
Bordeaux Futures 2012

FRANCE - WHITE WINE

BORDEAUX

BLANC DE LYNCH-BAGES 2012

TASTING NOTE: Shows solid thyme, sweet pea and jicama notes, with a fresh, tarragon-filled finish. Features a stony hint and good cut. Score - 88-91 (winespectator.com)

0347112 (XD) 750mL **\$54.00**

CHÂTEAU BROWN BLANC 2012

TASTING NOTE: This is very lively, with lots of peach, nectarine and pear notes all mixed together and offset by a flash of tarragon on the energetic finish. Rock solid. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0351148 (XD) 750mL **\$39.00**

CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX BLANC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Solidly built, with lemon pulp and grapefruit rind notes framing a rich core of creamed yellow apple and peach. Nice minerality drives the finish. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0351932 (XD) 750mL **\$45.00**

CHÂTEAU CLIMENS 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: There was a common theme of spicy, honeyed fruit coming through on both the nose and the palate, one particular lot relatively high in alcohol that should provide the foundation for the more nuances pickings. In many ways, this is a quintessential Climens with subtle orange peel and mandarin notes allied with finely tuned acidity. (NM) Score - 93-95 (Neal Martin, erobertparker.com)

0349563 (S) 375mL **\$44.00**

CHÂTEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL BLANC 2012

AC Bordeaux Blanc

TASTING NOTE: Made from 77% Sauvignon Blanc and 23% Semillon, this terrific effort was cropped at 25 hectoliters per hectare. From the same vineyard in the northern Medoc as their Goulee, it exhibits plenty of crushed rock, honeyed grapefruit and tangerine oil characteristics in a medium-bodied, zesty, vibrant, exuberant style. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. Score - 91-93 (Robert Parker Jr., erobertparker.com, April 2013)

0353045 (XD) 750mL **\$95.00** DH

CHÂTEAU COUTET 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 has a lifted bouquet of quince, marmalade and yellow flowers that is precise and focused. The palate is viscous and convincing on the opening, offering good depth and cohesion with satisfactory botrytis, though it tails away ever so slightly on the finish. Still, this is a commendable effort and is another fine 2012 Barsac. (NM) Score - 90-92 (Neal Martin, erobertparker.com)

0351239 (S) 375mL **\$35.00**

CHÂTEAU DE FIEUZAL BLANC 2012

TASTING NOTE: One of the top estates for dry white wines, now owned by the Quinn family, De Fieuzal's 2012 has a light greenish/gold color and a beautiful nose of caramelized tropical fruits, fig, grapefruit and orange oil. It is crisp, lush, and best drunk over the next 10 years. Score - 90 (erobertparker.com)

0352575 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU DE MALLE 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 de Malle has a pleasant, light, quince-scented bouquet that opens nicely with aeration. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry with a lively bead of acidity that runs straight through the precise, honeyed fruit. This is a sophisticated, delightful de Malle that should be one of the successes of the vintage. (NM) Score - 90-92 (Neal Martin, erobertparker.com)

0347666 (S) 375mL **\$25.00**

CHÂTEAU DE RAYNE VIGNEAU 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: The Rayne-Vigneau has an attractive bouquet of honey, vanilla and almond that is well-defined and opens nicely with aeration in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine seam of acidity. This is harmonious, very pure, with a delightful fresh quince and marmalade-tinged finish that is understated, but offers great intensity. This could be one of the best wines of a difficult vintage. (Neal Martin) Score - 91-93 (Neal Martin, erobertparker.com)

0351304 (S) 375mL **\$29.00**

CHÂTEAU DOISY-DAËNE 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Very creamy style, with lemon custard, flan and citrus oil notes offset by a twinge of quinine; quinine edge hangs on the finish. Long and intriguing. Shows unusual lushness at this stage. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0349522 (S) 375mL **\$29.00**

CHÂTEAU DOISY-VÉDRINES 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Vibrant sweet wine with freshness and lift. This medium-bodied Barsac has good intensity and mid palate weight with 135 gm/l residual sugar. It is not a blockbuster but there is freshness here with lifted floral notes. Yields were low - 10 hl/ha; about 30,000 bottles will be made this year. Drink: 2019-2027. (JCL) (Jeannie Cho Lee MW) Score - 89 (Jeannie Cho Lee, MW, decanter.com)

0347625 (S) 375mL **\$22.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BERGEY BLANC 2012

TASTING NOTE: Attractive, subtle smoky notes blend beautifully with the broad, honeyed character of this complex white Bordeaux. Aromas of beer nuts, tropical fruit and caramelized grapefruit emerge from this impressive, medium to full-bodied wine. It should drink well for a decade. Score - 90-93 (erobertparker.com)

0351718 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION BLANC 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: A prodigious blend of 55% Sauvignon Blanc and 45% Semillon, the 2012 Haut-Brion blanc is the Montrachet of Bordeaux. Incredible notes of crushed rocks, spring flowers, lemon butter, tangerine oil, honeysuckle and candle wax soar from the glass of this full-bodied white. It totally hides any evidence of being aged in 100% new oak. Sadly, there are fewer than 800 cases of this fabulous Pessac-Leognan. It should age well for a half century. Bravo! Score - 98-100 (erobertparker.com)

0349811 (XD) 750mL **\$1,295.00**

CHÂTEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION BLANC 2012

TASTING NOTE: This blend of 84% Semillon and 16% Sauvignon Blanc is from the vineyard that used to be known as Laville Haut-Brion. Bursting with aromas of candle wax, honeyed tangerines, exotic melon and lychee nut-like notes, it exhibits terrific minerality along with a full-bodied mouthfeel, exceptional concentration, great acids and a long finish that lasts 40+ seconds. This killer dry white wine should drink well for 30-40+ years. Score - 96-98+ (erobertparker.com)

0349761 (XD) 750mL **\$995.00**

CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION BLANC 2012

TASTING NOTE: Notes of lanolin, honeysuckle, pineapple and wood smoke emerge from this full-bodied, surprisingly deep, rich, complex white 2012. It should drink well for a decade or more. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0353854 (XD) 750mL **\$52.00**

CHÂTEAU LATOUR-MARTILLAC BLANC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Orange marmalade, mango, tropical fruit and subtle hints of creme brulee and toasty oak appear in this medium to full-bodied, dry white. Drink it over the next decade. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0352708 (XD) 750mL **\$44.00**

CHÂTEAU MALARTIC-LAGRAVIÈRE BLANC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: This brilliantly run estate of the Bonnie family has 17 acres dedicated to white varietals. Traditionally, Sauvignon Blanc has dominated in these wines, but I'm not sure what the blend is for 2012. It is a beautifully perfumed Malartic featuring honeyed and caramelized citrus as well as honeysuckle in a medium-bodied, wonderfully fresh, lively style with terrific fruit and intensity. Drink it over the next 20+ years. Score - 93 (erobertparker.com)

0351155 (XD) 750mL **\$79.00**

CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT BLANC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Pape Clement, a profound blend of 45% Sauvignon Blanc, 44% Semillon, 5% Sauvignon Gris and the rest Muscadelle, is once again a fabulous effort. Gorgeous notes of honeysuckle, pineapple, orange blossoms and mangoes soar from the glass of this full-bodied, unctuously textured, zesty, well-delineated white Pessac-Leognan from a suburb of Bordeaux. Drink it over the next 15-20 years. Score - 95-98 (erobertparker.com)

0348193 (XD) 750mL **\$209.00**

CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE BLANC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Under the capable hands of the Cathiard family, this property has been producing fabulous red and white wines. The 2012, another brilliant effort, exhibits notes of orange rind, figs, mangoes, pineapples and caramelized citrus presented in a full-bodied, heady, powerful style. It should drink well for 15-20 years. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0351072 (XD) 750mL **\$125.00**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER BLANC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: A gorgeous effort, the 2012 Domaine de Chevalier, made from a blend of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Semillon that reached 13.5% natural alcohol, boasts abundant notes of creme brulee, lemon custard, candle wax and oranges in its beautifully rich, honeyed personality. Great acidity gives laser-like precision to its component parts. Drink this full-bodied white wine over the next 2-3 decades. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0351908 (XD) 750mL **\$129.00**

PAVILLON BLANC 2012

TASTING NOTE: Features pure notes of stone, chamomile, white peach, lemongrass and kaffir lime. Offers a lovely, sleek feel and a long, graceful finish, with a high-toned echo of talc on the finish. Tasted non-blind. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0348870 (XD) 750mL **\$215.00**

Y D'YQUEM 2012

TASTING NOTE: A dry white wine made from two-thirds Semillon and one-third Sauvignon from the vineyards of Yquem, Ygrec was first introduced in 1959, and around 1,000 cases are produced each year. An exquisite white Bordeaux, while it does possess a high level of residual sugar (8%-9%), 90% of the people who taste it would say it is completely dry because of its high acids and low pH. A brilliant effort, the 2012 was harvested between September 25 and October 25. It should drink well for 8-12 years. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0373068 (XD) 750mL **\$199.00**

FRANCE - RED WINE

BORDEAUX

ALTER EGO 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Palmer

TASTING NOTE: Offers notes of smoke, roasted herb and cassis bush, with solid plum fruit. Shows grace on the palate, delivering dark, silky fruit and caressing tannins lined with an iron edge. Tasted non-blind. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0346809 (XD) 750mL **\$82.00**

BORDEAUX COLLECTION 2012

This beautifully boxed set contains wine from seven of Bordeaux's best producers. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to acquire these legendary wines all in one spot. The box includes:

Cheval Blanc - DEC 95+
Haut-Brion - RP 93-95
Lafite Rothschild - RP 92-95
La Mission Haut-Brion - RP 91-94
Margaux - RP 92-94
Mouton Rothschild - RP 95-97
Pétras - RP 95-98+

0353508 (XD) 5250m **\$4,999.00**

CARRUADES DE LAFITE 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Lafite Rothschild

TASTING NOTE: Offers a smoky, fleshy feel, with dark plum, charcoal and coffee notes. Features nice grip on the finish, revealing a lingering plum skin feel. Tasted non-blind. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0347526 (XD) 750mL **\$199.00**

CHAPELLE D'AUSONE 2012

Grand Cru, 2nd Wine of Ch. Ausone

TASTING NOTE: The second wine, the 2012 La Chapelle d'Ausone, is an equal part blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc displaying an inky/blue/purple color as well as a sweet kiss of blueberry, blackberry, crushed rock and spring flower characteristics. Remarkably, no one at a blind tasting would ever believe this medium to full-bodied effort is a second wine - it's that impressive! It should drink well for 15-20 years. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0352799 (XD) 750mL **\$215.00**

CHÂTEAU ANGÉLUS 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Owned by Hubert de Bouard, the 2012 Angelus was harvested between October 8-18, yields were 34 hectoliters per hectare, and the natural alcohol was over 14%. The final blend was 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon. One of the superstars of the vintage, the dense opaque purple/blue-colored 2012 offers up notes of barbecue smoke, graphite, charcoal, blueberries, blackberries, sweet cherries and forest floor. With terrific fruit intensity, a powerful, layered, multidimensional mouthfeel and full body, it should be drinkable at an early age given the sweetness of the tannin. It should easily evolve for 15-20 years. Score - 94-96 (erobertparker.com)

0349985 (XD) 750mL **\$375.00**

CHÂTEAU ANGLUDET 2012

TASTING NOTE: A winner from this estate that has produced another major sleeper of the vintage; while not a classified growth, the 2012 d'Angludet may turn out to be outstanding if it puts on more weight. A fruit-forward, sexy, lush effort, it exhibits an endearing roundness along with a dark ruby/plum/purple color, silky tannins, medium body and abundant blue and black fruit notes as well as an attractive floral component. It should drink well for a decade or more. Score - 88-90 (erobertparker.com)

0347096 (XD) 750mL **\$35.00**

CHÂTEAU AUSONE 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (A)

TASTING NOTE: One can't say enough about the amazing job that Alain Vauthier and his daughter have done at this historic property on the decomposed limestone slopes of St.-Emilion. Not surprisingly, the 2012 Ausone is one of the candidates for the wine of the vintage. Inky purple in color, with notes of crushed rocks, spring flowers and blueberry and black raspberry, the wine grows on the palate, offering up amazing concentration. There is no heaviness or cloying characteristics. Pure, rich, full-bodied and, although accessible, it is capable of lasting 30 or more years. This will be one of the profound 2012s, following what Haut Brion and Mission Haut Brion did in Pessac-Léognan. Drink it 2022-2050+. Score - 96+ (erobertparker.com)

0352781 (XD) 750mL **\$845.00**

CHÂTEAU BARDE-HAUT 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 offers up a beautifully fragrant nose of mocha, coffee beans, black cherries, black currants, spring flowers and forest floor. The complex aromatics are followed by a medium to full-bodied St.-Emilion with beautiful density and purity as well as a touch of toasty oak. Barde-Haut has been an over-achiever since the Garcin-Leveque family acquired it. Bravo! Drink the 2012 over the next 12-15 years. Score - 90-93 (erobertparker.com)

0347104 (XD) 750mL **\$39.00**

CHÂTEAU BEAUREGARD 2012

TASTING NOTE: From an historic estate in Pomerol dating back to the 18th century, the 2012 Beauregard (70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc) is a successful effort. The wine is dense ruby/purple and shows loads of licorice, blackcurrant and black cherry in a dense, medium to full-bodied very pure, rich style. This is somewhat of a sleeper of the vintage in Pomerol and very noteworthy. This should drink well for 10-15 years. Drink: 2015-3030. Score - 90 (erobertparker.com)

0351197 (XD) 750mL **\$50.00**

CHÂTEAU BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: A spectacular wine from this nearly 50-acre vineyard situated atop St.-Emilion's famed limestone plateau, the final blend for the 2012 Beau-Sejour Becot was 70% Merlot, 24% Cabernet Franc and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. It achieved 14% natural alcohol and yields were 31 hectoliters per hectare. One of the stars of the vintage, it is elegant yet powerful, rich and authoritative with abundant black raspberry, blueberry, graphite and toasty vanillin notes. Full-bodied and super rich for a 2012, it is packed with potential. The tannins are ripe as well as abundant suggesting several years of bottle age will be required. It should turn out to be a 20 year proposition. Kudos to the Becot family for producing this beauty. Score - 92-95 (erobertparker.com)

0347856 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR HÉRITIERS DUFFAU-LAGARROSSE 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: This is undeniably one of the great terroirs in all of Bordeaux, with a beautiful southerly exposure sitting on pure limestone. The 2012 (14.3% alcohol) displays chalky, dusty minerality, black raspberry and blueberry fruit, medium to full body, delicate, well-integrated tannins, and a lush, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. It is not going to make anyone forget the prodigious 2009 and 2010, but the 2012 exhibits its high-class nobility from this fabulous terroir. Drink it over the next 20 years. Yields were tiny - 23 hectoliters per hectare - and the final blend 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. Score - 94+ (erobertparker.com)

0352666 (XD) 750mL **\$109.00**

CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of licorice, black currants, kirsch, lavender, truffles and crushed chalk are present in the stunningly intense and precise aromatics. Medium to full-bodied and dense ruby/purple-hued with rich, flowing fruit and glycerin, the wine cascades over the palate with no hard edges. A superstar of the vintage, it should drink well for 20-25 years. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0349951 (XD) 750mL **\$135.00**

CHÂTEAU BELLEVUE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Now owned by a partnership of the Boüard and Lavaux families, this famous estate, sitting on the limestone outcrops of St.-Emilion, has produced a dense ruby/purple wine with unmistakable minerality and a medium to full body. It has a nice attractive, juicy, concentrated palate, with a certain tightness and austerity from the minerality and high tannins, but overall it is very impressively made and built for long-term cellaring. Forget it for 3-4 years and drink it over the following two decades. The final blend, tipping the scales at 13.8%, was 98% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. Score - 90+ (erobertparker.com)

0347682 (XD) 750mL **\$75.00**

CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE 2012

4e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The grand vin, the 2012 Beychevelle, is one of the stars of St.-Julien. Opaque purple, with beautiful crème de cassis notes, the wine has floral underpinnings, sweet tannin and a nice layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel. This is elegant and powerful, rich and intense, but light on its feet. This is a great Beychevelle and certainly seems to exceed the vintage's character and expectations. Give it 4-6 years of bottle age and drink it over the following 25-30 years. Score - 92+ (erobertparker.com)

0351189 (XD) 750mL **\$89.00**

CHÂTEAU BRANAIRE-DUCRU 2012

4e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Light, racy and pure, with red currant and cherry pit notes driving a solid hint of rooibos tea on the finish. The finely beaded acidity keeps this going. Not big, but persistent and showing considerable finesse. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0351114 (XD) 750mL **\$65.00**

CHÂTEAU BRANE-CANTENAC 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: A beauty from Henri Lurton, the 2012 Brane Cantenac exhibits classic notes of spring flowers intermixed with black raspberries, black currants and damp forest floor. This medium-bodied, sweet, ripe, quintessentially elegant, medium-bodied Margaux is nicely concentrated as well as sexy. Enjoy it over the next 10-12 years. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0353011 (XD) 750mL **\$65.00**

CHÂTEAU BRANON 2012

TASTING NOTE: A luxury cuvée from this tiny, 15-acre vineyard in the heart of Léognan owned by the Garcin family, the final blend on the 2012 Garcin is 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc and the rest Merlot. A big, full-throttle, full-bodied, impressive Pessac-Leognan, with notes of charcoal fires, burning embers, blueberry and blackberry fruit, this full-bodied, rich, supple wine is very impressive, beautifully textured and quite pure and long. This is a star of the vintage and certainly one of the best Pessac-Léognans. Drink it over the next 10-15 years. Score - 94 (erobertparker.com)

0351668 (XD) 750mL **\$89.00**

CHÂTEAU CALON SÉGUR 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Superbly rich colour, nose still discreet but of great class, great purity of flavour, tannins present for the long-term, "an iron fist in a velvet glove", a beautifully structured wine for the long term, the Lafite of Saint-Estephe. Drink: 2018-2035. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 94 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0351320 (XD) 750mL **\$85.00**

CHÂTEAU CANON 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: A dense ruby/purple color is followed by notes of black raspberries, blueberries, crushed rocks and spring flowers. This medium to full-bodied, well-endowed, authoritative Canon reveals some serious tannin in the finish, so 4-5 years of cellaring will be needed after bottling. It should last 15-20 years. Score - 91-94 (erobertparker.com)

0348177 (XD) 750mL **\$85.00**

CHÂTEAU CANON-LA-GAFFELIÈRE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Exotic notes of Christmas fruitcake, cedar wood, cassis, espresso roast and chocolate soar from the glass of this sensual, impressively well-endowed 2012. Full-bodied with silky tannin and well-integrated wood, this beauty is a tribute to the impeccable viticulture and fermentation techniques of Neipperg and his head consultant, Stephane Derenoncourt. This wine will be drinkable upon release and should evolve for 15 years. Score - 92-94 (erobertparker.com)

0349712 (XD) 750mL **\$85.00**

CHÂTEAU CANTENAC BROWN 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Pure, ripe and engaging, with lovely notes of floral and bergamot leading to a core of succulent plum, boysenberry and blackberry fruit. A good underpinning of iron is buried on the finish. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0351882 (XD) 750mL **\$59.00**

CHÂTEAU CERTAN DE MAY 2012

TASTING NOTE: From proprietress Odette Barrau-Badar, this vineyard, which is fabulously located just adjacent to Vieux Château Certan, Petrus and La Fleur Petrus, has produced a 2012 with a dark plum/purple color. There is often considerable Cabernet Franc in this blend, and I think that comes through in this wine with its notes of forest floor, earth and spice. It is fragrant, medium to full-bodied, rich and savory. This is another meaty, concentrated, very successful 2012 Pomerol It should drink well for 20 or more years. Score - 91 (erobertparker.com)

0355412 (XD) 750mL **\$115.00**

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (A)

TASTING NOTE: Understated, fresh, elegant nose. Beautifully pure fruit on the palate - blueberry and blackberry notes. Plump mid-palate then lovely, silky tannins. A notch better than a very good 2011. The winemaker compares it to 2000. Drink: 2020-2040. (JL) (James Lawther MW) Score - 95+ (James Lawther, MW, decanter.com)

0353870 (XD) 750mL **\$749.00**

CHÂTEAU CLERC MILON 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Juicy and round in feel, with a core of fleshy plum and blackberry fruit. A light briary edge frames the core, revealing enticing savory and chalk notes on the finish. Shows a touch more range and floral lift in the end than the d'Armailhac. Tasted non-blind. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0351270 (XD) 750mL **\$74.00**

CHÂTEAU CLINET 2012

TASTING NOTE: Although hardly comparable to what Clinet achieved in both 2009 and 2010, the 2012 Clinet is another star of the vintage. A powerful, full-bodied, muscular Pomerol, it reveals a dense purple color in addition to lots of opulence, a layered, full-bodied richness (somewhat atypical for the vintage), beautiful density and plenty of mocha, black cherry, truffle and graphite notes. It is a surprisingly full yet accessible Clinet that will be drinkable long before the 2009 and 2010 hit their plateaus of maturity. Drink the 2012 over the next 15 years. Score - 92-94+ (erobertparker.com)

0351924 (XD) 750mL **\$99.00**

CHÂTEAU CLOS DE SARPE 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: This has always been one of my favorite wines because of the tiny yields and meticulous attention to detail by the Beyney family. Not surprisingly, this inky bluish purple wine is frighteningly concentrated, with high extract, spicy oak, loads of blueberry, blackberry and cassis fruit, a hint of underlying liquid chalk/minerality, and a monster finish. The wine has plenty of tannins, which are largely concealed by the luxurious and extravagant nature of the wine's concentration. I wouldn't say this is a wine for those with 19th century palates, but the 2012 can hopefully be drunk in about 7-8 years, and will surely last for three decades or more, making it essentially one of the longest-lived wines of this vintage. From a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, this wine boasts 15% natural alcohol. Drink: 2022-2052. Score - 95+ (erobertparker.com)

0351841 (XD) 750mL **\$77.00**

CHÂTEAU CORBIN 2012

TASTING NOTE: A strong effort, the 2012 Corbin is a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc that was cropped at 37.5 hectoliters per hectare. It exhibits lots of black raspberry and blueberry fruit, a seductive, medium to full-bodied texture, and impressive purity and balance. Drink this 2012 over the next 10-15 years. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0349654 (XD) 750mL **\$39.00**

CHÂTEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: It has a saturated purple color, a classic style, abundant tannin, slight austerity, superb concentration, huge fruit, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, and a structured, muscular, well-delineated finish. This impressive, full-bodied Cos will need time to round into shape. Give it 4-5 years of cellaring and drink it over the following two decades. Score - 92-95 (erobertparker.com)

0353029 (XD) 750mL **\$199.00**

CHÂTEAU CROIX DE LABRIE 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: If you want to impress a friend with a pure, hedonistic St.-Emilion that also offers an intellectual challenge, the 2012 Croix de Labrie, a St.-Emilion fruit bomb, is the wine for you. Unfortunately, the 250-case production means this cuvee is limited in availability. Aromas of incense, Christmas fruitcake, Asian plum sauce, blackberries, licorice and truffles soar from the glass of this dense plum/purple-colored wine. Opulent, voluptuously textured and medium to full-bodied with no hard edges to be found, it will drink well for a decade after bottling. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0351122 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU D'ARMAILHAC 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Features a solid core of anise and plum, with a briary frame and light tobacco shading that should emerge with time. Shows good substance and weight. Tasted non-blind Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0350983 (XD) 750mL **\$58.00**

CHÂTEAU DE FONBEL 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: A sleeper of the vintage, the dark ruby/purple-colored 2012 Fonbel offers up sweet aromas of mulberries, raspberries, forest floor and loamy soil. Medium-bodied with abundant fruit, glycerin and length, it should drink well for a decade. Score - 87-89 (erobertparker.com)

0349977 (XD) 750mL **\$25.00**

CHÂTEAU D'ISSAN 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Château d'Issan, builds on the richness of the second wine and adds more body, structure and density. It has an inky purple color and a stunning nose of spring flowers, blueberry and blackberry fruit as well as touches of incense and graphite. Medium to full-bodied and stunningly concentrated, this 2012 is a great success in the vintage, one of the superstars. Moreover, its precociousness suggests it could be drunk in the next 4-5 years or cellared through 2025. I underrated this wine dramatically in my report of April, 2013 (Issue 206). Score - 95 (erobertparker.com)

0351163 (XD) 750mL **\$64.00**

CHÂTEAU DU TERTRE 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This 125-acre vineyard is beautifully situated in the southern sector of the appellation of Margaux. Dense ruby/purple, with sweet cassis fruit, Du Tertre's 2012 has a perfumed, elegant, lush, velvety-textured mouthfeel and impressive purity and depth. Drink it over the next 15-20 years. Score - 91 (erobertparker.com)

0351213 (XD) 750mL **\$45.00**

CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The plum, currant and blackberry fruit is well-integrated already, with taut anise, singed spice and apple wood notes. Sleek and refined, lacking the telltale sinew of the vintage. Very stylish through the finish, revealing a persistent anise note. Tasted non-blind. Score - 93-96 (winespectator.com)

0352831 (XD) 750mL **\$149.00**

CHÂTEAU FAUGÈRES 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: Features a coating of lightly dusty toast, with a medium-weight core of damson plum, red currant and bergamot. A bright, floral edge enhances the finish, imparting a taut feel. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0351676 (XD) 750mL **\$44.00**

CHÂTEAU FIGEAC 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: A very direct, compact and muscular style, with a dark core of currant, steeped blueberry and plum notes, liberally coated with roasted vanilla and melted licorice accents. Rather rounded for the vintage and a step behind the '11, relying more on a caressing edge than vigorous drive. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0352765 (XD) 750mL **\$109.00**

CHÂTEAU FLEUR CARDINALE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: This full-bodied beauty exhibits a dense opaque purple color in addition to copious notes of creme de cassis, kirsch, licorice and incense. It should drink well for 15-20 years. This will be a sleeper of the vintage. Score - 92-95 (erobertparker.com)

0350017 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

CHÂTEAU FOMBRAUGE 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: The ripe blueberry, raspberry and blackberry fruit cuts a wide swath, with well-imbedded anise and briar notes. A bit obvious in style, but this remains engaging through the finish. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0348185 (XD) 750mL **\$35.00**

CHÂTEAU GISCOURS 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: A polished, silky style, with cashmere tannins that let the supple plum and boysenberry fruit glide along. Suave black tea chimes in on the finish. Appears easygoing at first, but there's ample stuffing here. Solid. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0351288 (XD) 750mL **\$64.00**

CHÂTEAU GLORIA 2012

TASTING NOTE: Good depth of black fruits, both succulent and fresh on the palate, ripe elegant flavours, cru classe standard. Drink: 2016-2025. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 90 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0351767 (XD) 750mL **\$47.00**

CHÂTEAU GRAND CORBIN-DESPAGNE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: This wine often tends to be rustic and masculine, but the 2012 is civilized. Sweeter tannin, a softer, more expansive mouthfeel and abundant concentration have resulted in a sleeper of the vintage. The wine's dark purple color is accompanied by lots of incense, blueberry, black raspberry and crushed rock-like notes. Drink this beauty over the next decade. Score - 88-90 (erobertparker.com)

0347831 (XD) 750mL **\$37.00**

CHÂTEAU GRAND MAYNE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: This wine, which has given me great pleasure over many years, comes from the Nony family and is a blend of 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc. Black raspberry and blueberry fruit, a dense ruby/purple color, excellent purity, medium to full body and a moderately long finish characterize this young, relatively big-scale, extroverted St.-Emilion. It still needs some bottle age, given the tannin, but everything should come together with another 2-3 years in bottle. This is set for at least 12-15 years of longevity. Score - 89+ (erobertparker.com)

0351296 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Superb colour, all the density of cassis/graphite fruit of a true Pauillac and lots of depth, elegance and class for an assured future. Drink: 2017-2035. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 92 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0352526 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU GRUAUD LAROSE 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Fine Cabernet Sauvignon cassis nose, suave and velvety in the Gruaud style, already showing quite exotic fruit, but there is deep fruit and grip here, class and finesse along with the vigour. Drink: 2017-2030. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 91 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0352518 (XD) 750mL **\$75.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAGES LIBÉRAL 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: On the soft side, with supple plum and cherry fruit lightly mulled with hints of singed vanilla and cinnamon. Delivers a mineral twinge on the finish, remaining caressing overall. Score - 88-91 (winespectator.com)

0347807 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAILLY 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The classic 2012 Haut-Bailly is staggeringly great wine, with a stunning bouquet of lead pencil shavings, blueberries, black raspberries and blackcurrants and perhaps a touch of spring flowers, followed by a medium to full-bodied wine with an almost seamless integration of wood, alcohol and tannin. It is rich, concentrated, stunningly supple, pure and a total hedonistic and intellectual turn-on. This wine defines what is meant by intensity of flavor, but it is light on its feet, à la great cuisine. It should be drinkable reasonably young, but age effortlessly for 25-30 years. Score - 96 (erobertparker.com)

0349829 (XD) 750mL **\$95.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BATAILLEY 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Fine expression of Cabernet-Merlot fruit, smooth, charming and classy. Drink: 2016-2026. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 90 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0352567 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BERGEY 2012

TASTING NOTE: Another brilliant effort from proprietress Helene Garcin, the opaque ruby/purple-colored, medium-bodied 2012 Haut-Bergey reveals lots of smoky barbecue, forest floor, black currant and damp earth notes in a surprisingly dense, concentrated, positive, complete style. An outstanding mid-palate and length make for an impressive showing. This 2012 should drink well for 12-15 years. Score - 90-93 (erobertparker.com)

0347153 (XD) 750mL **\$33.00**

CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Haut Brion (65% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc) is certainly one of the candidates for the wine of the vintage, with a dense purple color, classic nose of crushed rock, lead pencil shavings, black raspberry, blueberry and flowers. The wine shows subtle barbecue smoke notes in the background, but is full-bodied, stunningly concentrated and builds incrementally, yet finishes with luxurious, almost extravagant amounts of fruit and intensity. From only 46% of the production, this is an absolutely remarkable effort from the Dillon family and their winemaking team of the two Jean-Philippe. Drink it over the next 30-40 years. Score - 98 (erobertparker.com)

0349621 (XD) 750mL **\$559.00**

CHÂTEAU HOSANNA 2012

TASTING NOTE: Hosanna's dense ruby/purple color is followed by a floral, black raspberry, black currant, mulberry, Christmas fruitcake and licorice-scented bouquet. Full-bodied (especially for a 2012 as well as a Pomerol), rich, concentrated and strikingly pure, it combines great finesse/elegance with power and substance. It should drink well when released and age nicely for two decades or more. Score - 94-96 (erobertparker.com)

0347021 (XD) 750mL **\$159.00**

CHÂTEAU KIRWAN 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Lively, with a sleek, polished toast coating the core of boysenberry and blackberry fruit. A bit primal, with grippy tannins and bittersweet ganache on the finish. Shows solid depth. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0346825 (XD) 750mL **\$59.00**

CHÂTEAU LA CONFESSION 2012

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: This is one of the stars in the portfolio of Jean-Philippe Janoueix. Usually dominated by a high percentage of Merlot (70%), the 2012 has an inky purple color followed by sweet cassis and licorice notes interwoven with black cherry, earth, vanilla and spice. Opulent, medium to full-bodied, and impressively endowed (14.5% alcohol), there's no reason to hesitate in drinking this wine, although it will certainly be better following 5-7 years of bottle age and will last for 15 or more. Score - 91 (erobertparker.com)

0351007 (XD) 750mL **\$45.00**

CHÂTEAU LA CONSEILLANTE 2012

TASTING NOTE: Rounded and juicy, with lovely boysenberry and linzer torte flavors coursing along, inlaid with bergamot and blood orange notes. Delivers a polished finish without exhibiting any of the vintage's sinewy feel. Rock solid and beautifully rendered. A strong showing. Score - 92-95 (winespectator.com)

0355404 (XD) 750mL **\$125.00**

CHÂTEAU LA CROIX DE GAY 2012

TASTING NOTE: Normally a relatively lighter style of Pomerol, even though the terroir is situated strategically on the plateau of this appellation, the 2012 has a slightly denser color than one normally sees, along with more structure, richness and intensity. The complexity has yet to emerge, and the wine is somewhat monolithic and chunky, but there is potential underlying the levels of fruit and body. This medium to full-bodied, bigger-than-usual La Croix de Gay needs another several years of bottle age and should drink well for 15 years. Score - 88+ (erobertparker.com)

0352625 (XD) 750mL **\$42.00**

CHÂTEAU LA CROIX ST. GEORGES 2012

TASTING NOTE: Stunningly concentrated, with loads of licorice, truffle, blackberry and blackcurrant fruit, this dense, purple-colored wine is another great example of the heights 2012 achieved in this tiny appellation. Full-bodied, rich, pure, and impressively deep, this is a stunner to drink over the next 20 years. Sadly, the production from this tiny estate of 2.5 acres (on the Catusseau plateau near Le Pin) is difficult to find. Score - 93+ (erobertparker.com)

0349704 (XD) 750mL **\$64.00**

CHÂTEAU LA DOMINIQUE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 La Dominique is a hedonistic, medium to full-bodied effort with lots of black olive, black raspberry, licorice and kirsch characteristics. It is a well-endowed, fleshy, succulently textured wine exhibiting outstanding ripeness, no dilution and sweet tannin. Consume it over the next 10-15 years. Score - 90-93 (erobertparker.com)

0354654 (XD) 750mL **\$50.00**

CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR DE GAY 2012

TASTING NOTE: A real strong effort from La Fleur de Gay, this wine (100% Merlot) has a dense purple color, sweet black cherry fruit, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, excellent purity, depth and length. Again, the oak is well-hidden behind a luxurious level of fruit. Drink it over the next 10-12 years. Score - 92 (erobertparker.com)

0352641 (XD) 750mL **\$115.00**

CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR-PÉTRUS 2012

TASTING NOTE: The stunning 2012 La Fleur Petrus clearly merits its striking moniker. A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, it offers a dense purple color along with a big, sweet kiss of mulberry jam intermixed with black cherries, raspberries and even blacker fruits as well as a subtle touch of oak. The wine is full, rich, concentrated and moderately tannic. It is nearly as good as the 2010 and 2009. However, some structural tannins suggest 4-5 years of bottle age will be warranted, and the wine is capable of lasting a quarter of a century. Score - 94-96 (erobertparker.com)

0349969 (XD) 750mL **\$165.00**

CHÂTEAU LA GAFFELIÈRE 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Very elegant kirsch liqueur-like notes mixed with licorice, spice and earth jump from the glass of this famous St.-Emilion, long-owned by the Malet Roquefort family. A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc (14% alcohol), this has slightly more acidity and structure than some St.-Emilions. The limestone-dominated terroir comes through in the wine's striking and very powerful minerality. It is medium-bodied, elegant, tightly knit and probably in need of 2-4 years of bottle age. It should drink well for the following 15 years. Score - 91+ (erobertparker.com)

0348201 (XD) 750mL **\$75.00**

CHÂTEAU LA LAGUNE 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Superb black-purple colour, lovely expression of summer fruits on the nose, fine fleshy texture with 10% Petit Verdot adding grip to the natural tannins, already supple but with a great future. Drink: 2016-2028. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 92 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0351874 (XD) 750mL **\$77.00**

CHÂTEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: As for the 2012 La Mission Haut Brion, this wine (41% of the total production) continues to perform as it has for nearly a century. At first-growth levels of quality, this is a stunning wine that is full-bodied and very concentrated with notes of graphite, subtle charcoal embers, crème de cassis, blackberry and underlying subtle earthiness. The wine is full and powerful, rich and concentrated. And sure enough, the alcohol level tips the scales at 15% from a blend 62% Merlot and 38% Cabernet Franc. This is a big, blockbuster La Mission Haut Brion that should age effortlessly for 30-40+ years. However, the tannins suggest that this wine should not be touched for another 5-6 years, as its one of the more backward of the 2012 Pessac-Léognans. Bravo! Drink: 2020-2060. Score - 97 (erobertparker.com)

0349787 (XD) 750mL **\$325.00**

CHÂTEAU LA MONDOTTE 2012

TASTING NOTE: Sumptuous notes of mulberries, spring flowers, kirsch, black currant liqueur, graphite and spice appear more projected and evolved than in most barrel samples of La Mondotte. Extravagantly rich, full-bodied and multidimensional with soft tannin and low acidity, this is a precocious, gorgeously proportioned effort that should be drinkable in 4-5 years. It will last for two decades. Score - 94-97 (erobertparker.com)

0349803 (XD) 750mL **\$219.00**

CHÂTEAU LA POINTE 2012

TASTING NOTE: A sleeper of the vintage, it exhibits a healthy dark ruby/purple color and the bouquet offers lots of mocha, raspberry, black cherry, incense, lavender and background oak aromas. Medium to full-bodied, plump, rich, dense, pure and well-balanced, it can be drunk over the next 10-12+ years. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0352542 (XD) 750mL **\$45.00**

CHÂTEAU LA PROVIDENCE 2012

TASTING NOTE: This has serious density for the vintage, with layers of raspberry and plum pâte de fruit, lined with singed spice and framed by well-integrated apple wood and black tea notes. Very, very solid. Tasted non-blind. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0347039 (XD) 750mL **\$99.00**

CHÂTEAU LA VIEILLE CURE 2012

TASTING NOTE: A sleeper of the vintage, the 2012 La Vieille Cure reveals a soft, round, charming plumpness as well as lots of black cherry jam notes intermixed with hints of licorice, incense and forest floor. Medium-bodied, richly fruity and seductive, it is best drunk over the next 6-8 years. Score - 88-90 (erobertparker.com)

0351262 (XD) 750mL **\$27.00**

CHÂTEAU LABÉGORCE 2012

TASTING NOTE: Vibrant, with a racy, well-stitched core of damson plum, raspberry and blackberry fruit supported by fruitcake and graphite notes. Displays range and energy. Solid. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0350991 (XD) 750mL **\$35.00**

CHÂTEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: The classically styled 2012 exhibits attractive elegance, medium body and outstanding concentration, but not the complexity and depth or prodigious qualities of many other recent Lafites. It is a relatively soft, spicy effort displaying notes of crushed rocks, white chocolate, black currants and graphite. It should be drinkable in 5-8 years and last for two decades. Score - 92-95 (erobertparker.com)

0347237 (XD) 750mL **\$749.00**

CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR 2012

TASTING NOTE: Classic in style but racy and harmonious. Pure and expressive on the nose. Berry fruits with a hint of mint. Beautifully balanced on the palate and so, so long. Not the density of a 2005 or 2010 but perfect pitch. Drink: 2022-2035. (JL) Score - 95+ (decanter.com)

0351254 (XD) 750mL **\$749.00**

CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR-GAZIN 2012

TASTING NOTE: This has elegance, with bergamot, singed sandalwood, orange zest and steeped raspberry notes nicely wound together. There's good energetic acidity through the finish. Tasted non-blind. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0352476 (XD) 750mL **\$45.00**

CHÂTEAU LAFON-ROCHET 2012

4e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The opaque purple-hued 2012 Lafon Rochet reveals plenty of incense, blueberry, black raspberry and spring flower notes intermixed with a hint of forest floor. Rich and medium to full-bodied, it is a complete wine from beginning to end. It may tighten up once it's in bottle, but this wine has 15 or more years of cellaring potential. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0351015 (XD) 750mL **\$52.00**

CHÂTEAU LARCIS-DUCASSE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 exhibits notes of licorice, truffles, lead pencil shavings, barbecued meats, blackberries, black raspberries and a hint of espresso roast. Sweet new oak notes are apparent in the back of the wine, but its abundant fruit, full-bodied mouthfeel, and multidimensional texture as well as length, make for an impressive showing. This wine will need 3-4 years of cellaring and should keep for 20 years or more. Bravo! If you haven't yet jumped on the Larcis Ducasse bandwagon, it's time to do so. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0352815 (XD) 750mL **\$75.00**

CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT-BRION 2012

TASTING NOTE: A sleeper of the vintage, this 2012 offers up scents of smoked meats, charcuterie, balsam wood, black currants and unsmoked cigar tobacco in a juicy, attractive, medium-bodied, well-made, lush style. It should drink well for 10-12 years. Score - 88-91 (erobertparker.com)

0352773 (XD) 750mL **\$42.00**

CHÂTEAU LASCOMBES 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: An outstanding wine in this vintage, the full-bodied 2012 Lascombes reveals more power, concentration and texture than many of its peers. Its dense blue/purple color is followed by notes of acacia flowers, blueberries, black raspberries, black currants, vanillin and toast. Medium to full-bodied with excellent texture (for a 2012), as well as good follow through and length, this soft, plush, outstanding Margaux should drink well for 12-15 years. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0352500 (XD) 750mL **\$85.00**

CHÂTEAU LATOUR À POMEROL 2012

TASTING NOTE: Juicy, with a nice compact feel to the core of raspberry, blackberry and anise, lined with solid, fine-grained grip and backed by a long, bergamot- and black tea-infused finish. This continues to be a very solid performer. Don't overlook it. Tasted non-blind. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0347518 (XD) 750mL **\$99.00**

CHÂTEAU LATOUR-MARTILLAC 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: A touch of unsmoked, high class cigar tobacco, black currants and graphite characteristics are followed by a soft, ripe, dark ruby/purple-tinged, medium-bodied, well-made wine displaying nicely integrated oak, acidity and tannin. Drink it over the next 12-15 years. Score - 88-90 (erobertparker.com)

0353847 (XD) 750mL **\$40.00**

CHÂTEAU LE CONSEILLER 2012

TASTING NOTE: This is a major sleeper of the vintage. Dense ruby/purple-colored with an attractive aromatic and flavor profile of blueberries, cassis, chocolate, toast and mocha, this medium-bodied, 100% Merlot performs well above its pedigree. Drink it over the next 4-6 years. Score - 88-90 (erobertparker.com)

0347559 (XD) 750mL **\$19.00**

CHÂTEAU LE GAY 2012

TASTING NOTE: A polished, suave style, with alluring plum sauce, melted black licorice and fruitcake notes backed by a solidly built finish of plum skin and black tea. Shows ample stuffing. Score - 92-95 (winespectator.com)

0353367 (XD) 750mL **\$109.00**

CHÂTEAU L'ÉGLISE-CLINET 2012

TASTING NOTE: Along with Petrus, the 2012 l'Eglise Clinet is the potential wine of the vintage. An amazing tour de force in winemaking, the wine's inky/purple color is accompanied by copious notes of spring flowers, creme de cassis, kirsch liqueur, truffles, caramels and graphite. Full-bodied with enormous concentration, the purity, exquisite balance and sheer gravitas and palate presence of this massive yet phenomenally compelling Pomerol are something to behold. Kudos to l'Eglise Clinet. This wine will be approachable in 4-5 years, and last for three decades or more. Score - 96-100 (erobertparker.com)

0353391 (XD) 750mL **\$299.00**

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Dense black-red, firm, quite spicy Cabernet Sauvignon, both ripeness and firmness is there, elegance over power and a good future. Drink: 2017-2035. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 92 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0351098 (XD) 750mL **\$99.00**

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Solid, with good flesh around the core of plum and blackberry fruit. Shows ample dark toast and ganache notes, displaying chewy yet integrated grip. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0352690 (XD) 750mL **\$95.00**

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Displays a solid core of plum, blackberry and cassis, lined with roasted apple wood and backed by a hint of ganache and briar. Shows excellent integration overall, with a serious iron note buried on the finish. A rock-solid version for this vintage. Score - 93-96 (winespectator.com)

0353375 (XD) 750mL **\$185.00**

CHÂTEAU LES CARMES HAUT-BRION 2012

TASTING NOTE: An inky, bluish-black color, this wine has deep black raspberry and blueberry notes mixed with charcoal, graphite and subtle smoke. Rich, full-bodied and silky textured, this complex, stunning Pessac-Léognan from this tiny jewel of a vineyard near Haut Brion is hitting all the high notes in 2012. It should drink well for 15-20. This is another bottled wine that dramatically out-performed its barrel sample. Score - 94 (erobertparker.com)

0347591 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU LES CRUZELLES 2012

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of chocolate, melted caramel, toffee and black cherry jam emerge from this sexy, full-bodied, lush wine. Consume it over the next 7-8 years. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0353862 (XD) 750mL **\$33.00**

CHÂTEAU LES ORMES DE PEZ 2012

TASTING NOTE: Bright and open-knit, with cherry and damson plum fruit carried by sleek, silky tannins. The tangy minerality takes over on the finish, revealing the austere side of the vintage. Exhibits fine range. Score - 88-91 (winespectator.com)

0347575 (XD) 750mL **\$42.00**

CHÂTEAU LYNCH-BAGES 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Pure and racy, delivering a core of violet, cassis and cherry, well-framed by a sleek, iron-coated structure. Features a long, taut, focused finish. Shows the austerity of the vintage, but this remains long and pure, with fine cut. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0347567 (XD) 750mL **\$129.00**

CHÂTEAU MALARTIC-LAGRAVIÈRE 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: This Belgian-owned estate has been making brilliant white and red Graves. Another beauty in a more difficult vintage than either 2009 or 2010, the 2012 Malartic Lagraviere is further evidence of how successful this vintage was in Pessac-Leognan. It possesses a dense purple color as well as a sumptuous perfume of creme de cassis, licorice, bay leaf, lead pencil shavings and barbecue smoke. Medium to full-bodied and richly fruity with soft tannin, surprising length and an impressive mid-palate (a rarity in 2012), it should drink well for 15 years. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0351338 (XD) 750mL **\$54.00**

CHÂTEAU MALESCOT ST. EXUPÉRY 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Quite vibrant, with a racy core of dark raspberry, currant and boysenberry fruit that drives along a solid graphite spine. The long, alluring finish stretches out impressively. A very strong showing. Score - 93-96 (winespectator.com)

0352732 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU MARGAUX 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Château Margaux is showing much differently from bottle than it did from cask. Seemingly much fuller and richer, it has a dense ruby/purple color, representing a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest mostly Merlot, as well as only 33% of their harvest. It possesses hints of spring flowers intermixed with blueberries, blackberries and cassis fruit, moderate tannin, a multi-dimensional mouthfeel, and a long, structured finish. This 2012 was charming, up-front and precociously styled from barrel, but in bottle it is more masculine, dense and rich. This wine needs a good 5-7 years of cellaring, and should keep well for 25 or more years. This is a great effort from Château Margaux, and should handsomely repay those who buy it. Anticipated maturity: 2023-2040. Score - 95 (erobertparker.com)

0349605 (XD) 750mL **\$549.00**

CHÂTEAU MONBOUSQUET 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 reveals lots of Asian spice characteristics interwoven with Christmas fruitcake, black cherries, black currants, toasty oak and a touch of vanillin. About 40-50% new oak is used during the wine-s upbringing, but like most of the Gerard Perse offerings, it has an extended maceration cuvaision of 40-60 days. The results include lots of fruit, ripe tannin and a round, generous style. This 2012 should drink nicely for 10-12 years. Score - 90-92 (erobertparker.com)

0351221 (XD) 750mL **\$59.00**

CHÂTEAU MONTROSE 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Superb colour, wonderful expression of graphite, almost Pauillac Cabernet Sauvignon fruit, terrific density yet almost satiny texture, very good structure and Latour-like depth, a great classic that needs time. Drink: 2018-2035. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 94 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0352740 (XD) 750mL **\$129.00**

CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD 2012

1er Cru

TASTING NOTE: The intensely ripe Cabernet Sauvignon grown on the plateau at Mouton has produced an inky/purple-colored wine with the famous Mouton creme de cassis and floral characteristics vividly displayed. For the first time in a number of years they appear to have outdistanced their cross street rival, the biodynamically farmed Chateau Pontet Canet of Alfred Tesseron. Wonderfully sweet tannins envelop the enormous fruit and extravagant richness of this full-bodied Mouton Rothschild. With profound density as well as surprisingly sweet tannin, this terrific effort will probably shut down slightly and require 5-8 years of cellaring after bottling. It appears to have 30 or more years of aging potential, making it potentially one of the 3 or 4 longest-lived wines of the vintage. Score - 95-97 (erobertparker.com)

0347690 (XD) 750mL **\$549.00**

CHÂTEAU PALMER 2012

3e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Palmer's inky/purple color is more saturated than most Margaux's, and it offers complex notes of blackberries, cassis, licorice, truffle and spring flowers. The wine is dense, rich and full-bodied with a muscular appeal, but the tannins, as high as they are, are sweet and well-integrated. None of the new oak used during the wine's upbringing is noticeable. Interestingly, this wine showed no evidence of dilution from the October 7-9 rainfall. I suspect it will require 3-4 years of cellaring, and should last for two decades. Score - 92-95 (erobertparker.com)

0349530 (XD) 750mL **\$345.00**

CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The iconic 2012 Pape Clement is a candidate for near-perfection as well as one of the wines of the vintage. From proprietor Bernard Magrez, this is a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. This extraordinary vineyard (a few miles to the west of Haut Brion and La Mission Haut Brion) has hit all the highlights of this vintage. Interestingly, the quality of the Pomerols and Graves wines in 2012 is closer to what one would consider a great vintage than the general image of 2012. This is truly great wine and not far off their magnificent 2005 and 2010. Full-bodied, with rich cassis, subtle burning embers and spice followed by velvety, well-integrated tannins, the wine is lush, expansive, savory and profound. This is a remarkable wine that could be drunk at a reasonably young age, but should cellar brilliantly for a quarter-century. Yields were modest at 37 hectoliters per hectare from this 132-acre estate. The alcohol level came in at 13.5%. Drink: 2015-2040. Score - 97 (erobertparker.com)

0349696 (XD) 750mL **\$115.00**

CHÂTEAU PAVIE 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: The full-bodied, opaque purple-hued 2012 exhibits a beautiful nose of mulberries, black cherries, cedar wood, high quality toasty oak, lead pencil shavings, crushed chalk and floral notes. This complex, authoritative, full-throttle Pavie possesses much more accessibility and precociousness than most vintages. It is another brilliant effort from proprietors Chantal and Gerard Perse. It should be drinkable in 8-10 years and last for three decades. Score - 94-96+ (erobertparker.com)

0349555 (XD) 750mL **\$375.00**

CHÂTEAU PAVIE-MACQUIN 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Delightfully fresh and pure, with beautifully expressive aromas of blueberry, raspberry, plum and boysenberry fruit. This tames the grippy, taut side of the vintage, delivering sleek, silky tannins and a long, spice-infused finish. Offers lovely length and precision. Score - 93-96 (winespectator.com)

0351130 (XD) 750mL **\$79.00**

CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS 2012

TASTING NOTE: There is a boatload of tannin in this intense purple-colored effort as well as a beautiful bouquet of mulberry jam, kirsch, licorice, truffles and toast. Seductive, full-bodied and opulent with abundant red and black fruit, it is a full-bodied, long, impressive Pomerol that should keep for 30+ years. Score - 95-98+ (erobertparker.com)

0354001 (XD) 750mL **\$995.00**

CHÂTEAU PHÉLAN SÉGUR 2012

TASTING NOTE: Dense black-red, fine meaty, slightly gamey nose, spice continues on the palate, smooth and deep, good future. Drink: 2016-2026. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 89 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0347781 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

CHÂTEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Slightly meaty and slightly spicy ripe fruit, with Merlot to the fore, good middle sweetness and a succulence that will impress over time. Drink: 2016-2032. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 92 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0352492 (XD) 750mL **\$145.00**

CHÂTEAU PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-BARON 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Features a bright, lively, leafy edge, with cassis bush and tobacco framing the slightly tangy core of red currant and black cherry, showing a solid note of iron. Cuts a distinctive profile, displaying sappy intensity through the finish. Score - 91-94 (winespectator.com)

0351247 (XD) 750mL **\$139.00**

CHÂTEAU PONTET-CANET 2012

5e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This impeccably run, biodynamically farmed estate of Alfred Tesseron goes from strength to strength. The 2012 triumphs once again with its notes of dark plum, blackcurrant, licorice and almost a hint of truffle, its full-bodied, supple tannins, and beautiful, expensive mouthfeel. Complex and deep, this dense ruby/purple-colored wine may not be at the level of the 2009 or 2010, but it is a successful wine in this vintage, and a significant wine in 2012. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2035. Score - 93 (erobertparker.com)

0349753 (XD) 750mL **\$129.00**

CHÂTEAU PRIEURÉ-LICHINE 2012

4e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Quite ripe, with a slightly soft feel to the fleshy core of plum sauce, blackberry pie and black cherry preserves. Pleasant shadings of spice stud the finish, showing a flash of plum cake. Exhibits some latent grip, but this will need to find a bit more spine to balance out. Score - 88-91 (winespectator.com)

0346817 (XD) 750mL **\$52.00**

CHÂTEAU RAUZAN-SÉGLA 2012

2e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Rauzan Segla may turn out to be as strong an effort as their 2010. A brilliant blend of 54.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot (which accounts for the wine's ripeness and intensity), and the rest a tiny dollop of 1.5% Petit Verdot, it boasts an inky/blue/purple color as well as gorgeous aromas of black and blue fruits, spring flowers, and hints of background toast and forest floor. Well-integrated wood and acidity as well as moderately ripe tannins make for a medium to full-bodied, expansive, flavorful, rich, well-delineated effort. It will need 3-5 years of bottle age and should drink well for two decades thereafter. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0347641 (XD) 750mL **\$85.00**

CHÂTEAU ROUGET 2012

TASTING NOTE: This property has been on the qualitative high road for a number of years, and the 2012 continues that path. Deep ruby/purple, with wonderfully sweet, earthy, black cherry and blackcurrant fruit jumping from the glass, it is broad, opulent, beautifully textured and juicy. This is a sexy, lush, heady Pomerol to drink now and over the next 15 or more years. Full, long and impressive, there is no reason to defer your gratification with this beauty. Score - 92 (erobertparker.com)

0352724 (XD) 750mL **\$54.00**

CHÂTEAU SAINT-PIERRE 2012

4e Cru

TASTING NOTE: A blockbuster effort for the vintage, the 2012 Saint-Pierre exhibits a dense purple color along with a big, sweet nose of blackberries, coffee, forest floor and camphor. This is a seriously endowed, surprisingly full-bodied effort that is atypically rich and textured for the vintage. Kudos to Saint-Pierre, one of the smallest but finest and most consistent of the St.-Julien chateaux. Give it 3-4 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 15+ years. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0353516 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CHÂTEAU SIRAN 2012

TASTING NOTE: A perfumy style, with black tea and spice notes up front and dark plum sauce and steeped raspberry fruit in reserve. A bright iron streak enlivens the finish. Offers good stuffing, staying elegant overall. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0349837 (XD) 750mL **\$34.00**

CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: A brilliant success again, this blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot is a medium-bodied, impressively concentrated wine with copious quantities of red and black fruits. Licorice, roasted herbs and a touch of background oak are present in this slightly precocious wine, which should be accessible when released. It has the depth to evolve for 20 or more years. Talk about a severe selection - only 41% made it into the grand vin! Score - 92-94 (erobertparker.com)

0351080 (XD) 750mL **\$95.00**

CHÂTEAU SOCIANDO-MALLET 2012

TASTING NOTE: Dense colour, strikingly pure Cabernet cassis nose, richness of fruit and firmness of ripe tannins, a wine of real class and as usual one of the very best Haut-Medocs. Drink: 2017-2025. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 90 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0347070 (XD) 750mL **\$46.00**

CHÂTEAU TROPLONG MONDOT 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: One of the superstars of the vintage, it boasts an inky/purple color as well as abundant notes of blueberry liqueur, graphite, truffles, acacia flowers and subtle toast. Full-bodied, opulent and already easy to drink, this large-scaled wine possesses high levels of tannin, but they are relatively well-concealed by the extravagant fruit, glycerin, texture and density of this compelling Troplong Mondot. This impressive wine may shut down after bottling and require 4-5 years of cellaring. It has the potential to last at least 15-20 years. Bravo! Score - 94-96 (erobertparker.com)

0351346 (XD) 750mL **\$115.00**

CHÂTEAU TROTANOY 2012

TASTING NOTE: The blockbuster 2012 Trotanoy has more in common with the 2009 or 2010 than most 2012s do. It stands as an example of just how successful Pomerol was in 2012. A dense black/purple color is followed by a bouquet of minerals/crushed rocks, powerful, intense black currant, licorice, roasted meat, barbecue and truffle notes. Full-bodied and super-concentrated, it is an amazing tour de force in this irregular as well as challenging vintage. Trotanoy's 2012 should be on every connoisseur's buying list. It will require 5-8 years of cellaring when released, and should keep for 25-30 years, one of the longest-lived wines of the vintage. Score - 96-98 (erobertparker.com)

0347013 (XD) 750mL **\$179.00**

CHÂTEAU VILLEMAURINE 2012

TASTING NOTE: Possibly the finest wine ever made in my 35-year tasting experience at this well-placed property just outside the walls and ancient moat (Les Douves) of St.-Emilion. The dense ruby/purple-hued 2012 Villemaurine exhibits lots of toasty vanillin intermixed with blackberry, blueberry and raspberry fruit notes. Sweet tannins, outstanding concentration, medium to full body, and impressive purity, texture and length make for a wine that clearly announces the renaissance of Villemaurine. It should drink well for 15+ years. Score - 91-93+ (erobertparker.com)

0351775 (XD) 750mL **\$50.00**

CHÂTEAU VRAY CROIX DE GAY 2012

TASTING NOTE: Features exotic blueberry and fig notes, with focused linzer torte and cherry fruit. Delivers a flash of blood orange and a long, polished, anise-framed finish. Shows good range and energy overall. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0347054 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE 2012

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Copious aromas of Christmas fruitcake, cedar wood, underbrush, incense, black currants and black cherries emerge from this sexy, medium-bodied, lush, fruit-forward St.-Emilion. It should be enormously appealing to consumers over the next 10-12 years. Score - 90-93 (erobertparker.com)

0350025 (XD) 750mL **\$45.00**

CLOS DU MARQUIS 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Léoville-Las Cases

TASTING NOTE: The wine is pure with lots of creme de cassis, crushed rock and vanillin characteristics in its long, medium to full-bodied personality. Given the fact that this vineyard was once part of the larger Leoville Las Cases estate, it is no surprise that it is similar to its more famous as well as more expensive cousin. A strong effort in this vintage, it should drink well for 15-20 years. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0352823 (XD) 750mL **\$65.00**

CLOS FOURTET 2012

1er Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Clos Fourtet was cropped at 32 hectoliters per hectare and achieved 14% natural alcohol. The final blend was 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. It offers an opaque dense purple color along with attractive blackberry, licorice, truffle and cassis fruit notes. It is full-bodied and dense with an authoritative mid-palate, sweet tannin and a layered mouthfeel that builds incrementally into a stunningly long finish. Precocious and charming already, it will drink better at an earlier age than the massive, prodigious 2009. Drink this killer St.-Emilion over the next 15+ years. Score - 93-95 (erobertparker.com)

0351205 (XD) 750mL **\$99.00**

CLOS L'ÉGLISE 2012

TASTING NOTE: Offers a fleshy, dark, licorice-framed core of plum paste and blackberry pâte de fruit, supported by dense grip and a long echo of fruitcake on the finish. Recalls '09 with the intense, fleshy fruit. Score - 92-95 (winespectator.com)

0351700 (XD) 750mL **\$89.00**

CLOS LES LUNELLES 2012

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 boasts a dense purple color along with a gorgeous bouquet of camphor, black raspberries, kirsch, licorice and graphite. On the palate, some of the crushed chalk from the limestone soils makes an appearance. This gorgeously proportioned, full-bodied Cotes de Castillon is one of the two or three finest wines of the appellation as well as an outstanding sleeper of the vintage. It should drink well for 10+ years. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0351692 (XD) 750mL **\$33.00**

CLOS MARSALETTE 2012

TASTING NOTE: A bright tobacco leaf and savory note up front is followed by sleek black cherry, plum and blackberry fruit that has melded nicely. Long, alder-tinged finish has lovely minerality. Distinctive. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0349720 (XD) 750mL **\$30.00**

CROIX DE BEAUCAILLOU 2012

2nd Wine of Ducru-Beaucaillou

TASTING NOTE: Features notes of dark plum, raspberry and anise, with singed spice and subtle black tea shadings. Displays refined structure and length for the vintage. Tasted non-blind. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0352849 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER 2012

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: One of the stars of the vintage, it boasts a dense purple color as well as a big, sweet bouquet of red and black currants, graphite, subtle flowers and well-integrated, toasty oak. Impressively built rich and medium to full-bodied without losing the quintessential elegance and finesse for which this famous estate is renowned, the 2012 Domaine de Chevalier is filled with purity, equilibrium and balance. The tannins are sweet enough that this wine should be accessible when released, and will last for 15-20 years. Is this a modern day clone of their brilliant 1953 (which I drank from magnum at Bern's Steak House in November for less than \$500!)? Score - 92-95 (erobertparker.com)

0351916 (XD) 750mL **\$69.00**

ECHO DE LYNCH-BAGES 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Lynch-Bages

TASTING NOTE: Features a light-bodied, floral feel, with bergamot, red currant and bitter cherry at the core. Offers a subtle, perfumy, mineral-tinged finish. Score - 87-90 (winespectator.com)

0347161 (XD) 750mL **\$52.00**

HAUT-CARLES 2012

TASTING NOTE: One of the great wines of Fronsac, from proprietors Constance and Stéphane Droulers, this is a concentrated, intense wine built for long-term cellaring, if that's what you desire. This inky purple wine offers up violets, blueberry and black raspberry fruit, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, and terrific purity, texture and length. Another great Fronsac, it would appear this appellation has excelled in 2012. Drink it over the next 20 years. Kudos to the producers! Score - 92 (erobertparker.com)

0351312 (XD) 750mL **\$35.00**

LA CHAPELLE DE LA MISSION HAUT-BRION 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. La Mission Haut-Brion

TASTING NOTE: Features a bright savory note, offering violet, plum and crushed cherry fruit. Presents a lightly stony finish, with the savory edge taking an encore. Shows the herbal side of Cabernet in this vintage. Tasted non-blind. Score - 89-92 (winespectator.com)

0348888 (XD) 750mL **\$79.00**

LA FLEUR DE BOÜARD 2012

TASTING NOTE: A blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, it transcends the vintage boasting a black/purple color along with sweet black raspberry and blueberry fruit notes intermixed with spring flowers, incense, new oak and lavender. Rich and intensely concentrated, this beauty should drink well for a decade or more. Score - 91-93 (erobertparker.com)

0351833 (XD) 750mL **\$44.00**

LE CLARENCE DE HAUT-BRION 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Haut-Brion

TASTING NOTE: A wonderfully expansive, velvety textured, rich, full-bodied mouthfeel, are super and very impressive in the 2012 Le Clarence de Haut Brion. This is far higher quality than what most people would consider a second wine, even when coming from a first-growth chateau. Mulberry, spice box and expansive, rich flavors backed up by velvety tannins characterize this medium to full-bodied beautiful wine to drink now and over the next 15-20 years. Bravo. Drink: 2015-2035. Score - 90 (erobertparker.com)

0349738 (XD) 750mL **\$129.00**

LE DÔME 2012

TASTING NOTE: This St.-Emilion (1,000 cases), which has a very high percentage of Cabernet Franc (80%, which is much higher than Cheval Blanc or Ausone) has always been the flagship wine of proprietor Jonathan Malthus. The 2012 has a dense ruby/purple color and plenty of raspberry and blueberry fruit intermixed with spring flower garden notes, which are followed by a medium-bodied wine with stunning elegance, purity and minerality. It is not the biggest wine, but the quality of the fruit, the complex nuances, and overall equilibrium make for a very special Bordeaux to drink over the next 15 or so years. Score - 93 (erobertparker.com)

0349647 (XD) 750mL **\$149.00**

LE PETIT MOUTON 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Mouton Rothschild

TASTING NOTE: The 2012 Le Petit Mouton de Rothschild (79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc) shows loads of charcoal, burning embers, a nice hint of dark chocolate and blackcurrants. It is fleshy and medium-bodied, with up-front fruit and density. This second wine of Mouton has certainly gone from strength to strength under the administration of Philippe Dhalluin. Drink it over the next 15-20 years. Score - 90 (erobertparker.com)

0347633 (XD) 750mL **\$149.00**

LE PIN 2012

TASTING NOTE: Features beautiful raspberry fruit ganache, black licorice and linzer torte notes, with an underlying graphite edge running through the finish. Remarkably lush, lacking the rigid tannins of the vintage. Tasted non-blind. Score - 94-97 (winespectator.com)

0354472 (XD) 750mL **\$1,599.00**

LES PAGODES DE COS 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Cos d'Estournel

TASTING NOTE: A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, it offers up sweet black cherry, incense, lavender and damp foresty characteristics in an elegant, ripe, medium-bodied style. With good purity, sweet tannin and a heady finish, it should drink well for a decade. Score - 88-90 (erobertparker.com)

0351031 (XD) 750mL **\$65.00**

PAVILLON ROUGE 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Margaux

TASTING NOTE: Delivers black tea and singed vanilla aromas, with supple red currant and iron notes. A pleasant backdrop of cedar comes into focus on the sinewy finish. Tasted non-blind. Score - 90-93 (winespectator.com)

0353474 (XD) 750mL **\$169.00**

RÉSERVE DE LA COMTESSE 2012

2nd Wine of Ch. Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande

TASTING NOTE: Fine crunchy black fruits, lush and seductive, more St-Julien than Pauillac. Drink: 2015-2022. (SS) (Steven Spurrier) Score - 88 (Steven Spurrier, decanter.com)

0352484 (XD) 750mL **\$49.00**

VIEUX CHÂTEAU CERTAN 2012

TASTING NOTE: A top success, the 2012 Vieux Chateau Certan is composed of 87% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep mulberry, plum and black cherry fruit notes intermixed with touches of graphite and subtle smoke lead to a medium-bodied wine with beautiful intensity, well-integrated oak, a velvety opulence and a long, impressively pure finish. A strong effort, it should drink well for 15 or more years. Score - 92-94 (erobertparker.com)

0354647 (XD) 750mL **\$199.00**