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This is the third successive year where many thrilling red wines have been made in Bordeaux. It is a complicated picture, however. Weather disparities from one village to another and from château to château mean that there are many variations.

April, May and June all saw higher levels of rainfall, with less sunshine, compared to the average (1991-2010). Consequently, downy mildew was hard to control in many vineyards, causing crop reductions. Thanks to an early start to the season, and to hot weather during May, flowering of the vines went broadly well, and earlier than usual, during the last 10 days of the month. The weather was warm, calm and sunny. When this happens, it is a major quality factor, as it allows an even fruit set, and for grapes in the bunches to come to ripeness harmoniously. June was initially damp, cool and dull, however from around 20th, rains abated and temperatures climbed. Summer began in force from mid-July with dry, sometimes exceptionally hot weather, lasting for nearly two months, including torrid heat-spikes in early August.

Beneficial, heavy storms came around the 10th August, which allowed vegetation and ripening to spurt back into action, where these had been braked by the heat. Then the first half of September was dry and sunny. Nights were cool, all of this allowing the skins and tannins of the red grapes to mature, while sugars climbed and berries retained their freshness. Merlot grapes came to ripeness and could be picked in excellent conditions, during mid-September. Cabernets followed suit, however the temperature dropped suddenly on 20th September, and rains were frequent, with downpours from storm Alex, from 30th September. Some grapes had to be gathered before complete ripeness could be achieved.

It appears clear that Merlots came to full maturity in ideal conditions, where this was, in places, harder to achieve for the Cabernets. Nevertheless, in early-ripening sites, sugar levels, colouring matter and tannins were at perfect levels in the Cabernet grapes. Well-judged extractions have permitted deeply coloured, perfumed, richly structured wines to be made at many properties.

Generally, 2020 is a very promising year for Bordeaux reds. Having tasted a wide range of young, wines, sent directly from the châteaux, our selections have concentrated on those which are harmoniously ripe, have excellent potential, and have been released at sensible prices. There are many beautifully classic wines this year, which we most warmly recommend.

**These wines are offered in bond UK, for delivery during 2023.**

### Key

12b 12 bottles

6m 6 magnums

£ per case  
in UK Bond

**Château Peymouton, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2020**

12b 145.00

6m 160.00

Owned by the same family as - and sharing management with - the Grand Cru Classé Château Laroque, this is a modestly-priced Saint-Emilion whose 2020 blend consists of 79% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc and 9% Cabernet Sauvignon. The vines average 38 years of age, and have produced a brightly coloured, deep purple wine with rich, red cherry and dried rose petal aromas. This is a charming, lively mouthful, being medium bodied, with a ripe, freshly tannic finish (for drinking 2023-2026+).



**Château Ségur de Cabanac, Saint-Estèphe 2020**

12b 157.00

6m 172.00

A small property by Bordeaux standards, just 7 hectares under vines, with one third of these benefitting from the warming, mild climate near the Gironde estuary, the balance being around the village of Saint-Estèphe. Average age of the vines is now 30 years, with Cabernet Sauvignon making up 60% of the 2020 blend, and Merlot the balance. The wine is ageing in 30% new barrels, and is bright purple-ruby in colour. The nose shows richly appetising fruitiness, the palate impressive structure, fully rounded tannins, and a fresh, supple finish. At just over £13 per bottle, in bond, this is a great value Left Bank wine (for drinking 2025-2032+).



**Château de Bel-Air, Lalande de Pomerol 2020**

12b 165.00

6m 180.00

After a gap of several years, we were thrilled to bring this wine back into our selections with the 2018 vintage, and this 2020 is another winner. The vines are situated on a gently-sloping plateau leading down to the Barbanne stream, with the Pomerol appellation just cross the water. It is one of the best terroirs of Lalande-de-Pomerol, with gravelly soils making up 70% of the estate, the balance being gravel mixed with clay or sand. The vines here have an average age of 37 years, the blend in 2020 being 73% Merlot, with 19% Cabernet Franc and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is spending a year in French oak barrels, of which 40% are new. Colour is rich, deep purple, aromas are fragrant, open and fresh. Palate has appealing fruit from the start, with broad fleshiness, gentle tannins and a soft finish (for drinking 2023-2030+).



**Château Picque-Caillou, Pessac-Léognan 2020**

12b 175.00

6m 190.00

The property lost 5-10% of its production due to spring frost, then yield was further reduced by the dry summer, however the quality of the grapes was so high that the quantity of Grand Vin here is comparable to last year. The blend is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot with 10% Petit Verdot, presently ageing in new (40%), one-year-old (35%) and two-year-old (25%) oak barrels. The wine is absolutely classic, showing pure, scented, cassis aromas and dense fruit on the palate. This has charm, freshness and a finely balanced, long finish (for drinking 2023-2030+).



**Château Haut-Bages Monpelou, Pauillac 2020**

12b 198.00

6m 213.00

This château's vines are superbly situated on the plateau of one of Pauillac's best sectors. It rubs shoulders with vineyards belonging to classed growths Grand-Puy-Ducasse and Lynch-Moussas, and until 1948 formed part of the 4th Growth Ch Duhart-Milon. The 2020 has been assembled from 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc. Top quality Cabernets and superb Merlots – all picked during September - have given a purple-ruby wine of medium depth and ripe fruitiness. Palate is immediately impressive, fruitiness is well-sustained, aftertaste is mouth-coating and long (for drinking 2025-2035+).



**Château Moulin de la Rose, Saint-Julien 2020**

12b 214.00

6m 229.00

A tiny property of many small plots totalling 5 hectares, these vineyards are favourably situated on gravel hilltops in the Beychevelle hamlet. The vines rub shoulders with world-famous names: Léovilles Barton and Las Cases, Gruaud-Larose, and Ducru-Beaucaillou. The blend in 2020 was 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 40% Merlot, now ageing one third in new barrels. This is very deep purple-ruby, with rich, open fruitiness on the nose. Palate is immediately attractive, with dense middle, gentle tannins and well-balanced finish (for drinking 2024-2032+).



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### **Château Monbrison, Margaux 2020**

12b 225.00

6m 240.00

This has been family-owned for 99 years, since 1922 – with a new generation, Alexandre, joining her father Laurent Vonderheyden, from 2018. She told us: “2020 was a complicated year, with 4 inches of rain falling over 3 days at one point, meaning we couldn’t go into the vines. But the summer turned really hot.” For the first time since 2011 the Cabernet Francs reached superb ripeness, so they represent 9% of the final blend, along with 74% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17% Merlot. The wine is ageing 18 months in oak barrels, of which 40% are new French oak, with 2% in clay amphoras. This is vibrant ruby-purple of medium depth, the nose being open, opulent and fresh. The palate shows classic balance between well-rounded structure, fruit intensity, gentle tannins and lovely length (for drinking 2026-2035+).



### **Lacoste-Borie, Pauillac 2020**

12b 225.00

6m 240.00

The Second wine of Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Lacoste-Borie frequently appears on our list, offering great value for an elegant, impeccably made Pauillac. In 2020 the blend is 56% Cabernet Sauvignon with 30% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc, ageing in 50% new barrels. Good purple colour with attractive, open, very pure Cabernet aromas. This is a charming Lacoste-Borie, brimming with bright fruit character and ample flesh. In four or five years, this will give great pleasure for a Sunday lunch, particularly from magnums. The finish is harmonious, fresh and long-flavoured (to drink from 2024–2031+).



### **Château Latour-Martillac Rouge, Pessac-Léognan 2020**

12b 255.00

6m 270.00

This property has been run passionately by the Kressman family for 3 generations. The 2020 assemblage consists of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot with 10% Petit Verdot, now ageing in 40% new barrels. Opaque purple in colour, with lovely, creamy cassis and black fruit aromas, palate starts tautly structured, with intense, lifted mid-palate and elegant structure. This is a lovely, thirst-quenching wine, with admirable length (for drinking 2028-2038+).



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**Château Carbonnieux rouge, Grand Cru Classé Pessac-Léognan 2020**

12b 265.00

6m 280.00

Château Carbonnieux is the Perrin family's best known, and most prestigious property, which they bought in 1956. Brothers Eric and Philibert produce a classic Pessac red here, with superb ageing potential. The blend in 2020 is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with 30% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot, currently ageing in French oak barriques (40% new). Rich, deep purple-ruby colour, aromas are captivating and pure: floral blackcurrant with hints of liquorice. Palate is striking for its beautiful, silky texture, flavours being intense and finely woven. This is a freshly structured, charming 2020, with a harmonious, gently tannic aftertaste (for drinking 2028-2045+).



**Château Lagrange, Pomerol 2020**

12b 265.00

6m 280.00

This property has been in the Jean-Pierre Moueix stable since 1953, and today is one of their most lusciously charming Pomerols. It is 100% planted with Merlot vines, which average 25 years of age, lying partly on gravels, partly clay. The 2020 is ageing in 30% new barrels, which are already perfectly integrated into the wine's fruitiness. Colour is bright, ruby-purple of medium depth, the nose being subtly aromatic and complex. Palate shows rich intensity, gently-built tannins, and splendid, harmonious length (for drinking 2024-2032+).



**Château Pibran, Pauillac 2020**

12b 275.00

6m 290.00

We regularly offer this less-known property, that is owned and produced by the Pichon Baron team. The vines lie on hillocks neighbouring Châteaux d'Armailhac and Pontet-Canet. 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon make up the blend here in 2020. Good purple on the eye, the aromas are abundantly ripe, offering rich black fruits, with a pleasing bright character. Palate is clean and intense, with plush fruit and bags of charm. There is a good structure in place, harmonious tannins and purity to finish. A very fine under-the-radar Pauillac (for drinking 2026–2034+).



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**Château Jean Faure, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2020**

12b 295.00

6m 310.00

Jean-Faure 2020 is made up of 65% Cabernet Franc, 30% Merlot and 5% Malbec. The property is superbly situated a few hundred yards along from Cheval-Blanc, adjoining La Dominique, across the commune border from leading Pomerol châteaux: La Conseillante and l'Évangile. The 2020 is a wine of great perfume and beauty. The nose is super-pure, being floral and bright, with mouth-watering, ripe, freshly-picked blackcurrant aromas. It is equally impressive on the palate, with fleshy textures and a truly intense, tight-knit intensity of fruit in its core. There is a fine structure in place, with silky tannins, lovely fresh acidity and a great length of flavour. This organically farmed vineyard has produced a winning 2020 wine (for drinking 2025–2038+).



**Château Lafleur-Gazin, Pomerol 2020**

12b 300.00

6m 315.00

The vines of Lafleur-Gazin lie on the edge of the clay-rich, central plateau of Pomerol, ideally situated between two famous châteaux: Gazin and Lafleur. The vineyards (average age 30 years) have been managed since 1973 by Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix, on behalf of the grand-daughters of owner, Madame Delfour-Borderie. Only the best plots go into this Grand Vin. 100% Merlot grapes – hand-picked, then both manually and optically sorted – make up this wine, which will age for up to 18 months in oak barrels, more than 30% of which are new. In colour, this is intense, purple-ruby right to the rim, with aromas which are freshly fruity and youthful, with notes of kirsch and spicy earthiness. Palate shows rich structure, pure, precise fruitiness, velvet roundness and generous length (for drinking 2024-2035+).



**Château La Lagune, 3ème Cru Classé, Haut-Medoc 2020**

6b 162.00

3m 177.00

La Lagune is one of the Haut-Médoc's leading Classed Growths. Since 2000, it has been in the hands of the talented Jean-Jacques Frey, with his daughter, Caroline - who graduated top of her class at Bordeaux University in 2002 - running the winery. She has made a beautiful 2020 wine, which exudes perfumed aromas of cassis, red berries and delicate spice - very pure and elegant. Palate is an intense ball of rich, juicy flavours and silky textures, within a fine frame of ripe tannins and bright acidity. This will become a wonderful glass of fine claret (for drinking 2028–2045+).



**Château Lafon-Rochet, 4ème Cru Classé, Saint Estèphe 2020**

6b 162.50

3m 177.50

The Tesseron family has been owner here since 1959, and also at Château Pontet-Canet in Pauillac since 1975. When Managing Director Basile Tesseron joined his father at Lafon-Rochet in 2006, the estate was still very much in the shadow of Pontet-Canet, despite being barely half a mile from its vines, and sandwiched directly between Cos d'Estournel and Lafite. Under Basile's management, Lafon-Rochet has become one of the most exciting estates in the Médoc. It has borrowed some of the artisan philosophy of Ponet-Canet in terms of biodynamic and organic practices, investment has been made in vineyards and winery, and the great Jean-Claude Berrouet (who was winemaker at Pétrus for 40 years) and Eric Boissenot (famed for his guidance at top Medoc châteaux) have worked together with them as wine-making consultants.



The 2020 Lafon-Rochet is transparent evidence that all this work and investment has paid off. It has been assembled from 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Impressive purple-ruby, with complex, fine aromas, it is full-bodied and rich, with wonderful fruit focus and purity, creamy texture, invigorating freshness and refined, harmonious aftertaste (for drinking 2028-2045+).

**Domaine de l'Église, Pomerol 2020**

12b 332.00

6m 347.00

Like many of the best Pomerols, this is a small estate, covering less than 7 hectares. It is under the same Castéja family ownership as Châteaux Batailley and Trotte Vieille, and like these properties, has recently been receiving the additional, tightly focused attention it deserves. The vines border famous names towards the north of Pomerol's central plateau, and now average around 30 years of age. Quality has been steadily climbing, and this is an exceptional success in 2020. The blend consists of 96% Merlot, with 4% Cabernet Franc. In colour, rich, glinting purple, with intensely fresh, buoyant aromas. Palate shows bright fruit, with well-sustained flavours right through tasting, rich, well-rounded, gentle tannins and splendid length (for drinking 2024-2035+).





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**Château Batailley, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac 2020**

12b 338.00

6m 353.00

The Castéja family has poured huge investment into Batailley over recent years, and quality has climbed impressively. With guidance, for many years, from the sadly-missed Professor Denis Dubourdieu of Bordeaux University (consultant here 2001-2015) a policy of gently holding the wine beneath its grape-skin cap, after the tumultuous fermentation, was introduced – to help build the wine’s body. And a 2nd wine was introduced, Lions de Batailley, to allow the Grand Vin greater concentration and potential longevity. The 2020 blend is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 26% Merlot and 2% each of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. All were picked during September, before the big rains at the end of that month. Colour is purple-ruby of medium depth, aromas very fragrant and fresh. Palate is full-structured, with densely concentrated, impressive fruitiness, rich, round tannins, and beautifully balanced length (for drinking 2024-2040+).



**Château Branaire-Ducru, 4ème Cru Classé Saint-Julien 2020**

6b 186.00

3m 201.00

Branaire-Ducru consistently offers superb value amongst Saint-Julien’s most famous châteaux - this 2020 has been assembled from 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Intensely coloured, it has beautifully expressive aromas of floral cassis and spiced plums - very pure and alluring. On the palate, a full, fragrant start leads to a rich, well-built middle, with charming fruitiness supported by fresh, mineral complexity. Tannins are silky and fine, the length being persistent (for drinking 2028-2040+).



**Pichon Comtesse Réserve, Pauillac 2020**

12b 400.00

6m 415.00

The Pichon Comtesse de Lalande team has produced a superb Réserve in 2020. As is the norm, Merlot is at the core of this Second Wine, accounting for 47% of the blend, bringing notable power with ample, dense fruitiness. 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 10% Petit Verdot bring depth of colour and fruit intensity, along with linear structure, to complement the Merlot fleshiness. The wine is currently ageing for 12 months in oak barrels, of which 40% are new. Colour is impressive purple, aromas being perfumed, floral, with intense ripe fruitiness. This is a sumptuous, fleshy mouthful, with silky textures, combined with an elegant, fine structure. Tannins are smooth and bring freshness, the finish being ripe and long flavoured (for drinking 2025–2032+).



**Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol 2020**

12b 450.00

6m 465.00

This property has been in the Vayron family since 1840, for 8 generations. The vineyards are superbly situated, near to some of Pomerol's greatest properties, like Trotanoy and Latour à Pomerol. The soils are warm, and the average age of the property's vines is now around 35 years, giving low yields of impressively concentrated grapes.

The 2020 was assembled from 85% Merlot with 15% Cabernet Franc, carefully picked over four days between 14th and 25th September, to ensure freshness from the fully mature Merlots, allied to full ripeness in the Cabernet Francs. As in past years, the wine is ageing in around 35% new barrels, the balance being in barrels which have held one or two previous vintages. Since the 2012 introduction of a 2nd wine (for the produce of young vines) Bourgneuf's fruit intensity has been magnified. This 2020 is deep ruby-purple of impressive depth, with vibrant, dark red fruit aromas. Palate is muscular rather than fleshy, with superb fruit concentration, and exhilarating, gently tannic, long finish (for drinking 2025-2038+).



**Clos la Madeleine, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2020**

6b 240.00

3m 255.00

This is a tiny property of 2.3 hectares, which nestles within the vineyard of Château Bélair-Monange, on Saint-Emilion's classic limestone plateau. Vines average 25 years of age. The 2020 was made 100% from hand-picked Merlot grapes, now ageing in 50% new oak barrels. In 2020, it is again superb: bright, garnet-ruby in colour, with ripely complex aromas. Fruitiness on the palate is intense and fresh, the middle being strongly sustained, the after-taste harmonious, lively and long (for drinking 2025-2035).



**Château d'Issan, 3ème Cru Classé Margaux 2020**

12b 506.00

6m 521.00

Emmanuel Cruse and his team at Château d'Issan have excelled with this 2020 vintage. They were particularly delighted by their sumptuous Merlots, including a higher percentage than usual (39%) in the blend of their Grand Vin. Cabernet Sauvignon comprises 55%, with the fruit of new parcels of Petit Verdot (2%), Cabernet Franc (3%) and Malbec (1%) being included for the first time - adding complexity and extra layers to the blend. These are currently maturing in 50% new oak barrels. Bright purple-ruby in colour, aromas are fragrant and fine: violets, sweet cassis. Palate is finely structured and tightly concentrated, showing plump fruitiness, elegant tannins and exceptional finesse to finish (for drinking 2027-2045+).



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### **Alter Ego de Château Palmer, Margaux 2020**

6b 303.00

3m 318.00

A blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, this 2020 Alter Ego is a wonderfully satisfying Margaux. It is very much in the classic, Alter Ego mould, having beautiful purity of fruit with a gourmet touch. Generously fruit-driven, lively, and with glorious freshness, tannins are precise and ripe, the finish being brightly satisfying (for drinking 2026–2035).



### **Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac 2020**

6b 303.50

3m 318.50

The vines of Grand-Puy-Lacoste lie on mounds of fast-draining gravels on the heights above Pauillac, perfectly exposed to sunshine and beneficial breezes. The breezes keep grapes healthy, and cool at night-time - which is crucial if the summer is baking, as in 2020. Average age of the vines, which lie all around the château, is 38 years. A quick, uniform flowering allowed grapes in the bunches to reach maturity harmoniously. The 2020 blend consists of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 24% Merlot, now ageing in 75% new oak barrels. The yield here is approx. 20% below the average for the Pauillac appellation in 2020, and this translates into exceptional richness and concentration. Colour is bright, deep purple, aromas open, spicy and very fragrant. Palate shows charming fruit, fine tannins, fresh length, and sumptuous aftertaste. This is a Grand Puy Lacoste of great beauty (for drinking 2028-2045+).



### **Château Trotte Vieille, Saint-Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classé 2020**

6b 325.00

3m 340.00

This has belonged to the Castéja family, which owns Château Batailley, since shortly after the 2nd World War. It is a small property by Saint-Emilion standards, just 12.5 hectares, situated on a thin layer of red clay, at the top of the limestone plateau near the town. Cabernet Franc makes up a significant 50% of the blend in 2020, with Merlot 49%, and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. This is purple-ruby of medium depth, the nose being rich, ripe and complex. Palate shows immediate, dense fruitiness, silkily textured, with well-balanced tannins and lovely, harmonious length (for drinking 2025-2040+).



**Château Gazin, Pomerol 2020**

6b 339.00

3m 354.00

This is the largest of the great growths of Pomerol to be situated on its famous, clay-gravel central plateau. All the best properties are clustered around Pétrus, and Gazin is no exception. Merlots make up 91.6% of the 2020 assemblage, with 8.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the wine now ageing in 50% new oak. A standout for us when tasting this spring, the 2020 is striking for its bright, pure fruit aromas, beautifully precise and floral. Refreshingly, this wine is all about clarity and elegance, rather than weight or power. It has ample flesh and layers of silky, fine textures. There is a good structure here and well-balanced, ripe tannins that lead to a long, sweet finish (for drinking 2026–2040+).



**Château Léoville-Barton, 2ème Cru Classé Saint-Julien 2020**

6b 365.00

3m 380.00

This famous property has been in the same family since 1826, when Hugh Barton purchased a quarter of the big Léoville estate, his part then becoming known as Léoville-Barton. The current proprietors are Anthony Barton's daughter Lilian Barton-Sartorius and her two children Mélanie, an oenologist, and Damien (representing the 8th Barton generation). The Bartons are one of only two families (the others being the Rothschilds) to have retained ownership of their properties since the 1855 Classification.



Cabernet Sauvignon constitutes 85.5% of the 2020 blend, with Merlots the balance. Average age of the vines is 38 years, which with the wine now ageing in 60% new barrels. Colour is solid, deep purple, with richly open, complex aromas, very fresh. Palate is broadly structured, with concentrated, rich middle, fine tannins, and refreshing, long lasting aftertaste. This is a classic Léoville-Barton of real beauty and great potential (for drinking 2028-2045+).

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**Château Certan de May, Pomerol 2020**

6b 505.00

3m 520.00

This property is superbly situated in the south-east section of Pomerol's siliceous-clay plateau, surrounded by some of the greatest, rarest names, including Vieux Château Certan and Hosanna. Certan de May is tiny, with just over 5 hectares of vineyard, and has benefitted from the consultancy input of Jean-Claude Berrouet (who made more than 40 vintages at Pétrus) since 2013. The introduction of a 2nd wine (from 2015 onwards) to include lighter structured productions, has contributed to this wine's pre-eminence amongst the greatest Pomerols. The vines now average 35 years of age, with the 2020 wine being assembled from 65% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Colour is lustrous, deep purple-ruby; aromas are fresh, appetizingly ripe and complex. Palate shows broad structure, with dense fleshiness, rich, well-rounded tannins and thrilling length (for drinking 2026-2040+).



**Château Lynch-Bages, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac 2020**

6b 520.00

3m 535.00

2020 is the first vintage to be made in the property's new, state-of-the-art winery. The blend is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, currently ageing in 75% new oak barrels. This 2020 is a classically proportioned, beautiful Lynch-Bages, which brings together rich fruitiness and ample structure, with a line of freshness throughout. Opaque in colour, aromas are gorgeously perfumed, palate being opulent, suavely textured and multi-layered, underpinned by ripe, powerful tannins. This is a luscious, magnificent Lynch-Bages, destined to be one of the most admired Pauillacs of the year (for drinking 2027-2045+).



**Château Canon, 1er Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2020**

6b 576.00

3m 591.00

For the last 6 years this property has been re-establishing itself at the very front of the best properties in Saint-Emilion, and we are thrilled to offer it, for the sixth year in succession. In 2020, Merlot makes up 68% of the blend, with Cabernet Franc the 32% balance, and the wine destined to age 18 months in 50% new oak barrels. It is an impressive, deep purple-ruby, with complex blackcurrant, cherry and undergrowth aromas, already very fascinating. Palate shows intense fruitiness, with broad structure, and flavours building to a long-lasting finish. Tannins are gentle, texture is creamy and mouth-coating, this has superb potential for mid- and long-term ageing (for drinking 2025-2040+).



**Château Bélair-Monange, Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé  
2020**

6b 725.00

3m 740.00

The vineyards of Bélair-Monange now occupy some of the choicest plots of the appellation. One third lie on the limestone plateau, near the historic town of Saint-Emilion, one third are on adjoining, south-facing, steep hillsides, with the balance being on terraces between the two. The property was bought by the Moueix family in 2008, and they then made big investments, shoring up the land. Beneath the vines lie ancient galleries in the limestone, which were stone quarries, for many centuries – but some were unstable. Above ground, many plots needed re-planting, which has been slowly taking place.

Today, only wine from fully mature plots and the best sites is chosen for the Grand Vin, with the 2020 assemblage being 98% Merlot, with 2% Cabernet Franc, now ageing 50% in new oak barrels.

International demand for Bordeaux 1st Growths has taken the prices of Cheval-Blanc and Ausone to levels where their regular consumption is beyond the reaches of most of us. Fortunately, with Bélair-Monange we have a wine of comparably magnificent, 1st Growth quality, which is now one of the greatest glories of Saint-Emilion. In 2020, the colour is strikingly brilliant purple-ruby, with fresh aromas of great finesse and complexity. This has an explosively exuberant fruitiness from the start, the middle flavours are strongly sustained, the finish builds to richly rounded tannins, with elegant, long-lasting aftertaste, showing magnificent potential (for drinking 2026-2045+).



**Château La Fleur-Pétrus, Pomerol 2020**

6b 975.00

3m 990.00

Over the last two decades, Christian Moueix and his son Edouard, with their high-skilled vineyard teams, have progressively fine-tuned the plot selection for this wine, now bringing it to the summit of the greatest Pomerols. Various plots are interspersed with, or touching, many of the greatest names: across a narrow road from Pétrus itself, adjoining Lafleur, with others lying between Trotanoy and Le Pin. The 2020 wine was assembled from 93% Merlot, with 5% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot – the latter bringing an unexpected twirl of extra brightness to the magnificent, long aftertaste. It is ageing in 50% new barrels. Colour is impressively deep, purple-ruby, aromas are distinguished, complex, ripe and very rich. Palate has body, fruit density, richly-rounded structure and spectacular length. The first vintage we ever bought of this wine was the 1970, and it was a gorgeous wine back then, already. This has more luscious concentration and finer, potential complexity – with the creamiest of textures – than ever before, and looks destined to be acknowledged as one of the greatest Pomerols, in an outstanding vintage for the Right Bank (for drinking 2026-2045+).



## Supplements for Special Format Bottlings

<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	<b>Units Per Case</b>	<b>£ per Case</b>
Half bottles	24x37.5cl	25.00
Double Magnums	3x300cl	80.00
Imperial	1x600cl	45.00

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Prices in this offer are quoted 'in bond' per case as marked. Once shipped to the UK, they will incur duty and VAT upon release from bonded warehouse. Any wines not delivered by our own delivery vehicles will be subject to a carriage charge.

## Transferring Wine Under Bond

We are able to arrange under bond transfers of all the wines in this offer. For transfers into Octavian accounts there is no charge, however a charge will be incurred for transfers to accounts held at other bonded warehouses. If you would be interested in setting up a storage facility with Nexus Wine Collections at Octavian, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

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