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BORDEAUX EN PRIMEUR 2013

Introduction

Much has been written about the extraordinarily testing weather conditions of 2013 in Bordeaux. The fact that there was a vintage at all is purely thanks to the huge advances made in both the vineyards and the wineries throughout the region; 20 years ago it would have been a very different story.

But there were good wines made, the best of which are delicate and pure. The successful châteaux enforced incredibly careful bunch selection and the lightest of touches in the cellar. The wines hark back to the days of lower alcohol (between 12.5% and 13%), have a naturally light tannic content and fresh acidity. The fruit character tends to be crisp rather than sweet and their progress in cask will be hugely important.

As always the exceptional terroir, meticulous vineyard management and fastidious wine-making of the First Growths and their peers has allowed them to produce the most noteworthy wines.

Campaign Practicalities

There will be price reductions however, for there to be a campaign, it is imperative that the 2013s are the most affordable vintage on the market by a substantial margin. We hope that at least some of the chateau owners will be bold enough to price their wines sufficiently attractively to truly justify an en primeur purchase.

It promises to be an early campaign with a many châteaux already out of the starting blocks. Sadly some of the price reductions are token at best however certain chateaux have made the positive move to reduce their prices in a more meaningful way.

We will only be actively offering those wines where we feel the price and quality match up. Each week we will send out a round up listing all significant releases and prices. We will be able to source the vast majority of wines released throughout the campaign so if there is something you particularly wish to buy, please let me know.

David Roberts MW

Our Scores

Though we have tasting notes that detail the character of the wines, we have also scored them. As many reviewers have their own systems, we have found it more helpful to follow the 100 point scale; we feel it allows for greater focus and enables the reader to compare them to their equivalents in international journals. This is how we interpret our scores:

96-100 - An exceptional and potentially legendary wine

93-96 - An outstanding wine with notable character and complexity

90-93 - A very good wine of reliable quality

87-90 - A good and pleasurable wine

Drinking Dates

Drinking dates are never an exact science, particularly with wines that are tasted at such a young age. For this reason, we have taken a more conservative approach with our drinking dates. However, many wines will change in bottle and some may open up earlier than anticipated. Likewise, some drinkers enjoy younger wines that retain their power and youthful vigour. In this case, we encourage those drinkers to experiment by opening a bottle earlier than the dates indicated and then judge how much further the wine needs to develop.

Buying En Primeur

Buying wine "En Primeur" should be the most cost-effective way of laying down a cellar. A purchase at this early stage guarantees provenance. When the wine is eventually drunk, it is a comfort to know that the case has not spent its life circumnavigating the globe, but remained in one place. It is also the only chance to choose format. Since the wine is still in barrel there is still the opportunity to instruct bottling in halves, magnums, double magnums and imperials. Finally, for those wines made in small quantities, this may simply be the only opportunity to buy.

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● **CH COS D'ESTOURNEL 2ème Grand Cru Classé**
£900 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Arguably St Estèphe's most successful wine in 2013. This has deep spiced dark wild berry fruit aromas with a relatively warm fruit feel for the vintage. Whilst not overtly powerful, there is good weight and hints of sweet fruit on the finish. 89-91 points. Drink: 2018 - 2030

● **CH CALON SEGUR 3ème Grand Cru Classé**
£410 per 12 Bottles In Bond

This was the first 2013 I tasted and it is a very fine example, supporting the view that St Estèphe escaped the worst of the weather. Brilliant purple in colour, there is very good purity with clean crisp currant fruit flavours. This is lively, full and fresh on the finish. 88-90 points. Drink: 2017 – 2025



● **CH LAFITE ROTHSCHILD 1er Grand Cru Classé**
£1,620 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Due to its reserved nature I suspect this wine will have been overlooked by many tasters. For me this is a very fine Lafite with brooding Cabernet (98%) texture. With a brilliant purple colour, this has wonderfully perfumed aromas of violets and bright youthful fruits. This wine highlights the great terroir of this famous estate. It is pure and refined whilst maintaining real structure and depth. A very graceful wine with a subtle air of sweetness that supports the fresh acidity on the finish. A very strong 2013. 92-94 points. Drink: 2019 – 2029

● **CH MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 1er Grand Cru Classé**
£1,195 per 6 Bottles In Bond

The 2013 Mouton is a more robust style than the cool, calm and collected Lafite, but very good nevertheless. Full of spice and cassis on the nose, this is very layered in the palate with a good level of intensity and depth. A rich wine with very good volume and enticing flavours of dark chocolate and wild summer fruits. This has the characteristic freshness of the vintage on the finish. 92-94 points. Drink: 2017 – 2029

● **CH PONTET CANET 5ème Grand Cru Classé**
£675 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Light red cherry colour, this has bright currant fruit aromas. On entry in the palate, there are crisp fresh red fruit flavours, with a tort central structure. Firm with medium weight and a hint of Pauillac punch on the end. 88-90 points. Drink: 2018 – 2025

● **CH PICHON BARON 2ème Grand Cru Classé**
£595 per 12 Bottles In Bond

A classically Cabernet Sauvignon based wine with 82% of the variety in the blend. The initial aromas are of dark sweet blackberry fruits. This is an intensely structured wine for the vintage with lots of spiced cocoa oaked characteristics. The initial weight of fruit just tails off as the crispness of fruit comes through on the finish. 88-90 points. Drink: 2018 – 2025

● **CH LYNCH BAGES 5ème Grand Cru Classé**
£550 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Certainly one of the strongest wines in Pauillac. The experience of Jean-Michel Cazes and his team really comes through here. A wine balancing deep currant fruit flavours with an intense mid-palate. There is some real sweetness of fruit on the finish and good length. Very good for 2013. 90-92 points. Drink: 2019 - 2030

● **CH PICHON LALANDE 2ème Grand Cru Classé**
£620 per 12 Bottles In Bond

It was a very brave decision by the winemaking team to reject all their famous Merlot from the final blend, but, on tasting this week, it was most definitely the right one. This is a spectacular wine in the context of the vintage. With sweet damson fruit flavours, this balances great intensity with lovely freshness. This wine still possesses the estate's intrinsic charm and fine length. Top class. 91-93 points. Drink: 2017 – 2030

● **CH GRAND PUY LACOSTE 5ème Grand Cru Classé**
£345 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Undoubtedly one of the stars of the vintage. There is nothing complicated about the wine. It is totally focused on purity of fruit with appealing aromas of lavender and violets. This is a wine of charm and accessibility. Whilst not powerful it has excellent balance and an appealing textured finish. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 - 2029

● **CH HAUT BATAILLEY 5ème Grand Cru Classé**
£230 per 12 Bottles In Bond

The middle in a trio of really classy wines from Xavier Borie. This has sweet intense black cherry fruit flavours, excellent balance with a rounded tannic structure. An early drinking wine, but with great class. 88-90 points. Drink: 2017 - 2027

● **CH BATAILLEY 5ème Grand Cru Classé**
£225 per 12 Bottles In Bond

This predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon blend (92%) is a very attractive example of the vintage. Whilst not excessively powerful it is rounded and bright with appealing fresh cherry fruits on the finish. 87-89 points. Drink: 2017 – 2025

● **CH LACOSTE BORIE**
£150 per 12 Bottles In Bond

A classical second wine which will give huge pleasure from an early age. A 60:40 blend of Cabernet/Merlot this is wonderfully pleasant, with its crisp fresh red currant fruits, balanced tannins and harmoniously fresh finish. Appealing and classically Pauillac. 87-89 points. Drink: 2015 – 2023

● **CH LEOVILLE LAS CASES 2ème Grand Cru Classé**
£860 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Dense purple in colour, this has very perfumed aromas of violets and sloes. Good volume without being excessively powerful, a wine with appealing sweetness, very fine balance and appealing length. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 – 2030

● **CH LEOVILLE POYFERRE 2ème Grand Cru Classé**
£420 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Sweet intense vanilla pod aromas. This has an attractively perfumed nose of violets and black cherries. The wood appears a little strong in the mid-palate, but then some appealing sweetness and freshness kicks in on the finish. 89-91 points. Drink: 2018 – 2027

● **CH LEOVILLE BARTON 2ème Grand Cru Classé**
£470 per 12 bottles In Bond

One of my absolute favourites in St Julien, which for many people was the most successful appellation of the vintage. A lovely balance of aromas between violets, lavender and vanilla pods. This has breadth and volume and whilst not being powerful has good richness and weight. A strong wine. 90-92 points. Drink: 2019 – 2030

● **CH LANGOIA BARTON 3ème Grand Cru Classé**
£315 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Showing quite bold strong cassis fruit flavours at this early stage. This St Julien has a good balance between some structured tannins and freshness. Whilst not massively long, it is a complete wine with a good lively finish. 88-90 points. Drink: 2018 -2026

- **CH MARGAUX 1er Grand Cru Classé**

£1,195 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Despite the strikingly high proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon (96%) this year, this almost has a Chambolle Musigny like character on the nose with its bright pure red cherry fruits. A beautifully balanced style, with excellent harmony, there is a real seam of finesse supported by lovely freshness. Not a powerful wine but wonderfully refined purity. 91-93 points. Drink 2019 – 2030

- **CH PALMER 3ème Grand Cru Classé**

£1,650 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Another wine which concentrates on the strength of the Cabernets in 2013. A blend of 95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc, this balances the Cabernet Sauvignon's strength of fruit with the freshness and crisp brightness of the Franc. Superb balance, real texture and a stylish finish. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 - 2029

- **CH RAUZAN SEGLA 2ème Grand Cru Classé**

£370 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Brilliant, bright deep purple colour. This is quite a robust Margaux in the typical Rauzan mould. A full fruited style, with good sweetness and an appealingly long lingering finish. 89-91 points. Drink: 2018 - 2029

- **CH D'ANGLUDET Cru Bourgeois**

£162 per 12 Bottles In Bond

This highly respected Cru Bourgeois is one of the best wines in the mid-tier category and very successful for the slightly struggling Margaux appellation. Light purple colour, this focuses on fresh red fruits. A bold wine thanks to Ben Sichel's decision to utilise the ripe and full Petit Verdot in the blend. This is well made and retains fresh acidity on the finish. 87-89 points. Drink: 2018 – 2025

- **CH HAUT BRION 1er Grand Cru Classé**

£1,195 per 6 Bottles In Bond

With a deep opaque colour, this is a fuller and more muscular style of wine to the La Mission. There is lots of restrained class and the natural masculinity and structure masks some of the fruit. Not as graceful as La Mission, but this has fine power and weight. One of the best of the wines we tasted during the week. 91-93 points. Drink: 2020 – 2035

- **CH LA MISSION HAUT BRION Cru Classé**

£630 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Careful selection has meant that only 39% of the production has gone into the Grand Vin this year. This is a gorgeous 2013, with perfumed loganberry fruits on the nose. On the palate this has natural volume and is stylishly refined and elegant. Famed for performing in more difficult years this La Mission really hits the spot and has a feeling of distinguished class on the finish. Very good. 92-95 points. Drink: 2019 - 2030

- **CH PAPE CLEMENT Cru Classé**

£540 per 12 Bottles In Bond

The Bernard Magrez philosophy of attentive selection and meticulous wine making has really paid off in this blend of 40% Merlot and 70% Cabernet. A really strong and richly robust wine for the vintage with good dark spiced black fruit flavours. Well made with good length. 91-93 points. Drink: 2019 – 2029

- **DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Cru Classé**

£295 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Brilliant bright purple colour, this has intense rich fruitcake aromas. A wine with a richness and volume not often seen in this vintage. There is sweetness and a feeling of juicy succulence supporting the natural bite of acidity for the vintage. A strong wine from Pessac. 88-90 points. Drink: 2019 – 2028

● CH AUSONE 1er Grand Cru Classé

£3,250 per 12 Bottles In Bond

A class act from the Vauthier family, this Cabernet based St Emilion has sweet dark berry and damson fruit aromas. There is real clarity and drive to this wine, with harmony and sweetness. This is a lively, open style with lots of charm and a good layered finish. 92-94 points. Drink: 2019 - 2032

● CH CHEVAL BLANC 1er Grand Cru Classé

£1,550 per 12 Bottles In Bond

In absolute contrast to Vieux Chateau Certan, wine director Pierre Lurton decide that the Cabernet performed exceptionally well on this famous St Emilion terroir and so blended 53% Cabernet with 47% Merlot. A very fine wine, with gentle depth and structure; this is a little dry in the mid palate, but then comes into its own on the finish. 91-93 points. Drink: 2019 – 2030

● CH CANON 1er Grand Cru Classé

£375 per 12 Bottles In Bond

With 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc, this is a very poised wine, with lovely reserved aromas of lavender and violets. In the mouth this is balanced and harmonious, with a naturally fresh crunchy fruit feel. A very classical wine. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 – 2027

● CLOS FOURTET 1er Grand Cru Classé

£485 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Clos Fourtet was one of the stand-out wines amongst the St Emilion group at the Union des Grands Crus. With bright dark berry fruit on the nose, this has perfumed floral fruit aromas. A well rounded wine balancing tannic firmness with good fresh fruit characters. Not excessively big, but bags of charm. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 - 2028

● CH TERTRE ROTEOEUF Grand Cru

£1,250 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Brilliant purple colour with openly sweet red cherry and raspberry aromas. This is a beautifully charming style, gracious and giving and almost gives instant pleasure with its Burgundian styled qualities of refinement and freshness. Very appealing indeed. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 - 2029

● CH ROC DE CAMBES Côtes de Bourg

£440 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Striking aromas of raspberries and loganberries. There is a natural sweetness of fruit and very good ripeness due to the later picking programme at this estate. Rich, juicy and very delicious. 89-91 points. Drink: 2017 – 2025

● CH L'ÉGLISE CLINET

£600 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Deep dense dark opaque colour. With 90% Merlot in the blend this has a deliciously succulent and juicy mouth feel. Lots of dark cherry fruits, balanced intensity and good length. Round and very rewarding. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 – 2026

● CH L'ÉVANGILE

£550 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Quite a powerful L'Évangile this year, with its ripe succulence of fruit, broad volume and dense Black Forest gâteau flavours. Ripe, full and very appealing but again an earlier drinking style. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 – 2026

● CH LA FLEUR PÉTRUS

£425 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Lots of sweet juicy young fermenting fruit aromas. A wine of finesse and harmony. This has unusual succulence for the vintage which provides for a wine of real grace and charm. Good length and lots of class. 92-94 points. Drink: 2018 – 2030

● VIEUX CHATEAU CERTAN

£990 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Alexandre Thienpont took the brave decision to reduce the level of Cabernet Franc in the blend to a minimal 8%. So with 92% Merlot it is a unique style, but boy, does it work. This is all about elegance and prettiness. It is almost Burgundian in style, with its lightness of alcohol and wonderfully fresh uplifting finish. An initially misleading wine which I think will actually age very well. 91-93 points. Drink: 2019 – 2030

● CH GAZIN

£420 per 12 Bottles In Bond

This 100% Merlot blend concentrates on appealing perfumed plum fruit flavours. A wine of charm and succulence. There is very good richness with some tightly knit tannins on the finish. This is a good wine and a very successful example of the best of the vintage. 90-92 points. Drink: 2018 – 2028

● CH LES CRUZELLES, Lalande de Pomerol

£140 per 12 Bottles In Bond

This delicious blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc has a great volume of wild bramble fruit flavours. There is a natural charm and succulence, with a touch of vanilla and cocoa and a sweet generous finish. 89-91 points. Drink: 2017 – 2025



● **CH HAUT BRION BLANC**

£3,300 per 6 Bottles In Bond

A wonderful contrast to the La Mission Blanc, this has great freshness and life, with its enticing freshly mown grass aromas. This has lots of drive and the higher proportion of Sauvignon Blanc in this blend provides for a very refreshing style with zest and depth. 92-94 points. Drink: 2016 – 2024

● **CH LA MISSION HAUT BRION BLANC**

£2,650 per 6 Bottles In Bond

My favourite of all the whites in 2013, the strong proportion of Semillon in this blend provides a lovely volume and texture to this great wine. It has masses of flavour, balancing melons, peaches and nectarines. This has breadth and depth and the bite of freshness from the Sauvignon Blanc gives depth and life on the finish. Real class. 92-94 points. Drink: 2016 - 2024

● **CH PAPE CLÉMENT BLANC**

£485 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Complementing the very successful red at this famous estate, this is a superb white. With almost 40% Semillon it retains a wonderful volume and texture with appealing flavours of peaches and melons. The overall volume of fruit is balanced by the subtle drive and freshness from the Sauvignon Blanc, to provide grace and class. 91-93 points. Drink: 2016 – 2024

● **DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER BLANC**

£295 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Subtle lemon yellow colour, this has striking aromas of grapefruits and limes. A very bright wine with good volume, depth and crisp acidity. Whilst not big and powerful it has lovely restrained characters, with a long and defined finish. 91-93 points. Drink: 2016 – 2024

● **CH MALARTIC LAGRAVIÈRE BLANC**

£195 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Vibrant, fresh and rounded, this is everything good white Bordeaux should be. This has the life and spritz of a delicious Sauvignon Blanc supported by a lovely creamy texture. Tremendous purity and great length on the finish. 90-92 points. Drink: 2015 – 2021

● **CH PIQUE CAILLOU BLANC**

AWAITING RELEASE

A stylish white wine from this lesser known estate in Pessac Léognan owned by the charming Paulin Calvet. A strong blend of 60% Sauvignon and 40% Semillon, this is very classical and unpretentious in style. Its harmonious soft white fruit flavours will give real pleasure from an early age. 88-90 points. Drink: 2015 – 2019

SAUTERNES

● **CH D'YQUEM 1er Cru Classé Supérieur**

AWAITING RELEASE

For many tasters this was the wine of the vintage. Beautifully plump, generous and gracious, this has an amazing volume of fruit with its silky honeyed sweetness. With bright pure flavours of apricots and oranges, this has a beautifully viscous feel, without excess. The soft crisp acidity provides for real life and style on the finish. Delicious length. 96-98 points. Drink: 2017 – 2037

● **CH CLIMENS 1er Cru Classé**

£220 per 6 Bottles In Bond

A tasting at this glorious property with Berenice Lurton, the Château's delightful owner, is always something very special. Tasting cask by cask one can really see the stages of botrytic development in the vineyard. This is a sensational wine, with immense harmony and grace. The purity of sweet caramelised orange flavours is quite sensational. It is elegant and beautifully long. This wine is heading towards complete perfection in my eyes. 98-99 points. Drink: 2017 – 2037

● **CH RIEUSSEC 1er Cru Classé**

£255 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Golden yellow in colour, this has pure acacia honeyed aromas, with soft flavours of clementines and nectarines. Whilst refined and very pure, it has delicious volume and breadth. This has a delicious balance between sweetness and freshness. Very classy. 91-93 points. Drink: 2017 - 2035

● **CH SIGALAS RABAUD 1er Cru Classé**

£315 per 12 Bottles In Bond

This Sauternes is a real beauty, highlighting all the exciting things going on at this fine estate. Lemon yellow in colour, this has deliciously pure botrytised aromas of orange peel, caramel and honey. A tremendously pure wine; sweet with a fine touch of freshness on the finish. 90-92 points. Drink: 2017 - 2032

● **CH SUDUIRAUT 1er Cru Classé**

£465 per 12 Bottles In Bond

With bright acacia honey aromas, this is a full and mouth coating wine. It has a very full sweet palate, rich, long and concentrated. 90-92 points. Drink: 2017 – 2029

● **CH DE FARGUES**

AWAITING RELEASE

A very classy Sauternes from the Lur-Sarluces family. This is a beautifully concentrated wine, golden yellow in colour, full of honey and Seville oranges. It balances opulence and sweetness with real vibrance and depth. A wine of class and breeding. 91-93 points. Drink: 2017 - 2030

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