



# OUTSTANDING DISCOVERIES FROM BORDEAUX

March 2021

Our winter Bordeaux buying trip relocated to HH&C's tasting room this January, this historically being the time when we hunt out new, brilliant value, ready-to-drink bottles. Numerous samples arrived from France and were rigorously pitted against each other, allowing us to present our top selections at specific price points. These bottles will be superb to enjoy as spring arrives and deliver high-quality drinking throughout 2021 and beyond.

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

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# From £9 per bottle



#### Château Les Reuilles

**Bordeaux Rouge 2018** 

12b 111.00 9.25

For many years an HHC go-to as a great value red Bordeaux, we are thrilled to see Les Reuilles back in our list with this excellent 2018. Winning all our votes at this price level, this Merlot (60%), Cabernet Sauvignon (25%), Cabernet Franc (15%) blend is a juicy, unoaked Claret, having concentrated black berry flavours, medium weight, supple texture, and a lively finish (13.5%).



#### Château Garras

Côtes de Bordeaux 2018

12b 144.00 12.00

This new discovery lies in the beautiful Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux, at the western flank of the Entre-Deux-Mers. A charming blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, aged in seasoned French oak for 9 months, it is medium bodied, with attractively bright, plum and red berry flavours. With lightness of step yet ample concentration and generosity, the finish is refreshing and smooth (13.5%).

£ per bt/ £ per case case



150.00 12.50

We introduced the wine from this small, 5-hectare property last year, with the luscious 2015 vintage. The 2014 is a beautiful follow-on, from a vintage we consistently love, and is a saving of £2 per bottle! The estate is owned by the Courselle family, being planted 90% with Merlot and 10% with Cabernet Franc. Brilliant ruby colour, with fine, perfumed aromas, palate has a lovely, satin-like texture, with intense, spiced fruitiness and fine-boned structure. Having vivacity and class, this is perfect for immediate drinking (13%).



#### **Château Dubourg**

Saint Emilion 2015

12b 180.00 15.00

This is a tiny estate, with less than 3 hectares of vines, planted with 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. This 2015 has opened beautifully, having scented aromas that are both complex and ripe. The palate is suave, precise and silky-smooth, with lovely cherry fruit and a bright, satisfying finish (13.5%).



## Château Laujac

Médoc 2016 204.00 17.00

6m 219.00 36.50

Château Laujac has long been under the expert ownership of the Cruse family. The vineyards sit on deep gravel banks which run down to meadows where cattle and horses graze. Following on from the 2014 vintage we shipped so successfully last year, this 2016 has beautifully fine aromas, combining smoky spice with violets and cassis. The Merlot in the blend (51%) brings rich fleshiness and roundness, with Cabernet Sauvignon (42%) and Petit Verdot (7%) contributing energy, structure and scent. The finish is precise and persistent (13.5%).



£ per £ per bt/ case case

# From £20 per bottle



#### Château Magnan La Gaffelière

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2015

12b *252.00 21.00* 

Magnan La Gaffelière is the sister property of Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé Clos La Madeleine (see page 7), enjoying the same attentive approach in the vineyard and cellar. The terroir combines veins of clay with sandier foothill parcels, producing a wine that is at once delicate, fragrant and rich. 70% Merlot with 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, aromas recall sweet red berries with secondary notes of meat and leather. Palate starts gently, opening out silkily, having excellent concentration of flavour. This has an elegant texture, with a gentle, fresh finish (13.5%).



### Château Bellegrave

Pauillac 2014

12b *342.00 28.50* 

Château Bellegrave and its 8 hectares of vines lie in the south of Pauillac, nestling between Châteaux Latour, Pichon-Longueville and Lynch-Bages. Demonstrating Pauillac's hallmark power with poise, but with a significantly lowlier price tag than those of its Classed Growth neighbours, this 2014 is a gem. A blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon with 48% Merlot, aged for 12 months in 45% new barrels, aromas are taut and attractive: smoke, cedar, cassis. Palate is linear and finely structured, with intensely-knit flavours and a finish that is full of finesse (for drinking now-2028+) – 13.5%.





#### Baron de Brane

Margaux 2012 12b 360.00 30.00

Château Brane-Cantenac is rightly seen as one of the pinnacles of Margaux. Baron is the property's Second wine, made with the same strict attention as its sibling, but given a shorter, 12-month barrel ageing to achieve an aromatic, densely flavoured style, with elegant tannins. This 2012 is à point. Mid ruby colour, the Cabernet Sauvignon (60% of the blend) is apparent in the violet, blackberry and cassis aromas, which intermingle beautifully with savoury spice. Palate is velvety and freshly balanced; the finish being immensely satisfying for immediate drinking (13%).



#### **Clos Marsalette Rouge**

Pessac-Léognan 2016

12b 366.00 30.50

Lying on gently rolling gravelly hills, deposited aeons ago by the river Garonne, Clos Marsalette's 12-hectare estate is jointly owned by Count Stephan von Neipperg and Didier Miqueu. Their unwavering focus is on producing a wine that transparently reflects the typicity of the Pessac Terroir. Medium-deep ruby colour, aromas are engagingly lifted, with notes of toasty spice and floral cassis. This is full bodied and creamily textured, having charming, pure middle and a perfectly balanced, gently tannic finish (for drinking now-2028+) – 13%.



#### Château Moulin de la Rose

Saint-Iulien 2016

12b *378.00* 31.50

This 5-hectare property rubs shoulders with several top Saint-Julien Classed Growths, including Léoville Barton and Ducru-Beaucaillou. It is part of the Guy Delon family estate, being planted 65% with Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% with Merlot. Ably run by Guy's children, Jean-François and Guylène, this 2016 wine is totally seductive. Full and incredibly silky in the mouth, earthy spiciness is just starting to emerge, interweaving with the wine's naturally fragrant, tightly concentrated, ripe blackcurrant fruitiness. The finish is elegant, fresh and long (for drinking now-2030+) - 13.5%.



#### Clos La Madeleine

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé 2016

60.00 360.00

3m *375.00* 

125.00

Perfectly situated, this tiny, 2.3-hectare Clos nestles within the vineyard of Premier Grand Cru Classé Château Bélair-Monange. Here, the limestone bedrock is covered in some areas by just 50cm of clay, planted 76% with Merlot vines, 24% with Cabernet Franc. Bright, deep ruby colour, the nose is ebulliently fragrant: red cherries, dried rose petals. The wine shows great vibrancy and finesse on the palate, with full, succulent core, silky texture and beautiful length (for drinking now-2030+) - 14%.

£ per £ per bt/
case case

# Two Classic Pessac-Léognan Châteaux from the Talented Famille Perrin

Since 1820, generations of the Perrin family have handed down winemaking skills and traditions from father to son. Eric, Christine and Philibert Perrin are now at the helm of the family's estate, working painstakingly to craft great vintages year after year in the heart of Pessac-Léognan. It is with great pleasure that we present a pair of their superb wines.



#### Château Haut-Vigneau rouge

Pessac-Leognan 2018

12b *229.00 19.00* 

Situated in the commune of Martillac, this 20-hectare property was purchased by Eric Perrin in 1987. It subsequently underwent a major rejuvenation: the results of the family's vineyard and winemaking expertise shine clearly in this 2018 wine. A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon with 40% Merlot, aged for 12 months in oak barrels (20% new), this is textbook Pessac, having wonderfully lifted, floral, black fruit aromas. Palate is intense, finely woven and luscious, with admirable bounce carrying to a long-lingering finish. Still in its youth, but starting to show off its charm, we recommend drinking this from now-2028+.



#### Château Carbonnieux rouge

Grand Cru Classé Pessac-Léognan 2014 12b 498.00 41.50

Château Carbonnieux is the Perrin's best known, and most prestigious property, which they bought in 1956. Brothers Eric and Philibert produce a classic red here, with excellent ageing potential. We are thrilled to have secured another parcel of their outstanding 2014, which boasts alluring aromas of pencil lead, spice and scented black berries. The palate is ripe and intense, with a fine texture and excellent length. Hitting its stride (we recommend decanting an hour or two before serving), this also shows great promise (for drinking now-2030+). With only 42 cases available, we urge you not to delay in placing your order.

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