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Bordeaux 2021 En Primeur



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Vintage Report

To say Bordeaux 2021 is a complicated vintage would not be doing justice to the vigneron and winemakers who had so many challenges, yet in many cases still made many excellent wines.

The challenges can be broadly summarised into three:

- Vulnerable vines were subjected to two bouts of **frost**, in April and Early May. Though this was localised, so while it impacted some Châteaux, it didn't impact all. Where it was problematic, this caused issues with yields rather than quality.
- Spells of rain in the height of summer brought **mildew**. Depending on location of the vineyard this either had a significant impact or not much. The windier vineyards on the top of hills or in more exposed areas of the Northern Médoc for example were barely impacted, those in more inland, sheltered or low-lying areas were more troubled. If a Château were able to afford to be strict with their selection at harvest, the impact from mildew was moderate, for those who could not, the impact on quality was significant.

Finally, just before harvest in early October, a lot of rain was forecast. While the grapes were phenological ripe (the ripeness of the seeds, skins, and stems) at this stage, the physical ripeness (the sugars in the flesh) were still low. Some Châteaux therefore harvested earlier than they ideally would, the result in many cases being slightly underripe, slightly herbal wines. Many gambled though and waited to harvest, thankfully the forecast rain never materialised and those who waited were rewarded with ripe grapes capable of producing excellent wine.

Bordeaux 2021 is a patchwork vintage. If Château were fortunate and fell on the right side of each of the three challenges, they made some outstanding wine. Those who fell on the wrong side of all three have produced wine which I would not recommend. Then of course there are some who were impacted by just one or two.

In summary, it's a vintage which was capable of producing wines I would heartily recommend, but many which I would advise against. Our role as a merchant this year is vital. We will be offering a far smaller range than normal, focusing on those who have performed well and looking out for 'our picks' as well as reading the critics' notes will be essential.

- Angus McLean, Fine Wine Manager

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What the critics say...

“Exhibiting the balance and style of a vintage of the 1990s, but benefiting from all the agronomic progress and technical savoir faire of the present, the best 2021 reds are better than anyone could have dared to hope... what is clear is that, were the 2021s transposed to the decade of the 1990s, they would be considered the product of a superb vintage.”

William Kelley, RobertParker.com

“The 2021s are markedly different to the previous three vintages with palpably less opulent, extravagant levels of ripeness. That is something that personally I welcome.”

Neal Martin

“They will be very attractive when they are released in bottle on the market in 18 months to two years. But I think they will also age nicely.”

James Suckling

“It was not an easy year, to say the least. And yet the best wines are so compelling.”

Antonio Galloni

“2021 Bordeaux might not be a vintage for everyone. But for lovers of classic Bordeaux, (Classic in a good way), there are numerous 2021 red Bordeaux wines exuding freshness, salinity, crisp, red fruits, refreshing acidity, and low alcohol levels.”

Jeff Leve

“We may have lost the habit of tasting wines with moderate alcohol levels and classic pH en primeur, but anyone who enjoys the great benchmark Bordeaux wines of the 1980s and 1990s should seriously reflect on what the 2021s may have to offer in 10 to 15 years’ time. It’s a style of wine that could come from nowhere else. Indeed, I suspect that the best 2021s are destined to be described as “better than expected” for most of their lives—except that the writing is, in fact, already on the wall.”

William Kelley, RobertParker.com

“The fact that the wines show so well and are so clean and balanced highlights the viticultural and winemaking prowess of Bordeaux.”

James Suckling

“Weather conditions were challenging, and yet the top properties turned out gorgeous, classically built wines that will absolutely thrill readers who appreciate freshness and energy.”

Antonio Galloni

“2021 marks a welcome return to a classic style of Bordeaux in terms of lower ripeness levels and less alcohol.”

Neal Martin

“The fresher, lower-alcohol style may appeal to traditionalists who feel that the Médoc has moved too close to Napa in recent years.”

James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com

“Bordeaux’s white grapes preserved acidity and vibrant aromatics, delivering the finest set of dry whites since 2017. Chiseled and intense, they exhibit considerable potential.”

William Kelley, RobertParker.com

“Let’s be clear that 2021 offers a bevy of outstanding dry whites.”

Neal Martin

“Two-thousand twenty-one is a brilliant vintage for the dry whites of Bordeaux. It is an unusual year in which the wines have the energy that is often associated with cooler seasons, but the textural richness that is often only achieved in warm years.”

Antonio Galloni

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Summary - Reds

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Lanessan	Haut-Médoc	88-90 NM	£60 per 6 IB
Château Sénéjac	Haut-Médoc	88-90 NM	£122 per 12 IB
Château Marsau	Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	93-94 JS	£75 per 6 IB
Château La Garde	Pessac-Léognan	92 DC	£156 per 12 IB
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	-	£170 per 12 IB
Château Dalem	Fronsac	92-93 JS	£175 per 12 IB
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe	91-94 JD	£203 per 12 IB
Château Les Ormes de Pez	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	93 JA	£220 per 12 IB
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	91-93 NM	SOLD OUT
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£241 per 12 IB
Le Petit Ducru de Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien	91-92 JS	£246 per 12 IB
Château Labégorce	Margaux Cru Bourgeois	91-93 NM	£249 per 12 IB
Château Tour Saint-Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-93 JS	£276 per 12 IB
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£282 per 12 IB
Château Fonroque	St-Emilion	91-93 RP	£302 per 12 IB
Château Gloria	St-Julien Cru Bourgeois	92-93 JS	£314 per 12 IB
Château Pédesclaux	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£315 per 12 IB
La Dame de Montrose	St-Estèphe	92-93 JS	£315 per 12 IB
Château Haut-Bages-Libéral	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£324 per 12 IB
Château Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£330 per 12 IB
Château Malartic-Lagravière	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£343 per 12 IB
Château Marquis d'Alesme	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 AG	£175 per 6 IB
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 RP	£354 per 12 IB
Château Branaire-Ducru	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£371 per 12 IB
Pagodes de Cos	St-Estèphe (2nd wine of Cos d'Estournel)	92-93 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£390 per 12 IB
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£391 per 12 IB
Pichon-Comtesse Réserve	Pauillac	92-94 AG	£396 per 12 IB
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	94-95 JS	£420 per 12 IB
Château La Serre	St-Emilion Grand Cru	91-92 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Malescot St Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£444 per 12 IB
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£229 per 6 IB
Château Haut-Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	SOLD OUT
Château St. Pierre	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Talbot	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£472 per 12 IB
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£243 per 6 IB
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien	93-94 JS	£250 per 6 IB
Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£258 per 6 IB
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£282 per 6 IB
Domaine de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£282 per 6 IB
Château La Gaffelière	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£288 per 6 IB

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Summary - Reds (continued)

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Larcis-Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£329 per 6 IB
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£300 per 6 IB
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux	92-94 AG	£330 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Barton	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 NM	£334 per 6 IB
Château Duhart Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	93 JA	£336 per 6 IB
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£342 per 6 IB
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£343 per 6 IB
Château Beychevelle	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-97 AG	£360 per 6 IB
Château Pape-Clément	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Clinet	Pomerol	94-96 NM	£399 per 6 IB
Château Troplong—Mondot	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£426 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£430 per 6 IB
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£445 per 6 IB
Château Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£468 per 6 IB
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	94-95 JS	£480 per 6 IB
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96+ RP	£492 per 6 IB
Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£510 per 6 IB
Château Canon	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£540 per 6 IB
Château Beauséjour-Duffau-Lagarrosse	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£545 per 6 IB
Château Haut-Bailly	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan	96-98 AG	SOLD OUT
Le Clarence de Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan (2nd wine of Ch. Haut-Brion)	94-95 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£675 per 6 IB
Château Montrose	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 AG	£804 per 6 IB
Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux	Margaux (2nd wine of Ch. Margaux)	94-95 JS	£828 per 6 IB
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 JL	£858 per 6 IB
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	95-96 JS	£910 per 6 IB
Château La Conseillante	Pomerol	95-97 NM	SOLD OUT
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Léoville-Las-Cases	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 RP	£975 per 6 IB
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£978 per 6 IB
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac (2nd wine of Ch. Mouton-Rothschild)	93-94 JS	£1020 per 6 IB
Château L'Evangile	Pomerol	96-97 JS	£1110 per 6 IB
Carruades de Lafite	Pauillac (2nd wine of Ch. Lafite-Rothschild)	94-95 JS	SOLD OUT
Château L'Eglise-Clinet	Pomerol	97-98 JS	SOLD OUT
Château La Mission Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97 JA	SOLD OUT

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Summary - Reds (continued)

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	96-98 AG	£1368 per 6 IB
Château Pavie	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	95-97 AG	£1392 per 6 IB
Château Palmer	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 RP	£1422 per 6 IB
Château Angélys	St-Emilion	94-96+ RP	£1560 per 6 IB
Château Cheval Blanc	St-Emilion	97-98 JS	£2370 per 6 IB
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£2550 per 6 IB
Château Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£2550 per 6 IB
Château Margaux	Margaux 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-95 JS	£2550 per 6 IB
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Ausone	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	97-100 RP	£1500 per 3 IB

Summary - Dry Whites

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Thieuley Cuvée Francis Courselle Blanc	Bordeaux	92-94 YB	£115 per 12 IB
Château La Garde Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	93-94 JS	£186 per 12 IB
Château Couhins Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	91-92 JS	£205 per 12 IB
Le Petit Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	92-94 AG	SOLD OUT
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Bordeaux	94 JS	£220 per 6 IB
Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£235 per 6 IB
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£433 per 6 IB
Château Pape-Clément Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£631 per 6 IB
Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux	Bordeaux	99-100 JS	SOLD OUT

Summary - Sweet Whites

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Clos Haut Peyraguey (37.5cl)	Sauternes 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£142 per 12 IB
Château Doisy-Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Coutet (37.5cl)	Barsac 1er Grand Cru Classé	93-95 NM	£188 per 12 IB

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Saint-Estèphe

"Easily one of the wines of the vintage."
Jane Anson on Cos d'Estournel



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	91-94 JD	£203 per 12 IB
Château Les Ormes-de-Pez	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	92-93 JS	£220 per 12 IB
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois	91-93 NM	SOLD OUT
La Dame de Montrose	St-Estèphe	92-93 JS	£315 per 12 IB
Pagodes de Cos	St-Estèphe (2nd Wine of Cos d'Estournel)	92-93 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£492 per 6 IB
Château Montrose	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 JL	£858 per 6 IB



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Château Capbern 2021
St-Estèphe



£203 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2024

91-94 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Antonio Galloni

91-92 James Suckling
91 Decanter

90-92 Neal Martin
89-91 Robert Parker

"The 2021 Château Capbern is rock-solid, with wonderful cassis and an assortment of both red and blue fruits, supported by plenty of floral nuances. It's elegant and has considerable finesse, ripe tannins, and terrific purity. It shows the more charming, mid-weight style of the vintage, yet it's a solid wine that will deliver the goods."

91-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2022

"The 2021 Capbern is absolutely gorgeous. The aromatics alone are so alluring. A whole range of Cabernet inflections leads into a core of bright red toned fruit. Dried herbs, mint, tobacco, cedar, crushed flowers and red berry fruit grace this exquisite, vibrant Saint-Estèphe. Bright acids perk up the finish. En primeur samples were taken from new barrels only, but the final wine is projected to have 60% new oak."

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

Château Les Ormes de Pez 2021
St Estèphe Cru Bourgeois



£220 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2024

92-93 James Suckling
90-91 Robert Parker

91-93 Neal Martin
90-92 Jeff Leve

93 Jane Anson
91 Decanter

"The 2021 Ormes de Pez is matured in 45% new oak. This has a fragrant nose, very well defined, in fact, perhaps more sophisticated than the Haut-Batailley at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, a little powdery in texture, touches of graphite towards the almost Pauillac-like finish. A stylish Saint-Estèphe, this is recommended. 13.13% alcohol."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"This has punch and mouth-watering juicy acidities. Cheerful, enticing, blackberry and loganberry fruits, and all is in place to add on further depth over ageing. There is rusticity that speaks of the vintage, but it is charming and this is easy to recommend. Another great vintage at Ormes de Pez, one of the value wines of the year. 45% new oak."

93 Pts, Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, April 2022

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La Dame de Montrose 2021 St-Estèphe



£315 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2024

92-93 James Suckling
89-91 Jeff Leve

90-92 Antonio Galloni
88-90 Robert Parker

89-91 Neal Martin
90 Decanter

"The 2021 La Dame de Montrose offers lovely immediacy in a plump, juicy style that will offer plenty of near and medium-term appeal. Technical Director Vincent Decup chose gentler extractions, which comes through in the wine's forward, supple personality. Press wines were blended back later to add structure. In 2021 La Dame is not terribly complex, but it is absolutely delicious."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"A fine and silky St.-Estèphe with medium body and supple, fine tannins. Fresh. Pretty blue and purple fruit with stone and some ash notes. Refined and elegant. 53% merlot, 38% cabernet sauvignon, 6% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc..."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2022

Château Calon-Ségur 2021 St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé



£492 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Antonio Galloni
95-97 Neal Martin

95-96+ Robert Parker
94-97 Jeb Dunnuck

93-94 James Suckling

"A brilliant effort that will delight Médoc purists, the 2021 Calon-Ségur wafts from the glass with aromas of rose petals, wild berries, plums, Indian spices, woodsmoke and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless, it's deep and lively, with beautifully ripe tannins and an exquisitely balanced profile. In spirit, this blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc, 7% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot is reminiscent of the 1996 vintage, though the 2021 won't go through such an extended period of hibernation and will attain a much higher peak of quality. It attained 12.9% alcohol without any chaptalization, saignée or osmosis. Tasted twice."

95-96+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Calon Ségur is a gorgeous wine that is going to need a number of years to fully come into its own. Aromatic, punchy and croquant, as the French say, the 2021 is a vibrant, mid-weight Calon that will delight readers who enjoy classically built claret. Don't look for the size or opulence of recent vintages. The 2021 is a cool, classy Saint-Estèphe to savor for years and decades to come. I loved it."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

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Château Cos d'Estournel 2021
St-Estèphe
2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£858 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Jeff Leve
94-95 James Suckling

96 Jane Anson
94-95 Robert Parker

93-95 Neal Martin
94-96 Antonio Galloni

"This vintage, which can be overly straight and austere, benefits from the house style of Cos, where they are happy to add a twist of gourmet glamour, and I am seriously impressed with this wine. It showcases the successful sides of a cool vintage in spades, with bitter black chocolate, cool blue fruits, lemongrass and turmeric and black pepper spices. 55% new oak. 3.79ph. 53% of overall production is for the 1st wine, the rest in Pagodes. Easily one of the wines of the vintage." 96 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

"The 2021 Cos d'Estournel has an attractive nose, more complex than the Pagodes (as you would expect), graphite and subtle cigar box scents permeating the black fruit and the Cabernet Sauvignon more expressive at this stage vis-à-vis the Merlot. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. One of the most velvety Cos d'Estournel wines I have encountered at this stage, though linear and strict on the saline finish. This is old-school in some ways, and a bit grumpy in its youth – a wine that will oblige cellar aging. A Saint-Estèphe for the patient among you. (12.74% alcohol)!" 93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

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Pauillac

“A brilliant wine that shares some similarities with the formidable 1996”

William Kelley on Lafite-Rothschild



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Pédesclaux	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£315 per 12 IB
Château Haut-Bages-Libéral	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£324 per 12 IB
Château Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£330 per 12 IB
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£391 per 12 IB
Pichon-Comtesse Réserve	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Pichon-Lalande)	92-94 AG	£396 per 12 IB
Château Haut-Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£300 per 6 IB
Château Duhart-Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	93 JA	£336 per 6 IB
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£342 per 6 IB
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£445 per 6 IB
Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£510 per 6 IB
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 AG	£804 per 6 IB
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Mouton-Rothschild)	93-94 JS	£1020 per 6 IB
Carruades de Lafite	Pauillac (2nd Wine of Ch. Lafite-Rothschild)	91-93 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£2550 per 6 IB
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	SOLD OUT



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Château Pédesclaux 2021
Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé



£315 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

93-94 James Suckling
91-93 Jeff Leve

90-93 Antonio Galloni
92 Decanter

90-92 Neal Martin

"A solid Pedesclaux for the vintage, with lots of blackcurrant and blueberry aromas and flavors. Full-bodied with medium-chewy tannins and a round texture. Racy and structured. Solid. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot, 6% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2022

"The 2021 Pédesclaux presents strong Cabernet Sauvignon inflections to play off a core of dark red-fleshed fruit. Spice, menthol, tobacco and cedar follow, adding quite a bit of character to this flavorful, savory Pauillac."

90-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

Château Haut-Bages-Libéral
2021
Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé



£324 per 12 IB
Drink to 2045+
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Antonio Galloni
93 Decanter

91-93 Robert Parker
91 Jane Anson

94-95 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

"The 2021 Haut-Bages Libéral is one of the best wines I have ever tasted from Claire Lurton. Dense, powerful and explosive, with dazzling intensity Haut-Bages Libéral races across the palate, offering up an enticing mélange of ripe red-fleshed fruit, blood orange, cedar and spice. Bright acids lend vibrancy throughout a Pauillac I won't soon forget tasting. Haut-Bages Libéral is one of my early favorites on the Left Bank in 2021. Yields were 30 hectoliters per hectare versus the more typical 40 or so, not a bad result at all for the year given the biodynamic farming practices in place."

94-96 Pts, Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"Very aromatic on the nose, this has savoury, fruit and floral tones; liquorice, cola and earth with cranberries, strawberries and black cherries. Dense and quite darkly fruited on the palate but with a brightness from the acidity giving a mouthwatering attack before the flavours deepen and widen in the mouth. So many layers, really showing the Pauillac power: everything presented in high definition with a bold structure even though the individual elements are so precise and defined. It's racy and confident but also complex with a spiced cedar, clove, cinnamon, liquorice and wet stone/ chalky element to the tannins that fill the mouth and don't let go. A lovely wine with lots of potential from Claire Villars-Lurton! 65% grand vin. A blend of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon - the highest percentage ever - and 10% Merlot, which usually comprises between 15 to 25% of the blend. 11.5% press wine. Ageing 16 months, 40% new oak, 40% one-year-old oak, 20% amphoras."

93 Pts, Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com, April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Batailley 2021
Pauillac
5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£330 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

92-94 Neal Martin
90-92 Robert Parker

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

92 Jane Anson
87-89 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Batailley was picked September 30 to October 15 and matured in 55–60% new oak. It has a well-defined, focused bouquet, a quintessential Pauillac nose of black fruit infused with cedar and mint. The palate is medium-bodied with a touch of black pepper on the entry and delivers good depth and fine grip. This is a Batailley with commendable stuffing for the vintage and it fans out with gusto on the finish. It might not be the best Pauillac in 2021, yet I bet you won't find better value for money, notwithstanding its underestimated propensity to age."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

Château d'Armailhac 2021
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£391 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2024

90-92 Neal Martin
93 Decanter

92-93 James Suckling
92 Jane Anson

90-92 Jeff Leve
91-93 Robert Parker

"The 2021 d'Armailhac, aged in 50% new oak, is the first vintage to be vinified in the new winery, which was completed a month before the harvest. It has quite a strict bouquet, tight and focused, with broody dark berry fruit, pencil box and tar, quite classic in style. The palate is harmonious and smooth with fine tannins, just the right amount of acidity and a sapid finish that lingers in the mouth. Residual graphite notes linger after the wine has exited. Very fine. (13.0% alcohol)"

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

"Reminiscent of a modern-day version of this estate's delicious 1999, the 2021 d'Armailhac is a terrific wine bursting with aromas of wild berries, cherries, exotic spices and rose petals. Medium to full-bodied, supple and seamless, it's fleshy and enveloping, with melting tannins and an ample core of sweet, succulent fruit. This is a pleasure-bent wine that will offer a broad drinking window."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Pichon-Comtesse Réserve 2021
Pauillac**



£396 per 12 IB
Drink to 2034
Arriving Spring 2024

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
90 Decanter**

**91-92 James Suckling
89-91+ Robert Parker**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck
88-90 Neal Martin**

"The 2021 Réserve de la Comtesse is a seriously great wine in its peer group. Or any peer group. Rich and layered, with no hard edges and compelling balance, the 2021 opens beautifully in the glass. Savory accents run through a core of black cherry and plum fruit, with hints of gravel, spice and leather that develop later. This year's blend includes 14% reserve wine, but that is not especially evident. I don't think I have ever tasted a more refined Réserve de la Comtesse. Superb."

92-94 Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, April 2022

"Perfumed blackcurrants on the nose and palate - juicy and succulent, the tannins are mouthfilling and have a cool blue fruit flavour, almost blueberry and plum, fresh with a softly fleshy texture. Lovely depth on the mid-palate, it doesn't let up - going from start to finish with gusto. You also get liquorice, clove tones - dark spiced aspects but they're integrated and don't cause angles just nuances in terms of flavour. You've definitely got the Pauillac power and concentration but also an energy that is so captivating. A confident second wine that has direction."

90 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com, April 2022

**Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste
2021
Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé**



£300 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

**94-96 Antonio Galloni
92-94+ Robert Parker**

**94-95 James Suckling
95 Decanter**

**92-94 Neal Martin
93 Jane Anson**

"The 2021 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is fabulous. Bright and punchy, with terrific aromatic presence, the 2021 is a terrific example of the modern classicism of the year at its best. It's the sort of wine that needs years or maybe even decades to truly blossom, and yet all the requisites are there for that to happen. There is something about Grand-Puy-Lacoste that is absolutely striking in 2021. I can't wait to taste it from bottle."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, April 2022

"A superb GPL this year with one the highest percentages of Cabernet in the blend. Rose hawthorn notes on the nose - really nuanced. A little bit more closed on the palate in terms of overt acidity and fruit but this has such a beautiful texture, silky smooth with fine tannins that are persistent and mouthfilling but very elegant too, they frame the ripe fruit and mineral flavours - lots of bitter black chocolate and liquorice on this as well as salinity too. This has a much more subtle power than many others - a tense core, tightly wrapped but presenting a lovely juicy fragrant cherry flavour with terroir markers in the liquorice and lick of wet stone and the gorgeous Cabernet eucalyptus on show. So much potential - this will be excellent. I love it! Once it comes around it will have a very long life indeed. Ageing 75% new barrels. 55% grand vin."

95 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Duhart-Milon 2021
Pauillac 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£336 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

91-93+ Robert Parker
90-92 Neal Martin

16+ Jancis Robinson
90-92 Antonio Galloni

93 Jane Anson
91-93 Jeff Leve

"Incorporating fully 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 Duhart-Milon unwinds in the glass with aromas of sweet berries, cigar wrapper and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, lively and persuasively concentrated, with beautifully refined tannins and a long, penetrating finish, it's a classy, serious wine that reflects all the progress this estate has been making over the last decade."

91-93+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Precise and finessed black fruits here right from the first moments, this is high Cabernet Sauvignon, lovely black savoury fruits that suit the slightly serious feel of Duhart. Expect precision, strict tannins, straight lines, plenty of freshness but without the rusticity that you could find in older Duharts. About 15% press wine after careful extraction and a short maceration. A little more old school Duhart than we have seen over the past few years, but thoroughly enjoyable. 1st year organic conversion, 30hl/h yields."

93 Pts Jane Anson JaneAnson.com April 2022

Château Clerc-Milon 2021
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£342 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

92-94 Robert Parker
92 Jane Anson

93-94 James Suckling
93 Decanter

90-92 Neal Martin
92-94 Antonio Galloni

"The 2021 Clerc Milon is a success, bursting with aromas of blackberries, cassis and plums mingled with violets, tobacco leaf and nicely integrated new oak. Medium to full-bodied, layered and seamless, it's deep, fleshy and complete, with a rich core of succulent fruit, beautifully polished tannins and a long, sapid finish, it's a compelling, characterful wine that transcends the vintage."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2022

"The 2021 Clerc Milon, aged in 55% new oak, contains a little more Cabernet Franc than usual. It has a slightly savory nose displaying moderate vigor and black fruit infused with touches of brown spice. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, and quite broad and fleshy. The plush finish makes me think this will drink well in its youth. Fine, though I lean toward the d'Armailhac this year. 13% alcohol."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Pontet-Canet 2021 Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£445 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Antonio Galloni

95 Jane Anson
94-96 Jeff Leve

91-93 Neal Martin
93-95 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Pontet-Canet is a blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 6% Petit Verdot. Deep purple-black in color, it pops from the glass with vibrant blueberries, Morello cherries, and cassis scents, plus suggestions of violets, cinnamon stick, wet rocks, and forest floor with an exotic touch of cardamom. Medium-bodied, the palate has very finely grained tannins and well-poised freshness supporting the perfumed black fruits, leading to loads of minerally sparks on the finish of this very bright and shimmering wine. Harvest started on 24 September with Merlot, followed by the Cabernets and Petit Verdot on 4 October, and finished on 12 October. The wine is to be aged in 50% new oak barrels, 35% amphorae, and 15% 1-year barrels. 2026-2050"

93-95 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, RobertParker.com May 2022

"The 2021 is the most classically Pauillac Pontet-Canet I have tasted in modern times. Medium in body, with striking aromatic presence, the 2021 screams with character. Grilled herbs, incense, leather, lavender and plum open with a bit of coaxing, all framed by beams of tannin and bright, salivating acids that give the wine shape and real sense of direction. There's a bit more Petit Verdot in this year's blend, and that comes through in the wine's intensely savory profile. Aging is 50% in new wood, 35% in amphora and 15% in one year-old barrels. The 2021 was impressive all three times I tasted it."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

Château Lynch Bages 2021 Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£510 per 6 IB
Drink to 2048
Arriving Spring 2024

96-97 James Suckling
95 Decanter

94-96 Neal Martin
92-94 Antonio Galloni

93-95 Robert Parker
92-94 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Lynch-Bages, picked at 34hL/ha and matured in 75% new oak for a planned 18 months, has an outstanding bouquet, beautifully-defined and sensual, a mixture of black and blueberry fruit, very fragrant. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins, good body and density, quite precise with a tensile finish. This fans out nicely on the finish. A very classy Lynch Bages with echoes of Jean-Michel Cazes' classics from the late eighties. 13.14% alcohol."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"The second vintage vinified in the Caze family's new winery, the 2021 Lynch-Bages unwinds in the glass with aromas of minty cassis, sweet berries, loamy soil, black truffle and cigar wrapper, framed by nicely integrated new oak. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated and muscular, it's a serious, layered, powerful, youthfully structured wine that will come together beautifully with maturation in barrel."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Pichon-Lalande 2021
Pauillac 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£804 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2050
 Arriving Spring 2024

96-98 Antonio Galloni
94-95 James Suckling

94-95+ Robert Parker
93-95 Neal Martin

96 Decanter
95 Jane Anson

"Do you want the good news or the bad news first? Let's start with the good. The 2021 Pichon Comtesse is epic and certainly among the great wines of this vintage. Sadly, the coulure and mildew in the first year of organic farming plus dehydration at the end of the growing season took with it fully two thirds of the crop. In other words, there's not much wine to go around. Rich and sumptuous in the glass, yet clocking in at 12.9% alcohol, the 2021 is beautifully layered and totally sensual from the very first taste. Hints of red fruit, flowers, mint, white pepper and dried savory herbs develop with a bit of coaxing. The Cabernet Sauvignon, at 88%, is very high by historical standards. Quite simply, the 2021 is a tour de force from Technical Director Nicolas Glumineau and his team. If there is one wine readers will absolutely jump on en primeur it is Pichon Comtesse. Should the bottled wine turn out as well as this sample, pricing is likely to jump materially because of the tiny production. Don't miss it."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, April 2022

"This estate is one of the most dynamic in contemporary Bordeaux, so it's no surprise that the 2021 Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande is a terrific wine—though its a very atypical blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 2% Merlot, cropped at a derisory 15 hectoliters per hectare, hints at what a challenging year this was in the vineyards. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of wild berries, blackcurrants, iris, licorice, black truffles, cigar wrapper and sweet soil tones, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and textural, with beautifully refined tannins, lively acids and a supple but serious profile. It will see 60% new oak and, in all likelihood, a classical élevage of fully 18 months."

94-95+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2022

Le Petit Mouton 2021
Pauillac



£1020 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2040
 Arriving Spring 2024

93-94 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

92 Decanter
89-91 Robert Parker

91-93 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Jeff Leve

"Representing 40% of the total volume, a little more than usual, the 2021 Le Petit-Mouton, is aged in 50% new oak. A very Cabernet nose with conspicuous graphite scents infusing the black fruit, a little Earl Grey in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with a fleshy opening, not amazingly complex but well balanced with fine tannins and just a pinch of black pepper on the finish. Classic in style, it should give 15-20 years of drinking pleasure."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"Beautifully fragrant strawberries and red cherries, just so perfumed and appealing, really a very lovely nose drawing you in. An excellent Petit Mouton in 2021; serious intensity here but also such a liveliness as well as creaminess. It has weight and layers while having fruit intensity and a core of aromatics. There's a softness and delicacy in terms of the tannins and frame - beguiling - but a real base of concentrated blue, red and black fruits - strawberries, red cherries and blackcurrants. You get the stony tones and the clove on the finish but this feels round, expansive and approachable. It's uber glamorous, still with freshness and lift. A gorgeous wine with lots going on! 0.5% Petit Verdot completes the blend. 3.73pH. 14% press wine."

92 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Mouton-Rothschild
2021
Pauillac 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé**



£2550 per 6 IB
Drink to 2055
Arriving Spring 2024

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

**93-95 Neal Martin
94-96 Antonio Galloni**

**95-96 Robert Parker
97 Decanter**

"The 2021 Mouton Rothschild is a terrific wine in the making, unfurling in the glass with aromas of cherries and wild berries mingled with notions of violets, espresso roast, pipe tobacco and mint. Medium to full-bodied, deep and seamless, it's a layered, enveloping wine that's ample and concentrated, with succulent acids, melting tannins and a long, resonant finish. A blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc that attained 13.1% alcohol, this is a demonstrative, sensual Mouton that's the fruit of extreme selection, and that may well make my score seem conservative with further élevage. Bravo to the talented Jean-Emmanuel Danjoy and his team."

95-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2022

"The 2021 Mouton Rothschild marks a return to the classic style of this First Growth after three hot vintages. Unsurprisingly, the Cabernet Sauvignon takes control and expresses cigar smoke and graphite aromas. This is very well defined, yet examining the wine over several minutes, I was searching in vain for that "magic touch" exuded in recent vintages. The palate is beautifully-knit, quite edgy on the opening, comparatively slender and markedly sapid. Unapologetically linear on the finish, it is as if the growing season snipped off the frills that defines a great Mouton-Rothschild. This is a very fine First Growth, yet I hope it just gains a bit of weight and, to use a more accurate word, "presence", during the remainder of its barrel maturation. 13.1% alcohol."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

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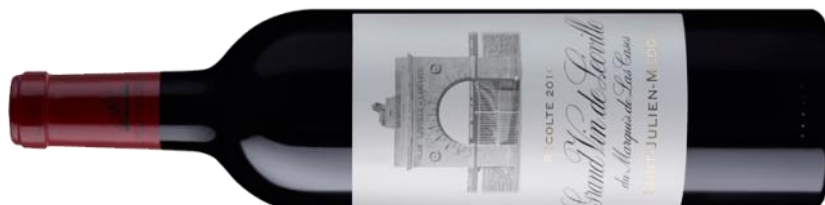
FINE WINE

St-Julien

"A wine that will delight Médoc purists"
William Kelley on Ducru-Beaucaillou



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Le Petit Ducru de Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien	91-92 JS	£246 per 12 IB
Château Gloria	St-Julien Cru Bourgeois	92-93 JS	£314 per 12 IB
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 RP	£354 per 12 IB
Château Branaire-Ducru	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£371 per 12 IB
Château Saint Pierre	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Talbot	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-93 JS	£472 per 12 IB
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien ('2nd' wine of Ch. L-Las-Cases)	91-93+ RP	£250 per 6 IB
Château Léoville-Barton	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 NM	£334 per 6 IB
Château Beychevelle	St-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 NM	SOLD OUT
Château Léoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£430 per 6 IB
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Léoville-Las-Cases	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 RP	£975 per 6 IB



LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Le Petit Ducru
de Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021
St-Julien**



£246 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2024

**90-92 Antonio Galloni
88-90 Neal Martin**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck
88-90 Robert Parker**

**91-92 James Suckling
89-91 Jeff Leve**

"The 2021 Le Petit Ducru de Ducru-Beaucaillou is a very pretty second wine. A burst of dark red cherry, blood orange, spice, cedar and new leather gives this Merlot-based Saint-Julien tons of sheer appeal. Plump and juicy, with terrific persistence, Le Petit Ducru is vibrant and full of character. The blend is unusual 80% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Petit Verdot."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The third wine of the estate, the 2021 Le Petit Ducru De Ducru-Beaucaillou is shockingly good. Based on 80% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the balance Petit Verdot, lots of classy cassis, graphite, violets, and background oak notes define the bouquet, and it's medium-bodied, with a lively, supple, elegant mouthfeel and an overall fresh, straight-up pretty, yet still textured style."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com April 2022

**Château Gloria 2021
St-Julien**



£314 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

**92-93 James Suckling
91-93 Neal Martin**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Antonio Galloni**

**90-92 Robert Parker
91 Jane Anson**

"The 2021 Gloria is the first vintage where the vineyard farming has moved to organic viticulture (though there are no plans for certification.) It was picked from September 27 to October 9, stopping for 5 days between the Merlot and Cabernets, with a large percentage (14%) of Petit Verdot from a massal selection. It has a very pure and perfumed nose thanks to the contribution of the Petit Verdot. The palate is medium-bodied and quite dense for the vintage, displaying fine body and weight, gentle grip and a touch of graphite toward the finish. Very fine."

91-9 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

"Charming and extroverted, the 2021 Gloria bursts with aromas of cassis, cherries, sweet berries, fresh mint and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, it's a lively, seamless wine that wears its heart on its sleeve. This blend of 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 14% Petit Verdot and 6% Cabernet Franc seems likely to emerge as a sleeper of the vintage. Tasted four times."

90-92 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Langoa-Barton 2021
St-Julien 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£354 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2040+
 Arriving Spring 2024

92-94 Robert Parker
92 Jane Anson

91-93 Neal Martin
90-92 Jeff Leve

90-92 Antonio Galloni
89-91 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The first vintage vinified in the Barton family's new winery, the 2021 Langoa Barton is immensely promising, offering up aromas of cassis, cigar wrapper, loamy soil and black truffle, followed by a medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless palate that's deep and complete, its vibrant core of fruit framed by ripe tannins and lively acids. It's a blend of 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Tasted three times."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

"The 2021 Langoa Barton was picked 27 September until 7 October, matured in 60% new oak. Analysis shows 13.03% alcohol. It has a well-defined bouquet with expressive Merlot this year. Hints of blood orange/orange sorbet percolate through the red fruit. It has a skip in its step. The palate is medium-bodied with a taut and fresh entry. Plenty of sapidity here, oyster shell tinged with a well-defined and quite persistent finish. Lovely length, this is quite a gorgeous Saint-Julien that will age beautifully in bottle."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

Château Branaire-Ducru 2021
St-Julien 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£371 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2040+
 Arriving Spring 2024

93-95 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Neal Martin

94-95 James Suckling
94 Decanter

93-94+ Robert Parker
92-94 Jeff Leve

"Having tasted the 2021 Branaire-Ducru six times over the course of a month and a half, I feel confident in saying that it is a beautiful wine that numbers among the vintage's real successes. Offering up aromas of raspberry coulis and red cherries mingled with notions of rose petals, cigar box and spices, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with a layered core of fruit, lively acids and beautifully powdery tannins. Why is it quite so good? It isn't because a lot of wine was declassified, as around 60% of the estate's production went into the grand vin this year—a touch more than average. Rather, the key factors seem to be waiting to pick despite an alarming weather forecast; the blend itself, which emphasizes ripe Cabernet and the estate's later-ripening Merlot on clay-limestone soils; and the fact that a partially completed new winery means that Branaire already had fully 63 fermentation vats at its disposal to pick and vinify parcel by parcel. The exact composition is 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot."

93-94+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Purple and pink flowers on the nose, sweet strawberries and cherries and some milk chocolate notes. Delicate and poised on the palate, this has an air of elegance and refinement from the first sip, the sleek tannins giving support and a fine grip while the herbal Cabernet and Petit Verdot touches give spice, bright summer berry fruit and tension. This has a good core and persistence of flavour that doesn't let up, not weighty of particularly dense, but well defined and focussed. Stylish and glamorous in the best way while being understated - a difficult feat in 2021. Totally moreish and just so well constructed and delivered. A top wine! You get energy and precision here but it's the understated character I like so much, it just grows and grows quietly and then leaves you with the lingering impression of the beauty of St-Julien.."

94 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Talbot 2021
St-Julien 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£472 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

92-93 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

91-93 Robert Parker
93 Decanter

91-93 Antonio Galloni
92 Jane Anson

"The 2021 Talbot is impeccable. Soft and inviting, the 2021 is absolutely charming. Red-fleshed fruit, blood orange, mint and spice are front and center. Although pretty easygoing in style, the 2021 is beautifully balanced and is not penalized by some of the rougher edges that have been an issue in the past. If the 2021 is an indication of where the estate is heading, that direction appears to be quite positive."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"Spearmint and blackcurrants on the nose with some gorgeous perfume too. Excellent intensity of blackcurrant juice, not fleshy, more linear and direct, the lightness of flavour balancing with fine, just gripping tannins that also offer touches of tobacco and toasted spice flavours. It's overall quite a delicate and well worked wine for the vintage, with gentle fruit persistence and a lifted finish. Will no doubt round out over ageing, giving more density to the really beautifully presented floral-touched bramble fruit. Elegance and class; promising indeed."

93 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

Clos du Marquis 2021
St-Julien



£250 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

91-93+ Robert Parker
90-92 Neal Martin

93-94 James Suckling
93 Decanter

91-93 Antonio Galloni
89-90 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Clos du Marquis is a lovely wine, offering up aromas of cherries, burning embers, dark berries, loamy soil and truffle, followed by a medium to full-bodied, layered and velvety wine that's rather deep and serious, reflecting low yields of 30 hectoliters per hectare and a blend dominated by 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 19% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc in supporting roles. Lest anyone underestimate it on the strength of the challenging vintage alone, by the numbers it contains a higher concentration of polyphenols than either the 2019 or 2020 vintages. Tasted three times."

91-93+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Clos du Marquis is a dark, sumptuous Saint-Julien. Strong Cabernet inflections give the Clos du Marquis its strong aromatic presence. Crushed flowers, spice, mint, tobacco and incense all reveal themselves with some coaxing. There are some slight rough edges in the tannins, but hopefully élevage can polish those. The 2021 is a fine and promising Clos du Marquis."

91-93 Pts, Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Léoville-Barton 2021
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£334 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045++
Arriving Spring 2024

93-95 Neal Martin
94 Jane Anson

93-95 Robert Parker
92-94 Jeff Leve

92-94 Antonio Galloni
90-92 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"A terrific success, the 2021 Léoville Barton unwinds in the glass with aromas of blackcurrant, wild berries and plums mingled with hints of pencil shavings, loamy soil and cigar wrapper. Medium to full-bodied, deep and seamless, it's concentrated and tensile, with beautifully refined tannins, lively acids and all the class that an elevated percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon growing in deep gravel can provide. It's the first vintage vinified in the Barton family's new winery, and I suspect that contributes to the ultra-refined quality of tannin this year. The blend is 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Tasted three times."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

"The 2021 Léoville-Barton was picked from 27 September until 7 October, matured in 60% new oak. The alcohol is 13.12%. It has a clean and pure bouquet with blackberry, bilberry, cedar and hints of shucked oyster shell: focused and very well delineated, classic in style. The palate has a smooth and cohesive entry, very well-knit with beautifully integrated oak. Crisp acidity with the perfect amount of tension on the classically-styled finish, this Léoville Barton demonstrates the advantages of their brand new cellar (even though the reception was not finished in time!) I cannot see any reason not to own a few bottles of this in your cellar."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

Château Léoville-Poyferré 2021
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£430 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Jeff Leve

93-94+ Robert Parker
92-94 Neal Martin

93-95 Antonio Galloni
94-97 Jeb Dunnuck

"The top wine, the 2021 Château Léoville Poyferré is a beauty and certainly makes the most of the vintage. Based on 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot that hit 14% alcohol (with an IPT of 78 and a pH of 3.85), its dense purple hue is followed by a rich, concentrated, medium to full-bodied Saint-Julien that has terrific purity of fruit, notes of cassis, violets, and spicy wood, ripe tannins, and remarkable overall balance. It brings more richness and depth than most in the vintage and is unquestionably going to offer tons of pleasure over the coming 20-25 years."

94-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2022

"The 2021 Léoville-Poyferré is classy and polished right out of the gate. All the classic Poyferré signatures come through, but in miniature. The 2021 impresses with its pliant fruit, silky tannins and fine balance. To be sure, the 2021 is a smaller-scaled wine than the norm here over the last few years, but that is the charm of this vintage. Inky dark fruit, pencil shavings, licorice and menthol build into the super-expressive finish. Tasted three times."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

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FINE WINE

Château Léoville-Las-Cases
2021
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£975 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Robert Parker
91-93+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

94-96 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Jeff Leve

94-96 Neal Martin
94 Jane Anson

"One of the wines of the vintage, the 2021 Léoville Las Cases is reminiscent of a hypothetical blend of the 1999 and 1996—only better. Offering up incipiently complex aromas of cassis, plums and dark berries mingled with loamy soil, cigar wrapper and exotic spices, it's full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, with superb amplitude and concentration, velvety tannins, lively acids and a long, penetrating finish. Uniting classicism and charm, it exemplifies how a great terroir, exigent agronomy and meticulous winemaking can deliver greatness even in a less propitious vintage. It's a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc and a mere 5% Merlot this year, checking in at 13.2% alcohol."

95-97 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Léoville Las-Cases is classy, nuanced and so expressive. There's gorgeous depth, and yet the 2021 is not as explosive as it has been in the recent past. That's not a bad thing, not at all. Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc comprise fully 95% of the blend in a Las Cases that is beautifully persistent from start to finish. It's a wine that has one foot in its rich, historical past, and the other very much in the more modern style of contemporary vintages. There is so much to look forward to."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

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FINE WINE

Margaux

"The late-ripening, low-yielding vintage has delivered a beautifully balanced wine of striking intensity in the 2021 Palmer."
William Kelley



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Labégorce	Margaux Cru Bourgeois	91-93 NM	£249 per 12 IB
Château Marquis d'Alesme	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 AG	£175 per 6 IB
Château Cantenac-Brown	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	92-94 RP	£TBC per 12 IB
Château Malescot-St-Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£444 per 12 IB
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£243 per 6 IB
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£282 per 6 IB
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux (2nd Wine of Ch. Palmer)	92-94 AG	£330 per 6 IB
Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	94-97 AG	£360 per 6 IB
Château Palmer	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 RP	£1422 per 6 IB
Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux	Margaux (2nd wine of Ch. Margaux)	94-95 JS	£828 per 6 IB
Château Margaux	Margaux 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£2550 per 6 IB



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FINE WINE

Château Labégorce 2021 Margaux Cru Bourgeois



£249 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2025

91-93 Neal Martin
90-92 Jeff Leve

90-91 Robert Parker
86-88 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

91 Decanter
16.5 Jancis Robinson

"The 2021 Labégorce was picked from 23 September to 19 October and matured in 35% new oak, the malo done in bottle. Pretty red cherries, raspberry and bergamot scents on the nose. Light undergrowth aromas surface with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit, modest depth, light and focused towards the finish. A well-made Margaux that should give 15/20 years of pleasure."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"Mint leaf, espresso, smoke, thyme, Indian spice, flowers, and red fruits are found on the nose and palate. Fresh, spicy, medium-bodied, and already open, you can start drinking this on release. Drink from 2023-2034."

90-92 Pts Jeff Leve, TheWineCellarInsider.com May 2022

Château Marquis d'Alesme 2021 Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£175 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

92-94 Antonio Galloni
89-91 Robert Parker

91-93 Neal Martin
91-93 Jeff Leve

92 Decanter

"This 15-hectare estate has produced the Perrodo family's most serious, structured wine this year in the form of the 2021 Marquis d'Alesme. Exhibiting aromas of raspberries, red cherries, violets and blood orange, it's medium to full-bodied, with powdery tannins, lively acids and creditable persistence on the finish."

89-91 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"A deep, rich, opulent nose giving that Margaux glamour straight out the gate. Heady, perfumed purple flowers on the nose. The aromas are really beguiling, you get the ripe Cabernet fruit which was such a success in 2021 - the green pepper, black pepper, blueberries and eucalyptus with hints from the Merlot - sharp, sweet and sour strawberries and red cherries with herbal notes of liquorice and cedar. It's certainly fresh and you get a clarity on the palate, it's not massively structured per se but offering lovely balance, freshness and precision of all the elements. There's a vibrancy to this and a nice mouthfeel of gentle but grippy tannins - they're fine but filling. Fruit and oak are well balanced with such persistence of gentle flavour. Lovely refinement and class with a lifted minty finish. I love it. 3% Cabernet Sauvignon completes the blend. 3.80pH. They lost around 25% of the yield in 2021, bringing in 32hL/ha compared to the usual 40-45hL/ha."

92 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Malescot-St-Exupéry
2021**
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£444 per 12 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Robert Parker

93-95 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Jeff Leve

90-92 Neal Martin

"The 2021 Malescot St. Exupéry is another terrific wine from a property that has been trending towards finesse. The 2021 represents another step in that direction, helped by the vintage, of course. Red cherry, iron, blood orange, spice, tobacco and cedar build as this mid-weight, savory Margaux shows off its considerable charms. Pretty floral top notes accent the finish. Tasted two times."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

"The 2021 Malescot St. Exupéry is a terrific effort, offering up aromas of sweet cassis and plums mingled with notions of licorice, espresso roast and toasty oak. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, it's impressively layered, with a sweet core of fruit, ripe tannins and lively acids. The dramatic style of the château has worked very well with the cooler, later-maturing vintage. The blend is 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

Château Giscours 2021
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£243 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Antonio Galloni
93 Jane Anson

94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

93-95 Robert Parker
91-93 Neal Martin

"The 2021 Giscours is fabulous. In fact, the 2021 is one of the best Giscours in recent memory. Silky and impeccable in its balance, the 2012 possesses magnificent elegance that brings out its pedigreed personality. Rose petal, lavender, spice, gravel and black cherry all come together, framed by silky tannins that wrap it all up. The 2021 is less aromatic than most recent vintages, but the depth here is considerable, as is the potential. Taste two times."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The 2021 Giscours is immensely promising and shows just how far this important estate has come in the last few years. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of cassis, dark berries, cigar wrapper, violets, sweet forest floor and burning embers, it's medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, with terrific depth at the core, ripe tannins, lively acids and a long, penetrating finish. With wines like this, we're back to a level of quality that Giscours hasn't routinely attained since the 1970s! The blend is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot; and even if by the standards of the last decade, that isn't a particularly elevated percentage of Cabernet, this is nonetheless a very Cabernet-driven wine in style. Tasted six times."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Malescot-St-Exupéry
2021
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£444 per 12 IB
 Drink to 2045
 Arriving Spring 2024

94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Robert Parker

93-95 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Jeff Leve

90-92 Neal Martin

"The 2021 Malescot St. Exupéry is another terrific wine from a property that has been trending towards finesse. The 2021 represents another step in that direction, helped by the vintage, of course. Red cherry, iron, blood orange, spice, tobacco and cedar build as this mid-weight, savory Margaux shows off its considerable charms. Pretty floral top notes accent the finish. Tasted two times."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

"The 2021 Malescot St. Exupéry is a terrific effort, offering up aromas of sweet cassis and plums mingled with notions of licorice, espresso roast and toasty oak. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, it's impressively layered, with a sweet core of fruit, ripe tannins and lively acids. The dramatic style of the château has worked very well with the cooler, later-maturing vintage. The blend is 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

Château Brane-Cantenac 2021
Margaux 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£282 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2040+
 Arriving Spring 2024

94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Neal Martin
93-95 Jeff Leve

95 Jane Anson
93-96 Antonio Galloni

"The 2021 Brane-Cantenac notably marries fruit intensity with energy and structure. There is an exotic richness to the 2021 that is impossible to miss. Kirsch, red plum, blood orange, cinnamon, new leather and spice all meld together. The 2021 is bold, sumptuous and alluring. There is certainly a lot to look forward to. The oak needs to fully integrate, but that is what élevage is for. Brane-Cantenac was impressive on both occasions I tasted it"

93-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"I loved the 2021 Château Brane-Cantenac, and I'd put this up with the top wines in the appellation. Medium-bodied, silky, and pure, with considerable elegance, it has lots of red and black fruits, some floral and herbal, tobacco nuances, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's a quintessential Margaux with its complexity and nuance."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

**Alter Ego de
Château Palmer 2021
Margaux**



£330 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2024

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Robert Parker**

**93 Jane Anson
89-90 Jeff Leve**

**90-92 Neal Martin
87-89 Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

"Deep plum in colour, with silky cassis and plum fruits on the attack. This is savoury, with sappy acidity that is mouthwatering rather than biting. This isn't exuberant and doesn't have huge flesh to the fruit, but it is a truly enjoyable and engaging wine that is one of the '2nds' of the vintage. More black fruit in this than the Palmer in many ways. Higher Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend than usual after frost affected the Merlot, giving it more of a classical Margaux balance than you find in most vintages of Alter Ego, which tends to be generous. 3.76ph."

93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com, May 2022

"Palmer's 2021 Alter Ego is fabulous. Dense and rich in the glass, with positively explosive energy, the 2021 dazzles from start to finish. A rush of dark cherry, plum, spice, blood orange, menthol and licorice infuses the palate with tremendous intensity. Hints of rose petal and pomegranate appear later to round things out. The 2021 possesses tremendous textural richness that is evident from the very first taste. The aromatics alone are especially present today."

92-94 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

**Château Rauzan Ségla 2021
Margaux 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé**



£360 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

**94-97 Antonio Galloni
96 Decanter**

**93-95 Robert Parker
94-96 Neal Martin**

**94-96 Jeff Leve
94-95 James Suckling**

"The 2021 Rauzan-Ségla is absolutely gorgeous. It offers up scents of graphite, savory herbs, licorice, chocolate and plum, all beautifully lifted by strong Cabernet Sauvignon inflections. Naturally, the 2021 doesn't have the mid-palate richness and overall intensity of recent years. Readers will find a tightly wound Margaux that balances classic structure with modern-day precision. I can't wait to see how it ages. Tasted four times."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"A showstopper of a wine for me in 2021. Wonderful aromatic intensity on the nose filled with perfumed fruits, chocolate and wild flowers. Gorgeous clarity and precision, the tannins are fine and powdery supporting the vibrant and energetic purple and black fruit; zingy blackcurrant, strawberry, cherry and plum with an overall creamy chalky texture and grip. Elegant and glamorous - so much styling on show, it feels polished and pristine with clear markings from the terroir but no harshness or austerity just great acidity and liveliness. Such mouthwatering salivation and lift at the end making you want another glass just to taste it again. Tasted twice and both times I loved it. Pure and precise with everything you want from a 2021. A yield of 38hl/ha. Ageing 18 months, 60% new barrels."

96 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Palmer 2021
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£1422 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-97 Antonio Galloni
95-97 Robert Parker

96 Jane Anson
94-96 Jeff Leve

94-96 Neal Martin
92-94+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"Thomas Duroux presented two stellar 2021s at Palmer. "The vines just did not want to stop growing. Luckily, the last 5-6 weeks of the growing season were dry and warm enough to ripen the crop," he told me. "Mildew impacted our yields in 2021 by about 20%, but the pressure was earlier in the year than in 2018. Having cover crops helped absorb some of the extra moisture."

94-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

The 2021 Palmer has a discrete bouquet that demands patience. This does not race out of the blocks, rather it unfurls with subtle graphite scents, blackberry, hints of cassis, plus some of the briny aromas that I noticed on the Alter Ego. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins that frame the cedar and graphite infused black fruit. Quite strict for a Palmer, yet fresh with a cerebral, saline finish that is almost Pauillac-like in style despite the majority from old Merlot vines that are situated on some of its finest gravel terroirs. Very long, very suave on the finish. Superb.

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

Pavillon Rouge du
Château Margaux 2021
Margaux



£828 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

94-95 James Suckling
92 Jane Anson

94 Decanter
91-93 Robert Parker

91-93 Antonio Galloni
90-92 Neal Martin

"Aromas of plums, raspberries and sweet spices introduce the 2021 Pavillon Rouge, a medium to full-bodied, velvety and vibrant wine that's impressively rich and mouthfilling, revealing a deep core of fruit framed by powdery tannins and lively acids, concluding with a long, saline finish. The blend is 73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 4% Cabernet Franc, and Philippe Bascaules observes that parcels planted 20 years ago and destined for the grand vin when they're a bit older are increasingly making the cut for Pavillon Rouge."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"This has a mirabelle plum, raspberry and red cherry character, softly finessed with texture and depth, given extra complexity by curling floral aromatics. Classic balance, silky texture, although with a less generous and rounded feel to the tannins than the past few vintages of Pavillon Rouge. 36hl/h yield, with around 5% lost to frost but no mildew because treated (organically) throughout the season. 30% of overall production."

92 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Margaux 2021
Margaux 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£2550 per 6 IB
Drink to 2055
Arriving Spring 2024

97-98 James Suckling
96-98 Jeff Leve

95-97+ Robert Parker
97 Decanter

95-97 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Neal Martin

"The 2021 Château Margaux is clearly one of the finest wines of the vintage. Offering up a deep bouquet of raspberries, wild blueberries and plums mingled with sweet spices, violets, licorice and hints of cigar box, it's full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, with terrific depth at the core and beautifully refined, powdery tannins, concluding with a long, floral finish. Combining the vibrant flavors and moderate alcohol (13.1%) of a vintage of the last century with all the precision of the present in extraction and élevage, it is a timeless classic; and lest that be mistaken for a euphemism for a lack of concentration, note that the wine is analytically as high in polyphenols as the brilliant 2019. Representing only 36% of the estate's production, the 2021 is a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot." 95-97+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Château Margaux, aged in 100% new oak as usual, is clean and precise on the nose, much more discrete than the outgoing Pavillon Rouge and unfolds like a temptress in the glass. Intense dark cherries, hints of blueberry and trademark crushed violets then start to billow, all exquisitely defined. The palate is medium-bodied with a silky smooth veneer that does a good job disguising the structure underneath. Surprisingly plush given the growing season, the concentration is very impressive with no hard edges. It's a very Margaux-like Château Margaux insofar that it could not come from any other appellation."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Graves & Pessac-Léognan Reds

“Combining the classical proportions of the vintages of two decades ago with the viticultural and winemaking of today, it’s a timeless classic in the making ”

William Kelley on Haut-Brion



Wine

Château La Garde
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

92 DC
93-94 JS
95-96 JS
94-95 JS
96-97 JS
95-96 JS
96-98 AG
94-95 JS
95-97 NM
97-98 JS

Price

£156 per 12 IB
£343 per 12 IB
£282 per 6 IB
SOLD OUT
£545 per 6 IB
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£2550 per 6 IB



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FINE WINE

Château La Garde 2021
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru
Classé



£156 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2024

91-92 James Suckling

90-92 Neal Martin

89-91 Antonio Galloni

"A red with blackberry, blueberry and walnut character. Medium body, integrated tannins and a delicious finish. Well done for the vintage. From organically grown grapes. 62% merlot, 36% cabernet sauvignon and 2% petit verdot.

91-92 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, May 2022

"The 2021 Château La Garde is now vinified in smaller inverted truncated vats and aged in one-third new oak. This has a vibrant bouquet, a mixture of red and black fruit, hints of violet coming through with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with a velvety smooth entry and moderate depth. Quite compact at first, but there is fine delineation on the finish. It will require 4–6 years in bottle. Given keen market prices, this is one to watch."

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

Château Malartic-Lagravière
2021 Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£343 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

90-92 Neal Martin
90-92 Antonio Galloni

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

90-92 Robert Parker
93 Decanter

"The 2021 Malartic Lagravière offers good depth, but naturally less of the opulence of recent years. Part of that is the year and part is likely the result in a change in stylistic direction. It will be interesting to see where things ultimately settle. Dark red/purplish fruit, spice, incense, licorice and gravel emerge, and yet the finish is a bit dry."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

"A blend of fully 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot, the 2021 Malartic Lagravière offers up aromas of sweet berries, plums, burning embers and warm spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and powdery palate that's impressively concentrated, refined and elegant. It's a fine effort from an estate on the rise."

90-92 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Domaine de Chevalier 2021
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£282 per 6 IE
Drink to 2050+
Arriving Spring 2024

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Robert Parker

94-96 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

93-95 Neal Martin
94 Jane Anson

"The 2021 Domaine de Chevalier is full of promise, bursting with aromas of dark berries and plums mingled with loamy soil, bay leaf, licorice, potpourri and spices. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and complete, its velvety attack segues into a lively, layered core, concluding with a long, nicely defined finish. Olivier Bernard doesn't think that this will surpass his 2018, but I tend to disagree. The 2021 is a blend of fully 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Inky purple in colour, powerful aromatics. Chevalier is often an estate to turn to in challenging vintages, and is proving its mettle here. This is another league from much of 2021, extremely impressive in quality. Clove, saffron, turmeric, leather complex layers of flavour that unroll slowly and get a sense of momentum building. The fingerprint of 2021 comes through in the savoury black fruits and austere tannins that need more filling out over ageing, but this is exceptional. 30hl/h yield. In organic conversion."

94 Pts Jane Anson. JaneAnson.com April 2022

Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte 2021
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru
Classé



£545 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

96-97 James Suckling
93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Jeff Leve

93-95 Robert Parker
95 Jane Anson

"A brilliant wine, the 2021 Smith Haut Lafitte offers up aromas of blackberries, violets, coniferous forest floor and dark chocolate. Medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless, it's deep and impressively multidimensional, with good concentration, beautifully refined tannins and notable purity of fruit, concluding with a long, penetrating finish. The fruit of a severe selection, this blend of 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot is testament to the Cathiard family's unwavering commitment to quality."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Smith Haut Lafitte is fabulous. Rich and explosive in the glass, the 2021 possesses tremendous intensity, much of that the result of low yields of just 20-22 hectoliters per hectare, about half of what is typical here. The tannins are a bit firm today, but there appears to be more than enough fruit behind all of that structure. Vivid aromatics further suggest all the 2021 needs is time. I can't wait to see how it ages."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Haut-Brion 2021
Pessac-Léognan
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£2550 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050+
Arriving Spring 2024

97-98 James Suckling
95-97 Antonio Galloni

96-98 Robert Parker
97 Decanter

95-97 Neal Martin
95-97 Jeff Leve

"A candidate for the title of wine of the vintage, the 2021 Haut-Brion unwinds in the glass with aromas of rich red and black fruit mingled with notions of cigar wrapper, licorice, black truffles, loamy soil and burning embers. Full-bodied, deep and concentrated, it's elegant and multidimensional, with superb depth at the core, lively acids and ultra-refined tannins. Combining the classical proportions of the vintages of two decades ago with the viticultural and winemaking of today, it's a timeless classic in the making, but it's difficult to find an obvious analogy with an older vintage. When pressed, Jean-Philippe Delmas suggests a superior version of the 2014 vintage, and to me, a more concentrated, serious version of the 2012 vintage also comes to mind. What is clear, however, is that this is one of the real high points of 2021. The blend is 50% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Cabernet Franc, and it attained 13.8% alcohol—a percentage point or so lower than in 2020 or 2019."

96-98 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"One of the absolute stand out wines on 2021 with an electric appeal almost unrivalled in the vintage. Blackcurrant leaf, dark chocolate, cocoa powder, rose petals, sweet cherries and bramble fruits on the nose. Incredibly lively and energetic on the palate with a burst of sharp, sweet and sour fruits that just fills the mouth coated by chalk, slate and pencil lead mineral tannins that give a intensity while the fruit persistency lingers above and through to the long finish. Such delicacy yet multi-layered and full of concentration, clear ripeness and power, though delivered with suaveness and style. Tannins are firm and robust, mouthfilling, no doubt about that, but they give the structure and frame to the plush and plump fruit which also has such a crystalline purity to it. I love the intensity and also these spicy bitter dark chocolate and liquorice elements on the finish which give nuance."

97 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Other Left Bank Reds

“A charming, perfumed rendition of this Médoc estate.”

William Kelley on Potensac



Wine

Château Lanessan
Château Sénéjac

AOC

Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois
Haut-Médoc

Score

88-90 NM
88-90 NM

Price

£60 per 6 IB
£122 per 12 IB



LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Lanessan 2021
Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois



£60 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2024

88-90 Robert Parker
88-90 Jeff Leve

90 Jane Anson

88-90 Neal Martin

"A successful effort, the 2021 Lanessan exhibits aromas of cassis, pencil shavings and loamy soil, followed by a medium to full-bodied, lively and supple palate that's fleshy and enveloping, framed by powdery tannins and bright acids. I suspect this estate could aim even higher, but they have produced an attractive 2021. Tasted three times."

88-90 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Lanessan has an attractive nose with pretty, floral black fruit with hints of cedar. The palate is well balanced and cohesive, good substance with a grippy finish. Not a complex Lanessan, but it has presence and old school charm."

88-90 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

Château Sénéjac 2021
Haut-Médoc



£122 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2024

88-90 Neal Martin
87-89 Jeff Leve

88-90 Robert Parker
80-82 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

88 Decanter

"This 37-hectare estate in the southern Médoc (not far from the likes of La Lagune and Cantemerle) has delivered a fine effort in the form of the 2021 Sénéjac. Offering up aromas of cassis, spices, pipe tobacco and loamy soil, it's medium-bodied, ample and fleshy, with the supple tannins and charming, open personality that's typical of wines from this sector. Château Talbot's Jean-Michel Laporte is the winemaker."

88-90 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Floral and brightly scented with such clarity on the nose, so expressive but delicate too. I like the clarity here, it's not weighty or particularly textured but so refined on the palate, really just gentle but so charming. So well worked with a grace of flavours where nothing sticks out but nothing too heavy either. I really like this - it's not trying too hard, still with acidity, red berry fruits and some chalky tannins. 4% Petit Verdot completes the blend."

88 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

St-Emilion & Satellites

"This profound young Ausone represents the essence of this great limestone terroir."

William Kelley



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£241 per 12 IB
Château Haut-Brisson	St-Emilion Grand Cru	91-92 JS	£TBC per 12 IB
Château Tour Saint Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-93 JS	£276 per 12 IB
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£282 per 12 IB
Château Fonroque	St-Emilion	91-93 RP	£302 per 12 IB
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£390 per 12 IB
Château La Serre	St-Emilion Grand Cru	91-92 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	92-93 RP	£229 per 6 IB
Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£258 per 6 IB
Château La Gaffelière	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£288 per 6 IB
Château Larcis-Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£329 per 6 IB
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£343 per 6 IB
Château Troplong-Mondot	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£426 per 6 IB
Château Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	94-96 AG	£468 per 6 IB
Château Canon	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£540 per 6 IB
Château Beauséjour D.-Lagarrosse	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	£675 per 6 IB
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£978 per 6 IB
Château Pavie	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	95-97 AG	£1392 per 6 IB
Château Angélus	St-Emilion	94-96+ RP	£1560 per 6 IB
Château Cheval-Blanc	St-Emilion	97-98 JS	£2370 per 6 IB
Château Ausone	St-Emilion	97-100 RP	£1500 per 3 IB

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Laroque 2021
St Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£241 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

93-95 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Neal Martin

92-95 Robert Parker
93-94 James Suckling

93 Decanter

"The 2021 Laroque is a standout. Bright and racy, with tremendous persistence, Laroque stakes its claim as Saint-Emilion's brightest rising star. Bright limestone accents run through a core of red/purplish fruit, rose petal, mint and white pepper. There is a linear intensity to Laroque that is hugely appealing. Technical director David Suire fashioned a gem. Don't miss it."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

"The 2021 Laroque is very promising indeed, and winemaker David Suire and I agree that it is likely to surpass the estate's 2018 vintage in quality. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of sweet berries, plums and cherries, framed by a discreet patina of new oak, it's medium to full-bodied, seamless and complete, with excellent concentration, lively acids and ripe, melting tannins. A blend of 99% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc, it represents 45% of the estate's production and derives from vines more than 50 years old."

92-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

Château Tour Saint Christophe
2021
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£276 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2024

92-93 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

91-93 Antonio Galloni
91 Jane Anson

90-92+ Robert Parker
89-91+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Tour Saint Christophe is terrific. Naturally, the 2021 doesn't have the breadth of previous vintages. Instead, there is a sense of energy running through the 2021 that is compelling. Dark fruit, leather, gravel, incense and mocha all meld together nicely. Once again, Tour Saint Christophe is a star in the appellation for its quality and value. Tasted two times."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

"The 2021 Tour Saint Christophe is perfumed and high-toned on the nose, featuring blueberry and raspberry fruit mixed with violet and iris flower. The palate is well balanced with sappy black fruit, gentle grip, impressive balance and a correct, quite linear finish. Stylish and with good aging potential. It should end up at the top of my banded score."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Sansonnet 2021
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£282 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2024

93-95 Antonio Galloni
93-94 James Suckling

91-93 Robert Parker
92 Decanter

92-95 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 Sansonnet is once again a stand out. Blackberry jam, crème de cassis, chocolate, new leather, licorice and espresso give this large-scaled Saint-Émilion tons of depth. As always, Sansonnet is an extrovert, but in 2021 it benefits from a kick of acidity that balances things out nicely. It was impressive both times I tasted it."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"Tasted on numerous occasions, the 2021 Château Sansonnet is another beauty, and I wouldn't be surprised to see it come in close to the 2017 in terms of quality. A blend of 91% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Cabernet Franc, aging in 80% new oak, it has a fresh, lively, pretty, and incredibly pure style as well as lots of darker, cassis like fruits, subtle background oak, and notes of violets and graphite. It's unquestionably outstanding and will have two decades of longevity."

92-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com April 2022

Château Fonroque 2021
St-Emilion



£302 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2024

91-93 Robert Parker
90-92 Antonio Galloni

91-92 James Suckling
89-91 Jeb Dunnuck

92 Decanter
86-88 Neal Martin

"Supple and charming, the 2021 Fonroque is a medium to full-bodied, ample and enveloping wine redolent of cherries, blackberries, rose petals and licorice. Fleshy and charming, it's attractively layered, with supple tannins and a persistent finish."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Lovely wildflowers and wild berry notes on the nose, smells charming. The fruit is crunchy and alive on the palate, really quite forward and playful, supported by the bright acidity and the tannins, with iodine, blood orange and a salty tang at the end. I like this, the initial taste is just so fun and balanced and the overall texture gives enough weight to see it through to a long finish. It remains focussed and quite linear but there's a joy to the tension here. A brilliant wine in 2021 with a clean, precise, cool, fresh finish that lifts rather than dips."

92 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Bellefont-Belcier 2021
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£390 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

93-94 James Suckling
90-92 Neal Martin

90-92 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Robert Parker

"The 2021 Bellefont-Belcier is done in a much more elegant style than in the past. That is a combination of the vintage and a new direction for the château. There's terrific freshness to be found in the red-fleshed fruit, but also less heft than in the past. I am not sure the true potential of this site is still fully known, but the ride to discovering it is going to be fascinating."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

"The 2021 Bellefont-Belcier has a ripe red cherry, cassis and licorice-tinged bouquet, perhaps less opulent than recent vintages, though I am still looking for a little more delineation and complexity given the site. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, a light touch of chocolate and mint and plenty of red fruit on the finish. Give this 2-4 years in bottle."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

Château La Serre 2021
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£210 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2024

91-92 James Suckling
89-91 Robert Parker

89-91 Neal Martin
16 Jancis Robinson

88-90 Antonio Galloni
88-90+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 La Serre has a very cohesive and generous bouquet, quite opulent for the vintage with red cherries, blueberry and subtle violet scents. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, moderate depth, well balanced with a fresh, poised finish. A little gem (again)."

89-91 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"A strong effort that punches above its weight this year, the 2021 La Serre exhibits aromas of sweet berries, rose petals and smoke, followed by a medium-bodied, supple and satiny palate. Seamless and melting, it concludes with a saline finish. It derives from a small, four-hectare vineyard located on Saint-Émilion's limestone plateau (near Château Trotteville) that has recently undergone extensive replanting. Tasted twice."

89-91 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Berliquet 2021
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£229 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2024

93-94 James Suckling
91-93 Antonio Galloni

91-93 Neal Martin
92-93 Robert Parker

93 Jane Anson
93 Decanter

"The 2021 Berliquet shows considerable promise, exhibiting aromas of cherries, wild berries, raw cocoa and rose petals, followed by a medium to full-bodied, lively and charming palate that's framed by powdery tannins and tangy acids. Concluding with a long and saline finish, this estate continues to go from strength to strength under the administration of Nicolas Audibert and his team."

92-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"An attractive bright purple colour with violet rim, and warming fruit aromatics, touches of cloves. This is impressive, with a lovely sense of lift and freshness, and beautifully placed raspberry, blackberry and redcurrant fruits. A little bulkier than its sibling estate Canon, slightly more angular tannins in this vintage, but still with the juicy fingerprint of limestone. First year of organic conversion, with certification expected 2024. 44% new oak, plus four amphora. 30hl/h yield, 3.41ph. Clay-limestone plateau, next to Canon but with slightly cooler, more powerful soils. Tasted twice."

93 Pts Jane Anson, Decanter.com April 2022

Château Beau-Séjour-Bécot
2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé



£258 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Neal Martin

93-95+ Robert Parker
93-94 James Suckling

95 Decanter
94-96 Jeff Leve

"The 2021 Beau-Séjour-Bécot is one of the most elegant wines I have ever tasted here. Pliant and deep, with striking depth, the 2021 is outrageously beautiful. All the elements come together so effortlessly. Dark fruit, mocha, spice, licorice and incense all build in the glass. The creamy tannins are impossibly refined for the year, while the finish is eternal. The 2021 is a real stunner. Readers won't want to miss it!"

95-97 Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"Aromas of deep berry fruit, dark chocolate, subtle spices and dried flowers introduce the 2021 Beau-Séjour Bécot, a medium to full-bodied, velvety and seamless wine that's lively and layered, with a deep core of fruit, ripe tannins and a long, saline finish. Cropped at 35 hectoliters per hectare, and based on Merlot with some 13% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon in a supporting role, its quality reflects a growing season of relentless efforts and the impact of extra sorting equipment rented on the eve of harvest."

93-95+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château La Gaffelière 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé



£288 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Neal Martin
93 Decanter

94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
92-94 Robert Parker

95-97 Antonio Galloni
94-95 James Suckling

"The 2021 La Gaffelière is a wine of extraordinary finesse and class. Time in the glass brings out striking depth and complexity. The aromatics alone are beguiling but everything about the 2021 speaks to elegance. Crushed red berry fruit, rose petals, blood orange, mint and saline notes punctuate the finish."

95-97 Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"A notable success in this vintage, the 2021 La Gaffelière offers up aromas of sweet cherries and berries mingled with notions of licorice, loamy soil and spices. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and enveloping, it's supple and charming, with a fleshy core of fruit, lively acids and ripe, powdery tannins, concluding with impressive persistence. Tasted four times, twice at the château."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

Château Larcis-Ducasse 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé



£329 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-95 James Suckling
94 Decanter

93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Robert Parker

94 Jane Anson
91-93 Neal Martin

"I think one of the undeniable successes in the vintage is the 2021 Château Larcis Ducasse, which hails from a magical terroir on the south-facing hillside just outside of Saint-Emilion. There's slightly more clay here, so Larcis-Ducasse always shows a ample density and power. A blend of 86% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc from healthy yields of 34 hectoliters per hectare, harvest started September 29, extending to October 11 for the Cabernet Franc. The estate favors whole berry fermentations in cement tanks, and the élevage occurs in 50% new French oak, with the balance in second- and third-fill oak. Sporting a dense purple hue as well as powerful aromatics of darker currants, chocolate, tobacco, and damp earth, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, admirable concentration, ripe tannins, and a great finish. Tasted on numerous occasions, it never failed to impress, and this is one to seek out."

93-95+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2022

"A blend of 86% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc, the 2021 Larcis Ducasse wafts from the glass with aromas of cherries, blackberries, violets, warm spices and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, deep and attractively layered, with lively acids and a chalky, saline finish, this is a terrific effort. Nicolas Thienpont and his team were extremely selective this year, and the grand vin derives almost entirely from the slope, without much contribution from the plateau above."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Pavie-Macquin 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé



£343 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-95 James Suckling
94 Decanter

93-95 Robert Parker
92-94 Neal Martin

93-95 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Antonio Galloni

"The 2021 Pavie Macquin was picked from 4 to 19 October at 37hL/ha, the Grand Vin representing around 80% of the crop. Matured in 50% new oak, it clearly has the most fruit concentration amongst Nicolas Thienpont's portfolio with black cherries, blueberry and bilberry fruit, just a faint touch of orange rind in the background. The palate is fresh and well-structured on the entry, insistent grip and a pleasant seam of sapidity running through this Saint-Émilion. More "vertical" than usual, this is nicely focused with a delineated, quite mineral-driven finish that showcases its asteriated limestone terroir. Excellent."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

"Another success in this challenging year is the 2021 Pavie Macquin, a promising effort that offers up aromas of sweet berries, Indian spices, licorice and bay leaf. Medium to full-bodied, layered and incisive, it's a tensile, tightly wound wine that's concentrated and penetrating, concluding with a mineral finish. Its low pH profile means that this is always an estate that gains a lot from élevage, but even at this early stage, it's clear that this has excellent potential."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

Château Troplong-Mondot 2021
St Emilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£426 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Antonio Galloni
95-96 James Suckling

96 Decanter
93-96 Robert Parker

93-95 Neal Martin
95 Jane Anson

"The 2021 Troplong Mondot is shockingly raw and untamed, but in the very best sense of those terms. A wine of energy and pure power, the 2021 is going to need a number of years to be at its best, but it is certainly very impressive in the early going. The 2021 clocks in at 13.5%, which has not been seen here since the 1990s. The 2021 is not an easy wine to taste at this stage, as it is not fully formed. I won't be surprised if the 2021 turns out even better than this note suggests. It is a dazzling wine by any measure, and a far cry from the wines of decade ago, when the malolactic fermentations were often not finished when en primeur samples were presented! Superb."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The natural density that they have at Troplong was extremely helpful in a vintage like 2021. This is a little more reserved than a typical year, but very much delivers signature power. Expect gunsmoke, fern and raspberry leaf alongside cherry pit and saffron salinity, black cherry fruits, rosebud, anis, fennel spice, all with the powerful and concentrated signature of limestone. I was here on the last day of harvest, and I remember how healthy the grapes were. This is the first vintage where the cellar has been completely finished, moving from 20 to 42 tanks. No chaptalisation (but the natural 13.5%abv is extremely rare at this late ripening property, and a real indication of how long it took for sugars to climb in this vintage)."

95 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Clos Fourtet 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé



£468 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

93-95 Robert Parker
91-93 Neal Martin

94-96 Jeff Leve
93 Jane Anson

"The 2021 Clos Fourtet is very clearly one of the wines of the vintage on the Right Bank. Towering in its stature, the 2021 is a regal wine endowed with tremendous energy and vibrancy. This classically austere Saint-Émilion oozes class from the very first taste. Blue/purplish fruit, spice, lavender and menthol are some of the aromas and flavors that build into the resonant, deeply pitched finish. What a wine."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"In years like 2021, you look to estates at the level of Clos Fourtet as ports in a storm, and this delivers, if not entirely escaping the influence of the vintage - a real sign of the issues, as this is such a brilliant wine, able to circumnavigate so many obstacles. You are going to find finesse and mouth watering salinity, marks of limestone and skill in the cellar, along with cool blue fruits and pumice-scrape salinity. It will fill out further during ageing, and will go the distance, but there is austerity here, and not the smile-inducing brilliance of a usual Clos Fourtet vintage. Tasted three times. A reasonable yield of 40hl/h (normal for the property) as its location again protected from frost. Clay-limestone soils. 50% new oak, 2% amphoras, saignée (for added concentration) on 20% of the vats.."

93 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

Château Canon 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé



£540 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045+
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Robert Parker
96 Decanter

96-97 James Suckling
92-94 Neal Martin

95-97 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

"A brilliant wine in the making, the 2021 Canon offers up aromas of cherries, wild berries, licorice, sweet soil tones, raw cocoa, Indian spices and rose petals. Medium to full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, it's immensely refined and seamless, with a lively spine of acidity, ripe tannins and a long, penetrating, intensely saline finish. This beautifully balanced Canon is one of the classiest, most complete wines of the Right Bank in this vintage. Tasted four times."

94-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Gorgeous bright plum colour with violet reflections. The epitome of careful, precise, well-spliced winemaking. Sibling estate Berliquet has perhaps more immediate charm, because there is more power running through it, but this is just elegance and finesse personified. Red cherry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry, slate, saffron, oyster shell, they have teased out layers of complexity that were not easy to find in the vintage, and there is length also, with pumice stone salinity scraping across the palate. It's subtle, and it's not at the heights of a 2019 Canon, but this will not be out of place in a vertical of the estate. Tasted twice. 50% new oak, 40hl/h yield, harvest September 16 to October 8. Thomas Duclos consultant"

96 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

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FINE WINE

Château Bélair-Monange 2021
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé



£675 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2045
 Arriving Spring 2024

96-97 James Suckling
95 Decanter

93-95 Robert Parker
93-95 Antonio Galloni

93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck
94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"Made from 99% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc, the 2021 Belair-Monange is medium to deep garnet-purple colored. It slowly unfurls to reveal perfumed waves of black cherries, raspberry coulis, lilacs, and jasmine tea, followed by hints of forest floor, powdered cinnamon, and star anise. The medium-bodied palate is so evocative, with impactfully intense and yet wonderfully restrained red and black fruit layers, supported by miraculously velvety tannins, leading to a long and so very fragrant finish. Just stunning!"

94-96 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2022

"The 2021 Château Belair-Monange continues to impress, and you could put this up with the top wines in the vintage with no issues. Floral notes of blue fruits, violets, chalky minerality, and spice define the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied on the palate, with a good mix of both richness and freshness, building tannins, and a great finish. Turning more mineral-laced, sappy, and floral as it sits in the glass, this is a complete, incredibly classy Saint-Emilion that will round into form with just a few years of bottle age. If you haven't heard of this château, trust me on this one, get on its bandwagon, as it's destined to be one of the greats in Saint-Emilion."

93-95+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2022

Château Figeac 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé



£978 per 6 IB
 Drink to 2050
 Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Neal Martin
97 Jane Anson

95-97 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Antonio Galloni

95-97 Jeff Leve
94-95 James Suckling

"One of the highlights of the vintage on the Right Bank, the 2021 Figeac is a blend of 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc and 29% Merlot, and the fruit of a harvest that lasted a full month, from September 21 to October 19, with each parcel picked at optimal maturity. Offering up aromas of blackberries, cassis, rose petals, violets, cigar wrapper and sweet soil tones, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and seamless, its velvety attack segueing into a deep, layered core of beautifully vibrant fruit, concluding with a long, saline finish. The first vintage vinified in Figeac's new winery, it's a resounding success for administrator Frédéric Faye and his team."

94-97 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"One of my absolute favourite wines in 2021 with Figeac's star power clearly on show. Amazing aromatic complexity on the nose; dark chocolate with perfume from the Cabernet Franc - pink flowers, red cherry touches vanilla and cinnamon - such a seductive smell. Pure and focused - so smooth and sleek with a clear tang to the palate. Quite taut, so defined and pure. The minerality comes through the sweet strawberry and raspberry fruit giving that chalky, salty flavour and texture on the palate. Everything is precise and in the right place. You can tell this is ripe, the concentration is there in the fruit, alongside such bright freshness but also these fun and playful red fruit flavours with lively acidity. Classic Bordeaux style with vibrancy, clarity and harmony - you feel the St-Emilion terroir and the understated glamour. This is an epic wine, a brilliant Figeac and contender for wine of the Right Bank. 100% new oak. 3.65pH."

97 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2022

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FINE WINE

Château Pavie 2021
St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru
Classé (A)



£1392 per 6 IB
Drink to 2060+
Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Antonio Galloni
95-96 James Suckling

93-95 Neal Martin
17++ Jancis Robinson

94 Jane Anson
92-94+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Pavie is a wine of tremendous potential. Naturally, it shows the more mid-weight style of the year and yet there is plenty of depth as well as energy that starts to emerge with a bit of time in the glass. Bright saline notes shape the wine while extending the finish and adding so much drive. The 2021 is shaping up to be a very special wine. All it needs is time."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The 2021 Pavie was picked at 33hL/ha from 28 September until 12 October and matured in 75% new oak, the rest one-year. Team Pavie decided to wait to pick the Cabernet until after the rains just prior to harvest. This is clean and precise on the nose, the Cabernet components (48% of the blend) imparting graphite and light cedar aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannins that frame layered limestone-infused black fruit, quite vibrant and conveying a sense of energy towards the finish. This has the most persistency of Gérard Perse's wines, and whilst I do not hold it up as the greatest Pavie in recent years, it is clearly top of the tree among his portfolio this year. Superb. 14.14% alcohol."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

Château Angélus 2021
St-Emilion



£1560 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96+ Robert Parker
95 Jane Anson

94-96 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

93-95 Neal Martin

"A brilliant wine that signposts this estate's evolution under Stéphanie de Boüard-Rivoal, the 2021 Angélus is a blend of 60% Cabernet Franc and 40% Merlot, with fully half of the old-vine Cabernet Franc maturing in foudres rather than 225-liter barriques. The result is a wine of unprecedented purity and finesse, unwinding in the glass with compelling aromas of plums, raspberries, rose petals, vine smoke, blood orange and warm spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and layered palate with a rich and fleshy core that entirely conceals its structuring chassis of ultra-refined tannins. Bright and sapid, it's striking for its integration and elegance at this early stage, and I wouldn't be surprised to see it upstage a number of more touted vintages once it's in bottle."

94-96+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

"For the first time ever, Angélus is 60% Cabernet Franc and 40% Merlot in 2021. There's terrific density and power, especially within the context of the year. Black cherry, chocolate, spice, menthol and lavender all build nicely in the glass. The 2021 has quite a bit of richness, and its 14% alcohol, a bit lower than the recent norm, works quite well in this vintage. All it needs is a bit of time to help soften some of the raw contours that are present today."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2022

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FINE WINE

Château Cheval-Blanc 2021
St-Emilion



£2370 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

96-98 Antonio Galloni
97-98 James Suckling

95-97 Neal Martin
96 Jane Anson

95-97 Robert Parker
95-97 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Cheval Blanc was picked between September 22 and October 14, and for the first time in many years there is a higher proportion of Cabernet Franc. This has a lovely bouquet, very clean and precise, featuring black cherry, wild mint, sous-bois and orange sorbet, all vivacious and very focused. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins, quite structured and very linear and strict. A bit like Ausone, this is an uncompromising Cheval Blanc, very saline and marine-influenced. While not as flattering as the 2020, it will appeal more to those who prefer a cerebral Cheval Blanc. One of the stars of the Right Bank in this challenging growing season."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"The 2021 Cheval Blanc is one of the wines of the vintage. Vertical and aristocratic in bearing, Cheval is just stunning. Time in the glass brings out compelling inner sweetness and perfume to play off a core of rich dark fruit, gravel, spice, menthol and dried flowers. I also tasted the final three blending components, none of which hints at the magnificence of the Grand Vin. Stunning."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

Château Ausone 2021
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé (A)



£1500 per 3 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

97-100 Robert Parker
93-95 Neal Martin

96-97 James Suckling
93-95 Antonio Galloni

95-97 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-98 Jeff Leve

"A blend of 65% Cabernet Franc and 35% Merlot, the 2021 Ausone is a strong candidate for the title of wine of the vintage. Wafting from the glass with aromas of wild blueberries and raspberries mingled with rose petals, violets, exotic spices, vine smoke and blood orange, it's full-bodied, seamless and sensual, with a satiny attack that segues into a deep, layered mid-palate of breathtaking precision and intensity without weight. Built around bright acids and ultra-refined tannins and concluding with a resonant, perfumed finish, this profound young Ausone represents the essence of this great limestone terroir. I am not in the habit of drinking six-month-old Bordeaux cask samples, but this is one wine that would have sorely tempted me to make an exception to that rule if my appointment at the estate hadn't been one of the first of the day!"

97-100 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"Full-bodied, but so elegant and fresh, with a silky, elegant tannin texture. Very deep and expansive. Lots going on already with plenty of perfume. Blueberries, cloves, lavender and some wild-berry notes. Dark cocoa, too. Some espresso character at the end. Wonderful interplay of spices and fruit. Long. It keeps going."

96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Pomerol & Lalande de Pomerol

"Built around finesse, precision and charm. It seems to grow in stature in the glass. Pure class."

Neal Martin on Vieux Château Certan



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	79-91 LPB	£170 per 12 IB
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	92-93 JS	£420 per 12 IB
Château Gazin	Pomerol	91-93+ RP	£TBC per 6 IB
Château Clinet	Pomerol	94-96 NM	£399 per 6 IB
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	94-95 JS	£480 per 6 IB
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	95-96 JS	£910 per 6 IB
Château La Conseillante	Pomerol	95-97 NM	SOLD OUT
Château l'Evangile	Pomerol	96-97 JS	£1110 per 6 IB
Château l'Eglise Clinet	Pomerol	94-96 AG	SOLD OUT
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	96-98 AG	£1368 per 6 IB



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FINE WINE

Château Chantalouette 2021 Pomerol



£170 per 12 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Spring 2024

This little-known 'Second Wine' of Château de Sales always flies under the radars of the major critics, despite being part of the Moueix stable alongside the likes of Château Petrus. A richly fruited style with the ability to age for a decade, it is one of our customer favourites year-on-year. Very approachable when young, this will neither the less stand up well to a decade in the cellar as has been showed by the multitude of vintages we've previously offered.

This consistency with Château Chantalouette in the last 10 years has been remarkable, never one to over-extract or push ripeness too far. In cooler or hotter vintages they maintain the classic, Pomerol characteristics synonymous with Moueix's style. Silky, plums and sweet berries and violets, fine tannins and a savoury herbal edge. It is such a good wine for entry level Pomerol and this year that is no different.

Château Bourgneuf 2021 Pomerol



£420 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2024

91-93 Neal Martin
88-90 Robert Parker

92-93 James Suckling
16+ Jancis Robinson

89-91 Antonio Galloni
88-90 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Bourgneuf was picked September 27 to October 4. It has an attractive nose with bright black cherry and wild strawberry fruit and fine mineralité. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit laced with tobacco and thyme, building nicely toward a cohesive, sappy finish. The 2021 continues a fine run for this Pomerol estate."
92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2022

"The 2021 Bourgneuf is a very pretty and promising wine. Naturally, the 2021 doesn't have the richness of recent previous editions, but it largely compensates for that with its energy and focus. Hints of red berry fruit, orange peel, cinnamon and crushed rocks lift the finish in this stylish, mid-weight Pomerol. Bourgneuf has been one of Pomerol's under the radar gems for years. The 2021 is a bit understated at the moment, even for this wine. Let's see what happens. Tasted two times."
89-91 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Clinet 2021
Pomerol



£399 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

94-96 Neal Martin
92-94 Antonio Galloni

93-96 Jeb Dunnuck
93-94 James Suckling

93-95 Robert Parker
95 Decanter

"At 75% Merlot and fully 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 Clinet contains the highest proportion of Cabernet in the blend (excepting the 2003) since at least the 1980s. Ronan Laborde harvested late, picking into mid-October, to craft a medium to full-bodied, deep and impressively seamless wine evocative of dark berries, baking chocolate, violets and spices. Concentrated and nicely integrated, it is one of the vintage's notable successes."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com May 2022

"Coming from a mix of clay and gravelly soils spread across a 10-hectare vineyard and 40-year-old vines, the 2021 Château Clinet is another brilliant success by Ronan Laborde, who continues to make one of the greatest Pomerols out there. A blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon (which is a high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon for Pomerol), it sports a deep purple hue to go with brilliant notes of blueberries, blackberries, violets, and minty herbs. More medium to full-bodied on the palate, it shows the fresher, elegant style of the vintage yet still brings plenty of mid-palate depth, ripe, velvety tannins, no hard edges, and a great finish. It's a stunning success in the vintage that will drink nicely on release yet evolve for 20 years or more."

93-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com April 2022

Château Hosanna 2021
Pomerol



£480 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

91-94 Robert Parker
94-95 James Suckling

93-95 Neal Martin
93 Jane Anson

92-94 Antonio Galloni
89-91+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Hosanna is a fleshy, expressive wine, offering up aromas of sweet plums and berries mingled with spices, licorice, rose petals and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, broad and open-knit, it's a lively, charming wine that will likely take on more depth and structure with further élevage in barrel."

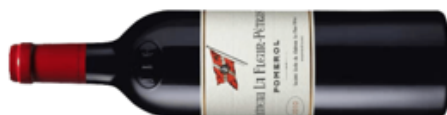
91-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"The 2021 Hosanna was picked from September 24 to October 6. It presents a beautiful bouquet of delineated, focused black cherries, blueberry and wilted violet scents, plus a hint of gravel in the background. The palate is fresh on the entry, presaging a typical solid structure, and quite saline, demonstrating much more grip and substance on the finish compared to, say, Latour à Pomerol or La Grave. Cellar this for 4–6 years if you can."

93-95 Neal Martin, Vinous.com, April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2021 Pomerol



£910 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

95-96 James Suckling
93-95 Antonio Galloni

96 Decanter
91-94 Robert Parker

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Neal Martin

"Subdued on the first nose, this is well constructed, and takes its time to unroll. Violet and gunsmoke emerge first, followed by tons of blackberry and redcurrant fruit, cocoa bean, smoked liquorice, earth and black truffles. Successful, gorgeous silky texture, less exuberant than the past few years but nuanced, seductive, overperforms the vintage and is extremely easy to recommend. One to look out for. September 23 to October 6 harvest."

95 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

"The 2021 La Fleur-Pétrus is a blend of 95% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Petit Verdot. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it comes galloping out of the glass like a thoroughbred, featuring very pure scents of fresh blackberries, crunchy black plums, and Morello cherries, plus suggestions of red roses, cast-iron pan, and crushed rocks. Medium-bodied, the palate is very finely textured and beautifully nuanced with loads of mineral and floral sparks among the intense red and black fruit layers, finishing with great length. This is a gorgeous Pomerol - bravo!"

91-93+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2022

Château l'Évangile 2021 Pomerol



£1110 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045+
Arriving Spring 2024

96-97 James Suckling
93-95 Robert Parker

94-96 Antonio Galloni
94 Jane Anson

94-96 Neal Martin
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 L'Évangile is a heady, sensual wine. Silky and pliant, with fabulous balance, L'Évangile is a stand-out. The blend includes 30% Cabernet Franc, high for the château, but what really stands out is the wine's balance. Red/purplish fruit, blood orange, rose petal and spice are all wrapped together by silky, pliant tannins. Franc aromatics and saline underpinnings extend the finish. Elevage is 50% new oak, 35% one year-old barrels and 15% amphora. Readers will find a super-classic Évangile that has tons of potential. I loved it."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The 2021 L'Évangile was picked September 21 to October 4, and matured in 50% new oak and 15% in clay amphora. It registers 14.0% alcohol and a pH of 3.65. This is very different and, unsurprisingly, far superior on the nose of black cherries, black truffle, crushed stone and a touch of orange peel; very focused and very Pomerol. The palate is medium-bodied, cohesive and elegant with supple tannins and a fine acidity, yet there is real depth and a sense of nascent energy toward the finish. The young Cabernet Franc on gravel soils from the Chantecaille *lieu-dit* absolutely defines this 2021. A great success for this reenergized estate."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Vieux Château Certan 2021
Pomerol



£1368 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2024

96-98 Antonio Galloni
95-97 Neal Martin

96-97 James Suckling
94-96 Jeff Leve

94-96 Robert Parker
95 Jane Anson

"The 2021 Vieux Château Certan is a spectacular tour de force from Alexander and Guillaume Thienpont. What a wine. Vibrant and magnificent in its precision, the 2021 races across the palate, revealing seemingly endless layers of nuance over time. Dark blue/purplish fruit, cinnamon, new leather, graphite, lavender and crushed rocks all build effortlessly. The Cabernets are dialed up in 2021 and that comes through in the wine's flavor profile and overall feel. The purity of the flavors is just mind-bending. Harvest took place between September 25 and October 4. The blend is 67% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon. Readers who can find the 2021 should not hesitate, as it is truly magical." 96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The 2021 Vieux Château Certan was picked from September 24 to October 6 at 38hL/ha and registers 13.2% alcohol. It is a VCC defined by its Cabernets; Guillaume Thienpont told me they used all they had. "I would have blended more if we had more vines," he quipped. The nose unfurls with air to reveal graphite-infused black fruit, touches of undergrowth and tobacco – quintessential VCC aromatics. The palate is beautifully balanced with exquisite definition, not powerful and certainly not opulent, yet built around finesse, precision and charm. It seems to grow in stature in the glass. Pure class." 95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, April 2022

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FINE WINE

Other Right Bank Reds

“Classy Fronsac.”
Neal Martin on Dalem



Wine

Château Marsau
Château Dalem

AOC

Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Fronsac

Score

93-94 JS
92-93 JS

Price

£75 per 6 IB
£175 per 12 IB



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FINE WINE

Château Marsau 2021
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux



£75 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2024

93-94 James Suckling

91 Decanter

"A pure merlot with black-olive and blackberry aromas and flavors with a medium body, creamy tannins and a juicy finish. All here."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2022

"Such a fresh and elegant nose, floral and lifted, so pure - a real clarity of aromas. Silky smooth on the palate, gentle in terms of texture but with a lovely core of flavour, succulent but also the most delicate grip that just fills the mouth and gives the structure, expansiveness and length. It's well expressed, nothing too much, nothing standing out. Well worked with a pristine quality, really quite delicate - it's the flavors around the mouth rather than the weight which is so captivating. Graceful and yet there is power and ripeness as well as a hit of spice and minty crushed stone on the finish. Good balance and a fine effort in 2021. A yield of 26hl/ha."

91 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com May 2022

Château Dalem 2021
Fronsac



£175 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2024

92-93 James Suckling
88-89 Robert Parker

91-93 Jeff Leve
16.5+ Jancis Robinson

91-93 Neal Martin
86-88 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Dalem, now benefiting from the consulting nous of Eric Boissenot, has a lovely bouquet, quite refined and poised, featuring blackberry, wild hedgerow and light violet scents. The balanced palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins and assiduously integrated oak. It fans out generously on the finish. Classy Fronsac."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"Cask sample. Roasted coffee and violets, cocoa and crushed blackberries. A rich and rounded palate, nicely structured with firm, detailed tannins and excellent freshness. Not hugely concentrated but very enjoyable and promising."

16.5+ Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com April 2022

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FINE WINE

Dry Whites

"One of the best Pavillon Blancs yet?"
James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Thieuley Cuvée Courselle Blanc	Bordeaux	92-94 YB	£115 per 12 IB
Château La Garde Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	93-94 JS	£186 per 12 IB
Château Couhins Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	91-92 JS	£205 per 12 IB
Le Petit Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc	Pessac-Léognan	92-94 AG	SOLD OUT
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Bordeaux	94 JS	£220 per 6 IB
Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£235 per 6 IB
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£433 per 6 IB
Château Pape-Clément Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-97 JS	SOLD OUT
Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£631 per 6 IB
Pavillon Blanc de Château Margaux	Bordeaux	97 JA	SOLD OUT



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FINE WINE

Château Thieuley 2021
Cuvée Francis Courselle Blanc
Bordeaux AOC



£115 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2024

92-94 Yves Beck

Not as yet tasted by the English-speaking wine press.

"Tasting whites during en primeur tastings when you're battling young, tannic reds can be a challenge in perspective. All whites and sweet wines are so appealing in that context, so it's important to be super critical and to contrast with their white peers.

"Thieuley Cuvée Francis Courselle Blanc has long been a favourite of mine, the combination between incredible vibrant, grapefruit and honeysuckle character on the nose being particularly intense in 2021. The palate is broader and offers more texture than the nose would allude to. It's such an instantly appealing wine, but plenty of depth and complexity if you want to go looking for it, but it doesn't push those secondary fruit characters upon you, they're just there in the background if you want them. This will be lovely as soon as it's bottled, but I suspect will age for 5-8 years comfortably"

Gus McLean, UK Fine Wine Manager

Château La Garde Blanc 2021
Pessac-Léognan



£186 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2024

93-94 James Suckling

89-91 Neal Martin

90 Decanter

"The 2021 La Garde Blanc was picked September 6–21, the fruit cooled before transferring into barrels of various sizes, with 8 months aging on the lees. It has a straightforward but pleasant bouquet of lime flower, grapefruit and a touch of orange pith. The palate is well balanced, taut and fresh, with fine acidity, the 15% new oak a discreet guiding hand. Good weight and length, and the terroir comes through nicely."

89-91 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"Crisp green apple and pear on the nose, generous, bright and playful. This is fun and lively. I like the texture - it's gently moutfiling and while the acidity is to the fore it's also so well balanced giving just the right amount of sharp mineral interest but also creamy structure. Unfussy, but so well worked, real precision and clarity on show. The detail is there, high definition and very expressive. A nice example from the vintage."

90 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com May 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

Château Couhins Blanc 2021 Pessac-Léognan



£240 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2024

90-92 Robert Parker

91-92 James Suckling

90-92+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2021 Couhins Blanc exhibits aromas of crisp green apple, pastry cream and confit citrus, followed by a medium to full-bodied, chalky and incisive palate. As usual, this overperforming estate from clay-limestone soils has produced a white wine that punches above its weight!"

90-92 Pts, William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

"A layered and bright white with a medium body and tangy acidity. Refreshing. Lots of lemon and pineapple with some spice, anise and saltine character at the end."

91-92 Pts, James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2022

Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2021 Bordeaux



£220 per 6 IB
Drink to 2025+
Arriving Spring 2024

94 James Suckling

91-93 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

91-93 Antonio Galloni

91 Robert Parker

93 Jeff Leve

87 Neal Martin

"A blend of 79% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Semillon, and 6% Muscadelle, the 2021 Blanc de Lynch-Bages skips out of the glass with energetic scents of grapefruit, fresh lemons, and lime leaves, plus hints of wet pebbles and elderflower. Light-bodied, the palate is crisp and intense, laden with citrusy layers, finishing with plenty of zing. pH 3.27."

91-93 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2022

"The 2021 Blanc de Lynch Bages is terrific. The move to increase the Sauvignon Blanc and decrease the Muscadelle yields a white endowed with notable energy and brightness, a style I personally like quite a bit."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

**Château Malartic-Lagravière
Blanc 2021 Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£235 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2024

**95-96 James Suckling
94 Decanter**

**90-93 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Neal Martin**

90-93 Robert Parker

"The 2021 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc was picked from 15 to 24 September with less Sémillon due to frost (11%) and matured in 50% new oak. Clean and precise on the nose, this unfurls nicely in the glass, taut and mineral-driven. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, lively and beautifully balanced, just the right amount of salinity with a cohesive and lingering finish. This is an outstanding white Pessac-Léognan."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

"This is very framed and beautiful. Tannin tension, in a very fine and polished way. It's full-bodied, yet agile and almost weightless. Long and persistent with great finesse and structure. 89% sauvignon blanc and 11% semillon."

95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2022

**Domaine de Chevalier Blanc
2021
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£433 per 6 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2024

**98-99 James Suckling
95-97 Antonio Galloni**

**98 Jeff Leve
94-96+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

**95-97 Neal Martin
94-96 Robert Parker**

"The 2021 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, picked September 13–23 at 40hL/ha, has a captivating, complex bouquet of yellow flowers, white peach, wet limestone and just a faint hint of elderflower in the background. The taut palate is well-balanced with a superb line of acidity. Conveying tangible energy from start to finish, this builds in the mouth toward a persistent finish that fans out gloriously. One of the best Domaine de Chevalier whites that I have tasted in 20-plus years."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2022

"Impactful from the first moment, reinforcing the success they have had in both colours in the vintage. So much flavour and texture, with lemongrass, gunsmoke, orange peel, pineapple, mango, slate, apricot pit, offering grip and length. Tasted several times and it always delivered juice, control and excitement. One of the wines of the vintage."

95 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES FINE WINE

**Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte
Blanc 2021
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£631 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2024

**98-99 James Suckling
96 Decanter**

**96-98 Antonio Galloni
96 Jane Anson**

**98 Jeff Leve
94-96 Neal Martin**

"The 2021 Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc is one of the great white wines of the vintage. Soaring in its aromatic intensity and sheer volume, the 2021 saturates every corner of the palate with its unctuousness and richness. Even with all of that volume, the 2021 remains bright and sculpted. Crushed rocks, lemon confit, orchard fruit, white pepper and mint build into the memorable finish. The 2021 is positively stunning, that's pretty much all there is to it."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"At this early stage, the 2021 Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc appears set to number among the best white wines this estate has produced to date. Wafting from the glass with aromas of crisp orchard fruit, nectarine, grapefruit, pastry cream and smoke, it's medium to full-bodied, fleshy and layered, with a concentrated core of fruit, racy acids and a taut, chiseled profile, concluding with a saline finish. Balancing texture and tension to compelling effect, this beautifully integrated, characterful white is going to be thrilling to revisit in bottle."

94-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2022

LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Sauternes & Barsac

“Riveting Sauternes.”
Antonio Galloni on Clos Haut-Peyraguey



<u>Wine</u>	<u>AOC</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Clos Haut-Peyraguey (37.5cl)	Sauternes 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 AG	£142 per 12 IB
Château Doisy-Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Cru Classé	95-97 AG	SOLD OUT
Château Coutet (37.5cl)	Barsac 1er Grand Cru Classé	93-95 NM	£188 per 12 IB



LAITHWAITES

FINE WINE

Château Clos Haut-Peyraguey
2021 (37.5cl)
Sauternes 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£142 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2024

95-97 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Neal Martin

95-96 James Suckling
17.5 Jancis Robinson

93 Jane Anson
92-94 Jeff Leve

"The 2021 Clos Haut-Peyraguey is a riveting Sauternes. Orange confit, lemon peel, white flowers, tangerine oil and mint soar across the palate. Exotic and floral overtones develop later, adding to the wine's sheer allure. Even with all of its plushness, the 2021 remains light on its feet. An explosion of heady aromas and flavors punctuates the dazzling finish. Sadly, brutal conditions wiped out most of the crop. Yields were a miserly 6-7 hectoliters per hectare."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2022

"The 2021 Clos Haut-Peyraguey was picked in four tries through the vineyard, October 1–28. It has a pure, fragrant bouquet of lovely wild honey, acacia and yellow flower scents. The palate is well balanced with a viscous texture counterbalanced by acidity. Not the most complex Sauternes on the block, but persistent and pleasantly spiced on the finish. Drink over the next 15–20 years."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

Château Coutet (37.5cl)
2021
Barsac 1^{er} Cru Classé



£188 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2024

93-95 Neal Martin

17+ Jancis Robinson

95 Jane Anson

"The 2021 Coutet needs time to cohere in the glass, eventually offering scents of dried honey, pressed flowers and quince. It just needs a little more pizzazz. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity and good weight and tension, showing the energy that is slightly lacking on the nose at the moment. Maybe it could benefit from more unctuousness on the finish, but this remains an enjoyable Barsac that will gain complexity with bottle age."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2022

"Pale gold. Intense but restrained with floral-citrus notes. Palate svelte and textured but with drive and precision. Botrytised sweetness but with a lingering, tangy freshness. Embryonic but good potential. (JL)."

17+ Pts James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com April 2022

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