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Bordeaux 2020 En Primeur



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Vintage Report

Vintage report coming soon.

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What the critics say...

"After tasting more than 400 barrel samples from the 2020 vintage, I can 100% confirm that it is another great year for Bordeaux."
James Suckling

"It's clear that, on the basis of these cask samples anyway, some stunning wines have been produced in 2020."
Jancis Robinson

"The headline is that 2020 is an excellent vintage."
Neal Martin

"Yes, Bordeaux has another terrific vintage on its hands with 2020."
Jeb Dunnuck

"The astonishing element, given the relatively low acidity and high pH, is the freshness which abounds and which appears to come from the tannins themselves."
James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com

"The most important signature of 2020 is a balance of richness and energy that is highly unusual. The wines sizzle with brightness and mineral-drenched vibrancy."
Antonio Galloni

"90% of the wines I have reviewed show an outstanding quality level from first growths to petit chateaux."
James Suckling

"Due to the cool nights in August and early September, many of these wines have excellent acidity levels that engender fresh wines with ample tension."
Neal Martin

"Tasting the 2020s was a real joy – not least because so many producers are defying hot, dry years with delightfully fresh, expressive, 'new old' wines."
Jancis Robinson

"As for style, 2020 seems to be in the same ballpark as 2019 and 2018 (so the third successful vintage in a row) with a number of producers saying it falls somewhere in between."
James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com

"Based on what I have tasted so far, I don't see the consistency of 2019 or possibly even 2018, and yet the best 2020s are incredibly exciting. These may very well be wines that only truly blossom with many years in bottle."
Antonio Galloni

"And what a vintage it is. After the excellent quality of 2018 and 2019, many may have expected a drop in form for 2020. But it is clear that 2020 represents a third super-quality vintage in a row for the region."
James Suckling

"It is unquestionably a great vintage that belongs in the list of top vintages, including 1989, 1990, 2000, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2019."
Jeb Dunnuck

"It may be the first time in the history of Bordeaux that we have a trilogy of super vintages. It's certainly the first time I have encountered something like this for Bordeaux in my 40 years as a wine critic."
James Suckling

"Two thousand twenty is not consistent across the board, so some selection is necessary, but the most successful wines are unquestionably dazzling."
Antonio Galloni

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Summary - Reds

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Les Grands-Maréchaux	Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye	92-93 JS	£80 per 12 IB
Château Gigault 'Cuvée Viva'	Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye	92-93 JS	£95 per 12 IB
Château Belle Coline	Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye	92-93 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Lanessan	Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois	92-93 JS	£120 per 12 IB
Château Sénéjac	Haut-Médoc	92-93 JS	£125 per 12 IB
Château Peymouton	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-93 JS	£145 per 12 IB
Château Lilian-Ladouys	St-Estèphe	92-94 JD	£146 per 12 IB
Château Mauvesin-Barton	Moulis-en-Médoc	92 DC	£150 per 12 IB
Château Marsau	Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	93-94 JS	£75 per 6 IB
Château La Garde	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	91-92 JS	£162 per 12 IB
Château Dalem	Fronsac	93-94 JS	£175 per 12 IB
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	-	SOLD OUT
Château Laroze	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£184 per 12 IB
Château Le Boscq	St-Estèphe	91-92 JS	£192 per 12 IB
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe	94-96 JD	£194 per 12 IB
Château Potensac	Haut-Médoc	93-94 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Belgrave	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£222 per 12 IB
Château Les Ormes de Pez	St-Estèphe	93 DC	£225 per 12 IB
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-96 RP	SOLD OUT
Château Haut-Brisson	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94-95 JS	£228 per 12 IB
Marquis de Calon	St-Estèphe	93-94 JS	£230 per 12 IB
Château Labégorce	Margaux Cru Bourgeois	93-95 JD	£235 per 12 IB
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe	93-94 JS	£240 per 12 IB
Le Petit Ducru de Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien	93-94 JS	£240 per 12 IB
Château Chasse-Spleen	Moulis-en-Médoc	94-95 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Siran	Margaux	93-94 JS	£246 per 12 IB
Château La Tour Carnet	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£268 per 12 IB
Château Moulin Saint Georges	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94 DC	£275 per 12 IB
Château Tour Saint Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	95-97 JL	£276 per 12 IB
Château Plince	Pomerol	-	£285 per 12 IB
Château Lynch-Moussas	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£290 per 12 IB
Château Croix Canon	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£290 per 12 IB
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-97 JL	SOLD OUT
Château de Fieuzal	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	94 DC	£304 per 12 IB
Château Prieuré-Lichine	Margaux 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£305 per 12 IB
Château Gloria	St-Julien	94-95 JS	£317 per 12 IB
Château Marquis d'Alesme	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JL	£160 per 6 IB
Château Pédesclaux	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£320 per 12 IB
Château La Lagune	Haut-Médoc 3ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£324 per 12 IB
Château Lafon-Rochet	St-Estèphe 4ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JL	£325 per 12 IB

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Summary - Reds (continued)

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£337 per 12 IB
Château Malartic-Lagravière	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	94-96 NM	£347 per 12 IB
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JD	£358 per 12 IB
Les Griffons de Pichon-Baron	Pauillac	93-94 JS	£346 per 12 IB
La Dame de Montrose	St-Estèphe	92 DC	£349 per 12 IB
La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien	95 DC	£359 per 12 IB
Château Kirwan	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Branaire-Ducru	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£372 per 12 IB
Pagodes de Cos	St-Estèphe (2nd wine of Cos d'Estournel)	93-94 JS	£372 per 12 IB
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£396 per 12 IB
Pichon-Comtesse Réserve	Pauillac	93-94 JS	£402 per 12 IB
Château Cantenac-Brown	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£412 per 12 IB
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£432 per 12 IB
Petit Figeac	St-Emilion Grand Cru (2nd wine of Figeac)	-	£216 per 6 IB
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	94-95 JS	£225 per 6 IB
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien	94-95 JS	£225 per 6 IB
Château La Serre	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94-96 JD	£225 per 6 IB
Château Saint Pierre	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£462 per 12 IB
Château Talbot	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95 DC	SOLD OUT
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£246 per 6 IB
Château Malescot-St-Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	SOLD OUT
Château d'Issan	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£253 per 6 IB
Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£258 per 6 IB
Domaine de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-98 JL	£283 per 6 IB
Château La Gaffelière	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	SOLD OUT
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£300 per 6 IB
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux	93 DC	£303 per 6 IB
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£304 per 6 IB
Château Trotteville	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£325 per 6 IB
Château Larcis-Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JL	SOLD OUT
Château Gazin	Pomerol	96-97 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Duhart-Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£342 per 6 IB
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£345 per 6 IB
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 RP	£347 per 6 IB
Château Beychevelle	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 JD	SOLD OUT
Château Gruaud-Larose	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95 DC	£350 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Barton	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£365 per 6 IB
Château Pape-Clément	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-98 RP	£376 per 6 IB
Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	SOLD OUT

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Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Troplong-Mondot	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£432 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 JL:	£432 per 6 IB
Château Clinet	Pomerol	97-99 JL	£445 per 6 IB
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£445 per 6 IB
Château Le Gay	Pomerol	98-99 JS	£450 per 6 IB
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	98 DC	£469 per 6 IB
Château Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 RP	£470 per 6 IB
Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£520 per 6 IB
Château Petit-Village	Pomerol	97-98 JS	£270 per 3 IB
Château Beauséjour-Duffau-Lagarrosse	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	£540 per 6 IB
Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan	97-98 JS	£640 per 6 IB
Château Canon	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 RP	SOLD OUT
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	£670 per 6 IB
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 DC	£725 per 6 IB
Château Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JD	SOLD OUT
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Certan de May	Pomerol	95-96 JS	£505 per 6 IB
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Haut-Bailly	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£576 per 6 IB
Le Clarence de Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan	96-97 JS	£720 per 6 IB
Château Montrose	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98 DC	£770 per 6 IB
Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux	Margaux (2nd wine of Château Margaux)	96-97 JS	£828 per 6 IB
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	£900 per 6 IB
Château La Conseillante	Pomerol	98-100 JL	£936 per 6 IB
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL:	SOLD OUT
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£960 per 6 IB
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	99-100 JS	£975 per 6 IB
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac	97-98 JS	ALLOCATION
Château L'Evangile	Pomerol	98-99 JS	£1100 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Las-Cases	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£1188 per 6 IB
Carruades de Lafite	Pauillac	96-97 JS	£1295 per 6 IB
Château L'Eglise-Clinet	Pomerol	98-100 JL	SOLD OUT
Château Palmer	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	97 DC	£1440 per 6 IB
Château Pavie	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT
Château La Violette	Pomerol	94-96 RP	SOLD OUT
Château La Mission Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-99 RP	£1512 per 6 IB
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	98-100 RP	£1575 per 6 IB
Château Angélys	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 RP	SOLD OUT
Château Cheval-Blanc	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 DC	SOLD OUT

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Summary - Reds (continued)

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£2598 per 6 IB
Château Margaux	Margaux 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£3100 per 6 IB
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Ausone	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 DC	SOLD OUT

Summary - Dry Whites

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£2598 per 6 IB
Château La Garde Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	92-93 JS	£180 per 12 IB
Château La Tour Carnet Blanc	Bordeaux	92-93 JS	£137 per 6 IB
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Bordeaux	95 JS	£180 per 6 IB
Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£220 per 6 IB
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£399 per 6 IB
Château Pape-Clément Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£535 per 6 IB
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97 JL	£576 per 6 IB
Pavillon Blanc de Château Margaux	Bordeaux	97 DC	SOLD OUT

Summary - Sweet Whites

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Liot (37.5cl)	Sauternes	-	£75 per 12 IB
Château Doisy-Védrines (37.5cl)	Sauternes 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95 DC	£141 per 12 IB
Château Doisy-Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£144 per 12 IB
Château Coutet (37.5cl)	Barsac 1er Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JL	SOLD OUT

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Saint-Estèphe

“Calon Ségur has had a brilliant vintage, with a little more classic balance and St-Estèphe signature than this estate showed in 2018 and 2019. It is worth looking out for.

“Montrose and Cos d'Estournel both add to the feeling that St-Estèphe has performed well in the vintage .”

Jane Anson, Decanter



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Lilian-Ladouys	St-Estèphe	92-94 JD	£146 per 12 IB
Château Le Boscq	St-Estèphe	91-92 JS	£192 per 12 IB
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	94-96 JD	£194 per 12 IB
Château Les Ormes-de-Pez	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	93 DC	£225 per 12 IB
Marquis de Calon	St-Estèphe (2nd Wine of Calon Ségur)	93-94 JS	£230 per 12 IB
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	93-94 JS	£240 per 12 IB
Château Lafon Rochet	St-Estèphe 4ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JL	£325 per 12 IB
La Dame de Montrose	St-Estèphe	92 DC	£349 per 12 IB
Pagodes de Cos	St-Estèphe (2nd Wine of Cos d'Estournel)	93-94 JS	£372 per 12 IB
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	98 DC	£469 per 6 IB
Château Montrose	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98 DC	£770 per 6 IB
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	£900 per 6 IB



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Château Lilian-Ladouys 2020 St-Estèphe



£146 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

93 Decanter
91-93 Robert Parker

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 Lilian Ladouys is deep, fleshy and super-expressive. This midweight, gracious Saint-Estèphe has so much to offer. Silky tannins and bright aromatics complement a core of bright red fruit in the 2020, a gorgeous wine that will drink well right out of the gate. As always, this Merlot-driven Saint-Estèphe offers quite a bit of immediacy. This is the first vintage in the conversion to organic farming. Warm temperatures caused concentration on the vine, especially for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Yields at the property were 45 hectoliters per hectare as opposed to the normal 52 or so."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 Lilian Ladouys offers light blackberry, raspberry and sous-bois scents on the nose, although to my recollection, the previous two vintages demonstrated a little more fruit intensity. The medium-bodied palate offers grainy tannins and fine acidity. Quite peppery, especially toward the finish, with bay leaf and tea leaf notes infusing the black fruit. Classic Saint-Estèphe in style. This should drink well for 12–15 years."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Château Le Boscq 2020 St-Estèphe



£192 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

91-92 James Suckling
88-90 Robert Parker

90-92 Jeb Dunnuck
89-91 Antonio Galloni

89-91 Neal Martin
89-91 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Le Boscq is wonderfully expressive right out of the gate. Inky dark fruit, charcoal, spice, menthol and licorice are front and center. This juicy, succulent Saint-Estèphe will drink well right away."

89-91 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 Château Le Boscq offers up a rocking nose that includes lots of blue fruits, violets, and graphite, and it's one of those wines you can easily identify as Saint-Estèphe in a blind tasting. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, with elegant tannins and good purity, it comes across as slightly modern in style, with plenty of oak, yet I suspect that will integrate once this is in the bottle and it should be a classic, outstanding wine."

90-92 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

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Château Capbern 2020
St-Estèphe



£194 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Jeff Leve

92-93 James Suckling
91 Decanter

88-90 Neal Martin
87-89 Antonio Galloni

"Readers looking for an off-the-charts value should snatch up the 2020 Château Capbern, which emerges from the same team as Calon Ségur. Offering a vivid bouquet of cassis, leafy tobacco, violets, damp earth, and chocolate, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, perfectly ripe fruit (not overripe, not underripe), ultra-fine, integrated tannins, and the mix of freshness and richness that's part of all great wines. It's a hidden gem in Saint-Estèphe."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Spicy, dark red berries, blackberry, savory herbs, cedar and cigar box open the nose. On the palate the wine is fleshy, rich, chewy and packed with ripe currants with peppery, savory herbs. There is length, freshness, complexity and character here. This a vineyard to keep an eye on as it getting better and better. The wine blends 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, 14.1% ABV."

92-94 Pts Jeff Leve, WineCellarInsider.com May 2021

Château Les Ormes de Pez 2020
St Estèphe Cru Bourgeois



£225 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

90-92 Neal Martin
88-90 Antonio Galloni

90-92 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Robert Parker

92-94 Jeff Leve
92-93 James Suckling

"Things keep getting better and better here and 2020 is no exception. The nose, with its spicy personality also shows forest leaf, tobacco, pepper, black and red fruits and earthy nuances. On the palate, the wine is rich, round and ripe. It's packed with sweet, fresh, polished, juicy red berries on the mid-palate and in the open, soft textured finish. Forward in style, this should drink quite well with just 3-4 years of aging."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Lots of plums, blackcurrants, tobacco, and loamy soil notes make up the bouquet of the 2020 Château Ormes De Pez, and it's medium-bodied, with some chocolaty background oak, good purity of fruit, and ripe tannins. I don't see any reason this shouldn't easily be an outstanding Saint-Estèphe and drink well for 15-20 years."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

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Marquis de Calon 2020 St-Estèphe



£230 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

89-91 Robert Parker
93 Decanter

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

87-89 Antonio Galloni
86-88 Neal Martin

"The northern Medoc did beautifully in this vintage. And the second wine from Château Calon Segur, the 2020 Le Marquis De Calon Ségur, looks to be terrific. Offering a great nose of damp earth, violets, cassis, and more blue-tinged fruits, it's medium to full-bodied and has a ripe, polished, seamless texture, notable tannins, and a great finish. It's everything you would want from a second wine and is ideal for drinking over the coming 10-15 years."

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2020

"Another strong wine in the Calon-Ségur stable this year, showing depth and clarity of flavour. No getting around the concentration in the tannins, well balanced by brambled berry fruits and the St-Estèphe feeling of confident power. After an extremely dry July, here they saw 45mm of rain in three days in August, followed by another stretch of no rain from 15 August to 21st September. Helps explain the low 33hl/ha yields. 30% new barrels. 3.7pH."

93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2020

Château Meyney 2020 St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois



£240 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
93 Decanter

91-93 Neal Martin
92-94 Jeff Leve

90-92 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2020 Meyney has a lively, quite powerful nose delivering plenty of blackberry, boysenberry and briar scents, plus touches of freshly tilled loam and wilted iris flower; I appreciate how forthright this is. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins and graphite-laced blackberry. Quite citric toward the finish, showing Pauillac-like pretensions. This is a classy Saint-Estèphe from Meyney that will age with style."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Another wine worth seeking out, the 2020 Château Meyney shows the fresh, focused, yet also ripe style of the vintage nicely. Offering lots of pure cassis and black cherry fruits as well as tobacco and classy oak, it's medium to full-bodied and has a pretty, elegant texture, plenty of mid-palate depth, and ripe yet certainly present and firmer tannins. I love the overall classic vibe as well as its purity and freshness."

91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

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Château Lafon-Rochet 2020
St-Estèphe
4ème Grand Cru Classé



£325 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2040+
 Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve

93-95 Antonio Galloni
93 Decanter

93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Lafon-Rochet is fabulous. The aromatics along are dazzling. Gracious and yet effusive, with tons of nuance, the 2020 dazzles from start to finish. Inky dark fruit, new leather, spice, lavender and menthol fill the room with soaring intensity. Silky, elegant and so pure, Lafon-Rochet is shaping up to be one of the real under the radar gems of 2020. It's a terrific effort from Basile Tesson. Don't miss it."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"I loved the 2020 Château Lafon-Rochet, a rich, powerful, concentrated Saint-Estèphe that stays beautifully balanced and elegant. Lots of pure cassis and darker currant fruits as well as tobacco, chocolate, and damp herb notes define the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, with plenty of mid-palate depth, building tannins, and a great finish. It's going to take 7-8 years to hit the early stages of maturity, but it's a brilliant wine. The blend is 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, with an alcohol of 13.5 and a pH of 3.68. Tasted twice."

93-95+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

La Dame de Montrose 2020
St-Estèphe



£349 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2038
 Arriving Spring 2023

92 Decanter

16.5 Jancis Robinson

92-93 Yves Beck

"A ton of dark fruits on offer in the form of cassis, bilberry, blackcurrant, brambles of blackberry and raspberry, a ton of spice and sinew. Bitter almond and chocolate notes come in on the finish and add to the feel of a signature Dame de Montrose. Not the exoticism of 2018, this is more of a return to classicism, closer to the 2019 or 2016. 4% Petit Verdot completes the blend. A yield of around 29hl/ha."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"49% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Lithe and fruit-driven with dark-fruit, mint and herbal notes. Tannins finely etched. Nothing forced. Natural feel and flavour. Clean, dry finish."

16.5 Pts James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com April 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Pagodes de Cos 2020
St-Estèphe



£372 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

92 Decanter
91-93 Robert Parker

90-92 Antonio Galloni
89-91 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Les Pagodes de Cos is composed of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. The harvest took place September 10–24 with a yield of 39 hectoliters per hectare. The alcohol weighs in at 13.28% with a pH of 3.85 and an IPT (total phenolic index) of 68. It is being aged in French oak barrels, 30% new.

Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it sashays out of the glass with pretty, open-knit scents of stewed black plums, boysenberries and warm cassis, plus savory hints of charcuterie, woodsmoke, black truffles and bouquet garni. Medium-bodied, the palate is packed with crunchy black fruit flavors and dried herbs accents, supported by bags of freshness and well-managed, grainy tannins, finishing with great length and a lively skip in its step."

91-93 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"Maintains both a spiced kick and creamy texture through the palate, giving form and character. Silky texture, with cinnamon and saffron-laden blackberry fruits. This is precise and confident with sweet and tender tannins, the power is almost hidden at this point but it is there. 38% of overall production. 4% Petit Verdot completes the blend."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

Château Calon-Ségur 2020
St-Estèphe
3ème Grand Cru Classé



£469 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

98 Decanter
96-98 Jeff Leve

95-97+ Robert Parker
95-97 Jeb Dunnuck

95-96 James Suckling
92-94 Neal Martin

"A return to form in my eyes for Calon Ségur after the atypical 2018, rippling with elegance, balance and savoury blue fruits of Cabernet, with rose and peony flowers. Concentrated, chiselled and juicy, this has clear personality and equals the great, classically balanced vintages of Calon like 2016. A yield of 33hl/ha, 3.85pH, 100% new oak. Vincent Millet is now overall director as well as technical director, since the departure of Laurent Dufau in 2020."

98 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"If you are not familiar with everything going on with Calon Segur these days, you need to taste this wine. Deeply colored, without hesitation the wine shoots from the glass with Asian spice, boysenberry, black currants, cedar, cigar box, tobacco leaf, lead pencil and forest leaf. Full-bodied, concentrated, powerful and rich, yet it is also balanced, refined, and intense. There is purity in the fruits, freshness and symmetry, ending with seamless waves of perfectly ripe, creme de cassis. Let this rest for at least a decade and enjoy for 3 or more decades after that. The wine blends 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. 13.8% ABV."

96-98 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Montrose 2020
St-Estèphe
2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£770 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2050
 Arriving Spring 2023

98 Decanter
98-100 RVF

18+ Jancis Robinson

98-100 Yves Beck

"A serious wall of blueberry and blackberry compote, and a ton of savoury Cabernet sinew and freshness. This is a great Montrose, inky, broad-shouldered and structured. It needs time to aerate and open in the glass, then you see the precision, the heft, the chiselling of the fruits with a ton of graphite, cigar box and campfire smoke - huge persistency. This will need a long time and will reward patience. One of the few where a 1986, 2016 and 2010 comparison makes sense. A yield around 30hl/ha. 1% Petit Verdot, 3.86pH, IPT 80. 45% of the overall production."

98 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"Deep colour. Dark, intense and very pure but with an energy that makes it vibrant. Big tannic frame but tannins really finely honed. Long and persistent with plenty of drive on the finish. Long ageing potential."

18+ Pts James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com April 2021

Château Cos d'Estournel 2020
St-Estèphe
2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£900 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2050
 Arriving Spring 2023

97-99 Jeff Leve
97-98 James Suckling

97 Decanter
96-98 Robert Parker

95-97 Neal Martin
94-96 Antonio Galloni

"This is a very refined, polished Cos with superb finesse and length. Medium-to full-bodied, very fine and persistent. Really long with beautiful tannins. Rich, but fresh and linear. Yet, the alcohol is around 13.5%. 62% cabernet and 38% merlot."

97-98 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2021

"The 2020 Cos d'Estournel is composed of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot. The harvest took place September 10–24 with a yield of 39 hectoliters per hectare. The alcohol weighs in at 13.46% with a pH of 3.9 and an IPT (total phenolic index) of 80. It is being aged in French oak barrels, 55% new.

Deep purple-black in color, it pops with explosive scents of ripe red and black currants, black cherry preserves and black raspberries, followed by sparks of violets, wild sage, pencil lead and clove oil, with emerging hints of iron ore and damp soil. The medium-bodied palate has amazing elegance and grace contrasted by jaw-dropping energy, featuring a firm frame of finely grained tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with a whole firework display of mineral nuances. I love the way this Cos d'Estournel shimmies and shines—a unique vintage signature expressed so beautifully at this estate!"

96-98 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Pauillac

"If you are a fan of classic, concentrated Pauillacs and St-Juliens, you are going to find plenty of brilliant wines."

Jane Anson, Decanter



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Lynch-Moussas	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£290 per 12 IB
Château Pédesclaux	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£320 per 12 IB
Château Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£337 per 12 IB
Les Griffons de Pichon-Baron	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Pichon-Baron)	93-94 JS	£346 per 12 IB
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£396 per 12 IB
Pichon-Comtesse Réserve	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Pichon-Lalande)	93-94 JS	£402 per 12 IB
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£304 per 6 IB
Château Duhart-Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£342 per 6 IB
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£345 per 6 IB
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£445 per 6 IB
Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£520 per 6 IB
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	£670 per 6 IB
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Mouton-Rothschild)	97-98 JS	ALLOCATION
Carruades de Lafite	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Lafite-Rothschild)	96-97 JS	£1295 per 6 IB
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£2598 per 6 IB



LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Lynch-Moussas 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£290 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
90-92 Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Antonio Galloni
91 Decanter

91-93 Neal Martin
87-89 Robert Parker

"The 2020 Lynch-Moussas is a racy, plush Pauillac. Super-ripe red fruit and soft, generous contours give the 2020 its decidedly flamboyant personality. Blood orange, cedar, tobacco and mint open with a bit of time in the glass. Lynch-Moussas remains quite extroverted in feel."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"An incredibly classic Pauillac, the 2020 Château Lynch-Moussas offers medium-bodied aromas and flavors of darker currants, smoked tobacco, lead pencil, and gravelly earth as well as loads of texture, bright tannins, notable balance, and a clean, classy style. It's not massive, by any means, but given its purity of fruit as well as its tannins, it should easily evolve for two decades."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château Pédesclaux 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£320 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

95-96 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

92-94+ Robert Parker
93 Decanter

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Neal Martin

"This is very chewy with dusty tannins and blackberry and blueberry character. Some chocolate, too. Full and layered. Such beautiful violet and black-cherry quality at the end with some raspberries, 56% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot, 5% cabernet franc and 5% petit verdot. First year with organic farming. A nice step-up in quality."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"I loved the 2020 Château Pédesclaux, which shows the fresher, more focused, vibrant style of the vintage while still bringing good depth of fruit and texture. Cassis, blueberries, violets, tobacco, and chocolate notes all emerge from the glass, and this beauty is medium to full-bodied, with a pure, focused mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's not massive, and I'd like more breadth, yet its purity and precision are terrific."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Batailley 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£337 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
93-95 Neal Martin

94 Decanter
93-95 Jeff Leve

89-91+ Robert Parker
88-90 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Batailley is quintessential Pauillac on the nose of very focused black fruit infused with cedar and graphite. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, grippy tannins and a fine bead of acidity. Classic in style, this is lightly spiced, showing impressive depth toward the finish. This estate has enjoyed a good run of form in recent years and this 2020 continues that trend. If you love the style of Batailley, you will love this"

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Takes its time to unroll then shows sweetness to the black cherry and brambled blackberries fruits, followed by cigar, pencil lead and crushed stone. This is signature Batailley in that it has that essence-of-Pauillac feel. A delicious wine, such a great great drinking claret, really one to look out for in this vintage; already looking forward to drinking this in 10 years time. 2% Petit Verdot completes the blend. 60% new oak. A yield of 42hl/ha."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

Les Griffons de
Pichon-Baron 2020
Pauillac



£346 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Neal Martin

92-94 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

93 Decanter
91-93 Robert Parker

"The 2020 Les Griffons de Pichon Baron is deep purple in color. Matured in 50% new oak, it has a clean, precise bouquet, a mélange of black and blue berry fruit laced with cedar and mint, quintessentially Pauillac. The wonderful palate is very smooth and silky, delivering quite lush black fruit that disguises the structure behind it. Almost symmetrical in poise, this might well be the first Griffons that is just a mere nose behind the Grand Vin, perhaps in part thanks to the contribution of the 8% Petit Verdot. Not to be overlooked."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

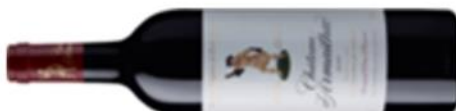
"The 2020 Les Griffons de Pichon Baron is fabulous. Bright and intensely savory, the 2020 screams with character. The Cabernet seems especially expressive today. Inky red fruit, spice, dried flowers, crushed rocks and blood orange build as this exquisitely perfumed, nuanced Pauillac shows off its considerable pedigree. This is a terrific showing."

92-94 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château d'Armailhac 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£396 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2035+
 Arriving Spring 2023

92-94 Neal Martin
93 Decanter

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Jeff Leve
90-92 Robert Parker

"The 2020 d'Armailhac, raised in 50% new oak with a planned 17-month barrel maturation, is a little deeper in color compared to the Clerc Milon. I find more complexity on the nose of blackberry, briar, cedar and pencil box aromas, less extravagant than previous vintages and more terroir-driven, perhaps. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins that have a little more edge than the Clerc Milon, plus there is slightly more mineralité and depth. In particular, the finish is very harmonious and fans out wonderfully. This Château d'Armailhac is a splendid wine in the making, and one of the best examples from the estate that I have tasted out of barrel."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"A blend of 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, hitting 13.2% alcohol, the 2020 Château D'Armailhac sports a vivid purple hue to go with beautiful cassis and blackberry fruits intermixed with lots of chalky minerality, toasty oak, graphite, and tobacco. It has the round, supple style of the vintage yet still brings ample tannic grip, solid mid-palate depth, and a great finish. It's beautifully done and should be drinkable with just 2-4 years of bottle age yet age just fine."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Pichon-Comtesse Réserve 2020
Pauillac



£402 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2040
 Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Jeff Leve
91-93 Antonio Galloni

92 Decanter
90-92 Neal Martin

"The second wine of Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse, the 2020 Réserve De Comtesse De Lalande is a beautiful wine in the making that certainly tastes like a mini-version of the Grand Vin. Lots of crème de cassis, blueberries, violets, tobacco, and earth all define the nose, and it hits the palate with a forward, medium to full-bodied, supple texture that already begs to be drunk. I love its balance, the purity of fruit is terrific, and the tannins are spot on as well. It ranks as one of the top second wines in the vintage and will have two decades of prime drinking."

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, May 2021

"The 2020 Réserve de la Comtesse is absolutely gorgeous. Far more expressive than the Grand Vin today, the Réserve is everything a second wine should be. Ripe dark cherry, plum, spice, menthol, licorice and tobacco all flesh out in a sumptuous, racy Pauillac that impresses with its alluring personality. This is an especially fine vintage for the Réserve. The 2020 is 47% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot – in other words, a high percentage of PV that undoubtedly marks the blend."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste
2020
Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé



£304 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

95-97 Neal Martin
91-93 Robert Parker

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve

93-96 Antonio Galloni
92-95 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2020 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is an explosive, vibrant Pauillac. The bouquet alone is captivating. Lavender, grilled herbs, menthol, chocolate and crème de cassis all race out of the glass. A wine of vertical structure and precision, the 2020 is a total stunner. It simply dazzles from start to finish."

93-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, June 2021

"The 2020 Grand-Puy-Lacoste has a very refined, almost understated bouquet at first, but it opens in glorious fashion to offer precise blackberry and wild strawberry fruit, crushed stone and wild mint, gaining intensity at its own pace. The palate is beautifully balanced with fine-grained tannins, a keen thread of acidity, layers of intense black fruit and quite a spicy, vibrant and certainly persistent finish. This is a brilliant GPL from the Borie family."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Château Duhart-Milon 2020
Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé



£342 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

95-96 James Suckling
95 Decanter

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Jeff Leve

90-92 Neal Martin
90-92 Antonio Galloni

"This is so refined with beautiful currant, berry and some subtle chocolate and coffee. It's full and very subtle with fine tannins that have a long finish. Such purity and finesse with structure. Fresh and savory. 72% cabernet sauvignon and 28% merlot."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, James Suckling.com June 2021

"Earthy in nature, the wine lifts off with its cigar wrapper, forest leaf, tobacco, peppery spice and sweet red currant profile. Medium-bodied, elegant, silky and fresh, with a beautiful symmetry and balance, along with freshness, length and purity in the fruits, this is a top vintage for Duhart Milon. The wine is a blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon and 28% Merlot. This is the first vintage made in the new cellars, which for the first time allow for parcel by parcel vinification."

93-95 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Clerc-Milon 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£345 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

94-96 Jeff Leve
94 Decanter

91-93 Neal Martin
90-92 Antonio Galloni

"Very pure character to this wine with crushed fruit and round tannins. It's really transparent and delicate, yet bold at the same time. Super tannins. Vivid. Very primary and berry-like. May well turn out to be even better than this in bottle."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, June 2021

"With a floral, spicy, tobacco leaf, currant and chocolate filled perfume, the wine is elegant, fresh, supple and silky. There is a beautiful sweetness to the currants, cherries and plums in the mouth. The sensation of the Merlot comes through the blend more than usual as you find a touch of dark chocolate gently coating your palate in the finish, adding length, texture and complexity. This is so good now. But it is going to be even better with 7-9 years of age. The wine blends 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 13.3% ABV."

94-96 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

Château Pontet-Canet 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£445 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
97 Decanter

96-98+ Robert Parker

95-97 Antonio Galloni

"Opaque purple-black in color, it needs significant aeration and swirling to coax out evocative notes of black cherry preserves, raspberry pie, blackcurrant pastilles and damp soil, before launching into gorgeous floral and spice notions of red roses, cinnamon stick, star anise and cardamom, with a waft of crushed rocks. The medium to full-bodied palate reveals a lot of depth and polish, delivering mouth-coating red and black fruits with loads of fragrant earth and floral sparks, framed by velvety tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and mineral tinged. This is a singular, fascinating expression of the vintage and highly recommended!"

96-98+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"The 2020 Pontet-Canet is captivating effort from the Tesseran family. The intensely perfumed, savory bouquet is immediately alluring. Deep and substantial, the 2020 is luxuriously rich from start to finish. Swaths of incisive tannin wrap around a core of dark red cherry fruit, gravel, dried herbs and rose petal, and a whole range of floral and savory accents lend aromatic presence. The Pontet-Canet is often a charmer en primeur, but the 2020 comes across as quite serious. I can't wait to see how it develops. As always, one of the signatures of Pontet-Canet is a high proportion of Merlot vis-à-vis its peers among top Left Bank châteaux that lends tremendous midpalate weight. In 2020 production is within historical norms. Mildew pressure was high, but not as severe as in 2018, when two-thirds of the crop was lost in a single day. Harvest took place September 14-30, a bit more of a compact time frame than normal, and a good 7-10 days earlier than is typically the case. Aged in 50% new oak, 35% amphora and 15% once-used barrels."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Lynch Bages 2020
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£520 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2050
 Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Jeff Leve
96 Decanter

94-96 Neal Martin
93-95 Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 Lynch-Bages contains proportionately more Merlot in the blend this year (31%) and will be aged for 18 months in 75% new oak. It has an intriguing bouquet, quite complex and classic in style, featuring tightly wound black fruit mixed with cedar, mint and touches of the estuary. One sniff and you know that the vines are in close proximity to the sea. The palate is medium-bodied with impressive weight on the entry, the tannins almost immediately coating the mouth (the IPT is 93, fairly high). But everything remains balanced thanks to the fine acidic thread, and it begins to firm up, becoming quite structured and, dare I say, reminiscent of Latour toward the finish. This is a Lynch-Bages that clearly will deserve long-term aging because there is real substance to this wine, and that will only increase during élevage. This is a great Lynch-Bages. The Cazes family should build a new winery to celebrate."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"The first vintage made in their brand new, state-of-the-art cellars is deep garnet in color. The wine rapidly opens with notes of Cuban cigars, cedar, creme de cassis, flowers and forest leaf aromas. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, soft, round and fresh. The elegant tannins allow the wine to gently unfurl, revealing its sweet red currants, kirsch liqueur and creamy-textured, rich finish. This refined styled vintage of Lynch Bages blends 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc, 13.4% ABV. The yields were only 33 hectoliters per hectare. Something else, 2020 Lynch Bages will sport a one-time-only change to the label commemorating their new cellar."

95-97 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

Château Pichon-Baron 2020
Pauillac 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£670 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2050
 Arriving Spring 2023

97-98 James Suckling
97-99 Jeff Leve

96-98 Antonio Galloni
95-97 Neal Martin

96-98 Jeb Dunnuck
95-97+ Robert Parker

"The 2020 Pichon Baron is utterly breathtaking, and also one of the very best young vintages I have tasted here. An exotic mélange of red cherry, mint, rose petal and blood orange comes alive in the glass. More than anything, though, the Pichon-Baron possesses remarkable energy and vibrancy that builds to an intense, beautifully focused finish. This is hands down one of the most impressive wines of 2020. Superb."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The inky hued 2020 Château Pichon-Longueville Baron checks in as a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Merlot that spent 18 months in 70% new barrels. It's a dense, rich, powerful 2020 offering loads of pure cassis and almost blue fruits as well as full-bodied richness, a round, lush, incredibly sexy texture, sweet tannins, and ample classic Pauillac lead pencil, tobacco, and violet aromas and flavors. It's unquestionably in the same ballpark as the 2015, 2016, and 2018, and given its sweet tannins and beautifully integrated acidity, it should have some up-front appeal as well, yet still age at a glacier pace."

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Le Petit Mouton 2020
Pauillac



£1020 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023
On allocation

97-98 James Suckling
92-94 Neal Martin

93 Decanter
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Robert Parker
94-96 Jeff Leve

"This is very, very layered with gorgeous fruit and velvety tannins. Hints of chocolate. Full-bodied and chewy with soft, fine tannins. 72% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot and 4% cabernet franc. Gorgeous second wine."

97-98 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"Elegant, sophisticated, long, clean and expansive, this is showing just great due to all its layers of perfectly ripe, red fruits, silky tannins, length and freshness. There is a real verve here, with concentration, sweetness, lift and complexity allowing the wine to age and evolve. The finish leaves you with more of those sweet, ripe, juicy berries. Today the second wine of Mouton Rothschild is superior to every vintage of Mouton produced in the 70s and in most of the 80s! The wine blends 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, 13.1% ABV."

94-96 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

Carruades de Lafite 2020
Pauillac



£1295 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
92 Decanter

91-93 Antonio Galloni
89-91 Neal Martin

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Jeff Leve

"The 2020 Carruades de Lafite is so expressive right out of the gate. Sage, mint, dried herbs, tobacco and incense grace the Carruades with gorgeous aromatic presence. A backbone of fine tannins lends energy and direction. Medium in body and impeccably refined, the 2020 Carruades is shaping up to be a gem."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"A baby Lafite with its lead pencil and cassis aromatics as well as beautiful elegance, the 2020 Carruades De Lafite is medium-bodied and has a precise, elegant mouthfeel, beautiful tannins, and a great finish. As with all the wines from this incredible château, its balance and elegance are what set it apart, and it's one of the finest second wines out there. The blend is 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, which is a classic blend for this cuvée."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Mouton-Rothschild
2020
Pauillac 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé**



£2598 per 6 IB
Drink to 2055
Arriving Spring 2023

**99-100 James Suckling
97-99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**96-98 Neal Martin
96-98 Antonio Galloni**

**97-99 Robert Parker
98-100 Jeff Leve**

"This is a great and impressive Mouton with plushness and precision. A million layers of tannins. It's full and very friendly, even seductive, in a rich and opulent way, yet it always remains fresh. Balanced and refined. Nothing sticks out here. Every so fine-grained tannins provide flesh. Looking forward to seeing its evolution. 84% cabernet sauvignon, 13% merlot, 2% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot."

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, June 2021

"Dark, almost opaque in color, the wine opens with a cornucopia of scents; spice-box, dark Cuban cigar wrapper, flowers, creme de cassis, blackberry espresso, mint and a drop of dark chocolate. Concentrated, full-bodied, deep, long, intense and complex, texturally, the wine is opulent, plush and velvety. But there is also more than ample lift keeping everything upbeat. The seamless finish is perfectly balanced, with all its layers of polished, sensuous, silky fruits in the right place for over 60 seconds! The wine blends 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, 13.1% ABV, pH 3.8. Yields were low at 32 hectoliters per hectare with only 49% of the harvest going into the Grand Vin, so not much wine was made. The harvest took place September 7-September 24. The first vintage with Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy calling the shots is a tremendous success! This is a contender for wine of the vintage."

98-100 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

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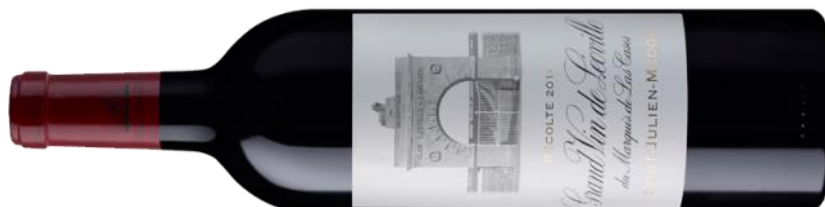
St-Julien

“Saint-Julien has a bevy of brilliant châteaux, and in 2020 the quality is consistent across the board.”

Jeb Dunnuck



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Le Petit Ducru de Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien	93-94 JS	£240 per 12 IB
Château Gloria	St-Julien Cru Bourgeois	94-95 JS	£317 per 12 IB
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JD	£358 per 12 IB
La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien	95 DC	£359 per 12 IB
Château Branaire-Ducru	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£372 per 12 IB
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien ('2nd' wine of Ch. L-Las-Cases)	94-95 JS	£225 per 6 IB
Château Saint Pierre	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£462 per 12 IB
Château Talbot	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95 DC	SOLD OUT
Château Beychevelle	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 JL	SOLD OUT
Château Gruaud Larose	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95 DC	£350 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Barton	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£365 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 JL	£432 per 6 IB
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£960 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Las-Cases	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£1188 per 6 IB



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**Le Petit Ducru
de Ducru-Beaucaillou 2020
St-Julien**



£240 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

**93-94 James Suckling
90-92 Jeff Leve**

**92 Decanter
89-90 Robert Parker**

90-92 Jeb Dunnuck

"The wine formerly known as Lalande-Borie. It has a supple texture right off the bat, just enough pencil lead, mocha, blackberries and savoury bilberry fruits to show a St-Julien signature. It has the dominant tannins of the vintage, but they are softened, this is plush through the mid palate with clear tightening on the finish. 30% new oak 3.68pH. A yield of 25hl/ha. Second vintage under this name and it remains a compelling choice in the appellation."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"A more Merlot-dominated wine from a handful of vineyards in Saint-Julien, the 2020 Le Petit Ducru De Ducru-Beaucaillou checks in as 78% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the remaining 4% Petit Verdot. Brought up in 30% new French oak, it has classic Saint-Julien cassis and darker berry fruits as well as beautiful tobacco, earth, and chocolate nuances, with classy background oak. It brings another level of purity, precision, and length and is a beautiful, classic Saint-Julien. While it's mostly Merlot, it has a very classic Saint-Julien style. It's billed as the third wine of the domaine, but it matches plenty of the estate's second wines."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

**Château Gloria 2020
St-Julien**



£317 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

**94-95 James Suckling
93-95 Neal Martin**

**93-95 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Antonio Galloni**

**92-94 Robert Parker
92-94 Jeff Leve**

"The 2020 Gloria has an intense nose of penetrating blackberry, raspberry, crushed violet and crushed stone aromas. After 20 minutes, this just blossoms in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, fine acidity and just a touch of espresso and orange peel toward the finish, which remains taught and focused. What a wonderful Gloria! This might actually surpass its sibling, Château St. Pierre, this year."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Playing in the same class as the 2016, 2018, and 2019, the 2020 Château Gloria reveals a vivid purple hue as well beautiful blue fruits intermixed with gravelly earth, graphite, and crushed stone. I was able to taste this on two separate occasions and it was brilliant both times, offering medium to full-bodied richness and a powerful yet weightless mouthfeel as well as silky tannins. It also has a terrific sense of freshness. It will drink well relatively young yet keep for two decades."

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Langoa-Barton 2020
St-Julien 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£358 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Neal Martin
93-95 Robert Parker

93-95 Jeff Leve
90-92 Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 Langoa Barton is an absolute delight. It offers the radiance of the year but in the mid-weight, understated style that is such a Langoa signature. Bright red cherry fruit, blood orange, mint, rose petal and cedar give the 2020 a whole range of bright aromas and flavors that bristle with energy. This is such a pretty wine."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 Langoa Barton has a really gorgeous, very pure bouquet of crushed violets infusing black cherry, blueberry and black plummy scents. The new oak seems a little more pronounced compared to recent vintages and yet it is in sync with the fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannins that disguise the structure underneath, the counterbalancing acidity line keeping everything focused and fresh. This is quite an audacious Langoa, and you what? It pulls it off."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

La Croix
Ducru-Beaucaillou 2020
St-Julien



£359 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
92-95 Jeb Dunnuck

95 Decanter
89-91 Robert Parker

92-94 Jeff Leve

"So much purity and definition, this is a beautiful wine with clarity of flavour. Touches of grilled almond and rosemary, mocha, smoke and coffee bean, there is so much freshness, with juice rushing in between the muscles and a mint leaf finish. 3.78pH, 60% new oak. Yields were 25-30hl/ha. In a year where second wines in the Médoc have sometimes suffered from over-concentration, La Croix de Beaucaillou is a standout success."

95 Pts Jané Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"The second wine of the estate is the 2020 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou, composed of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot brought up in 60% new French oak. It's a much more concentrated, structured wine offering classic cassis and blackberry fruits intermixed with notes of scorched earth, tobacco, graphite, and chocolate. Playing in the medium to full-bodied end of the spectrum, it has a great mid-palate as well as the vintage's rich, deep, powerful style. It's going to have some up-front appeal given its balance as well as the quality of the tannins, but this is a serious wine for reserving 2-4 years in the cellar, and it should easily have 15-20 years of prime drinking."

92-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

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FINE WINE

Château Branaire-Ducru 2020
St-Julien 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£372 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2040+
 Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

94-96 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Jeff Leve

92-94 Neal Martin
91-93+ Robert Parker

"The 2020 Branaire-Ducru is utterly magnificent. A wine of extraordinary depth and dimension, the 2020 possesses tremendous intensity right out of the gate. Inky dark fruit, chocolate, new leather, licorice, cloves and lavender build as into the explosive, palate-staining finish. I don't think I have ever tasted a Branaire quite like this."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 Branaire Ducru has a tightly wound bouquet of blackberry, wild hedgerow, freshly tilled loam and distinct sea spray scents, all well defined, albeit 15–20 minutes after opening my sample bottle. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, and very cohesive, displaying a keen thread of acidity. Unlike previous vintages, there is impressive density on the midpalate where it once was a little lean, and plenty of energy and tension conveyed by the finish. Excellent."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Clos du Marquis 2020
St-Julien



£225 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2038
 Arriving Spring 2023

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Robert Parker

94-95 James Suckling
93-95 Jeff Leve

92-94 Neal Martin
91-93+ Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 Clos du Marquis is composed of 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc, weighing in with an alcohol of 13.57%, a pH of 3.76 and an IPT (tannins index) of 84. The Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from the 26th to 29th of September, the Merlot from the 11th to the 16th of September and the Cabernet Franc from the 18th to the 29th of September. Deep purple-black in color, it bursts from the glass with flamboyant notes of crushed blackberries, ripe, juicy plums and blackcurrant pastilles, with suggestions of licorice, red roses and espresso. The medium-bodied palate is completely coated with perfumed black fruits, framed by firm, grainy tannins and bold freshness, finishing long and fragrant. Simply gorgeous!"

93-95 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"The 2020 Clos du Marquis was picked September 11–29 and matured in 40% new oak with 13.57° alcohol. This Saint-Julien displays copious blackberry and raspberry scents on the nose, intermingling with freshly rolled tobacco and subtle estuarine aromas. There is something almost... gentle about the aromatics. The palate is medium-bodied with satisfying sappiness on the entry that gets the saliva flowing. Quite classic in style, in keeping with the leitmotif of the vintage, this fans out toward the finish while retaining ample structure and a sense of linearity. This excellent Clos du Marquis brims over with breeding and should drink well for 20–30 years."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Saint Pierre 2020
St-Julien 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£462 per 12 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

95-96 James Suckling
94-96 Robert Parker

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Neal Martin
93-95 Jeff Leve

"The 2020 Saint-Pierre (Saint-Julien) is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. Inky, rich and explosive, the 2020 possesses magnificent intensity from start to finish. Crème de cassis, lavender, spice, chocolate, licorice, graphite and menthol infuse the 2020 with striking depth. The 2020 is heady and unctuous, but not at all overdone. It is one of my early favorites in this vintage, within its peer group. Tasted two times."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2021

"This is excellent, really the most gorgeous balance of power, with dark blueberry juicy fruits and lots of liquorice. Excellent balance and a seductive overall frame. Great stuff - the tannins are pretty fierce though, needs time, will reward ageing."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

Château Gruaud-Larose 2020
St-Julien
2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£350 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

95 Decanter

"Elegant yet driven with gentle power, nothing going overboard or trying too hard. This takes a beat, then it comes strongly - evident spice and flesh, full of raspberry, blueberry, blackcurrant pastille, fennel, hawthorn and liquorice. The tannins build up through the palate and press in on the final moments. Virginie Salette winemaker since 2017. A yield of 32hl/ha. Vinify at around 22-23°C, so an extremely low and slow extraction. Harvest was from September 14 to 29. A big shouldered St-Julien but with a wide nuance of flavours."

95 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Léoville-Barton 2020 St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£365 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045++
Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Antonio Galloni

95-97 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Robert Parker

95-97 Jeff Leve
94-96 Neal Martin

"Deep purple – almost blue – in color, the 2020 Château Léoville Barton offers up an exotic, vibrant, perfumed nose that carries loads of pure cassis fruit interwoven with violets, sappy green herbs, and floral aromatics. Rich, medium to full-bodied, and concentrated, this thick, chewy, powerful Saint-Julien has good acidity, building, firm, yet ripe tannins, and a great finish. My money is on this requiring 15 years to come anywhere close to maturity. It doesn't get any more classic Barton than this."

95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"The 2020 Léoville Barton was picked September 15–16 and matured in 70% new oak. It is one of the best vintages that I have encountered in barrel. Wow! This shoots from the glass with beautifully defined black fruit, mineral-rich aromas, pixelated with laser-like focus. The palate is medium-bodied with chiseled tannins, a perfect line of acidity, layers of vibrant, vivacious black fruit and a very persistent finish that is pure class. If you don't have this in your cellar, then there will be a Léoville Barton-shaped hole to fill."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Château Léoville-Poyferré 2020 St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£432 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
96-98 Jeff Leve

95-97 Robert Parker
95-97 Neal Martin

95-97 Antonio Galloni
95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck

"Cut from the same cloth as the 2016 with its focused, pure, yet concentrated style, the 2020 Château Léoville Poyferré reveals a dense purple color as well as ultra-classic notes of crème de cassis, graphite, toasted spice, and unsmoked tobacco. Rich and medium to full-bodied, it has brilliant mid-palate depth and ripe, velvety tannins, all making for a beautiful Saint-Julien that will benefit from 4-6 years of bottle age and shine for 30-40 years or more. Tasted three times."

95-97+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Silky, polished, lusciously textured and rich, the wine pops from the glass with incense, smoked berries, cherry blossoms, crème de cassis, tobacco leaf and blue fruit. Full-bodied, silky and opulently textured, this concentrated wine offers layers of deep, ripe fruits that simultaneously coat your palate, yet feel fresh and vibrant. The flamboyant, seamless finish builds in intensity as it expands on your palate."

96-98 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2020
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£960 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2023

95-97 Robert Parker
98 Decanter

98-99 James Suckling
97-99 Jeb Dunnuck

97-99 Jeff Leve

"The 2020 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon and 19% Merlot, aging for approximately 18 months in 100% new barriques. It has a pH of 3.83, 13.5% alcohol and an IPT (total polyphenol index) of 90. Opaque purple-black colored, the nose slowly unfurls to reveal tantalizing scents of crushed blackcurrants, wild blueberries and boysenberries, leading to suggestions of chocolate mint, star anise, red roses and unsmoked cigars with a waft of cedar chest. The medium-bodied palate delivers impactful, muscular black fruits with a firm frame of ripe, fine-grained tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and fragrant."

95-97 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"Really perfumed and complex with blackberries, blackcurrants and flowers. Gorgeous cabernet sauvignon character. Full-bodied with really fine, polished tannins. Superb length and intensity. Very compact and seamless. Ethereal. Just goes on and on."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

Château Léoville-Las-Cases
2020
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£1188 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
96-98 Neal Martin

96-98 Robert Parker
95-98 Antonio Galloni

96-98 Jeff Leve
95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck

"This is incredibly classic in style with so much currant, lead pencil, crushed stone and sweet tobacco. It's full-bodied with minerally, stoney and powerful tannins. It goes on and on. Real Las Cases here. Solid as a rock. Progresses to violet, graphite and licorice at the end."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2021

"The 2020 Léoville Las Cases comes across as a super-classic Saint-Julien that combines mid-weight structure of previous decades, with the greater textural finesse that has become the norm here in recent years. A shy introvert, the 2020 Las Cases won't impress with size or brawn as is often the case, but with a total sense of finesse. Readers with classically leaning palates will flip out over the 2020. I can't wait to watch it evolve, hopefully for many decades to come. It is certainly one of the standouts of the year at this point."

95-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

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FINE WINE

Margaux

“The appellation of Margaux is one of the success stories of 2020. Given its expanse and heterogeneous terroirs, it tends to be inconsistent, but this year when Margaux hits the sweet spot, it is very sweet indeed.”

Neal Martin



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Labégorce	Margaux Cru Bourgeois	93-95 JD	£235 per 12 IB
Château Siran	Margaux Cru Bourgeois	93-94 JS	£246 per 12 IB
Château Prieuré Lichine	Margaux 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£305 per 12 IB
Château Marquis d'Alesme	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JL	£160 per 6 IB
Château Kirwan	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Cantenac-Brown	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£412 per 12 IB
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£246 per 6 IB
Château Malescot-St-Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	SOLD OUT
Château d'Issan	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£253 per 6 IB
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 JL	£300 per 6 IB
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux (2nd Wine of Ch. Palmer)	93 DC	£303 per 6 IB
Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	SOLD OUT
Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux	Margaux (2nd wine of Ch. Margaux)	96-97 JS	£828 per 6 IB
Château Palmer	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	97 DC	£1440 per 6 IB
Château Margaux	Margaux 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£3100 per 6 IB



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FINE WINE

Château Labégorce 2020 Margaux Cru Bourgeois



£235 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

93-95 Jeff Leve
92-93 James Suckling

93-95 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Neal Martin

93 Decanter
91-93 Antonio Galloni

"I continue to love the wines from this estate in Margaux, and the 2020 Château Labégorce is no exception. Rock star crème de cassis, graphite, roasted herbs, iron, and loamy earth nuances all define the bouquet, and it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a relatively soft, plush, forward style, good mid-palate density, and wonderful purity of fruit. It's going to benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age and drink nicely for 15-20 years. It should be a terrific value as well."
93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Deeply colored, the wine pops with cigar box, truffle, cedar, currants, licorice and spice on the nose. Full-bodied, rich, lush, intense, long and energetic, the round, attention seeking finish lingers with its layers of ripe, fresh, showy, blackberries and chocolate notes. Today, it is hard to find a better wine for the money in the ever-increasingly expensive Margaux appellation. Give it 5-7 years in the cellar and enjoy it over the following two decades."
93-95 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

Château Siran 2020 Margaux



£246 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

92-94 Neal Martin
91-93 Antonio Galloni

93 Decanter
90-92 Robert Parker

"The 2020 Siran was picked from September 16 to October 3 with an average yield of 36hl/ha, and matured in a prudent 35% new oak. It has a superb bouquet of vibrant black cherries, blueberry and violet scents on the nose – one that could only come from this appellation. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent but firm tannins, a crisp line of acidity and beautifully integrated oak. This is very cohesive and offers impressive salinity on the finish. Best Siran to date? I think so."
92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Incense, spice, oak, licorice, spearmint, smoke and red fruits peek through the perfume with ease. From there, the wine is plush and polished round and supple with layers of sweet, ripe fruits, spice and earthy nuances. Give this 7-8 years of cellaring and pop a cork on the best value in the Margaux appellation today."
92-94 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com, May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Prieuré Lichine 2020
Margaux
4ème Grand Cru Classé



£305 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

95-96 James Suckling
91-93 Robert Parker

93-95 Jeff Leve
91-93 Neal Martin

91-94 Antonio Galloni
93 Decanter

"This is really something with pure blackberry and blueberry character. Chewy yet ultra fine tannins. It goes on and on. Could challenge the great 2016."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The ruby/purple-hued 2020 Château Prieure-Lichine offers a medium to full-bodied, plush, layered style that carries beautiful red and blue fruits, notes of sandalwood and flowery incense, outstanding overall balance, ripe tannins, and a great finish."

91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château Marquis d'Alesme 2020
Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé



£160 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve

94 Decanter
92-94 Robert Parker

93-95 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Antonio Galloni

"Another gem of an estate in Margaux that should be on everyone's radar is Château Marquis D'Alesme. Their 2020 offers wonderful purity as well as notes of cassis, darker berries, violets, and toasted spice, with a touch of chocolaty oak in the background. More medium-bodied, beautifully textured, and fruit-loaded, it has terrific tannins (especially for this vintage), notable mid-palate density, and loads of charm. It's well worth seeking out in the vintage."

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Violets, lilacs, cherry pipe tobacco, plums, currants, spice and blackberry aromatics fill the perfume. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, round, juicy, fresh and rich, with layers of perfectly ripe, silky, plums, cherries, currants, espresso and spice. The luxurious, rich finish hits all the right notes as it lingers on your palate."

94-96 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Cantenac-Brown 2020
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£412 per 12 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
94-97 Antonio Galloni

94-96 Neal Martin
94-96 Jeff Leve

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
93 Decanter

"The 2020 Cantenac Brown is an outrageously beautiful wine. Ample, vertical and soaring in its intensity, the 2020 is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. Punchy red berry fruit, lavender, spice, mint and rose petal abound. What I like most about the 2020 is the way it balances fruit intensity with vibrancy and energy. Cantenac Brown is shaping up to be one of the wines of the vintage."

94-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 Cantenac Brown, cropped at 36hl/ha, has quite a precocious bouquet of macerated small black cherries, blueberry, touches of cassis and violet, all very generous and seductive in style. The palate is beautifully balanced and extremely pure, offering succulent ripe tannins, perfectly judged acidity and layers of blueberry, Dorset plum, crushed stone and light graphite notes toward the finish, which has just the right amount of salinity. This is a sophisticated and quite cerebral Margaux in a series of excellent recent releases from the estate. Highly recommended."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Château Giscours 2020
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£246 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
95-97 Jeff Leve

95 Decanter
93-95 Neal Martin

93-95 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

"Deeply colored, the nose kicks off with an intensive display of flowers, truffle, cigar box, cedar, red and black currants, lead pencil and savory herbs. Full-bodied, silky, sensuous, rich and vibrant, the layers of black, red and blue velvety, spicy fruits hit everything just right. There is a beautiful purity to the fruit and symmetry on the palate. The sexy finish goes on and on as it lingers and expands. The wine blends 56% Cabernet Sauvignon with 44% Merlot, 13.5% ABV. Picking took place September 8, October 2. Yields were only 36 hectoliters per hectare."

95-97 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

"This is an excellent Giscours, extremely precise, well drawn and seductive. There is both concentration and spice, and a vivid sappy feel to the raspberry and bilberry fruits, all drawn out through the palate as the slate texture kicks in. Plenty of things to keep track on here, not least that this is now the only estate in Margaux owned by the Albada family, as they have sold du Tertre. The focus is now entirely on Giscours, and I would expect to see a concerted effort to raise the visibility of the property. Changes include Thomas Duclos as consultant since 2019, and vineyard choices such as intra-plot harvesting, meaning going in waves through the plots picking individual vines when they are at full ripeness. Plus, Jerome Poisson is the new technical director (a French Canadian, who worked in Napa, Italy, Chile, Cognac and Alsace), replacing Lorenzo Pasquini. 50% new oak for ageing. A yield of 35hl/ha."

95 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château d'Issan 2020
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£253 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2040
 Arriving Spring 2023

97-98 James Suckling
96 Decanter

94-96 Jeff Leve
93-95 Antonio Galloni

93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Château d'Issan, picked from September 17 to October 2 and blended in early January, then matured in 50% new oak, has a beautiful and very pure bouquet of blackberry, blueberry and light cranberry notes intertwined with crushed stone and subtle potpourri and violet scents, all wonderfully focused and exquisitely defined. The palate is medium-bodied with gentle but insistent grip on the entry. The tannins are very chiseled and the acidity lends plenty of tension that is palpable from start to finish. This is a sophisticated Margaux in the making, full of breeding and class."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"The 2020 d'Issan is the first vintage that incorporates Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec to complement the traditional Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in the blend. Pretty floral and savory accents complement a core of ripe red/purplish berry fruit. Medium in body and vibrant, with superb persistence, Issan is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. The purity of the flavors is striking. Harvest took place over three weeks between September 17 through October 2, which is only about a week earlier than normal, so not that displaced relative to what was the norm in much of Bordeaux. Tasted three times."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

Château Brane-Cantenac 2020
Margaux 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£300 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2045
 Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Neal Martin
96-98 Jeff Leve

94 Decanter
94-96 Antonio Galloni

"Blackberry liqueur, creme de cassis, violets, tobacco leaf and earthy nuances create the attention seeking nose. Dark in color, with equally dark, palate-coating fruits with layers of velvet-textured, sensuous, sexy, deep red berries. The fruits display a majestic sense of purity. The elegant, silky finish remains with you for close to 60 seconds, expanding and building in intensity. This is a wow wine that fans of the estate should run, not walk and buy as soon as its offered. The wine blends 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot and 1% Carmenere 13.7% ABV pH 3.71. The harvest took place September 14-September 28."

96-98 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

"Extremely floral and beautiful with blackberry and blackcurrant aromas that follow through to a full body with a solid core of fruit and loads of dark fruit, sweet tobacco, bark and earth. Chewy, fine tannins. Perhaps the best of the trilogy years."

96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Alter Ego de Château Palmer
2020
Margaux**



£303 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2023

93 Decanter

17+ Jancis Robinson

94 Jean-Marc Quarin

"Chocolate shavings and smoked coffee bean on the nose, it's a vintage where you can't get away from the tannins, but here they have sinew and juice, like the best translation of the tannins in the year. This has real purity of fruit (very low SO2 addition at Palmer), together with the gourmet touch that you want in Alter Ego. 45% of overall production. 3.73pH. Survived mildew better than in 2018 because of experience in dealing with the conditions. August 15 to 29 for the harvest. A yield of 31hl/ha."

93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com, May 2021

"Very much in the Alter Ego mould – lively, fruit-driven with that vineyard-fresh feel but with a little more structure than previous years. Pure and appetising but will age."

17+ Pts James Lawther, Jancis Robinson.com April 2021

**Pavillon Rouge du
Château Margaux 2020
Margaux**



£828 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

**96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve**

**94 Decanter
92-94 Robert Parker**

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Neal Martin**

"Blackberry and graphite with dark fruit and violets on the nose. Very complex. Full-bodied with lovely, fine tannins that are lightly chewy. Extremely long and polished. Really refined. Integrated tannins. Wonderful length."

96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The 2020 Pavillon Rouge is composed of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. The alcohol weighs in at 13.6%. Deep purple-black in color, the nose slowly unfurls to reveal gorgeous floral notes of lilacs and red roses, leading to a core of blackcurrant cordial, Morello cherries and minted blackberries, plus wafts of crushed rocks, forest floor and tilled loam. The medium to full-bodied palate is a mouthful of pure vinous seduction, slowly releasing layers of perfumed black fruits and mineral accents within a frame of achingly plush tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with epic length and a whole array of fragrant earth sparks."

92-94 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Palmer 2020
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£1440 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2023

97 Decanter

18+ Jancis Robinson

98 Jean-Marc Quarin

"Vivid colours, and the aromatics grab hold straight away. This is intense and concentrated, elegant, balanced and classical, all about the texture which is velvety and seductive with softly-grained tannins. Moves oh so slowly through the palate with dozens of layers to get hold of. The overall feel is precise, slow and seductive, with appellation and estate signature at every turn. Sappy, hawthorn freshness, rosemary, redcurrant, tobacco, cigar box and dark chocolate shavings on the finish. 3.77pH, 78IPT, 55% of overall production, with 13% press wine."

97 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com April 2019

"The Merlot provides the broad sweep and touch of sweetness on entry, the Cabernet the fine but punchy tannins that drive the wine. Lots of life and persistence, the tannins fine-grained and fresh. Clear potential. (JL)"

18+ Pts James Lawther, Jancis Robinson.com April 2021

Château Margaux 2020
Margaux 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£3100 per 6 IB
Drink to 2055
Arriving Spring 2023

99-100 James Suckling
98-100 Jeff Leve

98-100 Decanter
97-99 Robert Parker

97-99 Neal Martin
97-99 Antonio Galloni

"A stunning, riveting wine, the 2020 Margaux is classic as classic gets. Racy, elegant and super-refined, the 2020 possesses magnificent balance. Inky red/purplish fruit, lavender, rose petal, spice and bright mineral notes build as this super-expressive Margaux builds over time in the glass. The 2020 is not an obvious wine, but then again Château Margaux rarely is. I love the energy and vibrancy here. Margaux is very clearly one of the wines of the vintage in 2020. It's a tremendous effort from the team led by Estate Manager Philippe Bascaules."

97-99 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

The purity of the fruit in the nose is striking. From there you move to notes of allspice, tobacco, roses, truffle, smoke, roasted plums, cherries and currants. Incredibly sensuous, silky and fresh, the fruit literally coats your palate with layers of velvet and silk textured berries. Intensely concentrated, weightless and effortless to drink, the wine seamlessly glides across your senses and holds with you for at least 60 seconds. This is a prodigious vintage of Chateau Margaux. The product of an early vintage, picking took place September 10 to September, 30. Yields were 36 hectoliters per hectare, with the Grand Vin produced from only 36% of the crop. The wine blends 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc, 13.5% ABV, 3.68 Ph.

98-100 Pts Jeff Leve TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Graves & Pessac-Léognan Reds

"[Haut-Bailly]'s greatness highlights the fantastic quality of the vintage but also the high quality of wines from the (Pessac-Léognan) appellation. It could be my favorite region for 2020. A number of other estates in the appellation have made some incredible quality wines, including Haut-Brion, Smith-Haut-Lafitte, La Mission Haut-Brion, Pape Clement, and Les Carmes-Haut-Brion."

James Suckling



Wine

Château La Garde
Château de Fieuzal
Château Malartic-Lagravière
Domaine de Chevalier
Château Pape-Clément
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte
Château Haut-Bailly
Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion
Le Clarence de Haut-Brion
Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Château Haut-Brion

AOC

Pessac-Léognan
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé
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Pessac-Léognan 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score

Price

91-92 JS £162 per 12 IB
94 DC £304 per 12 IB
94-96 NM £347 per 12 IB
96-98 JL £283 per 6 IB
96-98 RP £376 per 6 IB
99-100 JS **SOLD OUT**
99-100 JS £576 per 6 IB
98-100 JD £640 per 6 IB
96-97 JS £720 per 6 IB
97-99 RP £1512 per 6 IB
99-100 JS £2598 per 6 IB



LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château La Garde 2020
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru
Classé



£162 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

91-92 James Suckling
88-90 Robert Parker

91 Decanter
89-91 Jeb Dunnuck

90-92 Neal Martin
89-91 Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 La Garde is a heady, exuberant wine. Inky black fruit, chocolate, spice, new leather, licorice and charcoal blast across the palate. This bold, potent Pessac-Léognan has a ton to offer. The juicy, substantial finish is quite attractive."
89-91 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, June 2021

"Sappy; a little coffee edged, this is good and measured, with cassis. Easy to drink, powers down as these are pretty concentrated flavours for this estate - a reflection of the vintage."
91 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com, May 2021

Château de Fieuzal 2020
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru
Classé



£304 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2023

94 Decanter
92-94 Robert Parker

93-94 James Suckling
91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Jeff Leve
85-87 Neal Martin

"Starting off slightly earthy, the 2020 Château De Fieuzal opens up nicely with time in the glass, developing more scorched earth, graphite, and currant and darker berry-like fruits. Elegant, medium to full-bodied, and lively on the palate, it has the purity and freshness that seem prevalent in all the top wines in this vintage, terrific mid-palate depth, and ripe, polished tannins. I was able to taste this wine on multiple occasions, and it was consistently outstanding."
91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Deep purple-black in color, the 2020 de Fieuzal sashays out of the glass with scents of black cherry compote, blackcurrant pastilles and baked plums, plus hints of violets, dark chocolate, powdered cinnamon and dried mint. The medium to full-bodied palate is chock-full of juicy black fruits, framed by wonderfully velvety tannins and just enough freshness, finishing on an uplifting mineral note."
92-94 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Malartic-Lagravière
2020 Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£347 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2040
 Arriving Spring 2023

94-96 Neal Martin
93-95 Antonio Galloni

94-95 James Suckling
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Robert Parker
94 Decanter

"The 2020 Malartic Lagravière, whose picking was completed on September 24, before the rains, has a bright, vivid nose of mineral-infused red fruit mixed with hints of blueberry and cassis. Very focused and precise, this is an aromatically sophisticated Pessac-Léognan. The palate is medium-bodied with graphite-tinged black fruit, hints of wild mint coming through, and lively and tensile toward the finish. This is one of the best vintages of Malartic Lagravière that I have encountered out of bottle. Ignore at your peril."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Concentration and intensity to the cassis and bilberry fruits. Well expressed, carefully extracted and there is good balance with a crushed mint freshness on the finish. Really starts to show subtle floral edging with time in the glass. It has a silky texture and a finessed fresh core that holds interest from beginning to end. Another successful year at this estate. Tasted twice, and this is one of the successes of the appellation. A yield of 26hl/ha (24hl/ha Cabernets, 28l/ha Merlots) compared to 46hl/ha last year. 65% new oak, harvest from 9 to 24 September. Second year with Eric Boissenot as consultant."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

Domaine de Chevalier 2020
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£283 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2045+
 Arriving Spring 2023

96-98 Jeff Leve
96-97 James Suckling

95-97+ Robert Parker
95-97 Antonio Galloni

95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Neal Martin

"Dark in color, the wine pops with notes of Cuban cigars, smoke, black currants, flowers, blackberries, forest leaf and an intriguing hint of orange rind at the end of the nose. Full-bodied, plush, polished and well-defined, every layer offers nuance with silk and velvet textures. There is lift, energy, volume and depth on the palate, finishing with waves of dark red currants, creme de cassis, tobacco leaf, blackberry, savory herbs and a gentle wisp of spearmint on the backend. It is going to be quite a treat comparing 2018, 2019 and 2020 over the years. I am certain this will age and evolve for at least 3 decades or more from here."

96-98 Pts Jeff Leve, Thewinecellarinsider.com May 2021

"The 2020 Domaine de Chevalier is going to need a number of years to unwind. Rich, heady and super-concentrated, the 2020 is so impressive, right out of the gate. Crushed rocks, rose petal, cedar, pomegranate and mint all build as the 2020 shows off its vibrant, layered personality. Domaine de Chevalier remains one of the most under the radar wines in all of Bordeaux. The 2020 is an absolutely brilliant effort from Olivier Bernard and his team. Tasted two times."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Pape-Clément 2020 Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé



£376 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

97-99 Jeb Dunnuck
97-98 James Suckling

96-98 Robert Parker
95-97 Antonio Galloni

95-97 Neal Martin
95-97 Jeff Leve

"Ranking with the top wines of the vintage, the dense purple-hued 2020 Château Pape Clément offers a sensational bouquet of pure crème de cassis interwoven with notes of liquid violets and classy oak. Possessing flawless balance, full-bodied richness, and ultra-fine tannins, it excels in this vintage and has a pretty, elegant, yet also layered and concentrated profile. It will drink well with just short-term cellaring yet evolve gracefully for 20-30 years. I was able to taste this on multiple occasions, and it always checked in near the upper end of the scale. This is a gorgeous wine in the making."

97-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"The 2020 Pape Clément is so impressive. Red cherry, plum, cedar, mint, tobacco, blood orange and rose petal all build as the 2020 opens in the glass. Vibrant and beautifully delineated, the 2020 has a ton to offer. The 2020 exudes purity, energy and breathtaking balance. It is one of the finest recent vintages I can remember tasting."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

Château Haut-Bailly 2020 Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé



£576 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

99-100 James Suckling
97-99 Jeff Leve

96-98+ Robert Parker
96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Antonio Galloni
95-97 Neal Martin

"This has incredible power and drive with blackberry, black olive and graphite. It's full-bodied, yet dynamic and agile, with so much polished and muscular tannin. Yet, it remains in harmony and balance. So much character. The head of the chateau calls it diabolical beauty. 25% less production than the 2019. 52% cabernet sauvignon, 42% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot."

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2021

"A legendary Haut-Bailly in the making, the 2020 sports a dense purple color to go with powerful notes of blackcurrants, black cherries, scorched earth, and graphite. Reminding me of the 2010, it takes plenty of air to show at its best yet is full-bodied, has a seamless texture, massive of ultra-fine tannins, and a blockbuster of a finish. It's one of the most structured, powerful Haut-Bailly I've ever tasted, yet it still has the classic elegance, nuance, and length of this terrific terroir. It will need 5-7 years (or more) of bottle age but will have 50 years of overall longevity. The 2020 is 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, and 3% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot."

96-98+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion
2020
Pessac-Léognan



£640 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2045
 Arriving Spring 2023

97-98 James Suckling
96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

96-98 Jeff Leve
95-97+ Robert Parker

95-97+ Antonio Galloni
94-96 Neal Martin

"On another level, the flagship 2020 Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion is one heck of a dense, backward, concentrated wine that's going to require bottle age. Coming in with the same technical analysis (acidity and alcohol) as the 2018, this full-bodied beauty offers a thrilling nose of blackcurrants, smoked tobacco, charcoal, and gravelly earth. Full-bodied on the palate, with a terrific mid-palate and wonderful purity, it holds things close to its vest yet has flawless balance, impeccable purity, and just a great, lengthy finish. Nevertheless, this is one big bruiser of a wine that's going to demand bottle age. Do your best to hide bottles for 7-8 years, count yourself lucky, and enjoy over the following three to four decades."

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2020 Les Carmes Haut-Brion issues forth a beguiling array of savory scents—black olives, charcuterie, bouquet garni and Sichuan pepper—over a core of bright redcurrant jelly, black cherries and cassis scents, plus fragrant hints of rose petals and preserved mandarin peel. The medium-bodied palate is refreshing and elegantly styled yet with a rock-solid backbone of firm, finely grained tannins and bags of freshness, finishing long and perfumed. This is a stunning expression of the vintage that should be long lived and age with fantastic grace."

95-97+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

Le Clarence de Haut-Brion 2020
Pessac-Léognan



£720 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2040
 Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Neal Martin

91-93+ Robert Parker
91-93 Antonio Galloni

"Forest leaf, cigar box, herbs, flowers, cherry pipe tobacco, forest scents and spice nuances start off the perfume. On the palate the wine is juicy, silky, fresh and vibrant with layers of fresh, sweet, vibrant, polished red fruits that linger. Elegance is the keyword here. This is probably the finest vintage of Le Clarence de Haut Brion ever produced. It is a great example of a baby Haut Brion. Enjoy this for the next 10-15 years while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop."

94-96 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

"The second wine of Château Haut-Brion, the 2020 Le Clarence De Haut-Brion is certainly a gem and well worth seeking out. Offering loads of red cherry and currant-like fruit, this medium to full-bodied, concentrated beauty has lots of graphite, fresh stone, and tobacco aromatics, beautiful mid-palate depth, outstanding length, and ripe, polished tannins. It has everything you look for from this region, all in a character-filled, up-front, undeniably delicious style that should evolve gracefully for over two decades."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

**Château La Mission Haut-Brion
2020
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£1512 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

**97-99 Neal Martin
97-99 Robert Parker**

**97-99 Jeff Leve
98 Decanter**

**97-98 James Suckling
96-98 Antonio Galloni**

"The 2020 La Mission Haut-Brion is a gorgeous, elegant wine. Silky and pliant, La Mission is all finesse. Fine tannins lend energy as the 2020 gradually opens with some coaxing. Today, the flavors are remarkably primary, and yet the 2020 is so persistent, so elegant. Hints of cedar, tobacco, gravel and dried herbs add aromatic complexity, but the 2020 is a mere infant. I can't wait to watch it grow up. There is a bit of new oak that needs to integrate, but nothing élevage can't take care of."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 La Mission Haut-Brion was picked September 7–29. It has a very intense and beautifully defined bouquet of blackberry, wild strawberry, wilted violet petals and hints of orange blossom. It unfolded with aeration as I examined it side-by-side against its neighbor over the course of an hour. The exquisitely balanced palate is lightly spiced on the entry and segues into a very structured midpalate that frames the weight of pixelated black fruit. That spicy theme continues and is exaggerated toward a finish that fans out wonderfully. This is a less alcoholic La Mission Haut-Brion compared to recent vintages, a bit "cooler" and streamlined, yet no less intense and satisfying. An enthralling wine in the making from Jean-Philippe Delmas and his team."

97-99 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

**Château Haut-Brion 2020
Pessac-Léognan
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé**



£2598 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2023

**98-100 Robert Parker
98-100 Jeff Leve**

**99-100 James Suckling
97-99 Antonio Galloni**

**98-100 Jeb Dunnuck
96-98 Neal Martin**

"The 2020 Haut-Brion is a blend of 42.8% Merlot, 39.7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17.5% Cabernet Franc, harvested from 7th to 29th September, with an estimated alcohol of 15% and a pH of 3.8. Opaque purple-black colored, it leaps from the glass with a first wave of vibrant black raspberries, ripe blackberries and mulberries scents, followed by a powerful core of warm cassis, dark chocolate and violets, before bursting into an array of crushed rocks, iron ore, tree bark and black truffles notes. The concentrated, densely packed, full-bodied palate is not in the least bit heavy, delivering a refreshing backbone of red berry and dried herbs suggestions, framed by seamless acidity and very finely grained tannins, finishing on an epically long, fragrant earth note. Simply stunning."

98-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"This is a superb Haut-Brion with incredible tannins that are wonderfully fine-grained. It's really powerful. This is very primary with so much grape-generated tannin structure. Very, very long, going on for minutes. Seductive and friendly at the start and then takes you on at the finish with so much structure. Wine of the vintage?"

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Other Left Bank Reds

"A beautifully constructed young Bordeaux."

James Suckling on Chasse-Spleen 2020



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Lanessan	Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois	92-93 JS	£120 per 12 IB
Château Sénéjac	Haut-Médoc	92-93 JS	£125 per 12 IB
Château Mauvesin-Barton	Moulis-en-Médoc	92 DC	£150 per 12 IB
Château Potensac	Haut-Médoc	93-94 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Belgrave	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£222 per 12 IB
Château Chasse-Spleen	Moulis-en-Médoc	94-95 JS	SOLD OUT
Château La Tour Carnet	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£268 per 12 IB
Château La Lagune	Haut-Médoc 3ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£324 per 12 IB



LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Lanessan 2020 Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois



£120 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling
90-92 Jeff Leve

92 Decanter
90-92 Antonio Galloni

90-92 Neal Martin

"Very beautiful, fine-tannined red with blackberry and blueberry character. Lovely chocolate and hazelnut undertones. Fine tannins. Fresh finish."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The 2020 Lanessan is impressive, to say the least. Dark, layered and mysterious, the 2020 packs serious punch, the blackberry jam, incense, scorched earth and leather all melding together. I especially admire the wine's depth and textural intensity. Beautifully done."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

Château Sénéjac 2020 Haut-Médoc



£125 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling

87-89 Neal Martin

84-86 Robert Parker

"Rather seductive Senejac with blackcurrant and chocolate character, as well as some walnuts and dried flowers. It's medium-bodied with a solid core of fruit and a long, flavorful finish. Nice balance. Consistent in the trilogy."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The 2020 Senejac has a strong marine/seaweed nose that takes time to settle in the glass. Touches of black olive emerge with time, nicely defined and full of personality. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, quite edgy tannins on the entry, and graphite-infused black fruit dominates. Earthy and classic in style toward the conclusion. This is a decent, traditional Haut-Médoc, though it needs to fill out on the finish."

87-89 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Château Mauvesin-Barton 2020 Moulis-en-Médoc



£150 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2023

92 Decanter

89-91 Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 Mauvesin Barton is silky, gracious and full of charm. Sweet floral aromatics and bright red berry fruit give this midweight, understated Moulis tons of immediacy and appeal. Such a pretty wine."

89-91 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"Melanie Barton has now been in charge at Mauvesin-Barton for 10 years, and there is a real feeling of the wine having found its voice - a gentle, fruit-forward Moulis with finesse if not a huge amount of power. Delicate with vibrancy, plenty of blackberry fruits with well-defined but soft tannins, they have really done a great job in the vintage, a value pick and I can't remember tasting a better example of this wine during en primeur. They suffered badly from frost in 2021."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Belgrave 2020
Haut-Médoc
5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£222 per 12 IB
Drink to 2034+
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling
91 Tim Atkin

90-92 Jeff Leve
88-90 Antonio Galloni

91 Decanter
86-88 Neal Martin

"Sappy and muscular black fruits here, you really get the impression that the tannins and colour components in the grapes have been searched for and gently coaxed out. Tobacco leaf and redcurrant aromatics arrive that show the fruits are not as exuberant as in some years, but this has been well handled and carefully balanced. 32% new oak for ageing."
91 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com, May 2021

"Very pretty and fresh with blackberry and blueberry aromas. Some flowers, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with round, polished tannins and a vivid finish."
92-93 Pts James Suckling, James Suckling.com, May 2021

Château La Tour Carnet 2020
Haut-Médoc
5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£268 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2023

91-93 Robert Parker
91 Decanter

92-93 James Suckling
91-93 Jeff Leve

91-93 Neal Martin
88-90 Antonio Galloni

"The 2020 La Tour Carnet has a wonderful bouquet of finely honed blackberry and briar scents plus touches of crushed rock and cedar, one of the most sophisticated that I have encountered from Bernard Magrez's Haut-Médoc at this stage. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp, slightly chalky tannins, fine balance and good weight and focus on the finish. This is well worth seeking out as it is often released at a consumer-friendly price."
91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"They have done a good job of carefully working the extraction so that the tannins are abundant but not bitter, and the fruit is savoury, with layers of redcurrant and raspberry alongside some hawthorn character. Expertly handled, lovely appealing aromatics, but things finish a little abruptly. A yield of 30hl/ha. 12 months ageing. Harvest September 22 to October 2."
93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE

WINE

Château La Lagune 2020
Haut-Médoc
3ème Grand Cru Classé



£324 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
93 Decanter

92-94 Robert Parker
92-94 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Jeff Leve
91-93 Neal Martin

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2020 La Lagune strides confidently out of the glass with bold, fantastically pure black fruit notes of crushed black plums, ripe blackcurrants and juicy blackberries, plus hints of tar, dried Provence herbs, star anise and smoked meats, with a hint of black truffles. The medium-bodied palate delivers tightly wound, bright, crunchy black fruits with plenty of freshness and an approachable, grainy texture, finishing long with loads of earthy and herbal sparks."

92-94 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"The 2020 La Lagune is a real standout. Intense, soaring aromatics give this racy Haut-Médoc tons of allure. Graphite, dried herbs, leather, menthol and licorice explode from the glass. A wine of unreal dimension, pedigree and class, the La Lagune is simply lights out in 2020. Time in the glass brings out gorgeous red/purplish fruit intermingled with sweet floral notes that add striking inner perfume."

92-94 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

St-Emilion & Satellites

"A highly successful vintage in St-Emilion, with some of the wines of the vintage, particularly on clay-limestone soils. "

Jane Anson, Decanter



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Peymouton	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-93 JS	£145 per 12 IB
Château Laroze	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£184 per 12 IB
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-96 RP	SOLD OUT
Château Haut-Brisson	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94-95 JS	£228 per 12 IB
Château Moulin Saint Georges	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94 DC	£275 per 12 IB
Château Tour Saint Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	95-97 JL	£276 per 12 IB
Château Croix Canon	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£290 per 12 IB
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-97 JL	SOLD OUT
Petit Figeac	St-Emilion Grand Cru	-	£216 per 6 IB
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£432 per 12 IB
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château La Serre	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94-96 JD	£225 per 6 IB
Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 JL	£258 per 6 IB
Château La Gaffelière	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	SOLD OUT
Château Trottevieille	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Larcis-Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JL	SOLD OUT
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 RP	£347 per 6 IB
Château Troplong-Mondot	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£432 per 6 IB
Château Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-98 RP	£470 per 6 IB
Château Canon	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 RP	SOLD OUT
Château Beausejour D.-Lagarrosse	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	£540 per 6 IB
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 DC	£725 per 6 IB
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JL	SOLD OUT
Château Angélus	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 RP	SOLD OUT
Château Pavie	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Cheval-Blanc	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 DC	SOLD OUT
Château Ausone	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 DC	SOLD OUT

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Peymouton 2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£145 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling
88-90 Neal Martin

90 Decanter
91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

88-90 Antonio Galloni

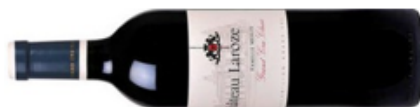
"The 2020 Peymouton is soft, supple and easygoing, all of which make it an excellent choice for drinking with just a few years in bottle. Silky tannins wrap around a core of black cherry, plum, espresso, leather and spice. The 2020 is not especially complex, but it is impeccably balanced and a real joy to taste."

88-90 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"Lots of brambly red and black fruits as well as leafy herbs and tobacco define the bouquet of the 2020 Château Peymouton. Medium-bodied, it has a nicely concentrated, rich, yet focused mouthfeel that brings plenty of tannins. Made by the team of Jean-Pierre Moueix and from a vineyard near Château Laroque, on the eastern, cooler side of Saint-Emilion, it will need 3-5 years of bottle age and keep for 10-15."

91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château Laroze 2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£184 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling
93 Decanter

92-94 Jeff Leve
91-93 Antonio Galloni

91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2020 Laroze is dark and supple, offering dark cherry, plum, mocha, rose petal and cedar. Soft and open-knit, with gentle curves and silky tannins, Laroze has a ton to offer. Best of all, it will drink well with minimal cellaring."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The 2020 Château Laroze should be outstanding, and it excels in the vintage. Giving up pretty notes of red and blue fruits as well as cedary spice and flowers, it's medium-bodied and has a nicely textured mouthfeel, light tannins, and impeccable balance. It's another wine that has good richness while just gliding over the palate with no sensation of weight."

91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Haut-Brisson 2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£228 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
90-92 Robert Parker

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94+ Antonio Galloni

91-93 Jeff Leve
91-93 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Haut-Brisson is deep, fleshy and totally seductive. Inky dark fruit, plum, chocolate, leather, gravel and cloves all build as this sumptuous, opulent Saint-Émilion shows off its curves. Flamboyant and silky, the 2020 is wonderfully immediate but also has the energy to drink well for a number of years to come. This is one of the most pure, vibrant Haut-Brissons I can remember tasting."

92-94+ Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"Checking in as 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the 2020 Château Haut-Brisson brings some serious fruit, offering a monster nose of chocolate-covered blueberries, iron, tobacco, and candied violet aromas and flavors. Rich and full-bodied, it has ripe tannins and outstanding length. It pushes on the ripeness scale, yet I've no doubt it's going to show more freshness and elegance from bottle."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château Moulin Saint Georges
2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£275 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

94 Decanter

"So full of deeply-drawn berry fruit, fresh and juicy with touches of liquorice bud and rosemary, thirst quenching and yet thirst inducing in that amazing way that limestone can both refresh and make you thirst for more at the same time. An excellent Moulin St Georges, and such a step up from the more sandy soils that you find at Fonbel and the two Simard estates in this year's range of Vauthier-owned wines that this alone can help you understand how to navigate 2020."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Tour Saint Christophe
2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru**



£276 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

**95-96 James Suckling
95-97 Jeff Leve**

**93-96 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95+ Antonio Galloni**

**93-95 Robert Parker
91-93 Neal Martin**

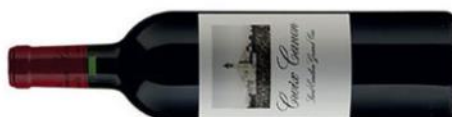
"A wine I continue to buy in every vintage, the 2020 Château Tour Saint-Christophe looks to be another no-brainer for the Saint-Emilion lovers out there. Coming from a gorgeous, terraced vineyard on the eastern side of the appellation and based on 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, it has a perfumed, elegant, pure style in its darker cherry and cassis fruits as well as classic cedarwood, earth, and forest floor aromatics. Medium to full-bodied, balanced, and just beautiful on the palate, with terrifically integrated acidity and tannins, it's going to round into form nicely with just short-term bottle age and have two decades of prime drinking. This wine is still resting in 40% new French oak and has an alcohol of 14.7% with a pH of 3.6."

93-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"Deep, and dark in color, and equally dark and deep in its fruit, the nose pops with perfectly ripe dark red and black fruits, licorice, smoke, cherry blossoms, crushed rocks and stones. The wine has depth, sensuality, luscious textures and layers of ripe, opulent fruits. The finish lingers with layers of black and red fruits with dark chocolate that feel as good as they taste. This could be the finest vintage of Tour Sant Christophe ever produced, and that is really saying something. The wine is made from blending 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc. You can age for 20-25 years. Or if you like, you can also enjoy this on the young side."

95-97 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

**Château Croix Canon 2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé**



£290 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

**95-96 James Suckling
90-92 Robert Parker**

93 Decanter

89-91 Antonio Galloni

"A fantastic second wine with a dense center palate of tight, racy tannins and dark fruit. Spicy and almost salty. It's full, yet very compact with excellent structure and length. Very serious."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"This is an excellent second (from a separate plot) wine, bright, poised and delicious. Fruit ripeness is just at the point where it is teetering on the brink between deep, spicy and textured while still remaining fresh and juicy. Great stuff. Mildew made an impact but not drought, so ended up with 40hl/ha yields. Harvest September 4 to 23, 30% new oak. 3.53pH."

93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

**Petit Figeac 2020
St-Emilion Grand Cru**



£216 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

2nd Wine of Château Figeac.

Not yet reviewed by the major critics.

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Bellefont-Belcier 2020 St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£432 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve

93-95 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Robert Parker
90-92 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Bellefont-Belcier is a dark, brooding beauty. Intense red-toned fruit graphite, leather, cedar and incense give the 2020 layers of aromatic dimension. More than anything else I am impressed by how well the potent tannins are integrated. Bellefont-Belcier is still a powerful wine, but not the behemoth of years past. Sweet floral notes and red toned fruit perk up the mineral-laced persistent finish. The 2020 is bit tight, but also super-promising."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"A rocking wine based on 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2020 Château Bellefont-Belcier sports a dense purple color as well as gorgeous black cherry and currant fruits, classic chalky Saint-Emilion minerality, violets, and camphor notes. A rich, medium to full-bodied Saint-Emilion, it's concentrated, with ripe tannins and a great finish. This ripe, sexy, yet still classic Saint-Emilion will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and have 20-25 years of longevity."

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château La Serre 2020 St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£225 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032+
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
93-95 Jeff Leve

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
94 Decanter

90-92 Neal Martin
89-91 Antonio Galloni

"Full-bodied, silky, fresh and packed with chocolate, black and red plums, licorice, oak and crushed rocks, there is serious vibrancy and depth of flavor here. Polished lively and long, with sweetness and purity to the fruits that linger, this is the best vintage of La Serre I have ever tasted."

93-95 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

"Always a lovely wine from Luc d'Arfeuille, and this is so juicy, full of sleek and sexy damson fruits with a wash of freshly crushed mint leaf. Juicy blackcurrant pastille and touches of lemongrass, this is all about the limestone as the estate is located right on the plateau where the soil cover is low, but it combines austerity with generosity. Harvest September 20 and 21 for the Merlot, then 29 for the Cabernet Franc. Tasted several times. New cellar since 2019."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

**Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot
2020
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé**



£258 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2023

**95-97+ Robert Parker
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92-94 Neal Martin
96-97 James Suckling**

**95 Decanter
96-98 Jeff Leve**

"With striking floral notes on the nose, you also find licorice, Asian spice, spearmint, cigar wrapper and an array of red and black plums. The wine is lifted, elegant, refined and focused on its purity and silky tannins. The energetic palate leaves you with layers of velvet-textured, sensuous, spicy fruits that lingers and expands for over 50 seconds in the finish. This is a new level of quality at Beau-Séjour Bécot and also a change in style with less volume, but more intensity, purity and precision. The wine blends 85% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.3% ABV."

96-98 Jeff Leve, winecellarinsider.com May 2021

"This has a fantastic finish with crushed blackberries and raspberries and salt undertones. It's full-bodied, yet really racy and polished with such fine, intense tannins. Love the length to this. Very distinguished and toned. Excellent energy. 85% merlot, 13% cabernet franc and 2% cabernet sauvignon."

96-97 Pts James Suckling JamesSuckling.com May 2021

**Château Pavie-Macquin 2020
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé**



£347 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

**95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck
96-98 Robert Parker**

**95-96 James Suckling
95 Decanter**

**91-93 Neal Martin
95-98 Antonio Galloni**

"The 2020 Pavie Macquin is one of the most exotic Saint-Émilions of the year. Inky red fruit, lavender, rose petal, mint, plum and kirsch all open in the glass. Succulent and racy to the core, the 2020 possesses mind-blowing intensity yet remains fresh, vibrant and full of energy. It is one of the most alluring and complete recent vintages I can remember tasting. In a word: dazzling."

95-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2021

"The 2020 Pavie Macquin has an opaque purple-black color, exploding from the glass with an intoxicating perfume of violets, Ceylon tea, forest floor and eucalyptus over a core of blackberry preserves, Morello cherries and stewed plum, plus wafts of crushed rocks and unsmoked cigars. The medium to full-bodied palate shimmers with energetic red and black fruit layers and loads of floral and earthy sparks, framed by exquisitely ripe, finely grained tannins and amazing tension, finishing with a long-lingering perfume of black fruits. A real head-turner!"

96-98 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Troplong-Mondot 2020
St Emilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£432 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

96-98 Jeff Leve
95-97+ Robert Parker

94-96 Neal Martin
93-95 Antonio Galloni

"This has superb depth and intensity with very fine tannins that draw you down. So much black fruit, together with black pepper and salt. Extremely well crafted. Vertical and deep. Chalky and salty with black chocolate."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"I'd wager the finest vintage here since the 2015, then the 2009, the 2020 Château Troplong Mondot is a blend of 85% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the balance Cabernet Franc. It offers a dense purple hue as well as powerful, unevolved aromas and flavors of pure crème de cassis, black cherries, graphite, gravelly earth, and tobacco. Coming from the highest elevation vineyard in the appellation and deeper, clay soils (which excelled in 2020), it's medium to full-bodied and has a dense, thick mid-palate, building tannins, and a great finish. It's not for the instant gratification crowd out there, but it's going to be incredibly long-lived. Hats off to the team at Troplong Mondot as well as oenologist Thomas Duclos."

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château Clos Fourtet 2020
St-Emilion 1^{er} Grand Cru
Classé



£470 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2021

97-99 Jeb Dunnuck
96-98 Antonio Galloni

96-98 Robert Parker
95-97 Neal Martin

96-98 Jeff Leve
96 Decanter

"A wine of stature and breeding, the 2020 Clos Fourtet is absolutely breathtaking from barrel. A rush of lavender, graphite, spice, licorice and espresso hits the senses. Vibrant and powerful, yet also remarkably light on its feet, the 2020 has so much of offer. All the elements are so crisp, so beautifully defined. The 2020 is all class. It is one of the most promising wines of this young vintage and a fabulous effort from the Cuvelier family. Don't miss it."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"One of the biggest successes on the upper plateau is the 2020 Château Clos Fourtet, and it does everything right in the vintage. A magical, perfumed bouquet of red plums, black cherries, white truffle, and white flowers just screams Saint-Emilion, and it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, flawless overall balance, a dense mid-palate, and a liqueur of rocks-like minerality on the palate. Building incrementally with time in the glass, this is thrilling stuff that should offer some up-front appeal in its youth yet benefit from 7-8 years in the cellar and keep for 30 years or more. Bravo! The blend is 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Cabernet Franc that's still resting in 50% new French oak."

97-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

**Château Beausejour
Duffau-Lagarrosse 2020
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé**



£540 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

**95 Decanter
97-99 Jeff Leve**

**95 Robert Parker
95-98 Antonio Galloni**

**95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Neal Martin**

"Inky in color with purple accents, the wine pops from the glass with notes of crushed rocks, flowers, licorice, espresso, plums, cherries, black raspberries and oceanic nuances. Fresh, full-bodied, concentrated and intense, the layers of plush, pure fruits are made even better by its salty tannins and seamless finish that doesn't know when to quit. There is an incredible sense of purity in the fruits that comes through loud and clear in the more than 50 second finish."

97-99 Pts Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider.com May 2021

"A blend of 81% Merlot and 19% Cabernet Franc, the 2020 Château Beausejour (Duffau-Lagarrosse) should end up being up with the top wines in the appellation. Showing the more straight, focused style of the vintage, it has a monster of a mid-palate, full-bodied richness, building tannins on the palate, and incredible minerality on the finish. Loaded with cassis fruit as well as lead pencil and graphite notes, this dense, powerful beauty almost requires a fork. It's brilliant all the way and will have 30-40 years of longevity."

95-97+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

**Château Bélair-Monange 2020
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé**



£725 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

**98-100 Decanter
98-100 Jeff Leve**

**97-98 James Suckling
96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck**

**95-97 Neal Martin
95-97 Antonio Galloni**

"The 2020 Bélair-Monange continues its impressive run of form under the JP Moueix family, having rapidly ascended to the highest rank within the Saint-Émilion appellation. This latest release is another stunning articulation of its propitious terroir, which lies adjacent to Ausone. You could lose yourself in the kaleidoscope of aromas: black cherries, Dorset plum, crushed stone, violet and background pencil box, beautifully defined and growing in intensity. The palate is medium-bodied with ripe tannins and quite firm (maybe a tad more than I anticipated), displaying fine grip. This is a strict yet utterly compelling Bélair-Monange with wonderful salinity coming through toward the finish. There is a lot of substance to this wine and it is perhaps less immediate than other recent vintages, indicating that it may require long-term cellaring. Outstanding."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Full-bodied, concentrated, rich and velvety, the wine promptly provides layer after layer of flawlessly ripe, black and dark red pit fruits, crushed rocks, licorice, espresso, smoke and flowers. Long, deep, rich, concentrated and focused, the wine finishes with a majestic combination of minerals, black plums, black cherries, dark cocoa, velvet-laced tannins and spice. The stony finish sticks with you for close to 60 seconds. Give this at least a decade before pulling a cork and enjoy it over the next 3 decades with little effort."

98-100 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Pomerol & Lalande de Pomerol

“Pomerol, especially the upper plateau of deep clay soils, is unquestionably the star of the vintage and produced a bevy of legendary wines.”

Jeb Dunnuck



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	-	SOLD OUT
Château Plince	Pomerol	-	£285 per 12 IB
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	94-95 JS	£225 per 6 IB
Château Gazin	Pomerol	96-97 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Clinet	Pomerol	97-99 JL	£445 per 6 IB
Château Le Gay	Pomerol	89-99 JS	£450 per 6 IB
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Certan de May	Pomerol	95-96 JS	£505 per 6 IB
Château Petit-Village	Pomerol	97-98 JS	£270 per 3 IB
Château La Conseillante	Pomerol	98-100 JL	£936 per 6 IB
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	99-100 JS	£975 per 6 IB
Château l'Evangile	Pomerol	98-99 JS	£1100 per 6 IB
Château l'Eglise Clinet	Pomerol	98-100 JL	SOLD OUT
Château La Violette	Pomerol	94-96 RP	SOLD OUT
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	98-100 RP	£1575 per 6 IB



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FINE WINE

Château Plince 2020 Pomerol



£285 per 12 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Spring 2023

Not yet tasted by any of the major critics.

Château Bourgneuf 2020 Pomerol



£225 per 6 IB
Drink to 2036
Arriving Spring 2023

94-95 James Suckling
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

94 Decanter
91-93 Robert Parker

92-94 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Neal Martin

"A dense, sexy red with blackberry, black-truffle and bark character with a full body, chewy tannins and loads of structure at the end. Lovely, ripe tannins. Fresh on the finish."

94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"Rocking levels of ripe black fruits, smoked tobacco, chocolate, camphor, and spicy oak emerge from the 2020 Château Bourgneuf, and it's a medium to full-bodied, nicely textured, balanced Pomerol that comes in on the richer, more mouth-filling side of the vintage. It's going to benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age but is one sexy, pleasure-bent beauty I'd be happy to have in the cellar. My note finished with "love it." "

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

Château Clinet 2020 Pomerol



£445 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

94-96 Neal Martin
93-95 Antonio Galloni

96-97 James Suckling
96-98 Robert Parker

96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck
97-99 Jeff Leve

"I continue to love the wines from this estate, and the 2020 Château Clinet is no exception. Straight-up sensational notes of blueberries, cassis, violets, tobacco, and earth all emerge from the glass, and this beauty is full-bodied, with a rich, concentrated mid-palate, flawless balance, and a great finish. It shows the tighter, fresher, more focused style of the vintage, yet it still brings plenty of mid-palate depth as well as an expansive texture. It has enough oak to warrant short-term bottle age but will have 25-30 years of overall longevity. This is a gorgeous wine."

96-98+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2021

"The 2020 Clinet (a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon) has an opaque purple-black color, needing a little coaxing to unleash bold, powerful notes of plum preserves, blueberry compote and black raspberries, followed by suggestions of cracked black pepper, menthol, cedar chest and rose oil with a hint of licorice. The big, rich, full-bodied palate is a powerhouse, bursting with impactful black and blue fruit preserves flavors, supported by ripe, rounded tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long and fantastically perfumed."

96-98 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Le Gay 2020
Pomerol



£450 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045+
Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Neal Martin
92-94 Antonio Galloni

94-96+ Robert Parker
94 Decanter

"The 2020 Le Gay needs a little coaxing from the glass, but responds with blackberry, bilberry, pressed iris and subtle brine scents that gain intensity with aeration; the oak is very well integrated. The medium-bodied palate features fine, grainy tannins and beautiful, very pure black fruit tinged with licorice. Superb delineation toward the finish, which fans out with style. This is a wonderful Pomerol, Le Gay fulfilling its potential as one of Pomerol's dark horses. Superb. 2024 – 2050"

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"This is a young red with great intensity and vision that starts off slowly and builds with energy and verve. It's so minerally with salty, chalky and spice undertones to the cool and vibrant, purple and subtle-fruit flavors. The tannins are wonderfully toned and polished and build on the palate to deliver something very special.."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

Château Certan de May 2020
Pomerol



£505 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

95-96 James Suckling
95 Decanter

94-96 Jeff Leve
91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

90-92 Robert Parker
88-90 Antonio Galloni

"This is very refined with polished, chewy tannins and black olives. Medium-to full-bodied, the tannins are chiseled and energetic. 65% merlot, 25% cabernet franc and 10% cabernet sauvignon."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"This is pretty sombre, with a more Left Bank feel than many, really get the savoury and pared back dark berry feel of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend, ensuring that the pressure from the tannins is to the fore. As it relaxes in the glass, a grilled coffee bean and liquorice note comes out. This is a lovely and powerful wine that takes its foot off the pedal at the right moment. Has personality and sets itself apart. Really enjoyable, in the Gazin-style in that this is subtly powerful rather than over-exuberant. New cellars at Certan de May, harvest of Merlot September 11 to 16, and the two Cabernets September 28 and 29."

95 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

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FINE WINE

Château Petit-Village 2020 Pomerol



£270 per 3 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

97-98 James Suckling
93-95+ Robert Parker

93 Decanter
92-94 Antonio Galloni

91-93 Neal Martin
91-93+ Jeb Dunnuck

"Firm and linear tannins frame this young Bordeaux beautifully with blackberry, walnut and hazelnut character. Gorgeous center palate. It's racy and refined. Creamy-textured tannins with length. Really pure and focused. Very transparent. Finesse. Best ever? 60% merlot, 32% cabernet franc and 8% cabernet sauvignon."
97-98 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The 2020 Petit-Village is a gorgeous wine. In fact, it is one of the best wines I have tasted here. Inky, aromatically expressive and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2020 is compelling right out of the gate. The 2020 boasts superb energy, tension and class. Could this be a turning point for the estate? We will see. For now, the 2020 is certainly compelling. The 2020 represents about 50% of the estate's production as opposed to two-thirds, which was more the norm when Petit-Village was part of AXA."
92-94 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

Château La Conseillante 2020 Pomerol



£936 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

98-100 Jeff Leve
97-99 Robert Parker

94-97 Antonio Galloni
96-98 Neal Martin

"Dark garnet in hue, the wine explodes from the glass with its showy display of lilacs, violets, spice, chocolate, truffle, espresso and black plum liqueur. On the palate the wine is incredibly sexy with its silk and velvet textured fruits. The wine is showy, ostentatious, opulent and frankly decadent. In other words, this is everything you want in a great Pomerol. Full-bodied, rich and with length, purity and energy, the wine deftly balances density with lift, remaining with you for over 60 seconds in its seamless finish. Different in style, this could be at the same level of quality found in the perfect 2016! The harvest took place September 9-September 30, making this one of the longer harvests in the history of the estate. The wine blends 87% Merlot with 13% Cabernet Franc, 14% ABV, 3.67 pH"
98-100 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

"The 2020 La Conseillante is a blend of 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc. Seventy percent of the wine is being aged in new French oak barriques, 27% in second-fill barrels and 3% in amphorae. The alcohol came in at 14% and the pH is 3.64. Deep purple-black colored, it sails gracefully out of the glass with vivacious notes of black raspberries, kirsch and redcurrant jelly, leading to suggestions of ripe, juicy blackberries, violets, star anise and iron ore with a faint waft of dried mint. The medium to full-bodied palate is an exercise in elegance, delivering a quiet intensity of pure, energetic red and black berry layers with gorgeous floral and mineral sparks, framed by perfectly ripe, finely pixilated tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with epic length and the most breathtaking perfume. Simply mind-blowing."
97-99 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com April 2019

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2020 Pomerol



£975 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

99-100 James Suckling
97-100 Jeb Dunnuck

97-99 Jeff Leve
95-97 Robert Parker

94-96 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Neal Martin

"One of my favorite wines in the vintage is the 2020 Château La Fleur-Pétrus, which reminds me slightly of the 2016, even though the growing season was quite different. A blend of mostly Merlot with small amounts of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, its dense purple color is followed by a heavenly, ethereal Pomerol offering a powerful, almost Petrus-like sense of stature and density that carries incredible cassis and currant fruits as well as notes of graphite, crushed stone, chocolate, and violets. Flawlessly balanced on the palate, with a dense, layered mid-palate and building, perfect tannins, I just hope it shows this well from bottle! It should, at a minimum, match – and probably surpass – the 2009, 2016, and 2018."
97-100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, Vinous.com May 2021

"Dark in color, the nose, with its bouquet of flowers, truffle, wet earth, licorice, Asian spice and red with black fruits let you know this is special. However, if you were not convinced yet, once the wine hits your palate with its silk and velvet textures, you'll be hooked. Rich, full-bodied, sensuous and sexy, the array of fruits and their purity is spell-binding. The finish lingers, expands and inspires you to take another sip to experience it all over again. One of the wines of the vintage, this stunning Pomerol will age and develop for at least 3 decades."
97-99 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

Château l'Évangile 2020 Pomerol



£1100 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2023

98-99 James Suckling
98 Decanter

96-98+ Robert Parker
96-98 Jeff Leve

95-97 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Neal Martin

"The 2020 L'Évangile is fabulous. Aromatic, deep and fleshy, with magnificent purity of fruit, L'Évangile dazzles right out of the gate. Bright Franc aromatics add striking lift as well as vibrancy that carries through to the long, delineated finish. There is an energy to the 2020 that is palpable. Harvest for the Merlot began on September 3, ahead of a heat wave that was forecast, and wrapped up on the 14th for the Merlot and the 21st for the Franc. That approach worked so well here. In the past, L'Évangile and Lafite-Rothschild were very different stylistically, but that seems to be changing now that Saskia de Rothschild is spending a great deal of her time in Pomerol with the new winemaking team. The estate, certified biodynamic as of 2021, has been pursuing a more refined approach for a few years, but 2020 is the first recent vintage where the personality of the year seems to have aligned especially well with the current thinking here. The 2020 L'Évangile is easily the most Lafite-like L'Évangile I have ever tasted. Don't miss it!"
95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"The sculpting of L'Évangile that began over the past few vintages continues, and the 2020 is a gorgeous wine. Pristine fruit, silky with a whoosh of menthol. It elevates over the palate, both dense and light, with blueberry and raspberry fruits, and pulses of bitter almond and honeysuckle on the finish that gives focus and spice. Juliette Couderc joined L'Évangile (from DBR Lafite's Long Dai winery) in September 2020 so for the harvest of this wine, working alongside technical director Olivier Tregoeat. 50% first wine, with no Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend this year because it was so over-concentrated that it made too much impact. Increased selective harvesting meant going through vineyard plots six times to bring in the grapes as they ripened. A yield of 32hl/ha. In the final year of organic conversion, so this next vintage 2021 will be certified."
98 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

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Vieux Château Certan 2020
Pomerol



£1575 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2023

98-100 Robert Parker
98-100 Jeff Leve

97-99 Jeb Dunnuck
98-99 James Suckling

96-98 Antonio Galloni
96-98 Neal Martin

"The 2020 Vieux Château Certan is a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, picked on the 14th to the 24th of September for the Merlot, then on the 28th and 29th of September for the Cabernet Franc. The pH is 3.77 and the alcohol is 14.5%. Deep purple-black colored, it needs considerable coaxing, swirling and a lot of patience before it finally lets rip an intoxicating perfume of ripe, juicy black plums, Morello cherries, candied violets, black truffles and crushed rocks, giving way to hints of black tea, molten licorice and Sichuan pepper, plus a waft of dusty red soil. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers achingly ripe, silt-like tannins and shimmering freshness that melds with the black fruits and earthy layers with jaw-dropping seamlessness, finishing with layer upon layer of mineral and savory suggestions and, finally, a gorgeous floral whisper. There are going to be two ways to approach this: 1) Just let the remarkably sensual, inexplicable beauty of it wash over you or 2) Try to unravel all those intricate layers and have it blow you mind. Either way, this is simply an incredible achievement—bravo Alexandre and Guillaume Thienpont."

98-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2021

"Extraordinary clarity and brilliance on the nose with ink and iodine, blackberry and blueberry. Really perfumed already. Full-bodied with fine tannins and superb depth and length. I love the complexity and the great texture. Energetic finish."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Other Right Bank Reds

“As clay-limestone soils did brilliantly, look for value in Castillon, Francs and Fronsac.”

Jane Anson, Decanter



Wine

Château Les Grands-Maréchaux
Château Gigault 'Cuvée Viva'
Château Belle Coline
Château Marsau
Château Dalem
Château La Clarière

AOC

Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye
Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye
Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Fronsac
Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon

Score

92-93 JS
92-93 JS
92-93 JS
93-94 JS
93-94 JS
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Price

£80 per 12 IB
£95 per 12 IB
SOLD OUT
£75 per 6 IB
£175 per 12 IB
£TBC



LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Les Grands-Maréchaux
2020
Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye**



£80 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling

90-92 Antonio Galloni

82-84 Robert Parker

"A red with blackberry, blueberry and black pepper. It's full and dense with plenty of fruit and a solid finish with dark-chocolate. One of the best in a while."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The 2020 Les Grands Maréchaux is terrific. Punchy and effusive, with impressive depth, this is all charm right from the first taste. Savory and spice notes open first, lending striking aromatic presence. Sweet red cherry, mocha, rose petal, spice and black pepper linger. The 2020 is juicy, medium in body and full of energy. I loved it."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

**Château Gigault 'Cuvée Viva'
2020
Côtes de Bordeaux Blaye**



£95 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling

90-92 Antonio Galloni

89 Decanter

"The 2020 Cuvée Viva from Gigault is deep, pliant and expressive. Punchy red berry fruit, blood orange, mint, cinnamon and star anise meld together in this beautifully perfumed, midweight Blaye. Lifted aromatics and silky tannins add to its considerable charm."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

"A tight, focused red with blackberry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium body, medium fine tannins and a delicious finish. Shows finesse and length."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

**Château Marsau 2020
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux**



£75 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2023

93-94 James Suckling

92 Decanter

"This pure merlot is really spicy with cloves to the blackberry, black-olive and wet-earth character. Full-bodied and refined with beautiful energy and focus. Salty and minerally. Aged mostly in casks with some amphora and new-oak barrels. From organically grown grapes."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com June 2021

"This pure merlot is really spicy with cloves to the blackberry, black-olive and wet-earth character. Full-bodied and refined with beautiful energy and focus. Salty and minerally. Aged mostly in casks with some amphora and new-oak barrels. From organically grown grapes."

92 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Dalem 2020
Fronsac**



£175 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2023

**93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve**

**92-94 Neal Martin
91 Decanter**

**90-92 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Robert Parker**

"Beautiful transparency and depth of fruit to this, yet it remains so refined and polished with extremely fine tannins that are energetic and long. Medium-to full-bodied. Such balance and intensity. One of the best I had from here in the making. 95% merlot and 5% cabernet franc."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2021

"The 2020 Dalem has a well-defined bouquet of blackberry, raspberry, cedar and light undergrowth scents, all very focused and beautifully delineated. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, ripe but elegant, with plenty of freshness toward the finish. There is an effervescent quality about this nascent Fronsac that I love. A super Dalem that will age with style."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

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FINE WINE

Dry Whites

“Quite honestly, I was not expecting the whites to be so strong. I can’t say 2020 is an exceptional vintage for Bordeaux’s dry whites, but it is a very good year.”

Antonio Galloni



Wine

Château La Garde Blanc
Château La Tour Carnet Blanc
Blanc de Lynch-Bages
Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc
Château Pape-Clément Blanc
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc
Pavillon Blanc de Château Margaux

AOC

Pessac-Léognan
Bordeaux
Bordeaux
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé
Bordeaux

Score

92-93 JS
92-93 JS
95 JS
95-96 JS
96-97 JS
97-98 JS
97 JL
97 DC

Price

£180 per 12 IB
£137 per 6 IB
£180 per 6 IB
£220 per 6 IB
£399 per 6 IB
£535 per 6 IB
£576 per 6 IB
SOLD OUT



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Château La Garde Blanc 2020 Pessac-Léognan



£180 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2023

92-93 James Suckling

90 Decanter

91 Jeff Leve

"A creamy white with lots of dried lemon, apple and a stone undertone. It's medium-bodied with a lovely, solid core of fruit and a flavorful finish. More subtle than the 2019 and the 2018."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2021

"Lemon peel, grapefruit, green apples and tangy yellow citrus combine to create a bright, energetic blast of citrus and spice that is fresh and refreshing."

91 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com, May 2021

Château La Tour Carnet Blanc 2020 Bordeaux



£137 per 6 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Spring 2023

89-91 Neal Martin

92-93 James Suckling

"Aromas of lemon rind and tarragon with some crushed-stone undertones. Full-bodied with plenty of fruit and a dense, textured mid-palate. Very serious."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2021

"The 2020 La Tour Carnet Blanc has a straightforward nose of melon, touches of tropical fruit (guava, pineapple) and lime scents emerging with aeration. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, a slightly waxy texture and commendable tension toward the pineapple and grapefruit finish. This is a fine, enjoyable La Tour Carnet Blanc in the making."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2020 Bordeaux



£180 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030+
Arriving Spring 2023

95 James Suckling
92 Antonio Galloni

94 Decanter
90-92 Robert Parker

89 Neal Martin

"Less of the citrus flavours of recent vintages and more apricot and nectarine stone fruits, taking its cue from Sémillon and Muscadelle. Relaxed and effortless while still maintaining both lift and tension, with a saline wet stone lick on the finish. I tasted the 2019 on the same day, as it had just been bottled, and the 2020 is less of a classic Lynch Bages Blanc, but still utterly delicious, with clear weight and impression through the mid palate. 3.35pH. 50% new oak for six months. Fermentation below 20°C. A yield of 40hl/ha."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"The 2020 Blanc de Lynch Bages is terrific. I am not always a fan of the Blanc, as I often find it too tropical, but the 2020 has more than enough verve and overall freshness to balance things out. I would prefer to drink it over the next handful of years."

92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

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FINE WINE

**Château Malartic-Lagravière
Blanc 2020 Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£220 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2023

**95-96 James Suckling
93 Decanter**

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Neal Martin**

**91-93 Robert Parker
94 Jeff Leve**

"The 2020 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc has a very well-defined bouquet, although unlike its peers, this demands a few minutes to find its voice. But it is worth the patience, delivering almost Burgundy-like citrus fruit mixed with apricot, citrus lemon and crushed stone aromas. The palate is very well balanced with a fine bead of acidity that cuts through the intense notes of citrus peel, lychee and chamomile. Great energy here, and it fans out gloriously toward the finish. Sophisticated and quite delicious."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"Mango, white peach, lemon, flowers, an array of spices and a gentle touch of almond make a beautiful perfume. Lush, creamy and loaded with sweet, fresh, bright, yellow citrus, green apples, grapefruit and a drizzle of pineapple are found on the palate. This is so good now, it is going to be hard not to open it on release. But patience is a virtue. So give it at least 5 years in the cellar and it will be a much more complete, complex wine."

94 Pts Jeff Leve, winecellarinsider.com May 2021

**Domaine de Chevalier Blanc
2020
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£399 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2023

**96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Antonio Galloni**

**96 Jeff Leve
94-96 Robert Parker**

91-93 Neal Martin

"A dense, creamy DC white with lots of rich cooked-apple, mineral, cream and praline character. It's full and very layered with chewy intensity and a long, bitter-lemon and almost honey finish. Pretty phenolic tension, too."

96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2021

"The 2020 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc is fabulous. Bright and airy in the glass, the 2020 bristles with energy. Lemon confit, crushed rocks, mint and white pepper all pulse with tons of vibrancy. This finely-cut, chiseled white is going to need a number of years to be at its best, but it is so impressive and so full of potential. Bright saline notes punctuate the dazzling finish. Time in the glass brings out the wine's texture and layers. The Blanc is one of the world's great wines, hands down."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com June 2021

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Pape-Clément Blanc
2020
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£535 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

**97-98 James Suckling
96 Jeff Leve**

**94-96 Robert Parker
94 Decanter**

**92-94 Neal Martin
90-92 Antonio Galloni**

"The 2020 Pape Clément Blanc is a clear step up from the Le Prêlat and Clementin, delivering taut, mineral-rich citrus fruit aromas with vibrancy and tension. The palate is well balanced and seems less oaky than previous vintages when tasted from barrel. Ginger and lemongrass enliven the finish on this excellent Pape Clément Blanc."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

"A delicious Pape Clément blanc, this has flesh, power, depth, character and a ton of juicy minerality with white pear, peach, and a slate-filled texture that adds grip and saline freshness. Well balanced and easy to recommend. Tasted three times."

94 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

**Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte
Blanc 2020
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£576 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2023

**97 Jeff Leve
96 Decanter**

**95-96 James Suckling
94-96+ Robert Parker**

**93-95 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Neal Martin**

"With the pop of grapefruit, white peach, lemon peel, flowers, orange rind and honeysuckle in the nose, and a creamy, sweet, fresh, juicy, slightly honeyed, lush, white peach and citrus finish, you have all the ingredients needed for a luscious, white Bordeaux wine. The wine was produced from a blend of 90% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Sauvignon Gris and 5% Semillon. To celebrate 30 years of ownership at the estate, the 2020 will be produced with a special one-time-only black and gold label."

97 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2021

"The 2020 Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc was cropped at 29hl/ha and aged in 60% new oak barrels. It takes its time to unfurl on the nose, toying with the olfactory senses before revealing attractive honeysuckle, yellow flowers, jasmine, melon and very subtle chamomile scents, gaining intensity with aeration. The palate is very well balanced with an intense, concentrated opening, a little more viscous in texture than the Le Petit Haut Lafitte, deeper and a touch spicier. Veins of lemongrass and stem ginger appear toward the finish. This should drink well for 15–20 years. One of the best dry whites of the vintage."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

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FINE WINE

Sauternes & Barsac

"I conclude that the vintage is very good, with lovely balance and great purity."
 Bill Blatch, JancisRobinson.com



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Liot	Sauternes	-	£75 per 12 IB
Château Doisy-Védrines (37.5cl)	Sauternes 2ème Cru Classé	95 DC	£141 per 12 IB
Château Doisy-Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£144 per 12 IB
Château Coutet (37.5cl)	Barsac 1er Grand Cru Classé	94-96 JL	SOLD OUT
Château Rieussec (37.5cl)	Sauternes 1er Grand Cru Classé	-	£TBC



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FINE WINE

Château Doisy-Védrines 2020
(37.5cl)
Sauternes 2^{ème} Cru Classé



£141 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2023

95 Decanter
92-94 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Neal Martin
91-93 Jeff Leve

90-92 James Suckling

"Powerful fleshy exotic fruits - the juice comes in from the first moment and doesn't let up, ensuring the apricot and mango fruits are shot straight through the core of steel. A brilliant showcase of what the soils of Barsac can do. A yield of 11hl/ha, 18 months in barrel. Tasted twice."

95 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"The 2020 Doisy-Védrines has an elegant bouquet, well defined and perhaps more poised than recent vintages from this Barsac estate. Dried honey, orange pith and light marmalade notes gradually unfurl in the glass, followed later by hints of candle wax and lemon verberna. The palate is well balanced with a lovely touch of orange zest that counterbalances the rich, honeyed fruit, and superb tension on the finish This is a wonderful Doisy-Védrines."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

Château Doisy-Daëne
(37.5cl) 2020
Barsac 2^{ème} Cru Classé



£144 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2023

95-97 Neal Martin
96 Decanter

94-96 Antonio Galloni

93-95 Jeff Leve

"Rich and powerful, this is a seductive Barsac that has a great balance of acidity and sweetness, nothing too over the top, full of lime zest and mandarin, with tongue-licking slate on the finish. Great stuff, extremely well balanced. A yield of 16hl/ha. 10 months in barrel for ageing followed by nine months in stainless steel."

96 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com May 2021

"The 2020 Doisy-Daëne, pure Sémillon this year picked at 16hl/ha over three to six tries through the vineyard, presents a well-defined nose that, compared side-by-side with Doisy-Védrines, is actually quite similar in terms of the dried honey, honeysuckle, candle wax and quince aromas that unfurl from the glass. The palate is beautifully balanced with a fine bead of acidity, and such purity on the finish that it endows this Barsac with wonderful weightlessness. Magnificent."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2021

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- All wines are insured by us at the original invoice value until your delivery and/or storage instructions have been completed.
- All goods are offered subject to availability. If the wines you have selected are unavailable we will contact you to advise you of this. If the producer fails to supply us with the wine we will contact you with available alternatives or offer a refund of monies paid.
- Force Majeure – Direct Wines Ltd/Laithwaite's Wine will not be liable for failure to meet agreed obligations due to prevailing circumstances including but not limited to any act of God, war, strike, lock-out, industrial accident or other event beyond its reasonable control.
- All disputes arising out of this contract shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.
- For our full terms and conditions, including those relating to our 100% guarantee, non-delivery and cancellations, please go to www.laithwaites.co.uk/terms.

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