



BRILLIANT DISCOVERIES FROM **BORDFAUX**

March 2022

We were thrilled to be back in Bordeaux this January on our annual hunt for stand-out, ready-to-drink wines. Our selections, below, will be wonderful to open this spring and will deliver superb drinking throughout the year, and beyond.

These wines are offered £ per case (as indicated) duty paid and inclusive of VAT, for immediate delivery.

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Sub £14 per bottle



Château Roc de Levraut

Bordeaux Superieur 2019

12b 117.00 9.75

From vines located near the Bastide town of Sauveterre de Guyenne, this unoaked Bordeaux Supérieur brings together the supple fruitiness of Merlot (80%) with the fine structure of Cabernet Sauvignon (20%). Deep ruby, aromas are pure and fruity: fresh cassis and ripe plums. Palate is full and rounded, having good middle weight and a clean, balanced finish. A great quality House Claret (14%).



Château La Croix Blanche

Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2019

12b 125.40 10.45

This organic certified, 7-hectare estate lies on Bordeaux's Right Bank in Francs Côtes de Bordeaux, just north-east of Saint-Emilion. 85% Merlot with 15% Cabernet Franc, this has a lifted, aromatic quality on the nose, with notes of ripe redcurrant and raspberry. Full bodied and juicy, tannins are fine grained, the finish being balanced and refreshing (13.5%).



Château Daviaud

Bordeaux Rouge 2019

12b 129.00 10.75

Château Daviaud is a generous, fleshy Bordeaux style, being a blend of 45% Merlot with 21% Cabernet Franc, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Malbec. Medium ruby in the glass, the nose is expressive and rich, recalling spiced plums and black berries. This is a full bodied, charming mouthful, with a smooth, rounded finish (14%).



Château Lalande Villeneuve

Médoc 2016 12b 144.00 12.00

Here is a lovely Médoc from vines located on deep Garonne gravels in the commune of Valeyrac. The much-admired Médoc expert, Eric Boissenot, is the oenologist here which may explain the excellent quality. 61% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon with 2% Cabernet Franc, colour is mid ruby, aromas being scented and pure with red fruits. Medium bodied, the palate has seductive silkiness, tannins being well-integrated, the finish having finesse (13%).



Château Beauvillage

Cru Bourgeois Médoc 2016

12b 156.00 13.00

This 22.5-hectare estate lies in the heart of the Médoc and has been owned and managed by the Bugada family since 1925. 2016 is a vintage we particularly like for Left Bank wines – this wine proves the point. 55% Merlot with 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, colour is bright, mid ruby, aromas recalling red cherries and cassis. This has a smooth, full bodied start, with vibrant middle fruit and attractive hints of spice. There is good structure, the finish being harmonious (13.5%).

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£15 - £20 per bottle



Château Belle Coline

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2015

12b 189.00 15.75

The vineyards of Belle Coline lie on clay-limestone soils in Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux, north-west of Pomerol. Their 11 hectares are planted predominantly with Merlot (91%), the balance being Malbec – average vine age being 35 years. From the excellent 2015 Right Bank vintage, aromas are inviting, bringing together primary, red berry fruitiness with savoury, meaty tones. This is a medium weight Claret, being well-structured, gently textured, and having good length (13.5%).



Château Haut Madrac

Haut-Médoc 2017

12b 211.80 17.65

With vineyards bordering those of Pauillac 5th Growth Château Lynch-Moussas, and under the same ownership (the Castéja family), Château Haut-Madrac produces a classical style of Haut-Médoc, having character and elegance. 52% Cabernet Sauvignon with 48% Merlot make up the 2017 blend, which aged for 14 months in 25% new French oak barrels. Mid ruby colour, the nose has alluring notes of blackberries and spice. Body is full, having lovely concentration, precise structure and a clean, well-balanced finish (13.5%).



Château Haut-Vignoble Seguin

Saint-Estèphe 2015

12b 225.60 18.80

"Haut-Vignoble" refers to the privileged, hilltop location of this property's vineyards, overlooking the valley. It produces typically fresh, masculine, well-structured Saint-Estèphe Cabernets (42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc), complemented by Merlots bringing flesh and fruitiness (48%). Mid ruby colour, with fragrant, toasty, cassis aromas, palate is full and well-built, with excellent concentration, and a generous length (13%).

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Château Lafont-Menaut White and Red



Château Lafont-Menaut Blanc

Pessac-Léognan 2019

12b 223.80 18.65

Lafont-Menaut was acquired by the Perrin family, which owns and runs the highly-acclaimed Château Carbonnieux, 6 years ago. As a Pessac-Léognan expert, Phillibert Perrin has devoted himself to exploiting the potential of the beautifully positioned gravel slopes that make up the Lafont-Menaut vineyards. Of the property's 10 hectares, 3 produce white wine. 100% Sauvignon Blanc, this 2019 was barrel-aged for 9 months (25% new oak), the result being a white Bordeaux that boasts bright, primary citrus fruit aromatics and complex, flinty tones. Pale lemon-green colour, this is a full, finely textured wine, having lovely fruit intensity and a refreshing, mineral finish (for drinking 2022-2024+) – 13%.



Château Lafont-Menaut Rouge

Pessac-Léognan 2018

12b 237.00 19.75

The Perrin family's expertise in producing elegant wines, which are true reflections of their terroirs, shines through in this 2018 Lafont-Menaut Rouge. 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot with 3% Cabernet Franc, colour is deep ruby, aromas being fragrant and pure: cassis, violet, graphite. Medium bodied, this is a vibrant, silky, focussed wine, with an intense, harmonious finish (for drinking 2022-2026+) -13.5%.

£20-£35 per bottle



Château Ségur de Cabanac

Cru Bourgeois Saint-Estèphe 2014

12b 283.80 23.65

Ségur de Cabanac is a property we consistently love for its powerful, precise wines. Its small, 7-hectare vineyard consists of 12 plots, located on prime gravel hillsides facing the Gironde, adjoining sites belonging to some of the commune's greatest names: Calon-Ségur, Phélan-Ségur, Meyney. Tasting this alongside the excellent but still young 2015 and 2016, this 2014 seduced us with its supple charm and complex maturity. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, aged for 20 months in French barriques (30% new), colour is bright ruby, aromas being delicately perfumed and attractive: red cherry, cassis, warm spices. Palate is full and freshly structured, having excellent concentration. The finish is freshly tannic, poised and long (for drinking 2022-2026+) – 13.5%.



Château de Bel-Air

Lalande de Pomerol 2016

12b 292.80 24.40

6m 310.50 51.75

Château de Bel-Air lies on a sunny plateau, which leads gently southward towards the Barbanne stream, with the Pomerol appellation just across the water. This is one of the best terroirs of Lalande-de-Pomerol, with gravel soils making up 70% of the estate, the balance being gravels mixed with iron-rich clay. A blend of 73% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc with 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, which aged in 40% new barrels, this 2016 is truly blossoming. Colour is deep ruby, the nose being vibrant with floral red fruits. Palate shows fine balance between rich fruit density, gentle tannins, refreshing acidity and smooth, long aftertaste – a lovely, complete wine (for drinking 2022-2028+) – 13%.

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Blason d'Issan

Margaux 2014

12b 378.00 31.50

This beautiful Margaux is the second wine of 3rd Growth Château d'Issan. A blend of Merlot (53%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (47%), this is an enormously pretty wine that boasts all the classic attributes of the appellation. Medium ruby hue, aromas have a gorgeous floral character, interweaving with pure cassis and cedar. Full in body, powerful fruit shines clearly on the palate, having persistent length. The finish is well-rounded and finely tannic (for drinking 2022-2025+) – 13%.

£35-£45 per bottle



Château Berliquet

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2014

12b 441.00 36.75

The vines of Château Berliquet are located very close to the village of Saint-Emilion, between Angelus and Ausone. A blend of 75% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, this 2014 is a velvety, complex wine, having beautiful Saint-Emilion perfume with finesse. Mid ruby-garnet colour, aromas are layered and nuanced leading to a medium bodied, intensely flavoured, silkily textured palate. This wine has subtlety and grace, the finish being fresh and long (for drinking 2022-2027+) – 13.5%.



Château La Tour Figeac

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2015

12b 522.00 43.50

Lying on the Pomerol edge of the Saint-Emilion appellation, La Tour Figeac's closest neighbours are Châteaux Cheval Blanc and Figeac. Here, sandy gravels overlay deep clay subsoil, giving a generous, expressive rendition of Saint-Emilion. "This 2015 is Christian Moeuix's favourite House Wine", we were told, when tasting with Laurent Navarre, Managing Director of Etablissements Jean-Pierre Moueix. We can understand why! The 70% Merlot / 30% Cabernet Franc blend has given a wine that has a wonderful, ripe, sweetly spiced red cherry scent. Body is full, rich and ebullient, having intricate layers of fruit and attractive savoury undertones. The finish is supple and fine (for drinking 2022-2027+) – 14.5%.

Sweet Bordeaux



Château Kalian Bernasse

Monbazillac 2017 12b 165.00 13.75 24h 174.00 7.25

This organic certified, 9-hectare estate is located south of Bergerac, on the left bank of the Dordogne. Here, the climate is ideal for producing highly concentrated, sweet Monbazillac. A blend of 85% Semillon with 15% Muscadelle, colour is bright lemon-gold, aromas being fragrant and pure: lemon peel, honey, brioche. The palate finely balances sweetness, lightness of body and refreshing acidity. Texture is smooth, the finish being clean and bright (13%).



Château Sigalas-Rabaud

1er Cru Classé Sauternes 2008

24h 476.40 19.85



Sigalas-Rabaud is the smallest of the Sauternes First Growths, lying on the famous Sauternes Terrace as a single, south-facing, 14-hectare plot. Château d'Yquem is less than 500 metres away. A blend of 85% Semillon, 14% Sauvignon Blanc and 1% Muscadelle, now 14 years old, this 2008 is a stunning wine. Bright, mid lemon-gold colour, aromas are intense and buoyant, recalling citrus peel, dried apricot, fresh mango, crème caramel. Palate is full bodied and mouth-filling, generous flavours being held tightly in place by fresh structure. This is creamily textured and unctuously sweet, having a persistent, lively finish (for drinking 2022-2025+) – 13.5%.

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