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2008

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Bordeaux Futures 2008

On the Cover	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price/Bottle	Price/Lot	More Info
PONTET-CANET	96-98+	★★★★	90-93	17+	17	137315	\$125	\$375	Page 18
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COS D'ESTOURNEL	94-96+	★★★★★	91-94	18	17	136564	\$169	\$507	Page 22



The new cellars at Château Cos d'Estournel.

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES – EXTRAORDINARY QUALITY AND VALUE

“So why has the quality of the 2008 vintage turned out to be excellent, with a number of superb wines that are close to, if not equal to the prodigious 2005 or 2000 vintages (two years with many of the best wines I have ever tasted from top to bottom)?”

– Robert Parker Jr., *Vintage Profile*, www.erobertparker.com

There's been a whole lot of speculation going on about the 2008 Bordeaux Futures, even in the months before a single grape had been harvested!

It's now clear that a number of commentators misread the weather and the historically long hang-time of grapes as harbingers of doom for the Bordelais. Robert Parker, in his much-anticipated annual review of the wines of Bordeaux, addressed these dire predictions. He argued these concerns were either overblown or, in the end, actually responsible for the excellent quality he encountered.

Parker asserted that *“These factors – the long, historic hang-time, the cooler as well as drier than normal growing conditions during the critical months of June, July, August, and September, the perfect dry, warm July and late September and October, as well as very small yields, all resulted in a vintage of at least excellent quality. In some cases, there are wines as profound as 2005.”*

Parker extolled the vintage as having *“... all the qualities that make an excellent and in some cases, a great vintage so special: exceptionally dark opaque colors, gorgeously ripe fruit, stunning purity almost across the board, great freshness (because it was a cool year), slightly higher acids than normal, and remarkable*

density as well as concentration. Moreover, one of the significant keys to evaluating quality is the maturity of the tannins. In 2008, the tannins are unusually velvety...” He believes these are wines that should be approachable young, but with some 20-30+ years of ageing potential.

One of the biggest stories of the 2008 en primeur campaign, apart from Parker being its ardent advocate, are the price tags of these exciting wines. Wisely, in response to global economic trends, châteaux big and small have significantly reduced their prices to below 2007 levels. This has created one of the most extraordinary buying opportunities in recent memory. For the savvy wine lover, now is precisely the time to buy.

We are extremely proud of the selection, quality and savings in this offer, and invite you to read on about the wines from this remarkable vintage.

Tom J. Wilson,
Vice President,
VINTAGES

Greg Dunlop,
Category Manager,
VINTAGES European Wines

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

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WHAT ARE BORDEAUX FUTURES?

VINTAGES' Bordeaux Futures program is a great way to buy top-quality Bordeaux wines at exceptional prices before they are released in the retail market.

Bordeaux Futures may seem complicated. In a nutshell, what you need to know is that in the year following the vintage, after the wines have been tasted by VINTAGES buyers and members of the trade and reviewed by the wine critics, a large portion is sold in advance to consumers and slated for delivery after two years of ageing in oak casks. In other words, wines purchased now from the 2008 vintage will be delivered to you in 2011. Of course, you could wait to make purchases off the shelves in late 2011, but the selection and availability will be very limited and retail prices may be higher.

Bordeaux Futures offerings include everything from up-and-coming châteaux to illustrious producers such as Latour, Margaux, Lafite Rothschild, Mouton Rothschild, Haut-Brion, Cheval Blanc, Ausone, amongst many others. Some of these wines are produced in



very small quantities and are often only available as Futures. With increasing global demand for top-quality Bordeaux wines, especially in Russia, China and India, buying Bordeaux Futures is the best way to secure these wines.

VINTAGES offers a large selection of Futures at prices that will fit the budget of anyone from the beginner wine buyer to the long-time collector. Look for our list of Smart Buys (page 6) for exceptional values.

Savvy Bordeaux buyers also know that many famous houses craft 'second' wines using the same winemaker and techniques as their premier blend. These offer the consumer a fantastic opportunity to try the wines of great houses at lower prices (see page 7 for listing).

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

For the 2008 Bordeaux Futures on offer, VINTAGES has provided scores from our buyers as well as tasting notes from the major international reviewers to help you decide which products to buy. For exceptional values, see our Smart Buy picks on page 6.

ORDERING IS EASY.

PREVIOUSLY RELEASED PRODUCTS (see pages 13-40 for tasting notes) Order today! Call VINTAGES at 416-365-5767 or toll-free at 1-800-266-4764.

NOTE OUR NEW HOURS OF OPERATION: For your added convenience, our Sales Centre is now open Monday to **Saturday**, from 9 am until **6 pm**.

NEW RELEASE PRODUCTS (see page 5 for tasting notes) Email, fax or mail your order by **6 pm, Wednesday, September 2, 2009**. You can use the order form found on page 44 or, if you prefer an electronic version, simply download one from www.vintages.com. See page 43 for full ordering details.

PLEASE NOTE: The wines are sold in three-bottle lots. Minimum order is one lot. VINTAGES requires only a 50% deposit of the total value of your order. You pay the balance when the wine arrives in Spring 2011. Shipping is free to your choice of LCBO store.

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES – NEW RELEASES

Parker has spoken. “Big time sleeper” and “potentially the finest I have ever tasted” are common Robert Parker refrains where the 2008 Bordeaux Futures are concerned. Among the last of the 2008 Bordeaux Futures to be released, the following six wines are a perfect microcosm of this sensational vintage. And Parker’s notes offer an apt narrative for this vintage’s remarkable story. Enjoy the read ... *and order early!*

Prices are expressed per bottle and per three-bottle lot. The minimum order is three bottles, or one lot. For full ordering information, see page 43.

Product name	Lots available	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price per bottle	Price per lot
Left Bank									
SAINT-ESTÈPHE – RED WINE									
DE PEZ	798	90-92	★★★★	86-89			140400	\$39	\$117
Right Bank									
POMEROL – RED WINE									
LAFLEUR	38	94-96+	★★★★★	92-95	18+	17	139378	\$629	\$1,887
PENSÉES DE LAFLEUR	30	89-91	★★★★	88-91	17		139386	\$125	\$375
ROUGET	156	90-93	★★★★	87-90	16-		145375	\$52	\$156
SAINT-ÉMILION – RED WINE									
BELAIR-MONANGE	48	93-95+	★★★★	88-91	17		139352	\$199	\$597
LA DOMINIQUE	196	90-93	★★★★	88-91	17		139360	\$59	\$177

All wines are 750 mL except where noted.

SCORES

We have included corresponding scores from these sources:

RP Robert Parker Jr., *Wine Advocate*, www.erobertparker.com

DEC *Decanter* magazine, www.decanter.com (5-star system)

WS James Suckling, *Wine Spectator*, www.winespectator.com

JR Jancis Robinson, MW, www.jancisrobinson.com (20-point system)

GD Greg Dunlop, Category Manager, VINTAGES European Wines (20-point system)

EMAIL, FAX AND MAIL ORDERING DEADLINE

6:00 P.M. – Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

Order form on page 44 or download the form from www.vintages.com.

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TASTING NOTES

LEFT BANK

SAINT-ESTÈPHE RED WINE

DE PEZ

TASTING NOTE: A big time sleeper of the vintage, this may be the finest De Pez produced in over 40 years. Now in the sure hands of the Roederer-Deutz champagne firm (also the proprietors of Pichon-Lalande and the neighboring St.-Estephe estate of Beausejour), the 2008 is a blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Petit Verdot cropped at 38 hectoliters per hectare. A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by dense creme de cassis, cedarwood, and earth characteristics, a plush, full-bodied texture, superb concentration and purity, and sweet tannins. This is another impressive example from a vintage that the mainstream media began maligning before any grapes were ever harvested. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

140400 (XD) 750 mL \$ 39
\$ 117 per 3-btl lot

RIGHT BANK

POMEROL RED WINE

LAFLEUR

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Lafleur, a blend of 54% Cabernet Franc and 46% Merlot, offers extraordinarily pure notes of raspberries, kirsch, flowers, and subtle forest floor nuances. A wine of exceptional purity and full-bodied intensity that remains light on its feet because of its fresh acids and lower pH, it represents a denser, more complete version of the 1988 and 1996. Built for the long haul, purchasers will need at least a decade of patience before pulling a cork. It should keep for 40-50 years thereafter. Drink: 2019-2069. Score – **94-96+**. (RP)

139378 (XD) 750 mL \$ 629
\$ 1,887 per 3-btl lot

PENSÉES DE LAFLEUR

2nd Wine of Ch. Lafleur

TASTING NOTE: The second wine, the 2008 Les Pensees de Lafleur, a blend of 61% Merlot and 39% Cabernet Franc, is a richly fruity, seductive, sensual effort that should be drinkable young, and last for 10-15 years. The tiny Lafleur vineyard, which was harvested between October 8-14, produced a wine with an atypically high percentage of Cabernet Franc. Proprietor Guinadeau stated that the Cabernet Franc was among the finest he had ever harvested. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

139386 (XD) 750 mL \$ 125
\$ 375 per 3-btl lot

ROUGET

TASTING NOTE: Potentially the finest Rouget I have ever tasted, the 2008 transcends its terroir. A deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by sweet kirsch, black raspberry, and loamy soil characteristics offered in a full-bodied, opulent, sexy, lush wine with a stunningly long finish. It will be drinkable early in life, and should evolve for 15-20 years. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

145375 (XD) 750 mL \$ 52
\$ 156 per 3-btl lot



SAINT-ÉMILION RED WINE

BELAIR-MONANGE

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Formerly known as Chateau Belair ...The 2008 is clearly a product of fully ripened fruit and physiologically mature tannins, something the previous administration rarely sought, too frequently harvesting under-ripe fruit with green, astringent tannins. The results were always predictable – reprehensible wines from an extraordinary terroir. That has all changed under Christian and Edouard Moueix's guidance. The dense ruby/purple-tinged 2008 reveals an extraordinary aromatic display of crushed rocks, spring flowers, and abundant kirsch and black raspberry fruit. The wine possesses good acids, unreal minerality, and superb intensity, texture, and length. The harvest was extremely late, between October 14-21, and after the selections were done, the final yield came to 12 hectoliters per hectare – commercial madness. The result is an amazing effort that should evolve for 30 years. Score – **93-95+**. (RP)

139352 (XD) 750 mL \$ 199
\$ 597 per 3-btl lot

LA DOMINIQUE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: One of La Dominique's best efforts over recent years, their opaque purple-hued 2008 reveals copious quantities of sweet blueberry and blackberry fruit intermixed with licorice, roasted herbs, and spice. It is a full-bodied, opulent St.-Emilion with sweet tannin and a layered, expansive mouthfeel. This big time sleeper of the vintage should drink nicely for 15+ years. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

139360 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

SMART BUYS

You don't have to break the bank to get in on Bordeaux Futures action. VINTAGES offers a large number of very affordable, highly regarded wines for the savvy Bordeaux collector. Remember you only have to pay a deposit of 50% of the total order amount now and the remaining balance when it is ready to ship in 2011.



Product name	Appellation	RP Score	Product #	Price per bottle	Price per lot
Left Bank – RED WINES					
D'ISSAN	MARGAUX	91-93	136192	\$59	\$177
DE FIEUZAL	PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES	90-93	137133	\$42	\$126
HAUT-BERGEY	PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES	92-94+	136648	\$39	\$117
LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION	PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES	90-92	136556	\$42	\$126
LE THIL COMTE CLARY	PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES	90-92	137851	\$25	\$75
LES PAGODES DE COS	SAINT-ESTÈPHE	90-92	136499	\$54	\$162
GLORIA	SAINT-JULIEN	90-93	135806	\$45	\$135
LA TOUR CARNET	HAUT-MÉDOC	90-93	136655	\$45	\$135
POTENSAC	MÉDOC	90-92	136689	\$35	\$105
Left Bank – WHITE WINES					
GUIRAUD (375 mL)	SAUTERNES/BARSAC	91-93	134312	\$38	\$114
RIEUSSEC (375 mL)	SAUTERNES/BARSAC	91-93	134304	\$49	\$147
SUDUIRAUT (375 mL)	SAUTERNES/BARSAC	93-95	133686	\$49	\$147
Right Bank – RED WINES					
BARDE HAUT	SAINT-ÉMILION	91-93	136341	\$46	\$138
FOMBRAUGE	SAINT-ÉMILION	90-92	137406	\$42	\$126
GRAND MAYNE	SAINT-ÉMILION	92-94	137471	\$55	\$165
LA CONFESSION	SAINT-ÉMILION	92-94	136440	\$49	\$147
PIPEAU	SAINT-ÉMILION	89-91	138131	\$27	\$81
SANCTUS	SAINT-ÉMILION	91-94	136226	\$45	\$135
AMPELIA	CÔTES DE CASTILLON	89-91	136770	\$21	\$63
D'AIGUILHE	CÔTES DE CASTILLON	90-92	135715	\$34	\$102
JOANIN BÉCOT	CÔTES DE CASTILLON	90-92	136788	\$33	\$99
LA FLEUR DE BOUARD	LALANDE-DE-POMEROL	90-93	135830	\$43	\$129
Other – RED WINES					
BEAULIEU COMTES DE TASTES	BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR	88-90	138230	\$20	\$60
LE CONSEILLER	BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR	90-91	135731	\$22	\$66
TIRE PÉ LA CÔTE	BORDEAUX	89-91	137364	\$22	\$66

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SECOND WINES

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GRAND VIN

AUSONE **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$899 Price per lot \$2,697 137976 Page 32

CHEVAL BLANC
Price per bottle \$699 Price per lot \$2,097 137943 Page 33

COS D'ESTOURNEL
Price per bottle \$169 Price per lot \$507 136564 Page 22

HAUT-BRION **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$399 Price per lot \$1,197 133983 Page 19

HAUT-BRION BLANC
Price per bottle \$599 Price per lot \$1,797 133827 Page 21

LA MISSION HAUT-BRION
Price per bottle \$289 Price per lot \$867 134031 Page 20

LAFITE ROTHSCHILD **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$375 Price per lot \$1,125 133207 Page 16

LAFLEUR
Price per bottle \$629 Price per lot \$1,887 139378 Page 5

LATOUR **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$345 Price per lot \$1,035 133306 Page 17

LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES
Price per bottle \$199 Price per lot \$597 137893 Page 25

MARGAUX **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$325 Price per lot \$975 133231 Page 14

MOUTON ROTHSCHILD **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$325 Price per lot \$975 133165 Page 18

PALMER
Price per bottle \$219 Price per lot \$657 133454 Page 14

PONTET-CANET
Price per bottle \$125 Price per lot \$375 137315 Page 18

TROPLONG MONDOT
Price per bottle \$115 Price per lot \$345 136820 Page 38

2ND WINE

CHAPELLE D'AUSONE
Price per bottle \$189 Price per lot \$567 138156 Page 33

LE PETIT CHEVAL
Price per bottle \$125 Price per lot \$375 138032 Page 36

LES PAGODES DE COS
Price per bottle \$54 Price per lot \$162 136499 Page 22

LE CLARENCE DE HAUT-BRION
Price per bottle \$99 Price per lot \$297 134387 Page 20

LES PLANTIERS DU HAUT-BRION
Price per bottle \$62 Price per lot \$186 134338 Page 22

LA CHAPELLE DE LA MISSION HAUT-BRION
Price per bottle \$65 Price per lot \$195 134395 Page 19

CARRUADES DE LAFITE **SOLD OUT**
Price per bottle \$99 Price per lot \$297 133678 Page 15

PENSÉES DE LAFLEUR
Price per bottle \$125 Price per lot \$375 139386 Page 5

LES FORTS DE LATOUR
Price per bottle \$119 Price per lot \$357 133314 Page 17

CLOS DU MARQUIS
Price per bottle \$59 Price per lot \$177 137919 Page 24

PAVILLON ROUGE
Price per bottle \$72 Price per lot \$216 133272 Page 15

LE PETIT MOUTON
Price per bottle \$99 Price per lot \$297 134056 Page 17

ALTER EGO
Price per bottle \$65 Price per lot \$195 133496 Page 13

LES HAUTS DE PONTET-CANET
Price per bottle \$42 Price per lot \$126 138024 Page 17

MONDOT
Price per bottle \$45 Price per lot \$135 137463 Page 37

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES – PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

THESE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER NOW BY TELEPHONE.

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Monday-Saturday, 9 am-6 pm

The following pages give a listing of products that were previously released. Tasting notes for these products are provided on pages 13-40. Please note: Due to our initial summer launch of 2008 Bordeaux Futures, some products may have sold out. For the most up-to-date list of products available, go to www.vintages.com/futures.

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SCORES

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- RP** Robert Parker Jr., *Wine Advocate*, www.erobertparker.com
- DEC** *Decanter* magazine, www.decanter.com (5-star system)
- WS** James Suckling, *Wine Spectator*, www.winespectator.com
- JR** Jancis Robinson, MW, www.jancisrobinson.com (20-point system)
- GD** Greg Dunlop, Category Manager, VINTAGES European Wines (20-point system)

Product name	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price per bottle	Price per lot
Left Bank								
MARGAUX – RED WINE								
ALTER EGO	89-90	★★★	87-90	17		133496	\$65	\$195
BRANE-CANTENAC	90-93	★★★★	86-89	15.5+	16	135871	\$59	\$177
CANTENAC-BROWN	90-92	★★★	87-90	15.5+		136176	\$59	\$177
D'ANGLUDET	85-87	★★★★		17	16	133082	\$35	\$105
D'ISSAN	91-93	★★★	87-90	17		136192	\$59	\$177
DU TERTRE	83-85	★★★	84-87	16		134460	\$45	\$135
GISCOURS	88-90	★★★	87-90	17.5	16.5	133520	\$59	\$177
LASCOMBES	91-94	★★★	86-89	16		137422	\$79	\$237
MALESCOT ST-EXUPÉRY	91-93	★★★★	90-93	17+	17	136630	\$59	\$177
MARGAUX SOLD OUT	95-97	★★★★	90-93	17.5+	18	133231	\$325	\$975
PALMER	95-97	★★★★	89-92	18		133454	\$219	\$657
PAVILLON ROUGE	90-92	★★★	87-90	16	16	133272	\$72	\$216
RAUZAN-SÉGLA	91-93	★★★★	90-93	16.5		136671	\$99	\$297
MARGAUX – WHITE WINE								
PAVILLON BLANC	91-93		88-91	17		133546	\$159	\$477
PAUILLAC – RED WINE								
CARRUADES DE LAFITE SOLD OUT	91-93	★★★★	87-90	15.5	16.5	133678	\$99	\$297
CLERC MILON	89-91	★★★★	88-91	16.5	16	134072	\$59	\$177
D'ARMAILHAC	88-90	★★★★	86-89	16.5	15.5	134064	\$52	\$156
DUHART-MILON SOLD OUT	93-95	★★★★	87-90	17+	16	135046	\$65	\$195
GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE	89-91+		87-90	16.5	16	135848	\$69	\$207
HAUT-BAGES LIBÉRAL		★★★★	88-91	17		134429	\$44	\$132
LAFITE ROTHSCHILD SOLD OUT	98-100	★★★★★	91-94	17.5+	17.5	133207	\$375	\$1,125
LATOURE SOLD OUT	96-98	★★★★★	91-94	18.5	18	133306	\$345	\$1,035
LE PETIT MOUTON	89-91		86-89	17	16	134056	\$99	\$297
LES FORTS DE LATOUR	91-93	★★★★	88-91	17+	15.5	133314	\$119	\$357
LES HAUTS DE PONTET-CANET						138024	\$42	\$126
LYNCH BAGES	91-93+	★★★★	89-92	16.5+	16.5	133108	\$85	\$255
MOUTON ROTHSCHILD SOLD OUT	94-96	★★★★★	91-94	18.5-	17.5	133165	\$325	\$975

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Product name	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price per bottle	Price per lot
PAUILLAC – RED WINE (cont'd)								
PICHON LONGUEVILLE COMTESSE DE LALANDE	94-96	★★★★	89-92	17.5	16	133512	\$109	\$327
PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-BARON	92-94	★★★★	88-91	17+	16	136333	\$115	\$345
PONTET-CANET	96-98+	★★★★	90-93	17+	17	137315	\$125	\$375
PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES – RED WINE								
BRANON	94-97		87-90	16+		135780	\$115	\$345
DE FIEUZAL	90-93	★★★	87-90	15.5		137133	\$42	\$126
DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER	92-94		90-93	17+	16.5	135079	\$65	\$195
HAUT-BAILLY	95-97	★★★★		17	16	136895	\$95	\$285
HAUT-BERGEY	92-94+	★★★		16+		136648	\$39	\$117
HAUT-BRION SOLD OUT	95-97	★★★★★	93-96	18	17.5	133983	\$399	\$1,197
LA CHAPELLE DE LA MISSION HAUT-BRION	87-88+	★★★★	88-91	16		134395	\$65	\$195
LA GARDE	86-88		85-88	16.5+		136085	\$29	\$87
LA MISSION HAUT-BRION	94-96+	★★★★	91-94	18	17	134031	\$289	\$867
LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION	90-92	★★★	87-90	17.5		136556	\$42	\$126
LE CLARENCE DE HAUT-BRION	89-91	★★★★	88-91	16		134387	\$99	\$297
LE THIL COMTE CLARY	90-92	★★★		16		137851	\$25	\$75
MALARTIC-LAGRAVIÈRE	91-94	★★★★	88-91	16.5		138180	\$59	\$177
PAPE CLÉMENT	94-96	★★★★	89-92	16.5!	16	137497	\$175	\$525
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE	93-95	★★★★	89-92	16++	16	136853	\$79	\$237
PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES – WHITE WINE								
DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER BLANC	90-92+	★★★★	91-94	17.5	16	135053	\$119	\$357
HAUT-BRION BLANC		★★★★★	90-93	17.5+	16.5	133827	\$599	\$1,797
LA GARDE BLANC				16.5		137372	\$35	\$105
LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION BLANC	90-92	★★★	86-89	17		138248	\$62	\$186
LES PLANTIERS DU HAUT-BRION						134338	\$62	\$186
PAPE CLÉMENT BLANC	91-93	★★★★	90-93	16		137489	\$265	\$795
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE BLANC	91-93	★★★★	92-95	17		136721	\$115	\$345
SAINT-ESTÈPHE – RED WINE								
CALON-SÉGUR SOLD OUT	90-93	★★★★★	88-91	17.5+	16	133652	\$69	\$207
COS D'ESTOURNEL	94-96+	★★★★★	91-94	18	17	136564	\$169	\$507
LE BOSCO			84-87	16.5		136069	\$29	\$87
LES PAGODES DE COS	90-92	★★★	87-90	17		136499	\$54	\$162
MONTROSE	95-97	★★★★	88-91	16	16	137257	\$125	\$375
ORMES DE PEZ	89-91	★★★★	87-90	17		133819	\$38	\$114
SAINT-JULIEN – RED WINE								
BEYCHEVELLE	88-90	★★★	83-86	17	16	133553	\$59	\$177
BRANAIRE DUCRU	91-93+	★★★★	88-91	16.5		137273	\$63	\$189
CLOS DU MARQUIS	90-93	★★★★	88-91	17	16	137919	\$59	\$177
DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU	96-98	★★★★★	90-93	17	17.5	137547	\$165	\$495
GLORIA	90-93		87-90	16	16	135806	\$45	\$135
GRUAUD-LAROSE	89-91+	★★★	88-91	17		134320	\$65	\$195
LAGRANGE	90-92	★★★★	88-91	16.5	16	136747	\$59	\$177

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Product name	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price per bottle	Price per lot
SAINT-JULIEN – RED WINE (cont'd)								
LANGOA BARTON	88-90+	★★★★	89-92	16.5+	17	133074	\$59	\$177
LÉOVILLE BARTON	92-94	★★★★	90-93	16.5+		133058	\$75	\$225
LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ	92-94	★★★★	90-93	16-	16	133660	\$74	\$222
LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES	95-97+	★★★★★	91-94	18		137893	\$199	\$597
SAINT-PIERRE	92-94	★★★★	88-91	16.5		137646	\$65	\$195
HAUT-MÉDOC – RED WINE								
BELGRAVE	88-90	★★★	86-89	14.5		136101	\$35	\$105
BELLE-VUE	88-90	★★★		17		136366	\$25	\$75
CANTEMERLE	89-91	★★★	87-90	16		135004	\$38	\$114
LA TOUR CARNET	90-93			15.5		136655	\$45	\$135
THE WINEMAKERS' COLLECTION	89-92					136549	\$39	\$117
MÉDOC – RED WINE								
POTENSAC	90-92	★★★	88-91	16.5		136689	\$35	\$105
MOULIS – RED WINE								
CHASSE-SPLEEN	85-87	★★★★★	87-90	15		134452	\$39	\$117
POUJEAUX	89-91	★★★	87-90	16.5		138321	\$39	\$117
SAUTERNES/BARSAC – WHITE WINE								
DE FARGUES (375 mL)	94-96	★★★★★	90-93	17.5	16.5	138164	\$85	\$255
D'YQUEM (375 mL)	95-97	★★★★★	91-94	18	17.5	137349	\$199	\$597
D'YQUEM	95-97	★★★★★	91-94	18	17.5	137356	\$389	\$1,167
GUIRAUD (375 mL)	91-93	★★★★★	91-94	17	16	134312	\$38	\$114
RIEUSSEC (375 mL)	91-93	★★★★★	89-92	17	17	134304	\$49	\$147
SUDUIRAUT (375 mL)	93-95	★★★★★	90-93	17.5		133686	\$49	\$147
Right Bank								
POMEROL – RED WINE								
CERTAN DE MAY	91-93	★★★	89-92	16.5	16	133926	\$119	\$357
CLINET	94-97	★★★★★	89-92	17	17	136259	\$99	\$297
CLOS L'ÉGLISE	92-94+	★★★★★	88-91	17		136507	\$119	\$357
GAZIN SOLD OUT	94-96	★★★★★	88-91		16.5	133843	\$75	\$225
HOSANNA SOLD OUT	96-98	★★★★★	88-91	17+	16.5	133967	\$139	\$417
LA CONSEILLANTE SOLD OUT	92-94+	★★★★★	90-93	17	17	133835	\$109	\$327
LA CROIX DE GAY	89-91	★★★			15.5	136879	\$35	\$105
LA CROIX ST-GEORGES	93-95		88-91	16.5	16	136465	\$74	\$222
LA FLEUR DE GAY	93-95+	★★★★★	86-89	17	16	136861	\$89	\$267
LA FLEUR PÉTRUS	92-94+	★★★	92-95	18	18.5	133918	\$119	\$357
LA PROVIDENCE	95-97	★★★	89-92	17.5	16	133900	\$115	\$345
LAFLEUR-GAZIN	88-89		85-88	16?	16	133850	\$45	\$135
LATOUR À POMEROL	90-92+	★★★	86-89	17		133876	\$79	\$237
LE GAY	95-98	★★★★★		17.5		135855	\$159	\$477
L'ÉGLISE-CLINET	94-96+	★★★★★	91-94	17.5	16.5	136424	\$189	\$567
NENIN	90-93	★★★	88-91		15.5	136705	\$69	\$207

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Product name	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price per bottle	Price per lot
POMEROL – RED WINE (cont'd)								
TROTANOY SOLD OUT	96-100	★★★★★	90-93	18	17.5	133975	\$149	\$447
VIEUX CHÂTEAU CERTAN	92-94		89-92	17.5	16	135095	\$99	\$297
SAINT-ÉMILION – RED WINE								
ANGÉLUS	92-94	★★★★	89-92	17.5	16	136234	\$159	\$477
AUSONE SOLD OUT	96-100	★★★★★	93-96	18.5	18	137976	\$899	\$2,697
BARDE HAUT	91-93		90-93	17		136341	\$46	\$138
BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT	91-93+	★★★★	88-91	16-		136796	\$75	\$225
BEAUSÉJOUR DUFFAU-LAGAROSSE	90-93	★★★★	88-91			135889	\$59	\$177
BELLEVUE MONDOTTE	96-98+		89-92	17+	17.5	138081	\$359	\$1,077
CANON	90-93	★★★★	89-92	17		137414	\$99	\$297
CANON-LA-GAFFELIÈRE	91-93	★★★★	89-92	17.5	17	135764	\$85	\$255
CHAPELLE D'AUSONE	91-93	★★★★	88-91	17	16.5	138156	\$189	\$567
CHEVAL BLANC	95-97	★★★★★	92-95	18-	17.5	137943	\$699	\$2,097
CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE	89-91		88-91	16.5	16	135749	\$45	\$135
CLOS DE SARPE	93-96+					137844	\$115	\$345
CLOS FOURTET	92-94	★★★★	88-91	16.5	16	136739	\$72	\$216
CROIX DE LABRIE	93-95	★★★			16	136184	\$79	\$237
FIGEAC		★★★★		16++	16	135822	\$109	\$327
FLEUR CARDINALE	91-93	★★★★	88-91	17		136713	\$52	\$156
FOMBRAUGE	90-92	★★★	84-87	15		137406	\$42	\$126
GRACIA	94-97	★★★		16.5	16.5	137539	\$159	\$477
GRAND CORBIN-DESPAGNE	89-91+	★★★★		15.5		136275	\$36	\$108
GRAND MAYNE	92-94	★★★★	87-90	17	16	137471	\$55	\$165
LA CONFESSION	92-94		87-90	15	16	136440	\$49	\$147
LA GAFFELIÈRE	91-93+	★★★★		16.5		136143	\$79	\$237
LA GOMERIE	93-95	★★★	88-91	16.5		138206	\$99	\$297
LARCIS DUCASSE	95-97	★★★★	90-93	15.5?		137521	\$89	\$267
L'ARROSÉE	90-93	★★★★	88-91			136358	\$63	\$189
LE PETIT CHEVAL	90-92	★★★★	87-90	17	16.5	138032	\$125	\$375
MONBOUSQUET	92-94	★★★★	89-92	16.5+	16	135756	\$65	\$195
MONDOT						137463	\$45	\$135
PAVIE	96-98+	★★★★	92-95	17.5+	17	138107	\$259	\$777
PAVIE DECESSE	94-96	★★★★	89-92	17		138016	\$209	\$627
PAVIE MACQUIN	93-95	★★★★	90-93	17	16	136432	\$75	\$225
PINDEFLEURS			86-89		15	138123	\$20	\$60
PIPEAU	89-91		88-91		15.5	138131	\$27	\$81
SANCTUS	91-94			16		136226	\$45	\$135
TERTRE RÔTEBOEUF		★★★★		17.5!		137224	\$199	\$597
TROPLONG MONDOT	95-97	★★★★	91-94	16.5	16	136820	\$115	\$345
CÔTES DE BOURG – RED WINE								
ROC DE CAMBES				16.5		137158	\$75	\$225

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CÔTES DE CASTILLON – RED WINE								
AMPELIA	89-91	★★★			15.5	136770	\$21	\$63
CLOS LES LUNELLES	90-93+	★★★	86-89	16.5		136168	\$54	\$162
D'AIGUILHE	90-92	★★★	88-91	16		135715	\$34	\$102
DOMAINE DE L'A	89-91	★★★★		16.5+		136762	\$43	\$129
JOANIN BÉCOT	90-92	★★★	87-90	16		136788	\$33	\$99
CÔTES DE FRANCS – RED WINE								
MARSAU				16		136804	\$24	\$72
LALANDE-DE-POMEROL – RED WINE								
LA FLEUR DE BOUARD	90-93	★★★	86-89	16.5		135830	\$43	\$129
MONTAGNE-SAINT-ÉMILION – RED WINE								
FAIZEAU VIEILLES VIGNES	88-90		87-90		15.5	136887	\$23	\$69
Other								
BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR – RED WINE								
BEAULIEU COMTES DE TASTES	88-90					138230	\$20	\$60
LE CONSEILLER	90-91					135731	\$22	\$66
BORDEAUX – RED WINE								
DOMAINE DE CAMBES						138149	\$52	\$156
TIRE PÉ LA CÔTE	89-91					137364	\$22	\$66

The majority of tasting notes provided are from the following sources:

RP	Robert Parker Jr., <i>Wine Advocate</i> , www.robertparker.com	JR	Jancis Robinson, MW, www.jancis-robinson.com (20-point system)
WS	James Suckling, <i>Wine Spectator</i> , www.winespectator.com	DEC	<i>Decanter Magazine</i> , www.decanter.com (5-star system)

TASTING NOTES – PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

LEFT BANK

MARGAUX
RED WINE**ALTER EGO**2nd Wine of Ch. Palmer

TASTING NOTE: The second wine, the outstanding 2008 Alter Ego de Palmer, a blend of 52% Merlot and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, is one of the finest examples of this cuvee I have tasted. Well-integrated wood smoke intermixed with notes of creme de cassis, earth, and forest floor are found in this opulent, deliciously fruity, round, and sensual effort. It should drink beautifully for 10-15 years.

Yields at Palmer were a shockingly low 30 hectoliters per hectare, and the harvest lasted from October 1 to October 17. Keep in mind, the natural alcohol percentage in the Merlots harvested at Chateau Palmer was a low of 13.5% and reached a lofty peak of 14.5%. All the Cabernet Sauvignons came in between 12%-12.5%. Moreover, the level of tannins and dry extract/polyphenols was the same as in 2005, which provides one more piece of evidence in what is a very successful vintage for Bordeaux. Score – **89-90**. (RP)

133496 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot

**BRANE-CANTENAC**2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This is one of the most complex wines of the appellation, exhibiting notes of underbrush, sweet currants, cherries, and subtle touches of roasted herbs, incense, and spice box. It does not possess the power or depth of the 2005, and may not even eclipse the 2006, but it is a beautiful, pure, mid-weight, well-balanced, impeccably pure Margaux that should drink well for 15+ years. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

135871 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

CANTENAC-BROWN3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: For producing the finest Cantenac-Brown I have ever tasted, kudos go to the new administration and proprietor. This property has always produced a rustic, austere wine with too much tannin and muscle for its delicate Margaux personality. However, in 2008 the tannin has been tamed, and it is now sweet, ripe, and well-integrated. The wine exhibits a dense purple color in addition to a ripe bouquet of black fruits, licorice, smoke, and underbrush. It is a medium-bodied, classic Margaux that will benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age, and should keep for 20-25 years. Drink: 2012-2037. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

136176 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

D'ANGLUDET

TASTING NOTE: Deep purplish crimson. Fragrant, scented, complete – elderberries again. Very opulent but good freshness too and some very ripe tannins. Real zip on the finish. An admirably complete wine. Long. Perhaps a little less classical than some but very well sculpted. Drink 2014-2028. Score – **17** (out of 20). (JR)

133082 (XD) 750 mL \$ 35
\$ 105 per 3-btl lot

D'ISSAN3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This beautifully elegant, precise, well-delineated 2008 displays a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet perfume of spring flowers, blue and black fruits, and subtle graphite and earth. Medium to full-bodied with a layered, expansive mouthfeel, impressive purity, and a long finish with no hint of aggressiveness, this effort should be at its peak in 4-6 years, and evolve for 20-25 years. Drink: 2013-2038. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

136192 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

DU TERTRE5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Toasty, mildly cocoa nose. Very pretty texture – not forced. Reminds of du Tertre's style. Neat. Complete, but a bit forward. Very slightly rasping tannins on the finish. Drink 2012-2018. Score – **16** (out of 20). (JR)

134460 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

MARGAUX

RED WINE (CONT'D)

GISCOURS

3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Healthy crimson. Already quite complex, seductive aromas. Fresh start with real spring in its step – energetic and lively and very well balanced yet with real intrigue still to be revealed. Good wine. Neat finish. Tightly packed. Limpid – wonderful confidence! Drink 2014-2027. Score – **17.5** (out of 20). (JR)

133520 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot



LASCOMBES

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Sweet plum, black cherry, and cassis notes intermixed with floral, licorice, spice box, and forest floor scents result in a complex set of aromatics. The wine possesses medium to full body, a round, gentle mouthfeel, ripe tannin, and fresh acids with no evidence of oak. This is a more restrained, less exuberant effort than Lascombes has produced in several recent vintages. Drink this impressively-endowed, well-made 2008 between 2011-2030+. Score – **91-94**. (RP)

137422 (XD) 750 mL \$ 79
\$ 237 per 3-btl lot



MALESCOT ST-EXUPÉRY

3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: One of the most supple and silky-textured offerings from Margaux, the 2008 displays a burgeoning complexity of leafy tobacco and unsmoked cigar notes interwoven with black raspberries, black currants, and spice box. It is a medium to full-bodied, elegant, pure, long, well-textured wine to enjoy over the next 20 years. It is not that removed in quality from the 2005. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

136630 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

MARGAUX **SOLD OUT**

1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: This is a superb vintage for Chateau Margaux, and while it may be too early to say this, the 2008 appears superior to the 2007, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002, and 2001. Only 36% of the crop was utilized and the yields were 40 hectoliters per hectare The final blend includes a whoppingly high 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and dollops of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. As always, the first characteristic one notices is the extraordinary floral component as well as the sweet black currant fruit allied to full-bodied richness, sweet tannin, and superb freshness and delineation. In many ways, the 2008 is reminiscent of the 1996, but the former wine is showing even more density and concentration than the 1996 did at the same point in its evolution. The 2008, which appears set for 30-40 years of longevity, is a remarkable effort from this great estate. Score – **95-97**. (RP)

133231 (XD) 750 mL \$ 325
\$ 975 per 3-btl lot



PALMER

3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Palmer, which tips the scales at 13.5% natural alcohol (among the highest achieved at this property), is a blend of 51% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 8% Petit Verdot. It is a massively rich wine with an inky/purple color, sensational density of fruit, velvety tannins, a glorious bouquet of black fruits, licorice, incense, and subtle barbecue smoke, a superb, full-bodied mouthfeel, and a fabulous texture and length. With several minutes of swirling, an enticing floral note emerges. The wine's glycerin and sweetness suggest it will be approachable 3-4 years after bottling, yet keep for three decades or more. It appears to be among the finest Palmers made this decade, rivaling both the 2005 and 2000. Drink: 2012-2042. Score – **95-97**. (RP)

133454 (XD) 750 mL \$ 219
\$ 657 per 3-btl lot



PAVILLON ROUGE

2nd Wine of Ch. Margaux

TASTING NOTE: The second wine, the 2008 Pavillon Rouge du Chateau Margaux, represents 47% of the crop (keep in mind that 17% of the total crop was sold off in bulk), and is composed of 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, and the rest mostly Petit Verdot with a tiny dollop of Cabernet Franc. It is a beautiful wine exhibiting classic purity along with red and black fruits intermixed with licorice, tobacco leaf, and floral nuances. Sweet, round tannins, and a lovely forward freshness suggest this stunning second wine should drink well young, yet last for 15+ years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

133272 (XD) 750 mL \$ 72
\$ 216 per 3-btl lot

RAUZAN-SÉGLA

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This outstanding effort is atypically forward, sexy, and opulent. Only 45% of the crop made it into this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Petit Verdot. Yields were 47 hectoliters per hectare, which is slightly higher than some estates, but the harvest was very late, between October 2-21. Sweet cassis, black cherry, licorice, tobacco leaf, and spice box are all present in the complex aromatics. In the mouth, the wine offers generosity, roundness, sweetness, and velvety, ripe tannins. I was surprised by how forward, precocious, and delicious this wine has already become. It appears set for a relatively long life of 25+ years. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

136671 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot

MARGAUX

WHITE WINE

PAVILLON BLANC

2nd (White) Wine of Ch. Margaux

TASTING NOTE: Lemon, light lime peel and mineral aromas. Medium-bodied, with lovely honey, celery and grass on the finish. More subtle and fine than the 2007. Score – **88-91**. (WS)

133546 (XD) 750 mL \$ 159
\$ 477 per 3-btl lot

PAUILLAC

RED WINE

CARRUADES DE LAFITE **SOLD OUT**

2nd Wine of Ch. Lafite Rothschild

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Carruades de Lafite, made from yields of 46 hectoliters per hectare, is a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, and 1% Cabernet Franc. Revealing an inky/ruby/purple color that is slightly less dense than the grand vin's, it offers up beautiful aromas of graphite, smoke, black currants, and cedar. Very sexy in the fleshy style of the 2003, it is a succulent, hedonistic turn-on. Moreover, given the freshness and acid profile, it should drink well for 15-20 years. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

133678 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot



CLERC MILON

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Aromas of sweet tobacco interwoven with cedar, black currants, and subtle smoky menthol emerge from the medium-bodied 2008 Clerc Milon. While slightly austere, it exhibits sweet black currant fruit along with hints of mocha and underbrush. Its substantial tannins are neither aggressive nor unripe, and the wine reveals the beautiful purity and seamlessness that are the hallmarks of so many 2008s. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

134072 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

D'ARMAILHAC

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Black-red, very attractively lifted briary black fruit nose, smooth and elegant, a poised, classily seductive Pauillac that will open early and age well. Drink 2014-22. Score – **★★★★** (out of 5). (Steven Spurrier, DEC)

134064 (XD) 750 mL \$ 52
\$ 156 per 3-btl lot



2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

PAUILLAC

RED WINE (CONT'D)

DUHART-MILON **SOLD OUT**

4^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: As I have previously written, Duhart Milon has become one of the stars of Pauillac thanks to the meticulous attention to detail as well as the investments made by the Rothschild family. A blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon and 27% Merlot, with the Cabernet picked during the week of October 8-15, and the Merlot a week earlier, the 2008 offers up sweet aromas of cassis, licorice, crushed rocks, and forest floor in an expressive, graceful aromatic display. Freshness, superb concentration, high but ripe, sweet tannins, and good acids characterize this dense, concentrated wine. It possesses a stunning upside potential of 25-30 years. Yet, like so many of these 2008s, the ripeness of the tannins along with the density and sweetness of the fruit suggest it will be approachable at an early age. Score – **93-95**. (RP)

135046 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot



GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Not a blockbuster such as the 2005 or 2000, the 2008 Grand Puy Lacoste is an elegant, deep ruby/purple-tinged, pretty Pauillac offering plenty of red and black currant fruit interwoven with touches of spice box and tobacco leaf characteristics. Fresh acidity, medium body, and a pleasant, long finish with excellent depth as well as ripeness suggest it will be a delicate, finesse styled offering to enjoy over the next 10-15 years. Score – **89-91+**. (RP)

135848 (XD) 750 mL \$ 69
\$ 207 per 3-btl lot

HAUT-BAGES LIBÉRAL

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Offers some blackberry on the nose and palate, with toasty oak and coffee bean character. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a fruity finish. Well done. Score – **88-91**. (WS)

134429 (XD) 750 mL \$ 44
\$ 132 per 3-btl lot



LAFITE ROTHSCHILD **SOLD OUT**

1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Lafite Rothschild is one of the most profound young wines I have ever tasted. From a taster's perspective, it is reminiscent of a blend of the 1996 and 2003, but when you compare those vintages analytically, that makes no sense whatsoever. Representing only 40% of the production, this blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet Franc boasts an opaque ruby/purple color (one of the darkest Lafites I have seen in 30 years) as well as an extraordinary, blockbuster aromatic profile of lead pencil shavings, forest floor, black fruits, licorice, and a hint of unsmoked, high-class cigar tobacco. In the mouth, a massive richness is accompanied by a freshness, delineation, nuance, delicacy, and mind-boggling density. Even after three decades of tasting, I am still astonished when tasting such a prodigious wine as this. Full, inky, and rich with creme de cassis and spice box characteristics as well as a length that I stopped measuring after a minute, the wine reveals a sweetness to the tannin and an opulence to the fruit that suggests a hot, sunny vintage, but again, that was not the case. There wasn't a great deal of heat, but there was more sunshine than the negative press reported at the beginning of September. This is a great, great wine. The harvest at Lafite took place between October 1-7 for the Merlot grapes, the Cabernet Franc was picked in mid-October, and the Cabernet Sauvignon between October 7-14 – an unbelievably late harvest for this estate. This wine should evolve for 30-40 years and last 50 or more. As I have indicated before, Lafite's second wine is now one of Bordeaux's finest second wines, and is made very much in the Lafite style. Score – **98-100**. (RP)

133207 (XD) 750 mL \$ 375
\$ 1,125 per 3-btl lot

LATOUR **SOLD OUT**1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: Damn me for saying it, but I actually think the 2008 Latour will turn out to be even better than the 2005 or 2000. I still have a weakness for the 2003, but it is somewhat atypical in how forward, fleshy, and opulent it is. The 2008 Latour is a more concentrated version of the 1996, and that's saying something ...The natural alcohol of 13.48% may be the highest ever achieved at Latour. The final blend is 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, and 1% Cabernet Franc.

Moreover, in a low yield year, only 40% of the production made it into the grand vin, so even with the global economic crisis, this is going to be a tightly allocated wine – with under 10,000 cases produced. A fabulous infant, it exhibits an inky/purple color as well as extraordinarily pure notes of creme de cassis, crushed rocks, and flowers. The fact that there is no hint of oak is a testament to the vintage's density and richness. The wine possesses full-bodied power as well as a boatload of tannin, and it is even more backward than Lafite Rothschild. Nevertheless, the hallmark of a great wine and potentially top-notch vintage is the sweetness of the tannin, and that is evident. The wine is young, unevolved, and incredibly pure (another hallmark of this unexpectedly magical vintage) with an amazingly long, textured, layered finish. It should be forgotten for 5-8 years, and consumed over the following four decades. Drink 2014-2054. Score – **96-98**. (RP)

133306 (XD) 750 mL \$ 345
\$ 1,035 per 3-btl lot

**LE PETIT MOUTON**2nd Wine of Ch. Mouton Rothschild

TASTING NOTE: Second wine. Very dense purplish crimson. Tasted immediately after the Clerc Milon this seemed a distinct step up in ripeness and aromatic appeal. Very polished. Luscious start and lovely satin texture followed by an extremely respectable dry, neat finish. Extraordinarily delicious already! Just a measure of ripe tannins, pretty well covered by ripe fruit, on the finish. Seductive. 'Feminine'. Drink 2015-2025. Score – **17** (out of 20). (JR)

134056 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot

**LES FORTS DE LATOUR**2nd Wine of Ch. Latour

TASTING NOTE: The second wine seems to have picked up most of the Merlot from the Latour vineyards (31.5% Merlot and 66.5% Cabernet Sauvignon dominate the blend). The 2008 Les Forts de Latour is a forward, pure wine displaying remarkably sweet tannins along with aromas of black currants, forest floor, and a hint of underbrush. Opulent, round, and generous, it should drink well for 15-20 years, possibly longer given the fact that the 1982 Les Forts de Latour is still a beautiful wine, and it's "only" 27 years of age! Score – **91-93**. (RP)

133314 (XD) 750 mL \$ 119
\$ 357 per 3-btl lot

LES HAUTS DE PONTET-CANET2nd Wine of Ch. Pontet-Canet

138024 (XD) 750 mL \$ 42
\$ 126 per 3-btl lot

**LYNCH BAGES**5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This strong effort from Lynch Bages may turn out to be the finest wine produced here since the 2000. It is a backward, powerful, opaque purple-colored 2008 with fine acids, firm but sweet tannins, and thick, dense levels of attractive blackberry and cassis fruit intertwined with notions of underbrush, lead pencil shavings, and roasted herbs. It appears to be a denser, richer effort than some of the more lightweight Lynch Bages offerings of recent years. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2030. Score – **91-93+**. (RP)

133108 (XD) 750 mL \$ 85
\$ 255 per 3-btl lot



2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

PAUILLAC

RED WINE (CONT'D)

MOUTON ROTHSCHILD **SOLD OUT** 1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: ...Made from low yields of 34 hectoliters per hectare, it achieved a natural alcohol content of 13.2%, one of the highest ever for this estate. Made from 54% of the production, the 2008 Mouton Rothchild's final blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17% Merlot has resulted in an atypically sweeter, more direct and opulent, fleshy Mouton. Keep in mind that this cuvee, because of the high Cabernet Sauvignon content as well as the terroir, is often backward, structured, and nearly foreboding in its youth. However, I do not think the 2008 will behave in that manner. There is plenty of tannin and exceptional density and ripeness, but the tannins are velvety, and I was amazed by how charmingly forward and fleshy this wine already is. A deep purple color, sweet aromas of creme de cassis, smoke, cedar, and an unmistakable floral component (another characteristic of the Cabernet Sauvignon in 2008) are found in this precocious, succulent Mouton that should firm up and put on more weight with aging. My score is somewhat conservative because it is hard to forget their prodigious 2006, but the 2008 will provide far more enjoyment and pleasure over the near-term than the 2006. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2035. Score – **94-96**. (RP)

133165 (XD) 750 mL \$ 325
\$ 975 per 3-btl lot

PICHON LONGUEVILLE **COMTESSE DE LALANDE**

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Pichon Lalande's final blend was 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Only 38% of the crop made it into the grand vin, and the result is a wine that blows away the 2005. Terrific texture and opulence, forward fruit, sweet tannin, and a lush personality are found in this dense purple-colored 2008 along with copious quantities of sweet berries, roasted coffee, underbrush, black currant, and black cherry fruit. Sensationally pure, textured, and full-bodied, this will be a flamboyant, showy offering in its youth, but it is capable of lasting 20-30 years. Score – **94-96**. (RP)

133512 (XD) 750 mL \$ 109
\$ 327 per 3-btl lot

PICHON-LONGUEVILLE-BARON 2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Firm, but sweet tannins (which suggests ideal maturity) characterize this 2008. Displaying good minerality along with plenty of floral, creme de cassis, blackberry, coffee, and white chocolate notes, this full-bodied, dense, promising Pauillac is built to age for 20-25 years. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

136333 (XD) 750 mL \$ 115
\$ 345 per 3-btl lot



PONTET-CANET

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: A wine for our children's children. Nobody in Bordeaux is more attentive to detail than Alfred Tesseron is at Pontet-Canet. Fashioned from incredibly low yields, a very late harvest, and a Draconian selection, the 2008 will not be close to drinkability for at least a decade, and it should still be in superb form circa 2060. An absolutely amazing effort, it boasts an inky/black/purple color as well as an extraordinary bouquet of creme de cassis, graphite, charcoal, and incense, blockbuster depth, and full-bodied power. The tannins are high, but they are remarkably velvety as well as well-integrated. Sensational acidity gives the wine precision and vibrancy, but the impression is one of massive concentration and power. The 2008 Pontet-Canet, a candidate for the wine of the vintage, is a tour de force in viticultural precision and winemaking savoir faire. Drink: 2019-2060. Score – **96-98+**. (RP)

137315 (XD) 750 mL \$ 125
\$ 375 per 3-btl lot

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES RED WINE

BRANON

TASTING NOTE: This sensational effort displays massive concentration, extraordinary intensity, and soaring aromatics of roasted coffee, barbecued meats, graphite, blackberries, and cassis, dense fruit, full body, excellent purity, nuance, and unlimited potential complexity as well as longevity. This limited production cuvee, a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc, ranks alongside Branon's sensational 2000. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2025. Score – **94-97**. (RP)

135780 (XD) 750 mL \$ 115
\$ 345 per 3-btl lot

DE FIEUZAL

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: A brilliant effort from De Fieuzal, the dense purple-hued 2008 exhibits aromas of sweet cassis, black cherry liqueur, licorice, smoke, and herbs, sweet tannin, a full-bodied, powerful, concentrated mouthfeel, and a long, impressively pure, well-textured finish. It is one of the finest wines made at this estate over the last two decades. Moreover, it should drink well for 25 years.

Score – **90-93**. (RP)

137133 (XD) 750 mL \$ 42
\$ 126 per 3-btl lot

DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: ...The most noticeable thing is that consultant Stephane Derenoncourt has drastically cut back the influence of new oak, or at least its ability to intrude on the aromatics and flavors. This beautifully textured, dense purple-colored 2008 exhibits notes of graphite, spring flowers, and blue as well as red fruits in an elegant, full-bodied, flavorful, layered mouthfeel. The freshness of the vintage, combined with low yields has given this cuvee an atypical density and richness that is largely unprecedented. Production is relatively small for the size of the vineyard (about 8,000 cases). This beauty should drink well for 25+ years.

Score – **92-94**. (RP)

135079 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot

**HAUT-BAILLY**

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 exhibits superb minerality as well as the delicacy of a great culinary preparation, packed and stacked with flavor, yet light on its feet. The 2008 will compete, perhaps eclipse the sensational 2005 and 2006. A dense ruby/purple color is followed by notes of charcoal, graphite, black currants, sweet cherries, spice box, and subtle earth. The wine possesses super purity, a medium to full-bodied, gorgeous texture, ripe, sweet tannins, and a layered mouthfeel. The acidity provides freshness, vibrancy, and delineation to all the component parts of this very concentrated yet quintessentially elegant wine. It is a sensational effort that should begin showing secondary nuances of complexity in 8-10 years, and evolve for three decades or more.

In a few short years, new proprietor Robert Wilmers and his winemaker, Veronique Sanders, have raised Haut-Bailly's quality to the level of Pape-Clement, La Mission-Haut-Brion, and Haut-Brion. Score – **95-97**. (RP)

136895 (XD) 750 mL \$ 95
\$ 285 per 3-btl lot

HAUT-BERGEY

TASTING NOTE: The earthy, smoky notes intermixed with notions of black fruits and road tar found in this blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot are classic Graves traits. Sweet, dense fruit, with tremendous opulence, a layered mouthfeel, and excellent purity, freshness, and ripe tannins are displayed in abundance in this beautifully made offering from proprietor Helene Garcin. It should age effortlessly for 20 years. Score – **92-94+**. (RP)

136648 (XD) 750 mL \$ 39
\$ 117 per 3-btl lot

HAUT-BRION **SOLD OUT**1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: Production for the 2008 Haut-Brion represents only 35% of the grapes harvested, and while production can be over 12,000 cases in an abundant vintage, 2008 will be one of their smallest ever, with only 7,000 cases produced from a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, and 9% Cabernet Franc. The 2008 reminds me of a hypothetical blend of the 1996 and 1998. It is a classic, elegant, but substantial Haut-Brion with a dense ruby/purple color as well as crushed rock, spring flower, blueberry, and black currant characteristics presented in a vivid, vibrant, full-bodied style that cuts an ethereal feel across the palate. Haut-Brion is somewhat akin to Cheval Blanc in that it can be seemingly light on the palate, but very intense in flavor. That is the case with the 2008. There is plenty of tannin, but it is very ripe. This impressive, deep wine requires patience, and a ten year wait is mandatory. This formidable Haut-Brion should have a 40-50 year lifeline.

Score – **95-97**. (RP)

133983 (XD) 750 mL \$ 399
\$ 1,197 per 3-btl lot

**LA CHAPELLE DE LA MISSION
HAUT-BRION**2nd Wine of Ch. La Mission
Haut-Brion

TASTING NOTE: Offers currant and plum on the nose, with hints of young sweet tobacco. Medium- to full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit and silky tannins. Medium finish. Score – **88-91**. (WS)

134395 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES

RED WINE (CONT'D)

LA GARDE

TASTING NOTE: Unusually concentrated purple. All stops have been pulled out on this one! Lots of freshness and excitement and some extremely expensive oak! Very dry finish. But very noble. A wine that has been given the cru classé treatment in the cellar without a doubt – was picked pretty late. Drink 2013-2020. Score – **16.5+** (out of 20). (JR)

136085 (XD) 750 mL \$ 29
\$ 87 per 3-btl lot

LA MISSION HAUT-BRION

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: ...the 2008 La Mission-Haut-Brion is a powerful, backward effort that is not yet fully expressing itself. A blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, and 6% Cabernet Franc, it reveals a deep blue/purple hue in addition to sumptuous aromas of melted asphalt, graphite, blueberries, and black currant liqueur. Dense, with high but velvety tannins, top-flight purity, and a full-bodied, backward, formidably endowed style, this beauty seems to be set for a long life. It is difficult to compare 2008 with any other recent vintage, but the closest would probably be 1998. A La Mission made for four decades or more of cellaring, it is a top-notch effort that should improve during the élevage in barrel. Score – **94-96+**. (RP)

134031 (XD) 750 mL \$ 289
\$ 867 per 3-btl lot



LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION

TASTING NOTE: Another sleeper of the vintage, the 2008 is one of the strongest efforts yet produced at Larrivet Haut-Brion. A classic Graves bouquet of earth, camphor, subtle barbecue smoke, and sweet red and black currants is followed by a lush, richly fruity, medium to full-bodied wine displaying superb purity, a beguiling texture, and a long finish. It should drink exceptionally well young, and evolve for 12-15 years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

136556 (XD) 750 mL \$ 42
\$ 126 per 3-btl lot



LE CLARENCE DE HAUT-BRION

2nd Wine of Ch. Haut-Brion

TASTING NOTE: The [recently renamed] second wine, the 2008 Le Clarence de Haut-Brion, offers sweet, pure, black cherry and black currant fruit, a distinctive underlying minerality/earthy component, medium body, and a rich, flavorful personality. Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and consume it over the following 15. Drink 2011-2026. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

134387 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot

LE THIL COMTE CLARY

TASTING NOTE: A brilliant overachiever as well as a sleeper of the vintage, this dense ruby/purple-tinged 2008 emerges from a vineyard site not far from Smith-Haut-Lafitte. A blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon that was cropped at very low yields as a result of challenging flowering and growing conditions, it boasts a deep ruby/purple color along with a sweet nose of tobacco leaf, red currants, and blacker fruits. Opulent, round, and pure with good underlying acidity as well as ripe tannin, it should be drunk over the next 7-8 years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

137851 (XD) 750 mL \$ 25
\$ 75 per 3-btl lot



MALARTIC-LAGRAVIÈRE

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Another brilliant effort from an estate that has done superb work over the last 10-15 years, the 2008 reveals sweet, exuberant notes of lead pencil shavings, smoked herbs, sweet earth, and copious quantities of black currant and blackberry fruit. Dense and full-bodied with a richness and texture that are stunningly opulent, with no hard edges, there is plenty of tannin, but they are sweet and unaggressive. Good acidity provides freshness, precision, and definition to the wine's component parts. It should drink well for 20-25 years. Score – **91-94**. (RP)

138180 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

PAPE CLÉMENT

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Not far off the quality of the monumental 2005, Pape Clement's 2008 was cropped at a lowly 30 hectoliters per hectare. The final blend is 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot, and there are approximately 7,500 cases. The 2008 displays a dense purple color as well as a classic northern Pessac-Leognan nose of truffles, asphalt, scorched earth, charcoal, creme de cassis, spice box, and spring flowers. Super-pure and medium to full-bodied with stunning concentration, admirable purity, slightly more acidity than usual, and formidable depth and length, given the sweetness of the tannins and the ripeness of the fruit, this wine should be approachable in 4-5 years, but the vintage's crisp style suggests it will last for 25-30 or more years. Drink: 2013-2043. Score – **94-96**. (RP)

137497 (XD) 750 mL \$ 175
\$ 525 per 3-btl lot

**SMITH HAUT LAFITTE**

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Smith-Haut-Lafitte, which is somewhat reminiscent of the brilliant 1998, exhibits sweet cassis, tobacco leaf, earth, and barbecue characteristics in its complex aromatics. The wine reveals ripe, supple tannin, medium to full body, gorgeous fruit, impeccable purity, and a luscious texture. It should be relatively approachable in its youth, and last for 25+ years. The final composition was 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, and 7% Cabernet Franc. Score – **93-95**. (RP)

136853 (XD) 750 mL \$ 79
\$ 237 per 3-btl lot

**PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES
WHITE WINE****DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER BLANC**

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Very appley and melony, with hints of lemon and honey. Full-bodied, with very crisp, bright acidity and notes of green apple. Superlively and minerally. Tight and racy. Powerful. Score – **91-94**. (WS)

135053 (XD) 750 mL \$ 119
\$ 357 per 3-btl lot

HAUT-BRION BLANC

TASTING NOTE: Pale yellow with green tints, more fleshy than Laville, despite less Semillon, really fine precision, perfect harmony and length on the palate, hard to imagine a more beautiful expression of Semillon/Sauvignon grapes. Drink 2012-2020. Score – **★★★★★** (out of 5). (Steven Spurrier, DEC)

133827 (XD) 750 mL \$ 599
\$ 1,797 per 3-btl lot

**LA GARDE BLANC**

TASTING NOTE: Smoky mineral notes and good density. Dry chalky finish. Very serious, and likely to be good value. Drink 2011-2015. Score – **16.5** (out of 20). (JR)

137372 (XD) 750 mL \$ 35
\$ 105 per 3-btl lot

LARRIVET-HAUT-BRION BLANC

TASTING NOTE: Big, ripe and flashy. Very round and a competently different style from, for example, Domaine de Chevalier. All extrovert and opulent and quite a lot of fun. Score – **17** (out of 20). (JR)

138248 (XD) 750 mL \$ 62
\$ 186 per 3-btl lot

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN/GRAVES

WHITE WINE (CONT'D)

LES PLANTIERS DU HAUT-BRION

2nd (White) Wine of Ch. Haut-Brion

134338 (XD) 750 mL \$ 62
\$ 186 per 3-btl lot



PAPE CLÉMENT BLANC

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Dense and rich, with spice, honey and apple pie character. There's lovely richness and freshness for the vintage. Score – **90-93**. (WS)

137489 (XD) 750 mL \$ 265
\$ 795 per 3-btl lot

SMITH HAUT LAFITTE BLANC

Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Beautiful apple pie, lemon and apricot aromas. Full-bodied, with complex apple tarte Tatin and lemon peel flavors. There's bright acidity, but this is well-integrated. Solid. The best dry white of the vintage. Score – **92-95**. (WS)

136721 (XD) 750 mL \$ 115
\$ 345 per 3-btl lot

SAINT-ESTÈPHE

RED WINE

CALON-SÉGUR **SOLD OUT**

3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Deep purple, pure, rich and aromatic blackcurrant fruit with a touch of wild roses, extremely elegant, harmonious with immense charm and sufficient depth to last a long time. The Lafite of Saint-Estephe. Drink 2015-30. Score – ★★★★★ (out of 5). (Steven Spurrier, DEC)

133652 (XD) 750 mL \$ 69
\$ 207 per 3-btl lot

COS D'ESTOURNEL

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: ...The inky/purple-hued 2008 Cos is still very young, and probably will improve even further as the wine came out of malolactic fermentation very late. It reveals exceptionally precise, fresh aromas of black fruits, crushed rocks, licorice, flowers, and subtle smoke. Dense and high in tannin, the extraordinary richness of polyphenols has given the wine power, substance, and depth, but the sweetness of the tannin and the seemingly low acidity, even though the wine tastes remarkably fresh and the pH is only 3.57 (compared to pH's close to 4 when the fruit is this ripe), has given the wine a precision and elegance that is remarkable. And don't forget, this is probably the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon ever used in a Cos d'Estournel blend. This wine should gain weight, richness, and a few Parker points by the time it is bottled. It is even denser and richer than the 1996, with an index of polyphenols at 80, which is not unusual for many of the top wines of the vintage, but is extremely high, and more along the lines of what one would find in the top wines of 2005. It should evolve for 30-35 years. Score – **94-96+**. (RP)

136564 (XD) 750 mL \$ 169
\$ 507 per 3-btl lot

LE BOSQC

TASTING NOTE: Toasty dark fruit, sweetness of oak spice but also an attractive violet note. Full, firm and scented in the middle, both rich and fresh. Moderate length, dry finish. Drink 2012-2019. Score – **16.5** (out of 20). (Julia Harding, MW, JR)

136069 (XD) 750 mL \$ 29
\$ 87 per 3-btl lot

LES PAGODES DE COS

2nd Wine of Ch. Cos d'Estournel

TASTING NOTE: The second wine, the 2008 Les Pagodes de Cos, is the finest example of this cuvee yet made. A blend of 53% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Petit Verdot, with a natural alcohol of 13.5%, it offers beautiful freshness along with sweet, pure notes of creme de cassis, earth, and forest floor. Sweet tannin, striking concentration, and a lush style make for an impressive wine that should drink beautifully for 15+ years.

This property has undergone a complete make-over, building a state-of-the-art, spaceship-looking new winemaking facility, and giving brilliant winemaker Jean-Guillaume Prats carte blanche authority from proprietor Michel Reybier. The team continues to fine tune and reflect on every possible detail in both the vineyard and the winery in order to achieve even greater success. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

136499 (XD) 750 mL \$ 54
\$ 162 per 3-btl lot



MONTROSE

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: An undeniably great Montrose, after some time in wood, the 2008 should achieve the heights of the 2003, 1990, and 1989. Stylistically different from those wines, the 2008 harvest took place between September 29 and October 15, and yields were a modest 44 hectoliters per hectare. This superb terroir west of the Gironde River possesses a remarkable amount of gravel in the soil base. Sixty percent of the production made it into the 2008 Montrose, and the person responsible for so many great Haut-Brions, Jean-Bernard Delmas, came out of retirement to take charge over the last several vintages for proprietor Martin Bouygues. An inky/purple color is accompanied by sweet, pure aromas of black fruits and spice. This full-bodied wine exhibits superb concentration, sweet tannin, and a multilayered, textured, full-bodied mouthfeel with no hard edges. The sweetness of the tannin, the extraordinary purity of fruit, and the intense aromatics suggest a year of great ripeness. The difference between the 2008 and the 2003, 1990, or 1989 is the freshness and purity of expression. This should be a long-lived wine (35+ years), yet it will drink surprisingly well at a young age. For some reason, it comes across like an even more pure example of the 1989, even though there is nothing essentially comparable between the two harvests. Score – **95-97**. (RP)

137257 (XD) 750 mL \$ 125
\$ 375 per 3-btl lot



ORMES DE PEZ

TASTING NOTE: The strongest effort from this estate in over two decades, the dense ruby/purple-tinged 2008 reveals plenty of structure and tannin as well as gorgeously rich, pure blackberry and cassis fruit intermixed with hints of minerals and underbrush. This full, dense St.-Estephe will benefit from several years of bottle age, and should evolve over the following 15 years. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

133819 (XD) 750 mL \$ 38
\$ 114 per 3-btl lot



SAINT-JULIEN

RED WINE

BEYCHEVELLE

4^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Made in a seductive, soft, charming style, the 2008 Beychevelle is destined to be drunk during its first 15 years of life. It is a sensual St.-Julien offering pretty raspberry and cranberry fruit as well as hints of darker fruits on the palate. With soft tannins and good purity, this is a medium-bodied, well-made, evolved, forward 2008. Score – **88-90**. (RP)

133553 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot



BRANAIRE DUCRU

4^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Sweet black raspberry and blueberry fruit intermixed with hints of acacia flowers and crushed rocks always provide Branaire with a distinctive perfume. In the mouth, there is impressive purity, a powerful yet elegant style, noticeable but sweet tannin, and nicely integrated acidity. The wood component is not apparent given the density and richness of the fruit. The 2008 should come close to rivaling the 2005, 2003, and 2000. Consume it over the next 20+ years. Score – **91-93+**. (RP)

137273 (XD) 750 mL \$ 63
\$ 189 per 3-btl lot

2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

SAINT-JULIEN

RED WINE (CONT'D)

CLOS DU MARQUIS

2nd Wine of Ch. Léoville-Las Cases

TASTING NOTE: For many years, Las Cases' second wine has been the equivalent of a classified growth in the Medoc. The 2008 Clos du Marquis may be one of the two or three finest second wines I have tasted from proprietor Jean-Hubert Delon. A blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot that came in at 13.5% natural alcohol, it is a pure, deep, full-bodied effort displaying classic aromas of creme de cassis, licorice, and crushed rocks. On the palate, there is a sensational black fruit character, no hard edges, and a seamless integration of all the component parts. This wine should drink beautifully for 15 or more years. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

137919 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot



DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: In Bruno Borie's words, the 2008 Ducru Beaucaillou is "well above 2004, with much more structure than 2007, and more sensuality than 2006." I would add that it is even better than that, and as profound as the 2005. Approximately 33% of the crop made it into Ducru, which came in at 13.1% natural alcohol. This 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Merlot blend reveals a dense opaque purple color as well as a gorgeously sweet bouquet of spring flowers, creme de cassis, blackberry liqueur, licorice, espresso roast, and spice. A testament to the density and richness of this wine is the fact that no oak is apparent in the aromas or flavors. The wine is unctuously textured, but analytically, it has a good level of total acid and sound pH. This fabulous offering will age effortlessly for 30-40+ years. Score – **96-98**. (RP)

137547 (XD) 750 mL \$ 165
\$ 495 per 3-btl lot



GLORIA

TASTING NOTE: This estate has been fashioning terrific wines over recent vintages, and the 2008 is an opulent, dense purple-hued effort displaying sweet creme de cassis fruit intermixed with hints of tapenade, licorice, and roasted herbs. It exhibits fabulously pure fruit, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a flamboyant, almost exotic richness. Very ripe, pure, and long, this will be a wine to drink young, but given past examples, it should be capable of lasting 15-20 years. It is a fabulous sleeper of the vintage. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

135806 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot



GRUAUD-LAROSE

2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: While it is not the 2000 or 1990, the 2008 is the finest Gruaud Larose I have tasted in eight years. Not a blockbuster, it is more beefy and dense than other recent vintages, revealing notes of pine forest, smoke, herbs, licorice, black currants, and cedar. With high but ripe tannins, medium to full body, and a strong finish, it will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring, and should keep for 20 years thereafter. Drink 2011-2031. Score – **89-91+**. (RP)

134320 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot

LAGRANGE3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: The rather overt oak often found in this cuvee seems to have been considerably tamed in the 2008. It is more charming, displaying a plush texture along with sweet cassis and black cherry fruit intertwined with intriguing notes of Christmas fruitcake, spice box, and herbs. There is plenty of sweet tannin in this medium-bodied effort, but unlike the tannins in the right bank wines, the tannins in most of the northern Medocs are more prominent, largely because these wines possess high percentages of Cabernet Sauvignon. Five to eight years of patience will be required, and the 2008 Lagrange should last for 25 years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

136747 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

**LANGOA BARTON**3^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Impressively big, muscular, and formidably backward, this dense, full-bodied 2008 possesses beautiful fruit, but extremely high tannins as well as a blockbuster style that is difficult to fully appraise. It will require at least 6-8 years of bottle age, and should last for three decades. It will probably be at least 2-3 points better than my conservative score suggests. Drink: 2015-2045. Score – **88-90+**. (RP)

133074 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

LÉOVILLE BARTON2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Another blockbuster, long-term wine from proprietor Anthony Barton, this 2008 is among the biggest, most back-strapping efforts of the vintage. As with many vintages of Leoville Barton, it is best forgotten for another decade. An inky/purple color is followed by notes of forest floor, camphor, red and black fruits, and a hint of wood. This brawny, masculine-styled St.-Julien possesses huge body, massive concentration, and mouth-searing levels of tannin. However, the tannins are much sweeter than the 2005's were at the same stage, so that should not be an issue as long as potential purchasers exercise patience. This impressively pure, classic Bordeaux should be at its finest between 2020-2050. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

133058 (XD) 750 mL \$ 75
\$ 225 per 3-btl lot

LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This powerful, dense, full-bodied 2008 is still backward and unevolved, but it possesses a dense purple color as well as sweet aromas of creme de cassis, vanillin, crushed rocks, and flowers. With high but ripe tannin and a long finish, this wine will benefit from 5-8 years of cellaring, and should keep for three decades thereafter. Drink: 2014-2044. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

133660 (XD) 750 mL \$ 74
\$ 222 per 3-btl lot

LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES2^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: Readers should not be surprised that the 2008 Leoville Las Cases is a great classic as the selection process here is as Draconian as at any of the first-growths. Slightly more than one-third of the production made it into the grand vin, a blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Merlot. Yields were just under 38 hectoliters per hectare, and the natural alcohol of 13.4% is among the highest ever measured at this estate. The harvest was very late, between October 6-18, and the result is a wine boasting extraordinarily sweet tannin as well as abundant black cherry and cassis notes intermixed with a prominent underlying minerality. Despite the massive density, concentration, and length, the wine is extremely precise, nuanced, and impeccably pure. This phenomenal effort should be more drinkable in its youth than many other vintages of Las Cases because of the ripe tannins and sweet fruit density. It will need 5-10 years of cellaring, and should last for 40+ years. Drink: 2014-2054. Score – **95-97+**. (RP)

137893 (XD) 750 mL \$ 199
\$ 597 per 3-btl lot



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SAINT-JULIEN

RED WINE (CONT'D)

SAINT-PIERRE

4^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: It is a shame this wine is so difficult to find, but it is one of the smaller estates in St.-Julien, and Saint-Pierre has a very strong following in Belgium as well as other European countries. The inky/blue/purple-tinged 2008 exhibits sweet notes of creme de cassis, blackberries, charcoal, incense, and damp forest floor. With plenty of sweet, ripe tannin in addition to a textured, full-bodied mouthfeel, this blockbuster will require some patience. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2030. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

137646 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot

HAUT-MÉDOC

RED WINE

BELGRAVE

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: This potential sleeper of the vintage exhibits a dense ruby/purple color as well as sweet cassis and black cherry fruit interwoven with hints of licorice and smoke. With ripe tannins, sufficient acidity for freshness and nuance, and a moderately weighty, long personality, it is a very good effort to enjoy over the next 12-15 years. Score – **88-90**. (RP)

136101 (XD) 750 mL \$ 35
\$ 105 per 3-btl lot



BELLE-VUE

TASTING NOTE: A sleeper of the vintage, this outstanding, over-achieving estate in the southern Medoc continues to turn out beautifully crafted wines. The 2008, a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and a whopping 20% Petit Verdot, displays a deep ruby/purple hue, a sweet bouquet of blueberries, incense, spice, and spring flowers. Pure with good acidity, sweet tannin, and beautiful density given the low yields, it should drink well for 3-4 years. Score – **88-90**. (RP)

136366 (XD) 750 mL \$ 25
\$ 75 per 3-btl lot



CANTEMERLE

5^e Cru

TASTING NOTE: New owners have done a wonderful job at Cantemerle, and while the 2008 may not be quite as terrific as the 2005, it is an elegant, floral, raspberry and black cherry-scented effort displaying sweet tannins, medium body, and admirable purity. If it fleshes out in the bottle, it will merit the higher score. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

135004 (XD) 750 mL \$ 38
\$ 114 per 3-btl lot

LA TOUR CARNET

TASTING NOTE: Another sleeper of the vintage, this blend of 52% Merlot and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon was cropped at a low 33 hectoliters per hectare, and the harvest was accomplished between October 7-25. The 2008 may turn out to be the best wine of the modern era, but the 2001, 2005, and 2006 are very strong. The 2008 exhibits loads of cassis, lead pencil shavings, spice box, and hints of cedar as well as herbs in its complex aromatics. The wine possesses outstanding texture, superb purity, good freshness (because of higher than normal acids), and ripe, long tannin. It is almost an anomaly to have tannins this ripe with acids this crisp. Deep, rich, and full-bodied, the 2008 La Tour Carnet should evolve over the next twenty years. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

136655 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot

THE WINEMAKERS' COLLECTION

Stéphane Derenoncourt Cuvée No. 4

TASTING NOTE: Stéphane Derenoncourt's Cuvée Numero 4 is a more forward style (even more so than the 2005 and 2006) with velvety tannins, and sweet black currant and black cherry fruit intermixed with subtle smoke and licorice. This well-made, medium to full-bodied effort should drink gorgeously well young, yet evolve for 10-15 years.

I have previously written in detail about this intriguing project, and this is the fourth world-class winemaker to be involved with this parcel of vines at Chateau d'Arsac in the southern Medoc. Michel Rolland began the project with the 2005, which was followed by Denis Dubourdeau (Numero 2) and Italy's Andrea Franchetti (Numero 3). Score – **89-92**. (RP)

136549 (XD) 750 mL \$ 39
\$ 117 per 3-btl lot

MÉDOC
RED WINE

POTENSAC

TASTING NOTE: Perhaps the finest Potensac made since the 1982, the 2008 is undoubtedly a sleeper of the vintage. Harvested between October 4-16, this blend of 42% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 18% Cabernet Franc was fashioned from modest yields of 44 hectoliters per hectare. While lacking the prestige of a grand cru classe, it offers an amazing display of sweet black cherry and cassis fruit intermixed with notions of earth and spice. Good purity, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, a seamless balance, ripe tannins, and fresh acids result in an amazing wine that should sell for a song. It should evolve for a decade or more. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

136689 (XD) 750 mL \$ 35
\$ 105 per 3-btl lot

MOULIS
RED WINE

CHASSE-SPLEEN

TASTING NOTE: Fine purple-red, elegant crushed black fruits, good concentration and depth with polish and precision, an expansive nose and finely reserved palate with length and class. Drink 2014-22. Score – ★★★★★ (out of 5). (Steven Spurrier, DEC)

134452 (XD) 750 mL \$ 39
\$ 117 per 3-btl lot



POUJEAUX

TASTING NOTE: Now under the full control of the Cuvelier family (who has done such a splendid job at St.-Emilion's Clos Fourtet), the 2008 Poujeaux reveals more depth, richness, and concentration than previous examples. A sleeper of the vintage, its deep ruby/purple color is followed by aromas of red and black fruits, outstanding purity, medium to full body, and supple tannins in the finish. It should drink well for 12-15 years. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

138321 (XD) 750 mL \$ 39
\$ 117 per 3-btl lot

SAUTERNES/BARSAC
WHITE WINE

DE FARGUES

TASTING NOTE: What a compelling wine Chateau de Fargues has become. The 2008 has 130 g/l residual sugar and 13.7 degree alcohol. Tasted both as a blend and from lots in barrel, it has an intense, rich honeyed nose with superb definition, an almost TBA-like bouquet that is captivating. The palate is superb: vibrant, honeyed, expressive, taut and beautifully defined, lingering honeyed notes laced with apricot and Seville orange towards the finish. This is one of the great 2008 Sauternes. Score – **94-96**. (Neal Martin, RP)

138164 (S) 375 mL \$ 85
\$ 255 per 3-btl lot

D'YQUEM

1^{er} Cru Supérieur

TASTING NOTE: Coming in with 139 degrees residual sugar and a pH of 4.75, this is an Yquem that is unequivocally top of the pile in 2008. A light straw color with green tints in the glass. The bouquet is just wonderful, very perfumed with aromas of apricot, acacia honey and white flowers. A degree less clarity than the 2007, but perhaps more nuanced, more honeyed. The palate is a little more viscous than the 2007, lacquers the mouth with honey, apricot and orange zest. Very harmonious, the finish vibrant and edgy, real tension and energy in this Yquem. Very focused on the finish – not the “peacocks” tail of flavors that one finds on truly great vintages. But there is a surreal level of elegance and poise – an understated Yquem that should age effortlessly and returning to the glass it graces you with hints of almond and a dash of spice. In 2008, the king is king. P.S. RMP [Robert Parker] rated this blend of 80% Semillon and 20% Sauvignon (94-96). Score – **95-97**. (Neal Martin, RP)

137349 (S) 375 mL \$ 199
\$ 597 per 3-btl lot

137356 (S) 750 mL \$ 389
\$ 1,167 per 3-btl lot



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SAUTERNES/BARSAC

WHITE WINE (CONT'D)

GUIRAUD

1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: This shows wonderful spicy botrytis, tarte Tatin and dried pineapple aromas and flavors. Full-bodied and medium sweet, with lots of spicy and sweet character. Long and flavorful. Very fine and beautiful. Score – **91-94**. (WS)

134312 (S) 375 mL \$ 38
\$ 114 per 3-btl lot

RIEUSSEC

1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: Rich and layered, with honey, caramel, botrytis spice and vanilla aromas and flavors. Long and very flavorful. Score – **89-92**. (WS)

134304 (S) 375 mL \$ 49
\$ 147 per 3-btl lot

SUDUIRAUT

1^{er} Cru

TASTING NOTE: Christian Seely triumphed both in Pauillac and Sauternes in 2008. This Suduiraut displays immense intensity on the nose with clear honey, limestone and a touch of almond. Crystalline. The palate is medium-bodied, lovely texture, honeyed fruit, butter, mandarin, a touch of quince and almond. Cohesive right through to the long, seductive finish. This is a sophisticated, "confident" Sauternes that will cellar effortlessly. Score – **93-95**. (Neal Martin, RP)

133686 (S) 375 mL \$ 49
\$ 147 per 3-btl lot

RIGHT BANK

POMEROL

RED WINE

CERTAN DE MAY

TASTING NOTE: A classic Certan de May, the 2008 reveals notes of cedarwood, roasted herbs, graphite, underbrush, and copious amounts of creme de cassis and sweet black cherries. Muscular and full-bodied with sensationally ripe tannins as well as purity, this large-scaled, backward, unevolved effort should turn out to be a long-lived wine. It is among the top half dozen or so efforts from this property in the last twenty years. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

133926 (XD) 750 mL \$ 119
\$ 357 per 3-btl lot

CLINET

TASTING NOTE: This is the greatest Clinet since the incredible duo made by the late Jean-Michel Arcaute in 1989 and 1990. The dense purple-colored 2008 offers up beautiful floral, blackberry, and pen ink-like notes, exceptional intensity, that multi-layered texture that seems to be commonplace in the top 2008 Pomerols, silky but elevated tannins, good freshness, precision, and nuance, a substantial size, and an extremely long finish with not a hard edge to be found. It should evolve for 30+ years. Score – **94-97**. (RP)

136259 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot



CLOS L'ÉGLISE

TASTING NOTE: An intense yet delicate effort, this Pomerol property had a tiny production in 2008, and the levels of concentration and polyphenols are as high as, or surpass those in 2005, 2001, 2000, and 1998, the most recent top vintages of Clos l'Eglise. The dense purple-colored 2008 reveals a sweet perfume of blue and black fruits, licorice, truffles, graphite, and forest floor. With superb concentration, beautiful intensity, an unevolved, backward style (no doubt due to the late harvest and late malolactics), and high, but sweet, well-integrated tannins, this full-bodied, admirably concentrated 2008 should be at its peak between 2013-2028. Score – **92-94+**. (RP)

136507 (XD) 750 mL \$ 119
\$ 357 per 3-btl lot



GAZIN **SOLD OUT**

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 is a marvelous effort from this property situated adjacent to Petrus and only a stone's throw from l'Évangile. An amazing effort, the wine exhibits an inky/ruby/purple color, wonderful concentration, a beautifully sweet perfume of caramels, mocha, jammy black currants, and smoky blackberries, a full-bodied mouthfeel, a layered, skyscraper-like texture, and sweet but elevated tannins. Overall, it displays gorgeous freshness and delineation. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2025. Score – **94-96**. (RP)

133843 (XD) 750 mL \$ 75
\$ 225 per 3-btl lot

HOSANNA SOLD OUT

TASTING NOTE: The outstanding 2008 Hosanna, a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, possesses the extraordinary complexity and aromatic intensity of a great vintage of Cheval Blanc. Unctuously-textured with a dense purple color, excellent richness, and dense black fruits intermixed with forest floor notes, this sensational wine will merit close to a three digit score when released. The tannins are high, but very ripe and melted, and the wine's purity is awesome. Give it 3-4 years of bottle age, and enjoy it over the following two decades. Drink 2012-2032. Score – **96-98**. (RP)

133967 (XD) 750 mL \$ 139
\$ 417 per 3-btl lot

**LA CONSEILLANTE SOLD OUT**

TASTING NOTE: This estate has long been known for its elegant, complex, racy, supple, delicious wines, but the 2008 is more massive, structured, and concentrated than usual. There is a lot going on in this richer, more tannic effort. No one will be disappointed, but purchasers should not expect a wine that will be drinkable upon release. A dense ruby/purple color as well as plenty of concentration, sweet, but elevated tannins, and a huge finish suggest this estate is moving in the direction of Gazin, Lafleur, and Trotanoy. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2030. Score – **92-94+**. (RP)

133835 (XD) 750 mL \$ 109
\$ 327 per 3-btl lot

LA CROIX DE GAY

TASTING NOTE: The finest wine I have tasted from this estate over recent years, La Croix de Gay's 2008 exhibits superb fruit density, a deep ruby/purple color, and significant concentration. Yields were 35 hectoliters per hectare, and the blend is 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc. Made by Chantal Lebreton and Alain Raynaud, it should drink nicely for 15+ years. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

136879 (XD) 750 mL \$ 35
\$ 105 per 3-btl lot

LA CROIX ST-GEORGES

TASTING NOTE: A brilliant effort from proprietor Jean-Philippe Janoueix, this blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc possesses an inky purple color as well as a gorgeous perfume of melted chocolate, blackberries, black cherries, licorice, new saddle leather, lead pencil shavings, and a touch of new oak. While dense, powerful, full-bodied, and built for the long haul, the tannins are sweet, and the acids give the wine precision. This long, deep, impressive 2008 should be approachable in 2-3 years, and last for two decades. Drink: 2011-2031. Score – **93-95**. (RP)

136465 (XD) 750 mL \$ 74
\$ 222 per 3-btl lot

**LA FLEUR DE GAY**

TASTING NOTE: This could turn out to be the finest La Fleur de Gay since the incredible duo of 1989 and 1990. Made from 35-year-old Merlot vines planted on the plateau of Pomerol, sandwiched between the renowned Lafleur and Le Gay, the dense purple-hued 2008 exhibits aromas of sweet black raspberries, blueberries, graphite, charcoal, and subtle wood. The wine displays a sensational texture, tremendous purity, and a remarkably long finish of nearly 50 seconds. There is no aggressiveness, the tannins are ripe, and the wine's acidity provides crispness as well as precision. Revealing exceptional density as well as potential, it should evolve over 20-25 years. Score – **93-95+**. (RP)

136861 (XD) 750 mL \$ 89
\$ 267 per 3-btl lot

LA FLEUR PÉTRUS

TASTING NOTE: A brilliant effort from this hallowed vineyard sandwiched between La Fleur and Petrus, the 2008 exhibits a dense ruby/purple color as well as a sweet bouquet of creme de cassis, kirsch, vanilla, and forest floor. The wine reveals remarkably sweet, ripe tannins, a full-bodied, layered, multidimensional mouthfeel, and a long finish. There is plenty of tannin, but it is so silky that this cuvee will be approachable in 3-4 years, and should last for 25+. Drink 2012-2037. Score – **92-94+**. (RP)

133918 (XD) 750 mL \$ 119
\$ 357 per 3-btl lot

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POMEROL

RED WINE (CONT'D)

LA PROVIDENCE

TASTING NOTE: This is the first superstar wine Christian Moueix has produced from this vineyard beautifully situated on the plateau of Pomerol. Made from 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, it was harvested in October (as were most top Pomerols), and reveals a powerful, rich, massive style that is atypical for a Moueix offering. It boasts an inky/purple color as well as an extraordinary perfume of black cherries, black currants, blackberries, licorice, and even a hint of truffles. Deep, full-bodied, and powerful with high tannins, huge depth, and a seamless integration of its component parts, this appears to be an utterly profound wine that should age effortlessly for 20-30 years.

Score – **95-97**. (RP)

133900 (XD) 750 mL \$ 115
\$ 345 per 3-btl lot

LAFLEUR-GAZIN

TASTING NOTE: A deep ruby color is followed by notes of licorice, damp earth, forest floor, and red as well as black fruits. Medium to full-bodied with excellent purity, sweet tannin, and a plump, fleshy mouthfeel, the excellent 2008 Lafleur-Gazin should drink well for 10-12 years.

Score – **88-89**. (RP)

133850 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot



LATOUR À POMEROL

TASTING NOTE: One of the strongest efforts from this estate in many years, this dense ruby/purple-hued 2008 displays a full-bodied, masculine, structured style not dissimilar to that of Trotanoy (one of the vintage's stars). Pure black currant and black cherry fruit are accompanied by underlying notions of minerals, roasted herbs, caramel, and plums. This layered, concentrated, full-bodied wine requires 5-6 years of bottle age, and should last for two decades. Drink 2014-2034.

Score – **90-92+**. (RP)

133876 (XD) 750 mL \$ 79
\$ 237 per 3-btl lot

LE GAY

TASTING NOTE: Is this the greatest Le Gay since the 1950 and 1947? Maybe. Certainly it is the most awesome wine made by the new administration of Catherine Pere-Verge. The renowned Michel Rolland consults here. Yields in 2008 were frightfully small, and the grapes were harvested in mid-October. The result is a black/purple-colored wine revealing a bouquet of graphite, incense, ink, and stunningly pure, rich dark red and black fruits. Massive in the mouth, with surprisingly good acidity, a boatload of sweet, supple tannin, a multilayered mouthfeel, and a finish that lasts nearly a minute, this phenomenal effort should be drinkable between 2015-2040. Score – **95-98**. (RP)

135855 (XD) 750 mL \$ 159
\$ 477 per 3-btl lot



L'ÉGLISE-CLINET

TASTING NOTE: So many great wines have emerged from this property administered with meticulous care and obvious passion by proprietor Denis Durantou that it hard to say the 2008 is better than some of the previous wines produced over the last decade. It is more backward and less evolved than some of the other Pomerols in this vintage, but the wine boasts an inky/ruby/purple color as well as an exceptionally pure bouquet of creme de cassis, black raspberry liqueur, charcoal, and a hint of black truffles. Dense and pure with massive concentration yet undeniable elegance and precision (because of the fresh acids), this full-bodied effort, despite the high level of Merlot in the blend, requires 7-10 years of patience. It should evolve for 30-40 years after bottling, and will be fascinating to compare with some of the legends produced here over the last ten years. Score – **94-96+**. (RP)

136424 (XD) 750 mL \$ 189
\$ 567 per 3-btl lot

NENIN

TASTING NOTE: A strong effort from owner Jean-Hubert Delon, the 2008 Nenin is a blend of 81% Merlot and 19% Cabernet Franc cropped at 34 hectoliters per hectare. Sweet mulberry and black cherry fruit, earth, crushed rock, and spring flower characteristics are followed by a wine displaying a full-bodied texture, sweet tannin, and admirable purity.

Score – **90-93**. (RP)

136705 (XD) 750 mL \$ 69
\$ 207 per 3-btl lot

TROTANOY SOLD OUT

TASTING NOTE: The greatest Trotanoy since 1998, 1982 and 1961? I always thought the 1998 was the modern day reference for this estate after 1982, but the amazing 2008 appears to be even denser and richer with higher, yet even sweeter tannin. It should prove to be a monumental wine as well as a legend in the making. Its inky/ruby/purple color is followed by a sensational bouquet of liquid earth intermixed with exceptional quantities of red and black fruits as well as hint of ink. Very dense, full-bodied, muscular, and massive, but in spite of some impressive grip and tannin, everything is gorgeously integrated because of the extraordinarily long maceration period of the grapes on the vine. Full-bodied and phenomenally concentrated with a prodigious sweetness and layered mouthfeel, this is unquestionably one of the vintage's superstars. It should evolve for three decades or more. Kudos to Christian Moueix and his new oenologist, Eric Murisasco. Score – **96-100**. (RP)

133975 (XD) 750 mL \$ 149
\$ 447 per 3-btl lot



VIEUX CHÂTEAU CERTAN

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Vieux Chateau Certan was still going through malolactics when I tasted it, so my score is probably on the low side. Yields were a strikingly low 34 hectoliters per hectare, and the harvest was slightly earlier than at most properties, starting on September 28 and ending on October 8. The final blend had not yet been determined, but what I tasted was 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. As one might expect, this wine was among the least evolved and judge-able wines I tasted in late March. Nevertheless, it reveals outstanding potential, and once malo is finished, I would expect the wine to put on more weight and flesh. It reveals a dense purple color, plenty of depth, beautiful sweet, pure blue and red fruits, and notes of camphor as well as incense. The wine's striking freshness, length, and overall potential are promising. Production is off by 25% as there will be 3,000 rather than the normal 4,000 cases of the 2008. Given the structure, acids, and overall concentration, this wine should evolve for 25-35 years. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

135095 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot



SAINT-ÉMILION RED WINE

The official reclassification of St. Émilion has been mired in legal battles since 2006. At present, the 1996 classification stands, plus the promotion of 8 châteaux that were elevated in the 2006 declaration. These promoted châteaux have been indicated with an asterisk (*).

ANGÉLUS 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Made from yields of 30 hectoliters per hectare, this blend of 58% Merlot and 42% Cabernet Franc exhibits an inky/blue/purple color as well as a sweet bouquet of blueberries, blackberries, camphor, forest floor, and a hint of spring flowers. Although backward, it reveals great intensity, sweet tannin, a nuanced, lively personality, full body, and a promising style. Like a lot of these wines, the score for this wine is probably low given the late malolactic fermentation as well as a later than usual blending. There have been so many great wines from Angelus since 1989 that it is hard to put the 2008 in the context of some of the other remarkable vintages. My guess is that there are five vintages that will ultimately eclipse it – 1989, 1990, 1998, 2000, and 2005, but not by much. However, the 2008 is not far off the mark of any of those legends. It should drink well for 25-30 years. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

136234 (XD) 750 mL \$ 159
\$ 477 per 3-btl lot



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SAINT-ÉMILION

RED WINE (CONT'D)

AUSONE **SOLD OUT**

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (A)

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 Ausone tasted much more forward and softer than most Ausones do at this stage, which is remarkable considering the extremely late harvest and slow, late malolactics. Nevertheless, it is a packed and stacked St.-Emilion displaying an inky/blue/purple color, unreal fruit density, and that liquid mineral component that comes from this steep, limestone vineyard. The wine possesses dense fruit, full-bodied power, remarkably sweet tannins, and more elevated acidity than in such years as 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2006. The acidity seems low because of the wealth and density of the fruit. Everything is incredibly pure, and the cascade of blue and black fruits interwoven with notions of crushed rocks, flowers, and forest floor is as provocative as it is grand. I can conceive of drinking this Ausone with some degree of complexity in less than ten years, which may be considered *sacré bleu* by the proprietor since many of his wines will last 50-100 years where well-stored ... Once again, Alain Vauthier has produced a wine that flirts with perfection. As I stated in my bottled 2006 Bordeaux report, over the last decade no proprietor has produced as many virtually perfect wines as Vauthier. Score – **96-100**. (RP)

137976 (XD) 750 mL \$ 899
\$ 2,697 per 3-btl lot



BARDE HAUT

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: This beautiful, luscious, sensual St.-Emilion exhibits a deep purple color as well as a sumptuous nose of ink, graphite, blackberries, and cassis. Full-bodied with sweet tannin, admirable concentration, and a long, velvety finish, this superb, fairly priced 2008 is worth checking out. It should drink well for 12-15 years. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

136341 (XD) 750 mL \$ 46
\$ 138 per 3-btl lot

BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: This red/purple-colored offering reveals a sweet toasty oak character, wonderful ripeness, full-bodied opulence, superb purity, a layered mouth-feel, high but ripe tannin, and an underlying minerality and crispness from the vintage's acid profile. This wine appears to just be coming off of malolactic fermentation, and it will benefit from several years of bottle age. It should keep for two decades or more. The natural alcohol came in at 14%.

Proprietor Gerard Becot's 40-acre vineyard, planted in pure limestone, is relatively large for St.-Emilion. The final blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon represents a sweet, rich, concentrated 2008 that competes favorably with the 2005. Score – **91-93+**. (RP)

136796 (XD) 750 mL \$ 75
\$ 225 per 3-btl lot



BEAUSÉJOUR

DUFFAU-LAGAROSSE

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: The wine exhibits an intense minerality along with a blue/purple fruit character as well as both the terroir's and vintage's tell-tale floral notes. More showy and denser than some recent vintages, it possesses sweet tannin, full body, and admirable richness as well as length. It will require 3-4 years of bottle age, and should drink well for two decades. Drink: 2012-2032. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

135889 (XD) 750 mL \$ 59
\$ 177 per 3-btl lot

BELLEVUE MONDOTTE

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: Good luck trying to find any of this wine, even with the worldwide economic crisis. From low yields of 20 hectoliters per hectare, this blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon grown in the limestone plateau of the so-called Cote Pavie emerges from a 5-acre vineyard planted with 46-year-old vines. As usual, the Perse viticulture is impeccable, with crop-thinning, de-leafing, and hand rather than machine harvesting. This vineyard was harvested on October 20th, and the result is a compelling wine of great depth, richness, and aging potential. The dense purple color is accompanied by an extraordinary nose of charcoal, spring flowers, black raspberries, and *creme de cassis*. As my tasting notes read, this is "amazing stuff," with incredibly sweet tannins as well as the vintage's freshness and crispness, which makes it very different from recent vintages such as 2006, 2005, 2001, and 2000. This wine should be forgotten for a decade, and drunk over the following 30+ years. Score – **96-98+**. (RP)

138081 (XD) 750 mL \$ 359
\$ 1,077 per 3-btl lot

CANON

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: This appears to be the finest wine made under the relatively recent ownership of the Wertheimer brothers (who also own the haute couture house of Chanel). Sweet raspberry, blue fruit, crushed rock, and acacia flower characteristics are followed by a fresh, lively, full-bodied wine that offers an alliance of power, substance, and finesse. With good purity, texture, and length, this beauty will require patience as the tannins, while sweet and velvety, are noticeable. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2025. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

137414 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot

CANON-LA-GAFFELIÈRE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: One of the most consistently high quality offerings from both St.-Emilion and Bordeaux, proprietor Stefan von Neipperg, working with consultant Stephane Derenoncourt, always seems to deliver a beautifully opulent, complex claret that can be drunk young or cellared for 15+ years. I recently had the 1998 and 1990 and, although those two vintages are very different in style, both are classic Canon la Gaffelieres in their complexity, opulence, and richness. The 2008, a blend of 55% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, exhibits a big, sweet nose of roasted herbs, sweet black currants and cherries, licorice, incense, and Christmas fruitcake. Deep, concentrated fruit, full-bodied opulence, beautiful purity, sweet tannins, and fresh acids give this wine a stunning precision as well as amazing depth (because of the low yields). It should drink well for 15+ years. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

135764 (XD) 750 mL \$ 85
\$ 255 per 3-btl lot

CHAPELLE D'AUSONE

Grand Cru,
2nd Wine of Ch. Ausone

TASTING NOTE: One of the finest second wines of Bordeaux, the 2008 La Chapelle d'Ausone exhibits abundant amounts of sweet blackberry and cassis fruit intermixed with hints of ripe cherries, loamy soil, licorice, and earth. This relatively evolved, fleshy, full-bodied beauty should drink well for 15 or more years.

Score – **91-93**. (RP)

138156 (XD) 750 mL \$ 189
\$ 567 per 3-btl lot

CHEVAL BLANC

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (A)

TASTING NOTE: In time, the profound 2008 Cheval Blanc will rank alongside this estate's great successes of 2005, 2000, and 1998. A harvest that began at the end of September and concluded October 19 has produced a wine with the 1998's complexity and the power of the 2000. A blend of equal parts Cabernet Franc and Merlot, the dense ruby/purple-tinged 2008 reveals an ethereal nose of subtle menthol intertwined with spring flowers, plums, black currants, and sweet cherries. The wine's seamlessness is enthralling, and, despite the late harvest as well as late malolactics, it is already displaying admirable complexity. This is a beautifully complete, full-bodied Cheval Blanc that dances across the palate with the finesse of a world-class ballerina. Analytically, there is plenty of tannin, but it is totally integrated. While the acids are slightly elevated, they are not noticeable. A tour de force! This wine should evolve for three decades or more.

Score – **95-97**. (RP)

137943 (XD) 750 mL \$ 699
\$ 2,097 per 3-btl lot



CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Although yields were a low 29 hectoliters per hectare, and the final blend was 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, this 2008 does not appear to be one of the top 3 or 4 Clos de l-Oratoires made since the estate was acquired by Stefan von Neipperg. That said, aromas of roasted Provençal herbs, licorice, black cherries, and black currants are enthralling. The wine possesses a deep ruby/purple color, beautiful sweetness, and excellent ripeness, but not the profound depth, intensity, or overall length of the vintage's finest wines. It should drink nicely for 10 years.

Score – **89-91**. (RP)

135749 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot



2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

SAINT-ÉMILION

RED WINE (CONT'D)

CLOS DE SARPE

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: A massive, concentrated claret that behaves like something from the 19th century, the 2008 Clos de Sarpe, made under the supervision of Michel Rolland's top lieutenant, Jean-Philippe Fort, was cropped at a nearly commercial insanity level of 12 hectoliters per hectare. The natural alcohol of 15% must eclipse even the ripest vintages of the past. As I have said before, this is an uncompromising, massive wine made for those with longevity genes, or for stashing away for our children's children. About 500 cases are produced of this 85% Merlot / 15% Cabernet Franc blend. Almost painfully concentrated, with an opaque purple color as well as an extraordinary nose of incense, spring flowers, black fruits, graphite, and new oak, this wine displays a full-bodied, multilayered mouthfeel, high but sweet tannin, and a remarkably long finish that lasts over a minute. Despite the late harvest and late malolactic, the 2008 is more accessible, with sweeter tannin than the 2005 was at a similar age. Purchasers will require extraordinary patience, but what a wine! It is one of the most remarkable offerings from what is one of the four finest vintages for St.-Emilion in the last two decades. Score – **93-96+**. (RP)

137844 (XD) 750 mL \$ 115
\$ 345 per 3-btl lot



CLOS FOURTET

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: The harvest ran from October 9-20, and the 2008 Clos Fourtet tips the scales at 13% natural alcohol. A blend of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc, it exhibits an inky/purple color along with notes of pen ink, blackberry liqueur, and espresso roast, sensationally concentrated layers of pure black fruits, a full-bodied, powerful style, crisp acids, dense fruit, and ripe tannins. This brilliant 2008 may merit an even higher score after additional time in wood. It will evolve for 20-25 years.

The resurrection of Clos Fourtet over the last 7-8 years is attributable to the vision and dedication of proprietor Cuvelier, along with his manager, Tony Balu (owner of the tiny garagiste estate called Pierre de Lune), and the incomparable consultant, Stephane Derenoncourt. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

136739 (XD) 750 mL \$ 72
\$ 216 per 3-btl lot

CROIX DE LABRIE

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: If you drink wine for pleasure (and I hope 99.9% of my readers do), this is an example of what one might call liquid Viagra – a sexy, opulent, flamboyant claret with extraordinary density of fruit, sweet tannins, a multidimensional mouthfeel, and abundant amounts of black fruits, licorice, incense, and a hint of truffle. Its purity, texture, and fleshiness are something to savor. This is a wine to consume during its first 12-15 years of life. Sadly, only 200 cases (8 barrels) were produced in this low yielding year. Score – **93-95**. (RP)

136184 (XD) 750 mL \$ 79
\$ 237 per 3-btl lot

FIGEAC

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: A monumental effort in 2008. True to style it maintains an almost Médocain allure (the Cabernet components represent 70% of the blend) with finesse, freshness and length. Lovely ripe fruit. Should fill out with bottle age. Drink 2016-2030. Score – **★★★★** (out of 5). (James Lawther, MW, DEC)

135822 (XD) 750 mL \$ 109
\$ 327 per 3-btl lot

FLEUR CARDINALE*

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 possesses a deep ruby/purple color as well as complex aromatics of graphite, cedar, blackberries, black currants, and subtle background oak. Dense, with abundant fruit, soft, ripe tannin, and a long, heady finish, I am not sure it is as powerful, rich, or as potentially long-lived as the 2005, but it will be drinkable at a much earlier age, and should evolve for 15 or more years ... the final blend is 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Only 5,000 cases have been produced because of the tiny yields and strict selection. The winemaking is overseen by Jean-Philippe Fort (Michel Rolland's right-hand man) as well as Jean-Luc Thunevin. Score – **91-93**. (RP)

136713 (XD) 750 mL \$ 52
\$ 156 per 3-btl lot



FOMBRAUGE

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: The largest vineyard in St.-Emilion had surprisingly good yields of 38 hectoliters per hectare (low by the standards of recent top vintages). The final blend was 77% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, and 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine was aged in 55% new oak, and it tips the scales at 14% natural alcohol, which is slightly higher than the 2005. Made with minimal intervention (gravity flow, manual punching down a la Burgundy), it is a showy, dense ruby/purple-hued effort with sweet tannin, medium to full body, some unresolved smoky oak, blueberries, black fruits, and a hint of ink. This pure, attractive 2008 should drink well young, and evolve for 10-12 years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

137406 (XD) 750 mL \$ 42
\$ 126 per 3-btl lot

GRACIA

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: This extraordinary, multi-dimensional 2008 Gracia boasts abundant notes of blue and blackberries, roasted coffee beans, chocolate, incense, and forest floor. Layered, deep, full-bodied, and concentrated, with fresh, lively acids that provide vibrancy and precision, this beauty finished at 13.5% natural alcohol. One of the most extraordinary St.-Emilions of the vintage, it well worth searching out and buying. It can be drunk over the next two decades or more ... Gracia, good friends with Ausone's Alain Vauthier, produces wines that have much in common with Ausone (considered by many knowledgeable observers to be the finest pure terroir of Bordeaux). Score – **94-97**. (RP)

137539 (XD) 750 mL \$ 159
\$ 477 per 3-btl lot

GRAND CORBIN-DESPAGNE*

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: This big, powerful, concentrated, full-bodied St.-Emilion exhibits an opaque purple color in addition to sweet aromas of black currants, charcoal, and subtle oak as well as smoke. Dense and pure with an impressive mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and crisp, zesty acids, it is unevolved at present, but it reveals exceptional potential. This sleeper of the vintage should evolve for 15 years. Score – **89-91+**. (RP)

136275 (XD) 750 mL \$ 36
\$ 108 per 3-btl lot

GRAND MAYNE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: A true blockbuster from St.-Emilion, and unquestionably Grand-Mayne's finest effort since their 2005 and 1998, the 2008 boasts an inky/purple color as well as a lovely bouquet of blueberry liqueur, roasted coffee, and a touch of sweet, smoky oak. Full-bodied with exceptional density, super-ripe tannins, an impressive texture, and a 35+ second finish, this cuvee should be drinkable at an early age (2-4 years), and last for 15 or more. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

137471 (XD) 750 mL \$ 55
\$ 165 per 3-btl lot



LA CONFESSION

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: This is an amazing effort among the many dazzling 2008 St.-Emilions. Proprietor Jean-Philippe Janoueix (who appears to be in his mid-thirties) has produced a riveting wine from a blend of 66% Merlot and 34% Cabernet Franc that tips the scales at 13.8% natural alcohol. Janoueix, an advocate of high density vine plantings, has fashioned a 2008 with sensational fruit levels, an inky ruby/purple color, stunning texture (akin to a Shanghai skyscraper), and tremendous purity. Despite 100% malolactic in new French oak, and aging in the weird looking cigar-shaped barrels, the oak is well-concealed by the wine's wealth of fruit and concentration. Chocolate, charcoal, blackberry, and blueberry aromas and flavors dominate this sensational effort. It possesses high tannins, but, like so many of the top wines of this vintage, they are sweet and ripe. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2020+. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

136440 (XD) 750 mL \$ 49
\$ 147 per 3-btl lot



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SAINT-ÉMILION

RED WINE (CONT'D)

LA GAFFELIÈRE

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: A beautiful deep purple color as well as sweet aromas of incense, charcoal, black fruits, and a hint of black truffles are found in this deep, medium to full-bodied 2008. With pure fruit, good acids, and finely grained, ripe, well-integrated tannins, this impressively endowed, yet unevolved offering may compete with La Gaffeliere's fabulous 2005, and should age for 20-25 years. Score – **91-93+**. (RP)

136143 (XD) 750 mL \$ 79
\$ 237 per 3-btl lot

LA GOMERIE

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: Always one of the more seductive, flamboyant offerings from St.-Emilion, the 2008 La Gomerie emerges from a 6.5-acre vineyard planted with 100% Merlot on relatively heavy sands. The vineyard is well-marked, just a mile or so from the north entrance to St.-Emilion. A dense purple color is followed by a gorgeously sweet perfume of kirsch, black currants, toasty oak, and notions of coffee as well as flowers. Rich and unevolved, with a textured, full-bodied style as well as outstanding purity, power, and length, this 2008 is likely to merit an even higher score given the late malolactics. Sadly, just over 600 cases will be produced. Remarkably, the natural alcohol of 14.5% is even higher than in 2005. La Gomerie's window of drinkability is typically during its first 12-15 years of life. Score – **93-95**. (RP)

138206 (XD) 750 mL \$ 99
\$ 297 per 3-btl lot

LARCIS DUCASSE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: For decades to come, the 2008 Larcis Ducasse will undoubtedly be compared with this estate's immortal 2005. I did not expect such a blockbuster effort from this St.-Emilion property, but low yields of 25 hectoliters per hectare and a harvest that lasted from October 9th to October 20th produced a wine with the highest alcohol level, 14.2%, ever achieved. Consultants Nicolas Thienpont and Stephane Derenoncourt seemed to have coaxed just about everything one could from this extraordinary terroir. The final blend of 78% Merlot and 22% Cabernet Franc has resulted in an opaque purple-colored wine exhibiting a sweet, almost intoxicating perfume of blue, red, and black fruits intermixed with notions of spring flowers, forest floor, and damp earth. Full-bodied and opulent with an outrageously pure, textured mouthfeel, sweet tannin, and slightly more acidity than the monster 2005, this is a tour de force as well as one of the most compelling wines of the vintage. Given the global economic crisis, I suspect the price should be one-third to one-half of the 2005. In short, that means readers should buy, buy, buy. The 2008 should be approachable after bottling (because of the sweetness of the tannins as well as the extraordinary ripe fruit), and evolve for 20-30 years. Score – **95-97**. (RP)

137521 (XD) 750 mL \$ 89
\$ 267 per 3-btl lot



L'ARROSÉE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: A racy, noble offering from this terrific vineyard, the 2008 l'Arrosee exhibits admirable purity and elegance as well as sweet raspberry and kirsch-like fruit, and underlying floral and crushed rock notes. Medium to full-bodied with ripe tannin, this is a long, intense, rich, but delicate, light on its feet St.-Emilion to consume over the next 15-20 years. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

136358 (XD) 750 mL \$ 63
\$ 189 per 3-btl lot

LE PETIT CHEVAL

Grand Cru,

2nd Wine of Ch. Cheval-Blanc

TASTING NOTE: The finest second wine yet made at Cheval Blanc, the 2008 Le Petit Cheval is a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc. Elegant, soft, and richly fruity, it offers up hints of wood spice, forest floor, flowers, and black fruits. With sweet tannin as well as good texture, it will be delicious young, yet evolve for 12-15 years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

138032 (XD) 750 mL \$ 125
\$ 375 per 3-btl lot



MONBOUSQUET*

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: ... Like the other wines in the Perse portfolio, it is very backward, and was obviously just coming off malo-lactic fermentation on the three occasions I tasted it. Loaded with concentration, and perhaps even bigger than the 2005 or even the 2000, this blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon topped off at 14.5% natural alcohol. Sweet, pure notes of black cherries, roasted herbs, forest floor, and toasty oak are restrained, but intense. The wine's purity, another hallmark of this vintage, gorgeous texture, and long finish with sweet tannins as well as more acids than normal, suggest it should drink beautifully young and evolve for up to a decade. This is an incredible offering from an unheralded terroir. By the way, the 1999 and 2000 are still adolescents in terms of their evolution. Score – **92-94**. (RP)

135756 (XD) 750 mL \$ 65
\$ 195 per 3-btl lot



MONDOT

Grand Cru,
2nd Wine of Ch. Troplong Mondot

137463 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot



PAVIE

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: Is the 2008 Pavie superior to the 2005 and 2000? While that is impossible to know at this stage of its development, it will certainly be one of the three greatest Pavies made under the administration of Chantal and Gerard Perse. Cropped at a very low 30 hectoliters per hectare, the final blend is a classic Pavie combination of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. The 14.5% natural alcohol is the highest ever achieved at this estate. The inky/blue/purple color is followed by a wine with a concentrated, full-bodied texture, a layered mouthfeel, fresh acids, abundant tannin, and a 50-60-year evolution ahead of it. Compared to the enormous, but backward 2005, the 2008 seems even less evolved at a similar stage. Sweet creme de cassis, black cherry, licorice, and smoky barbecue characteristics combine with a liqueur of minerality that resonates from this terroir that is considered to be among the top dozen or so vineyard sites in Bordeaux. This remarkable offering, from a person who has, thankfully, ignored the petty jealousy and unfair criticism of his administration, is another St.-Emilion for your children's children. For the fact-mongers, this cuvee was hand-harvested between October 13-21, with the grapes put in small plastic containers. Everything is moved by gravity flow, and there is no fining or filtration following a slightly longer than normal aging (28-30 months) in oak casks. Score – **96-98+**. (RP)

138107 (XD) 750 mL \$ 259
\$ 777 per 3-btl lot



PAVIE DECESSE

Grand Cru Classé

TASTING NOTE: Like all the Perse wines, the 2008 Pavie Decesse is a backward, unevolved effort that just recently finished malolactic fermentation. An amazing effort (90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc) that was cropped at 30 hectoliters per hectare, it emerges from an 8+ acre vineyard planted in pure limestone whose vines average 47 years (relatively old by Bordeaux standards). The 2008 is another huge, massive, full-bodied St.-Emilion that is even more concentrated than the 2005 or 2000. Sweet notes of blackberries, kirsch, licorice, and crushed rocks are accompanied by an awesomely concentrated, pure, unevolved wine that appears set for 30-40 years of cellaring. It is best purchased by those who are willing to wait at least 10-15 years. This is another brilliant offering from Gerard and Chantal Perse. Are they obsessed? Yes. Are they perfectionists? Yes. As consumers, are we the beneficiaries? Yes. Score – **94-96**. (RP)

138016 (XD) 750 mL \$ 209
\$ 627 per 3-btl lot



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SAINT-ÉMILION

RED WINE (CONT'D)

PAVIE MACQUIN*

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: ... A number of exceptional wines have emerged from Pavie Macquin, which is managed by Nicolas Thienpont and Stephane Derenoncourt, and the 2008 boasts a whopping 14.5% natural alcohol, higher than in 2005, 2000, or 1998. While extremely high in tannin and very unevolved, for those with patience and cold cellars, or who plan to pass on their wines to their children, this is a worthwhile choice. It is that backward, concentrated, and impressive. It exhibits a black/purple color in addition to stunning notes of graphite, black fruits, underbrush, chocolate, and roasted coffee beans. Full-bodied, powerful, and rich, the high but sweet tannins, combined with the freshness of the acids make for a remarkably youthful, nuanced wine that should easily age for three decades. Score – **93-95**. (RP)

136432 (XD) 750 mL \$ 75
\$ 225 per 3-btl lot



PINDEFLEURS

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: Dark chocolate, with crushed dark fruits. Medium- to full-bodied, with chewy tannins on the finish. A little tough, yet there's good fruit underneath. From the owners of Pipeau. Score – **86-89**. (WS)

138123 (XD) 750 mL \$ 20
\$ 60 per 3-btl lot

PIPEAU

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: The quintessential St.-Emilion fruit bomb with lots of character and personality, this hedonistic crowd-pleaser reveals a dark ruby/purple color, sweet creme de cassis, kirsch, licorice, incense, and spice box notes, medium to full body, beautiful concentration, an alluring texture, and impeccable length as well as freshness. Consume it over the next decade. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

138131 (XD) 750 mL \$ 27
\$ 81 per 3-btl lot

SANCTUS

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: A brilliant effort from the proprietor of La Bienfaisance, Sanctus comes from a 7.5-acre parcel planted on clay, limestone, and the famous iron-rich soils of the vineyard. A blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc produced from modest yields of 24 hectoliters per hectare, it boasts a deep purple color followed by aromas of blueberry pie, creosote, charcoal, and background oak. Full-bodied, dense, and opulent with excellent fruit purity, sweet tannin, and fresh, crisp acids, this beauty came in at 14.2% natural alcohol. It should be delicious in 2-3 years, and will evolve for 15 or more. Drink: 2011-2026. Score – **91-94**. (RP)

136226 (XD) 750 mL \$ 45
\$ 135 per 3-btl lot



TERTRE RÔTEBOEUF

Grand Cru

TASTING NOTE: Trademark opulence and maturity of fruit. Ripe, confit expression on the nose. Palate zesty and gourmand. Tannins rounded and pure. Drink 2015-2026. Score – **★★★★** (out of 5). (James Lawther, MW, DEC)

137224 (XD) 750 mL \$ 199
\$ 597 per 3-btl lot

TROPLONG MONDOT*

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé (B)

TASTING NOTE: What a worthy rival to the prodigious 2005! This is another superb success from proprietress Christine Valette, but it is distressing to hear that this property may be up for sale. The inky/blue/purple-colored, formidably concentrated 2008 exhibits aromas of smoke, blueberry and blackberry liqueur, roasted coffee, and spice box. Boasting fabulous fruit and purity, a multilayered texture, full body, and prominent, but sweet, well-integrated tannin, this is a tour de force in wine-making from an outstanding and a perfectionist proprietor. Give it 5-6 years of bottle age, and drink it over the following three decades. Drink: 2014-2044. Score – **95-97**. (RP)

136820 (XD) 750 mL \$ 115
\$ 345 per 3-btl lot

CÔTES DE BOURG

RED WINE

ROC DE CAMBES

TASTING NOTE: Very dark. Rather spicy burgundian oak. Very rich and almost burnt. Really different from the norm. Sweet and brûlée. Polished. Enough freshness – more burgundian in structure than bordeaux. Neat. Sweet and sour and very flattering. Drink 2014-2021. Score – **16.5** (out of 20). (JR)

137158 (XD) 750 mL \$ 75
\$ 225 per 3-btl lot

CÔTES DE CASTILLON RED WINE

AMPELIA

TASTING NOTE: Another sleeper of the vintage (of which there are many in this vintage, especially on the right bank), this dense purple-hued 2008 exhibits abundant minerality along with hints of charcoal, incense, black and blue fruits. Medium to full-bodied with sweet tannin as well as the gorgeous density of fruit, purity, and freshness that are characteristics of this vintage, it should drink well for a decade. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

136770 (XD) 750 mL \$ 21
\$ 63 per 3-btl lot

CLOS LES LUNELLES

TASTING NOTE: Yields of 20 hectoliters per hectare, and a harvest that lasted from October 17 to 21 produced a final blend of 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Cabernet Franc. The result is an inky/purple wine displaying a backward, but stunning bouquet of red and black fruits, spring flowers, spicy oak, and hints of graphite and crushed rocks. Possessing enormous concentration, it is massive on the attack and mid-palate, but the vintage's crisp, cool acids give it uplift, vibrancy, and an unusual precision. Full-bodied and long, it should age effortlessly for 10-20 years.

Since this property was acquired in 2001 by Gerard and Chantal Perse, it has been a reference point for just how remarkable Cotes de Castillon wines can be. Score – **90-93+**. (RP)

136168 (XD) 750 mL \$ 54
\$ 162 per 3-btl lot

D'AIGUILHE

TASTING NOTE: A sleeper of the vintage as well as a great bargain, this effort from Stefan von Neipperg's empire is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Like so many of his wines, the grapes are hand-harvested in small plastic containers, there is strict temperature control, a month-long maceration, a Burgundian punch down (pigeage), malolactic takes place in oak, and the wine is aged sur-lie. An inky/purple color is followed by a beautiful bouquet of crushed rocks, black raspberries, and blueberries, sensational intensity, sweet, but high tannins, good acidity, and amazing length, especially for a wine of this pedigree. It should drink nicely for a decade. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

135715 (XD) 750 mL \$ 34
\$ 102 per 3-btl lot

DOMAINE DE L'A

TASTING NOTE: Another sensational sleeper of the vintage, this wine, made from frightfully low yields of 18 hectoliters per hectare (almost commercial suicide), is a blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Owned by famed oenologist Stephane Derenoncourt and his wife, Christine, this estate has produced a dense ruby/purple-colored 2008 offering notes of spring flowers, sweet charcoal, blackberries, blueberries, coffee, and white chocolate. Full-bodied with amazing unctuousness/density, fresh, lively acids, and a layered texture, this stunning 2008 should evolve for a decade or more. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

136762 (XD) 750 mL \$ 43
\$ 129 per 3-btl lot

JOANIN BÉCOT

TASTING NOTE: The wine is opaque purple to the rim, with tremendously sweet black raspberry and blackberry fruit intermixed with charcoal, incense, and a hint of toasty oak. Full-bodied with layers of fruit, sweet tannin, remarkable density, and a long, smooth, velvety-textured finish, this sleeper of the vintage should drink beautifully for 8-10 years. Score – **90-92**. (RP)

136788 (XD) 750 mL \$ 33
\$ 99 per 3-btl lot



CÔTES DE FRANCS RED WINE

MARSAU

TASTING NOTE: Restrained, dry, bit of a dark horse but very fine tannins. Dry and a little bitter on the finish. Drink 2012-2018. Score – **16** (out of 20). (Julia Harding, MW, JR)

136804 (XD) 750 mL \$ 24
\$ 72 per 3-btl lot

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LALANDE-DE-POMEROL RED WINE

LA FLEUR DE BOUARD

TASTING NOTE: The 2008 La Fleur de Bouard was cropped at 25 hectoliters per hectare, and the final blend is 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine came in at 13% natural alcohol. Its dense purple color is accompanied by a big, sweet nose of white chocolate, creme de cassis, licorice, tar, and toast. A lively, crisp acid profile is due to the lack of serious heat in 2008. Textured and long, it is capable of lasting a decade or more. This is a sleeper of the vintage. Score – **90-93**. (RP)

135830 (XD) 750 mL \$ 43
\$ 129 per 3-btl lot

MONTAGNE-SAINT-ÉMILION RED WINE

FAIZEAU VIEILLES VIGNES

TASTING NOTE: Owned by the sister of Dr. Alain Raynaud, this 100% Merlot was harvested very late (October 13), and it is definitely a sleeper of the vintage. Sweet blue and black fruits intermixed with notes of charcoal and forest floor are followed by a pure, medium to full-bodied wine that transcends its humble appellation. It should age effortlessly for 10-12 years. Score – **88-90**. (RP)

136887 (XD) 750 mL \$ 23
\$ 69 per 3-btl lot

OTHER

BORDEAUX SUPÉRIEUR RED WINE

BEAULIEU COMTES DE TASTES

TASTING NOTE: This is one of Bordeaux's finest run over-achievers. Yields in 2008 were a lowly 19 hectoliters per hectare, and the crop was harvested between October 17-22. The result is a deep ruby/purple-colored wine with sweet black cherry, cedar, and spice box notes, a lush texture, and a fresh, pure style. This blend of 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon is best drunk in its exuberant youth, but should age nicely for 2-3 years. A sleeper of the vintage. Score – **88-90**. (RP)

138230 (XD) 750 mL \$ 20
\$ 60 per 3-btl lot



LE CONSEILLER

TASTING NOTE: Made by Jean-Philippe Janoueix, Le Conseiller is consistently a top effort from this humble appellation. A big-time sleeper of the vintage, a dense purple color is followed by aromas of roasted coffee, blackberry liqueur, charcoal, and smoke. Dense, chewy, and rich, with sweet tannin, ripe fruit, a full-bodied texture, and good delineation, it should be drinkable for 6-8 years. Score – **90-91**. (RP)

135731 (XD) 750 mL \$ 22
\$ 66 per 3-btl lot

BORDEAUX RED WINE

DOMAINE DE CAMBES

138149 (XD) 750 mL \$ 52
\$ 156 per 3-btl lot



TIRE PÉ LA CÔTE

TASTING NOTE: A blockbuster effort from a humble appellation, this sleeper of the vintage exhibits a deep ruby/purple color as well as sweet creme de cassis, licorice, and incense characteristics, and a remarkably medium to full-bodied, concentrated style for a wine of this pedigree and lowly price. It can be enjoyed during its first 5-7 years of life. Score – **89-91**. (RP)

137364 (XD) 750 mL \$ 22
\$ 66 per 3-btl lot

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FINEST & RAREST WINES

This year, VINTAGES in association with Ritchies Auctioneers will be conducting its 8th annual auction of fine and rare wines.

We will once again be offering you an opportunity to experience exceptional vintages at our tasting gala at the Carlu on Wednesday, October 14th, 2009.

PRE-AUCTION TASTING GALA

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
at the **Carlu**, 444 Yonge St., Toronto
A keepsake Riedel glass will be provided.
Tickets: \$275 per person

AUCTION

All sessions to be held at **Ritchies Auctioneers**,
380 King St. East, Toronto, Ontario

Session 1 – Friday, October 16th at 7 p.m.

Session 2 – Saturday, October 17th at 10 a.m.

Session 3 – Sunday, October 18th at 12 p.m.

Gala tickets can be purchased by contacting VINTAGES at
416-365-5767 or 1-800-266-4764,
Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To order catalogues or to be placed on the auction mailing list
contact Ritchies at 416-364-1864 or finewine@ritchies.com.

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VINTAGES 2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES

ORDERING NEW RELEASE PRODUCTS

Ordering deadline for new release products is **6 pm, Wednesday, September 2, 2009**. Orders received before the deadline will be processed in random order beginning Thursday, September 3, 2009. Fax, mail and e-mail orders will continue to be accepted after 6 pm on September 2, however priority will be given to those orders received before the deadline.

Order by *email*, *fax* or *mail*. Please see below for an explanation of each method of ordering.

E-MAIL

Order by e-mail. Simply go to our website www.vintages.com and download the Excel or PDF order form. Fill out the order form and send it as an attachment by e-mail to vintagesorders@lcbo.com.

You will need Microsoft Excel (Windows 98) or PDF Reader to open the respective attachments. Please do not include your credit card number or send duplicate orders.

FAX

Use the enclosed order form. Alternatively, print out the Excel or PDF order form downloaded from our website www.vintages.com, and fax your completed order to VINTAGES at: **416-365-5777 or toll-free at 1-800-282-2197**.

Tip: if sending your order by fax, always retain your successful fax transmission report.

MAIL

Complete an order form and mail or courier it to us at the address below:

VINTAGES 2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES
11th Floor, Suite 1100, 1 Yonge St.
Toronto, Ontario M5E 1E5

TELEPHONE

You will be able to order new release products by telephone beginning at **9 am, Friday, September 11, 2009**. Call VINTAGES at **416-365-5767 or toll-free at 1-800-266-4764**.

NOTE OUR NEW HOURS OF OPERATION: For your added convenience, our Sales Centre is now open Monday to **Saturday**, from 9 am until **6 pm**.

PLEASE NOTE: Since email, fax and mail order processing commences Thursday, September 3, 2009, some products may not be available when telephone ordering begins.

ORDERING PREVIOUSLY RELEASED PRODUCTS

You can order these products today by phone! Simply call VINTAGES at **416-365-5767 or toll-free at 1-800-266-4764**. Monday-Saturday, 9 am-6 pm.

ORDERING DETAILS

PER-CUSTOMER LIMITS

We do our best to secure enough stock to satisfy all customer orders. We regret that sometimes customer demand may exceed supply. In order to distribute the products more equitably throughout customer orders, all products in this offer are subject to per-customer limits.

PRICING

All orders must be in three-bottle lots. The main price listed is per bottle, with corresponding price per three-bottle lot.

PAYMENT

VINTAGES requires a 50% deposit of your total order when your order is confirmed by a VINTAGES representative. Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. Unpaid orders are subject to cancellation without notice.

VINTAGES will send you a certificate of purchase as proof of payment. Please keep this receipt for reference. The 2008 Bordeaux Futures wines are expected to begin arriving at our warehouse in Spring 2011. You will be invoiced for the balance of your order when the wines have arrived and are ready to ship.

DELIVERY

VINTAGES will contact you in writing when your order is ready to ship beginning in Spring and Summer 2011. VINTAGES will ship your order, free of charge, to the LCBO or VINTAGES store of your choice. Please note that we do not ship outside of the province of Ontario.

PLEASE NOTE:

VINTAGES regrets that there cannot be a guarantee full case requests will be shipped to customers in the original wooden case.

Thank you for shopping at VINTAGES!

VINTAGES 2008 BORDEAUX FUTURES – NEW RELEASES ORDER FORM

FAX: 416-365-5777 OR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-282-2197

EMAIL, FAX AND MAIL ORDERING DEADLINE – 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009.

Company Name (if applicable)			Licensee Number (if applicable)
Name			Daytime Phone Number
Address			Evening Phone Number
Suite	City	Province	Postal Code
AIR MILES™ Card Number			
Signature of Authorization*			

* The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Liquor Control Act, Sec. 3(N), R.S.O. 1990 Cl.18 for the purpose of processing your order and providing future mailings. Please note that we require your signature authorizing the order. Should you have any questions regarding the collection and/or use of this information, please contact: vintages@lcbo.com.

Fax _____ Provide your fax number here only if you prefer to be contacted by fax rather than by phone when we confirm the status of your order during our initial launch.

A VINTAGES representative will contact you to obtain payment information.

Product #	LOT Qty	Product Name	LOT Price	Amount
139352		BELAIR-MONANGE	\$597	
140400		DE PEZ	\$117	
139360		LA DOMINIQUE	\$177	
139378		LAFLEUR	\$1,887	
139386		PENSÉES DE LAFLEUR	\$375	
145375		ROUGET	\$156	

TOTAL _____

Please note: You can also download this order form at VINTAGES' website www.vintages.com 50% DEPOSIT

VINTAGES reserves the right to limit quantities on any products in the interest of overall customer demand. Payment must be provided at time of ordering. To ensure adherence to per-customer limits and maximize distribution of limited products to our customers, individual credit cards may only be applied to one order.



Bordeaux Futures 2008

This Page	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price/Bottle	Price/Lot	More Info
D'YQUEM (375 mL)	95-97	★★★★★	91-94	18	17.5	137349	\$199	\$597	Page 27
D'YQUEM	95-97	★★★★★	91-94	18	17.5	137356	\$389	\$1,167	Page 27



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On the Back Cover	RP	DEC	WS	JR	GD	Product #	Price/Bottle	Price/Lot	More Info
CHEVAL BLANC	95-97	★★★★★	92-95	18-	17.5	137943	\$699	\$2,097	Page 33
LÉOVILLE-LAS CASES	95-97+	★★★★★	91-94	18		137893	\$199	\$597	Page 25