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The 2018 Vintage

Our buying team quartet, with a combined experience in excess of a hundred vintages, has never tasted a vintage like 2018. Certain Châteaux, we believe, have produced their greatest ever wines.

Winter of 2017-2018 was cold and wet, swelling the water tables which had been a little low. Rain continued to fall throughout spring, and great vigilance was needed to prevent disease. Fortunately the sun greeted the flowering, allowing for an even fruit set. However, the threat of mildew in particular had not disappeared, the rain continued and the already wet soils made working conditions tricky. Many vineyards were hit, losing, in extreme cases, up to 80% of their potential crop.

Fortunately the sun broke through in mid-July and never left the scene. Indeed, 2018 is the sunniest vintage of the last 50 years (1990 coming in second). Those who had successfully fought or had escaped the mildew could breathe a sigh of relief and watch their grapes ripen to perfect maturity. There was little or no rain, but the high water tables broadly prevented vine stress. Although the days were warm, nights remained cool, keeping the acidity balance at correct levels. The berries, when harvested, were perfectly ripe and small, with thick skins. Some growers were so enthusiastic they told us that even the pips were delicious to eat.

What is certain is that the resulting wines have naturally deep, impressive colours. The aromas are ripe and complex, often floral and beautifully scented, ranging from fresh red fruits, cherries and raspberries, to more classic blackcurrants. 2018 is a magnificent year, rich in alcohol, with super fleshiness and excellent structures. Thick skins have given ripe, supple, powerful tannins, the best having admirable freshness and superb length. 2018 is a sumptuously attractive vintage with a great future.

£ per case
in UK Bond**Château Mauvesin-Barton, Moulis-en-Médoc 2018**

12b 135.00

6m 150.00

Garnet-purple of medium depth, with attractively open, fresh nose, this shows good richness on the palate and balanced aftertaste. After a frost wipe-out in 2017 we welcome back a lovely Mauvesin, made from 54% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Cabernet Franc (for drinking 2022-2027+).

**Vieux Château Saint André, Saint Georges Saint-Emilion 2018**

12b 135.00

6m 150.00

This wine, owned by the Berrouet family, is a superb success in 2018. Jean-Claude Berrouet made Ch. Petrus for many decades, and here, with his son Jean-François, they have brought those experiences to bear. This wine's complexity and freshness come from the 3 families of soils where the vines grow : limestone plateau, clay-limestone, and clay-loam. Vines are now fully mature, averaging 30 years old. This year's assemblage is 85% Merlot, with 15% Cabernet Franc. Jean Claude Berrouet explains : "With such ripe grapes and potential tannins, we had to resist any temptations which would have been to the detriment of the wine's freshness and finesse. So extractions were very gentle." In colour this is medium-deep ruby-purple, with abundant, ripe aromas, of striking freshness. Palate shows dense, silky fruit with nuanced flavours and fine, rich length. Superb value (for drinking 2021-2030+).

**Château La Tour de Bessan, Margaux 2018**

12b 165.00

6m 180.00

Never one of Margaux's deepest colours, but often one of its most strikingly beautiful on nose and palate, while remaining appealingly priced. Nose is fragrant and fresh, palate being harmonious, elegant, silky and fine (for drinking 2022-2028+).



£ per case
in UK Bond**Château Puy-Blanquet, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2018**

12b 165.00

6m 180.00

Ruby-purple of medium depth, this shows rich fruit on the nose, with spiciness. Palate is broad, with well-rounded fruit and fine tannins, well worth bottle-ageing (for drinking from 2021-2028+).

**Château Picque Caillou, Pessac-Léognan 2018**

12b 175.00

6m 190.00

This wine epitomises claret at its most digestible, elegant and racy. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 30% Merlot and 10% Petit Verdot went into this blend, which is ageing in 38% new, with 28% one-year, and 38% two-year barrels. Colour is medium-deep purple-ruby, aromas fragrant, rich and beautiful. Palate shows harmonious structure, with intensely fruity middle, fine tannins and refreshing, silky aftertaste (for drinking 2021-2030+).

**Château Ségur de Cabanac, Saint-Estèphe 2018**

12b 175.00

6m 190.00

A small property by Bordeaux standards, just 20 acres under vines. They adjoin vineyards belonging to great names of the commune (Calon, Phélan-Ségur, Meyney) and also benefit from the warming influence of the Gironde estuary nearby. Cabernet Sauvignon makes up 60% of the plantings, Merlot the balance. Medium deep in colour, this has aromas which are fresh, fine and ripe. Palate shows rich, full-bodied fruit, well-rounded on the finish, with lovely length (for drinking 2023-2030+).

**Château de Bel-Air, Lalande de Pomerol 2018**

12b 190.00

6m 205.00

Purple-ruby of medium depth, with vibrantly attractive aromas, this shows splendid fruit intensity, rich, well-rounded tannins and engaging length. A beauty for mid-term ageing (drinking 2021-2027+).



£ per case
in UK Bond**Château Moulin de la Rose, Saint-Julien 2018**

12b 225.00

6m 240.00

A tiny property of 12.5 acres, these vineyards are situated on gravel hilltops in the Beychevelle hamlet. The vines also rub shoulders with other world-famous names like the Léovilles, Barton & Las Cases, with Gruaud-Larose, and Ducru-Beaucaillou. In colour, medium-deep ruby purple, this shows fine, still discreet aromas. The palate is charmingly fruity, with elegant structure merging into gentle length (for drinking 2023-2028+).

**Château Lacoste-Borie, Pauillac 2018**

12b 228.00

6m 243.00

The late season in 2018 was so hot, dry and sunny - yet with cool nights - that several 2nd wines have excelled themselves this vintage, Lacoste-Borie being one of them. 5% of the production here was put aside, leaving 35% to constitute this blend, which is 61% Cabernet Sauvignon with 31% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc, ageing in 50% new barrels. Rich in colour, this shows fine, red fruit aromas, dense and ripe. Palate is medium-bodied but alight with fruit concentration, freshness, fine tannins and delicious length (for drinking 2023-2032+).

**Blason d'Issan, Margaux 2018**

12b 230.00

6m 245.00

Dependably one of the best 2nd labels to be found in Bordeaux, Blason d'Issan excels again. 52% Cabernet Sauvignon with 48% Merlot make up the blend. Colour is bright, rich purple, aromas are fine and ripe. Palate is full, fresh, rich and gentle (a sure-fire winner for drinking 2022-2030+).



£ per case
in UK Bond**Château Jean-Faure, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2018**

12b 276.00

6m 291.00

This property, planted with old vines on gravelly, clay-rich soils, 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'Evangile. For several decades of the mid-20th century the vineyards were neglected, however, since their purchase by Olivier Decelle in 2004 a transformation has taken place. Organic cultivation has brought the old vines back to health, and the winery has been totally re-equipped. Unusually - but just like at nearby Cheval-Blanc - a strong proportion of Cabernet Franc makes up the blend. In the case of 2018, this is 65%, with 30% Merlot and 5% Malbec completing the picture. It is a strikingly beautiful wine, with real personality, showing the finesse and fragrance of Cabernet Franc, complimented by sumptuously textured, ripe Merlot and Malbec fruitiness. Ageing takes place 80% in small barrels (of which half are new), the balance in larger wooden tuns. Maceration was exceedingly gentle. Colour is impressive, aromas fragrant and fresh. Palate shows explosive fruit, with all elements in tension and tannins delicately balanced (for drinking 2023-2038+).

**Château Pibran, Pauillac 2018**

12b 300.00

6m 315.00

This property is owned by the illustrious Ch. Pichon Baron, and comparable care and attention to detail, aiming to maximise quality, are lavished on it. Cabernet Sauvignon accounts for 54% of the blend, Merlot the balance. The vines lie on hillocks neighbouring d'Armailhac and Pontet-Canet. Colour is deep and rich, aromas clean, pungent and fresh. The palate attack is immediately impressive, with rich fruitiness, fine tannins and fresh length (for drinking 2023-2030+).

**Château Latour-Martillac, Pessac-Léognan 2018**

12b 310.00

6m 325.00

We dropped out of following this château last year, but in 2018 it is back, as one of the most superb classed growths of the region, showing magnificent potential. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with 32% Merlot and 8% Petit Verdot constitute the blend, now ageing in 40% new barrels. Colour is deep, aromas recalling ripe black fruits and cedar-wood. Palate is powerful, with densely rounded fruitiness, well integrated freshness and fine tannins. For mid- and long-term ageing, superb harmony (for drinking 2024-2040+).



£ per case
in UK Bond

Château Carbonnieux rouge, Cru Classé Pessac-Léognan 2018 12b 310.00
6m 325.00

This is a wine of striking concentration, the smallest crop since 1991. It is made from 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, with 5% each Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Solid-red purple in colour, it has rich aromas, which are open and fresh. Palate is full-bodied, with sumptuous texture, carefully crafted tannins and fine aftertaste. Lovely length (for drinking 2023-2038+).



Château Lafleur-Gazin, Pomerol 2018 12b 345.00
6m 360.00

Vibrant purple-garnet in colour, with fresh aromas of finesse and beauty. Lovely attack, gentle, mid-palate fruitiness, fine tannins, splendid length, this is one of the best Lafleur-Gazins we have ever seen, and welcomingly approachable in price for a top Pomerol (for drinking 2022-2032+).



Château Lafon-Rochet, 4ème Cru Classé, Saint-Estèphe 2018 12b 384.00
6m 399.00

The wine has been assembled from 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc. Impressive purple-ruby of medium depth, with complex, fine aromas, it is full-bodied and rich, with creamy texture, invigorating freshness in mid-palate and on the finish, harmonious aftertaste and splendid length (for drinking 2025-2040+).



Château Berliquet, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2018 12b 396.00
6m 411.00

Since October 2017 this property has been under the same ownership and management as Ch. Canon, which it adjoins. 2018 is the first vintage where the benefits of the change of ownership are on display. The wine was assembled from 78% Merlot with 22% Cabernet Franc, and will spend 14-16 months in small oak barrels, of which 45% are new. In colour rich purple-ruby, this has intense black fruits aromas, with complex spiciness. Palate shows bright, well-rounded fruitiness on the attack, fine intensity, gentle tannins. A beautiful wine for mid-term ageing (for drinking 2024-2035+).



£ per case
in UK Bond**Château Batailley, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac 2018**

12b 408.00

6m 423.00

The Castéja family has poured huge investment into this château over recent years, and quality has climbed impressively. With guidance, for many years, from Professor Denis Dubourdieu of Bordeaux University (consultant here from 2001 until his untimely death in 2015) a policy of gently simmering the wine beneath its grape-skin cap, after the tumultuous fermentation, was introduced - to help build the wine's body. The 2018 is a blend of 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, ageing 60% in new barrels. Colour is impressively deep, aromas ripely complex and cedary. Palate shows dense, luscious fruit, with beautiful freshness, fine tannins, elegant length and superb potential (for drinking 2025-2040+).

**Château Langoa-Barton, 3ème Cru Classé Saint-Julien 2018**

12b 435.00

6m 450.00

There is a higher proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon (63%) here than usual, the balance being 28% Merlot with 9% Cabernet Franc. "We like to keep the acidity and the freshness, and are very careful not to allow over-maturity," as oenologist Mélanie Barton Sartorius confirmed to us. Colour is medium deep, aromas are strikingly rich, complex and open. On the palate, this shows full body, dense fruit, with fresh, harmonious length (for drinking 2024-2038+).

**Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol 2018**

12b 450.00

6m 465.00

Impressive, ruby-purple, with complex, exhilarating aromas. Palate combines impressive structure with dense fruit, delicate, fine tannins, vivacious, elegant length. An exquisite, beautiful wine (for drinking and keeping 2023-2035+).



£ per case
in UK Bond**Château Branaire-Ducru, 4ème Cru Classé Saint-Julien 2018**

12b 462.00

6m 477.00

Deeply coloured, with ripely complex, fresh, aromas, this wine's palate has dense fruit, superbly rounded tannins and delicious length. It has been assembled from 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc, harvested slowly as each ripened, between 19th September and 10th October. Owner François-Xavier Maroteaux told us: "All grapes did well this year, particularly the Merlots, compensating for having been badly frosted in 2017." Outstanding for mid-term and longer ageing (for drinking 2025-2040+).

**Château d'Issan, 3ème Cru Classé Margaux 2018**

12b 564.00

6m 579.00

We make no apology for again including Ch. d'Issan amongst our selections. Owner Emmanuel Cruse and his team have produced a stunning wine (60% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 40% Merlot) of perfect richness, balance and length. Only 53% of the production of the historic, walled vineyard has made it into this Grand Vin. It is beautifully fragrant, plump, pure, outstandingly charming and very long (for drinking 2025-2040+).

**Château Brane-Cantenac, 2ème Cru Classé Margaux 2018**

12b 620.00

6m 635.00

Impressively ruby-purple all the way to the rim, this has expansive, ripely complex aromas. Palate is richly built, with fruit density and well-structured tannins in perfect harmony. This wine has elegance and creamy texture, finishing long, with harmonious, beautiful freshness (for drinking 2026-2042+).

**Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac 2018**

12b 672.00

6m 687.00

With this 2018, owner François-Xavier Borie celebrates his 40th vintage making the wine. Just 60% of the property's production has gone into this Grand Vin, assembled from 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Merlot, ageing 75% in new barrels. Deep in purple-ruby colour, it shows dense, black fruits on the nose. This is a splendid, perfectly balanced wine, with intense fruit concentration, bright freshness, gentle tannins. Immaculate length and harmony, lovely potential (for drinking 2025-2040+).



£ per case
in UK Bond

Château Léoville-Barton, 2ème Cru Classé Saint-Julien 2018 12b 758.00
6m 773.00

This is very much a family property, and Mélanie Barton gave us some background to the estate's success this year : "Treating against disease between wet periods and showers was certainly difficult, but fortunately we had tractor drivers who were happy to work at weekends, so we didn't have crop losses due to mildew damage." The outstanding wine is made from 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot. It shows impressive ruby-purple hue, gorgeously bright fruitiness on the nose, with power, intensity and length on the palate. This has magnificent richness and harmony, great potential (for drinking 2026-2050+).



Château Certan-de-May, Pomerol 2018 6b 520.00
3m 535.00

Solid, purple ruby in colour, with impressively rich, powerful aromas. Palate is densely fruity, richly structured and complex, with deep, fresh flavours and great length. This is a superbly situated, tiny property at the heart of the Pomerol plateau - giving, in 2018, a magnificent wine for medium- and long-term ageing (for drinking 2024-2035+).



Château Canon, 1er Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2018 12b 1044.00
Allocation Only 6m 1059.00

2018 is another outstanding vintage from Ch. Canon, and one of the most beautiful wines of the Right Bank this year. 65% Merlot with 35% Cabernet Franc make up the blend, ageing for 18 months in small new barrels, of which 52% are new. Colour is bright purple-garnet of medium depth, aromas being ripe, fresh and intricate, melding red fruits with spiciness. Palate is captivating, with many-layered flavours elegantly combining with rich body, tangy freshness and powerful, gentle, long aftertaste (for drinking 2023-2038+).



Château Lynch-Bages, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac 2018

6b 534.00

3m 549.00

Deep, purple-black with openly fresh, fully ripened, gorgeous aromas, this shows ample structure, rich fruitiness, opulent middle palate and expansive aftertastes. Tannins are powerful yet gentle, fully integrated. 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 19% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot constitute the blend, ageing 18 months in 75% new barrels. This is a luscious, magnificent Lynch-Bages, destined to be one of the most admired Pauillacs of the year (for drinking 2025-2040+).

**Château Bélair-Monange,
Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé 2018**

6b 700.00

3m 715.00

Richly purple and gorgeously fragrant. This has everything one may dream about in a great Saint-Emilion : silky texture, dense fruitiness, abundant concentration, gentle tannins in perfect balance, exceptional length. Look no further for one of the greatest wines of the vintage (for drinking 2025-2040+).

**Château Cos d'Estournel, 2ème Cru Classé Saint-Estèphe 2018**

12b 1776.00

6m 1791.00

This is a truly magnificent wine, one of the greatest we have ever tasted from barrel at this château. It was assembled from 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, and is ageing in 50% new barrels. 65% of the production has gone into the Grand Vin. The property suffered losses of production, due partly to mildew damage, partly to small berries. Ten years ago the winery was entirely modernised, including a facility to raise and lower the vats to eliminate pumping, and also to facilitate cooling the grapes, prior to fermentation - the latter was very useful in 2018. The wine is magnificently deep-coloured, with complex, spicy aromas of freshness and complexity. Palate is powerfully structured, with well-rounded, dense fruitiness, many-layered flavours, silken tannins and great length. Undoubtedly one of the greatest Left Bank wines of the vintage, with splendid potential (for drinking 2028-2050+).



Château La Fleur-Pétrus, Pomerol 2018

6b 995.00

3m 1010.00

Impressively deep purple in colour, this has spectacularly complex, fully ripened, fresh aromas of great purity and beauty. Palate is outstandingly luscious, powerfully built yet elegant, with exceptional fruit density, fully rounded tannins, and truly magnificent length. We have been buying La Fleur-Pétrus pretty much every vintage since 1970. This is the most magnificent we have ever seen or tasted. It's undoubtedly one of the greatest wines of the vintage (for drinking 2023-2040+).

**Château Léoville-Las-Cases, 2ème Cru Classé Saint-Julien 2018**

12b 2172.00

6m 2187.00

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 11% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc make up this Grand Vin blend. "Extremely dry August and September weather allowed tannins to ripen and accumulate, bringing incomparable concentration and aromatics" the Château explained, "then harvest extended over 3 weeks, without rain or worries." Colour is medium-deep, rich ruby-purple, aromas are bright with black fruit complexities. Palate is magnificently crafted, combining fine structure, immaculate fruit intensity, freshness, fully ripened tannins, lush length. This is a great wine of classic proportions and magnificent potential (for drinking 2028-2060+).



Supplements for Special Format Bottlings

Bottle Sizes	Units Per Case	£ per Case
Half bottles	24x37.5cl	15.00
Double Magnums	3x300cl	75.00
Imperial	1x600cl	45.00

Buying Wine In Bond

Prices in this offer are quoted 'in bond' per case of 12 x 75cl bottles, unless otherwise stated. Once shipped to the UK, they will incur duty and VAT (duty is currently £26.78 exVAT per case of 12 bottles of wine) 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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