. Quite an elegant version of Chaumes"</p>			
42896	DOMAINE LAMARCHE VOSNE-ROMANEE LES CHAUMES	2017	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>This is aromatically like the Vosne villages but with the addition of more oak and menthol influence. The sleek and nicely detailed flavours possess a bit more volume and density before concluding in a more structured and youthfully austere finale. In contrast to the prior wines, this is going to need a bit of patience and reward up to a decade's worth. 89-92/100</p>			

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Domaine Romanin

Domaine Romanin is located in Burgundy in the village of Fuissé, right at the heart of the famous vineyards of Pouilly-Fuissé, where the domaine's Vervier Family are now into their fifth generation of winegrowing. Unsurprisingly, tradition plays a key part in Denis Vervier's vinous strategies as he goes about crafting his exemplary and authentic expressions, with sustainable viticulture, manual harvesting, time-tested cellar techniques and scrupulous attention to detail all key components. The vines are between 30 and 70 years old and enjoy a south/south-eastern exposure that is highly conducive to ripening, with the clay and limestone soils typical of the region bestowing their own unique characteristics on the Chardonnay fruit via fruity and floral nuances. There is, particularly with the blended Pouilly-Fuissés, a skill in the assemblage that sets this area of Burgundy apart.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43745	DOMAINE ROMANIN MACON-VILLAGES	2017	\$19.99	\$16.99
	A Burgundian Chardonnay from the Vervier family, now into their fifth generation of vinous endeavours. The fruit is sourced from the Mâconnais region. Not quite as lean as a Chablis, it is nonetheless most at home in that group, sitting at the broader end with a touch more oak.			
43734	DOMAINE ROMANIN MACON-VILLAGES	2018	\$24.99	\$22.99
	A Burgundian Chardonnay from the Vervier family, now into their fifth generation of vinous endeavours. The fruit is sourced from the Mâconnais region. Not quite as lean as a Chablis, it is nonetheless most at home in that group, sitting at the broader end with a touch more oak.			
43732	DOMAINE ROMANIN POUILLY FUISSE TERROIR DE FUISSE	2017	\$34.99	\$29.31
	Romanin's Vervier Family are into their fifth generation of wine production. From the limestone soils of Mâcon and arguably its finest vineyards, those of Pouilly-Fuissé. A smart blend of power and sensitivity, poised minerality and hedonistic honeysuckle, fruit and cream.			
43730	DOMAINE ROMANIN POUILLY FUISSE TERROIR DE FUISSE	2018	\$34.99	\$32.99
	Domaine Romanin is located in the village of Fuissé, at the heart of the famous vineyards of Pouilly-Fuissé, where the Vervier Family are into their fifth generation of winegrowing. Sustainable viticulture, manual harvesting, time-tested cellar techniques and scrupulous attention to detail are all key components. This, then, is from the limestone soils of Mâcon and arguably its finest vineyards, those of Pouilly-Fuissé. A smart blend of power and sensitivity, poised minerality and hedonistic honeysuckle, fruit and cream.			

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Domaine Faiveley

Domaine Faiveley is located in France, at the heart of viticultural Burgundy, between Dijon and Beaune in Nuits-Saint-Georges. Historically based in the Côte de Nuits capital, the Faiveley family have progressively extended their domaine, and today own vineyards in the finest climats in Burgundy - Gevrey-Chambertin, Pommard, Volnay, Puligny-Montrachet and Mercurey to name just some. The vineyards are very fragmented, with the average surface area per appellation around one hectare. The number of bottles produced for each wine is therefore very limited.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44575	FAIVELEY NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES LES ST GEORGES	2015	\$260.00	\$247.00
	91-93/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Medium red. The aromas of red cherry and raspberry are lifted by mineral and floral perfume. Suave, dry and complex, with sappy flavors of saline red berries, minerals, flowers and truffle. Very young and unevolved but already quite smooth in texture. The slowly mounting finish throws off lovely subtle perfume and conveys an impression of energy." Sustainable (ISO 9001 - Bureau Veritas Certification), natural vinification, gluten free.			
44566	FAIVELEY PULIGNY MONTRACHET LES FOLATIERES	2016	\$170.00	\$161.50

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Domaine Anne Gros

The Gros family have been making excellent wine in the famous Burgundian commune of Vosne-Romanée since 1830, when Alphonse Gros married Madame Latour and acquired his first parcels of vines there. There were various divisions of the land until the latest generation took over in the mid nineties. Today Anne and her cousins Michel (Michel Gros) and Bernard (Gros Frere et Souer) are neighbours in the village of Vosne-Romanée, but their wine styles are very different. Until 1994, Anne labelled her wines under Domaine Anne and Françoise Gros (her father's name). Her vineyard holdings are very small, but they include the jewel in her collection: 0.6 hectares of Richebourg, first planted in around 1930. She has quickly gained a reputation as one of the finest and most sought after producers in Burgundy.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41052	DOMAINE ANNE GROS BOURGOGNE BLANC	2017	\$49.99	\$47.49
	From 21yr old vines in the locality of Pasquiers. Great ripeness with honeyed aromas of apple and pear. A great line of acidity keeps it from being heavy. Aged 12 months in 500 litre barrels (30% new oak).			
43123	DOMAINE ANNE GROS CHAMBOLLE-MUSIGNY LA COMBE D'ORVEAU	2017	\$149.99	\$142.49
	The 2017 Chambolle-Musigny la Combe d'Orveaux offers fragrant raspberry, wild strawberry and sous-bois aromas, quite reserved in style but gradually opening. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh, marine-influenced entry. Quite minerally in style, leading to a transparent, quite tensile finish. Fine. 88-90 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
43136	DOMAINE ANNE GROS CLOS-VOUGEOT LE GRAND MAUPERTUI GRAND CRU	2017	\$295.00	\$280.25
	The 2017 Clos de Vougeot le Grand Maupertui Grand Cru may well be the domaine's best wine this vintage. It is endowed with more fruit intensity and presence on the nose, offering vigorous raspberry and crushed strawberry scents, superb mineralité and hints of orange blossom developing in the glass. The well-balanced palate is medium-bodied with fine grip and impressive substance and tension toward the finish. An excellent Clos de Vougeot from Anne and Julie Gros. 93-95 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
41048	DOMAINE ANNE GROS ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU LES LOACHANSSSES	2017	\$295.00	\$280.25
	The 2017 Echézeaux Grand Cru has a bright bouquet of red cherry and crushed strawberry with hints of peony filtering through with time - not powerful, but precise. The medium-bodied palate shows slightly grainy tannin and moderate weight. Very elegant and approachable in style, with a touch of white pepper furnishing the finish. One of the earlier-drinking Echézeaux, but delightful. 91-93 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
43127	DOMAINE ANNE GROS LA FRIVOLE MUSCAT DE ST JEAN DE MINERVOIS	2018	\$34.99	\$33.24
	'The frivolous'. A special sweet wine from Anne Gros. Muscat de Saint-Jean-de-Minervois is an appellation for fortified vin doux naturel from the Languedoc wine region of southern France. Deep effusive bouquet of sweet nail varnish, enamel and fresh green apples, very well-controlled in its sweetness. Sufficiently open and rounded with an enticing tone of lychees, almost luscious though not cloying, tapering to a gentle linear finish. Lots of fun in a drop.			
41046	DOMAINE ANNE GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE LES BARREAUX	2017	\$199.00	\$189.05
	An equally fresh and slightly spicier combination consists of plum, rose petal and Asian-style tea. There is better volume to the nicely rich and caressing flavours that terminate in a moderately austere and surprisingly rustic finish. 87-89 BH			

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Domaine Gros Frère et Soeur

Bernard Gros, whose vineyards and cellar back onto Domaine de la Romanee-Conti, produces his wines in a similar style to Michel, but very different terroir in his vineyards results in wines with more power than his brother. His quality begins with the fact he owns top quality parcels in each appellation. His Clos Vougeot-Musigny for example, is at the premier top of the cru just beneath the slope of Musigny, hence the name. One of the more conscientious producers, Bernard strictly limits his yields for the depth and concentration of fruit he seeks, and the wines are only lightly fined, never filtered. Gros Frère wines are deep and dark and whilst known for their expressive aromatics, their bigger structure and back bone means they definitely demand time in the bottle.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41039	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR BOURGOGNE ROUGE	2016	\$43.99	\$41.79
	<p>86-89/100 Burghound: "A fresh and bright nose reflects notes of various red berries and plenty of earth character. The delicious, round and fleshy flavors possess an attractive sense of energy on the saline-inflected finish. Lovely" Allen Meadows</p> <p>84/100 Jasper Morris MW: "Mostly from across the road in Vougeot and below Vosne-Romanée. Medium deep red purple, some jumbled raspberry fruit, quite good volume on the palate, but rather fades away behind."</p>			
43140	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR BOURGOGNE ROUGE	2017	\$49.99	\$47.49
	<p>This too is effervescently fresh and bright with its array of cherry, red currant and discreet floral wisps. The supple, vibrant and appealing stony and well detailed lighter weight flavors also possess an appealing salinity on the ever-so-mildly drying finish though my sense is that this will better harmonize in time. 86-88 BH</p>			
43152	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR CLOS VOUGEOT MUSIGNY	2017	\$285.00	\$270.75
	<p>A background application of wood frames the red currant, cherry, earth and soft earth-suffused aromas. There is more size, weight and volume to the nicely concentrated and vibrant middle weight plus flavours that also reflect a hint of acid tang that neither dries nor shortens the finish. 90-92 BH</p>			
43146	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR ECHEZEAX	2017	\$285.00	\$270.75
	<p>A slightly more elegant but not noticeably more complex nose offers up spiced plum and dark currant scents along with attractive floral hints and in particular lavender and violet. The medium weight flavours possess a velvety and caressing mouthfeel before concluding in a sappy and dusty if mildly tangy finish. This is serious and more obviously structured and a wine that will need at least a few years of cellaring first and should ultimately reward 12 to 15. 89-92 BH</p>			
41027	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR GRANDS ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU	2011	\$320.00	\$304.00
	<p>Aromas of dark berries, cheeris and liquoice. Rich and soft fruits on the palate. Great complexity, but still well-focused thanks to the hint of oak.</p>			
43155	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR GRANDS ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU	2013	\$350.00	\$332.50
	<p>92/100 Wine Spectator: "Medium red. Sweet aromas of red fruits and spices. Opulent and deceptively open, with a thickness to its cherry, mineral and underbrush flavors. The suavest and longest of this range, finishing with strong fruit tones and lingering minerality."</p>			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41022	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR GRANDS ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU	2014	\$350.00	\$332.50
	91-93/100 Burghound: "Very generous wood again fights somewhat with the pungently spicy aromas of pomegranate, plum, violet and toast notes. The bigger-bodied flavors manage to be at once sleek and suave with good muscle adding punch to the more obviously structured finale. This should reward mid-term cellaring but also be approachable after only 5-ish or so years of cellaring." - Allen Meadows			
41028	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR GRANDS ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU	2015	\$445.00	\$422.75
	91-94/100 Burghound: "A very ripe yet still fresh nose combines notes of various red berries, Asian-style tea, lavender, violet and plenty of spice elements that are trimmed in medium wood. The gorgeously textured and admirably refined broad-shouldered flavors possess both excellent volume and solid mid-palate density while offering fine depth and length on the dusty, serious and firm finish." - Allen Meadows			
41036	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR GRANDS-ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU	2016	\$466.00	\$442.70
	92-94/100 Burghound: "An ultra-fresh, cool and beautifully layered nose displays aromas of various red berries, floral, spice, earth and a hint of Asian-style tea. The delicious, muscular and intense broad-shouldered flavors possess fine concentration and outstanding persistence if not great complexity. While this markedly firm effort needs to add depth, the underlying material appears to be present such that this will eventually develop." - Allen Meadows 91-94/100 Jasper Morris MW: "Rich dense purple, there is a concentrated wealth of jumbled up dark raspberry fruit. This clearly does have impressive weight, tension too, and proper concentration at the back. Good fruit acid balance, while the tannins are submerged in the fruit."			
41021	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR GRANDS-ECHEZEAX GRAND CRU	2017	\$545.00	\$517.75
	A spicier mix features notes of various red fruit aromas cut with floral, sandalwood and Asian-style tea hints. While there is excellent intensity to the medium weight flavors the finish is at once rustic and tangy, which is to say decidedly awkward. This may recover but it's not well-balanced today. 89-92 BH			
41026	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR RICHEBOURG GRAND CRU	2015	\$699.00	\$664.05
	Loaded with senses of strawberry, fresh roses and sweet spices. Incredible sweetness and soft leather. Bright. Tight. Acidic. Mineralogy off the charts. Finish is astoundingly natural yet soaked in complexity.			
41016	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR RICHEBOURG GRAND CRU	2016	\$699.00	\$664.05
	92-95/100 Burghound: " A spicy and distinctly floral nose possesses a mix of ripe red and somber dark berry fruit aromas. The robust, intense and impressively rich flavors display excellent size and weight as well as a seductively textured mouthfeel....." Allen Meadows 92-96/100 Jasper Morris MW: "The bouquet is really weighty but once again with the Gros Frère & Soeur wines, I just want more purity. This does arrive in the mouth though, to be fair, with the expected and necessary density of fruit, supported by both tannins and acidity. This is strong, powerful, tense stuff, with quite a lot of new oak. Pure, clean finish on darkly ripe fruit. I find it hard to be sure where this will go, but there is promise of something exciting."			
43154	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR RICHEBOURG GRAND CRU	2017	\$795.00	\$755.25
	This is the first wine to display any appreciable wood influence and in this case it's not subtle though it stops short of dominating the markedly spicy red cherry and floral-suffused nose. Once again there is very good intensity to the bigger, richer and more evidently mineral-driven broad-shouldered flavours that possess good muscle, power and finishing drive on the youthfully austere finish. A competent if not truly distinguished example. 91-93 BH			
43149	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE ROMANEE 1ER CRU	2013	\$130.00	\$123.50
	87-89/100 Robert Parker: "From the declassified vines in Echézeaux, the 2013 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru has a lifted mocha-tinged bouquet with red and black fruit that has a slight "Stellenbosch" personality. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy, mocha-tinged black fruit with a dense finish redeemed by a decent thread of acidity. Modern in style, this comes across as a little forced at present." - Neal Martin			

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43145	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE	2012	\$130.00	\$123.50
	88-90/100 Robert Parker: "The 2012 Vosne-Romanee 1er Cru comes from declassified Echezeaux vines within the lieu-dit "Les Loachaussees" and it copes with the wood better than the village cru, offering brambly red fruit, pomegranate and tobacco scents. The palate is medium-bodied with supple dark berry fruit on the entry laced with bay leaf and tea leaf, the oak carrying the wine to a nicely composed, modern style finish." - Neal Martin			
43141	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE	2013	\$99.00	\$94.05
	A generous dollop of oak toast frames the spicy and ripe dark berry fruit suffused aromas. There is excellent richness and volume to the medium-bodied flavors that are underpinned by ripe and relatively fine-grained tannins on the delicious if mildly woody finish where a hint of bitter cherry appears. Drink 2019+			
41009	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE	2014	\$99.00	\$94.05
	87-89/100 Burghound: "A spicy, ripe and agreeably fresh array is composed by notes of both red and black pinot fruit, violets and soft wood nuances. Once again there is good volume to the velvety and suave medium weight flavors that deliver good length and reasonably good depth on the balanced finale." - Allen Meadows			
41000	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE	2015	\$165.00	\$156.75
	89-91/100 Burghound: "Generous if not dominant wood sets off very ripe aromas of cassis, violet, anise and lilac. There is exceptional richness to the very round, suave and opulent flavors that are not especially precise on the succulent and reasonably persistent finish. This also lacks a bit of energy but it should please those who enjoy lavish wines." - Allen Meadows			
43158	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE	2016	\$115.00	\$109.25
	87-90/100 Burghound: "A much spicier nose blends notes of super-fresh and ripe red and dark berry fruit with those of tea and anise. The succulent, round and delicious medium-bodied flavors possess a seductive mouthfeel, all wrapped in a lingering if not particularly complex finale. I like the delivery but this will need to add depth to merit the upper end of my projected range." Allen Meadows 87/100 Jasper Morris MW: "From three vineyards, Au dessus de la Rivière, Aux Réas and Aux Communes. Dense purple, this same rather confected nose, rich fruit, a bit of oak, sumptuous on the palate but with an element of purity missing. Fair length of flavour but slightly jammy fruit."			
41012	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE	2017	\$135.00	\$128.25
	An agreeably spicy nose flashes notes of essence of red currant that is also laced with pretty floral nuances. The mid-palate of the medium weight flavours is both succulent and seductive, all wrapped in lingering if mildly drying finish where my predicted range again offers the benefit of the doubt. 86-89 BH			
41031	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU	2014	\$120.00	\$114.00
	89-91/100 Burghound: "This is aromatically quite similar to the straight Vosne save for the fact that there are even more spice elements in evidence. Yet again there is fine mid-palate volume and density to the sappy middle weight flavors that possess a lush palate feel as well as better overall depth and length on the harmonious finish. This forward effort should drink well young if desired." - Allen Meadows			
41011	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU	2016	\$152.00	\$144.40
	Note. this is declassified Echezeaux from vines located in Loachaussees 89-92/100 Bughound: "There is a similar aromatic profile to the straight Vosne save for the nose is slightly spicier. There is both good punch and a sleek muscularity to the delicious and solidly concentrated medium weight flavors that are supported by a firm core of tannins on the lingering finish.. .." Allen Meadows 90/100 Jasper Morris MW: "This is made from declassified Echezeaux, as has been their habit using the younger vines from their Loachaussees vineyard. But in 2016 the older vines (1966, 1976) have been declassified and the younger ones kept for the grand cru! Good depth of colour. This has a plump but rather fragile nose. Significant intensity of fruit here....."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41008	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU	2017	\$175.00	\$166.25
	Highly sought after by those who know this is declassified Grand Cru Echezeaux from the younger vines. The spice elements are more varied though the fruit profile is similar. The sleek, intense and more precise medium weight flavours possess a nicely refined mouthfeel while delivering sneaky good length on the moderately firm finish. This needs to develop better depth but it may well do that if allowed to age for at least few years first. 89-91 BH			
41018	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES CHAUMES	2014	\$169.00	\$160.55
	89/100 Burghound: "The red berry, violet and plum scents are trimmed in enough wood to notice and are riper still. There is excellent richness to the relatively full-bodied and quite suave flavors that coat the palate with dry extract where the finish is ripe enough to suggest notes of chocolate and fig while managing to retain a good sense of vibrancy. This is a bit riper than I personally prefer but it certainly is opulent and seductive if not especially complex." - Allen Meadows			
41013	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES CHAUMES	2015	\$245.00	\$232.75
	89-92/100 Burghound: "An overtly spicy and moderately high-toned array is composed of red cherry, pomegranate, raspberry and oak. The mouth feel of the middle weight flavors is less opulent if slightly finer before delivering fine length on the seductively textured finale. This should reward a few years of aging yet drink well young." - Allen Meadows			
41032	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES CHAUMES	2016	\$215.00	\$204.25
	89-91/100 Burghound: "An exuberantly floral nose offers up notes of red currant, raspberry and once again plenty of spice influence. The finer and rounder middle weight flavors are succulent but lack the same intensity on the attractively persistent complex that isn't quite as complex. This generous effort is supple and forward and should drink well young too." Allen Meadows			
41010	DOMAINE GROS FRERE ET SOEUR VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU LES CHAUMES	2017	\$245.00	\$232.75
	This too is notably spicy as the markedly floral nose reveals notes of lavender and violet along with mostly plum aromas that are trimmed in a hint of sandalwood. Like the straight Vosne, the mouthfeel of the medium-bodied flavours is again quite succulent and even more seductive before culminating in a mildly tangy but not drying finish. 87-90 BH			

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Domaine Michel Gros

The Gros family's winemaking dynasty began in 1830 when 26-year-old Alphonse Gros set up in the famous Burgundian commune of Vosne-Romanée. Six generations on, the properties have been divided up amongst family members, and there are now four separate Gros domaines. Today Michel Gros heads up his own, consisting of his Clos des Réas (Premier Cru) property, along with excellent parcels in Vosne-Romanée, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Morey-Saint-Denis, Chambolle-Musigny and the Bourgogne appellations. The vineyards are meticulously managed on a low-yield regime, with all fruit hand harvested and traditionally fermented using cultured yeasts, which Michel believes provide greater finesse. His attention to detail has been rewarded with numerous accolades, including Best Winemaker and Best Pinot Noir at London's famed International Wine Challenge, two years in a row.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48315	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS BOURGOGNE BLANC FONTAINE ST MARTIN	2016	\$46.99	\$44.64
	Notes of citrus, petrol and straw are trimmed in just enough wood to merit mentioning. The round, delicious and attractively vibrant flavors exude a fine bead of minerality on the clean and moderately dry finish. This is a relatively dense wine in the context of what is typical for the Hautes Côtes and should drink well shortly after release.			
42855	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS BOURGOGNE ROUGE	2016	\$37.99	\$36.09
	83-85/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Bourgogne Rouge comes from a single parcel between the RN74 autoroute and the railway. It offers light red cherries and raspberry on the nose. The palate is fresh on the entry with grainy tannin, nicely balanced with a patina of wood conspicuous on the finish that will be subsumed with 12 months in bottle" Neal Martin			
41064	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS BOURGOGNE ROUGE	2017	\$49.99	\$47.49
	A fresh and distinctly earthy nose is composed primarily by various dark berry scents. The supple, round and delicious flavours possess both good cut and energy before concluding in a persistent if mildly tangy finish that stops just short of dryness though this may well dissipate before the wine is bottled. 85-88 BH			
43160	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2013	\$89.00	\$84.55
	88-90/100 Robert Parker: "The 2013 Chambolle-Musigny Village, which had just finished its malolactic and due for racking, is matured in 50% new oak. The nose is controlled, sedate and focused – not complex but imbued with a sense of precision. The palate is medium-bodied with pointed, slightly sharp tannins that cut through the black cherry fruit. A little angular at present, it should meld together nicely by the time of bottling." - Neal Martin			
41109	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2015	\$115.00	\$109.25
	89-91/100 Burghound: "Ripe, elegant and attractively fresh aromas feature notes of plum, dark currant, anise and floral hints. There is a lovely minerality and energy to the utterly delicious middle weight flavors that possess the natural elegance of a fine Chambolle, all wrapped in a beautifully complex, balanced and persistent finish. This is an excellent Chambolle villages that is worth checking out." - Allen Meadows			
43165	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2016	\$105.00	\$99.75
	87-89/100 The Wine Advocate: "Michel Gros lost about half the production for the 2016 Chambolle Musigny Village due to frost. It has a tightly wound bouquet, a little muted at the moment with a distant marine/estuarine scent emerging reluctantly with time. The palate is medium-bodied and shows much better: the tannins quite fine, the oak nicely integrated (better than the Vosne-Romanée perhaps) with satisfying tension and salinité on the finish. Very fine."			

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42859	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY	2017	\$125.00	\$118.75
	Firm reduction. There is a lovely sense of mid-palate refinement to the energetic, delineated and mineral-inflected flavors that contrasts with the slightly dry and short finish. This is difficult to predict with confidence if it will harmonize before it's bottled. 86-89 BH			
41402	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU	2008	\$199.00	\$189.05
	89-92/100 Burghound: "A fresh but reserved and rather somber nose of clean red berry fruit and earth aromas is trimmed in a discreet application of oak that leads to crisp, detailed, tautly muscled and precise flavors that also possess a slight finishing edginess though excellent complexity. I very much like the underlying sense of relief and tension and I suspect that this will round out in time as there is a lot of gas at present." - Allen Meadows			
43199	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU	2014	\$229.00	\$217.55
	Lovely nose of raspberry, black fruit and gamey nuances with a velvety texture and savoury finish.			
41393	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CLOS VOUGEOT	2017	\$299.00	\$284.05
	Once again there is plenty of wood surrounding the distinctly earthy aromas of red and dark berries where a pretty top note of violet appears. The relatively supple and forward flavors aren't dilute but neither are they dense, all wrapped in a firm, austere and solidly complex and persistent finish. This is pretty and I like the depth but it would be fair to say that it is not at its usual level. 90-92			
41107	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS CLOS VOUGEOT GRAND CRU LES GRANDS	2016	\$243.00	\$230.85
	88-90/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Clos de Vougeot Grand Maupertuis Grand Cru was a driven by the toasty new oak on the nose that obstructed some of the fruit from showing through. The palate is rounded on the entry with crushed strawberry, cranberry and orange peel notes; however, the new oak dominates the finish. One hopes that it will become fully integrated with time in bottle. There are just three barrels this year." Neal Martin			
48313	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS FONTAINE SAINT MARTIN BLANC	2017	\$54.99	\$52.24
	A new single vineyard wine from a special Monopole vineyard of Michel Gros. The 2017 Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits Blanc Fontaine St Martin has a delightful bouquet of white peach and passion fruit, all nicely controlled. The palate is well balanced, with the gras-like texture found in Corton-Charlemagne, which is unsurprising given the similar soil profiles. It ends with orange pith and pineapple notes and just a light citric tang. Fine. 88-90 Neal Martin - VINOUS			
48317	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS FONTAINE SAINT MARTIN ROUGE	2017	\$54.99	\$52.24
	A new single vineyard wine from a special Monopole vineyard of Michel Gros. A fresh and distinctly earthy nose is composed primarily by various dark berry scents. The supple, round and delicious flavours possess both good cut and energy before concluding in a persistent if mildly tangy finish that stops just short of dryness though this may well dissipate before the wine is bottled. 85-88 BH			
43163	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS HAUTES COTE-DE-NUITS ROUGE	2011	\$49.00	\$46.55
	86/100 Wine Spectator: "Fresh and juicy, displaying cherry and strawberry notes, followed by a firm finish."			
48312	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS HAUTES COTES-DE-NUITS ROUGE FONTAINE ST.	2016	\$46.99	\$44.64
	86-88/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Hautes Cotes de Nuits Rouge Fontaine St. Martin has a tightly wound bouquet, dark berry fruit than the regular Hautes Cotes de Nuits with hints of Earl Grey developing with time in the glass. The palate is crisp and taut with crunchy red and black fruit, a little brittle in texture, moderate length with that faint tea-like scent lingering toward the finish. This is a decent follow-up to the 2015 Hautes Cotes de Nuits Rouge Fontaine St. Martin." Neal Martin			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43183	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS MOREY SAINT DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2010	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Rich, generous, suave.			
41124	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS MOREY SAINT DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2013	\$89.00	\$84.55
	88-90/100 Robert Parker: "Michel Gros does not always make a separate wine from this parcel and there are just three barrels of his 2013 Morey Saint Denis en la Rue Vergy (the vines located just on the other side of the road from Clos des Lambrays.) It has an attractive black plum and raspberry coulis scented bouquet; fine clarity, if not quite exuding the complexity of say, Bruno Clair for example. The palate is medium-bodied with a svelte texture, nicely judged acidity and a harmonious, tart cherry and soy-tinged finish. This is a decent Morey Saint Denis to enjoy over the next decade." - Neal Martin			
43181	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS MOREY SAINT DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2014	\$69.00	\$65.55
	87-90/100 Burghound: "The highly expressive nose consists of notes of wood toast and menthol along with cool red currant and violet scents. Here too there is an attractive mouth feel to the precise and even stonier middle weight flavors that possess a dusty, balanced and utterly delicious finish." - Allen Meadows			
41390	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS MOREY SAINT DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2015	\$99.00	\$94.05
	88-91/100 Burghound: "Like the Vosne villages this is also reduced but in this case the underlying fruit seems both ripe and fresh. Otherwise there is terrific underlying tension to the intensely mineral-driven middle weight flavors that possess a sleek yet lush mouth feel while delivering sneaky good length on the balanced finale." - Allen Meadows			
43830	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS MOREY SAINT DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2016	\$81.99	\$77.89
	88-90/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Morey St Denis en la Rue de Vergy has a lucid ruby color. The bouquet is well defined with pure dark cherries, cranberry and bay leaf scents, a subtle woodland note tucked just behind. The palate is medium-bodied with a confit-like entry, brisk and energetic with hints of blood orange and marmalade complementing the red fruit, leading to a crunchy finish that is a joy. This is on par with the 2015 and may even surpass it with bottle age." Neal Martin			
41074	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS MOREY ST DENIS EN LA RUE DE VERGY	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Firm reduction. The mouthfeel of the less concentrated flavors is more refined thanks to the relatively fine grained tannins shaping the even stonier, linear and youthfully austere finish. This isn't especially dense but it's certainly pretty and has the structure to reward 6 to 8 years of cellaring.87-90 BH			
41398	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS ST GEORGES 1ER CRU	2015	\$145.00	\$137.75
	91/100 Burghound: "This too is trimmed in just enough wood to notice though the aromatic profile is much more deeply pitched with its layered array of dark berries, plum, earth and forest floor scents. There is outstanding richness to the full-bodied, concentrated and muscular flavors that are shaped by moderately rustic tannins on the sappy and mouth coating finale. This will also need at least a few years of cellar time first." - Allen Meadows			
43190	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS ST GEORGES 1ER CRU	2017	\$155.00	\$147.25
	A pungent nose is composed of strong reduction and wood toast where the latter element can also be found on the solidly concentrated medium-bodied flavours that offer good depth and persistence on the mildly tangy but not drying finish. This appears to have the necessary density to eventually integrate the generous oak treatment, though today the wood is not subtle. 89-91 BH			
43172	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2006	\$125.00	\$118.75
	90/100 Burghound: "This is usually one of Gros' best wines (see the '05) but in '06 it has competition as the expressive and ripe but not really deep nose features a blend of wood spice and ripe red berry fruit nuanced with hints of cassis and earth that continue onto the rich, full and generous flavors that possess good power and a velvety mouth feel on the rather masculine and persistent finish." - Allen Meadows			

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43173	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2007	\$120.00	\$114.00
	92/100 Burghound: "From old vines in Murgers and Vignerondes that Gros says always give heavy millerandage. Relatively strong reduction renders the nose difficult to evaluate but there is good freshness in the mouth with flavors that are concentrated, rich and powerful plus possess an appealing mouth feel on the long, complex, serious and palate staining finish. This is lovely and very Nuits in character yet not rustic or unduly tannic.Sweet Spot Outstanding 2015+." - Allen Meadows			
41394	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2008	\$120.00	\$114.00
	Darker and higher aroma. Very pure, light energetic, dancing wine. The tannins are supple and the texture fine. This has a little more dark spice and bite in the middle palate. It is fresh and breezy.			
41121	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2009	\$135.00	\$128.25
	90-92/100 Burghound: "A background note of wood influence does not significantly interfere with the transparency of the pungent earth and dense, wild red and black fruit aromas that slide gracefully into the suave middle weight flavors that possess slightly rustic tannins on the powerful, tight and impressively long finish. This is completely different from the Brûlées but qualitatively almost identical." - Allen Meadows			
43184	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2010	\$135.00	\$128.25
	89-92/100 Burghound: "Here the wood influence is less prominent on the nose though hardly invisible with plenty of Nuits style earth and underbrush nuances adding breadth to the ripe and plummy aromas. The wood though reappears on the palate and while the flavours themselves possess a silky mouth feel, the wood tannins are sufficient to impart a mildly drying sensation to the finish. There is fine density and this will very likely eat its wood but unlike several other wines where it seems relatively clear that they will successfully integrate their wood treatments, I'm less certain in this case." - Allen Meadows			
41123	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2012	\$135.00	\$128.25
	90/100 Burghound: "Here the wood treatment is a bit more obvious with an appealingly fresh, cool and ripe nose of plum and black raspberry where there is a hint of the sauvage lurking in the background. There is excellent richness to the very round, suave and textured middle weight flavors that terminate in a solidly persistent finish that exhibits only a trace of Nuits style rusticity plus a hint of rusticity."			
41116	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2013	\$135.00	\$128.25
	89-91/100 Robert Parker: "Matured half in new oak and half one-year-old, the 2013 Nuits Saint Georges 1er Cru was quite bolshie and saturnine on the nose, like a dog warding strangers away at the garden gate. The palate is medium-bodied with a silky opening, very pure, with macerated small red cherries and bilberry, relatively light in the mouth compared to previous vintages, but pretty and focused. I just would like it to manifest a little more personality, something to say by the time of bottling." - Neal Martin			
43198	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2014	\$135.00	\$128.25
	90-92/100 Burghound: "A beautifully complex nose offers up notes of red and dark currant, game, earth, spice and subtle floral scents that are trimmed in more subtle oak nuances. There is excellent richness and mid-palate density to the full-bodied flavors that possess a firm and powerful but not especially rustic finale." - Allen Meadows			
43831	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES 1ER CRU	2016	\$137.00	\$130.15
	89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "A blend of Aux Murgers and Aux Vignerondes, the 2016 Nuits St Georges 1er Cru was showing quite a bit of reduction on the nose, making it difficult to read. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin on the entry matched by a fine thread of acidity. This is very structured, quite Morey-Saint-Denis in style with a broody, square-jawed grippy finish that just needs to lighten up a little. It will certainly require 3 or 4 years to fully absorb the new oak that is conspicuous at the moment (as it often is at this stage)." Neal Martin			

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43170	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2006	\$89.00	\$84.55
	88/100 Burghound: "For what is normally moderately more elegant, in 2006 the tables are reversed as this is much more animale and distinctly vegetal without being under ripe and this vegetal character can also be found on the rich, intense and distinctly rustic medium full flavors blessed with good extract if not much nuance on the equally dusty and youthfully austere finish." - Allen Meadows			
43171	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2007	\$89.00	\$84.55
	88/100 Burghound: "This too possesses a relatively refined, pure and elegant nose with mild earth influence on the red and blue pinot fruit that evidence sauvage tones that carry over to the rich, precise and punchy middle weight flavors that are quite rustic and agreeably stony if openly rustic on the linear and tension-filled finish. 2013+." - Allen Meadows			
43194	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2014	\$79.00	\$75.05
	88-91/100 Burghound: "Here too the pungent nose displays plenty of wood toast on the strongly reduced aromas. By contrast there is both good freshness and detail to the relatively sleek, even refined, medium-bodied and lightly mineral-suffused flavor that possess better overall depth and length on the nicely balanced finale." - Allen Meadows			
43186	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2015	\$99.00	\$94.05
	89-91/100 Burghound: "Here the wood treatment is a bit more evident yet it remains sufficiently subtle so as to allow the spicier aromas of dark currant, newly turned earth and game nuances to shine. The medium weight flavors are not quite as dense but they're more refined thanks to the finer-grain of the supporting tannins on the lightly mineral-inflected finale. Note that even though the tannins are finer they're also denser and this too will need a few years first." - Allen Meadows			
43162	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2016	\$81.99	\$77.89
	89-91/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Nuits Saint-Georges Les Chaliots has a well-defined bouquet with raspberry coulis and bergamot scents, just a hint of Earl Grey tea that emerges with time. The palate is crisp and fresh with fine-grain tannin. I appreciate the tension and energy conveyed by this Chaliots, demonstrating more precision and details than the village cru and with better persistence on the aftertaste. It will require 2 or 3 years to absorb the oak, but it should turn out well." Neal Martin			
43187	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUIT-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Once again the nose is firmly reduced and unreadable. As is usually the case, the mouthfeel of vibrant medium-bodied flavors is noticeably finer and with more evident minerality that really become apparent on the youthfully austere, complex and lingering finish that is also better balanced. 88-91 BH			
43168	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2006	\$79.00	\$75.05
	90/100 Wine Spectator: "Aromas of graphite, blackberry, mineral and oak spice introduce this complex, rich red. The blackberry note continues on the palate, and there's fruit to cover the dense tannins. Fine length. Best from 2010 through 2017."			
43169	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2007	\$79.00	\$75.05
	88/100 Burghound: "From three different parcels, all on the Vosne side. Brilliant ruby. An unusually elegant nose of red pinot fruit with undertones of earth and animale complements cool and delicious medium-bodied flavors that are classic Nuits in character and this finishes with firm and notably rustic tannins. 2013+." - Allen Meadows			
41069	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2008	\$79.00	\$75.05
	This is bright, dark cherry fruit. There is plenty of peppery character and it is taut with energy and lively acidity. The tannins are assertive while the finish has a bright, crunchy, cranberry fruit character.			

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41114	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2011	\$85.00	\$80.75
	89/100 Burghound: "Abundant wood spice with obvious vanilla notes but much less toast and the rich flavors are intense, powerful and offer excellent volume and concentration. The finish is long, sappy and impressively complex and while this is woodier than I personally prefer, it is certainly blessed with good underlying material and a real sense of style." - Allen Meadows			
41120	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2011	\$125.00	\$118.75
	Elegant, very pretty, rather perfumed nose offering hints of earth, black fruit and oak spice.			
41392	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2012	\$93.00	\$88.35
	88/100 Robert Parker: "The 2012 Nuits Saint Georges Village comes from four parcels between Vosne-Romanee and the titular village. It has quite a precocious, intense bouquet with powerful raspberry and blackberry fruit, a hint of licorice in the background. The palate is sweet and sappy on the entry. There is clearly good extraction here with soft dark berry fruit and tobacco on the slight austere finish. It will be deserving of a couple of years in bottle."			
41125	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2013	\$93.00	\$88.35
	87-89/100 Robert Parker: "The 2013 Nuits Saint Georges Village was yet to finish its malolactic fermentation when I tasted it in mid-December '14. Unsurprisingly, the nose was showing a bit of gas, all the black fruit appear pure and in sync with the new oak (50%). The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins. This feels succulent and lively and perhaps when it finally finishes its malolactic, may have the edge over the Vosne-Romanée in terms of complexity." - Neal Martin			
43196	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2014	\$93.00	\$88.35
	87-89/100 Burghound - "Noticeable if not dominant wood toast fights slightly with the earthy and savage-inflected dark berry fruit scents. There is a lovely sense of energy and freshness to the medium weight flavors that are not especially dense but they do possess both good balance and persistence on the mildly rustic finale. A competent villages." - Allen Meadows			
41126	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2015	\$99.00	\$94.05
	88-91/100 Burghound: "This too is trimmed in just enough wood to notice though the aromatic profile is much more deeply pitched with its layered array of dark berries, plum, earth and forest floor scents. There is outstanding richness to the full-bodied, concentrated and muscular flavors that are shaped by moderately rustic tannins on the sappy and mouth coating finale. This will also need at least a few years of cellar time first." - Allen Meadows			
41112	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2016	\$81.99	\$77.89
	86-88/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Nuits St Georges Village comes from the usual four parcels (Au Bas de Combe, Aux Lavières, Aux Athées and Perrière Nablots). At the moment the new oak is a little dominant on the nose, and I would like to see more fruit come through. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly chewy tannin on the entry, very good substance and matière for a village cru, albeit with a finish that feels just a little blunt at the moment. Give it a couple of years in bottle to absorb the oak." Neal Martin			
41105	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES	2017	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Reduction again has the upper hand versus the fruit today. More interesting are the velvety and utterly delicious medium weight flavours that possess better volume and particularly so on the moderately rustic, compact and first finish where a hint of acid tang arises. 87-89 BH			
41127	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE	2011	\$89.00	\$84.55
	89/100 Wine Spectator: "Graphite, sandalwood and herbal aromas and flavors surround a core of strawberry and cherry in this elegant red. Vibrant and spicy, with a lingering finish."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43060	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE	2013	\$99.00	\$94.05
	86-88/100 Robert Parker: "The 2013 Vosne-Romanee Village, which is raised 50% in new oak, has a bashful nose at first, armed with blackberry and raspberry fruit, tertiary scents just behind. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins. It is not the most complex Village in the village, but it is clean and pure. It just lets its foot off the accelerator a little prematurely on the finish. Drink over the next 4-5 years." - Neal Martin			
43193	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE	2014	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Red cherry and sandal wood on the palate, with bright acidity and elegant tannins.			
41104	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE	2015	\$115.00	\$109.25
	88-91/100 Burghound: "There is enough reduction present to render an evaluation of the nose challenging. By contrast there is good freshness to the rich, generous and precise medium weight flavors that offer a velvety mouth feel before culminating in a harmonious and vibrant finale that offers good depth and very fine length." - Allen Meadows			
41111	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE	2016	\$105.00	\$99.75
	16.5/20 Jancis Robinson - "Light ruby. Perfumed and seductive. Quite appealing already. Just needs the acidity to settle down a little. Lightly sandy tannins on the end..."			
41100	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE	2017	\$125.00	\$118.75
	An attractively ripe and exuberantly fresh nose offers up notes of red cherry, plum, dark raspberry and a variety of spice nuances. Once again the barely middle weight flavors are not particularly dense but I like both the texture and vibrancy of the sneaky long finish where a hint of wood surfaces. This is very Vosne in character and should drink well young or with age.88-90 BH			
43176	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2006	\$130.00	\$123.50
	91/100 Burghound: "This too displays moderate toast but it's better integrated if hardly invisible, working with a spicy black fruit and diverse floral notes that infuse the nose and are in concert with the round, sweet, rich and intense flavours that are an attractive mix of power and elegance. A lovely, balanced and vibrant effort." - Allen Meadows			
43177	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2007	\$140.00	\$133.00
	92/100 Burghound: "30+ year old vines that abut the A. F. Gros Richebourg parcel; aged in 50% new wood. Here the nose blends mild reduction with layered red berry fruit, warm earth and Asian spice notes that are in keeping with the rich, full and tautly muscled medium-bodied flavors brimming with dry extract on the textured, firm and relatively powerful finish that delivers excellent length and intense minerality. Worth a look. Outstanding 2015+." - Allen Meadows			
41395	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2008	\$130.00	\$123.50
	18.5/20 Decanter: "Ripe, upright, compact and vigorous. The acidity is good; the tannins are spicy and firm and the fruit is dark. Pacy wine with the elegance typical of this grower. Drink 2015-2025."			
41101	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2011	\$120.00	\$114.00
	90/100 Wine Spectator: "Saturated with smoky cherry, spice and wet soil flavors, this red is rich but well-balanced by bright acidity. Delivers ample flavor while remaining light on its feet, finishing with fruit and mineral notes."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41117	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2013	\$130.00	\$123.50
	91-93/100 Robert Parker: "The 2013 Vosne-Romanee 1er Cru Aux Brulees was matured in 50% new oak and 50% one-year old. There is just a very slight reduction on the nose, but otherwise there are appreciable pure black cherry and iodine scents that waft from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, quite supple tannin. This feels silky in the mouth, very harmonious with blackcurrant and boysenberry jam on the intense finish. Very fine Michel!" - Neal Martin			
43197	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2014	\$130.00	\$123.50
	Raspberry and dark red fruit showing great spicy notes on the palate with just a touch of oak.			
41193	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2016	\$162.00	\$153.90
	88-90/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Aux Brûlées has a reticent bouquet that demanded a lot of coaxing from the glass. It remained a little taciturn with broody blackberry and raspberry scents, confit cherries emerging with time in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a fine bead of acidity. It clams up a little toward the second half that is driven by the wood tannins at the moment. As I remarked last year apropos the 2015, I wish the new oak would allow the great terroir to have its say." Neal Martin			
43189	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU AUX BRULEES	2017	\$189.00	\$179.55
	Prominent but not dominant wood frames the spicy aromas that are comprised mostly by notes of cassis, violet and anise. The more refined and precise if less concentrated flavors brim with evident minerality that also suffuses the moderately austere, long and well-balanced finale. Some patience will be required. 90-92 BH			
41108	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU CLOS DES REAS	2015	\$199.00	\$189.05
	90-93/100 Burghound: "A ripe yet attractively fresh nose combines notes of red currant, spice, herbal tea and a hint of dark pinot liqueur. The vibrant medium weight flavors possess a finer mouth feel if less minerality and muscle, all wrapped in a sleek, delicious, focused and beautifully well-balanced finale. This will probably be accessible on the younger side as most vintages of Clos des Réas generally are." - Allen Meadows			
41115	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU CLOS DES REAS	2016	\$182.00	\$172.90
	90-92/100 The Wine Advocate: "The 2016 Vosne Romanee 1er Cru Clos des Reas has one of the most ebullient and vivacious bouquets from Michel Gros this year with red cherries, wild strawberries and a touch of blood orange in the mix. The palate is very well balanced with fine tannin, crisp acidity, plentiful tart red fruit with a fine structure that does not dominate toward the finish. Excellent." Neal Martin			
41396	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS VOSNE-ROMANEE 1ER CRU CLOS DES REAS	2017	\$225.00	\$213.75
	There is just enough reduction to hide all but the much more subtle wood and spice wisps. The round, delicious and velvet-textured middle weight flavors retain a lovely sense of detail and energy, all wrapped in a refined and again youthfully austere finish. 89-92 BH			
41066	DOMAINE MICHEL GROS NUITS-SAINT-GEORGES LES CHALIOTS	2013	\$79.00	\$75.05
	88-90/100 Robert Parker: "The 2013 Nuits Saint Georges les Chaliots had just finished its malolactic and was about to be racked. Matured in 50% new oak, the nose was too difficult to read. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannins: quite fresh and perhaps lighter than how the village cru will eventually turn out. But it is imbued with a touch more finesse on the finish, more class and a dash more energy." - Neal Martin			

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Maison Roche de Bellene

Maison Roche de Bellene is the négociant arm of Nicolas Potel's vinous empire, sitting alongside his own wine producing business, Domaine de Bellene. His credentials are as impeccable as his wines, and he is one of the leading lights of a new breed of Burgundian super-négociants who have modernised the business of sourcing wine from the best growers in highly-rated estates. In doing so, Burgundy's wines have been propelled right back up to the top. He is very keen on biodynamics, and of the growers he works with, many operate organically. The man himself says, 'I prefer more sensitive winemaking than a work made by analysis of results'. Nicolas Potel is on a roll, and receiving much praise for his efforts in turning out great wines across the price spectrum, which in Burgundy can be enormous.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40881	MAISON ROCHE DE BELLENE CHAMBOLLE MUSIGNY 1ER CRU AUX ECHANGES	2009	\$99.00	\$79.99

Maison Roche de Bellene was created by Nicholas Potel, the man behind Nuits-Saint-Georges. 2009 was a glorious year for the estate. The wines from this vintage are charming, rich and deep. Made from 100% Pinot Noir grapes, the average age of the vines was 60 years old.

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42498	NICOLAS POTEL GRANDS ECHEZEAUX GRAND CRU	2007	\$299.00	\$248.99

91-94 | Vinous - Stephen Tanzer "(done with whole clusters, but not vinified by Potel) Good medium red. Knockout nose combines red fruits, musky earth, minerals and faded rose. Wonderfully vibrant and gripping wine, with superb definition and inner-mouth energy. The red fruit and mineral flavors are complemented by spice, pepper and herbal notes from the stems, which give the very long finish an ineffable rising perfume. Very well-judged extraction here."

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Domaine Tortochot



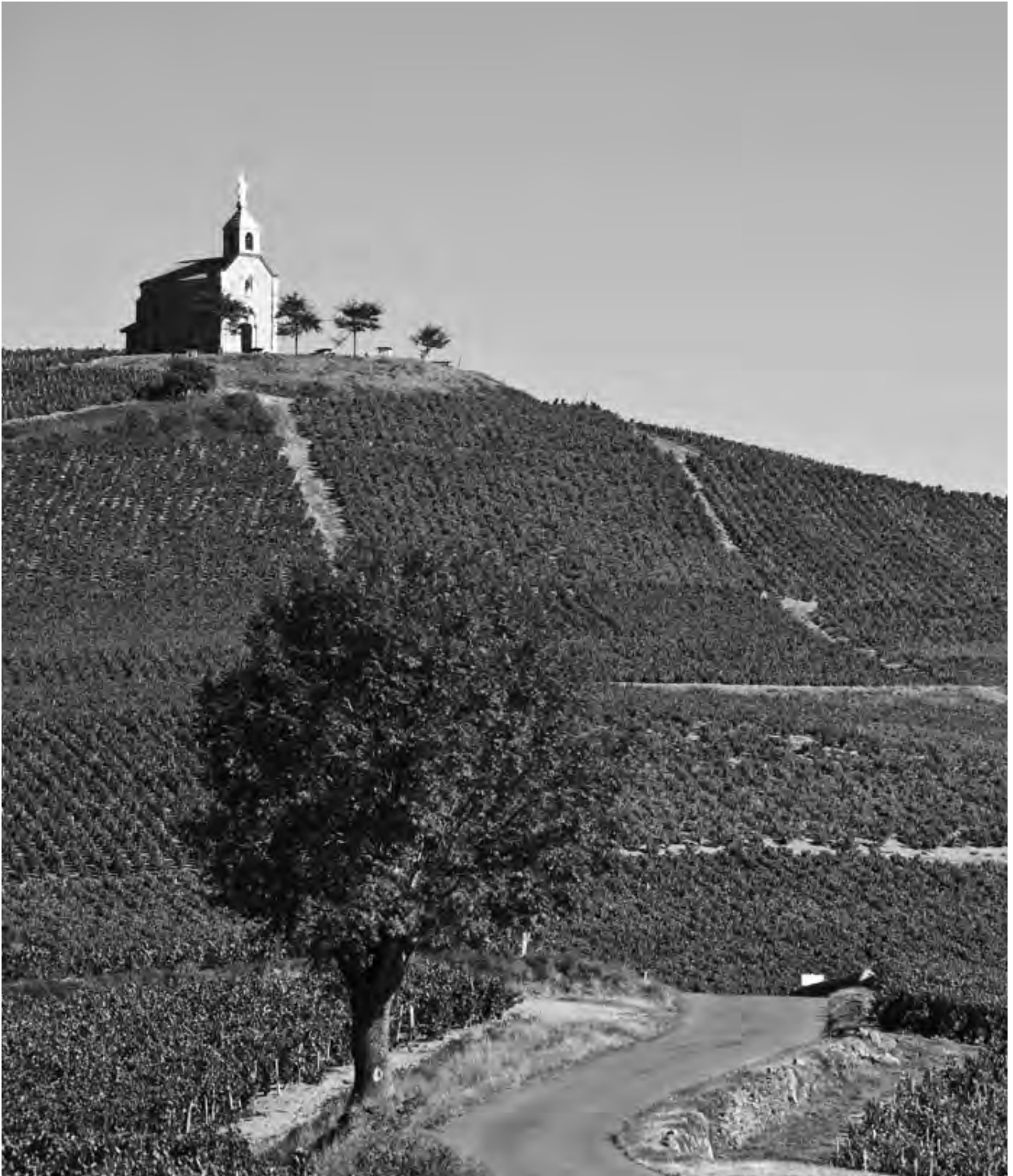
Domaine Tortochot is a lovely property in Gevrey, rejuvenated by Chantal Tortochot, who took over the estate from her father in the late 1990's. The family have been in Gevrey for many generations, but it was not until Chantal took over that the wines really began to show their potential. She is a skilled winemaker, producing wines that beautifully represent the terroir while still being accessible and fruit driven. The quality gets better with every vintage. Definitely a producer to start following. We are lucky enough to have allocations of the jewels in their range: Lavaux St-Jacques, Champeaux, and Chambertin itself.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42412	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CHAMBERTIN	2017	\$395.00	\$375.25
	One of the greatest examples of Chambertin, for a price far less than its famous neighbours. Their parcel is situated at the highest part of the vineyard with 50year old vines, certified 100% organic from 2013, and is aged 18 months in 100% new oak. This is also a very rare wine, in recent years there has only been one or two barrels produced.			
42410	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CHARMES CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU	2017	\$265.00	\$251.75
	The 2017 Chambertin Grand Cru has a beautifully defined bouquet. 93 Neal Martin-VINOUS			
42414	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU	2014	\$245.00	\$232.75
	From 43 Year Old Vines. This terroir produces a wine with lots of charm, and extraordinary notes of red fruit, licorice and leather. Considered to be a feminine wine with plenty of finesse and elegance. Small red berries and silky tannins on the palate. 80% new oak – 11 casks. I taste from a new one.			
42421	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CHARMES-CHAMBERTIN GRAND CRU	2015	\$265.00	\$251.75
	18+/20 Jancis Robinson: "Wow - A real powerhouse of aromas on the nose, smoke, spice, blackcherry and a stupendously delicious flinty mineral scent. A grand cru with all the fuss! Extravagant, powerful yet nimble and not overbearing in structure."			
42416	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CLOS DE VOUGEOT	2017	\$385.00	\$365.75
	Chantal owns just seven rows in this prestigious vineyard and she makes a classic example of this wine that requires at least 10 years of aging to reveal it's true depth. All the Grand Crus are aged for 18 months in 100% new oak from Berthomieu, Rousseau and Francois.			
42425	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU	2015	\$325.00	\$308.75
	18+/20 Jancis Robinson: "Stunning smoke and flint aromas, dry and tannic on the palate, with a significant structure that will age a long time. Tingling acid finely balanced fruit and smoke aromas."			
48303	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT CLOS DE VOUGEOT GRAND CRU	2016	\$295.00	\$280.25
	18/20 Jancis Robinson: "Excellent spicy power on the nose and layers of fibrous tannins on the palate living a long and expressive finish. It is very much in first gear at present, but has the capacity to open up considerably." Richard Hemming MW			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42405	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT GEVERY 1ER CRU LAVAUX ST JACQUES	2016	\$139.00	\$132.05
	<p>Three types of 1er Cru may be found in Gevrey-Chambertin. The most famous are located in the vineyards of Côte St. Jacques. This slope, which extends from la Bossiere at the entrance of the valley in Champeaux, was given its name in the 19th century. Another string of climats is located beneath the Grands Crus. Finally, it is the best parcels of the alluvial cone at the far end of the valley that merit this name. Gevrey is one of the two most well-endowed vineyards in the Côte de Nuits. This climat of Lavaut St-Jacques is a plot of land which has been recognized for centuries, produces a wine of unique personality. The exposure is due south. The resulting cherry red wine is herbaceous and spicy, possessing a rich structure with elegant tannins. It offers the highest degree of finesse and elegance with good structure. It has an airy grace and delicate fleshiness.</p>			
42402	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT GEVERY 1ER CRU LAVAUX ST JACQUES	2017	\$155.00	\$147.25
	<p>The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Lavaux Saint-Jacques 1er Cru has a fragrant bouquet of pressed cherries accompanying black cherry and bilberry fruit, plus a little stoniness tucked underneath. The balanced palate offers well-judged acidity and sappy black fruit tinged with citrus and orange peel, and good grip toward the finish. This is a commendable Lavaux, even if it is not top of the class. 90 Neal Martin-VINOUS</p>			
42418	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT GEVREY 1ER CRU LES CHAMPEAUX	2015	\$115.00	\$109.25
	<p>17/20 Jancis Robinson: "Dark, restrained fruit with a flinty reductive overlay. Potent fruit on the mid palate and grainy tannin with very discreet acid on the finish. Poised and elegant-especially for Gevrey."</p>			
42413	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT GEVREY 1ER CRU LES CHAMPEAUX	2016	\$139.00	\$132.05
	<p>From a .81 ha parcel of 40+ year old vines. This trades elegance for complexity as there is fine depth to the red and dark berry fruit suffused nose that also displays hints of stone, earth, and game. 17.5+/20 Jancis Robinson: "Deep black fruit on the palate, furry tannins with plenty of heft and substance. Reasonably simple flavours right now, but with definition and concentration that bodes well for maturation." Richard Hemming MW</p>			
42400	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT GEVREY LES CHAMPEAUX	2017	\$155.00	\$147.25
	<p>The 2017 Gevrey-Chambertin Les Champeaux 1er Cru has a well-defined bouquet of rose petal and soy aromas, more open and expressive than the Lavaux Saint-Jacques. The palate is well balanced with sappy red fruit, smooth texture and gentle grip toward the finish, which lacks some depth and persistence. As such, I have a preference for the Lavaux this year. 89 Neal Martin-VINOUS</p>			
42420	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT MOREY ST DENIS 1ER CRU AUX CHARMES	2015	\$115.00	\$109.25
	<p>17/20 Jancis Robinson: "Black cherry fruit, zippy acidic line, finishes with long rose petal fragrance. Vivid fruit and good, lengthy persistence." - Richard Hemming</p>			
48301	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT MOREY ST DENIS 1ER CRU AUX CHARMES	2016	\$129.00	\$122.55
	<p>A very charming fruity wine, well-rounded, with fine tannins. Can be enjoyed in five to seven years.</p>			
42408	DOMAINE TORTOCHOT MOREY ST DENIS 1ER CRU AUX CHARMES	2017	\$155.00	\$147.25
	<p>The 2017 Morey-Saint-Denis Aux Charmes 1er Cru has a perfumed, floral bouquet, a mixture of black and blue fruit and a splash of iodine. The palate is well balanced with supple tannin, smooth but not complex, its fleshiness rendering it more Chambolle in style than Morey-Saint-Denis. It just needs more backbone on the finish. 88 Neal Martin-VINOUS</p>			

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Beaujolais





Georges Duboeuf

The undisputed King of Beaujolais is Georges Duboeuf, who started by roaming the region in his VW back in the 1960's, making wine wherever he stopped, and whose company now produces upwards of 3 million cases a year, making him one of France's largest and best-known wine merchants. An innovator in the way Beaujolais was made, he also took the concept of Beaujolais Nouveau to new heights. It is now one of the wine world's most famous events, and accounts for a fifth of his annual production (approximately 4 million bottles of Beaujolais Nouveau alone). It centres around the concept of being the first wine of the vintage, with much fanfare made of the wine's release on the third Thursday in November.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43891	GEORGES DUBOEUF BEAUJOLAIS-VILLAGES	2017	\$19.99	\$18.99
	A brilliantly-priced wine from the King of Beaujolais. Produced from the strong and fruity Gamay variety, the Villages model is mid-range Beaujolais, a step up from the Nouveau. Soft, fruity and succulent.			
43910	GEORGES DUBOEUF CLOS DU MOULIN A VENT	2005	\$59.00	\$54.99
	Nothing to do with Kidman & Co. moulin a vent means 'windmill'. From one of the Beaujolais 'Cru' vineyards so the fruit is more concentrated than a 'villages' wine.			
43021	GEORGES DUBOEUF FLEURIE BEAUJOLAIS	2017	\$27.99	\$26.59
	89/100 Burghound: "This is prettier still with ultra-pure and very fresh red pinot fruit that complements well the supple, vibrant and equally fresh flavors that are shaped by unusually fine tannins for what this is as well as very solid length. This is a beautiful Chorey and worthy of consideration as well. Sweet Spot. Outstanding. Drink: 2013+."			
43933	GEORGES DUBOEUF JULIENAS	2015	\$27.99	\$26.59
	89/100 Burghound: "This is prettier still with ultra-pure and very fresh red pinot fruit that complements well the supple, vibrant and equally fresh flavors that are shaped by unusually fine tannins for what this is as well as very solid length. This is a beautiful Chorey and worthy of consideration as well. Sweet Spot. Outstanding. Drink: 2013+."			
42951	GEORGES DUBOEUF SAINT AMOUR	2017	\$27.99	\$27.99
	A bright, ruby-coloured Beaujolais with a perfumed nose of redcurrant, blackberry and hints of mineral. It's a lively, versatile food wine with ripe fruit flavours that linger at the finish. Popular choice on Valentine's Day.			

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Chateau De Chenas

A Beaujolais co-operative with an impressive 80 producers and 210 hectares together. Only a fraction of this land is under vin, with 90 hectares of various cru. They are the largest producer in the Cru Moulin a Vent, followed by a significant holding in Chenas. This is a cooperative with very high standards, each vigneron checks their vines and reports, if not to the required standard they are simply not accepted. The winemaking then depends on the source and the cuvee. The cellar impressive, constructed in 1700's and can hold 850 barrels. There's a serious range of excellent Beaujolais Cru coming from this co-operative that are rather well priced.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40771	CHATEAU DE CHENAS COEUR DE GRANIT	2017	\$29.99	\$28.49
	Floral nose, heightened by stewed black fruits notes and vanilla notes. The attack is good with silky tannins, well balanced palate and a pleasant freshness			
40773	CHATEAU DE CHENAS FLEURIE EXCEPTION	2015	\$29.99	\$28.49
	Pure red fruit aromas. Juicy ripe red fruits work in extraordinary harmony on the palate with a silky mouthfeel.			
40774	CHATEAU DE CHENAS JULIENAS EXCEPTION	2015	\$29.99	\$28.49
40775	CHATEAU DE CHENAS LES COMBES EXCEPTION	2015	\$29.99	\$28.49
	A clear red robe with ruby highlights. The nose offers red fruits and peony notes. A smooth and fresh palate with beautiful balance. Perfect finish with spicy notes.			
40770	CHATEAU DE CHENAS MOULIN A VENT	2017	\$29.99	\$29.99
	Deep ruby with fruity aromas of red berries and subtle vanilla notes. The attack is round with the elegance of noble tannins. Long persistence in the mouth with balanced finish.			
40772	CHATEAU DE CHENAS MOULIN A VENT EXCEPTION	2017	\$29.99	\$28.49
	A deep ruby color. The nose is pleasant and intense, with notes of black fruits. This wine is full-bodied and its soft tannins reveal a long and delicate finish on the palate.			

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Chateau des Loges

Established in 1961, this Beaujolais co-operative has 150 members that make wine from an impressive 450 hectares. You'll find the crus Brouilly and Fleurie produced here, alongside an excellent Beaujolais Villages. The name Loges, comes from the climat Les Loges which is the hillside behind the Chateau. The hill is topped by the statue of the Madonne des Loges. Whilst they have large resource available they don't make wine from it all, rather using 25% for under their label selling off the balance in bulk.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40782	CHATEAU DES LOGES BEAUJOLAIS VILLAGE	2018	\$19.99	\$17.99
	A co-operative with 150 members working 450ha. Here you'll find carbonic maceration and a forward, easy-drinking style. This boasts an expressive nose with aromas of red fruits. Tender and balanced, with fruity notes and good vibrancy on the palate.			
40780	CHATEAU DES LOGES BROUILLY	2018	\$29.99	\$29.99
	Expressive nose of ripe fruit with plum and fresh grapes as well as mineral notes. Harmonious, vinous and fleshy on the palate with fruity and spicy notes.			
40781	CHATEAU DES LOGES REGNIE	2018	\$24.99	\$23.74
	Fine and fragrant nose with aromas of red berries and stone fruits. Tender and balanced on the palate with fine and delicate tannins.			

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Vignerons des Pierres Dorees

Located in the south-western part of Beaujolais, Vignerons des Pierres Dorees is a co-operative. Their main buildings are in Oingt, a village that began as a Roman castrum and was restored to now be one of the most beautiful villages in the area. These wines are very honest well made and prices Beaujolais.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40785	VIGNERONS DES PIERRE DOREES BEAUJOLAIS LA ROSE	2018	\$19.99	\$17.99

Made from Gamay Noir off vines with an average age of 40 years, grown on sandy granite and clay soils. This saw semi-carbonic maceration, around 25%, with the rest of the fruit treated to standard red wine production. Honest, well made, exceptional value.

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Chablis





Domaine Vincent Dauvissat

Dauvissat was established by Robert Dauvissat in the 1920's, but the family has been cultivating vines in Chablis since the 17th Century. Robert's son, René, cemented their reputation as arguably the finest domaine in Chablis. Rivalled only, perhaps, by Domaine Raveneau, their wines show an impeccable balance of minerality and richness, with an exceptional capacity for aging. Vincent has been working with his father since 1976, and has run the domaine for the last 6 years. Their vineyards are split between two Grand Cru and three Premier Cru sites over 11 hectares. Yields are very restricted and meticulous care is taken with vinification and maturation. Pure and intense Chablis of the very highest level, there is only a very small quantity of these wines available.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43762	DAUVISSAT CHABLIS	2018	\$75.00	\$71.25
43778	DAUVISSAT CHABLIS LES CLOS	2018	\$245.00	\$232.75
43765	DAUVISSAT CHABLIS 1ER CRU LA FOREST	2018	\$110.00	\$104.50

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Domaine Laroche

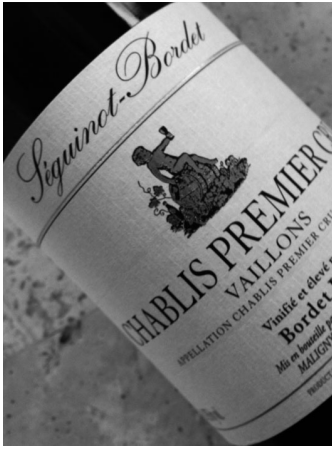
The Laroche family have produced wine in Chablis since 1850. Yikes. How does one not fall asleep at the wheel? They don't, though. For five generations, the family has been dedicated to producing top quality wines from this famed appellation, where a unique mix of limestone, clay and shell, a relatively northerly climate and the Chardonnay grape all combine to produce a style of wine like no other. The steely, floral bouquet, delicately crisp, refined flavours and unmistakable underlying flintiness are indelibly characteristic of their terroir. Here, Chardonnay reigns supreme, and under the guidance of Michel Laroche, the Domaine have expanded from a mere six hectares in the 1960's to the current 130 hectares of prime Chablis vineyard, in the process forging a masterful reputation for Chablisean excellence. Here, once again, it's all about terroir, with Michel Laroche summing it up succinctly: 'To produce the best Chablis, you need to produce the best grapes.'

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48591	DOMAINE LAROCHE CHABLIS	2018	\$36.99	\$35.14
	No oak just pure essence of Chardonnay. Bright, lively fruit pairs with piercing acidity in a precise and definitive Chablisean expression, replete with mineral-infused notes of citrus and chalk.			
48440	DOMAINE LAROCHE CHABLIS GRAND CRU LES CLOS	2016	\$149.99	\$142.49
	94/100 Antonio Galloni - Neal Martin - "The 2016 Chablis Les Clos Grand Cru comes from the bottom and mid-slope part of the vineyard and is aged 100% in used demi-muids. It is blessed with one of my favourite bouquets from Laroche this year: beautifully entwined scents of white flower, oyster shell and gunflint, touches of wet granite and struck flint coming through with aeration. The palate is very well balanced with crisp acidity, the wood exquisitely enmeshed with the fruit and delivering a wonderful, precise, slightly nutty, smoky finish. Superb!"			
48760	DOMAINE LAROCHE CHABLIS ST MARTIN	2018	\$43.99	\$41.79
	The Laroche family have produced wine in Chablis since 1850. A blend from Laroche's best vineyard plots, the quality of the Saint-Martin is impeccable. Refined, complex, a chalky minerality enhancing the white fruit & floral characters, zesty acidity and long, fruity finish.			

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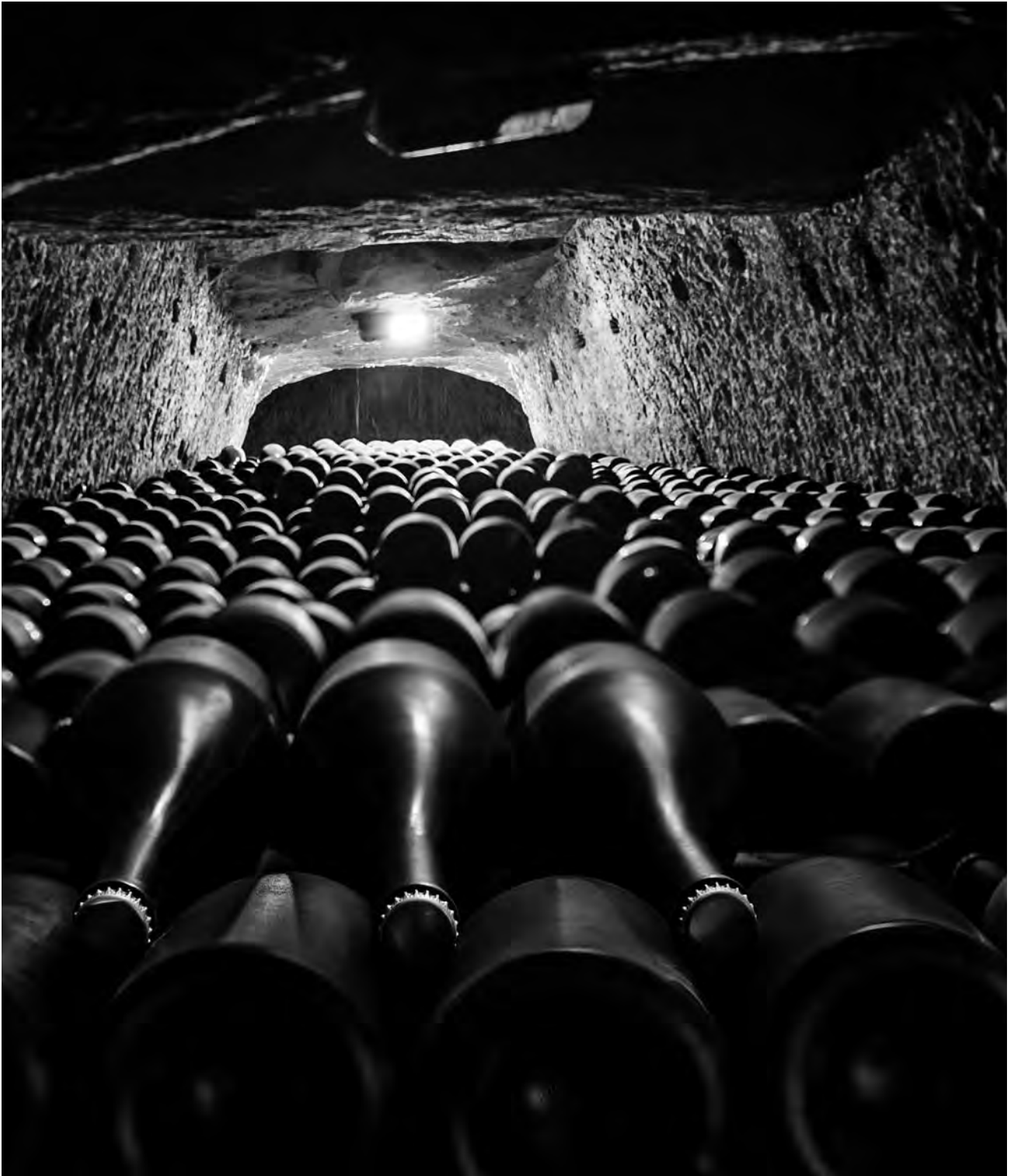
Domaine Séguinot-Bordet

Currently working the 13th generation of the family business, Séguinot-Bordet have been producing wine in the commune of Maligny since the 18th Century, with records showing the family's roots in Chablis stretching back as far as 1590. The man in charge, the brilliant Jean-François Bordet, has forged a wonderful union between the old and the new and taken his family house to another level. Jean-François has installed a brand new winery in Maligny and established a strict viticultural regime in the vineyards, with cropping levels reduced and the Chardonnay harvested later. With the exception of the Grand Cru, all the wines are cool fermented and matured on lees in stainless steel to achieve fresh, clean fruit underscored by the minerality that characterises the classic Chablis style. Their signature Chablis comes off the Premier Cru vineyard Fourchaume, which they part own. With demand for their product at an all-time high, Séguinot-Bordet have had to start allocating their elegantly expressive, benchmark wines.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40473	DOMAINE SEGUINOT BORDET CHABLIS	2017	\$26.99	\$25.64
	<p>Very pretty pale golden yellow in colour with light greenish glints. Bright, luminous and limpid. The nose is reminiscent of the scented freshness of a lovely summer's morning. The taste is a perfect harmony of maturity, mellowness and vivacity. The flowers and fruit reappear, enhanced by charming biscuity notes. The mineral touch, fine and airy, shows through well on the finish to accompany our thirst and pleasure right to the end. 91/100 Neal Martin "The 2017 Chablis has a fresh, what you might call "transparent" bouquet with impressive mineralité for a Village Cru. The palate is well balanced and intense, just the right amount of bitterness that lends tension, dovetailing into a vibrant, malic, energetic finish that is very impressive and delicious. Excellent. Tasted blind at the BIVB Chablis tasting."</p>			
40477	DOMAINE SEGUINOT BORDET CHABLIS	2018	\$29.99	\$27.99
	<p>A step up from Séguinot-Bordet's Petit Chablis, the fruit is sourced off 25-year-old vines, the wine rich and elegant, with fresh notes of honeyed flowers and spice enhanced by biscuity tones, a creamy texture and a bright, tingling mineral finish.</p>			
40470	DOMAINE SEGUINOT BORDET CHABLIS PREMIER CRU FOURCHAUME	2018	\$49.99	\$47.49
	<p>Burghound: This is also very backward and still inexpressive though vigorous swirling coaxes notes of anise, salt water, lemon peel and floral notes that dissolve into naturally sweet, full and admirably rich flavors that possess a textured, even silky mouth feel with an intense minerality and superb finishing intensity. This is quite focused and linear at present though I suspect it will broaden with a few years in bottle. 89-91/100</p>			
40474	DOMAINE SEGUINOT BORDET PETIT CHABLIS	2018	\$26.99	\$24.99
	<p>Jean-François Bordet is 13th generation in the family business, their roots in Chablis stretching back to 1590. His entry-level Chablis is vibrant and richly flavoured, boasting a refined palate of crisp flavours and fresh, tingling mineral notes.</p>			

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Champagne





Champagne Billecart-Salmon

Almost two-hundred years ago, Nicolas François Billecart and Elisabeth Salmon got married; in the midst of proceedings, they founded a champagne house. Perhaps they weren't sure what bubbly to go with... who knows? Almost two hundred years later, Billecart-Salmon remain one of the few houses still in family hands. They are currently managed by the seventh generation, brothers François and Antoine Roland-Billecart. The star of the cellars is renowned chef de cave, François Domi, and the two centuries under the belt are nicely augmented by state-of-the-art facilities. Medium-sized they may be, but these guys are no slouches - their Cuvée Nicolas François Billecart 1959 took out the top honours in the Champagne of the Millennium Tasting in 1999, beating in the process around 150 of Champagne's finest. Their wines are balanced, elegant, swathed in finesse and, all-in-all, rather remarkable. The family motto? 'Give priority to quality, strive for excellence.'

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40701	CHAMPAGNE BILLECART-SALMON BRUT RESERVE		\$89.99	\$85.49

While the blend for the NV has remained unchanged since 1945, it is a fresh and vibrant style, bursting out of the glass with enticing bready notes, lifted divinely by floral washes and a hint of pear. Creamy and lusciously textured, the fruit is forward in the mix, giving way to a warm toastiness and a long, gracious finish.

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Champagne Bollinger

Founded in the 1829 in Ay, the larger than life, family-managed Bollinger champagne house has long been a favourite of high flyers and licensed-to-kill double-o agents. Not styled to lurk in the shadows, the non-vintage is fittingly robust and opulent, expanding joyously onto the palate in a wave of appley authority, while the vintage and prestige expressions are held in high regard. During her reign at the company (1941-1971), the expansive Lilly Bollinger put it thus: 'I drink it when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise, I never touch it, unless I'm thirsty.'

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40811	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER LA GRANDE ANNEE	2007	\$240.00	\$228.00
	70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay, with 91% Grand cru fruit and 9% Premier cru. A lovely fresh aromatic presence evokes almond, peach and mango, with honeyed flavours and a smooth, chalky texture to the palate. Power and finesse in abundance.			
40816	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER LA GRANDE ANNEE	2008	\$239.00	\$239.00
	Bollinger's pièce de résistance, the Grande Année is Bollinger style on steroids, with the vintage stamp on top. The intense nose grabs your attention immediately. From a wonderful vintage where terroir has spoken with much eloquence, this demands time in the cellar, and will reward careful aging. Grand Cru & Premier Cru Vineyards, High Environmental Value certification, Sustainable Viticulture certification, Living Heritage label, ISO 22 000 certification, ISO 14 0001 certification related to environmental management.			
40831	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER LA GRANDE ANNEE (1500ML)	2007	\$499.00	\$474.05
	93/100 Decanter: "A fresh hue, with gold highlights signalling lovely ripeness. Almond scents with peach and mango. On the palate, honey notes and crisp acidity are in fine balance. Classy. Ready but will keep well."			
40817	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER LA GRANDE ANNEE (1500ML)	2008	\$579.00	\$579.00
	Bollinger's pièce de résistance, the Grande Année is Bollinger style on steroids, with the vintage stamp on top. The intense nose grabs your attention immediately. From a wonderful vintage where terroir has spoken with much eloquence, this demands time in the cellar, and will reward careful aging. Grand Cru & Premier Cru Vineyards, High Environmental Value certification, Sustainable Viticulture certification, Living Heritage label, ISO 22 000 certification, ISO 14 0001 certification related to environmental management.			
40813	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER LA GRANDE ANNEE ROSE	2005	\$335.00	\$318.25
	A restrained and elegant champagne, with notable floral aromas. On the nose, aromas of fresh bread, gingerbread and cinnamon. On the palate, blossom and citrus zest with gentle notes of redcurrant. 72% Pinot Noir and 28% Chardonnay. Grand Cru & Premier Cru Vineyards, High Environmental Value certification, Sustainable Viticulture certification, Living Heritage label, ISO 22 000 certification, ISO 14 0001 certification related to environmental management.			
40804	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER LA GRANDE ANNEE ROSE	2007	\$279.00	\$265.05

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40826	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER RD	2004	\$415.00	\$394.25
	Abundant stewed and candied fruits, accompanied by touches of sweet spice. With time, notes of mirabelle and preserved orange unfold in the glass. A grand generosity. Intense cooked fruit and tarte tatin flavours express themselves in a mouth that is full and harmonious.			
40832	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER RD MAGNUM (1500ML)	2004	\$999.00	\$999.00
	Abundant stewed and candied fruits, accompanied by touches of sweet spice. With time, notes of mirabelle and preserved orange unfold in the glass. A grand generosity. Intense cooked fruit and tarte tatin flavours express themselves in a mouth that is full and harmonious.			
40810	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER ROSE		\$165.00	\$156.75
	A subtle combination of structure, length and vivacity, with a tannic finish due to the adjunction of red wine Bubbles as fine as velvet Flavours of wild berries.			
40820	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE BRUT		\$115.00	\$109.25
	Intense and larger than life. Coffee, caramel and honey augment the rich tides of fresh fruit, a multitude of complex characters carried by good acid and a robust frame to a phenomenal finish. One of the greats.			
40830	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER SPECIAL CUVÉE MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$245.00	\$232.75
	Deliciously dry, with toasty flavours in the mouth, round and richly flavoured, with the perfect balance poised between firmness and freshness, a length to match and, natch, a beautifully fine and persistent bead. Grand Cru & Premier Cru Vineyards, High Environmental Value certification, Sustainable Viticulture certification, Living Heritage label, ISO 22 000 certification, ISO 14 0001 certification related to environmental management.			
40815	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER SPECTRE 007 LIMITED EDITION MILLESIME	2009	\$299.00	\$299.00
	This limited edition Bollinger contains a unique Bollinger cuvee, a 2009 vintage exclusively released to celebrate the release of the James Bond movie SPECTRE. The bottle is encased in a limited edition chill box, designed by Carré Basset, which keeps the bottle chilled for 2 hours after refrigeration.			
40807	CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER VIEILLES VIGNE FRANCAISE	2007	\$1299.00	\$1234.05
	Composed of 100% Pinot Noir and only produced in vintage years, Bollinger Vieilles Vignes Françaises is always a huge and complete wine and is the expression of Champagne as it was enjoyed last century.			

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Charles Heidsieck

Charles Heidsieck's provenance is immense, its origins lying as far back as 1785. That company gave rise to three different Heidsieck champagne houses, but it was the energetic, extroverted Charles-Camille Heidsieck (made famous in the song 'Champagne Charlie') who founded Charles Heidsieck in 1851. The House and its wines earned their first medals during the Universal Exhibition of 1859, and the Emperor Napoleon III is said to have been partial to its ambrosial qualities. Without any advertising other than word-of-mouth, its reputation in aristocratic circles flourished, establishing Charles Heidsieck as the champagne du jour in many of the royal houses of Europe. The wines are matured 25m underground in chalk cellars dating back to the 11th Century, under the watchful eye of current Chef de Cave Thierry Roset who, following in the footsteps of Daniel Thibault and Régis Camus, is stamping his own touch of genius on this distinguished brand. At his disposal is the largest collection of reserve wines in Champagne.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41550	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BLANC DES MILLENAIRES	1995	\$315.00	\$299.25
	Charles Heidsieck are a class act from top to bottom. Their prestige offering is an all-Chardonnay Blanc de Blancs of marvellous purity, the rich flavours of peach and orange nuanced with notes of toasted brioche and hazelnut.			
41554	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BLANC DES MILLENAIRES	2004	\$325.00	\$308.75
	An initial palate of fresh citrus gives the wine a taut crispness, followed by a gradually persistent force and intensity. The mouthfeel is dynamic and perfectly structured with a long and well-rounded finish. The Blanc des Millenaires style far surpasses the 2004 vintage. The rich texture is rooted in a vintage still young and taut: the refined elegant effervescence reveals a still juvenile minerality.			
41522	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT RESERVE		\$99.99	\$89.99
	Charles Heidsieck's provenance is immense, its origins going back to 1785. The wines are matured 25m underground in chalk cellars from the 11th Century, under the watchful eye of Chef de Cave Thierry Roset who is stamping his own touch of genius on this distinguished brand. At his disposal is the largest collection of reserve wines in Champagne. Plump, fleshy and opulent, the Charles is a triumph. Deeply golden with a complex and voluptuous nose, sun-drenched fruits (mango, apricot, plum), notes of pistachio and almond and layers of creamy texture.			
41527	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT RESERVE AND TWO FLUTES 'ARMCHAIR' GIFT BOX		\$145.00	\$137.75
	This is undeniably one of the world's best champagnes, supremely elegant in every way. Paired here with a couple of equally stylish flutes in a beautiful giftbox. Can't go wrong here.			
41512	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT RESERVE MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$225.00	\$213.75
	A magnum of this wonderful Champagne. The nose has well balanced yeast, brioche and fruit, there is freshness yet a trace of age and complexity. The mouth feel is vibrant with excellent depth and fine length, and this is the most important part, real finishing character. Will continue to improve, and drink well, over the next few years.			
41517	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT VINTAGE	2005	\$169.99	\$161.49
	93/100 James Suckling: "This has terrific composure, among the fresher and better-presented of the vintage in terms of aromas. It's toasty with grilled hazelnuts, chalky and flinty. Aromas are in the pithy grapefruit and dried peach spectrum, with lemon too. The palate's seamless, powerful and quite deeply flavored. It climbs high and wide, then focuses neatly through the finish as acidity chimes in as well as some cherry flavor that steadies and balances. Great drinking now."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41558	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT VINTAGE	2005	\$349.00	\$331.55
	Fruit of a generous harvest, 2005 easily revealed itself as a "Typiquement Charles" year. The House boasts a long history in the art of producing great vintage wines ever since its first in 1874.			
41548	CHARLES HEIDSIECK ROSE BRUT RESERVE		\$118.00	\$112.10
	While the name might not be as universally recognised as those of some houses, Charles Heidsieck produce brilliant champagnes that are prized by aficionados across the globe. Their provenance is immense, with origins stretching back as far as 1785. Matured 25 metres beneath the ground in chalk cellars constructed in the 11th century, the NV rosé is a delicately subtle, beautifully aromatic and evocative expression boasting creamy notes of strawberry, peach and cinnamon.			
41543	CHARLES HEIDSIECK ROSE VINTAGE	2006	\$189.99	\$180.49
	94/100 James Suckling: "A pale hue in the glass, this has a savory nose that delivers a very nicely struck toasty edge with chalky pastry and faint red fruits. The palate's sophisticated fine texture is mesmerizing. This really dances, leaving a trail of red berry fruits in its wake, through to a long, pure and fresh, spicy finish."			

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Champagne Delamotte

Established in 1760, this refined and elegant champagne house is one of Champagne's best kept secrets. Situated in the top-tier village of Les Mesnil, the majority of vineyards are Chardonnay and all are Grand Cru status. The Delamotte story is not unlike that of many others, with the house coming of age under the stewardship of the widow Delamotte. In 1988, Delamotte joined forces with the very famous Champagne Salon, under the umbrella of parent company, Laurent-Perrier. Although they tend to lurk a little in the background, Delamotte garner huge respect among those who know their champagnes. With over 250 years of history, it's the quality of the Delamotte wines that tell the real story; elegant and refined, with a classic purity and a style that is sublimely understated. Robert Parker has referred to Delamotte as 'one of the best buys' in exquisitely crafted champagne.'

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42910	DELAMOTTE 3 X 375ml AND ICE BUCKET		\$149.00	\$141.55
	Delamotte possesses a massive pedigree as stablemate to the legendary champagne house of Salon. Three half-bottles reclining in a stylish ice bucket. Exclusive to Glengarry.			
42912	DELAMOTTE BLANC DE BLANCS		\$534.00	\$507.30
	Not one of champagne's big names, Delamotte nonetheless possesses a massive pedigree as stablemate to the mighty House of Salon, the legendary, super-premium player with a fanatical following. This new, limited edition, pack includes six bottles of this fantastic bubbly and six glasses to match. Extremely limited stock so be in quick before you miss out.			
42845	DELAMOTTE BRUT		\$79.00	\$75.05
	91 Vinous - Josh Reynolds "Bright straw. Vibrant aromas of lemon pith, pear skin and honeysuckle, with a chalky topnote. Dry, sharply focused lemon and lime flavors become deeper with air and pick up brioche and ginger nuances. Firm, chewy and dry, finishing with very good clarity and stony persistence."			
42850	DELAMOTTE BRUT BLANC DE BLANCS		\$89.00	\$84.55
	Established in 1760 and stablemate to the stellar Salon, Delamotte is one of Champagne's best kept secrets. The Delamotte wines are elegant and refined, the NV exhibiting a sublimely understated purity and style. 92/100 Antonio Galloni: "Not one of champagne's Big Names, Delamotte nonetheless possesses a massive pedigree as stablemate to the mighty House of Salon, the legendary, super-premium player with a fanatical following. The underrated Delamotte stands defiantly tall in that company, with its delicate, refined nuances, rich, ripe fruit and restrained complexity. Very, very good. From the grand cru villages of Mesnil-sur-Oger, Oger, Cramant and Avize."			
42918	DELAMOTTE ROSE		\$150.00	\$142.50
	91 Vinous - Josh Reynolds "Light orange. An intensely perfumed nose displays mineral-accented cherry and red berry scents along with slow-building spice and smoke nuances. Tangy, focused and stony on the palate, offering refreshingly bitter redcurrant, blood orange and cherry flavors. Picks up a toasty quality on the incisive finish, with the red fruit notes echoing."			
42852	DELAMOTTE ROSÉ		\$99.00	\$94.05
	Scoff not at Rosé, impertinent imps, for come summer and a few snackeronies under the achingly blue dome, you need a champagne that has meat, a heartbeat of sound, solid fruit, a core of flavour that will rise up and meet whatever little roasted what-nots you care to throw at it. Herewith, Messrs Delamotte & Delamotte rise themselves to meet your needs, with a sumptuous, slinky, superb crimson tide of flavoursome delight.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46455	DELAMOTTE VINTAGE	2012	\$160.00	\$125.00

In the glass it immediately shows its impatience. Delicate, thin and vivid bubbles are quick to form an elegant, pale gold crown at the top of the glass. On the nose, it gives off an irresistible sensation of freshness. Aromas of lemon, English candy, and lychee, along with a suggestion of white flowers, waft from the glass. On the palate it is both creamy and sharp and is prolonged by a long mineral finish, punctuated by a bitter orange peel.⁹⁴ Vinous - Antonio Galloni

"Rich, creamy and super-expressive. Only the second vintage in which fruit from Oiry rounds out the classic core of Le Mesnil, Oger and Cramant that forms the backbone of the Vintage. Dried pear, white flowers, chamomile and mint are some of the notes that grace this exquisite understated Blanc de Blancs. The 2012 offers terrific depth and textural resonance in a creamy, expressive style that captures the radiant personality of the year and the understated, quiet voice that is such a Delamotte signature."

46456	DELAMOTTE VINTAGE 2012 MAGNUM (1500ML)	2012	\$320.00	\$304.00
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In the glass it immediately shows its impatience. Delicate, thin and vivid bubbles are quick to form an elegant, pale gold crown at the top of the glass. On the nose, it gives off an irresistible sensation of freshness. Aromas of lemon, English candy, and lychee, along with a suggestion of white flowers, waft from the glass. On the palate it is both creamy and sharp and is prolonged by a long mineral finish, punctuated by a bitter orange peel. ⁹⁴ Vinous - Antonio Galloni "Rich, creamy and super-expressive. Only the second vintage in which fruit from Oiry rounds out the classic core of Le Mesnil, Oger and Cramant that forms the backbone of the Vintage. Dried pear, white flowers, chamomile and mint are some of the notes that grace this exquisite understated Blanc de Blancs. The 2012 offers terrific depth and textural resonance in a creamy, expressive style that captures the radiant personality of the year and the understated, quiet voice that is such a Delamotte signature."

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Champagne Deutz

Nestled into the slopes of the famous vineyards of Aÿ are the picturesque stone buildings of Champagne Deutz, founded a century and a half ago by William Deutz and Pierre-Hubert Geldermann. One of the oldest members of Champagne's prestigious association of Grands Marques houses, Deutz have been making distinctive champagnes with an abundance of finesse, elegant vinosity and complexity since 1838. Today, they are still going strong, upholding and drawing upon five generations of tradition and artistry.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42911	CHAMPAGNE DEUTZ BRUT CLASSIC		\$89.00	\$84.55

Most articulate and finely behaved liquor, this, with creamy fruit flavours, a delicate yet well-defined perfume and plenty of yeasty weight on the palate. Head of a pin balance, and just as angelic.

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Dom Perignon

Louis XIV was born in August 1638, Benedictine monk, Dom Pérignon, in December 1638. They both died in September 1715. The Benedictine monk from the modest abbey of Hautvillers never met the all-powerful Sun King. Yet the wine of Père Pérignon, as it was then known, found its way to the court and made him famous. The core of the blend are the eight historical Grands Crus, Aÿ, Bouzy, Verzenay, Mailly, Chouilly, Cramant, Avize and Le Mesnil, plus the legendary Hautvillers Premier Cru. Dom Pérignon also has the unique privilege of being able to select grapes from all 17 Grands Crus in Champagne.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
47291	DOM PERIGNON ROSE LENNY KRAVITZ GIFT BOX	2006	\$525.00	\$498.75
	The Lenny Kravitz connection comes in pink, too. Go on. It's Dom Pérignon.			
47290	DOM PERIGNON VINTAGE	2008	\$265.00	\$251.75

98/100 | Decanter "Departing chef de cave Richard Geoffroy quite rightly calls 2008 'the miracle year'. Perfect ripening allowed the longest ever harvest, with four weeks available to select when, where and what to pick. The result is a magnificently complex and deceptively approachable DP, with wonderful aromatics from the off. On the palate it's very young, with classically sweet and bright citrus and oyster shell notes together with honey and nougat. This is very lithe, supple and long, with fabulous acidity and éclat. Until a couple of years ago the '08 was quite tight, but recently it has really opened up, according to Geoffroy. This can be enjoyed now but will also age effortlessly for many years yet. Drinking Window 2018 - 2040"

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Drappier Champagne

Sitting down with the affable Michel Drappier, two things become immediately obvious: 1) The man is articulate and thoroughly charming, and 2) the vintage Drappier that we're drinking is an absolute killer. Lurking south of the holy borders of Epernay in Urville, the Drappier house can sometimes be overlooked, and undeservedly so. Exponents of organic and traditional practices, they aspire to a position of natural authenticity rather than overstated sophistication, employing minimal amounts of sulphur and a low dosage approach that provides a dry and aromatic elegance to their expressions. No shortage of history either, with Drappier's vaulted cellars tracing back to 1152. The pride of the house, the limestone rich vineyards themselves, were initially established by the Romans 2,000 years ago.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43525	DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR AND 2 FLUTES GIFT PACK		\$99.99	\$94.99
	Unfiltered and with a reduced dosage, the Drappier is a champagne imbued with elegance and authenticity. Comes with two perfectly poised flutes and a whole lot of style.			
43565	DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR BRUT NV (NEW SMART BOTTLE & LABEL)		\$49.99	\$49.99
	Drappier is considered the finest boutique producer in the Côtes des Bar region of the Aube district, the southernmost region of Champagne. It is headed up by Michel Drappier, the eighth generation to run the family business. Exponents of organic and traditional practices, the Drappiers employ minimal amounts of sulphur and a low dosage approach that bestows a dry and aromatic elegance upon their expressions. Made entirely with juices from the first pressing, with Pinot Noir grapes contributing more than 75%. Unfiltered and with a reduced dosage, this is imbued with elegance and authenticity.			
43551	DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$130.00	\$123.50
	Twice the hit, the larger bottle delivering reduced exposure of the wine to light and to the cork, more complexity from the maturation and less oxidation. Made entirely with juices from the first pressing, with Pinot Noir contributing more than 75%, the Carte d'Or is the inaugural inhabitant of Drappier's new bottle. Unfiltered and with a reduced dosage, this is a champagne imbued with elegance and authenticity.			
43521	DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR METHUSALEH (6000ml)		\$765.00	\$726.75
	Enticing layers of floral, berry and spice notes complement earthy aromatics of wet stone and black tea. With time in the glass, deeper savoury notes and richness from the whole cluster use emerge. This vintage has shown wonderful finesse from the outset, with silky texture and an attractive seamless throughout. Focused and very elegant, the wine has fine persistent tannins extending the harmonious finish. Cellaring for up to 7-10 years.			
45321	DRAPPIER CARTE D'OR MINI (200ml)		\$19.99	\$18.99
	It is rich gold, even coppery gold in colour. No technique of vinification is allowed to alter the natural colour of the cuvée. On the nose, the bouquet of sweet briar, quickly gives way to the aromas of stoned fruits, such as the white peach of the vines. A spicy hint announces a powerful and complex impact in the mouth.			
41589	DRAPPIER CUVÉE CHARLES DE GAULLE		\$89.99	\$85.49
	In the 1960s, when he was not at the Elysée Palace or on official business elsewhere, General de Gaulle would reside at his property, the Boiserie in Colombey-les-Deux-Églises, situated a few miles from Urville. There he discovered Champagne Drappier and chose a aromatic and authentic cuvée rich in Pinot Noir (80%) for his private receptions. This wine was then renamed in homage to him.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43566	DRAPPIER GRAND SENDREE VINTAGE	2006	\$125.50	\$119.23
	Drappier's top cuvee is coming into its own now, with nutty, toasty characters augmenting the fresh-tasting palate of ripe fruit flavours and tight acidity.			
43562	DRAPPIER GRAND SENDREE VINTAGE	2008	\$118.00	\$112.10
	A delicate cherry colour with a hint of copper. The mousse is fine and persistent. On the nose, there are aromas of red fruits. On the palate, this wine is powerful, vinous and is well balanced. The finish is rich, fresh, elegant and long lasting. 89 points Winespectator.			
43567	DRAPPIER MILLESIME EXCEPTION VINTAGE	2012	\$84.99	\$80.74
	"A serious and harmonious wine with a decent amount of grip and texture. There is stone fruit to the core, perhaps a touch confected, but there is vinosity and strength to this wine." 90 Decanter			
43571	DRAPPIER MILLESIME EXCEPTION VINTAGE	2013	\$89.99	\$85.49
	Drappier is considered the finest boutique producer in the Côtes des Bar region of the Aube district. Exponents of organic and traditional practices, they aspire to a position of natural authenticity. A high proportion of Chardonnay is present, with the opulent Pinot Noir fruit contributing notes of red fruits and violets.			
43505	DRAPPIER QUATTUOR BLANC DE BLANC		\$99.00	\$94.05
	Exemplifying Drappier's passion for championing 'forgotten but unforgettable' varieties, this combines the elegance of the Chardonnay grape in equal measure with the rarer varieties Arbane, Petit Meslier and Blanc Vrai. Floral tinged, honeyed notes of almond, orange and apple entice the nose, while the palate surges gently forward on fresh fruit flavours underpinned by a restrained mineral edge and a graceful, lingering finish. Low sulphur content, non-filtered, beautifully executed.			
43568	DRAPPIER ROSE DE SAIGNEE (NEW SMART BOTTLE & LABEL)		\$64.99	\$61.74
	Exponents of organic and traditional practices, the Drappiers aspire to a position of natural authenticity, employing minimal amounts of sulphur along with a low dosage approach that bestows a dry and aromatic elegance on their expressions. The pride of the house, the limestone-rich vineyards were initially established by the Romans 2,000 years ago. They are one of the few houses producing rosé by the saignée method. Dry in style, exquisitely fresh and expressive.			
43520	DRAPPIER ZERO DOSAGE		\$69.99	\$66.49
	No dosage, or liqueur d'expédition for you purists out there, means the remaining natural residual sugar (about two grams per litre, according to my lab, and her name's Sharon) is all there is. Bone dry then, and 100% Pinot Noir. Drappier dream differently, huh. It's almost coppery in the glass, with an elegant mousse that brims with refinement rather than rash frivolity. There's a shapely wash of yeasty and nutty characters slipping under the citrus on the nose, while the palate crackles with chewy cherry fruits and bready richness. The finish is so inordinately and refreshingly dry that you are already summoning your waiter.			

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Champagne Krug

As you step into the courtyard at Rue Coquebert, you enter a world with a different concept of time. At Krug, the legend of champagne remains a reality of everyday life. The Krug family insist on using time honoured methods when producing their champagnes to guarantee the highest possible quality. Since 1843, Krug has specialised in producing solely prestige champagne. Using traditional methods, the Krugs make no compromise in time or expense. The brand is legendary.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45813	KRUG BLANC DE BLANCS CLOS DU MESNIL	2004	\$1599.00	\$1519.05
	97/100 Wine Spectator: "Incredibly fresh and vibrant, this stunning Champagne weaves a tightly knit skein of ripe pear and tangy yellow plum fruit flavors together, with accents of rich pastry cream, toasted brioche, elderflower, ground cardamom and coffee liqueur. Shows a beautiful texture. A thread of salinity winds through to the lasting finish. Disgorged fall 2013. Drink now through 2029. 832 cases made." - AN			
45818	KRUG GRANDE CUVÉE EDITION 166		\$275.00	\$261.25
	This is the 166th edition since Krug's inception in 1843. A blend of 120+ wines from ten or more vintages, its exceptional finesse is the result of a stay of at least six years in the cellars. In 2011 the Krug ID was introduced on the label, with information about blend and disgorgement retrievable from their website or via a Krug app.			
45843	KRUG GRANDE CUVÉE EDITION 167		\$275.00	\$261.25
	94 / Decanter "Edition 167 is a blend of 47% Pinot Noir, 36% Chardonnay and 17% Pinot Meunier; aged for just under seven years and dosed with 7 g/l of sugar. Despite the rather troubled 'base' vintage, the wine does not lack for power, its youthful exuberance evidenced by a rich golden colour and a precocious nose of vanillin, soft coconut and summer flowers, behind that spice, white pepper and hints of tropical fruit. Magnetic and seductive, this is a wine of great breeding and incredible potential. Drinking Window 2019 - 2024."			
45831	KRUG ROSE BRUT		\$469.00	\$445.55
	This is a small-production recent addition to the Krug family of wines. Like the Grande Cuvée it is fermented in small oak casks and cellared for six years on lees. This is a profound, enchanting wine with a delicate framework, a silky texture and a complex range of flavours from berry fruits through to brioche and yeast notes. While there is no question around its magnificent weight and power, it is certainly an ethereal execution of the Krug style.			

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Lanson

One of the oldest Champagne houses, Lanson was founded in 1760 by Francois Delamoite, a magistrate from Reims. His son, Nicolas-Louis, a Knight of the Order of Malta, succeeded him in 1798, and in 1828, he formed a partnership with Jean-Baptiste Lanson. In 1837 he gave the company the name of Lanson et Cie. Forward-thinking and ambitious, Jean-Baptiste set out to conquer the newly emerging, export markets, exporting champagne to England, Holland and Russia. In 1848, they moved into new premises on Boulevard Lundy in Reims & the beautiful cellars in the Rue de Courlancy were acquired in the early 1900s.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46325	LANSON BRUT ROSÉ		\$74.99	\$71.24
	This delicate champagne was one of the first Rosé champagnes. It's a beautiful pure colour in salmon tones with small, brilliant bubbles. The nose recalls aromas of roses and delicate red berry notes. On the palate, the impact is gentle leading into a very long finish. Its unmistakable originality is its most attractive feature along with the harmonious balance it strikes between fullness and freshness.			
46316	LANSON GOLD LABEL VINTAGE	2002	\$115.00	\$109.25
46323	LANSON GOLD LABEL VINTAGE	2005	\$115.00	\$109.25
	"With 49% Chardonnay and 51% Pinot Noir from grand cru vineyards, this well-balanced wine is just coming into its best years. Crisp and dry, following the Lanson style of no malolactic fermentation, the wine is full of white fruits, citrus and hints of toast, based around a tangy, mineral texture. Drink now and until 2025." Wine Enthusiast			
46315	LANSON GOLD LABEL VINTAGE	2008	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Bronze / 89 points Decanter World Wine Awards 2017 "Surprisingly youthful and fresh, with notes of lemon and cream on the nose. Crisp and lively on the palate, with a finish that lingers fetchingly."			
46313	LANSON BLACK LABEL BRUT		\$64.99	\$61.74
	Lanson's flagship cuvée. Aromas of pipfruit and tropical characters are embellished with brioche-like notes, the vivacious palate boasting a seductively plump mouthfeel, silky mousse and refreshing finish.			

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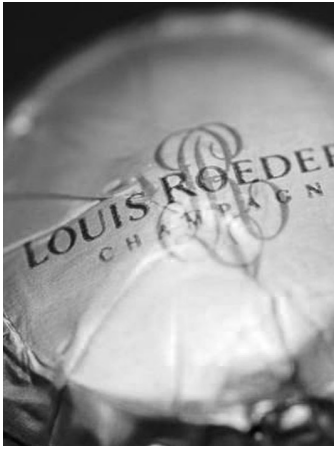


Champagne Laurent-Perrier

Founded in 1812, Laurent-Perrier is recognised as one of the finest of the champagne houses. This success derives from respect for long-established traditions, dedication to quality and strong long-term relationships with all those associated with the company. It is also the result of the family's drive, led by Bernard de Nonancourt, to maintain Laurent-Perrier's independence and values. Under his impetus, they have gone through a rapid growth phase.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46411	LAURENT PERRIER BRUT LA CUVÉE		\$94.99	\$90.24
	The high proportion of Chardonnay fruit provides a natural purity, freshness and elegance. Delicate yet complex, with exquisite balance and length.			
46421	LAURENT PERRIER BRUT MILLESIMÉ	2008	\$115.00	\$109.25
	"The 2008 Brut Millésimé is a gorgeous wine that expresses all of the pedigree of the vintage beautifully. Complex and nuanced, with tons of class, the 2008 has so much to offer. Dried pear, mint, chamomile, crushed rock, dried flowers and pastry overtones are all laced together in this finely-knit, resonant Champagne." 93 points, Vinous			
46417	LAURENT PERRIER GRAND SIÈCLE		\$299.00	\$284.05
46440	LAURENT PERRIER ROSE CUVÉE BRUT		\$189.00	\$179.55
	Ask Rosé champagne aficionados to name their top ten, and you can pretty much guarantee this wine will be in it. A sexy salmon-pink, it boasts a fine effervescent bead, with bright raspberries, strawberries and black cherries chasing daintily across the palate all the way to the classy end.			
46420	LAURENT PERRIER ROSE METAL COLLECTION CLASSIC		\$144.99	\$137.74
46412	LAURENT PERRIER ROSE METAL COLLECTION CONSTELLATION		\$144.99	\$137.74
46413	LAURENT PERRIER ROSE METAL COLLECTION SAFARI		\$144.99	\$137.74

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Champagne Louis Roederer

Creators of the glorious Cristal, beloved bubbly of rappers and royalty alike, the Louis Roederer champagne house came into being in 1776, around the same time a nascent America was struggling to stand up in the cot. The serious timeline involved in that statement adds an unassailable aura of authenticity to the proceedings; let's face it, any family that can hold a business together for almost two-and-a-half centuries has to have something going for it. With two-thirds of their grape requirements under company ownership, Roederer has a great deal of control when it comes to the quality of its product. Operating under the ethos, 'the better the vine, the better the wine' its vineyards are meticulously maintained and well-honed traditions adhered to. Roederer themselves pay homage to 'those people in the vineyards and cellars who daily orchestrate the score for a great champagne.' One of the truly great houses.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48510	LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT PREMIER		\$97.99	\$93.09
	The substantial addition of reserve wines delivers an opulent, yeasty expression of white fruit, flowers and vanilla atop a creamy palate.			
48574	LOUIS ROEDERER CRISTAL ROSE	2008	\$899.00	\$854.05
	Bright pink hue with delicate salmon-pink tints. Soft, even sparkle that fills the glass and gives the wine an almost creamy appearance. The delicate, subtle bouquet opens up with elegant aromas of flower petals and dried fruit and nuts, which then give way to zesty notes of red berries such as redcurrant and wild strawberry, characteristic of our old Pinot noir vines from Ay. The juicy and fleshy attack is underpinned by a direct, intense freshness. It displays simultaneously solid and fluid powdery notes harking back to the tannins in the pips which were perfectly ripe and lignified. There is an explosion of intense, rich, fresh flavours, complemented by notes of hazelnut and a powdery, almost oily, mouthfeel, characteristic of the finest Pinot noirs. There is an impression of chalkiness on the finish with zesty notes reminiscent of candied citrus and yuzu.			
48516	LOUIS ROEDERER CRISTAL VINTAGE	2008	\$399.99	\$379.99
	100/100 Nick Stock - Disgorged October 2016 and will be the first Cristal to be released ten years from harvest when it is offered in 2018. 35 parcels used from a possible 45 in this vintage. The assemblage is 60% pinot noir and 40% chardonnay. This is so fresh and tense and mineral with extremely exuberant chardonnay notes on the nose of white peach, lemon and yellow grapefruit, and hints of almost brambly sous bois aromas. The yeast characters are also super fresh, and there are subtle woody notes, with a hint of vanilla bean and light spices. The palate is super long, and very pure, powerful and focused. It drives deep and taut. Pinot Noir is a strong core and the chardonnay sits at the edge offering lemon and white nectarine sorbet flavors. Staggeringly concentrated, yet the balance makes it seem airy and light. Acidity is perfectly positioned, and the power is intense and long. This is an ultra precise Cristal, finishing with a mere suggestion of savoriness and warmth to come.			
48564	LOUIS ROEDERER VINTAGE 2009	2012	\$145.00	\$137.75
	93 Vinous - Antonio Galloni "All of the natural richness and raciness of the year comes through in Roederer's 2009 Brut Vintage. Creamy, ample and generous, the 2009 radiates with Pinot character. Dried pear, hazelnut, spice and anise add layers of nuance to this super-expressive and highly pleasurable Champagne. All the elements are simply in harmony."			

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Moët & Chandon

The giant Moët juggernaut accounts for nearly half of the champagne imported into the US, apparently, while also being responsible for the majority of soiled overalls on the Formula 1 circuit. Why don't those clowns just drink it? Anyway, it walks the perfect path between intensity and finesse in a swagger of inimitable balance and poise. Founded in 1743 by Claude Moët, it rapidly became the darling of the European courts. In 1792 Jean-Remy Moët took over the reins and established the world's first international luxury brand. The Moët & Chandon estate is the largest in the Champagne region, and they have access to 200 of its 323 Crus. The wines are a blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. 30 metres below the historic Maison in Epernay run 28 kilometres of cellars carved out of the great mass of marble chalk inherent to the region, with some galleries dating back to the original founding date in the 1740's.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
47296	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE BRUT IMPERIAL GOLD MAGNUM (1500ML)		\$179.00	\$170.05
	As big and as well-known as it might be, the giant-striding Moët & Chandon brand is still a force to be reckoned with in the quality stakes. Comes in a magnum-size shiny golden jacket. Talk about festive.			
47212	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE BRUT IMPERIAL MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$159.00	\$151.05
	The giant-striding Moët & Chandon brand is a force to be reckoned with in the quality and consistency stakes. Their non-vintage model is broad and stylish, with a creamy texture and an elegant, zingy character.			
47327	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE BRUT PICCOLO (200ml)		\$22.99	\$21.84
	Here's what you'll need to pop your Golden Sippers into, when your Share Mini Moët pack is gone! The classic Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial in a piccolo 200ml format. Great little treat or special little gift.			
47206	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE BRUT ROSE		\$84.99	\$80.74
	Arguably the world's first international luxury brand. In this case, big is also good. Moët & Chandon's nonvintage rosé hits the mark with style, delivering Pinot Noir-derived richness, beautifully interwoven flavours and layered complexity.			
47202	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE GRAND VINTAGE	2012	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Each Grand Vintage is unique, expressing the Moët & Chandon Cellar Master's personal interpretation of the year. 2012 is our 74th Grand Vintage; and is exceptional in its maturity, complexity and charisma. The 2012 Grand Vintage evokes the transition from spring to summer. It offers superb harmony, accompanied by softness and freshness.			
47294	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE GRAND VINTAGE ROSE	2009	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The palate evokes joy, calling to mind a carnival with its twirling rides and children laughing over displays of sweets: marshmallows, hard candy, cotton candy and caramel apples. Then come notes of nutmeg, dried fig and black cherry. The Pinot Noir expresses itself with a light, airy elegance, a soft, gentle texture and a finish.			
47242	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE ICE IMPERIAL DEMI-SEC		\$84.99	\$80.74
	The voluptuously-flavoured Moët Ice Imperial is a demi-sec, so a little sweeter than your average brut. Created to be enjoyed over ice, Moët suggest you serve it with three ice cubes in a large Cabernet-style glass, and mix in a hint of mint or lime zest, perhaps a touch of cucumber peel or red fruits.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
47203	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE ICE IMPERIAL ROSE NV		\$104.99	\$99.74
	New and exclusively available at Glengarry. Partner to the voluptuously-flavoured Moët Ice Imperial. Created to be enjoyed over ice, Moët suggest you serve it with three ice cubes in a large Cabernet-style glass, and mix in a hint of mint or lime zest, perhaps a touch of cucumber peel or red fruits.			
47241	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE IMPERIAL 2018 FESTIVE BOTTLE		\$79.99	\$75.99
	Moët upholds the tradition of end-of-year celebration in its signature festive style, delivering this groovy bottle that'll captivate the lucky recipient with its Parisian vistas.			
47211	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE IMPERIAL BRUT		\$69.99	\$59.99
	With the largest estate in Champagne at its disposal, the giant-striding Moët & Chandon brand is still a force to be reckoned with in the quality and consistency stakes. Their Impérial Brut NV is broad and stylish, with a creamy presence and a vibrantly elegant character.			
47219	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE IMPERIAL BRUT NV FESTIVE BOTTLE		\$79.99	\$75.99
	As big and as well-known as it might be, the giant-striding Moët & Chandon brand is still a force to be reckoned with in the quality stakes. Comes in a shiny golden jacket. Talk about festive.			
47205	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE NECTAR IMPERIAL		\$84.99	\$80.74
	A much admired, medium-dry champagne created around the intriguing and mysterious Pinot Noir grape.			
47200	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE ROSE LIVING TIES BOTTLE		\$84.99	\$80.74
	Moët's non-vintage rosé champagne delivers a Pinot Noir-derived opulence that elevates its carefully interwoven flavours and layered complexity to another level. Comes dressed in a quirky new, Valentine's-inspired outfit.			
47237	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE ROSE PICCOLO (200ml)		\$28.99	\$27.54
	Moët & Chandon's nonvintage rosé hits the mark with style, delivering Pinot Noir-derived richness, beautifully interwoven flavours and layered complexity all wrapped up in miniature form.			
47218	MOET AND CHANDON CHAMPAGNE BRUT ROSE MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$179.99	\$170.99
	Pink champagne: the Pinot-derived richness is clear even on the nose, where red fruits and spice are decadently unveiled. It dances, fresh, lively, yet layered and complex, the beautifully interwoven flavours expressed on a palate of sheer silk.			

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Champagne Moutard

The Moutard-Diligent family can trace a history of viticulture as far back as 1642, but it was not until the 1920s that they began producing champagne under their own name. Today, helmed by François Moutard, the family estate consists of 21 hectares of vines in the Côte des Bar region of southern Champagne, where the distinctive clay and limestone soils foster rich and fruity aromatics. Working from recipes written down by the gloriously named Hyacinthe Diligent back in the 19th century, Moutard produce a full range of champagnes, including the unique Cuvée des 6 Cépages, made from six varieties. The non-vintage wines are all aged for at least three years, the vintage and prestige champagnes for ten to fifteen. Moutard may lack the fame of some of the other marques, but their softly-textured wines are nonetheless very impressive, and flying, as they do, somewhat under the radar, they offer exceptional value.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40446	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD BRUT NATURE RICHARDOT NV		\$89.99	\$85.49
	Made from 100% Pinot Noir from the best old vines, Champagne Moutard Brut Nature is wonderfully fruity with fine beads and a crisp taste.			
40437	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD BRUT NV (375ML)		\$27.99	\$26.59
	100% Pinot Noir, enhanced with the addition of older reserve stocks. A seductive bouquet of peach and pear is underpinned with almond and brioche. Wonderfully fresh, with creamy textures and an elegant finish.			
40435	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD BRUT NV MAGNUM (1500ML)		\$99.00	\$94.05
	100% Pinot Noir, enhanced with the addition of older reserve stocks. A seductive bouquet of peach and pear is underpinned with almond and brioche. Wonderfully fresh, with creamy textures and an elegant finish.			
41521	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD CUVÉE 6 CEPAGES	2008	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The grapes come from vineyards in the communes of Buxeuil and Polisy in the Côte des Bar, the warmest region of Champagne. The 6 varieties in this wine are the traditional Champagne varieties of the 19th century Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Blanc, Petit Meslier and Arbane. The Moutard family continues to grow the uncommon varieties of Petit Meslier and Arbane. A fascinating fragrant and floral wine with exceptional depth.			
41529	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD CUVÉE 6 CEPAGES	2009	\$99.00	\$94.05
	The grapes come from vineyards in the communes of Buxeuil and Polisy in the Côte des Bar, the warmest region of Champagne. The 6 varieties in this wine are the traditional Champagne varieties of the 19th century Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Blanc, Petit Meslier and Arbane. The Moutard family continues to grow the uncommon varieties of Petit Meslier and Arbane. A fascinating fragrant and floral wine with exceptional depth.			
41506	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD DAME NESLE PINOT NOIR ROSE		\$49.99	\$47.49
	Rich and creamy flavours of strawberry and black-currant are overlaid with a smoky, textural quality, mineral notes and a vibrant, scintillating finish.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41508	CHAMPAGNE MOUTARD GRANDE CUVÉE BRUT		\$49.99	\$43.99

Produced from 100% Pinot Noir, additional complexity is achieved through the use of older reserve stocks. The seductive bouquet of peach and pear is underpinned by touches of almond and brioche. With creamy textures and an elegant finish, it has the weight for food as well.

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G.H. Mumm

For nearly two centuries, the House of G.H. Mumm has been shaped by strongly held values that still form an integral part of its identity today. The von Mumm family, whose lineage boasts barons and knights, can be traced back to the 12th Century. In 1761, Peter Arnold Mumm started a wine production and distribution business in Cologne. Thanks to the good relations between France and Germany at the beginning of the 19th Century, P.A. Mumm's three sons, Jacobus, Gottlieb and Phillip, were able to establish a champagne house in Rheims, the coronation city of French kings. They recognised the sales potential of this wine, much-prized by Europe's royal families. Travelling the world and growing their business as they went, the directors of G.H. Mumm prospered from their contacts with different cultures and nationalities. To this day, the House of G.H. Mumm retains a multicultural approach and an openness to new ideas and perspectives.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
47309	MUMM CHAMPAGNE CORDON ROUGE MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$179.00	\$170.05
	One of the world's biggest-selling champagnes. Boasting a nose of citrus, peach and vanilla enhanced by Mumm's trademark biscuity nuances, it has a silky, mouthfilling mousse and a lovely fresh, lingering finish. A double helping of the real deal will go down well with your champagne-loving pals.			
47314	MUMM CHAMPAGNE CORDON ROUGE VINTAGE	2006	\$145.00	\$137.75
	93 Decanter "Magic combo: Pinor Noir depth and Chardonnay verve. Quite forward but more complex if kept. Drinking Window 2016 - 2020."			
47313	MUMM CORDON ROSE		\$69.99	\$69.99
	A relatively rich style of rosé champagne with a fragrant nose of strawberries, cherries and vanilla over a soft and creamy palate. Foaming effervescence and a high tide of warm fruit flavours fade to a long, sweeping finish.			
46446	MUMM CORDON ROUGE BRUT NV & GLASSES		\$79.99	\$71.99
	A nose of citrus, peach and vanilla enhanced by Mumm's trademark biscuity nuances, a silky palate and a lovely fresh, lingering finish. Comes with glasses for you and a friend.			
47324	MUMM CUVÉE R. LALOU CUVÉE PRESTIGE	2002	\$399.00	\$379.05
	Cuvée R. Lalou is sourced from the finest, oldest and most characterful parcels within the Maison Mumm vineyard. Cuvée R. Lalou pays homage to a man who determined the destiny of Mumm from 1920 to 1973, René Lalou. René Lalou's philosophy was to put terroir at the heart of the culture of Maison Mumm, blending wines from the best Crus to create cuvées that truly reflected this great terroir in terms of aroma, body and flavour.			
46441	MUMM DE CRAMANT BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV		\$199.00	\$189.05
46445	MUMM GRAND CORDON BRUT		\$59.99	\$59.99
	One of the world's biggest-selling champagnes, the nose of citrus, peach and vanilla enhanced by Mumm's trademark biscuity nuances. It has a silky, mouthfilling mousse and a lovely fresh, lingering finish.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46452	MUMM RSRV BLANC DE NOIRS	2008	\$149.99	\$142.49
	One of Mumm's two reserve champagnes, 100% Grand Cru Pinot Noir fruit from one of the top villages in the Montagne de Reims/Verzenay region. Opulent and complex, a sublime blend of power and balance.			
46453	MUMM VINTAGE	2012	\$89.99	\$89.99
	A surprising roundness powered by peach and yellow pear fruit, which slowly reveal exotic hints of lychee tempered by explosive citrus notes.			

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André Jacquart & Fils

Headed up today by the 5th generation of the Jacquart family, the name Andre Jacquart comes from Marie's maternal grandfather's name. Marie and her brother took over running the family property in 2004 and at that time started to implement a number of changes, which included increasing the ageing of the wines. The non vintage see a minimum of 5 years, and the vintage are aged over 7 years, well above the legal requirements. They also introduced oak fermentation in complete contrast to their parents 100% stainless steel approach. Not content with just two steps to increase quality, they also stopped doing malolactic fermentation and reduced the dosage to half of what it was. Located in the villages of Les Mesnil and Vertus, production is Chardonnay based, with a small amount of Pinot Noir grown for their Rosé production.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48393	ANDRE JACQUART AND FILS BLANC DE BLANC EXPERIENCE GRAND CRU	2009	\$120.00	\$114.00
	100% Chardonnay from the greatest Grand Cru Chardonnay village in Champagne. The vintage wine comes strictly from 80-90 year old parcels in Les Mesnil, produced using 100% oak with no MLF and a dosage of only 4g/L. Incredibly rich pure, reminiscent of a great Corton Charlemagne with bubbles.			
48392	ANDRE JACQUART AND FILS BLANC DE BLANCS LES MESNIL BRUT NATURE		\$89.00	\$84.55
	Made the same way as the Blanc de Blanc Les Mesnil NV, this is the Zero Dosage version, it's fascinating to taste the two side by side. The base of this wine is the 2007 vintage and the parcel of fruit that performed in this year different to the current Les Mesnil NV, the older vines at 60+ years loving the weather conditions in 2007. One taste though and you'll be left wondering if you have the right bottle, the fruit concentration of this wine leaves you wondering if it is zero dosage.			
48391	ANDRE JACQUART AND FILS BLANC DE BLANCS LES MESNIL EXPERIENCE		\$89.00	\$84.55
	Chardonnay 100% from the village of Les Mesnil, the Grand Cru vineyards that go into this wine average 40-45 years. Disgorged in July 2014, the base is predominantly 2008 with just one reserve wine added. 70% of the wine was aged in oak which was 3 year old, the balance in stainless. No mlf and dosage of just 4gm/l. Taut and structured, this is very distinctive. The lemon, lime floral notes dominate the palate which carries the oak well. Precise and pure.			
48390	ANDRE JACQUART AND FILS VERTUS EXPERIENCE		\$59.99	\$54.99
	Located in the villages of Les Mesnil and Vertus and headed up by the fifth generation of the Jacquart family. 100% Chardonnay, 70% aged in stainless, the balance in oak. An expressive nose leads through to a creamy-textured palate with superb fruit, weight and length. No malolactic fermentation, and dosage is a mere 4gm/L.			

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Ayala Champagne

Champagne AYALA is one of the longest-established champagne Houses; it has been based in Ay, at the heart of the great champagne vineyards, since it was founded over 150 years ago. Independent and family-owned, it is still today the archetype of a great and historic House, producing top quality wines which are enjoyed throughout the world for their freshness and elegance.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40392	AYALA CHAMPAGNE BRUT MAJEUR		\$89.99	\$76.90

Ayala is under the ownership of Champagne Bollinger and this is reflected in the full bodied, yeasty style of the Brut Majeur. Made from a blend of the finest Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier grapes, Brut Majeur is the epitome of a non-vintage brut from a great, historic House. Extended ageing in our cellars and a low dosage make this wine suitable for any occasion; it is the finest ambassador for the House's freshness and elegance.

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Beau Joie Champagne

Beau Joie is a new Champagne with a unique image. Encased in a 100% copper armor, Beau Joie is both beautiful and environmentally friendly (the copper is recycled). The perfect gift or party piece. Inspired by the armor that the knights wore to protect the Kingdom of France and the copper roofs of Paris. The only Champagne where “innovation drives function design” Handmade copper Suit of Armor acts as grip for pouring, rubber thumb grip in punt of bottle, each SKU has a different “suit of armor” Patented design. The Estate is situated in Epernay, the heart of the Champagne region, and was founded in 1972 by Charles Ellner, a professional riddler who had been buying his own vineyards on the side and making small production champagnes for a small but dedicated clientele. Since then, Charles Ellner has grown to become a worldwide esteemed family-owned brand. In the hands of the fourth generation, the house now encompasses more than 54 hectares of vineyards, mainly in Valle de la Marne and Région de Sézanne, producing only about 1,000,000 bottles annually with

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49541	BEAU JOIE CHAMPAGNE ROSE		\$129.99	\$123.49

50% Pinot Noir 50% Chardonnay, 3.8g dosage, all stainless fermentation, 3 years on lees, 4 years age total. A fresh and fruity wine, brimming with watermelon, strawberry and citrus notes. The vibrant structure and delicate mousse keep this focused and lively, with a long, crisp finish.

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Champagne Collet

Historically, Cooperatives played a vital role not only in the wine industry but in French culture in general. Today a third of all French wine is still made this way, where a group of growers merge their grapes to produce a wine and then market it, involved in the process from beginning to end. Collett was established in 1921 with 80 members. That number has since swelled to a staggering 607. Champagne Collet has been a Champagne of elegance and finesse. Based in Ay in the heart of the Champagne region, Champagne Collet is sourced predominantly from Premier and Grand Crus grapes. It's a Champagne designed to suite all occasions.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48581	COLLET CHAMPAGNE BRUT ART DECO		\$79.99	\$67.90
	Bronze/86 Decanter World Wine Awards "40% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier. Poached pear and sweet spice nose. Creamy texture with balanced acidity, intense fruit flavours and a long finish."			
48583	COLLET CHAMPAGNE BRUT ROSE		\$125.00	\$118.75
	A delicate cherry colour with a hint of copper. The mousse is fine and persistent. On the nose, there are aromas of red fruits.			

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Henri Giraud

Until recently very much a Grower, rising popularity has led to Henri Giraud purchasing fruit, technically propelling them into negociant status. Technicalities aside, these are nonetheless unique and eclectic wines. Located in Aÿ, the home of great Pinot Noir, all the wines are made from Grand Cru vineyards. It is all about the oak, taken from the now neglected Argonne forest, historically the source of all oak used in champagne. Carrying attention to detail to a whole new level, Giraud have established GPS positions on individual trees in order to match particular characters in each part of the forest with selected vineyard parcels.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48338	HENRI GIRAUD ARGONNE GRAND CRU	2008	\$660.00	\$627.00
	<p>Only 4000 bottles were produced of this incredible Champagne, named after the Argonne oak forest, from which Henri Giraud produces their bespoke barrels. Robert Parker famously described ARGONNE as "the way I think Krug SHOULD taste". A unique wine made only in exceptional vintages, that matches the terroir of the vines, with specific terroir within this historic oak forest. 90% Pinot Noir and 10% Chardonnay, from a superb Ay Grand Cru plot of 50yr old vines. 2008 is one of the finest vintages of all time, with beautifully ripe fruit and perfect fresh acid balance. 100% fermented and aged in specially selected new 228 litre Argonne Oak barrels. The laser engraved bottles rest in the chalk cellars for 9 years, and are disgorged with 7.5g/l of dosage, creating a sumptuous yet elegant, precisely defined champagne of stunning mineral purity and great ageing potential. ARGONNE is truly one of the world's greatest wines.</p>			
48342	HENRI GIRAUD ARGONNE GRAND CRU	2011	\$660.00	\$627.00
	<p>The fruit for this comes from the very best parts of Ay, the wood for the ageing matched to it and from the best parts of the Argonne forest. 75% Pinot Noir, 25% Chardonnay, 1 year in 30% new oak and 10 years in the cellars. This is rich, complex, toasty, lovely texture with precision and drive. A very fine wine.</p>			
48337	HENRI GIRAUD AY GRAND CRU FUT DE CHENE BRUT MV ROSE		\$335.00	\$318.25
	<p>94/100 Antonio Galloni - "Rich, radiant and enveloping, the NV (MV) Fut de Chêne Rosé captures the essence of the Giraud house style. Sweet red berries, rose petal, mint and cranberry are all nicely pushed forward, but it is the wine's textural finesse and silkiness that are most impressive. I would prefer to drink this racy, flamboyant Rosé over the next few years, while the flavors remain vibrant. The Fut de Chêne Rosé is made from the same base as the Fut de Chêne (70% Pinot and 30% Chardonnay), but with the addition of 6% still Pinot. 50% Reserve Wine and dosage is 6 grams per liter."</p>			
48341	HENRI GIRAUD AY GRAND CRU FUT DE CHENE BRUT MV ROSE	2007	\$255.00	\$242.25
	<p>The base of this wine is exactly the same as its Blanc stable mate, with 5% red from 80 year old grapes grown in Ay. This is very smart rose, delicacy with dark red fruit at the same time, a rich palate and a lovely balanced finish.</p>			
48343	HENRI GIRAUD CHAMPAGNE BLANC DE CRAIE		\$79.00	\$75.05
	<p>The Blanc de Craie is Giraud's newest Champagne, and an even better version of his classic Blanc de Blancs. 90% of the fruit comes from the Montagne de Reims, which has a 200m-thick layer of chalky limestone (Craie). The wine spends twelve months in stainless steel before being blended with 10% Grand Cru Aÿ Chardonnay that has spent the same time in Argonne oak barrels. This complex blend then matures for two years in the bottle. A lovely mineral tension and freshness holds it together, but it still retains the signature Giraud richness.</p>			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48347	HENRI GIRAUD CODE NOIR GIFT BOX		\$195.00	\$185.25
	92/100 Wine & Spirits Magazine. Champagne has a code firmly rooted in its history : Black as Pinot.			
48357	HENRI GIRAUD COTEAUX CHAMPENOIS ROUGE		\$255.00	\$242.25
48346	HENRI GIRAUD DAME JANE ROSE GIFT BOX		\$120.00	\$99.00
	Located in Aÿ, the home of great Pinot Noir, all the Henri Giraud wines are made from Grand Cru vineyards. It is all about the oak, taken from the now neglected Argonne forest, historically the source of all oak used in champagne. Until recently very much a Grower, rising popularity has led to Giraud purchasing fruit, technically propelling them into négociant status. Technicalities aside, these are unique wines, with this the new rosé in the range, the Hommage base wine blended before bottling with Aÿ Grand Cru Pinot Noir from 70-year-old vines.			
48356	HENRI GIRAUD ESPRIT DE GIRAUD BRUT		\$64.99	\$59.99
	Giraud use very little additional sulphur, and in future disgorgements we are likely to see these reduced further. All of their champagnes are sourced from Grand Cru vineyards. State-of-the-art boutique.			
48349	HENRI GIRAUD FUT DE CHENE GRAND CRU MV	2010	\$260.00	\$247.00
	Stunning blend of 70% Pinot Noir and 30% Chardonnay. Rich and powerful, with remarkable concentration from 12 months in Argonne oak, full malo and six years on lees in the bottle. Notes of brioche, baked apple and lemon.			
48345	HENRI GIRAUD FUT DE CHENE GRAND CRU MV	2012	\$195.00	\$185.25
48339	HENRI GIRAUD RATAFIA CHAMPENOIS		\$74.99	\$71.24
	A rich, fruity liqueur from Champagne house Henri Giraud, packed with aromas of roasted nuts, berry fruits and spices, and a full-bodied palate of stewed stone fruit, grapes and candied orange peel. This would be delicious sipped over ice with dessert.			

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J. Lassalle

Located just outside Reims, Lassalle is run by 3 generations of women, with 50% of the tiny 100,000-bottle production heading to the US. Lassalle led the way, the first of the Growers to really make waves in that market. Production is very traditional, with stainless steel, no oak, malolactic and 8-9gm dosage. They have 11ha, all Premier Cru, in Chigny-les-Roses, divided into 45 different parcels (50% Pinot Meunier, 25% Chardonnay and 25% Pinot Noir). The vineyards were planted by Angeline Templier's late grandfather, with the company officially becoming a partnership between grandmother, mother and daughter in 2006.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48366	J LASSALLE BLANC DE BLANCS	2009	\$125.00	\$118.75
	A fresh floral style of Blanc de Blanc, as with all of the Lassalle Champagnes, there's a gentle touch to these wines.			
48362	J LASSALLE BLANC DE BLANCS 1ER CRU	2007	\$79.00	\$75.05
48361	J LASSALLE CUVÉE ANGELINE 1ER CRU	2009	\$159.00	\$151.05
	A blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay, named after Angeline Lassalle this wine is only made in exceptional years. The first vintage was created in 1973 by Jules Lassalle and launched in 1978, the same year as the birth of his granddaughter. A total of 6,000 bottles produced, 8gm/l dosage. The boldest style from Lassalle, an exceptional food wine.			
48360	J LASSALLE PREFERENCE 1ER CRU BRUT NV		\$69.99	\$64.99
	Lassalle is run by three generations of women, with 50% of the tiny production heading to the US. Lassalle led the way, the first of the Growers to really make waves in that market. They have 11ha, all Premier Cru. There's a definitive house style to the Lassalle wines, one of delicacy, freshness and unassailable quality.			

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Laherte Frères

Laherte have 10ha across ten villages in the vicinity of Chavot. Since 2005 they have been biodynamic for most of the vineyards, with the balance organic, so healthy-looking vineyards, then, with the oldest parcel 45 years old. They are not 100% bio due to the distances between the villages; at critical times they can't be everywhere. The seventh generation is now at the helm, and there is a lot of attention to detail. With 100,000 bottles each year, this is not a big producer. Bottling is done by hand and gravity, while fermentation is in oak for most of the ++cuvée. These wines are very smart, very esoteric and a bucket-load of fun.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48322	LAHERTE FRERES LES EMPREINTES EXTRA-BRUT	2010	\$125.00	\$118.75

'The prince' a vintage wine, though not labelled as such, this is 2009 vintage Champagne and from the 2012 vintage this wine will be labelled as such. From two parcels in Chavot, no malolactic fermentation, 3 years on lees with a further 2 years in the cellar. This is an earthy style of champagne, with vinosity and energy, eclectic, unique, a thinking wine.

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Lilbert-Fils Champagne

Located in Cramant, the Lilbert family have been grape growers since 1746, and winemakers since 1907. Five generations on, it's Bertrand Lilbert at the helm today with his father close behind. The smallest of all our Growers, 3.5ha divided into 15 parcels, 100% Grand Cru produce a tiny 27,000 bottles. 80% of the production is NV, the balance is made up of Vintage champagne and a small amount of Perle. The NV and the Vintage are traditionally made Champagnes, from 100% Chardonnay. Perle is made in a Cramant style, not to be confused with the village of Cramant, a low pressure style that is richer and sweeter. Peter Liem, in his Champagne guide, sums this producer up well: "The only problem with these wines is finding them, as the tiny production is eagerly snapped up upon release by a near-cult following of clientele around the world". We have just landed these wines and are delighted to have them as part of our Grower Champagne range.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48380	LILBERT-FILS GRAND CRU BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT		\$74.99	\$69.99
	<p>Located in the village of Cramant in the Cote de Blancs, records show the Lilbert family have been cultivating vines since 1746. They turn out wines of exceptional quality. White floral aromatics with hints of honey, the palate clean and fresh with a pure line of acidity through the middle, followed by a dry and delicate finish.</p>			
48381	LILBERT-FILS PERLE BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT		\$79.99	\$75.99
	<p>Disgorged the day before I tried it in March 2015, a blend of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 vintage. This wine is given a longer time on lees than the NV and made from vineyards with older vine age. There's just 4 kilos of pressure, which results from a shorter fermentation and less sugar. The mousse is very fine, the palate clean and dry with crisp green apple notes.</p>			
48385	LILBERT-FILS VINTAGE	2013	\$105.00	\$99.75
	<p>The Lilberts make all the wines from their own vineyards in the Grand cru Cramant. Made exclusively from Chardonnay fruit, the wines are vinified in stainless steel tanks and undergo malolactic fermentation.</p>			

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Paul Bara Champagne



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Paul Bara

Champagne Paul Bara was established in 1833 in Bouzy, a village which is renowned for terroir classified 100% Grand Cru. The House of Bara and its traditional values have been passed down from generation to generation for over 170 years. Bara champagne has maintained its traditional character through the years, while striving to constantly improve the quality of its production. Paul Bara champagne is currently managed by Chantale Bara.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48371	PAUL BARA BRUT GRAND ROSE DE BOUZY		\$74.00	\$70.30
	68% Pinot Noir, 20% Chardonnay and then 12% red wine for colour make up the blend of this wine. Aged for 3 years before release with a dosage of 10.8gm/l. All of the fruit is sourced from Grand Cru vineyard sites in Bouzy with an average vine age of 35 years. An attractive bouquet of red fruit, cherries and sweet cassis jump out of the glass and lead you to the rich, complexity that you'd expect from Paul Bara. There's no malolactic fermentation, the acidity very much a character of the wine, leaving a fresh long finish.			
48370	PAUL BARA BRUT RESERVE		\$69.99	\$59.99
	Paul Bara have been producing superb grapes off the same 11 hectares for seven generations. A Grand Cru Pinot Noir with power and drive, the high percentage of reserve wines providing impressive richness and complexity. It has had three years in the cellar prior to release and has a dosage of 11.2gm/L.			
48375	PAUL BARA COMTESSE MARIE DE FRANCE	2006	\$165.00	\$156.75
	Bara epitomizes all that is wonderful about old world, hand-crafted Champagne. Their vineyards are all in the village of Bouzy rated 100% Grand Cru; the bottles are all processed one at a time, using techniques developed over 100 years ago; the wines are seamless, at once delicate, and at the same time powerful. There's simply nothing to compare them to. His Prestige cuvee, the Comtesse Marie de France was named for the daughter of Éléonore d'Aquitaine, and created in 1968 initially as a special cuvée for the restaurant Chez Denis in Paris. He is the great specialist of Bouzy and this wine is the best of the village, 100% Pinot Noir from his oldest vines, aged in bottle for 10 years before release, with a low dosage of 6-7g/L. Full bodied and velvety with ample richness, but also an unusual refinement and finesse.			
48377	PAUL BARA SPECIAL CLUB	2008	\$140.00	\$133.00
	Spécial Club is a unique champagne that is only made in exceptional years. Each Spécial Club champagne is brought before an expert tasting panel, composed of oenologists and champagne growers, on two occasions. The first of these tasting tests is to approve the still base wine (vin clair) and the second to approve the champagne for the 'Spécial Club' label.			
48379	PAUL BARA SPECIAL CLUB	2009	\$140.00	\$133.00
48376	PAUL BARA VINTAGE	2012	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Made exclusively in years of exceptional harvests, this champagne boasts an attractive yellow-green sheen and a delicate effervescence.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48374	PAUL BARA VINTAGE (1500ml)	2009	\$220.00	\$209.00

Made exclusively in years of exceptional harvests, this champagne boasts an attractive yellow-green sheen and a delicate effervescence.

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Serge Mathieu

Serge Mathieu have 11ha of vines and a superbly equipped winery near the village in Champagne's Côte des Bar. The clay soil favours Pinot Noir, the dominant variety in their wines. They are a small family house and do everything themselves. The Mathieus have been growers in the Aube since 1760, but it was not until 1970 that the first champagne was bottled under the family name by Serge Mathieu. His daughter Isabelle and her husband Michel Jacob now run the business, but Serge still works in the cellars. Malolactic fermentation is carried out with great delicacy, endowing these supremely elegant wines with a creamy richness.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48351	SERGE MATHIEU BRUT PRESTIGE		\$69.99	\$66.49
	70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay, the base is 2008 and 2009. In comparison to the tradition, the Chardonnay gives this more drive and a lively character. 8.6gm/l dosage this finishes with a fresh clean character.			
48353	SERGE MATHIEU BRUT ROSE		\$74.99	\$71.24
	15% red wine is added to a base that is predominantly Pinot Noir with 12% Chardonnay in the blend. Although all from the 2009 vintage, it is labelled as a NV wine. 10.6gm/l dosage though you would not know it. A rich and opulent rose.			
48350	SERGE MATHIEU BRUT TRADITION		\$59.99	\$54.99
	A small family house doing everything themselves. Malolactic fermentation is carried out with great delicacy, endowing these supremely elegant wines with a creamy richness. Intense red fruits, brilliant texture and weight. An approachable style that will appeal to a wide range of champagne lovers.			
48355	SERGE MATHIEU VINTAGE	2009	\$89.99	\$85.49
	100% Pinot Noir, from the 2009 vintage. Aged on lees for a minimum of 5 years creating an earthy savoury style of wine with lovely balance. 6gm/l dosage, the palate is creamy, nutty and very distinctive. Exceptional value for money vintage champagne.			

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Champagne Tarlant

Benoit Tarlant and his sister Melanie are the 12th generation of vigneronns in Champagne, the family first bottling wine under their own label back in the 1920s. They have 14ha in total, divided into 57 plots all around the village of Oeuilly, planted predominantly with the black grapes of Champagne due to the heavy clay soils. These are dry wines, made without any malolactic fermentation, and the majority are zero dosage. While many larger producers are just beginning to explore Brut Nature, or zero dosage wines, Benoit is quick to point out that his father had been producing a Zero Dosage since the early 1980s. Total production is a mere 120,000 bottles annually.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48333	TARLANT CUVÉE LOUIS EXTRA-BRUT		\$110.00	\$104.50

Production of the Prestige Cuvée Louis is only around 4,000 bottles. This wine is made off the original family vineyard of 'Les Crayons', planted by Louis just after the war. 50% Chardonnay and 50% Pinot Noir, this release is a blend of 2000, 1999, 98, 97 and 1996. It spent a staggering 15 years on the lees before being disgorged in November 2016 with zero dosage.

94/100 | Antonio Galloni; "Vinification in oak brings out an extra dimension of breadth in the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Vinous and richly textured in the glass, the Cuvée Louis is positively stellar, with fewer of the oxidative notes that I have seen in other bottles. Apricot, chamomile, dried flowers and spice are woven together in this creamy, super-expressive Champagne."

48336	TARLANT L AERIENNE	2004	\$125.00	\$118.75
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In 2004, there was a long maturation of the grapes, harvested late in September. This gave an intense aromatic expression and a great balance, almost aerial hence the name, which literally means "The Air". Made from 70% Chardonnay and 30% Pinot Noir, off four selected plots of limestone and chalk. First fermentation in oak barrels, no malolactic fermentation. Disgorged manually in 2017 with zero dosage. Just 18 bottles for New Zealand.

93/100 | Antonio Galloni; "A very pretty vintage Champagne from Benoit Tarlant. Time in bottle has given the wine a bit more textural depth and overall intensity than it showed last year. Chardonnay-infused flavors make a strong first impression, before the presence of the red grapes becomes more evident on the mid-palate. The 2004 finishes with striking freshness and delicacy, but without robbing the wine of its essential richness."

48332	TARLANT LA MATINALE BRUT NATURE VINTAGE	2003	\$99.00	\$94.05
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The summer of 2003 in Europe was particularly scorching. To preserve the acidity of the fruit, grapes were harvested at the crack of dawn, hence the name of this wine: La Matinale (Early). It has the freshness of the early morning. From old vines in the Marne Valley with an average age of 45 years. 45% Pinot Noir, 28% Chardonnay and 27% Pinot Meunier. First fermentation in oak barrels with no malolactic fermentation. Disgorged in 2014 after 10 years on the lees with zero dosage.

93/100 | Antonio Galloni; "The 2003 La Matinale is gorgeous. Apricot pit, peach, smoke, honey, wild flowers and mint are all super-expressive. The 2003 is rich, voluptuous and powerful, with magnificent purity and compelling overall balance. This is one of several 2003s where Tarlant simply nailed it."

48335	TARLANT LA VIGNE D'ANTAN	2002	\$285.00	\$270.75
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Tarlant have a very small vineyard called "Les Sables" that has avoided phylloxera due to its sandy soils, and as such is 100% ungrafted. The name literally means 'Vines of Yesteryear'. With a tiny production, there are only 36 bottles allocated for New Zealand. Planted in 100% Chardonnay it is very close to the winery in Oeuilly. It's at this point that the Marne river is at its narrowest, providing a unique microclimate with influence from the river and protection from the two sides. Vinification in 4-wine oak barrels. No malolactic fermentation. Barrel fermentation with the lees regularly stirred back into the wine. Disgorged manually in 2017 with zero dosage.

94/100 | Antonio Galloni; "From the exceptional 2002 vintage this is powerful and exotic, with notable aromatic and flavor intensity to match its deep, resonant personality. Mint, spice, hard candy and white flowers shape the finish in the Vigne d'Antan. This offers notable richness and resonance."

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48328	TARLANT LA VIGNE D'OR	2003	\$180.00	\$171.00

The Cuvée La Vigne d'Or (The Golden Vine) comes from 100% Pinot Meunier vines, with an average age of more than 50 years. The vineyard "Pierre de Bellevue" in Oeuilly has a unique terroir of Sparnacien soils (chalk mixed with clay). This allows the Pinot Meunier to express itself with rare beauty. Vinified in 4-wine oak barrels, barrel fermented with the lees regularly stirred back into the wine. Disgorged manually from 2016 with zero dosage. Just 24 bottles for New Zealand.

92/100 | Antonio Gallonio; "Apricot pit, orange jam, brioche, spice, marzipan and a hint of vanilla flesh out in an effortless, creamy Champagne built on a compelling interplay of volume and freshness. Tarlant did a fabulous job with his 2003s, as the Vigne d'Or and the other wines of the vintage amply demonstrate."

48329	TARLANT LA VIGNE ROYALE	2003	\$245.00	\$232.75
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The vineyard of "Mocque Tonneau" in Celles-lés-Condé lies at the junction of the Dhuis and Surlmelin rivers, a favourite spot of the Royal court. Louis Tarlant planted 100% Pinot Noir on these vast sunny slopes from where La Vigne Royale (The Royal Vine) is now made. The Pinot Noir is vinified in 4-wine oak barrels, barrel fermented with the lees regularly stirred back into the wine. Disgorged manually from 2016 with 1.7g/L dosage. Just 24 bottles for New Zealand.

94/100 | Antonio Gallonio; "The combination of the warm year and fermentation in barrel result in a rich, textured wine built on volume. Candied apricot, lightly honeyed notes, spices, crushed flowers and herbs blossom in the glass, with the richness of the vintage tempered by the extra-brut style. Rich, vinous and beautifully textured in the glass, the 2003 impresses for its impeccable balance and total class."

48331	TARLANT ROSE ZERO BRUT NATURE		\$84.00	\$79.80
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Benoit started making this in early 2000 and since then has made six different incarnations of a Rose, different varietal mix, different base all in the search for the perfect rose brut nature expression. This is the sixth rendition, a mix of 85% Chardonnay and 15% Pinot Noir (all red wine). Based on the 2009 harvest with 20% reserve wine from 2008 (aged in oak), disgorged July 2016 after 4 years on lees with zero dosage. The wine is a pale salmon colour, immediately attractive with a gorgeous bouquet, one of the key aspects Benoit has been aiming for. The palate has an impressive tannic structure and balance, very smart.

48330	TARLANT ZERO BRUT NATURE		\$79.99	\$75.99
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Tarlant's main style, made from equal portions of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay. No malolactic fermentation, no dosage. Despite being technically bone-dry, this is a rich and complex wine with amazing length.

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Perrier Jouet

Perrier-Jouët was established in 1811 by Pierre-Nicolas-Marie Perrier, adding the maiden name of his wife, Adèle Jouët, to name the house. They settled in the town of Épernay where they have vineyards in Aÿ, Avize, Cramant, Mailly and elsewhere; many are planted with Chardonnay, bringing a delicacy to the Perrier-Jouët style.

Just seven cellar masters have held the post at Perrier-Jouët in two centuries, and it is Hervé Deschamps who is the current guardian of this heritage, being cellar master since 1993. He approaches each cuvée as if it were a unique work of art, resembling an artist who paints in wine rather than oils or water colours.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
47835	PERRIER JOUET BELLE EPOQUE	2011	\$285.00	\$270.75
	Established in 1811, just seven cellar masters have held the post at Perrier-Jouët in two centuries. The iconic bottle with the hand-painted flowers is unforgettable. With its assured sense of vibrant frivolity, elegance and seamless complexity, the Belle Époque more than holds its own in elevated company, the palate surging with a wonderful mineral freshness beneath a nose of delicate florals and honeyed notes.			
47820	PERRIER JOUET BELLE EPOQUE	2012	\$285.00	\$270.75
	The Belle Époque is Chardonnay-dominant, with fruit sourced from only the best Grand Crus in the Côtes de Blancs. Rich, complex yet surprisingly lively, it is a true grand cuvée: a remarkable out-of-the-box expression of an exceptional vintage, made in a style that reflects both the rare terroir from which the fruit is sourced and nearly 200 years of experience and tradition.			
47814	PERRIER JOUET BLASON ROSE		\$110.00	\$104.50
	Intense floral-tinged aromatics of red berries and orange with hints of honeysuckle and biscuity notes. The palate of strawberry, raspberry and citrus characters is fresh and sensual, full of finesse and elegance, opulence and complexity.			
47810	PERRIER JOUET CHAMPAGNE GRAND BRUT GIFT BOXED		\$79.99	\$69.99
	Perrier-Jouët were the originators of the ubiquitous Brut style, and the first house to release a dry-style champagne back in 1854, when everyone else was still doing sweet. Famous for the superb Belle Époque, they also make this very good non-vintage champagne.			

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Charles Heidsieck

Charles Heidsieck's provenance is immense, its origins lying as far back as 1785. That company gave rise to three different Heidsieck champagne houses, but it was the energetic, extroverted Charles-Camille Heidsieck (made famous in the song 'Champagne Charlie') who founded Charles Heidsieck in 1851. The House and its wines earned their first medals during the Universal Exhibition of 1859, and the Emperor Napoleon III is said to have been partial to its ambrosial qualities. Without any advertising other than word-of-mouth, its reputation in aristocratic circles flourished, establishing Charles Heidsieck as the champagne du jour in many of the royal houses of Europe. The wines are matured 25m underground in chalk cellars dating back to the 11th Century, under the watchful eye of current Chef de Cave Thierry Roset who, following in the footsteps of Daniel Thibault and Régis Camus, is stamping his own touch of genius on this distinguished brand. At his disposal is the largest collection of reserve wines in Champagne.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41523	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BLANC DE BLANCS NV		\$149.00	\$141.55
	It's a rare event for Charles to add an entirely new wine to their portfolio, so we may just be a wee bit excited, given the sublime quality levels that this house adheres to. Classic Chardonnay notes of white peach, citrus, honeysuckle and hazelnut greet the nose, while the palate is freshly taut, a generous and full-bodied mouthful with a delicate mineral touch and a velvety effervescence. A 25% addition of reserve wines and prolonged aging in Charles Heidsieck's chalk cellars add their magic.			
41585	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BLANC DE BLANCS NV (1500ML)		\$335.00	\$318.25
	It's a rare event for Charles to add an entirely new wine to their portfolio, so we may just be a wee bit excited, given the sublime quality levels that this house adheres to. Classic Chardonnay notes of white peach, citrus, honeysuckle and hazelnut greet the nose, while the palate is freshly taut, a generous and full-bodied mouthful with a delicate mineral touch and a velvety effervescence. A 25% addition of reserve wines and prolonged aging in Charles Heidsieck's chalk cellars add their magic.			
41586	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BLANC DE BLANCS NV AND GLASSES GIFT PACK		\$169.00	\$160.55
	It's a rare event for Charles to add an entirely new wine to their portfolio, so we may just be a wee bit excited, given the sublime quality levels that this house adheres to. Classic Chardonnay notes of white peach, citrus, honeysuckle and hazelnut greet the nose, while the palate is freshly taut, a generous and full-bodied mouthful with a delicate mineral touch and a velvety effervescence. A 25% addition of reserve wines and prolonged aging in Charles Heidsieck's chalk cellars add their magic.			
41510	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT NV		\$99.99	\$94.99
	Plump, fleshy and opulent, the Charles is a triumph. Deeply golden with a complex and voluptuous nose, sun-drenched fruits (mango, apricot, plum), notes of pistachio and almond and layers of creamy texture.			
41538	CHARLES HEIDSIECK BRUT VINTAGE	2006	\$169.99	\$161.49

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Champagne Piper-Heidsieck

The oldest of the three Heidsieck champagne houses, Piper-Heidsieck was founded in 1785 by Florens-Louis Heidsieck. Ambitious to make his mark, F-L created a cuvée which he dedicated and presented in person to Queen Marie-Antoinette, a patronage one assumes was, at a certain point, abruptly severed. Upon his death, nephew Christian Heidsieck went into partnership with Henri-Guillaume Piper, an energetic entrepreneur who did much to champion champagne throughout the world. Christian died suddenly, his widow married Henri-Guillaume and the company became known as Piper-Heidsieck. Today, Piper-Heidsieck has established itself as one of champagne's most consistent and reliable expressions. In 2011, the prestigious FINE Champagne magazine awarded the Piper-Heidsieck Rare first place in its Best 100 Champagnes list. Under the astute direction of Head Winemaker Regis Camus, Piper-Heidsieck's crisply fresh and radiantly vivacious expressions have ascended, in both quality and stature, to a very high level of excellence.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48119	PIPER HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE BRUT		\$59.99	\$54.99
	The oldest of the three Heidsieck champagne houses, Piper-Heidsieck has established itself as one of the most consistent and reliable of the champagne brands. Full of exuberant charm and drinking particularly well, it is one of the best-priced for this level of quality.			
48117	PIPER HEIDSIECK CUVÉE BRUT (375ML)		\$39.99	\$37.99
	A vibrant Cabernet off low-yielding Barossa vines, resonating with blackberry and plum notes backed by hints of chocolate and mint. Built upon a supple core of tannins, it's excellent drinking.			
48156	PIPER HEIDSIECK CUVÉE BRUT 3 LITRE (3000ml)		\$499.00	\$474.05
	Do you know that Piper-Heidsieck has had a 90-plus point rating in Wine Spectator on a staggering sixty-five different occasions? Or should that be sixty-five staggering occasions? Anyway, at the nexus of price and quality, you shall find the red-robed little ripper. It's great wine, never forget that.			
48126	PIPER HEIDSIECK CUVÉE BRUT MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$139.00	\$132.05
	Founded in 1785, and oldest of the three Heidsieck houses. Bubbling over with exuberant charm, the Piper NV is drinking particularly well these days. One of the best-priced champagnes for this level of quality.			
48160	PIPER HEIDSIECK GIFTPILE ICE BUCKET SET		\$94.99	\$90.24
48107	PIPER HEIDSIECK ICECREAM COOLER GIFT BOX		\$120.00	\$114.00
	Piper's cool and quirky ice cream-styled container housing their excellent NV champagne channels warm sand and cloudless skies all the way to the picnic blanket on the beach.			
48129	PIPER HEIDSIECK PIPER AND 2 GLASSES		\$89.99	\$85.49
	Packed and ready for a romantic rendezvous, contains a bottle of the fabulous Piper-Heidsieck NV and two champagne flutes. Perfect.			
48100	PIPER HEIDSIECK RARE	2002	\$315.00	\$299.25
	The bottle is extraordinary, just saying. Made only in exceptional years from top-rated crus, this is Piper's pièce de résistance, a 70% Chardonnay, 30% Pinot Noir blend that is vibrantly opulent and downright ethereal.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48128	PIPER HEIDSIECK RARE 2002 AND GLASSES	2002	\$375.00	\$356.25
48124	PIPER HEIDSIECK ROSE SAUVAGE		\$79.99	\$75.99
	The oldest of the three Heidsieck champagne houses and one of the most consistent and reliable operators. Their NV rosé is fabulously hued, displaying glimmers of copper. An ethereal nose of red fruits with fragrant florals and a superbly crisp, dry-styled palate.			
48105	PIPER HEIDSIECK VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE	2008	\$84.99	\$80.74
	Opulent and elegant, 20 Grand and 1er Cru vineyards went into this. From a superb vintage, it will cellar comfortably for a further ten years. Rated 'best vintage champagne in the world', it's draped in accolades.			
48138	PIPER HEIDSIECK VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE	2012	\$109.99	\$104.49
	Opulent and elegant, 20 Grand and 1er Cru vineyards went into this. From a superb vintage, it will cellar comfortably for a further ten years. Rated 'best vintage champagne in the world', it's draped in accolades.			

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Champagne Philipponnat

From deep within their 18th-Century cellars, Philipponnat produce distinctive, full-bodied, Pinot Noir-dominated champagne expressions. Included in their estate is the exceptional wall-enclosed Clos des Goisses vineyard, arguably the region's finest, from where they produce their most powerful champagnes. Always vintaged, very lightly dosed, their richly expressive, highly individual wines are characterised by incredible length and body. Family control is retained in the form of Charles Philipponnat, who has been running things since 2000. With careful vision, skill and attention to detail, Charles is redefining his family's champagne house in a steady return to its former glory days.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43530	PHILIPPONNAT BLANC DE NOIRS	2011	\$125.00	\$118.75
	91/100 Robert Parker - "The 100% Pinot Noir 2011 Blanc de Noirs Extra-Brut is the third vintage after 2008 and 2009 and is sourced in premier and grand crus, mainly from own vineyards in Mareuil and Avenay, plus purchased grapes from Mailly and Sillery. The wine opens with a very clear, delicate, pretty deep and spicy bouquet of red (currant) fruit intermixed with vegetal notes. The palate is medium-weight, round and firmly structured yet finessed and elegant. Tasted at the domaine in April 2018."			
43597	PHILIPPONNAT BLANC DE NOIRS	2012	\$125.00	\$118.75
	92/100 Antonio Galloni – VINOUS "The 2012 Extra-Brut Blanc de Noirs is a gorgeous mid-tier Champagne that shows just how compelling this vintage is. Bright and finely cut, the Blanc de Noirs has so much to offer. Lifted aromatics and nuanced fruit meld together in an impeccably balanced Champagne that bristles with energy. For this cuvée, Philipponnat blends fruit from sites with both south and north-facing exposures for maximum complexity. Dosage is 4.25 grams per liter. Drink 2019-2029. Disgorged: May, 2018."			
43598	PHILIPPONNAT BLANC DE NOIRS MAGNUM	2011	\$250.00	\$237.50
	91/100 Robert Parker - "The 100% Pinot Noir 2011 Blanc de Noirs Extra-Brut is the third vintage after 2008 and 2009 and is sourced in premier and grand crus, mainly from own vineyards in Mareuil and Avenay, plus purchased grapes from Mailly and Sillery. The wine opens with a very clear, delicate, pretty deep and spicy bouquet of red (currant) fruit intermixed with vegetal notes. The palate is medium-weight, round and firmly structured yet finessed and elegant. Tasted at the domaine in April 2018."			
43532	PHILIPPONNAT CLOS DE GOISSES	2005	\$325.00	\$308.75
	The fruit is off one of Champagne's oldest, most famous walled vineyards, a unique, pure chalk, 45°-sloping hillside in Mareuil-sur-Ay. Mesmerisingly aromatic, mineral, intense and lingering. Leave it for at least 10-15 years.			
43515	PHILIPPONNAT CLOS DE GOISSES JUSTE ROSE	2006	\$599.00	\$569.05
	97/100 Robert Parker - "Based on the regular Clos des Goisses the 2006 Clos des Goisses Just Rosé Brut gets its very light but fascinating apricot color by blending in 5% or 6% of red Goisses wine. Highly delicate and fruity on the palate, with lovely fruit and delicate iodine and chalky flavors, this is a fascinatingly round and delicate Rosé that reveals an intense and lovely fruity finish. Everything here is highly finessed, round, rich but pure and mineral. "2006 was a pleasant, very easy and beautifully fruity vintage, similar to 2004 but more fruity than floral." Disgorged in February 2017. 2,220 bottles made. Tasted April 2018."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43595	PHILIPPONNAT CLOS DE GOISSES ROSE	2007	\$599.00	\$569.05
	94/100 Antonio Galloni – VINOUS "The 2007 Clos des Goisses Juste Rosé is creamy, ample and also light on its feet. Seemingly light in its first impression, the 2007 opens up beautifully on the mid-palate and finish, where it shows terrific density as well as breadth. Sweet dried cherry, crushed flowers, mint and spice linger on the racy, nuanced finish. I would prefer to drink the 2007 over the next decade or so. The blend is 55% Pinot Noir and 45% Chardonnay, with a drop of saignée Pinot. Drink 2019-2023. Disgorged: November, 2018."			
43518	PHILIPPONNAT CLOS DES GOISSES	2009	\$399.00	\$379.05
	96+/100 Antonio Galloni – VINOUS "The 2009 Clos des Goisses has been very tight in two recent tastings, which is probably a very good thing for its long-term prospects, but less so for readers seeking the immediacy that is common in so many 2009 Champagnes. White flowers, orchard fruit, mint white pepper and citrus peel add to the wine's bright profile. Readers should plan on being extremely patient, as the 2009 Goisses does not show much, if any, early appeal, even if the density and textural persistence of the great years are both there. The 2009 is 61% Pinot Noir and 39% Chardonnay. Dosage is 4.5 grams per liter. Drink 2024-2059. Disgorged: March, 2018."			
43519	PHILIPPONNAT CLOS DES GOISSES ROSE	2005	\$599.00	\$569.05
	96/100 Stephen Tanzer: Explosive, complex scents of fresh and dried citrus fruits, pear skin, hazelnut and jasmine, with subtle smokiness and an intense mineral overlay. Projects a superb blend of richness and vivacity, showing with excellent clarity to its ripe citrus fruit and floral flavours. Aeration brings up deeper pear and melon qualities but the firm spine of acidity helps the wine maintain focus. Finishes with noteworthy length and clarity, leaving floral and spice notes behind. This Champagne really deserves at least another decade of bottle age.			
43559	PHILIPPONNAT CUVEE 1522 VINTAGE	2008	\$179.00	\$170.05
	94/100 Robert Parker - "Mainly from Aÿ (with a bit of Mailly and Oger as well as Cramant) the 2008 Grand Cru Extra Brut 1522 blends 58% Pinot Noir with 42% Chardonnay and opens with a concentrated tropical fruit aroma (pineapples, stone fruits, almonds) but remains precise and chalky as well as spicy on the nose. Full-bodied, fresh and clear on the palate, with nutty and lingering mineral flavors, this is a very complex and firmly structured yet very delicate and expressively mineral Champagne with a long and tight finish. Roughly 50% aged in oak, this bottle was disgorged in March 2018 and will be released in May. Tasted at the domaine in April 2018."			
43594	PHILIPPONNAT CUVEE 1522 VINTAGE	2009	\$179.00	\$170.05
	92/100 Antonio Galloni – VINOUS "The 2009 1522 is terrific, and also a fabulous way for readers to explore the 2009 vintage at Philipponnat. Open-knit and inviting, with impeccable balance, the 2009 1522 has so much to offer. Lemon confit, dried flowers, baked apple and tropical notes from the Chardonnay all meld together in this super-expressive, inviting Champagne. The 1522 is a blend of 40% Pinot Noir from Aÿ, 30% Pinot Noir from Mailly and 30% Chardonnay from Oger, in other words Pinot from the south, Pinot from the north and Chardonnay from the Côte des Blancs, all from Grand Cru villages. Drink 2019-2029. Dosage is 4.25 grams per liter. Disgorged: March, 2019."			
43533	PHILIPPONNAT CUVEE 1522 VINTAGE MAGNUM (1500ML)	2008	\$365.00	\$346.75
	94/100 Robert Parker - "Mainly from Aÿ (with a bit of Mailly and Oger as well as Cramant) the 2008 Grand Cru Extra Brut 1522 blends 58% Pinot Noir with 42% Chardonnay and opens with a concentrated tropical fruit aroma (pineapples, stone fruits, almonds) but remains precise and chalky as well as spicy on the nose. Full-bodied, fresh and clear on the palate, with nutty and lingering mineral flavors, this is a very complex and firmly structured yet very delicate and expressively mineral Champagne with a long and tight finish. Roughly 50% aged in oak, this bottle was disgorged in March 2018 and will be released in May. Tasted at the domaine in April 2018."			
43512	PHILIPPONNAT GRAND BLANC	2007	\$99.00	\$94.05
	100% Chardonnay from Côte des Blancs, Montagne de Reims and Clos des Goisses. First press juice from exclusively Premier and Grand Cru plots. A subtle, elegant nose, with intense notes of citrus and white flowers which become more complex after opening. A fine yet full bodied attack with great minerality and subtlety, perfectly attuned to the wine's aromatic expression of mandarin and grapefruit. The characteristic Philipponnat style comes through even more strongly in the finish, with generous vinosity and lingering persistence.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43514	PHILIPPONNAT GRAND BLANC	2008	\$135.00	\$128.25
	93/100 Robert Parker - "Disgorged in March 2017 the 2008 Grand Blanc Extra Brut is 100% Chardonnay from premier and grand cru sites (Cote des Blancs, Trapaille and Clos des Goisses) that was dosed with 4.25 grams per liter. It is clear and intense on the concentrated nose that displays ripe white fruit aromas with delicate brioche and just a hint of mocha. Round, intense, creamy yet pure and expressive on the palate, this is a complex and very persistent 2008 that is provided with very fine tannins and delicate but lingering minerality, with an impressive finish. Part of the wine (30% to 50%) fermented and aged in used barrels, and malolactic fermentation was blocked by bringing down the temperature."			
43558	PHILIPPONNAT GRAND BLANC MAGNUM (1500ML)	2008	\$265.00	\$251.75
	93/100 Robert Parker - "Disgorged in March 2017 the 2008 Grand Blanc Extra Brut is 100% Chardonnay from premier and grand cru sites (Cote des Blancs, Trapaille and Clos des Goisses) that was dosed with 4.25 grams per liter. It is clear and intense on the concentrated nose that displays ripe white fruit aromas with delicate brioche and just a hint of mocha. Round, intense, creamy yet pure and expressive on the palate, this is a complex and very persistent 2008 that is provided with very fine tannins and delicate but lingering minerality, with an impressive finish. Part of the wine (30% to 50%) fermented and aged in used barrels, and malolactic fermentation was blocked by bringing down the temperature."			
43593	PHILIPPONNAT LES CINTRES VINTAGE	2009	\$699.00	\$664.05
	96/100 Antonio Galloni – VINOUS "The 2009 Les Cintres, from the warmest part of Clos des Goisses, is powerful, ample and creamy, with all of the radiance of 2009 on display. Impeccable in its balance, with better integration of oak than the 2008, the 2009 is hugely promising. That said, readers need to be patient, as the 2009 is in no mood to show all of its cards today. Lemon confit, mint and flowers, along with light tropical overtones, emerge over time, but only with great reluctance. Dosage is 4.5 grams per liter. Drink 2024-2049. Disgorged: March, 2019."			
43511	PHILIPPONNAT RESERVE ROSE		\$99.00	\$94.05
	91/100 Burghound: "This NV trades a bit of complexity from past releases for more elegance, as the distinctly light red berry fruit and very pure nose is mildly higher-toned and complements the crisp, lilted and beautifully detailed flavours that possess a very fine bead on the lingering finish. A drink or hold wine that should provide excellent enjoyment all along the way." - Allen Meadows			
43510	PHILIPPONNAT ROYALE RESERVE BRUT		\$79.00	\$75.05
	The charming Charles Philipponnat heads this firmly family-helmed house. Made predominantly from Pinot Noir, the NV is a real foodies' champagne; long and rich, and great friends with the dinner table. 90/100 Robert Parker - "Based 70% on the 2013 vintage plus 30% oaked reserve wines, the NV Royale Réserve Brut blends 65% Pinot Noir with 30% Chardonnay and 5% Pinot Meunier. The recent release was disgorged as Brut (with eight grams per liter of dosage) in July 2017 and opens with a clear and very delicate bouquet of red fruits (raspberries). The palate is light and finessed yet structured and finishes with good minerality and length. This is delicious. Tasted at the domaine in April 2018."			

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Pol Roger

Few champagne houses remain in family hands. The impressively-pedigreed Pol Roger is one of them. Residing in the heart of Epernay, with cellars running immediately below the Avenue de Champagne for over seven kilometres, they are highly-skilled vinous alchemists in possession of an exquisite collection of wines. Not one of the region's show ponies, Pol nonetheless lead the charge from the front. The English obviously love them, with Pol Roger one of only eight houses to bear the English Royal Seal and the late Winston Churchill clutching Pol to his steely heart as a personal favourite. They gained what many would regard as the ultimate royal approval when handed the prized task of providing the wedding champagne for the wee shindig held by William and Kate, otherwise known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48260	POL ROGER BLANC DE BLANCS VINTAGE	2009	\$145.00	\$137.75
	Aged for seven years in the Pol Roger cellars prior to release, the 2009 is subtle and elegant, displaying a refreshing trace of minerality. An aromatically spiced nose, good fruit intensity and weight. Stylish and bright on the palate, with good length and very pure acidity.			
48196	POL ROGER BLANC DE BLANCS VINTAGE	2012	\$145.00	\$137.75
	2012 is the latest of the vintage releases for the Grandes Marques. Challenges during fruit set resulted in a very small vintage, the lower yield delivering ultra-concentrated wines. Summer was not warm, but it was dry, introducing a lovely fresh acidity to the 2012s. The combination of rich, concentrated fruit and fresh acidity means 2012 is an excellent vintage, with this wine one of its best.			
48209	POL ROGER BRUT RESERVE (375ml)		\$49.99	\$47.49
	If a house stands or falls on its non-vintage, which as it happens, it does, then Pol Roger are in an unassailably upright position, and have been for some years. The Brut NV is a stunning wine, utterly consistent, always a top rater in blind tastings and, at this price, too tempting to pass up. Being an equal blend of the three permitted Champagne varieties, this exhibits the best of each. Creamy, hedonistic yet subtly playful, this is full of character and charm.			
48212	POL ROGER BRUT RESERVE MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$175.00	\$166.25
	This aristocratic champagne delivers layer upon layer of exquisitely balanced flavour and texture, the lush fruit and toast defined by precise, refreshing citrus and acid, its qualities further enhanced by the larger-format bottle.			
48266	POL ROGER BRUT ROSE VINTAGE	2009	\$130.00	\$123.50
	The Pol Roger Rose Vintage is based on our Brut Vintage (60% Pinot Noir, 40% Chardonnay) to which we add, before the bottling and second fermentation, approximately 15% of still red wine (Pinot Noir) from the best crus of the Montagne de Reims. Produced only in limited quantities, the Brut Rose Vintage 2009 is aged 7 years in our cellars before being released onto the market.			
48152	POL ROGER BRUT VINTAGE	2012	\$125.00	\$125.00
	The Brut Vintage 2012 from Champagne Pol Roger is made from the traditional house vintage blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay from 20 Grands and Premiers crus vineyards in the Montagne de Reims and the Côte des Blancs. Produced only in limited quantities, the Brut Vintage 2012 has been aged for 7 years in their cellars before being disgorged and released.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48255	POL ROGER BRUT VINTAGE MAGNUM (1500ml)	2012	\$369.00	\$369.00
	The Brut Vintage 2012 from Champagne Pol Roger is made from the traditional house vintage blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay from 20 Grands and Premiers crus vineyards in the Montagne de Reims and the Côte des Blancs. Produced only in limited quantities, the Brut Vintage 2012 has been aged for 7 years in their cellars before being disgorged and released.			
48210	POL ROGER CHAMPAGNE RESERVE BRUT		\$86.99	\$79.99
	One of the few champagne houses remaining in family hands, Pol Roger's chalk cellars run below the Avenue de Champagne for over 7km. Their NV has exquisitely balanced flavour and texture, the lush, opulent fruit and toast defined by precise, refreshing citrus and acid.			
48200	POL ROGER CUVÉE RICH		\$94.99	\$90.24
	Wine this beautiful bypasses the brain and goes straight to the heart. Made with passion, its delightful, touched-by-sweetness flavour and delicacy should be consumed passionately. By two of you. The aromatic expression and refinement of this Champagne are exceptional, its liveliness and freshness unique. It will immediately charm all palates.			
48221	POL ROGER CUVÉE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL	2006	\$265.00	\$251.75
	95/100 Robert Parker - " Made in the very best vintages, Pol Roger's white-golden coloured 2006 Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill offers a very clear, precise, ripe and complex bouquet with fruity and refreshingly chalky, nutty and brioche notes. Full-bodied and complex on the palate, the 2006 is supple, round and rich but also fine, elegant, fresh and well structured. It has a harmonious yet tight, persistent and very promising finish that puts this silky textured, Pinot-dominated cuvée (the exact blend is a closely guarded family secret) on the border of fatty richness. But the mousse gives so much freshness and finesse that everything seems lifted here. Though I have very limited experience with matured Champagnes from Pol Roger and namely Churchill, I suppose the 2006 will benefit a lot from further bottle aging. But don't get me wrong: the wine is already gorgeous. Tasted June 2018, disgorged in June 2017. Drink 2018-2041. "			
48148	POL ROGER CUVÉE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL	2008	\$315.00	\$315.00
	96/100 Robert Parker - "Sourced in grand cru vineyards and blending Pinot Noir with Chardonnay, Pol Roger's 2008 Cuvée Sir Winston Churchill displays an intense straw-yellow/white-golden color and opens with a beautifully deep, fresh, concentrated and beautifully aromatic bouquet of perfectly ripe tropical fruits, refreshing lemons, very fine vanilla and brioche aromas. The attack on the palate is fresh and finessed, and in the following seconds, the 2008 reveals great airiness, precision, purity and intensity with a firm, persistent structure in the long, refreshing, perfectly balanced and mouth-wateringly salty finish. The 2008 Winston Churchill is a highly complex yet focused and vitalizing prestige cuvée of great, great finesse, chalky expression and exciting elegance. It already drinks great but also indicates immense aging potential. It's most likely one of the finest of this century and one of the greatest Churchills of modern times. Drink 2018-2050."			
48235	POL ROGER PURE		\$99.00	\$94.05
	There is a real trend towards these non-dosage styles of champagne, so it is worth noting that Tom Stevenson, generally regarded as the world's most knowledgeable champagne scribe, said that Pol Roger Pure was 'quite simply, the best Brut Nature I have ever tasted.' He considered it 'in a different league to all the rest.' The wine is boldly fresh yet deeply mature, the aromatics and flavours intensely concentrated along very clean, precise lines. As stylish and shapely as Catherine Deneuve, and much more affordable.			

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Champagne Pommery

Pommery is located in Reims and was founded in 1858 by Alexandre Louis Pommery and Narcisse Greno. The business began as a wool trading business. Pommery launched into Champagnes when Alexandre's widow, Louise, took over the business. Madame Pommery built an Elizabethan-style estate and created a unique Champagne.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48109	POMMERY BRUT ROYAL MAGNUM (1500ML)		\$199.00	\$189.05
	One of the great champagne names, Pommery's non-vintage is delicate with a focused mid-palate. A fresh, fruity style that is great as an aperitif.			
48112	POMMERY BRUT ROYAL NV		\$89.00	\$84.55
	One of the great champagne names, Pommery's non-vintage is delicate with a focused mid-palate. A fresh, fruity style that is great as an aperitif.			
48134	POMMERY LOUISE	2004	\$290.00	\$275.50
	Vinified of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes it shows its golden yellow color. The med intense nose full of brioche, buttery influences but also some citrus, flowers, white currant and other berries The palate is indulged by more intense getting nut-butter and yeasty notes. A fine perlage and a perfect structure of body, acidity and complexity makes it rich in finesse and very elegant. The finish, a long firework.			
48132	POMMERY VINTAGE (750ml)	2006	\$149.99	\$142.49
	Balance with ample minerality and fruit, a sense of maturity. This is in prime drinking window.			

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Ruinart

Ruinart's history dates back to the 17th Century, founded by Nicolas Ruinart. It is a tale of two Dom's, Dom Ruinart and Dom Perignon, close friends, Dom Thierry Ruinart Nicolas's uncle. Ruinart is now owned by LVMH and sits neatly in their portfolio of impressive Champagne houses, with a production of only 1.7 million bottles per annum, relatively speaking Ruinart is a small producer and has a surprisingly low profile. There's a dominance of Chardonnay in the house style, elegance outweighing power. Ruinart's prestige cuvee range is Dom Ruinart, which includes a Blanc de Blanc made from Grand Cru Chardonnay and a Rosé which has the same base as the Blanc de Blanc.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41502	RUIINART BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT		\$125.00	\$118.75
	Ruinart is a very old and highly respected champagne house, and their Blanc de Blancs expression is one of the region's finest. Creamy and mouth-filling, this is a wine of substance, vigour and charm.			
41503	RUIINART BRUT ROSE		\$125.00	\$118.75
	Founded in 1729, Ruinart is known as the oldest of the champagne Houses. One of the most attractive rosé champagnes, this is made with a high proportion of Chardonnay, providing the finesse and elegance characteristic of this House.			
41504	RUIINART DOM RUIINART BLANC DE BLANCS	2006	\$299.00	\$284.05
	95 Decanter "The Blanc de Blancs from the warm 2006 vintage, a year patronisingly rated by some as a ripe pleasure-giver, has a surprise in store. It has grip and backbone for a longer life than anyone thought it would. 2006 displayed extremes of a continental growing season: a very cold winter followed by a hot summer, complicated by a cool August and sunny September, then rain calling for fast picking. No surprise then that the hardier Chardonnay was the unsung saviour for non-oxidative winemaking. From 100% grand cru Chardonnay. Flowing bubbles and gorgeous aromas, inherently rich but with aristocratic poise akin to a fine Puligny Montrachet. Magically opulent yet with a firm grip and core, a vegetative structure in the best sense. Long, youthful finale. Disgorged January 2016. Drinking Window 2018 - 2025."			
41511	RUIINART DOM RUIINART BRUT ROSE	1996	\$550.00	\$522.50
	95/100 Antonio Galloni - "A head-turning beauty, the 1996 Dom Ruinart Rosé boasts gorgeous, resonant fruit to match its considerable structure and intensity. Although quite pretty and expressive, the 1996 has enough balance to develop gracefully in bottle for years to come. Drink 2014-2024"			
41515	RUIINART R DE RUIINART BRUT		\$93.99	\$89.29
	Champagne's oldest house, Ruinart was established in 1729. The nose is delicately aromatic with floral and marzipan characters, the palate a triumph of elegant, lingering flavours and fresh, creamy textures.			

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Salon

Unique, exceptional, rare, legendary: the sort of words that might be used to describe the Salon Champagne House, famed for producing tiny quantities of wine from a single variety and a single cru vineyard, and only in a few select years. A mere 37 of the last 100, in fact. Does this just scream 'obsessive dedication?' We think so. Champagne Salon Le Mesnil, to give it its full due, is a wine of such singularity it makes anything else seem mass-produced. It is named after the tiny walled Grand Cru vineyard from which the fruit is sourced, the full title of which is Le Mesnil-sur-Oger in the Côtes des Blancs. Made solely from Chardonnay fruit, the Salon wines are elegant, fine and subtle, steely in their youth, with the most extraordinary structure enabling them to age gracefully, often several decades from vintage. With the richness of a great white Burgundy, this truly is a wine that must be experienced to be understood.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46431	SALON VINTAGE	2007	\$799.00	\$759.05

96/100 - Antonio Galloni - "The 2007 Salon is gorgeous. Weightless, delicate and understated, the 2007 is all class. Today, the 2007 reminds me of the 2004 in its bright, citrus and floral-infused profile, but with a bit more creaminess, mid-palate depth and softer contours, all of which will make the 2007 easy to drink with minimal cellaring. Next to the 2006, the 2007 is quite a bit fresher and more delineated, with none of exuberance, power of tropically-leaning overtones found in its younger sibling. At this stage, the 2007 is a bit inward and closed in on itself. Then again, it is Salon. This is another terrific showing from Salon and the team headed by President Didier Depond. Dosage is 5 grams per liter."

46432	SALON VINTAGE (EDITION 2018)	1997	\$1150.00	\$1092.50
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95/100 | Robert Parker: "Disgorged earlier this year (2018), the Salon 1997 Blanc de Blancs Le Mesnil Brut opens with a deep, intense and concentrated yet pure, fine and complex bouquet of chalk intertwined with ripe yellow-fleshed fruit, brioche and hazelnut notes. This is a bright, perfectly matured Champagne from Mesnil-sur-Oger with hints of caramel, white mushrooms, parsley root and a beautiful varnish on the nevertheless fresh nose with its characteristic chalky Mesnil expressions. The palate is full and intense, almost rich in the first moment compared to the 2007, but then the 1997 proceeds as pure, elegant and fresh as a Salon should be. Yes, there are some similarities to the 2007 in terms of finesse, with the linear, mineral and vinous style fortified by the complexity of 21 years of age. This is a really fine champagne but not as ripe as the 2007."

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Taittinger

The much-lauded Taittinger began life as Champagne Fourneau in 1734. The Fourneau family were themselves no slouches, acting for a time as advisors to Veuve Clicquot. During World War I, cavalry officer Pierre Taittinger spent time near Epernay. He subsequently returned to the region in 1932 to buy the Fourneau holdings and found the House of Taittinger, in the process buying up large swathes of valuable vineyard at a time when Depression-ravaged land prices were at rock-bottom. Relinquishing control to international corporate interests in the mid-2000's, the family have subsequently managed to claw their way back into contention. Today, once again in French hands and headed up by Pierre-Emmanuel Taittinger, the business is quartered in Reims, where they reside above their labyrinthine 4th-Century Roman cellars and remain one of the largest vineyard owners in the region.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49521	TAITTINGER BRUT RESERVE FIFA WORLD CUP EDITION		\$109.99	\$104.49
	Celebrating Taittinger's association with the famous tournament, the souvenir bottle is presented in an elegant blue and silver box with a cosmic design to reflect Russia's achievements in space, combined with the classic Taittinger hologram hallmark. The bottle includes a striking silver label with the World Cup trophy featuring on the neck label.			
49516	TAITTINGER BRUT RESERVE MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$199.00	\$189.05
	A high proportion of Chardonnay in the blend lends this an elegance that balances its understated power. With florals, stonefruit and biscuity notes enticingly interwoven, the crisp palate cascades with opulence and poise.			
49504	TAITTINGER BRUT RESERVE NV AND 2 FLUTES		\$115.00	\$109.25
49508	TAITTINGER CHAMPAGNE LOVERS PACK		\$399.00	\$350.00
	If you're a devotee of very fine champagne then this is the baby for you, containing as it does one bottle apiece of Champagne Taittinger's Brut Réserve, Prestige Rosé, Brut Millésimé 2004 and Prélude Grands Crus. Very sexy packaging; guaranteed to blow the socks off the lucky recipient.			
49517	TAITTINGER COMES ROSE	2005	\$599.00	\$569.05
	92/100 Robert Parker: "The Taittinger 2005 Brut Rose Comtes de Champagne exhibits a delectable nose of fraise du bois, red raspberry and maraschino discreetly complemented by anise, vanilla, and Ceylon tea. Silken in feel and with exceptionally fine and at once stimulating and caressing mousse, this finishes with luscious abundance of juicy fresh red berries supported by appropriate sweetness, hints of fine, tea-like tannins, crunchy berry seeds, chalk and toasted almond serving for satisfying counterpoint..." - David Schildknecht			
49513	TAITTINGER COMTES BLANC DE BLANC	2004	\$399.00	\$379.05
	Robert Parker, 98/100: "Taittinger's 2002 Brut Blanc de Blancs Comtes de Champagne is off the charts. I have tasted the 2002 now many times, and it has never been less than thrilling. A vivid kaleidoscope of pure Chardonnay aromas and flavors opens up in the glass. The 2002 is at once incredibly rich yet also totally weightless and impeccable in its balance. All the classic Comtes notes are there, but with a level of detail and nuance I don't think I have ever seen before. The 2002 is breathtakingly beautiful today, but also appears to have the stuffing to age for decades. Personally, I would be looking to buy the 2002 in magnums if at all possible. Sadly, there is little wine to go around as 2002 was a very short crop. Readers who can track down the 2002 are in store for something truly great. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2042. Galloni, 2012."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49539	TAITTINGER COMTES BLANC DE BLANC	2006	\$499.00	\$474.05
	This is perhaps one of the best full-Chardonnay out there. Starts of subtle and fine, it the transform into a rich stone fruit, grapefruit and sulphide character with plenty of length. Both creamy and sherbet-like mouth feel. Antoonio Galloni, for Robert Parker, gave it 96/100.			
49536	TAITTINGER COMTES BLANC DE BLANC	2007	\$399.00	\$379.05
	Taittinger's prestige cuvée is intensely fragrant, supremely exotic, with a silky minerality and powerful, floral-infused fruit flavours.			
	94/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Pale gold. Deep, pungent aromas of dried pear, toasted nuts and grain and white flowers, with a subtle citrus note in the background; pretty exotic stuff. Broad and silky in texture, with slow-mounting minerality adding focus to its powerful, smoke-accented orchard fruit flavors. Shows an energetic, spicy quality on the finish, which echoes the mineral, smoke and floral notes. This Champagne is still very young but I suspect that it will be more a mid-term drinker than a long ager." - Stephen Tanzer			
49512	TAITTINGER LES FOLIES DE LA MARQUETTERIE		\$120.00	\$114.00
	92 Vinous - Josh Raynolds "(55% pinot noir and 45% chardonnay, from a single vineyard in Pierry, due south of Epernay and near Cuis; L1202FC00100): Pale gold. Red berries, rose and orange peel on the fragrant, floral-accented nose and in the mouth. Sappy and broad, with very good depth and an energizing note of chalky minerals. Gains weight with air and finishes with excellent breadth, clarity and lingering mineral and honeysuckle notes."			
49522	TAITTINGER PRESTIGE ROSE GIFT TIN		\$99.00	\$94.05
	Some of the Champagne region's finest Pinot and Chardonnay fruit. A fragrant nose of raspberry and blackcurrant and crisp, fresh flavours. Lively, fruity and beautifully elegant. Just like our mums.			
49511	TAITTINGER BRUT RESERVE		\$89.99	\$85.49
	From labyrinthine 4th-Century Roman cellars, Taittinger have finessed their art since 1734. Aromatics of stonefruit, florals and biscuity notes, the crisp palate cascading with opulence and poise. Understated power.			
49530	TAITTINGER COMTES BLANC DE BLANC	2006	\$375.00	\$356.25
	19/20 jancisrobinson.com: "Disgorged April 2013 for this tasting. Very lively bead indeed. Very sumptuous nose seems eerily close to fine white Côte d'Or burgundy. Still tight and very glamorous. Really classy and explosive. Hugely promising. There is delicacy and charm here." - Jancis Robinson			
49510	TAITTINGER PRELUDE GRAND CRUS		\$99.00	\$94.05
	90 Vinous - Antonio Galloni "The NV Brut Grand Cru Prélude offers up smoke, brioche and spicy oak in a rich, creamy style. The Prélude shows more depth and textural richness owing to its five years on the lees than the linear La Française, in a discernibly sweeter style. The wine's balance and length are commendable. This is a beautiful version of the Prélude. Disgorged mid-May, 2008, (not indicated on label)"			

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Veuve Clicquot

Veuve Clicquot, with their almost unrivalled cachet and unmistakable branding, are the epitome of elegance and daring. With over two centuries of champagne-making expertise under their belt, Veuve have forged themselves an enviable reputation, built around the mystique of the rather formidable Widow Clicquot. The House was originally established in 1772 by Philippe Clicquot. His son and heir, Francis, was being groomed to take over the bright yellow reins when he came down with a fever and died. Up steps his 27-year-old widow, Barbe Nicole Ponsardin, a visionary and a woman of exacting standards, tireless optimism and fiercely stubborn temperament who drove the business to giddy heights and is largely responsible for the huge profile the brand enjoys today. The flagship non-vintage model, with its distinctive yellow label and high proportion of Pinot Noir, is a triumph of consistency and individual character, the perfect balance of finesse and forcefulness. The whole range, right through to the exquisite prestige cuvée, La Grande Dame, is superb.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49810	VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE BRUT		\$79.99	\$69.99
	With an almost unrivalled cachet and its unmistakable branding, Veuve Clicquot boast an avid group of fans and followers. Force meets finesse in a delicious blend of florals, dried fruit, brioche and spice, with creamy Chardonnay-derived flavours surging at the finish.			
49811	VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE BRUT MAGNUM (1500ml)		\$180.00	\$171.00
	Veuve Clicquot are the epitome of elegance and panache. Their flagship non-vintage, with its distinctive yellow label and high proportion of Pinot Noir, is a triumph of consistency and character, the perfect balance of finesse and forcefulness. Note the excitement when you pull this out.			
49801	VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE LA GRANDE DAME	2006	\$199.00	\$189.05
	A silky classic. 53% Pinot Noir and 47% Chardonnay in sublime balance, the refined palate of honeyed, toasty stonefruit, almond and brioche checked by vibrant acidity. Great length from an opulent vintage.			
49840	VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE LA GRANDE DAME	2008	\$245.00	\$199.99
	97/100 Decanter "A classic, slow-maturing year picked into October. It's a pale, pristine hue - a beautifully assembled mix of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Aÿ, Ambonnay, Bouzy, Verzy, Verzenay and Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, combining saline-wrapped orchard fruits with great Pinot Noir subtlety yet strength. THE aperitif Champagne, but also try with sea trout." 95/100 Wine Spectator "An elegant Champagne, powered by a sculpted frame of acidity and minerality, this wears the refined, lacy mousse and well-meshed flavors of black currant, lemon curd, toast and marzipan like finely tailored clothing. Fresh and lasting, with hints of spice and smoke on the finish."			
49806	VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE ROSE		\$89.00	\$79.99
	The visionary Widow Clicquot is responsible to a large degree for Veuve's current exalted position. Ever the innovator, she created the first-known blended rosé champagne 200 years ago. A weighty but elegant burst of red fruits, with intense flavours of ripe strawberries and cherries.			
47285	VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE VINTAGE ROSE	2008	\$125.00	\$118.75
	Replete with delicate aromatics and fresh, vibrant flavours, Veuve's next vintage release will be the 2012, followed by the 2015, so they will only have produced a vintage rosé three times in the last 10 years.			



Moutard Famille

The Moutard-Diligent family can trace their history of viticulture as far back as 1642, but it was not until the 1920s that they began producing champagne under their own name. Today, under the stewardship of François, Veronique, and Agnes Moutard, the estate consists of 22.5 hectares of vines in the Côte des Bar region of southern Champagne. The origins of the vineyard go back to Gallo-Roman times. Along with Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay, the family is one of the few to still nurture the permitted Arbane, Petit Meslier and Pinot Blanc grapes, instilling these almost forgotten varieties with a new lease of life. Moutard produce a full range of champagnes, including the unique Cuvée des 6 Cépages, made from six different varieties, the only one of its kind. The non-vintage wines are all aged for at least three years, the vintage and prestige champagnes for ten to fifteen. Both Moutard's rosé and Grande

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41518	MOUTARD FAMILLE BLANC DE BLANC MOUTARD METHODE TRADITIONNELLE		\$23.99	\$19.99

Champagne aces Moutard, move just outside the Champagne region to make this excellent and price-friendly méthode. 100% Chardonnay fruit from 20yr old vines in Tonnerre just north of Chablis, it's elegant and generously flavoured. Aged 24 months on lees with dosage of 5g/l

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Saint-Meyland

Auxerre, the region from which these excellent value sparkling wines hail, lies but a limestone's throw from Chablis village itself, and was for a long time the key winegrowing area of the Yonne district. Being bottle-fermented à la champagne, these wines age in cellars 50 metres below the ground. The primary and secondary fermentations, and disgorgement are carried out in the same fashion as the more expensive Cremants but the price is much more reasonable.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43010	ST MEYLAND METHODE TRADITIONNELLE BRUT NV		\$19.99	\$17.99

Using the same method of production as the champagne houses, this French méthode is all class, the rich, yeasty toastiness declaring its irresistibly authentic credentials.

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South of France





Arrogant Frog

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43591	ARROGANT FROG CROAK BARONNE SYRAH	2019	\$15.99	\$15.19
	Blackberry aromas are nuanced by spice and toasty oak, the palate displaying spicy plum flavours enhanced by smooth textures, supple tannins and a lingering aftertaste. Delightfully, affordably French.			
44001	ARROGANT FROG LILY PAD WHITE CHARDONNAY	2015	\$14.99	\$12.99
	This 100% Chardonnay from the Languedoc region punches well above its price point. It was fermented at low temperatures in tank, with 30% finished in barrel and matured for four months. It is an attractive, pale golden wine with well-defined peach and floral aromas supported by vanillin oak nuances. Fresh, balanced, with excellent fruit flavours, a mellow mouthfeel and a fine, lingering finish.			
44002	ARROGANT FROG ORGANIC CABERNET MERLOT	2018	\$14.99	\$14.24
	Down south, the fruit gets gorgeously ripe, culminating in a brilliant organically-grown wine that is rich, ripe and wonderfully drinkable.			
43999	ARROGANT FROG RIBET RED CABERNET MERLOT	2017	\$15.99	\$15.19
	A deep purple, garnet red colour with ruby and garnet red tints. Blueberries, red pepper and spicy notes on the nose. The palate is well balanced and rich with smooth tannins and plum flavours on a lingering finish.			
43975	ARROGANT FROG SPARKLING ROSE		\$17.99	\$17.09
	This creamy, fresh and rather joyful jolly jumper is about as far from reptilian sliminess as it is possible to get, but best not to take these things too seriously. Ipso facto while this has meat on its elegant bones, it's a gushing style, flushed with joy, generous of charm and enabling of wit and pithiness, phrases dropping from your tongue like jewels. OK, tongue back in your mouth now, there's a good lad. Ribbet.			

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Domaine Paul Mas

Les Domaines Paul Mas is a group of four family estates covering 100 ha (250 acres) of vineyard on the hills bordering the Hérault Valley in Languedoc in the south of France. They are near the Mediterranean sea, close to the small town of Pézenas which inspired the famous playwright Molière, and not too far from such magnificent historic sites as the Canal du Midi (constructed in 1790 by Paul Riquet) and Valmagne Abbey.

"The story of our wines started in 1892: our family were originally farmers near Saint-Pargoire and Saint-Pons-de-Mauchiens in Hérault County in Languedoc. We subsequently expanded towards Montpellier (the regional capital not far from Sète) and towards Pézenas. In 1892 Auguste Mas farmed 22 acres of vineyard on the Mas de Bicq and in 1934 Raymond Mas, Auguste's son, extended the farm by buying the

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43957	DOMAINE PAUL MAS ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2018	\$18.99	\$16.99
	From one of four family estates covering 100 ha on the hills bordering the Hérault Valley in Languedoc. A bright, easy-drinking wine full of red and black fruits on the nose and smooth on the palate. Great value.			
43950	DOMAINE PAUL MAS ESTATE CARIGNAN	2017	\$18.99	\$18.04
	The fruit for this single vineyard Carignan is sourced from old vines in Languedoc. Spice and blackberry dominate the aromatics, while the palate is lush and full, the dark fruit and liquorice notes intertwined with soft, velvety tannins.			
43988	DOMAINE PAUL MAS ESTATE NICOLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY	2019	\$18.99	\$18.99
	Simultaneously refined and price-friendly, this is a lean and elegant wine with a touch of richness from the southern French sun. A very popular easy-drinking style laced with notes of lemon and tropical fruit.			

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Chateau Puech Haut



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Puech-Haut*

Gérard Bru, owner of the Puech-Haut estate, is a man of great personal resources. An industrialist who decided to go into wine production, he returned to his oldest passion: working on the land.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
49147	CHATEAU PUECH HAUT LES COMPLICES DE PUECH HAUT ROUGE	2016	\$22.99	\$18.90
	One of the stars of the Languedoc, the Puech-Haut vineyards are organically managed, with old olive trees and truffles in residence. An appealing unoaked, New World-style Grenache Syrah blend displaying cherry and plum aromas and flavours enhanced by supple tannins.			
49149	CHATEAU PUECH HAUT LES COMPLICES DE PUECH HAUT ROUGE	2017	\$22.99	\$21.84
	One of the stars of the Languedoc, the Puech-Haut vineyards are organically managed, with old olive trees and truffles in residence. An appealing unoaked, New World-style Grenache Syrah blend displaying cherry and plum aromas and flavours enhanced by supple tannins.			
49145	CHATEAU PUECH HAUT PRESTIGE ROSE	2018	\$29.99	\$29.99
	A freshly crisp, bone-dry rosé blended from Grenache and Cinsault, boasting haunting aromatics and a lightly vibrant palate. Notes of strawberry, raspberry and melon are nuanced with hints of florals and citrus.			
49142	CHATEAU PUECH HAUT PRESTIGE ROSE (1500ML)	2018	\$69.99	\$66.49
	Flagrantly irresistible, this is a freshly crisp, bone-dry rosé blended from Grenache and Cinsault, boasting haunting aromatics and a lightly vibrant palate. Notes of strawberry, raspberry and melon are nuanced with hints of florals and citrus. An elegant and versatile wine from an intriguingly stylish producer.			
49148	CHATEAU PUECH HAUT PRESTIGE ROSE (3000ML)	2017	\$149.99	\$142.49
	Flagrantly irresistible, this is a freshly crisp, bone-dry rosé blended from Grenache and Cinsault, boasting haunting aromatics and a lightly vibrant palate. Notes of strawberry, raspberry and melon are nuanced with hints of florals and citrus. An elegant and versatile wine from an intriguingly stylish producer.			
49146	CHATEAU PUECH HAUT TET DE BELIER BLANC	2016	\$59.99	\$56.99
	A barrel-fermented blend of Viognier with Marsanne and Roussanne, this is both aromatically and texturally lush and extravagant, with generous summer fruits, attractive vanilla and a mellow, marrowy vegetal backdrop to it.			

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Domaine Laroche

The Laroche family have produced wine in Chablis since 1850. Yikes. How does one not fall asleep at the wheel? They don't, though. For five generations, the family has been dedicated to producing top quality wines from this famed appellation, where a unique mix of limestone, clay and shell, a relatively northerly climate and the Chardonnay grape all combine to produce a style of wine like no other. The steely, floral bouquet, delicately crisp, refined flavours and unmistakable underlying flintiness are indelibly characteristic of their terroir. Here, Chardonnay reigns supreme, and under the guidance of Michel Laroche, the Domaine have expanded from a mere six hectares in the 1960's to the current 130 hectares of prime Chablis vineyard, in the process forging a masterful reputation for Chablisean excellence. Here, once again, it's all about terroir, with Michel Laroche summing it up succinctly: 'To produce the best Chablis, you need to produce the best grapes.'

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48576	DOMAINE LAROCHE LA CHEVALIERE SYRAH GRENACHE	2015	\$17.99	\$15.90

Laroche now add a touch of Grenache to their Syrah, and it works a treat. These two varieties can be great together when coaxed by the southern French sun. Elegantly intense, rich and velvety.

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Loire





Domaine Bourillon-Dorléans

The Bourillon family have been making wine at Rochecorbon, in the Vouvray appellation of the Loire Valley, for generations. The estate was founded as far back as 1875, but it was not until 1921 that it was organised as it is today by Gaston Dorléans. Still very much a family concern, the domaine is run by Gaston's great grandson, Frédéric Bourillon, who has consolidated the family's 26.5 hectares of vineyards and constructed a modern winery complex to service them. The Bourillon's continue to make their wines using fiercely traditional winemaking principles, with the immaculate Rochecorbon vineyards sustainably managed and the Chenin Blanc fruit for their highly characteristic Vouvray wines hand harvested and matured in the medieval caves alongside the winery. With an average vine age of 35 years, the wines are headily aromatic, deeply flavoured and lusciously textured, the sec (dry) style, in particular, showing a flintiness and minerality that is unique to the terroir of the Loire.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40992	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS LA BOURDONNERIE VOUVRAY DEMI-SEC	2017	\$29.99	\$27.99
	An alluring, concentrated bouquet of spicy and floral aromas with underlying notes of mandarin, cedar and marzipan. Medium-dry in style, soft fruit characters are balanced with a swirl of mineral, the wine delivering a surge of attractive flavour on the finish.			
40977	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS LA COULÉE D'ARGENT	2015	\$26.99	\$24.99
	The Bourillon family have been making wine at Rochecorbon, in the Vouvray appellation of the Loire Valley, for generations. Made exclusively from Chenin Blanc, this is a great alternative to Chardonnay, the honeyed palate weighty, with nuances of chalk and lime and a mouth-tingling texture, signed off with a stunningly long finish. Benchmark Chenin.			
40974	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS VOUVRAY BRUT PREMIUM		\$26.99	\$24.99
	The masters of Vouvray have come up with a most appealing sparkling version. 100% Chenin Blanc fruit, it displays a flinty apple nose and is rich and full-bodied in the mouth, the generously ripe fruit flavours paving the way to a long, dry, chalky finish.			
40973	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS Vouvray Moelleux La Coulée d'Or	2015	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Bourillon's 'moelleux' must rank with the greatest dessert wines of the world. Individual berry selection of botrytis-affected grapes from clay and limestone soils on two plots, Chateau Chevrier and Bois Soleil et Montgouverne. From very low yields of 5hl/ha. Fermentation takes place all in barrels. After fermentation, the wine is aged for 6 months on the fine lees. 124g/L residual sugar. Scents of butter and sandalwood, with complex fruit aromas emerging with air. Very rich in the mouth, preserved with notes of roasted pineapple supported by sweet spices (cinnamon, saffron).			
40995	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS Vouvray Sec L'Oppidum	2008	\$99.99	\$94.99
	A special older cellar release from the Domaine. A dry Chenin with 2g/l residual from Limestone clay and silex soils on the Chateau Chevrier plot. Fermented solely in 500L barrels and aged on lees for 1 year. The nose evokes a minerality of flint, intense spicy scents that reveal curry and white pepper. The wine is supported by sweeter aromas of honey and beeswax. Everything evolves into a delicious complexity. Notes of gunflint, baked apples, sweet spices, tropical fruit, bitterness of chicory and white truffle.			
40991	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS Vouvray Sec La Coulée d'Argent	2017	\$29.99	\$27.99
	The Bourillon family have been making wine at Rochecorbon in the Vouvray appellation of the Loire Valley for generations, their immaculate vineyards sustainably managed and the Chenin Blanc fruit for their wines hand harvested and matured in the medieval caves alongside the winery. Headily aromatic, the honeyed palate weighty, with nuances of chalk and lime and a mouth-tingling texture, showing a flintiness and minerality unique to the Loire.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40971	DOMAINE BOURILLON-DORLEANS Vouvray Sec L'Indigène	2009	\$79.00	\$75.05

A dry Chenin with 2g/l residual sugar made from the Ferré plot. Natural yeast and no chaptalisation (adding sugar to increase the alcohol). Vinified in large 500L barrels and aged on lees for 1 year. The nose is complex with aromas of roasted nuts, camphor and spices (juniper and gray pepper). The resulting wine has a rounded stone fruit character, silky tannins with even a little tropical note of lychees and white flowers.

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Didier Dagueneau

It's not often that one feels they are in the presence of winemaking genius, one whose energy and spirit seems to seep out of the bottle and live on. This was the late Didier Dagueneau. Decanter named Didier as one of the world's top ten makers of white wine, opining that his expressions 'tower over the rest of Pouilly-Fume' and that 'he makes brilliantly three-dimensional wines, while too many of his fellow producers struggle to make it to two.' The Sauvignon Blanc wines of this risk-taking Loire perfectionist are legendary. Meeting an untimely end at the age of 52 in a plane crash, his brilliant legacy has been kept alive by his family via the dedicated and talented hands of his son, Benjamin, and to this day Dagueneau's Silex is hailed as the pinnacle of Sauvignon Blanc production.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42730	DAGUENEAU BLANC PUR SANG POUILLY-FUMÉ	2015	\$125.00	\$118.75
	Sublime. Tropical fruit on the nose with a slight hint of lychee, and a stunningly smooth finish.			
42782	DAGUENEAU BABYLONE JURANCON	2008	\$225.00	\$213.75
	17/20 Jancis Robinson - "100% Petit Manseng. Made by a friend of Didier's. Deep straw with green notes. Rich yet tangy and very lively and toasty. Some curry powder notes. Racy and vibrant. Fairly light on the end. There is more competition for wines that taste like this than there are other Pouillys with Dagueneau intensity."			
42740	DAGUENEAU BABYLONE JURANCON	2015	\$250.00	\$237.50
42798	DAGUENEAU BABYLONE JURANCON (500ml)	2012	\$225.00	\$213.75
	Rich apricot and peach notes, with nuances of caramel and citrus fruits, balanced alongside vibrant acidity.			
42783	DAGUENEAU BABYLONE JURANCON (500ML)	2014	\$225.00	\$213.75
	This incredible wine is exceptionally rare, and possibly the greatest sweet Juracon ever made. Didier Dagueneau began searching in 2002 for the perfect piece of land from which to make a unique world class dessert wine. He ended up in South West France at the base of the Pyrenees. Just outside the village of Aubertin he found a few hectares of Petit Manseng, located in a spectacular natural terraced amphitheatre. Reminded of the ancient hanging gardens, he named it Les Jardins de Babylone. It was made in collaboration with his friend Guy Pautrat as vineyard manager. Now Didier's son and daughter continue the association, and the perfectionist approach. This has always been produced in tiny quantities from ridiculously low yields of 100% Petit Manseng. It is never chaptalized, relative sweetness being secondary to the balance of acidity, texture, and depth of fruit. This has all the purity and precision of Dagueneau's greatest wines.			
42739	DAGUENEAU BLANC FUME DE POUILLY	2013	\$115.00	\$109.25
	The late Didier Dagueneau's wines now overseen by daughter Charlotte continue to set the benchmark globally for Sauvignon Blanc, exceptional in all aspects.			
42797	DAGUENEAU BLANC FUME DE POUILLY	2014	\$115.00	\$109.25
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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42735	DAGUENEAU BLANC FUME DE POUILLY BUISSON RENARD	2016	\$125.00	\$118.75
	<p>"Louis-Benjamin drew this sample from a 600-litre barrel. The aromatics are intense, the wine defined by a smoky, mineral drive, with saline notes draped over white peach skin. Following on from this aromatic lead, the palate displays a similarly convincing style, being fresh, intense, bright and focused, its purity suggesting succulent orchard fruit with the resilience of white stone. There is a wonderful, acid-driven energy to it, and it has great persistence on the finish. Superb potential here." 95-97 points, Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor</p>			
42788	DAGUENEAU BLANC POUILLY FUME PUR SANG	2012	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>Gooseberry, vanilla, perfumed white florals and lemon. Great length, this is nicely balanced with a little fruit sweetness but also some light herbs and good acidity.</p>			
42720	DAGUENEAU BLANC POUILLY FUME PUR SANG	2013	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>91/100 Vinous.com: "Bright greenish-yellow color. Complex, ripe aromas of citrus fruits, mango, woodsmoke and dried flowers. Expansive and strikingly powerful, with underlying salinity giving spine to the sweet orange flavor. Gains flesh and power on the middle palate and finishes with a splash of dusty minerals. Great potential." - Joel B. Payne</p>			
42796	DAGUENEAU BLANC POUILLY FUME PUR SANG	2014	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>A crisp wine, packed with lime and green apple skin, gooseberry, white peach and mango. Long refreshing finish of powdery minerality and an explosion of white flowers.</p>			
42722	DAGUENEAU BLANC POUILLY FUME PUR SANG	2017	\$165.00	\$156.75
	<p>"This is a powerful, deep wine—reflecting both the low yields and the exposure – yet the intensely mineral soils have also brought racy freshness and the precision that is widely associated with this producer's wines. This is probably Sancerre's most expensive wine, and yet the quality and transparency on offer is priceless. It opens with a depth charge of chalky, salty scents—is this actually Sauvignon the taster wonders?—before settling into a potent cocktail of chewy, pristine, citrus pith and nectarine fruit, with a crunchy, salivating close. No note can capture what's on offer. A "wow" wine."</p>			
42738	DAGUENEAU BLANC PUR SANG POUILLY-FUME	2011	\$145.00	\$137.75
	<p>93/100 Robert Parker: "An impromptu blend, featuring high-toned peppermint and pungent if elusive floral essences; a slippery textured, infectiously juicy, wafting mid-palate. A savory, saline, iodine-tinged suggestion of shrimp shell reduction helps render the finish mouthwatering as well as intriguing, while nips of citrus pip peppermint serve for invigoration. The even and advanced ripeness as well as watercolor-like (rather than sharply focused or intensely saturated) expression of the 2011 vintage is here combined with an engaging vivacity and transparency to nuance that one doesn't often encounter. I suspect that this will be best enjoyed over the next 3-5 years."</p>			
42784	DAGUENEAU LE JARDINS DE BABYLONE JURANCON (500ml)	2009	\$225.00	\$213.75
	<p>The estate's spectacular amphitheatre of terraced vineyards was the inspiration for the name of the wine. Here, the balance between sweetness and acidity is of paramount importance and is key to the region's distinctive style. The variety is Petit Manseng, which thrives on the steep mountainous slopes.</p>			
42786	DAGUENEAU LE JARDINS DE BABYLONE JURANCON (500ml)	2011	\$225.00	\$213.75
	<p>The Dagueneau name is one of France's most beloved and respected, thanks to the legendary, risk-taking Loire perfectionist, the late Didier Dagueneau. The white Petit Manseng grapes off 20-year-old vines deliver an extraordinary bouquet of honeyed apricot, peach, citrus and tropical notes. The opulent palate is sublimely elegant, with a delicate touch of balancing acidity.</p>			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42737	DAGUENEAU SANCERRE BLANC MONT DAMNE	2017	\$169.00	\$160.55

For years, Didier dreamed of making wine from this vineyard located in Chavignol, probably the most prestigious Grand Cru in the upper Loire valley. The Monts Damné vineyard is known for its deep limestone soils that give the wines a rare depth, and huge potential of aging. His dear friend and mentor, Edmund Vatan, provided the inspiration, and finally in the late 1990s, he had a line on a small, 1/2 hectare parcel in the heart of the vineyard. He bought it and then fought with both the local and AOC authorities for a couple years and finally was granted in 2000 with the rights to plant a small portion of the vineyard each year up to the current 0.8ha. The undisputed master of Sauvignon, moving to the other side of the Loire to put his legendary skills to the test on a legendary terroir. He experimented in 2005 with the first official vintage coming in 2006, a tiny amount that never left France. Since the 2007 vintage a very small amount of this rare wine has been available for NZ

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Pascal Jolivet

The energetic and enthusiastic Pascal Jolivet is one of a new breed of winemakers in the Loire Valley. While Pascal is a great respecter of tradition, and values the minerally-scented wines that the region has produced for decades, he is also acutely aware of the massive impact New World Sauvignon Blanc has had on the world stage. Aiming to make French Sauvignon - Pouilly-Fumé and Sancerre - sexy again, Pascal targeted the great restaurants of France, showing how brilliantly his wines paired with food, and gaining a reputation amongst the Michelin-starred dining rooms for his powerful yet elegantly styled expressions. While there is no question that these follow a long tradition of great Loire Valley wines (with the accompanying finesse, balance and 'gun-flint' hints all a hallmark) take note that this is a man who calls one of his wines 'Attitude'. He has made a huge impact, and he intends to keep it that way.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40924	PASCAL JOLIVET POUILLY FUME	2014	\$38.99	\$33.99
	On the opposite bank of the Loire to Sancerre is Pouilly-Fumé, also Sauvignon Blanc country, but with its own soils and climate. Elegantly flinty, with generous white peach characters and a bright finish.			
40927	PASCAL JOLIVET POUILLY FUME	2017	\$39.99	\$37.99
	On the opposite bank of the Loire to Sancerre is Pouilly-Fumé, also Sauvignon Blanc country, but with its own soils and climate. Elegantly flinty, with generous white peach characters and a bright finish.			
40928	PASCAL JOLIVET SANCERRE BLANC	2014	\$38.99	\$33.99
	Elegantly restrained Sauvignon Blanc displaying the dry and flinty minerality one finds in the better French expressions, complemented by a vibrant citrus-edged finish. A masterful expression from dynamic Loire maker and shaker, Pascal Jolivet.			
40931	PASCAL JOLIVET SANCERRE BLANC	2016	\$38.99	\$33.99
	Elegantly restrained Sauvignon Blanc displaying the dry and flinty minerality one finds in the better French expressions, complemented by a vibrant citrus-edged finish. A masterful expression.			
40982	PASCAL JOLIVET SANCERRE BLANC	2018	\$38.99	\$36.99
	One of a new breed of winemakers in the Loire producing powerful, elegantly styled Sauvignon Blanc expressions. His Sancerre is graceful and restrained, displaying a dry and flinty minerality complemented by a vibrant, citrus-edged finish.			

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South of France





Domaines Bunan

In the depths of the Bandol appellation, on the edge of the Mediterranean, the Moulin des Costes in the Cadière d'Azur, is an exceptional place at the top of limestone hills. In 1961, when the estate was acquired, the land was already partially replanted to the classification norms of Bandol, and thus offered a bright future for the new young owners Paul and Pierre Bunan. The terraces of the Moulin des Costes, overlooking the Mediterranean, are a typical example of the local classification. The vineyard is planted with Mourvèdre and Grenache vines that are 45 years old.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42752	DOMAINES BUNAN BELOUVE COTES DE PROVENCE ROSE	2019	\$28.99	\$26.99

From the organic Domaines Bunan overlooking the Mediterranean, a lusciously ripe rosé with aromas of soft summer fruits and violets. Fresh and tangy, with riveting touches of mineral and citrus.

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Château Léoube

Produce the best from what the land can give you with great affection and care. This is the motto of the owners of Domaine de Léoube one of the most beautiful protected sites in Europe and home to Château Léoube. The Léoube estate was bought by the current owners in 1997. Seduced by Léoube's history and beauty, they set out to make wines with character that were true to their terroir, while remaining respectful of nature. Following a back-to-basics philosophy, they believe in strengthening the land's biodiversity and natural defences by employing traditional growing methods and using only natural, non-toxic treatments. As such, the grapes are all harvested by hand, in tune with the seasonal and lunar cycles. Their belief is that if you respect the balance of the plant then you will get the most balanced fruit in return, and the flourishing of the vines (and olive trees) at Léoube stand as testimony to this approach.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42765	CHATEAU LEOUBE CHATEAU LEOUBE SECRET DE LEOUBE ROSE	2016	\$39.99	\$27.99
	This dynamic organic estate is on the Côte d'Azur. Léoube delivers an excellent, elegant, spice-edged rosé, refined and commanding your attention.			
42792	CHATEAU LEOUBE COLLECTOR GRAND VIN	2013	\$89.99	\$85.49
	After 10 years of tests, this full bodied red wine comes to light with its magnificent maturation. A wonderful synthesis mastered brilliantly for this limited release, with an intense nose of black fruits, followed by black cherries.			
42758	CHATEAU LEOUBE COLLECTOR ROSE LALONDE	2017	\$64.99	\$61.74
	Whilst dry and crisp, there is fine intensity of strawberry and white peach fruit. This could well turn out to be a provence rose wine that improves and gains complexity with age.			
42790	CHATEAU LEOUBE COTES DE PROVENCE ROSE	2018	\$29.99	\$27.99
	The AOC Côtes de Provence is awash with sunshine, fresh tomatoes, olives, herbs and superb wines, and it is the sensational pale-hued rosés that the area is known for. Nestled on the Mediterranean coast, Château Léoube is certified organic and follows biodynamic principles, producing superbly subtle and elegant rosés. A blend of Grenache and Cinsault, with a touch of Syrah and Mourvèdre. Quintessential Côtes de Provence rosé.			
42757	CHATEAU LEOUBE COTES DE PROVENCE ROSE MAGNUM (1500ml)	2017	\$59.99	\$56.99
	Straddling 4km of the Mediterranean coastline, Léoube is certified organic and follows biodynamic principles, producing wonderfully subtle and elegant expressions like this that demand your attention. Superb food wine.			
42768	CHATEAU LEOUBE LES FORTS DE LEOUBE	2014	\$42.99	\$40.84
	Forts de Leoube is a blend of 4 grape varieties – Grenache, Cinsault, Cabernet-Sauvignon and Syrah. Dry in style with depth and complexity, it's soft tannins make it perfect for warm summer evenings.			
42766	CHATEAU LEOUBE LES FORTS DE LEOUBE	2015	\$42.99	\$40.84
	Full of and intricate flavours, this dry red wine rounded mouth-feel makes it the perfect dinner sunshine wine; soft tannins, elegant, modest and without any aggressive edges.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43809	CHATEAU LEOUBE LOVE BY LEOUBE ROSE	2018	\$26.99	\$24.99
	Lying on the Mediterranean coast, Léoube is certified organic and follows biodynamic principles, producing superbly subtle and elegant rosés that demand your attention. A blend of 50% Cinsault and 50% Grenache, this is quintessential Provence rosé at its best.			
42767	CHATEAU LEOUBE ROUGE DE LEOUBE	2015	\$32.99	\$31.34
	The Rouge de Leoube is predominantly Syrah, with a silky palate of bright black fruits, persistent, with fleshy flavours and a long sun soaked finish.			
42756	CHATEAU LEOUBE ROUGE DE LEOUBE	2016	\$39.99	\$37.99
	Consisting mainly of Syrah, this fruity red wine palate is silky, but persistent, with meaty flavours leading to a long finish on the blackberries.			
42761	CHATEAU LEOUBE SECRET DE LEOUBE PROVENCE ROSE (1500ML)	2016	\$89.99	\$76.90
	This is a dry rosé wine, highly sophisticated style, made with an extra dose of Cabernet Sauvignon from our oldest vines.			
42794	CHATEAU LEOUBE SECRET DE LEOUBE ROSE	2017	\$49.99	\$46.78
	This dynamic organic estate is on the Côte d'Azur. Léoube delivers an excellent, elegant, spice-edged rosé, refined and commanding your attention.			
42750	CHATEAU LEOUBE SECRET DE LEOUBE ROSE	2018	\$49.99	\$47.99
	This dynamic organic estate is on the Côte d'Azur. Léoube delivers an excellent, elegant, spice-edged rosé, refined and commanding your attention.			
43812	CHATEAU LEOUBE SECRET DE LEOUBE ROSE MAGNUM (1500ML)	2018	\$94.99	\$90.24
	This dynamic organic estate is on the Côte d'Azur. Léoube delivers an excellent, elegant, spice-edged rosé, refined and commanding your attention.			
42760	CHATEAU LEOUBE SPARKLING DE LEOUBE		\$49.99	\$47.49
	The wonderful Leoube, titans of Provencal rose production, make a wonderful sparkling model, revealing the barest of blushes but packed with plenty of fresh vibrancy.			

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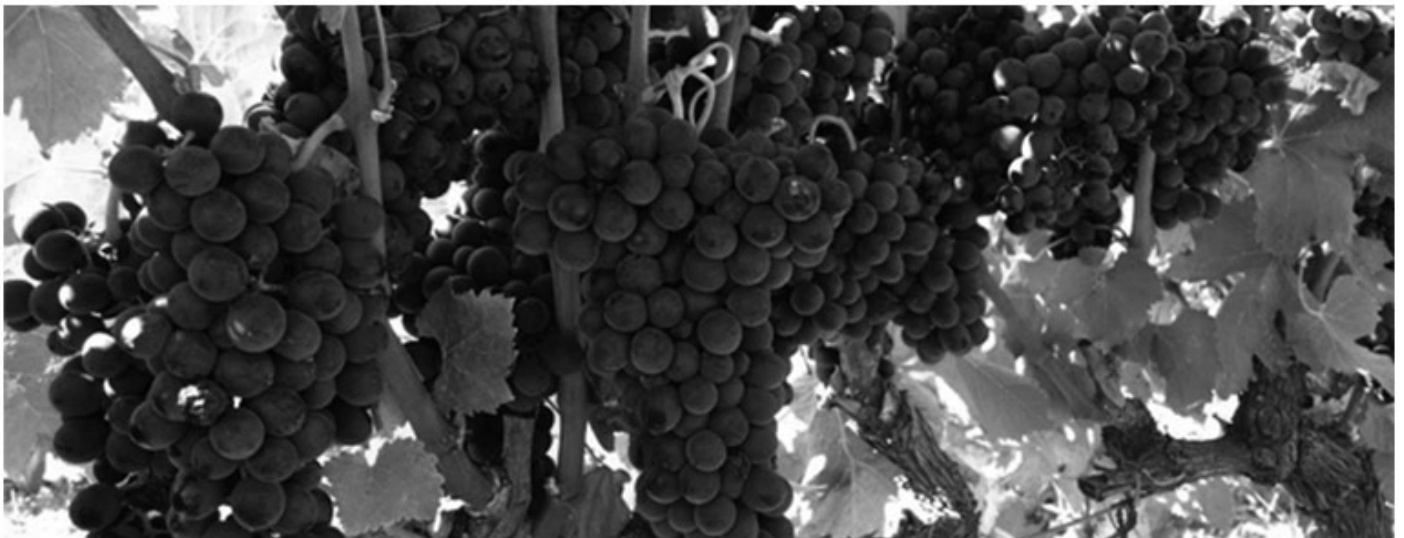


La Mascaronne

CHATEAU LA MASCARONNE lies at the heart of the Côtes de Provence appellation just outside the medieval village of Le Luc. La Mascaronne's chateau and cellar are centrally positioned within the 45 ha of vines growing on rolling hillsides of limestone and clay covered with small stones. The domaine, at an altitude of 300m, is enclosed by a sheltering forest of oak and pine. The excellent terroir, combined with an ideal climate and the skills of our dedicated team, are yielding wines of an exciting excellence.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45000	LA MASCARONNE ROSE CUVÉE QUAT SAISONS	2018	\$28.99	\$26.99
	La Mascaronne's renowned terroir pays dividends via this succulent Cinsault-Grenache rosé with the classic pale Provençal hues, vibrant aromatics, a generous and weighty palate and fresh, mouthwatering acidity.			
45001	LA MASCARONNE ROSE CUVÉE QUAT SAISONS	2018	\$59.99	\$56.99
	"This rich wine is full of red fruits with an elegant sense of shape and balance. Crispness adds a zesty element, making it brightly fruity at the end. Drink now." 90 points, Wine Enthusiast			

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Mira Luna



Mira Luna was formerly part of the historic Miraval estate. Tom Bove retained its 250 acres (17 acres of vines) at the time of the sale of Miraval to the Pitt-Jolies in 2008. Mira Luna is blessed with the most beautiful terroir where the moon rises over an undulating landscape shimmering with movement and mystery. Its beauty was such that it inspired a former Miraval owner, the jazz musician Jacques Loussier, to proclaim that Mira Luna was his very favourite part of the extensive Miraval Domaine.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45010	MIRA LUNA COTES DE PROVENCE ROSE	2018	\$34.99	\$32.99
	Mira Luna was formerly part of the iconic Miraval estate. From low yielding, organic vines, the fruit is hand-picked in the early morning to retain the mouthwatering acidity. A full-bodied rosé with vibrant aromatics of raspberry, redcurrant and hints of white peach.			
45012	MIRA LUNA COTES DE PROVENCE ROSE MAGNUM (1500ml)	2018	\$74.99	\$71.24
	Mira Luna was formerly part of the Miraval Estate, 250 acres (17 acres of vines) was retained when the property was sold the Jolie-Pitts. From low yielding, organic vines, the fruit is hand-picked in the early morning to retain the mouthwatering acidity. Mira Luna is a full bodied Rose with Provencal hues and vibrant aromatics of raspberry, redcurrant, and hints of white peach - and even better from a magnum.			

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Rhône



UNDERSTANDING THE RHÔNE VALLEY

The Rhône Valley is a historic wine region, grapes were grown in the northern part of the valley in the first century AD. In the 14th Century the papacy moved from Rome to Avignon, with their holiday residence in Châteauneuf-du-Pape; today the bottles of Châteauneuf-du-Pape still wear the papal signature in various ways. The Pope's were great lovers of wines and planted vineyards around the city. Situated in south eastern France, just south of Burgundy, the Rhône wine region is 250km long, with 250 communes, starting around Avignon in the south and finishing at Lyon – France's second largest city. Whilst often lumped together, the appellations of the Rhône are spread out over this vast wine growing region and produce a wide variety of styles from numerous grape varieties. Climatically it is a hot region, with abundant sunshine hours suiting grape varieties that like the warmth. There are four different types of rock that make up the unique soils of the Rhône Valley; granite, sandy silica, limestone and clay. The rocks significantly retain the intense summer heat during both day and night, perfect for ripening.

The Rhône wine growing region is broken into two distinct parts, the North and the South; the majority of wines produced across both are red, with small percentages of white and Rosé. In 1933 Châteauneuf-du-Pape was the first of the Rhône regions to be awarded the Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée status; today there are 19 AOC in the Rhône, including some relative new comers: in 2010 the still red wines from Rasteau were granted an AOC, and in 2006 Vinsobres was awarded the AOC status. The quality levels in the Rhône Valley are a little easier to understand than some of the neighbouring French regions; wine produced in one of the AOC villages areas is labelled under that village, outside that wines are either generic table wine, or Côtes du Rhône and then a step up to Côtes du Rhône Villages.

THE APPELLATIONS IN THE NORTHERN RHÔNE:

CONDRIEU: Home to the opulent variety Viognier (the only variety permitted here under the AOC), where the white wines produced are rich and luscious with aromas of apricot kernel and stoned fruit. The best examples are exceptional, one of the top producers in the region is Yves Cuilleron.

CORNAS: The only variety permitted here is Syrah; this is an appellation that offers some of the top fine wines in the world, for considerably less than their comparable counterparts elsewhere. The wines are densely structured powerful wines; black fruits, leather and an incredible will to just keep on giving.

CÔTE-RÔTIE: The fragrant beautiful reds of the northern Rhône; the varieties permitted here are Syrah and Viognier (which can make up to 20% of the blend), although in recent vintages the amount used is declining with many producers now making 100% Syrah. Fragrant, forward, fruit driven wines that are deceptively powerful.

CROZES-HERMITAGE: The majority of Crozes-Hermitage are red wines made from Syrah; there are small amounts of white produced from Marsanne and Roussanne. Geographically the Crozes-Hermitage AOC is diverse; when found, the best examples are excellent value and mature earlier than the other appellations of the northern Rhône.

HERMITAGE: Based around the Hermitage hill, there's Syrah, Marsanne and some Roussanne planted in this appellation. Characteristically the red wines are big, bold styles, full of ripe fruit characters, strong tannin structure, black pepper and spice.

SAINT-JOSEPH: The early drinking appellation in the northern Rhône; the whites are in the minority and are generally made from Marsanne and Roussanne, the reds from Syrah. Both red and white Saint-Joseph are fruit driven, fragrant, more gentle styles best to drink in the short term.

SAINT-PERAY: One of the smallest appellations in the northern Rhône, Saint-Peray is a white wine appellation producing both still and sparkling white wines.

CHÂTEAU-GRILLET: A tiny appellation consisting of 3.5ha on the right side of the Rhône river; there's only Viognier produced here and only by one producer. A very unique appellation, grapes have been grown here since Roman times and from 1936 it was an AOC.

UNDERSTANDING THE RHÔNE VALLEY

RECENT VINTAGE RATINGS

EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGES

North: 1983, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011

South: 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010

GOOD VINTAGES

North: 1996, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012

South: 1999, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012

THE APPELLATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN RHÔNE:

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE: The charming superstar of the southern Rhône; here there are 13 permitted varieties although only three producers, including Beaucastel and Mont-Redon, that grow all 13 varieties. Of all of the appellations, Châteauneuf-du-Pape is very hard to make generalisations about, the styles produced are wide ranging and there are 8100 hectares currently under vine. There are Châteauneuf-du-Papes that are excellent young and serious long lived wines produced here; in this appellation, perhaps more than the others, knowing the producers style and identifying the one that suits your taste is key.

GIGONDAS: This is a predominantly red appellation, with the main varieties being Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault. The wines produced here are strong, robust wines with chewy tannins and a rich fruity character; they are generous and rounded.

LIRAC: Often referred to as the Rosé producing appellation in the south; whilst Rosé is produced there, the majority of production is red wine made from a mix of grape varieties. In New Zealand we generally only see Rosé Lirac.

TAVEL: An appellation solely reserved for Rosé production; there are nine varieties that can be used to make Tavel including Grenache and Cinsault.

VACQUEYRAS: A sleeping superstar that is starting to wake, this appellation in recent years has started to produce some wines of exceptional quality and nicely enough without the massive jumps in price. The majority of this appellation is red wine, with Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre dominating the landscape. The wines are fruity, forward wines, plenty of dried herbs and spice; generally there's a strong acid backbone that adds lift to the wines.

BEAUMES DE VENISE: Whilst Côtes du Rhône Villages in Beaufort de Venise are produced in an appellation in their own right, the highlight of this appellation is the fortified wines made from Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains which is only permitted in this appellation in the southern Rhône and fall under the Muscat Beaufort de Venise AOC.

VINSOBRES: The newest addition to the appellations in the Rhône, producing red wines from Grenache and Syrah that are distinctly fresh and fleshy.

RASTEAU: This appellation has recently had its red wines recognised as an AOC, a classification that it already held for the fortified red wines produced here from Grenache. The still red wines, in the newest part of the appellation, are made predominantly from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre.

GADAGNE: An appellation on the outskirts of Châteauneuf-du-Pape where red wines are produced predominantly from Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre.





Château de Beaucastel

This high-end, family-owned winery is one of the oldest and finest producers of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The organically farmed Château Beaucastel wines possess the ability to age fabulously, and present with a distinctive character that is all their own (while renowned as one of the best, their blend is definitely atypical). Along with Mont-Redon and Domaine de Nalys, Beaucastel is one of only three producers within the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation to have all thirteen of the permitted grape varieties planted, and their individual red blend carries a greater than usual proportion of Mourvèdre. The property is today in the hands of brothers Jean-Pierre and François Perrin, who learnt their craft from their late father Jacques, and perpetuate his exacting standards as they engage in their own stylistic enhancements.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40664	CHATEAU DE BEAUCASTEL CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE HOMMAGE JACQUES	2013	\$758.00	\$720.10

96+/100 | erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate Jeb Dunnuck: "The 2013 Chateauneuf du Pape Hommage a Jacques Perrin is a beast of a wine that's shed most of the baby fat it showed from barrel. A normal blend of 60% Mourvedre, 20% Grenache, and the rest Syrah and Counoise, this tiny production release has incredible minerality to go with searing black and blue fruits, forest floor, smoked earth and leather. Full-bodied, inky, concentrated and backwards with a serious kick of tannin, it will need a decade of cellaring to be approachable. I suspect it will have 2-3 decades of longevity."

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Château des Tours

The Reynauds have been in the wine business since the 1880's. Fourth-generation winemaker Emmanuel Reynaud took over the reins at Château des Tours from his father, and produces his delightful creations on 40 hectares deep within the southern Rhône Valley, where he specialises in Côtes-du-Rhône and Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages wines, along with expressions from the more distinctive appellations of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Vacqueyras. Both reds and whites derive their fruit from a number of different domains (Château des Tours, Château Rayas, Château Fonsalette), after which they are matured in the cellars of Château des Tours and Château Rayas, the estate Emmanuel took charge of following the death of his uncle, Jacques Reynaud.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40560	CHATEAU DES TOURS CÔTES DU RHÔNE BLANC	2015	\$62.99	\$59.84

Robert Parker, 90/100: Even better is the outstanding 2004 Cotes du Rhone white, made from 100% Grenache Blanc. Acacia flower, honeysuckle, and crushed rock scents are found in the complex bouquet. The wine exhibits superb density and richness along with a full-bodied mouthfeel.

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Domaine Bosquet des Papes

Bosquet des Papes was founded by the Boiron family way back in 1860 and, six generations later, the Boirons are still in the driver's seat. One of the oldest names in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, over the decades they have procured many small parcels of land, eventually gathering to themselves forty-three different holdings scattered all over the appellation. Within the 27 hectares at their disposal, 3.5 ha is made up of 100-year-old vines (used to produce their Chante le Merle), while the average age of the total planted area is 50 years. The style of Bosquet des Papes is characterised as rustic, traditional and complex, and the winemaking is meticulous, producing rich, powerful, distinctive expressions with an affinity for cellar time.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41306	DOMAINE BOSQUET DES PAPES DOMAINE BOIRON COTE DU RHONE	2016	\$23.00	\$21.85
	<p>The Boiron family have made wine in the Rhône Valley since 1860. Under Nicolas Boiron's own label, this is silky and spicy, overlaid with delicate aromatic notes and soft tannins. An accomplished Côtes du Rhône that is dominated by 80% Grenache, with a decent portion of Syrah, 15%, adding depth and flavour. "Completely destemmed and raised entirely in concrete, the 2016 Cotes-du-Rhone Domaine Nicolas Boiron is a serious Côtes du Rhône. The blend of 80% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Cinsault is full-bodied and rich, with hints of tar and black olive layered over ripe black cherries. A bit of licorice emerges on the long, silky finish. Drink this beauty over the next 5-7 years." 91 points, Robert Parker</p>			
41340	DOMAINE BOSQUET DES PAPES CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE	2017	\$79.00	\$59.99
	<p>Stunning value and quality for an entry level wine. Wonderfully rich and full-bodied with expressive mineral, red berries and spice aromas. Lively ripe cherry, spiced fruit cake and pepper dance on the palate with a hint of anise. The finish is smooth and long with lingering floral and spice notes.</p>			
41307	DOMAINE BOSQUET DES PAPES CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE	2018	\$79.00	\$77.00
	<p>Fragrant bouquet of black cherries, spicy, peppery herbs and licorice. Full-bodied, generous, corpulent, and a sexy, complex, relatively evolved Chateauneuf du Pape to drink over the next 8-10 years.</p>			
41209	DOMAINE BOSQUET DES PAPES LA GLOIRE DE MON GRAND PERE	2016	\$79.00	\$75.05
	<p>97/100 "I was questioning if the top cuvées were worth the money after tasting the traditional cuvée from winemaker Nicolas Boiron, then I tasted his 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape A La Gloire de Mon Grand-Père and decided that, yes indeed, the special cuvées in 2016 can certainly be worth the uptick in price. Based almost exclusively on Grenache (there's a splash of Cinsault and Clairette) sourced from the La Gardiole lieu-dit and aged mostly in demi-muids, this heavenly beauty offers awesome notes of garrigue, toasted spices, flowers, licorice and loads of sweet Grenache fruit. Voluptuous, flamboyant, and sexy, yet also elegant and seamless, with a weightless texture, this is Grenache at its finest and is going to knock your socks off over the coming 10-15 years." Jeb Dunnuck</p>			

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Domaine E. Guigal

Located in Ampuis in the northern Rhône, Guigal are one of the region's top producers. They boast a wide range of wines, from the generic and dependable Côtes-du-Rhône to the dazzling Côte-Rôtie, with many smart expressions in between. They are proponents of the organic persuasion, with a steady focus on low yields, an abiding love of old vines and a propensity for pushing out the harvest dates. The Guigal Côte-Rôtie wines are always highly sought after and often difficult to procure, none more so than the 2009's, which managed to score themselves a clean 100 points out of 100.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44967	DOMAINE E GUIGAL CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE	2013	\$99.99	\$94.99
	90/100 Wine Spectator: "An old-school version, showing brick dust, roasted chestnut, game and singed cedar notes around a core of dried cherry and red currant fruit. The burly finish lets pepper and game accents play out. Lacks the fleshy, opulent profile of the vintage but maintains an appealing character. Drink now through 2020. 15,000 cases made." - James Molesworth			
44994	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE ROTIE LA LANDONNE	2012	\$699.99	\$664.99
	95 Josh Raynolds "Glass-staining ruby. Pungent, spice- and mineral-accented aromas of ripe dark berries, smoky bacon, candied licorice, violet and Moroccan spices. Juicy and densely packed on the palate, offering impressively concentrated black and blue fruit and floral pastille flavors sharpened by a hint of peppery spices. Becomes sweeter and more lively as it opens up, picking up sexy cola and vanilla nuances. Shows outstanding depth as well as vivacity, finishing sappy and extremely long, with fine-grained tannins adding shape and grip."			
44987	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE ROTIE LA LANDONNE	2013	\$599.00	\$569.05
	96/100 Josh Raynolds: "Bright purple. Explosive aromas of ripe dark berries, licorice, incense, vanilla and Indian spices, joined by a smoky nuance as the wine opens up. Deeply concentrated yet impressively lively and precise on the palate, offering intense, finely etched black and blue fruit, cherry liqueur and floral pastille flavors complemented by hints of olive paste and star anise. Smoothly blends richness and finesse, offering wonderful clarity and no rough edges. Shows superb energy and thrust on the dark-fruit-dominated finish, which features building tannins that add shape and closing grip. Drink 2023-2035"			
44985	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE ROTIE LA MOULINE	2013	\$599.00	\$569.05
	96/100 Josh Raynolds: "(made with 50 percent whole clusters) Bright purple. A complex, intensely perfumed bouquet of fresh black and blue fruit, candied licorice and Asian spice scents develops a sexy floral note as the wine opens up. Vibrant and appealingly sweet on the palate, offering intense, smoke-tinged black currant, boysenberry, floral pastille and spicecake flavors energized by a refreshing snap of juicy acidity. Blends richness and vivacity with a deft hand and finishes extremely long and gently tannic, leaving a sappy blue fruit note behind. Drink 2023-2032"			
44988	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE ROTIE LA MOULINE	2014	\$599.00	\$569.05
	95 Vinous - Josh Raynolds "Glass-staining ruby. Lively, intensely perfumed aromas of red and blue fruit preserves, Moroccan spices, potpourri and incense are sharpened by a smoky mineral nuance. Juicy and pure on the palate, displaying seductively sweet boysenberry and cherry liqueur flavors along with hints of candied violet and spicecake. The floral and spice notes return emphatically on the extremely long, penetrating finish, which features velvety tannins and a hint of five-spice powder."			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44999	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE-ROTIE LA MOULINE	2015	\$725.00	\$599.00
	<p>"On another level, and unquestionably the best of the three vintages, the 2015 Côte Rôtie La Mouline sports an inky purple color as well as an off-the-charts bouquet of black currants, smoked herbs, spring flowers, gamey meats, and acacia flowers. Massively concentrated, opulent, and as sexy as wine gets, it reminds me of the 1978 La Mouline and has perfection written all over it. If you can afford it, this is a magical, legendary wine in the making that will keep for 4-5 decades." 98 Points, Jeb Dunnuck.</p>			
44951	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTES DU RHONE GSM	2015	\$27.99	\$22.99
	<p>One of the Rhône's finest producers, Guigal produce this outstanding red blend to a consistently high level, its superbly ripe fruit swathed in firmly elegant tannins enhanced by good acidity, balance and power.</p>			
44972	DOMAINE E GUIGAL GIGONDAS	2012	\$64.99	\$61.74
44997	DOMAINE E GUIGAL HERMITAGE EX VOTO	2012	\$599.00	\$569.05
	<p>18/20 Janice Robinson; "I tasted the likely blend although it may well all go into the classic bottling, as it has in 2011. 90% Murets (alluvial fluvio-glaciaires and pebbles) and 10% Hermite (loess plateau and clay-sand silt). Half from 100-year-old vines and the other half 50 years old. Much less aromatically expressive than the regular Hermitage Blanc. All potential and acidity rather than the openness of the regular."</p>			
44976	DOMAINE E GUIGAL HERMITAGE ROUGE	2012	\$149.99	\$142.49
	<p>17.5/20 Jancis Robinson - "Racy nose with real stoniness. And an overlay of broom in spring. Tight on the palate. Some honey, some malt, quite open for the moment. Long and quite rich."</p>			

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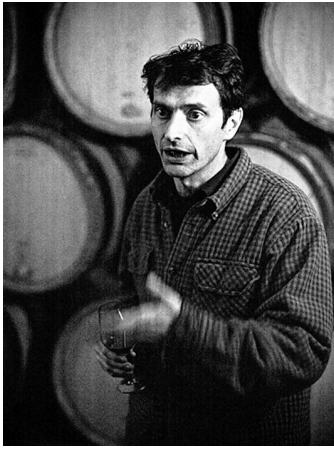
Domaine Jaume

The Jaume estate is located in Vinsobres and celebrated its centenary in 2005. The story started with Henri Chauvet, creator of an original recipe for croquettes, who was more interested in vines than cooking. He met Baron Leroy and fought to bring Vinsobres into the AOC system. It was Chauvet's son-in-law who established the estate and went on to allow his son Claude to raise some of its best wines during the 1960s. Grandsons Pascal and Richard succeeded Claude in the 1980s after completing wine studies in Beaune. Vinsobres currently carries the 'cru' appellation.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43785	DOMAINE JAUME VINSOBRES CLOS DES ECHALAS	2004	\$54.99	\$52.24

A powerful nose of stewed red fruit and spices before a full chewy mouth with aromas of toast, blackcurrant and bilberry, finishing on silky tannins and a touch of black pepper. Clos des Echalas is a wine for cellaring, to keep for a festive occasion with meat casseroles.

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Domaine Jean-Louis Chave

Widely recognised as one of the finest producers of Hermitage, the Chave family have been tending their vines within in the appellation since 1481. All the time in the world, then, to get it right, and they have done just that, with an enviable reputation for making good wines in difficult years and outstanding wines in the better ones. While based in a small village not far from Cornas, the heart of their operation lies across the river, where they own vines in nine of the eighteen vineyards that cover the Hermitage hill. The Chaves believe the rich variety of terroir to be found there is critical when it comes to the finesse, structure and complexity they require for their blends. After centuries of nurture, this family have an intimate understanding of their surroundings. Those plots that do not meet their elevated standards simply aren't used. One such plot is in Les Vercandières, a thin strip at the base of the highly significant Les Bessards vineyard, which they use as a vegetable patch. Touché!

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45102	DOMAINE JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE HERMITAGE ROUGE	2016	\$449.00	\$426.55
	98/100 Wine Spectator - Youthfully tight, this features a cloak of tarry-edged tannins draped over a core of well-steeped red and black currant and blackberry fruit. Long and driven, with notes of humus, black tea, singed alder and tobacco leaf streaming alongside the fruit from start to finish, this ends with a hint of smoldering cast iron. Reserved in style overall, showing serious latent length and cut, this should cruise and blossom in the cellar. Best from 2024 through 2040.			
45120	DOMAINE JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE SELECTION OFFERUS ST JOSEPH	2012	\$48.99	\$46.54
	91 Vinous - Josh Raynolds "Opaque ruby. Smoky blueberry, olive paste and violet aromas are lifted and sharpened by a spicy nuance. Pliant, ripe and broad on entry, then more taut in the mid-palate, offering sappy black and blue fruit flavors that put on weight with aeration. Shows excellent clarity and a seductive floral note on the finish, which features supple tannins and a hint of candied flowers."			

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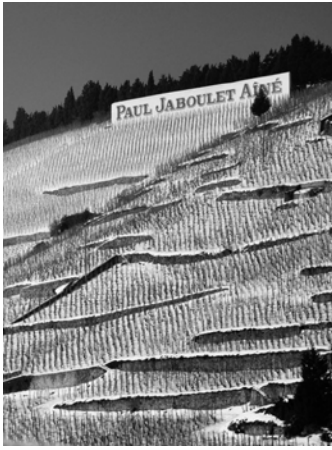


Domaine Le Colombier

Domaine le Colombier is one of those hidden gems that delights you no end. Located in the southern Rhône village of Vacqueyras, this historic property is managed today by Jean-Louis Mourre, whose father and grandfather purchased the property in 1963. Jean-Louis studied geology before being drawn to the estate in 1996, since his arrival the wines have become astronomically good. He does have great tools to work with, the cellar and vines are some of the oldest in the village - the oldest vines dating back to 1902.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45378	DOMAINE LE COLOMBIER COTES DU RHONE ROUGE	2017	\$24.99	\$21.90
	This attractive Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend arguably warrants twice the price tag. Until recently restricted to sales within its local market, we paid a visit and managed to secure a shipment. That sold quickly, so here is the next one, from the lovely 2017 vintage.			
45383	DOMAINE LE COLOMBIER COTES DU RHONE ROUGE	2018	\$24.99	\$18.46
	This attractive Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend arguably warrants twice the price tag. Until recently restricted to sales within its local market, we paid a visit and managed to secure a shipment.			
45318	DOMAINE LE COLOMBIER COTES DU RHONE ROUGE	2019	\$24.99	\$22.99
	This attractive Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend arguably warrants twice the price tag. Until recently restricted to sales within its local market, we paid a visit and managed to secure a shipment. That sold quickly, so here is the next one, from the lovely 2017 vintage.			
45317	DOMAINE LE COLOMBIER IGP MEDITERRANEE 6 RATS SYRAH	2016	\$21.99	\$20.89
	100% Syrah fruit from the Méditerranée IGP in the southern Côtes du Rhône. A fragrant, floral nose, the palate elegant and full with tight, silky tannins. No oak, Mourre preferring to let the fruit speak.			
45316	DOMAINE LE COLOMBIER IGP MEDITERRANEE 6 RATS SYRAH	2017	\$21.99	\$19.99
	100% Syrah fruit from the Méditerranée IGP in the southern Côtes du Rhône. A fragrant, floral nose, the palate elegant and full with tight, silky tannins. No oak, Mourre preferring to let the fruit speak.			
45343	DOMAINE LE COLOMBIER VACQUEYRAS VIEILLES VIGNES	2017	\$29.99	\$27.99
	Located in the southern Rhône village of Vacqueyras, this historic property is managed today by Jean-Louis Mourre, whose father and grandfather purchased the property in 1963. The vines at the biodynamic Le Colombier are some of the oldest in the southern Rhône's Vacqueyras appellation, dating back to 1902. A dense, richly fragrant Grenache-Mourvèdre blend boasting bright berry characters and plenty of weight.			

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Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné

Long one of the Rhône's most recognisable brands, replete with well tended vineyards, careful vinification and diligent aging practices (right down to employing their own cooper, who makes and maintains their stock of barrels). While there is an indelible Jaboulet character to all of the wines, the key to them - whether you're looking at the rustic Côtes du Ventoux, the lusciously rich Beauges de Venise dessert wines or the brooding, earthy flavours of the other reds - is that they are an accurate and authentic reflection of where they're grown. There has been much change at Paul Jaboulet Aîné in recent times, all of it for the better, with the Frey family, of Bordeaux' Château La Lagune and Champagne's Billecart-Salmon, taking over the reins. The change in ownership has introduced a welcome shot in the arm, one that has enabled a perhaps tiring Jaboulet to regain significant ground and capture once again the glories of their past. After all, when you manage some of the most significant pieces of wine real estate in the world, you'd want that to show in the bottle, wouldn't you?

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
45416	DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINE CORNAS SAINT-PIERRE	2007	\$110.00	\$104.50
	92/100: "Deep ruby. Penetrating black and blue fruit scents are complicated by notes of olive and violet. Very syrah on the nose and palate, offering deep dark berry liqueur flavors and a sexy violet pastille quality. A peppery note adds verve to the impressively long finish." - Stephen Tanzer			
45353	DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINE COTE ROTIE PIERRELLES	2010	\$139.00	\$99.00
	89-91/100 Robert Parker: "More laid back, restrained, reticent and austere with a more angular mouthfeel, the 2010 Cote Rotie Domaine des Pierrelles exhibits a healthy dense ruby/purple color, copious amounts of sweet raspberry fruit, hints of herbs, smoke and bacon fat, and medium body. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024."			
45413	DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINE HERMITAGE LA CHAPELLE	2007	\$280.00	\$251.95
	A must have I'd have to say, an entire Advent Calendar dedicated to gin. Behind each of the windows there's a different 30ml Gin. The collection includes many gins that in fact are not available here in NZ. A perfect gift for a gin lover, the person that is super hard to buy for and why not, a gift for yourself. Whilst it is meant to be a secret, we do know what is inside, for those who really want to know, get in touch and we'll let you know.			
45421	DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINE MUSCAT DE BEAUMES DE VENISE (375ml)	2013	\$29.99	\$25.90
	In France, this elegant little fortified wine is most frequently served as an aperitif, but it is equally good on its own. It is appealingly opulent, with rich notes of apricot and marmalade threading their way through both the nose and palate.			
45394	DOMAINE PAUL JABOULET AINE SECRET DE FAMILLE	2015	\$19.99	\$16.90
	I'm sure the Jaboulet family secrets are a little more salacious than 'how to make a great mid-priced Rhône red' (really Freddy, a skirt! Gosh!), but our concern is indeed this very stylish, and truly wholesome blend of Grenache and Syrah. Very cherryish, with a lick of liquorice and a hearty sprinkle of cinnamon spice, it's soft, supple and dead easy to drink.			

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Les Vins de Vienne

Les Vins de Vienne is a highly successful négociant operation launched back in 1996 by a trio of Gallic winemaking superstars, Pierre Gaillard, François Villard and Yves Cuilleron. Originally devised as a project to rejuvenate the vineyards surrounding Vienne, the premise was expanded to encompass the key appellations of Côte-Rôtie, Condrieu, Saint-Joseph, Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage, Cornas, Saint-Peray, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Gigondas. The wines of Les Vins de Vienne harness the combined skills of these three talented winemakers, accessing the finest fruit available to produce an outstanding range that extols the best attributes of both northern and southern Rhône vineyards.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41320	LES VINS DE VIENNE CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE LES OTELIEES	2008	\$89.00	\$84.55
	93/100 Wine Spectator: "Very inviting, with dark, crushed currant and blackberry fruit mixed with lavender, iron, bittersweet cocoa, melted licorice and iron notes. The long finish is packed with dark, gutsy fruit, but stays racy at the same time. Best from 2009 through 2019."			
41352	LES VINS DE VIENNE CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE LES OTELIEES	2009	\$99.00	\$94.05
	Combines a renowned southern Rhône appellation with the legendary 2009 vintage and a trio of superstar winemakers (Yves Cuilleron, Pierre Gaillard, François Villard). It's the perfect storm, really. A juicy and focused blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre nuanced with grace notes of spice and smoke.			
41333	LES VINS DE VIENNE CORNAS LES BARCILLANTS	2007	\$79.00	\$75.05
	They only made a few hundred cases of this distinctive Cornas, so we're indeed fortunate to have a little to offer. Classic Cornas smoked meats/game characters, with tobacco nuances, black olive savouriness, grilled herbs and oodles of oozingly rich raspberry and cherry fruit flooding the palate.			
41321	LES VINS DE VIENNE COTE ROTIE LES ESSARTAILLES	2006	\$89.00	\$84.55
	93/100 Wine Spectator: "A very juicy, modern style, with sweet spice, raspberry and graphite notes on top of sweet tobacco, iron and macerated olive hints, which keep this grounded in its appellation. Best from 2009 through 2017."			
41332	LES VINS DE VIENNE COTE ROTIE LES ESSARTAILLES	2007	\$89.00	\$84.55
	Definitely dense, with dank undergrowth notes, lashings of sweet liquorice and touches of tar, yet there is an undeniable fruit sweetness pushing through which will just pull ahead given some time. 18 months in new oak means it's tightly knitted at this stage though still very impressive.			
41034	LES VINS DE VIENNE COTE ROTIE LES ESSARTAILLES	2008	\$79.00	\$75.05
	90/100 Wine Spectator: "Shows the lightly crisp edge of the vintage, but there's ample weight to the black cherry, pomegranate and raspberry fruit, laced with sweet tobacco, iron and black tea notes. Stays a touch crisp on the finish, but a lingering white pepper hint adds length."			
41312	LES VINS DE VIENNE COTES DU RHONE LES CRANILLES	2017	\$24.00	\$22.00
	The brainchild of a trio of Gallic winemaking superstars, Pierre Gaillard, François Villard and Yves Cuilleron, the vineyard dates back to Roman times. Yet this is a thoroughly modern take, brimming with lush Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre fruit and a sexy spiciness dusted with ancient earth. Great value.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41346	LES VINS DE VIENNE HERMITAGE CHIRATS DE SAINT-CHRISTOPHE	2008	\$120.00	\$114.00
	Supple and fruity, with very good intensity to its black and blue fruit flavours, which are complemented by a touch of woodsmoke.			
41355	LES VINS DE VIENNE HERMITAGE CHIRATS DE SAINT-CHRISTOPHE	2009	\$120.00	\$114.00
	100% Syrah, Chirats comes from the local word "tas". Up until the 16th century, the hill bore the name "Coteau de Saint Christophe". Back then, winegrowers used to gather together the stones located on their parcels and place them one on top of the other.			
41351	LES VINS DE VIENNE L'ARZELLE SAINT-JOSEPH	2009	\$69.00	\$65.55
	90/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Bright purple. The nose displays a complex array of dark berry and floral aromas, along with cola and smoky herb nuances. Deep, chewy and focused, displaying intense dark fruit flavors and complicating licorice and bitter chocolate qualities. Shuts down a bit on the finish, which features fine-grained tannins, a hint of smokiness and a strong note of cherry compote. Give this one some bottle age."			
41207	LES VINS DE VIENNE L'ARZELLE SAINT-JOSEPH	2010	\$79.00	\$75.05
	90/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Saturated ruby. Intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry and boysenberry, with vibrant minerality adding energy. Youthful, primary red and dark berry preserve flavors show very good clarity, with a floral accent emerging with aeration. An elegant, focused and graceful rendition of Saint-Joseph that finishes with excellent focus and spicy length."			
41313	LES VINS DE VIENNE SOTANUM	2006	\$99.00	\$94.05
	92/100 Wine Spectator: "Supple in texture, but with nice drive to the raspberry ganache, lavender, mineral and sweet spice flavors. The very long, silky finish has latent richness and fine, embedded acidity. Should flesh out nicely in the cellar. Syrah. Best from 2009 through 2014."			
41328	LES VINS DE VIENNE SOTANUM	2007	\$99.00	\$94.05
	From the same 11 hectare estate as Heluicum, its name has the same provenance, thanks to Pliny the Elder and his bright squib. 100% Syrah from the narrowest point in the Rhône valley, so heat is concentrated and ripeness just, like, happens. Dense, succulent and with plummy, liquorice notes, this is a muscular, earthy wine of great finesse.			
41269	LES VINS DE VIENNE SOTANUM	2008	\$99.00	\$94.05
	(100% Syrah) Glass-staining ruby. Raspberry, redcurrant and spices on the expressive, high-pitched nose. Juicy, firm and pure, with classic syrah flavours of red and blackcurrant, black raspberry, violet, black pepper and olive. A zesty note of blood orange adds energy to the long, sappy, mineral-driven finish.			
41347	LES VINS DE VIENNE SOTANUM	2009	\$99.00	\$94.05
	100% Syrah matured for 16 months in oak, Sotanum refers to the health benefits offered by the beverage previously elaborated from the vines on these hillsides. This wine is made from seven parcels and situated on the slopes of Seyssuel. The first vines were planted in 1996. Dense, succulent and with plummy, liquorice notes, this is a muscular, earthy wine of great finesse.			
41315	LES VINS DE VIENNE TABURNUM	2006	\$99.00	\$78.99
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Château Mont-Redon

Established back in 1344, Château Mont-Redon is distinctly old-school; it is, indeed, one of the oldest wine-producing estates in France, as well as the largest single property in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The estate includes 100 hectares of the most perfectly-sited vineyards in the appellation. They operate from a manual they themselves call (with some justification) 'ancient know-how.' This involves hand selection of the fruit, a balanced blend of numerous varieties to highlight the aromatic qualities of the wines, sustained maceration to obtain the required depth and structure, and a refined barrel aging programme. The estate is currently in the hands of the related Abeille and Fabre families, who have been in charge here since 1923. With a continuing focus on innovation and a seamless generational transition currently underway, Mont-Redon's future as one of the great crus looks set to be as bright as its past.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41376	MONT REDON CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE BLANC	2017	\$49.00	\$46.55
	Fruity fragranced and fragrantly nuanced, there's a sleek minerality to the luscious curves. A blend of several indigenous white varieties, with vivid aromatics of citrus and mineral notes permeating the floral-tinged pear and citrus flavours. Intensely juicy and intriguing.			
41399	MONT REDON CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE ROUGE	2016	\$59.00	\$57.00
	Established in 1344, Château Mont-Redon is distinctly old-school; it is, indeed, one of the oldest wine-producing estates in France, as well as the largest single property in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. A definitive Châteauneuf-du-Pape blend, the fragrant nose of cherry and raspberry embellished by peppery notes and toasty oak, while the palate delivers plum, berry, chocolate and spice, seamlessly integrated and wrapped around supple tannins.			
41373	MONT REDON CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE ROUGE (1500ml)	2014	\$145.00	\$137.75
	With a complex bouquet of dark cherry, plum and unobtrusive oak, the palate delivers plum, berry, chocolate and spicy nuances, all seamlessly integrated and wrapped around a supple tannin structure.			
41371	MONT REDON COTES DU RHONE RESERVE	2018	\$22.99	\$20.99
	An exuberantly rustic blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah, robust yet still refined, and offering a good degree of complexity and sinewy succulence via its bright fruit and earthy characters.			
41387	MONT REDON COTES DU RHONE RESERVE BLANC	2018	\$22.99	\$20.99
	A balanced blend of Viognier, Grenache Blanc and Roussanne fruit with complex aromatic notes of peach and tropical fruit. The palate displays good vibrancy and an easy textural presence, the decent acidity delivering a refreshing finish.			
41380	MONT REDON COTES DU RHONE ROSE	2018	\$22.99	\$20.99
	Salmon pink hues and a relatively intense nose embody this refined and elegant wine. Produced from Grenache and Syrah fruit, the texture is soft and velvety, delivering an easy-drinking rosé with refreshing acidity on the finish.			
41369	MONT REDON LE PLATEAU DE MONT REDON ROUGE	2016	\$215.00	\$204.25
	The plateau these grapes come from represents the heart and soul of Mont Redon, and also happens to be the most beautiful spot they own. A more concentrated and rounded Chateauneuf, Le plateau is from vines aged between 80-100 years and shows notes of notes of blackcurrants, toasted bread, garrigue, and beautiful minerality			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41386	MONT REDON LIRAC ROSE	2016	\$24.99	\$18.99
	Located on the Rhône's west bank, Lirac is famous for producing some of France's finest rosés. A lively, refreshing Grenache-Cinsault blend evoking soft summer fruit characters balanced by a crisp mineral edge.			
41389	MONT REDON LIRAC ROSE	2018	\$26.99	\$24.99
	The Lirac appellation in the southern Rhône is justly famous for its rosés; they are, indeed, some of France's finest. This is a lively and refreshing Grenache-Cinsault blend dominated by raspberry notes, evoking soft summer fruit characters balanced by a crisp mineral edge.			
93938	MONT REDON VIEUX MARC BLANC DE CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE (700ML)		\$78.00	\$74.10
	Made from the distillation of the white Chateauneuf-du-Pape grapes after vinification, this Vieux Marc is very typical. Distillation is carried out in an alambic still double wall where the solids are constantly agitated to avoid caramelization. Furthermore, this distillation is done under vacuum partial in order to respect the fruity expression of the aromas. Once distilled, the brandy is kept for some time in stainless steel barrels to keep its transparent color, then cut with water distilled to adjust the degree to 42%. Bottling takes place during the year following distillation. Wonderfully aromatic with fine delicate aromas which are highlighted best when served chilled. Keep it in the freezer for that perfect after dinner digestif.			
93940	MONT REDON VIEUX MARC DE CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE (700ML)		\$85.00	\$80.75
	Made from the distillation of the red Chateauneuf du Pape grapes after vinification, this Vieux Marc is very typical. Distillation is carried out in a still double wall where the solids are agitated in permanently to avoid caramelization. Furthermore, this distillation is done under partial vacuum in order to respect the fruity expression of aromas. Once distilled, this marc is aged in new Cognac barrels of 365 liters for 12 years years before being bottled at the estate. Shows notable ageing and caramelisation from the new oak maturation. Serve fresh but not chilled (and never warmed) to enjoy the aromas of this magnificently complex and lively eaux de vie.			

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Domaine E. Guigal

Located in Ampuis in the northern Rhône, Guigal are one of the region's top producers. They boast a wide range of wines, from the generic and dependable Côtes-du-Rhône to the dazzling Côte-Rôtie, with many smart expressions in between. They are proponents of the organic persuasion, with a steady focus on low yields, an abiding love of old vines and a propensity for pushing out the harvest dates. The Guigal Côte-Rôtie wines are always highly sought after and often difficult to procure, none more so than the 2009's, which managed to score themselves a clean 100 points out of 100.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
44982	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE ROTIE LA LANDONNE	2014	\$599.00	\$569.05
	95 Vinous - Josh Raynolds "Dark purple. Expansive cassis, blueberry liqueur, olive paste, vanilla and candied licorice aromas are lifted by a sexy floral note and a spicy suggestion of cracked pepper. Rich and broad but surprisingly energetic as well, showing powerful thrust to the concentrated black and blue fruit, spicecake, olive and cola flavors. Very smooth and round, revealing no rough edges that I can detect. Finishes very long and sweet, with a whiplash of blue fruit and slow-building, well-knit tannins that add framework."			
44992	DOMAINE E GUIGAL COTE ROTIE LA LANDONNE	2015	\$725.00	\$599.00
	A perfect 100 wine. Full-bodied, rich and velvety in texture followed by an extremely expressive bouquet of minerals, spice cake and black fruits. The palate boasts intense dark berry, cherry liqueur, candied licorice and floral flavors with a finish that just won't quit. Absolutely stunning. "Impenetrably dense and dark, the 2015 Cote Rotie La Landonne is loaded with black olive, espresso and cassis fruit. It's full-bodied, rich and velvety in texture and nearly endless on the finish, yet it never seems overbearing or overripe, remaining vibrant and fun from start to finish. Right now, the tannins are prominent, giving the wine a dry, dusty sendoff, so give it a decade to mellow before opening a bottle." 100 Points, Robert Parker			
44984	DOMAINE E GUIGAL ST JOSEPH	2012	\$59.00	\$56.05
	16.5/20 Jancis Robinson: "Peppery nose. Rather luscious fruit and a little bit of oak in evidence. Floral notes. Very much a work in progress. Tannins more obvious." Vegan Friendly, Sustainable viticulture practices, gluten free.			

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Gabriel Meffre

The story of the Gabriel Meffre Winery began in 1936, when Gabriel and his wife, both passionate about wine, created their 'Négociant-Vinificateur' business in Gigondas.

More than 80 years later, the family business has built on its strong foundations and has established its reputation as a leading Winery in the southern Rhone Valley. With a complementary know-how of 'Négociant-Eleveur' and Producer, the Winery is deeply involved in sustainable development and Social Responsibility (CSR).

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42277	GABRIEL MEFFRE LA CHASSE COTE CHARDONNAY VIOGNIER	2017	\$18.99	\$18.04
	A gorgeous and versatile combination of the famous Chardonnay grape with aromatic Viognier. This wine displays ripe, exotic fruit and limongrass aromas which are fresh and vivid. Harmonious and soft, it can be enjoyed on its own or with fish, seafood or white meat, such as chicken.			
42961	GABRIEL MEFFRE LA CHASSE COTE DU RHONE ROSE	2017	\$21.99	\$20.89
	Gorgeously pink, with fresh floral aromas, raspberry flavours and a touch of spice. Vive la France!			
45426	GABRIEL MEFFRE ST PETRARQUE VENTOUX	2014	\$19.99	\$16.90
	This Ventoux is a blend of Grenache and Syrah grapes. The vineyard is located mainly on the sediment left by the seas of the Tertiary period at the base of the limestone massif of Ventoux. A deep red robe with purple tint. The nose is enticing with hints of red ripe fruit and spices, and the mouth is elegant and round with a spicy finish. This Ventoux will pair nicely with charcuterie, Arrabiata pastas, grilled meat or cheese.			
42960	GABRIEL MEFFRE ST VINCENT COTE DU RHONE	2018	\$21.99	\$20.89
	Ripe plum and black berries aromas with licorice and black pepper notes. Elegant, round with a slightly spicy finish.			

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Vignerons de Caractère

A relatively new addition to our range, Vignerons de Caractère are a cooperative based in the heart of the Vacqueyras appellation and specializing in the southern Rhône. We have, in the past, had a preference for working directly with domains; however, one mustn't become too inflexible, and when we tasted the quality here, our views on cooperatives were changed (or at least altered slightly). Vignerons de Caractère is a collective of 80 families who have been working together for 50 years, between them looking after around 1,000 hectares. In true Gallic fashion, the collective has flowed through the generations, with the livelihood of each of the families directly generated from grape growing and winemaking. In an operation of this size, the members (and their opinions) are as diverse as the wines they produce. One unifying component: recognition of the importance of eco-friendly methods and sustainable development. Traditional, pure, authentic.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43106	VIGNERONS DE CARACTERE VACQUEYRAS ETERNITE	2010	\$59.00	\$56.05

Primarily Grenache with Syrah and Mourvèdre in supporting roles, the Eternite is elegantly nuanced and languidly savoury in character. An aromatic bouquet of spice-edged black fruits and blueberries accompanies the full, rounded palate of silky textures and velvet tannins. Long and lingering.

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Domaine Pierre Gaillard

This astute and sturdy artisan is one of the northern Rhône's most capable winemakers. Initially assembling his skills at Guigal and Vidal-Fleury, Pierre Gaillard took the leap of faith in 1981 with his first land purchase in Saint-Joseph, expanding his empire in time into Côte-Rôtie and Condrieu. Gaillard produces exciting wines, lush and concentrated, with an innate freshness that sets them apart. His hallmark is an unerring ability to choose the best, most compatible parcels and combine them into a wonderfully harmonious blend. Relentless work on often unforgiving slopes and a delicate touch in the cellar produce an end result that radiates precision and purity.

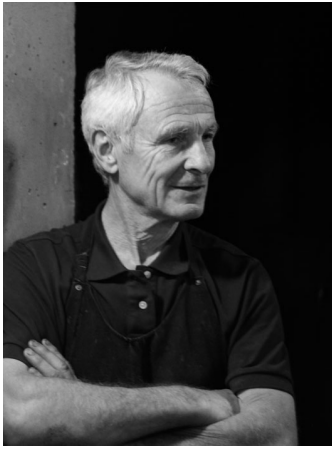
PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46801	PIERRE GAILLARD CLOS DE CUMINAILLE SAINT-JOSEPH	2016	\$56.00	\$53.20
	92/100 Decanter: "Vivid violets and loganberries, really high-toned and fragrant. Medium-bodied, with enough fruit this year and a dry, mineral, chiselled finish. Light on the extraction, bright in fruit, with a textural palate. It's not for those looking for weight and power, it's a transparent style both in fruit and structure - featherlight but compelling."			
46817	PIERRE GAILLARD CONDRIEU	2006	\$79.00	\$55.99
	A sustainably grown Marlborough Pinot Gris, pale with golden touches in colour, with delicate aromas of rockmelon, green tea and lime that yield to additional layers of pear and Turkish delight. On the palate, beautiful melon and fruit sweetness underscored with lingering texture, mouthfeel and linear acidity. A wine to enjoy with delicate Asian flavours, seafood of all sorts or simply with a friend.			
46826	PIERRE GAILLARD CONDRIEU	2007	\$79.00	\$75.05
	90/100 Wine Spectator: "A very ripe, flashy style, with soft, creamy-textured peach, apricot and ginger notes that move languidly through the big, broad finish."			
46835	PIERRE GAILLARD CONDRIEU	2008	\$69.00	\$55.20
	16/20 Jancis Robinson "Mineral and a touch smoky. Brisk and zesty but with a hint of bitterness on the finish. Savoury aftertaste and quite grippy on the finish. Density is quite good but it's rather hard work."			
46841	PIERRE GAILLARD CONDRIEU	2009	\$79.00	\$49.99
	16/20 Jancis Robinson "Mid gold. Sweet and full and rich. Only just enough acid! More than a hint of golden syrup."			
46857	PIERRE GAILLARD CONDRIEU	2011	\$79.00	\$75.05
	91/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Pale yellow. Highly perfumed aromas and flavors of candied orchard and citrus fruits, with floral and spice flourishes and a hint of smoky minerals. Suave and rich without excess fat. Sappy and precise, with impressive finishing cut and length."			
46834	PIERRE GAILLARD CORNAS	2007	\$79.00	\$75.05
	Cornas tends to be a wine for the traditionalists, and while Pierre is undoubtedly a man of our times, the hallmarks of the 'roasted slopes' are here in all their glory. A maelstrom of seething dark fruits is assuaged by smoked meaty/gamey characters, the structure solid, yet the trademark Gaillard finesse ever-present.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46829	PIERRE GAILLARD CORNAS	2008	\$69.00	\$65.55
	Pierre's new project with Stéphane Robert from Domaine du Tunnel exploits excellent terroir at the St Péray end of the appellation. Initial aroma is sage and generally herbal. Oaky sweetness and fresh red fruit and a fine grip with a minerally freshness and long finish' - Julia Harding MW, Drink 2011-2015.			
46846	PIERRE GAILLARD CORNAS	2009	\$79.00	\$75.05
	The Cornas appellation is one of the Rhône's smallest. 100% Syrah, it was harvested from 70-year-old vines on a tiny, one-hectare vineyard. Glorious, vanillin-tinged nose and a superbly ripe, balanced palate.			
46815	PIERRE GAILLARD CORNAS	2016	\$89.00	\$84.55
	One of the northern Rhône's most accomplished wine-makers, Gaillard produces exciting wines of precision and purity, with an innate freshness that sets them apart. Notes of cherry, blueberry, liquorice and spice resonate with a length that suggests time is an old friend. Deep, intense, brooding. Cornas at its best.			
46824	PIERRE GAILLARD COTE ROTIE	2006	\$79.00	\$75.05
	Pierre Gaillard planted Chardonnay vines in the family garden at age twelve, went on to study oenology at Montpellier, worked at Guigal and Vidal Fleury, saved his money and bought his first parcel of land in the Saint-Joseph AC. He has since expanded, and now owns 16 hectares of vineyards in the Saint-Joseph and Cote Rotie appellations. The wine has an intoxicating, sensual, fragrant bouquet with white pepper and rich foral notes. The silky, rather plump palate is beautifully focused, the ripe fruit favours enhanced by smooth tannins and an elegant finish.			
46840	PIERRE GAILLARD COTE ROTIE	2008	\$89.00	\$84.55
	"In 2008 he did not make a Rose Pourpre, so the best fruit, mostly from the commune of Les Roziers, have all been added to the blend. Plenty of sweet spice – vanilla and nutmeg over sweet dark cherry. Even a touch of coconut. Rich and juicy and remarkably fluid. So open. Fresh and lingering. Delicious in this lighter style though there's some fine bright fruit in the middle' - Julia Harding MW. Drink 2011-2016.			
46814	PIERRE GAILLARD COTE ROTIE	2016	\$89.00	\$84.55
	17.5/20 Jancis Robinson: "Violet perfume, ripe blackberry and vanilla spice. Loads of elegance and poise, and the Viognier gives delicious lift and scent. Intense fruit concentration on the finish."			
46823	PIERRE GAILLARD LES PIERRES SAINT-JOSEPH	2006	\$59.00	\$56.05
	87/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Deep ruby. Sexy, oak-spiced blackberry and boysenberry aromas are complicated by cured meat and fresh violet. Sweet dark berry liqueur flavors are seductively pliant, picking up Asian spices and vanilla on the close. There's a boatload of sweet fruit here, as well as some potent oak character. This is a blend of Cote Belley and Gaby."			
46833	PIERRE GAILLARD LES PIERRES SAINT-JOSEPH	2007	\$59.00	\$56.05
	87/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Bright ruby. Perfumed aromas of raspberry, flowers, mocha and crushed stone. Tangy and slightly dry on entry, then fresh in the middle palate, with stony verve and tangy intensity to the red fruit flavors. Tight on the back end. Refreshing and precise but I'd have liked more heft."			
46828	PIERRE GAILLARD LES PIERRES SAINT-JOSEPH	2008	\$59.00	\$56.05
	A very modern French winery, with a barrel room that would shame some of the old Gallic players. Modern style red, too with robust fruit, chewy savoury notes, firm tannins and a good bouncy finish.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46845	PIERRE GAILLARD LES PIERRES SAINT-JOSEPH	2009	\$69.00	\$65.55
	Les Pierres is made with fruit from three different vineyard sites – Clos de Cuminaille, Côte Belley and Limony. A selection is made of grapes from the exposed hillside parts of each vineyard site, hand harvested and then aged for 18 months in new oak. The use of new oak here is because Pierre feels that the drainage and exposure from the vineyard sites produces fruit that expresses itself best when aged in new oak. By comparison to the previous two Saint Joseph, Les Pierre has a wonderful palate; the fruit is fantastic, but the fragrance not as dominant.			
46853	PIERRE GAILLARD LES PIERRES SAINT-JOSEPH	2010	\$69.00	\$65.55
	92/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Dark purple. Powerful aromas of black and blue fruit liqueur, licorice, espresso and violet, with a hint of black pepper adding spiciness. Broad, palate-coating blackberry and boysenberry flavors are lifted and brightened by tangy acidity. Fine-grained tannins come on late and add grip to the sweet, smoky, very long finish."			
46803	PIERRE GAILLARD LES PIERRES SAINT-JOSEPH	2016	\$59.00	\$56.05
	Dark purple with powerful aromas of black and blue fruit liqueur, liquorice, espresso, violet, and a hint of black pepper adding spiciness.			

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Domaine René Rostaing

Cult status, masterful expressions, stellar accolades; these are the sort of terms one associates with René Rostaing. Part of Rostaing's success can be attributed to the very old vines he inherited from two legendary growers, his father-in-law, Albert Dervieux-Thaize, and uncle, Marius Gentaz-Dervieux. There is, though, an added element from Rostaing himself, namely his unwavering devotion to the Côte-Rôtie appellation and its deep traditions - his winemaking ethos draws heavily on them (with vigorous control exerted over the influence of the wood) to create classic Côte-Rôtie expressions that are unmistakably true to their origins; elegant, expressive and highly sought after.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48603	RENE ROSTAING CONDRIEU LA BONNETTE	2000	\$94.00	\$75.99
	A sustainably grown Marlborough Pinot Gris, pale with golden touches in colour, with delicate aromas of rockmelon, green tea and lime that yield to additional layers of pear and Turkish delight. On the palate, beautiful melon and fruit sweetness underscored with lingering texture, mouthfeel and linear acidity. A wine to enjoy with delicate Asian flavours, seafood of all sorts or simply with a friend.			
48601	RENE ROSTAING CONDRIEU LA BONNETTE	2005	\$94.00	\$77.99
	A sustainably grown Marlborough Pinot Gris, pale with golden touches in colour, with delicate aromas of rockmelon, green tea and lime that yield to additional layers of pear and Turkish delight. On the palate, beautiful melon and fruit sweetness underscored with lingering texture, mouthfeel and linear acidity. A wine to enjoy with delicate Asian flavours, seafood of all sorts or simply with a friend.			
48624	RENE ROSTAING CONDRIEU LA BONNETTE	2006	\$94.00	\$79.99
	90/100 Vinous "Light gold. Ripe nectarine and tangerine aromas are deepened by subtle floral and smoky lees notes. Fleshy pit fruit flavors are gently firming by soft acidity, gaining weight and richness on the finish. According to Rostaing, there's a touch more residual sugar in this wine than usual, which makes it 'ideal to serve with asparagus, maybe even artichokes, and especially charcuterie'."			
48615	RENE ROSTAING COTE ROTIE COTE BLONDE	2008	\$170.00	\$161.50
	90-92/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Vivid purple. Highly expressive aromas of black raspberry, blood orange, potpourri and Asian spices. Very fresh and focused, with a silky texture to the sweet red berry flavors. Becomes sappier with air and finishes with lingering notes of violet and candied rose. I really like this wine's energy and linear character."			
48621	RENE ROSTAING CUVÉE CLASSIQUE	2006	\$99.00	\$94.05
	René Rostaing is one of the great names of Cote Rotie. He started out in 1971, with just 0.47 ha of Cote Rotie vineyards, split between the Cote Blonde and La Landonne. Since that time his holdings have expanded considerably. Lush red fruits and some roasted meats on the nose. Beautiful!			
48604	RENE ROSTAING CUVÉE CLASSIQUE	2007	\$130.00	\$123.50
	Domaine Rostaing is one of the benchmark producers in Côte-Rôtie. This expression from the very fine 2007 vintage was produced using several parcels of Syrah fruit grown in the Rostaing vineyard. The wine is a vibrant ruby colour, with the enticingly aromatic bouquet delivering nuances of raspberry, blackberry and oak. The complete package, with all the elements skillfully integrated.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
48610	RENE ROSTAING CUVÉE CLASSIQUE	2008	\$89.00	\$84.55

90/100 | Stephen Tanzer: "Vivid ruby. High-pitched and spice-accented aromas of black raspberry, minerals and pungent flowers. Concentrated but not at all heavy; bright raspberry and blackberry flavors are lifted by a hint of violet. A silky, precise midweight, with no excess fat; finishes with silky tannins and very good clarity. This wine is a blend of 50% La Landonne, 40% Cote-Blonde and 10% classique juice."

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Château de Beaucastel

This high-end, family-owned winery is one of the oldest and finest producers of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The organically farmed Château Beaucastel wines possess the ability to age fabulously, and present with a distinctive character that is all their own (while renowned as one of the best, their blend is definitely atypical). Along with Mont-Redon and Domaine de Nalys, Beaucastel is one of only three producers within the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation to have all thirteen of the permitted grape varieties planted, and their individual red blend carries a greater than usual proportion of Mourvèdre. The property is today in the hands of brothers Jean-Pierre and François Perrin, who learnt their craft from their late father Jacques, and perpetuate his exacting standards as they engage in their own stylistic enhancements.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40674	BEUCASTEL HOMMAGE A JACQUES PERRIN	2017	\$1160.00	\$1102.00

100 / James Suckling "A more savory, moody, strong expression. Deeply rich nose with minerals, flowers, wild herbs, tar, toasted spices and pepper. The dark berries have a smoky edge. Minerally edge, too, thanks to the 60 per cent mourvèdre. The palate has glossy, ripe and super-fine tannins in sheets. Deep-set, dark plums and blueberries in the finish. Noble tannins. Age-worthy."

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
40666	CHATEAU DE BEUCASTEL CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE HOMMAGE A JACQUES	2015	\$980.00	\$931.00
	97-99/100 erobertparker.com / Wine Advocate, Jeb Dunnuck: "There's just a single foudre of the 2015 Chateaneuf du Pape Hommage A Jacques Perrin, and this behemoth was clearly one of the most impressive barrel samples I tasted from the vintage. Inky colored, rich, thick and unctuous, with tons of blackberry and blueberry fruits, cured meats, pepper and garrigue, it's a tour de force and I'm always amazed at the level of purity, concentration and depth the Perrin family is able to achieve with this wine. I know most people squirrel this cuvée away, but it offers incredible pleasure in its youth, as well (the 2009 and 2007 are insanely good today). Still, a decade of cellaring would be ideal."			
40673	CHATEAU DE BEUCASTEL HOMMAGE A JACQUES PERRIN	2016	\$990.00	\$940.50
	97/100 James Suckling: "A very fine and elegant Al maviva with fresh fruit and herb character. Medium-to-full body, tight and focused with very fine, linear tannins and a chocolate and light cedar undertone to the whole thing. Savory, too. Smoked meat and succulent. It's tight but opens with air. Classicism here. 66% cabernet sauvignon, 24% carmenere, 8% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot. Drink from 2021."			

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Domaine des Bernardins

Beaufort has been producing wine since Roman times and is better known for its sweet fortified wines. Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD) wrote: "Muscat has been grown for a long time in Balme and makes wonderful wine." Since then the story of Muscat de Beaufort continued to be told: the home of Muscat was supplier to Pope Clement V in Avignon and then the entire kingdom's nobility, including Henry IV who had a taste for Muscat. Domaine des Bernardins has been a family estate for five generations. Louis Castaud, founder of AOC Muscat de Beaufort, father and grandfather of the current owners. A traditional producer, their range includes AOC Muscat de Beaufort and the newer AOC to the Rhone, AOC Beaufort Rouge.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43104	DOMAINE DES BERNARDINS BEAUFORT ROUGE	2017	\$26.99	\$21.11
	One of the AC's leading producers. A vibrantly aromatic nose displays smoky, herbal notes, the rich, full-bodied palate showing concentrated fruit flavours, balanced acidity and muscular, sinewy tannins.			
43100	DOMAINE DES BERNARDINS BEAUFORT ROUGE	2018	\$26.99	\$24.99
	One of the AC's leading producers. A vibrantly aromatic nose displays smoky, herbal notes, the rich, full-bodied palate showing concentrated fruit flavours, balanced acidity and muscular, sinewy tannins.			
43101	DOMAINE DES BERNARDINS MUSCAT BEAUFORT	2017	\$39.99	\$37.99
	Butterscotch, glazed fruits aroma. The palate is rich and runs with surprising freshness after the opening. There is a note of quince paste on the aftertaste, also herbes de Provence. Good with Asiatic cuisine.			
43102	DOMAINE DES BERNARDINS MUSCAT BEAUFORT (375ml)	2018	\$24.99	\$22.99
	Like many of this region's villages, Beaufort has been producing wine since Roman times, but is unique for its 'vin doux naturel' or sweet fortified wine. The Domaine has been a family estate for five generations. This is an excellent sweet wine with a suitably opulent but intriguingly fresh palate, offering lush aromatic notes of butterscotch, honey and oranges, with a delicious hint of quince and a touch of Provencal herbs.			

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Domaine Yves Cuilleron

From his home in the northern Rhône, this Condrieu specialist knows how to make the Viognier grape sing. In just a couple of decades, Yves Cuilleron has earned a reputation as one of the Rhône's leading vinous exponents. He is one third of Les Vins de Vienne's elevated trio of winemakers, and his own wines from the various appellations he draws upon come in threes - not content with a single expression blended from his various sites, he prefers to explore the individual characters of each location and present them in isolation. The wines are stunning, with the top expressions sold out each year before even leaving the gates of the estate. Building on a property first established in the 1920's by his grandfather, Yves has upped the ante considerably, creating new facilities and increasing the estate's holdings from 3.5 to 52 hectares that stretch over a number of appellations, including eight of the 100 hectares that make up Condrieu. In pursuit of the finest possible fruit, Cuilleron's viticultural approach is all natural. The end result? Power, elegance and a superb sense of place.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43358	YVES CUILLERON CONDRIEU LES CHAILLETS	2008	\$115.00	\$79.99
	92/100 Vinous "Light yellow. Intensely perfumed scents of lime, lemongrass, ginger and yellow rose. Racy, finely etched citrus and floral flavors are complemented by deeper notes of anise pastille and honey. A strong mineral quality adds spine and extends through the long, spicy, penetrating finish. This will be even better with a bit of bottle age, which will add flesh and depth."			
44349	YVES CUILLERON CONDRIEU LES CHAILLETS	2017	\$115.00	\$109.25
43357	YVES CUILLERON CONDRIEU LA PETITE COTE	2008	\$69.00	\$55.20
	90/100 Vinous "Pale gold. Cool, precise aromas of pear, Meyer lemon and violet. At once deep and vibrant, with penetrating acidity infusing the citrus and orchard flavors with good energy. Palate-staining Condrieu with lively, mounting, dusty minerality and a lingering impression of white flowers."			
44348	YVES CUILLERON CONDRIEU LA PETITE COTE	2011	\$69.00	\$55.20
	91/100 Vinous "Light gold. A highly expressive bouquet presents fresh orchard and pit fruits, white flowers and honey, with a bright ginger overtone. Juicy and precise, its sappy pear and nectarine flavors becoming spicier with air. Closes on a floral note, with very good, tangy cut."			
41446	YVES CUILLERON CORNAS LES VIRES	2008	\$99.00	\$94.05
	89/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Dark ruby. Black and blue fruits on the nose, with complicating notes of violet and olive tapenade. Deep, chewy black raspberry and boysenberry flavors become smokier with air and pick up a touch of candied flowers. Firm tannins add shape and grip to a gently sweet, persistent finish. This youthful wine benefits from aeration."			
41481	YVES CUILLERON CORNAS LIEU DIT LES COTES	2016	\$125.00	\$118.75
41443	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE BASSENON	2008	\$89.00	\$84.55
	89/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Deep red. Vibrant aromas and flavors of black raspberry, spice cake and black pepper. Very fresh, with an incisive, mineral-accented character and slow-mounting smokiness. Brisk, focused red and dark berry qualities linger on the finish, which repeats the peppery note."			
43346	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE BASSENON	2013	\$115.00	\$109.25
	Made from a blend of 90% syrah and 10% viognier from vines located on the hillside of Semons in Tupin-Semons. The name 'Bassenon' comes from the name of the stream at the bottom of the hill. Dark berry liqueur, potpourri and spicecake on the highly fragrant nose. Balanced with silky tannins and a touch of spice.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
41473	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE BASSENON	2016	\$99.00	\$94.05
43341	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE BASSENON	2011	\$89.00	\$84.55
	92/100 Robert Parker: "The 2011 Cote Rotie Bassenon is a major success in the vintage. Classy and perfumed, with the hallmark Cote Rotie bouquet of juicy berry fruit, spring flowers, bacon fat and hints of leather, this medium to full-bodied, supple, pure and finesse-oriented effort can be consumed anytime over the coming decade." - Jeb Dunnuck			
41445	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE LES TERRES SOMBRES	2008	\$115.00	\$109.25
	A complex nose evoking spice-laced ripe red fruits and tapenade. Ample and powerful on the palate, balanced by an attractive tannic frame that imparts great length. Delicate maturation notes.			
43343	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE LES TERRES SOMBRES	2011	\$110.00	\$104.50
	90-92/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Glass-staining purple. Sexy, spice-accented aromas of dark fruit preserves, cola and incense. Sappy and smooth in texture, offering gently sweet blueberry and cherry-vanilla flavors and a hint of black tea. Supple tannins come up late and give shape to a long, gently sweet finish. Quite suave for this cuvee, which is typically the most brooding of Cuilleron's Cote-Roties." -Jancis Robinson			
44347	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE LES TERRES SOMBRES	2013	\$115.00	\$109.25
	A deep and intense wine. Complex nose of black fruits, spices (clove) and roasted tobacco leaves. A racy palate, with concentration and tension. You'll also find velvety tannins and a spicy oomph on the exit.			
43364	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE MADINIERE	2007	\$99.00	\$94.05
	88/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Bright ruby. High-pitched aromas of red berries, rose and pungent spices. Tighter than it showed last year, offering tangy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors, with soft tannins adding support. Turns slightly tart on the finish, with the red fruit and spice notes repeating. This will be ready to drink soon."			
41444	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE MADINIERE	2008	\$99.00	\$94.05
	This stunning producer frequently sells out before his wines have even left the gates of the estate. Aromas of jammy black fruits, subtle spice and a hint of liquorice. Silky and elegant with lithe tannins.			
43342	YVES CUILLERON COTE ROTIE MADINIERE	2011	\$99.00	\$94.05
	90-92/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Inky purple. Cherry liqueur and black raspberry aromas are enlivened by a suave floral topnote. Fresh, sharply defined dark fruit flavors show very good purity and mineral thrust. Firm acidity and fine-grained tannins provide spine and add lift to a long, juicy finish." - Jancis Robinson MW			
41448	YVES CUILLERON SAINT-JOSEPH LES PIERRES SECHES	2017	\$49.00	\$46.55
	A flattering, gourmand wine, with a nose that conjures a basket of lovely, ripe, just-picked red and black fruits. Rounded and tender on the palate, with well-integrated tannins imparting volume.			
41450	YVES CUILLERON SAINT-JOSEPH LES SERINES	2008	\$69.00	\$65.55
	A complex, well-structured wine with typical Syrah aromas of red and black fruits, spice, violets, and delicate oak. Ample and powerful on the palate, with well-integrated tannins and length imparted by its great terroir purity.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43345	YVES CUILLERON SAINT-JOSEPH LES SERINES	2013	\$92.00	\$87.40
	"Les Serines" refers to the local name for Syrah. The wine is 100% Syrah grown from cuttings from old vines from the same vineyard. A deep and complex wine, dark fruits, sweet spices, ink aromas. Rich and velvety on the palate. The pureness gives a magnificent mineral length with spicy matured tannins.			
41492	YVES CUILLERON SAINT-JOSEPH LES SERINES	2016	\$75.00	\$71.25
	90/100 Stephen Tanzer: "Full ruby. Powerfully scented nose displays ripe red and dark berry qualities and subtle notes of smoked meat and flowers. Bright raspberry and cherry flavors show very good concentration and clarity, with fine tannins adding spine. Finishes sweet and long, with a strong echo of cherry."			
41458	YVES CUILLERON ST JOSPEH LIEU DIT DIGUE	2017	\$59.99	\$56.99
41480	YVES CUILLERON VIOGNIER VDP	2018	\$39.00	\$29.99
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Domaine Gros-Tollot

Gros-Tollot is a joint venture between the husband and wife super-team of Anne Gros (she of the eponymous Vosne-Romanee domaine) and Jean-Paul Tollot (of Domaine Tollot-Beaut & Fils). They have transported their Burgundian sensibilities to the South of France, where they create vibrant combinations of the Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache and Syrah varieties. They are responding avidly to the challenges of a climate so different to what they are accustomed to on their home turf. A supposed glimpse of the diverse soils and significant parcels within the southern appellation of Minervois was enough to convince the two that an excursion south was in order. The pair have embraced their 14 hectares of ancient vines and their terroir with both hands, and are turning out wines unlike any others in the appellation and, indeed, beyond it.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43742	GROS TOLLOT DE LA CIAUDE	2017	\$54.99	\$52.24
43117	GROS TOLLOT DE LA CIAUDE	2016	\$49.99	\$47.49
	These fine wines, which benefit from careful maturing in barrels, represent a cuvée superbly silky, combined with concentration and a mineral persistence full of finesse.			
43754	GROS TOLLOT LA 50/50 VIN DE TABLES	2016	\$29.99	\$27.98
	Burgundians Anne Gros and Jean-Paul Tollot thrive in France's South, responding avidly to the differing climate there. Old Grenache, Syrah and Carignan vines create a vibrant refreshing, fruit-driven table wine.			
43750	GROS TOLLOT LA 50/50 VIN DE TABLES	2018	\$29.99	\$27.99
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43749	GROS TOLLOT LA CINSO	2017	\$34.99	\$33.24
43743	GROS TOLLOT LA GRENACHE	2017	\$34.99	\$33.24
43138	GROS TOLLOT LES CARRETALS	2011	\$54.00	\$45.99
	16.5/20 Jancis Robinson "Healthy crimson. Sweet, gentle-textured, well-melded Languedoc blend with burgundian polish. Not a bad price at all. Much more sophisticated than the average Minervois. Very satisfying persistence."			
43118	GROS TOLLOT LES CARRETALS	2016	\$69.99	\$66.49
	Carignan and Grenache vines grow on over one hectare and come together with finesse, elegance, length, rigour and energy... a beautiful maturing wine deserving of these great qualities!			
43747	GROS TOLLOT LES CARRETALS	2017	\$69.99	\$66.49

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
43756	GROS TOLLOT LES COMBETTES	2016	\$39.99	\$37.99
	89/100 Decanter - "Only the second vintage bottled of this 100% barrel-aged Marselan (crossing of Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache), the vines planted in 2012 on fine clay and limestone soils in a 1ha plot. The bright purple-pink colour seems to stick to the sides of the glass, then come inviting aromas of black cherry and blackcurrant with a wild, herbal note. Deep and rich on the palate, the high acidity makes it really juicy, and this balances out some quite firm, youthful tannins across the palate – these come from the skins, as Marselan is a small-berried variety with few seeds. Has a dark, smoky aspect that calls for a game bird, venison pie or a rich casserole."			
43748	GROS TOLLOT LES COMBETTES	2017	\$34.99	\$33.24
	Made from Marselan, a cross between Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache. A vibrant purple-pink colour, with aromas of black cherry and a wild, herbal note.			
43759	GROS TOLLOT LES FONTANILLES	2016	\$45.99	\$43.69
43116	GROS TOLLOT LES FONTANILLES	2017	\$44.99	\$42.74
43746	GROS TOLLOT L'O DE LA VIE	2014	\$36.00	\$34.20
	Gro-Tollot "L'o de la Vie" is 100% Syrah from young vines in the Gros-Tollot Minervois vineyards. Anne and Jean Paul say this vineyard shows great purity and is developing an elegant personality, even in its youth.			
43758	GROS TOLLOT L'O DE LA VIE	2017	\$34.99	\$33.24

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Domaine Pierre Gaillard

This astute and sturdy artisan is one of the northern Rhône's most capable winemakers. Initially assembling his skills at Guigal and Vidal-Fleury, Pierre Gaillard took the leap of faith in 1981 with his first land purchase in Saint-Joseph, expanding his empire in time into Côte-Rôtie and Condrieu. Gaillard produces exciting wines, lush and concentrated, with an innate freshness that sets them apart. His hallmark is an unerring ability to choose the best, most compatible parcels and combine them into a wonderfully harmonious blend. Relentless work on often unforgiving slopes and a delicate touch in the cellar produce an end result that radiates precision and purity.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46830	PIERRE GAILLARD DOMAINE MADELOC BANYULOS	2006	\$39.00	\$37.05

Domaine Madeloc, in Banyuls, was originally owned by Robert Pagès. After his tragic death in a car accident, his daughter took over, and in 2002 Pierre Gaillard purchased the estate. Banyuls is famous mainly for its sweet fortified wines, but this is a red, produced principally from Grenache. It is a deep, full-bodied wine exuding flavours of prune, cherry and spice.

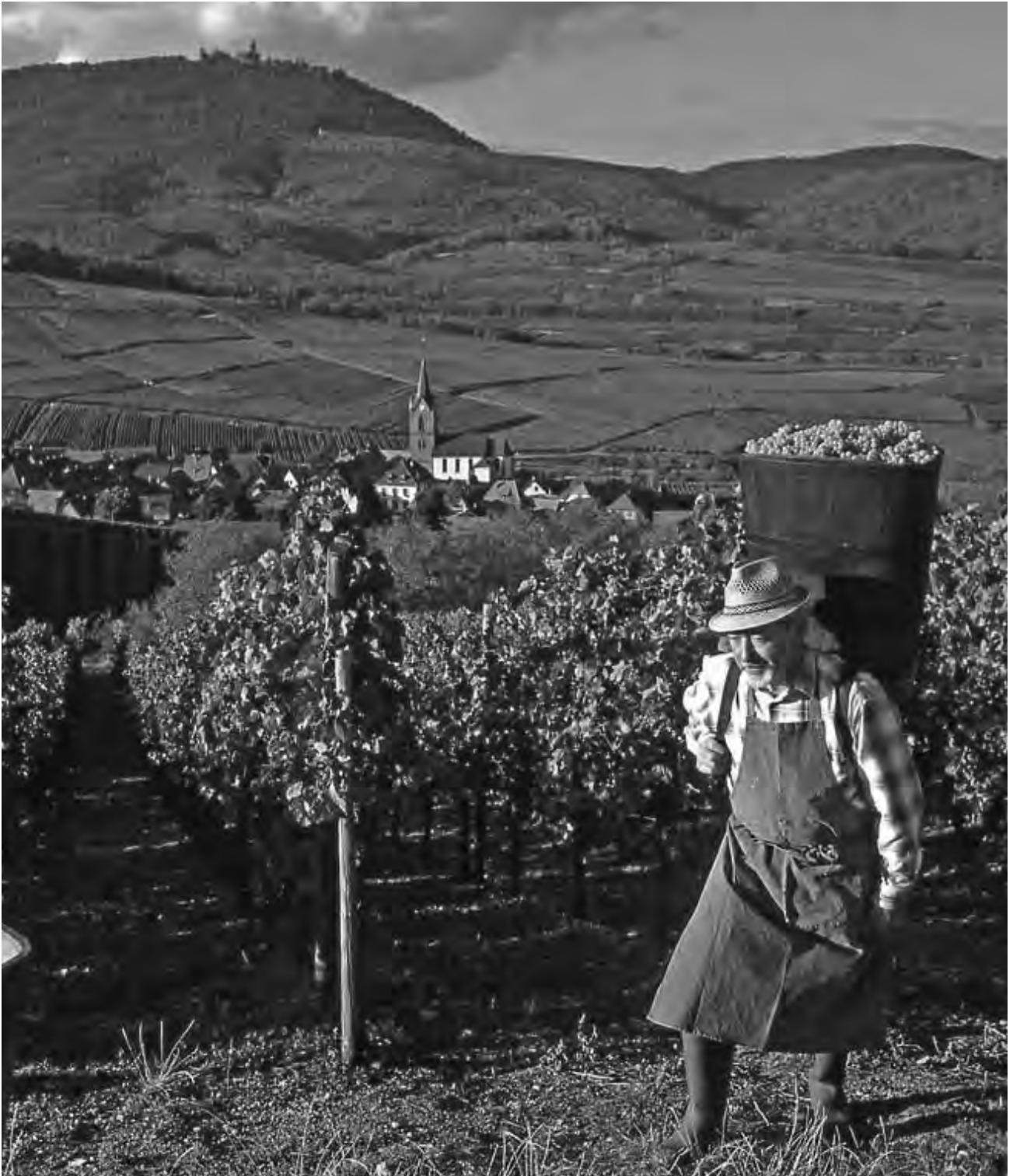
46831	PIERRE GAILLARD DOMAINE MADELOC COLLIOURE	2006	\$39.00	\$37.05
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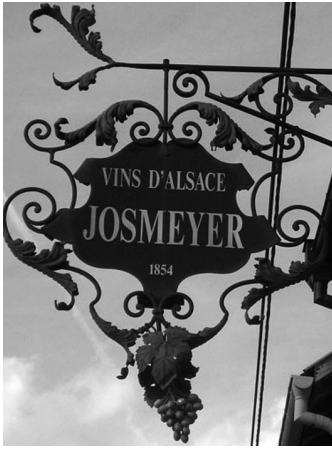
The village of Collioure is located close to the Spanish border in the foothills of the Pyrenees. The climate and wines are much influenced by its proximity to the Mediterranean. Magenca is a cuvée of hand harvested Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah & Carignan, barrel fermented and matured for 15 months. The bouquet is full of black cherry, wild herbs and spice; the mouthfilling palate has well weighted fruit flavours enveloped in a slick coat and supported by dusty tannins.

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Alsace





Domaine Josmeyer

When it comes to aromatic wines, no one does it better than the inhabitants of Alsace. Founded in 1854 by Aloyse Meyer, Josmeyer is the jewel in our Alsatian range, biodynamic producers operating at the highest level, producing dazzling aromatic wines with a purity others can only aspire to. Five generations in, the Josmeyer Domaine covers an area of 25 hectares, of which five are on the slopes of the A.O.C. Grand Cru Brand and Hengst vineyards. Their superb, entry-level Pinot Gris sets the benchmark, its deliciously textured peach and honey characters travelling an endless and seamless arc across your tastebuds. And if you're feeling flush, the Grand Crus are simply off the planet.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46500	JOSMEYER ALSACE PINOT GRIS	2016	\$36.00	\$29.99
<p>Josmeyer are biodynamic producers operating at the highest level, producing dazzling aromatic wines with a purity others can only aspire to. Their superb entry-level Gris sets the benchmark with deliciously textural peach & honey characters and a haunting mineral close.</p>				
46529	JOSMEYER PINOT GRIS HENGST	2010	\$89.00	\$84.55
<p>92+/100 Ian D'Agata; "Pale golden straw. Rich, ripe tropical fruits, lime, chamomile, honey and chlorophyll on the complex nose. The marno-calcareous soils give the wine serious structure and a lot of personality. Despite the fact that this wine has the same alcohol level as the Brand pinot gris (14%), the alcohol is more apparent here than in the Brand bottling, and Isabelle Meyer confirmed that this is almost always the case with Pinot Gris from the Hengst. Still, I wish there were a lot more textbook examples of Pinot Gris like this one."</p>				

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Domaine Louis Sipp

During World War I, while her husband Louis was away serving at the Russian front, the proactive Louise Sipp purchased the Domaine's first vineyard plots around the Alsatian commune of Ribeauvillé, and by 1920 this budding winery had won its first awards. No slouches themselves, Louis and his son Auguste expanded the business between Wars I and II, digging deep cellars and establishing a new processing plant. After the cessation of hostilities, the cellars were expanded and further vineyard parcels were acquired, making it the largest winegrowing Domain in Ribeauvillé. Today the Domaine is managed by Louis' great grandson Etienne, who has converted the operation to organic production. The company combines traditional methods with modern equipment, the grapes all hand harvested and the wines produced from local wild yeasts. The resulting expressions display great finesse and a true affinity for their Ribeauvillé terroir. One of Alsace's top producers, Louis Sipp are renowned for delivering some of the region's best value.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46959	LOUIS SIPP ALSACE PINOT GRIS	2014	\$29.00	\$24.90
	The highly regarded aromatic aces, Louis Sipp, travel the organic route, the opulent and generous tendencies of their wines accompanied by a balancing hand of finesse and a voluptuous velvety texture at their core.			
93946	LOUIS SIPP EAUX DE VIE MIRABELLE (700ml)		\$79.00	\$75.05
	The plums are native, and grow best in the region of Lorraine which, neatly enough, borders Alsace where Monsieur Sipp distils it into this magical, exotically flavoured.			
93947	LOUIS SIPP KIRSCH (700ml)		\$79.00	\$75.05
	Cherry kernels are matured in earthenware casks, thus no colour is absorbed. Made for sipping, the Kirsch is potent, archly dry and brilliant chilled.			
46966	LOUIS SIPP PINOT GRIS	2016	\$29.00	\$27.00
	The domaine is managed by founder Louis Sipp's great-grandson Etienne, who has converted the operation to organic production. The company combines traditional methods with modern equipment, the grapes all hand-harvested and the wines produced from local wild yeasts. The resulting expressions display great finesse and an affinity for their Ribeau-villé terroir. One of Alsace's top producers, Louis Sipp are renowned for delivering some of the region's best value. The rich and generous tendencies of their wines are accompanied by a balancing hand of finesse and a voluptuous velvety texture at their core.			
46962	LOUIS SIPP PINOT GRIS KIRCHBERG GRAND CRU	2013	\$69.00	\$65.55
	Kirchberg de Ribeauvillé is one of the best Grand Cru in the region. The first documentation of its existence dates from 1328 and the name used as a vineyard designation (lieu-dit) long before the Grand Crus were officially designated. The vineyard is clay and sandstone, steep at the bottom and then flattens slightly towards the top at 350m on a south facing exposure. Very high density planting of 8300 vines/ha that average 40 years of age. This gives a style of Pinot Gris that are more austere and saline with powerful acidity.			
93948	LOUIS SIPP POIRE WILLIAMS (700ML)		\$89.00	\$84.55
	Eau de vie meaning 'water of life' in French is a name given to fruit-based distilled drinks. This one by Louis Sipp is a beautiful eau de vie with pear from Alsace. Great as an apéritif.			

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
46971	LOUIS SIPP RIESLING KIRCHBURG GRAND CRU	2012	\$69.00	\$65.55
	89/100 Decanter - Blind tasted by Thierry MeyerMarcel Orford-WilliamsEric Zwiebel MS "Firm nose with white flowers and smoke aromas. Palate is dry and full-bodied, with good complexity and a robust structure."			
46972	LOUIS SIPP RIESLING KIRCHBURG GRAND CRU (500ml)	2006	\$125.00	\$118.75
	A very dry riesling from Louis Sipp. A delicate nose that reveals citrus. Similar citrus flavour on the palate. A racy wine that will develop over time. Excellent match for seafood, white meats and cheese.			

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Gisselbrecht

Alsatian Pinot Gris is an entirely different breed to the New Zealand versions of this intriguing, pink-skinned variety. While some of our local offerings can perhaps hint at the delights on offer from Alsace, it is producers like Gisselbrecht who know how to deliver the complexity and astounding richness that the grape is capable of. They have a bit of an advantage, their family having made wine in Alsace since the 1600's. Indeed, they know their 17 hectares intimately. Great Alsatian aromatic wines like the ones produced by Gisselbrecht tend to be thickly textured expressions of their respective grape varieties, a thrilling collision of honeyed richness and flinty minerality, the result of a unique terroir and an attention to detail that only centuries of tradition can deliver.

PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
47013	GISSELBRECHT GEWURZ VENDAGES TARDIVES	2008	\$74.99	\$71.24
	Vendange Tardive means late harvest, so we're talking about serious concentration and intensity of flavours, with said wines some of Alsace's most glorious. This sumptuous Gewürztraminer exudes a hedonistic, almost explosive bouquet of honeyed exotica (guava, lychee, candied fruit), riding a palate that's wonderfully lush and silky. Superb.			
47021	GISSELBRECHT GEWURZTRAMINER	2018	\$31.99	\$30.39
	Beguilingly luring you into its luscious lair, this is an exotic Gewürz, its cup runneth over from the Far East (lychees, mangos) to the Near (Turkish Delight) and more. Intensely focused fruit with some serious spice tones greet you and keep you enchanted; try with foie gras. Indulgent? Pah...			
47016	GISSELBRECHT MUSCAT RESERVE	2010	\$24.99	\$21.90
	This is more intense than a game of chess, and it moves a little quicker, natch. Vinous to beat the band, that Muscat fleshiness tucks in with florals and a spicy richness on a palate that is a lesson in textural weight and palate presence. They can do no wrong, these people.			
47032	GISSELBRECHT PINOT BLANC	2018	\$21.99	\$20.89
	From masterful Alsatian producers Gisselbrecht, the crispness of Riesling, texture of Chardonnay and the fruity approach of a Pinot Gris. Fragrant peach and apple aromatics, deliciously weighty yet taut and tart. A hint of sweetness rounds it all off.			
47028	GISSELBRECHT PINOT GRIS	2018	\$23.99	\$21.99
	The Gisselbrecht family have been producing wine in Alsace for over 300 years. Originally selling their wines to négociants, in 1936 Willy Gisselbrecht became an independent wine-maker/merchant, one of the first to bottle his own wines. Today the company is run from Dambach-la-Ville by his grandsons, Philippe and Claude, where the company owns 17 ha of some of Alsace's finest vineyard sites. The family also own significant parcels in the Grand Cru Frankstein Their entry-level Pinot Gris delivers superbly rich and spicy restraint and delicacy that's hard to go past.			
47041	GISSELBRECHT PINOT GRIS GRAND CRU FRANKSTEIN	2015	\$43.99	\$39.99
	The nose is deep and complex. It developps crystalized fruity notes like apricot, peach smoky notes typical from granit soils. Round and generous. Peachy and exotic fruits notes. Long and intense.			

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PLU	Brand Name	Vintage	Retail	Now
42399	PIERRE BRECHT PINOT GRIS	2018	\$21.99	\$20.89

A stellar wine, with hints of honey and minerality lightly riding the lush palate. Rich and spicy, the additional year in the bottle has given it a lovely rounded resonance.

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