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## MÉDOC / HAUT MÉDOC / LISTRAC / MOULIS

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### Château Chasse-Spleen, Moulis en Médoc

Plums and damson on the nose. Lighter mouthfeel, more powdery, darker. Mineral in character. Tannins are frontal and restrained. Integrated acid. Lifted precision at the end. More focused style. Score: 17-

### Château Fourcas Dupré, Lustrac-Médoc

Sweet black berried notes on the nose, tight core, grippy lighter fruit hold at the end. Score: 16.5

### Château Mauvesin Barton 2023 Cru Bourgeois Moulis-en-Medoc

Polished purple fruit tones. Grainy elegant composition, elements are well integrated leading to the long dark finish. Great composition. Score: 17-

### Château Potensac

Blend: 48% CS 35% M, 17% CF

Ripe red and black currant tones on the nose. Tight, concentrated. Silky core with a taut frame of tannins, well-formed and ripe. Lifted core with attractive succulent blueberry fruit. Moorish notes, lovely depth of flavor and elegant understated composure. Score: 17

## SAINT ESTÈPHE

## Château de Pez

**Blend:** 61% CS, 38% M, 1% CF

Blackberry tones on the nose. Fragrant depth to the palate. Grainy tannins with a focused core and dark brooding tones. Sweet redcurrant tints at the rim. Long, polished. Score: 17-

## Château Cos d'Estournel

**Blend:** 65% CS, 33% M, 1% CF, 1% PV

Dark pure purple fruit nose. Sanguine core, ripe and plentiful but elegant and refined in character. Tension across the palate with hugely refined tannins and a sustaining acid. Great longevity with graphite and cigar box tones.

Score: 17.5+++

## Château Cos d'Estournel Blanc

**Blend:** 70% SB, 30% S

Creamy peach led nose. Tighter more lemon rind and apple on the core. Mineral spritz with a stone fruit and biscuit hint. Lively and bright. Structured at the end. Tense. Score: 17.5

## Cos d'Estournel 'Les Pagodes de Cos'

Redcurrant ripeness and a perfumed lift. Chalky texture, resolved tannins. Tight core with lifted smoky tones. Acid is integrated and pulls breadth into the wine. Composed. Good. Score: 17

## Château Cos d'Estournel 'Les Pagodes de Cos' Blanc

**Blend:** 80% SB, 20% S

7% new oak. Greengage with a creamy top. Green fruit runs through the core but the fruit is plentiful and flowing. Very long and accessible. Score: 17

## Château Cos Labory

Mellow broad bramble fruits on the nose. Firm almost elastic tannin grip with the smokey dark cigar of Saint-Estèphe. Resolved grainy tannins and a brooding darkness that drives the finish. Precise at the end. Score: 17.5

## Frank Phélan, 2nd wine of Château Phélan-Ségur

**Blend:** 50% M, 42% CS, 8% CF

Redcurrant and elderberry notes on the nose, distinctive. Floral notes on the palate. Grainy tannins, elegant more subtle character to the finish. Very well formed. A great vintage for this. Just using older barrels.

Score: 17

## Château Montrose 'La Dame de Montrose'

Sweet berried notes on the nose. Very open cherry tones. Soft expressive juicy fruit on the core. Acid is natural and sits on the side. Fine very light tannic grip. Pretty. Score: 17-

## Château Montrose

Dark damson and plum notes. Supple but full palate. Lighter mouthfeel with succulent fragrant fruit tones leading to darker graphite and damson reflecting the mineral density. Well handled acid angling the fruit and driving the finesse at the finish. A very good Montrose. Score: 18+

## SAINT ESTÈPHE

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### Château Phélan Ségur

Blend: 60% CS 38% M 2% PV

Classic cedar and cigar box on the nose, smokey Saint-Estèphe expression. Chalky tannins with a dark mineral density on the core. Salty blackberry tones. Leather bound and taut on the long, elegant finish. Very classic, very good. Score: 17.5

### Château Tour des Termes

Berried and open on the nose. Blueberry notes on the palate. Well-formed elastic tannins. Plentiful fruit. Tight concentrated notes at the end, lots to like. Score: 16.5++

### Château Tronquoy Lalande Blanc

Creamy opulent tones on the nose. Warm stone fruit lift. Chalky peach led core with waxy apple tones. Streamlined acid with biscuity longevity. Good. Score: 17

### Château Tronquoy Lalande Red

Blend: 51% CS 38% M, 11% PV

Bright raspberry and redcurrant hues, lifted blueberry hints. Saline and more linear, grippy leaner edges. Composed core, good integration between acid and tannins. Elegant style. Perseveres with a mineral depth at the end. Score: 17

## SAINT-JULIEN

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### Château Beychevelle

Fragrant very ripe, tense core. Great clarity, lovely open exposure with silky ripeness. Direct precise perfumed elegance at the end. Long. Score: 17.5+

### Château Branaire Ducru

Bright ripe berries on the nose. Darker tones. Supple saline fruit with silky flowing style. Incredible alignment of acid, tension, and precision on the polished finish. Long. Score: 18.5

### Château Ducru Beaucaillou

Sweet cranberry fruit on the nose. High-toned blackcurrant hues. Supple full-bodied fruit expression. Polished, great finesse, lovely density with elastic tannins. Lively, with pretty floral edges to the fruit. Mineral depth carries it over the finish. Polished high-toned spice notes feature mid-palate, inky depth. Score: 18-

### La Croix de Ducru

Blend: 58% M, 40% CS, 2% PV

High-toned blackcurrant notes on the nose. Tighter more polished profile, cranberry and redcurrant ripeness. Grippy with savory depth and a grainy density that carries the dark structure to a succulent close. Sustaining with great longevity. Score: 17++

**Le Petit Ducru de Ducru-Beaucaillou****Blend: 72% M**

Taken from sandy and clay-based vineyards on 10ha.

Sweet blueberry notes on the nose. Textured core with suspended leather-led tannins, inky blackcurrant depth at the center. Great character. Lots to like. Concentrated saline tones at the end. Score: 17

**Madame de Ducru Beaucaillou**

From 55ha in Listrac and Moulis

High-toned blackcurrant notes sit on fine, grainy tannins. Full concentrated core, woody tannins across the central palate. Savory edge with leather notes on the finish. Score: 16.5

**Château Langoa Barton****Blend: 60% CS, 37% M, 3% CF**

Sweet blueberry and blackberry tones, open. Soft lifted core, supple well-rounded fruit tones. Filigree tannins with a chalky texture. Tense core. Good longevity. A pretty Langoa. Sustaining at the end. Score: 17+

**Château Lagrange Cru Classé St-Julien**

Sweet berries notes on the nose. Tighter more rubber-led tannins. Grippy but ripe core, integrated acid, frontal tightness but lovely fruit profile, open and sweet at the end. Score: 17-

**Château Leoville-Barton****87% CS 10% M 3% CF**

60% new barrels, 38-year-old vines

Sweet high-toned blackcurrant and blueberry fruit. Saline drive at the core, deliciously open fruit, good balance of freshness and lift with generous fruit cover and density. Great sheen, has that natural elegance. Score: 18-

**Château Léoville-Las Cases****Blend: 86% CS, 10% CF, 4% M**

Tight dark fruit on the nose. Lots of fruit, crunchy core, great life and elegance. Succulent and juicy thanks to the lifted acid expression. Precision and lift give an aromatic and fresh finish. Score: 17

**Château Leoville Poyferré****58% CS, 34% M, 4% CF, 4% PV**

Purple fruit tones. Soft grainy full-bodied texture. Chalky mineral drive. Tight directness to the finish. Linear and subtle at this stage. Long. Sustaining. Score: 17

**Château Talbot****77 % CS, 20 % M, 3 % PV**

Sweet black fruit on the nose. Powdery mouthfeel, dark fruits dominate with a hint of chocolate. Savoury edge, lots going on. Balanced with deep mineral end. Score: 16++

PAUILLAC

Aile d'Argent, Château Mouton Rothschild

Blend: 50% SB, 44.5% S, 5% Sauvignon Gris, 0.5% Muscadelle

Aromatic nose with green tones. Good tension. Drive. Slightly confectioned at the end. A style. Score: 16.5

Château d'Armhailhac

Crunchy blueberry fruit on the nose. Powdered chocolate tones with blackberry, framed with tense cedar notes. Integrated acid. Leaner more structured than expected. Score: 17

Château Clerc-Milon

Blend: 72% CS, 19% M, 6.5% CF 1.5% C, 1% PV

Sweet redcurrant notes on the nose. Tight textural feel to the palate. Savoury with a tight finish. Very classic. Not very exciting, but good. Score: 17-

Pastourelle de Clerc Milon

Blend: 63% M 29% CS, 5% F, 2% C, 1% PV

High toned berry notes on the nose. Taut more herbal mid-palate. Slightly stringy acid. Tight closed finish. Score: 16.5

Château Duhart-Milon

Blend: 80% CS, 20% M

Smaller fermentations. More Cabernet this year.

Redcurrant and plum notes on the nose. Supple polished mouth feel. Plentiful fruit on the palate, lots of fluidity and life. Long long cassis tinted finish. Score: 17.5++

Duhart-Milon - Moulin de Duhart

Blend: 55% M, 45% CS

15% American oak included this year.

Plum tones on the nose, broad. Mellow bramble fruit on the core. Supple, gently resolved tannins. Soft summer fruit hints at the end. Lovely exposition, juicy freshness at the end. Score: 17.5

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste

Tight blueberry tones on the nose. Mellow plum tones, very saline and silky. Elegant graphite notes. Great tension at the end. Lifted bramble fruits hover at the finish. Restrained. Score: 17

Lacoste Borie (second wine of GPL)

Blend: 56% CS, 33% M, 11% CF

High toned red fruit notes with sweet black cherry tones coming through. Ripe and vibrant but not too overt. Sweet redcurrant fruit with tension at the core. Plum skins and bramble persistent on the finish. Taut at the end. Score: 17

Château Haut-Bages-Liberal

Perfumed notes on the nose, expressive. Gentle floral notes on the palate. Fluid tannins - supple and flowing. Moorish mid-palate tones adding tension to the fragrant fruit tones. Long and evolving. Limestone effect. Score: 18

Château Haut Bages-Liberal, Ceres 2023

Tight redcurrant notes on the nose, almost piquant. Supple core with crunchy bramble fruit. Great tension and moorish nature on the palate. Lifted and fragrant at the end. Excellent this year. Score: 17+

## PAUILLAC

## Château Lafite Rothschild

93%CS, 6% M, 1%PV

Lifted purple fruit notes on the nose, clarity and precision shoot into the nose. Fragrant and pretty. Soft supple core, juicy and unassuming - a light relief, literally. Open summer fruits and a darker mineral drive. So beautifully crafted and precise. Unassuming elegance. The lightest most delicate style in a while. Score: 19+

## Carruades de Lafite

60% CS, 40% M

Redcurrant and bramble fruit on the nose. Such silky resolved tannins. Almost creamy. Lifted acid with a mineral density, filigree grip at the end. Dark mocha hints and berry tones finish. Score: 17+

## Pauillac, Château Latour

Gentle damson notes on the nose. Lifted fragrant character. Pure and fresh. Refreshing. Score: 17

## Les Forts de Latour

Sweet purple fruit notes on the nose. Saline supple core with piquant cranberry tones. Great tension across the palate. Redcurrant concentrates the core. Chalky freshness at the end. Score: 17.5

## Château Latour

Aromatic blueberry notes on the nose. Concentrated supple mid-palate. Lots of fruit, just ripe, crunchy. Lifted acid notes. Restrained today, cassis notes tempering the tight youthful restraint. Score: 18-

## Le Petit Mouton

Warm plum on the nose. Fractured tension on the palate. Grippy but ripe tannins. Moulded and fine. Dense fruit tones. Purity of fruit on the finish. Bright, long. Score: 17.5+

## Château Mouton Rothschild

Dense plum and blueberry tones on the nose. Vanilla tinted nose. Textured, fuller style. Resolved but tight tannins. Holding pure, crunchy fruit. Delicate fruit with an iron fist at the moment. Score: 17.5

## Château Pibran

Blend: 54% CS, 46% M

Bright redcurrant notes on the nose. Pure and fragrant. Lifted acid with purity and drive. A lighter style. Has elegant persistence on the palate. Score: 16.75

### Château Pichon Longueville Baron

Riper blueberry notes on the nose, purple fruit. Resolved grainy tannins at the core, dominate the mid-palate, carrying the supple fruit tones across the mouth. Silky presence, perfumed with saline toast and lingering evolving finish. Impressive. Score: 18.5

### Griffon de Pichon Baron

Ripe blueberry fruit nose, great tension and concentration on the core. A herbal complexity runs through. Riper style, textural core driving mineral tones. Elegant and assured. Precise on the lightly toasted finish. Score: 17.5

### Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

Blend: 80% CS, 17% M, 3% CF

Floral scented black fruit notes on the nose. Cassis led palate rolling notes of blackberry and fig, some sage. Polished cedar tones, graphite, and slate. Juicy bramble notes over linear mineral depth. Long. Bright. Focused. Score: 18

### La Reserve de Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

Blend: 60% CS, 30% M, 5% PV, 5% CF

Sweet ripe blackcurrant fruit nose. Pure, just ripe blueberry and purple fruit depth. Dense mineral core, dark. Linear, chalky tones on the end. Savory. Long. Score: 17

### Château Pontet-Canet

Saline dark fruit and that mysterious savoury hint. Mouth-filling with huge blackcurrant fruit. Herbal tones, lifted dairy notes, hard cheese. Tight controlling tannins, restraining the fruit, driving the wine into a focused dark corridor of longevity. Umami and savoury composure at the base. Finesse and delicacy emerge at the end. A mineral-led journey. Score: 18.5





## MARGAUX

## Château Brane-Cantenac

77% CS 20% M 1% CF 1% PV 1% C

High-toned vanilla tones on the nose, blackcurrant notes. Soft open expression on the palate. Generous robe of fruit, silky and velvet-like in presence. Tannins are fine and filigree, but a mineral depth on the finish adds weight to the structure. Tension and crunch on the long finish. Score: 17.5

## Baron de Brane

60% M 30% CS with small additions of CF and C

A wine in its own right, Baron de Brane comes from the same specific parcel of this property every year. Soft plum nose, grainy almost powdered tannins. Crunchy fruit to the core. Lifted mineral notes. Concentrated and lively. Burnished currants at the end. Long. Score: 17

## Château Desmirail

2020: 40% CS 50% M 10% PV

Vanilla led perfume on the nose. Blackcurrant softness on the palate. Generous yet elegant. Tension forms at the finish. Score: 17

## Château Durfort-Vivens

92% CS

Sweet blackcurrant tones, very concentrated with linear plum notes and lively mineral depth on the core. Blackberry tension drives into the mineral longevity. Mellow with a generous finish softening the austerity of the mineral core. Score: 17.5+

## Château Ferriere

Tight red currant tones on the nose, dairy hint. Tight with grainy leather. Savory depth on the core. Score: 17+

## Château La Gurgue

Intense berry tones on the nose with savory edge. Sweet fruit mid-palate. Tannins are very frontal yet fine. Pretty with longevity on the finish. Score: 16.5++

## Château Margaux

85% CS, 5% M, 2% PV 13% ABV

Use 41% of the 41hl/ha, 100% new oak

Perfumed red fruit notes on the nose, high-toned and aromatic. Textural tannins, grippy with juicy redcurrant hues at the core. Mellow broader mid-palate with plum-led fruit. Lifted fine fruit tinted with confectioned tones. Huge life at the finish. Brooding in that ethereal Margaux'esque' way. Score: 18.5++

## Pavillon Rouge

2022: 64% CS, 24% M, 5% CF, 7% PV

55% new oak, aged 22-24 months

Intense purple fruit on the nose. Polished expression, sheen-like clarity. Very fine tannins. Smokey graphite notes coming through the core. Evocative. Refined but vibrant at the end. Score: 17.5

**Pavillon Blanc**

100% SB 12.9% ABV

25% new oak, 37 hl/ha

High-toned exotic fruit tones, banana and pineapple. Apricot ripeness on the palate with a pithy waxy core. Salty density at the center driving the savory-edged longevity on the finish. Score: 18

**Château Palmer**

50% CS, 46% M, 4% PV 3.75PH, 14% ABV

Certified biodynamic in 2017.

Hugely fragrant and intense blackcurrant notes on the nose. Integrated fine tannins, linear sides holding fruit and adding definition. Sheen-like fruit with clarity and precision. Tannins emerge towards the end, pulling mineral depth to the finish. Very very long. Score: 17.5++

**Alter Ego, Château Palmer**

53% M, 43% CS, 4% PV 14%

Higher proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in this year's blend. Intense blackcurrant notes on the nose. A grippy core with texture and life. Toasty dark center opens to plum tones with acidity holding structure in place. Tense. Score: 16.5

**Château Prieuré-Lichine**

65-70 % CS, 25-30 % M, 5 % PV

Darker more damson tones, polished. Dark concentrated core. Great life, vivacity, tension with mineral drive and chalky tannins. Lifted acid with fragrant fruit at the end. Pretty despite the dark robe. Score: 17+

**Château Rauzan-Gassies**

2022: 76% CS 24%M

Perfumed nose with some vanilla tones. Sweet redcurrant fruit. Vibrant expressive. Crunchy just ripe fruit. Acid is lifting. Hot at end but precise. Powerful. Score: 16.5++

**Château Rauzan-Segla**

CS Blend

Very tight black cherry notes on the nose. Intense purple tones with crunchy just ripe fruit. Acid is slightly stand out. Density of fruit on the mid-palate. Sits quietly on the sustaining finish. Score: 16.5-

**Château Siran**

46% M 44% CS 9% PV 1% CF

Warm blackcurrant on the nose. Great density on the mid-palate lots of mineral depth. Dark but lifted by filigree acid and sinewy ripe tannins. Long, evocative. Score: 17-

**PESSAC-LÉOGNAN**

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**Château Haut-Bailly**

58% CS, 34% M, 4% PV, 4% CF

Fragrant berryed notes on the nose. Saline core with tension and precision running through. Tempered wild berry tones and saline minerality. Bright raspberry tones released by the streamlined acid and almost spritzzy acid. Longevity held by tension and fruit. A modern-day classic. Score: 18.5

**Haut-Bailly II****Majority Merlot**

Warm damson tones on the nose. Textural core with supple velvet edge. Ample fruit, taut core and lifted spice. Tension carries the aromatics through to the finish. Smart, pure, complete. Score: 17+

**Château Haut-Brion****52.3% M, 38.6% CS, 9.1% CF**

Intense dark chocolate tones on the nose, blackcurrant leaf, brooding. Supple core with resolved grainy tannins, tight redcurrant core. Almost zesty in character with taut acid pull and aligned tannic rim to the structure. Dark, dark finish, mealy, savory edge. Tobacco, pencil shavings. Very refined. More long term than La Mission perhaps. Score: 17.5++

**Le Clarence de Haut-Brion****55.5% M, 40.9% CS, 3.6% CF**

Same deep color, smokey, more cigar/cedar tones. Acid runs tight and prevalent with wild berry freshness. Slightly out of kilter at the moment. Score: 16-

**Le Clarté Haut-Brion****56.3% SB, 43.7% S**

Exotic tropical tones, leaping out of the glass. Lime, underripe mango, and pineapple. Expressive. Sweet banana-led palate. Passion fruit and lime over a pithy dense core. Sweet vanilla lift and a savory tension add depth to the finish. Score: 17

**Château La Mission Haut-Brion****52.7% M, 29.6% CS, 17.7% CF**

Restrained savory nose. Spicy concentrated core. Lots of tension and defined expression. Precise and elegant with peppered notes of wild berries and cedar. Tight, refined finish funneling a sustained persistence of pure fruit. Thought-provoking. Score: 17.5+

**La Chapelle de La Mission Haut-Brion****8.3% M, 39.4% CS, 12.3% CF**

Very dark color, inky dark nose. Blackberry, cassis, some angular sterner tones. Grippy, tight core with low concentration at the core. Tannins pull the fruit forward. Sweet defined redcurrant. Gentle elegance. Sustaining at the end. Score: 17

**La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc****65.3% SB, 34.7% S**

Confectioned fruit on the nose. Softer expression, less concentration and drive than La Clarté. Sweet pear drop notes. Apple pie and crystalline mineral hints. Elegant. Score: 16.5

**Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion****50% CF, 30% CS, 20% M**

Pure purple framed fruit on the nose. Elegant and supple on the palate. Tight purple fruit tones. Just ripe, fragrant and energetic on the palate. Lifted core with tension and drive over a dark graphite center. Grainy edge to the tannins drives the linear mineral longevity at the end. Score: 18-

**Le 'C' des Carmes Haut-Brion****65% CS, 38% M, 2% PV**

Elegant, defined aromatics on the nose. Tight core with elegant filigree tannic expression. Deliciously wild fruit and savory tones. Long. Smart. Score: 17



## SAINT-ÉMILION

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### Chapelle d'Ausone

2022 - 60% CF, 33% M, 5% CF

Dark chocolate notes on the nose. Same silky structure as Chapelle but with greater depth of flavor. Tighter seams with cross-palate tension. Dark chocolate and graphite notes at the end. More than a hint of spice. Solid. Concentrated. Powerful. Score: 17.5+

### Château Berliquet

59% M, 41% CF

Bright ruby hue, high-toned redcurrant tones. Lifted fragrance on the palate. Spiced tones with crunchy bramble fruit notes. Excellent mineral drive at the end. Score: 17-

### Château Canon

71% M, 29% CF

Concentrated redcurrant hue on the nose. Silky woven core with red fruit polish and supple integrated tannins. Texture comes in at the end, adding structure and depth to the wine. A mineral density lingers at the finish. Elegant yet powerful. Score: 18

### Château Cheval Blanc

2022: 53% M, 46% CF, 1% CS

Red fruit element to the fore on the nose. Fruity. Taut, polished profile. Linear graphite drive and succulent wild berry depth. Mineral darkness and a framing tension carry the berries into longevity. Score: 18+

**Le Petit Cheval**

50% M, 50% CF

Bramble over cherry. Lifted chalky tannins with great density at the core. Integral acid with mellow evolving fruits, beautifully crafted. Score: 18

**Château Clos Fourtet**

Elegant, smart red fruit nose. Sweet, very pretty fruit. Lifted and expressive but not dense. A fantastic expression this year. Lovely. Score: 17.5

**Château La Conseillante**

88% M, 12% CF

Sweet berried fruit on the nose. Supple, lots of generous and fragrant fruit. Very pretty. Silky core with sanguine linear tannins lifting and projecting the elegant fruit expression. Driving the perfume to the finish. Great acid, great lift, great wine. Score: 18+

**Château Figeac**

41% M, 32% CF, 27% CS

Plum led notes on the nose, concentrated, expressive. Dark chocolate hints. Herbal complexity dominates the front palate from the Cabernet, followed by damson and cranberry. Concentrated crunchy core with lots of graphite and bramble fruits. Sinewy tannins frame the concentrated fruit. Berried freshness at the end, tightens and lengthens. Score: 18.5+

**Château La Gaffelière**

58% M 42%CF

Sterner dark fruit nose. Tight with chocolaty density. Mineral drive to the core. Everlasting finish. Excellent. Score: 17+

**Château Laroque**

Dark redcurrant notes chocolate tones. Rounded more supple and concentrated tighter than last year. Presence of acid lifts the redcurrant skins and fruit fragrance. Tannins are beautifully resolved. Long and complete. Elegant. Score: 17.5

**Château Pavie**

Blend, 42 ha 35-year-old vines. 14.25% abv

High toned redcurrant notes on the nose, formal. Silky, compact core with velvety currant tones. Toasty, cranberry notes and savory hints. Textured with a saline drive. Good density of fruit. Chalky tannins linger at the end on that graphite toast tone of New French Oak. Long and complex. One for the distant future. Score: 17.5+

**Aromes de Pavie 50% M, 50% CF 14.5%**

High toned blackcurrant notes on the nose. Precise and pure. Supple juicy mid-palate fruit. Concentrated yet fruity and expressive. Broad tannin grip on the back palate. Pulls the fruit into a focused finish. Ripe and powerful with some warmth on the finish. Score: 16.5++

## SAINT-ÉMILION

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### Château Pavie-Macquin

Warm scented vanilla tones. Lifted enticing. Sweet redcurrant fruit, crunchy, perfumed. More linear style. Pretty. But perhaps not for the long term. Score: 16.5++

### Quinault L'Enclos

Redcurrant burnished graphite led nose. Pure. Saline core with dark cranberry tones and a chocolate lift. Wild berries and leather take the wine down a linear but cushioned finish. Polished and complete. Acid is integrated and accessible. Score: 17

### Château La Tour Figeac

Perfumed violets and black fruits on the nose. Supple mouthfeel with grippy edges dark toast dominates the end. Score: 16.5

### Château Troplong Mondot

Blend: 84% M 13% CS, 3% CF

High toned blueberry notes. Pure and sensuous on the palate. Silky tannins with a crunchy vibrant red fruit core. Great tension across the palate. Plum skins and mineral-led density. Long, evolving. Lovely. Score: 18-

### Château Valandraud

Blend: 84% M 8% CF, 8% CS

Very ripe bramble fruits on the nose. Burnished toasty tones in the palate. Tense concentrated core. Baked redcurrant and blackberry. Score: 16.5

### Vieux Château Certan

High toned blackcurrant perfume, very dark and concentrated. Ripe velvety expression - huge exposure of fruit, broad and fulfilling. Lifting and framing tannins. Acid is integrated and involved. Score: 18-

### Château Villemaurine

Blend: 70% M 30% CF

Sweet Blackcurrant notes on the nose, grippy core but focused, concentrated, dark. Balanced and Long. Score: 17-

### PLEASE NOTE:

These are just the high scoring wines in our notes, we have tried the others and you are welcome get in touch if they would like to find out about specific wines not on the list.

## SAUTERNES / BARSAC

## Château Coutet

Soft apricot expression. Filigree texture, honeyed richness. Poised, direct. Score: 17.5+

## Château Guiraud

Sweet concentrated palate. Lovely spice. Hollow depth from acid with suspense derived from this lifting the sugar and perfume to the finish. Long. Very complete. Score: 18

## Château Suduiraut

150g/L sugar

Tropical nose with tinned pineapple tones. Concentrated and driven. Honeyed edge. Apricot and marmalade tones. Spicy apricot core. Savory depth and lingering powerful honeycomb and beeswax. Sustained.

Concentrated. Score: 18+

## Château Suduiraut (Dry Wines) - Pur Sémillon

2,400 bottles

Green restraint on the nose. Waxy lanolin notes on the palate. High glycerol. Honey-tinted tones release at the end. Chemy almost tannic feel at the end. Great structure and weight, yet linear mineral notes drive a freshness and linearity. Score: 17.5

## Château Suduiraut (Dry Wines) - Vieilles Vignes

Blend: 57% Sémillon, 43% Sauvignon Blanc

More exotic tropical banana-led tones. Creamy texture more opulent. Supple, lifted core with salty notes on the finish. Savory edge. Long, with good concentration.

Score: 17

## Château Nénin

67% M 30%CF

Smokey blackcurrant notes on the nose. Very polished firm but fine tannins. Crunchy black fruit tones.

Aromatic perfume of Cabernet Franc comes to play. Chalky mineral notes at the finish. Long. Score: 17.5

## BORDEAUX OFFER - APRIL 2024

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