

# 2005 Bordeaux pre-arrival offer



## 2005 Vintage – “The deck chair vintage”

*The growing season of the 2005 vintage while be forever remember for a few reasons. Mainly it was incredibly dry, but the rain they did get was timely to prevent too much stress. But the saving factor was that it did not get too hot. This meant there was a long, slow ripening period and the lack of rain allowed the growers to sit in their deck chairs and watch until they were ready to pick.*

*The harvest was down 15-30% on 2004, but the berries were small, concentrated and in almost perfect condition. It seems that red, white and sweet wines will be exceptionally good. It also appears that Left and Right Bank shared the honours equally and most appellations performed well. The wines are concentrated, structured but almost perfectly balanced and will need atleast a few years in bottle, but the top wines will last well beyond 20 years.*

*Many people (critics, agents, winemakers etc) are saying this will go down as one of the best ever vintages, certainly better than recent classics like 2000 and possibly better than the famed 1961!*

*The down side? Due to hype, excitement and documented quality of this vintage the pricing will be higher than vintages like 2000. There will be bargains to be had; the key will be to watch the reviews and buy the recommended wines from lesser known producers or appellations that have all benefited from the conditions.*

*The key points to keep in mind are as follows:*

- *This is a great vintage to stock the cellar with red, white and sweet wines, but they will probably not have the immediate appeal of some of the previous years.*
- *Buy early! The longer you leave it the more expensive and scarce the wines will get.*
- *If you don't want to spend a lot of money look for well regarded but lesser known Chateau*
- *If you are seeking advice please contact us.*

**Selected Notes.** *In order to keep this document relatively short we have not included a large range of notes. Notes on most wines are available on request.*

## Great Growths

**2005 Mouton Rothschild:** "The 2005 Mouton-Rothschild (a blend of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, and 1% Cabernet Franc) tips the scales at 13.2% alcohol, one of the highest percentages ever achieved at this estate. It does not possess the power or awesome depth of the 1986 or 1982, but it may represent a modern-day clone of the 1955. A tannic, backward, concentrated, powerful Mouton built for the ages, it will require 10-15 years to reach its full potential. An inky/blue/purple color is accompanied by classic notes of creme de cassis and smoke, but no trace of new oak. That in itself is a good indication of how rich and concentrated this wine must be to have absorbed all its oak at this stage of its evolution. One might also term it 1996-like in style given its fresh acidity and bright personality. Medium to full-bodied, impeccably elegant, powerful yet subtle and reticent at present, it will be extremely long-lived. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2050+." (94-96 POINTS) - Robert Parker. **RP 94-96 JR 18.5 WS 92-94**

### 2005 Lafite-Rothschild:

"Extremely complex and intriguing on the nose. More lifted than Duhart Milon and Carruades. Very fine-boned and minerally - graphite sensation (although there is no Cabernet Franc in the final blend). Delicate - which is quite an achievement in 2005! Very subtle and very youthful. Wonderful opulence with a neat, dry finish. A gorgeous drink that may be overlooked in comparison with Latour's greater drama but a very fine representation of both chateau and vintage, with, I suspect, a very long window of drinkability. Drink 2018-40." (19/20) - Jancis Robinson MW. **RP 93-96 JR 19 WS 95-100**

## Recommended Growths & Chateau

**2005 Léoville Las Cases:** "Sensational aromas of currants, berries, minerals and flowers. Full-bodied, with big, chewy tannins. Starts off slowly, then builds on the palate and goes on and on. Could be even better than 2000, and I gave that 100. This wine makes my head spin. Amazing. Layered and long. This is so 100-points." (95-100 POINTS) - The Wine Spectator. **RP 92-94 JR 18.5 WS 95-100**

**2005 L'Evangile:** "This is incredible. This is a bomb. Exotic. Complex aromas and flavors of ripe fruit, dark chocolate, coffee and light raisins. Full-bodied, big and velvety. Very, very long. Gorgeous. This could be close to 100 points." *James Suckling* **RP 93-95 WS 95-100 JR 18.5**

## Sauternes

**2005 Rieussec:** Ch. Rieussec is among the world's greatest wine estates, making concentrated and stylish wines year in year out. As always the reviews are excellent, and the price, although an increase on recent en primeur prices from Rieussec, is less than half the going price of the 2001, which is in fact virtually unobtainable. The 2005 is another classic in the making. Please don't delay as this should sell through quickly.

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June/July 2006

All wines are due for arrival mid 2008. Wines marked with an asterisk (\*) are approximate pricing only. Exact pricing will be confirmed when available.



## Red Bordeaux

Chateau	Commune & Classification	Sell	bottles	Total
Ausone	St-Émilion, 1er Cru Grand Classé	\$2,256		
Bélaïr	St-Émilion, 1er Cru Grand Classé	\$123		
Beychevelle	St-Julien, 4th Growth	\$103		
Branaire Ducru	St-Julien, 4th Growth	\$126		
Calon Ségur	St-Estèphe, 3rd Growth	\$164		
Canon	St-Émilion, 1er Cru Grand Classé	\$192		
Canon la Gaffelière	St-Émilion, Grand Cru Classé	\$209		
Cantemerle	Medoc, 5th Growth	\$61		
Carruades de Lafite	Pauillac	\$131		
Certan de May	Pomerol	\$168		
Cheval Blanc	St-Émilion, 1er Cru Grand Classé	\$1,695		
Clerc Milon	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$102		
Clos du Marquis	St Julien	\$109		
Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe, 2nd Growth	\$405		
d'Issan	Margaux, 3rd Growth	\$114		
Ducru Beaucaillou	St-Julien, 2nd Growth	\$384		
Duhart Milon	Pauillac, 4th Growth	\$96		
Figeac	St-Émilion, 1er Cru Grand Classé	\$253		
Giscours	Margaux, 3rd Growth	\$124		
Grand Puy Lacoste	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$150		
Haut Bages Liberal	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$78		
Haut Brion	Graves, 1st Growth	\$1,273		
La Lagune	Ludon Medoc, 3rd Growth	\$97		
La Mission Haut Brion	Graves	\$515		
Lafite	Pauillac, 1st Growth	\$1,273		
Lafleur Petrus	Pomerol	\$223		
Langoa Barton	St-Julien, 3rd Growth	\$151		
Latour	Pauillac, 1st Growth	\$1,511		
Léoville Barton	St-Julien, 2nd Growth	\$183		
Léoville Las Cases	St-Julien, 2nd Growth	\$643		
Léoville Poyferré	St-Julien, 2nd Growth	\$171		
Les Forts de Latour	Pauillac	\$215		
L'Évangile	Pomerol	\$418		
Lynch Bages	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$177		
Magdelaine	St-Émilion, 1er Cru Grand Classé	\$125	Sold out	
Margaux	Margaux, 1st Growth	\$1593		
Montrose	St-Estèphe, 2nd Growth	\$235		
Mouton Rothschild	Pauillac, 1st Growth	\$1,224		
Palmer	Margaux, 3rd Growth	\$530		
Pape-Clément	Pessac-Léognan	\$319		
Pavie	St-Émilion, Grand Cru Classé	\$698		
Pavie Macquin	St-Émilion, Grand Cru Classé	\$168		

Pavillon Rouge	Margaux	\$131		
Pichon Baron	Pauillac, 2nd Growth	\$274		
Pichon Lalande	Pauillac, 2nd Growth	\$266		
Prieuré Lichine	Margaux, 4th Growth	\$89		
Quinault L'Enclos	St-Émilion	\$97	Sold out	
Rausan Ségla	Margaux, 2nd Growth	\$189		
Smith Haut-Lafitte	Pessac-Léognan	\$138		
Talbot	St-Julien, 4th Growth	\$105		
Troplong Mondot	St-Émilion, Grand Cru Classé	\$338		
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	\$357		
Villa Bel Air	Graves	\$27		
Vray-Croix-de-Gay	Pomerol	\$101		

### Sweet Bordeaux

Chateau	Commune & Classification	Sell	bottles	Total
Coutet	Barsac, 1er Cru	\$109		
Coutet 500ml	Barsac, 1er Cru	\$74		
Coutet 375ml	Barsac, 1er Cru	\$56		
Filhot	Sauternes, 2ème Cru	\$55		
Filhot 375ml	Sauternes, 2ème Cru	\$28		
Carmes de Rieussec 375ml	Sauternes	\$22		
Rieussec	Sauternes, 1er Cru	\$150		
Rieussec 375ml	Sauternes, 1er Cru	\$75		
Suduiraut	Sauternes, 1er Cru	\$147		
Suduiraut 375ml	Sauternes, 1er Cru	\$75		
d'Yquem	Sauternes, 1er Grand Cru	\$1695		

**Minimum order quantity is 3 bottles of each wine.** We reserve the right to adjust any orders if stock runs out, but will notify you prior to any changes. Please return this order form via post, email or fax (details below) **asap**. The nature of Bordeaux sales falls into a first come-first served basis.

#### Payment terms

The total price is as listed above. 50% is payable upon confirmation of order, with the balance (50%) due by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2005. There will be no additional charges, except in the unlikely event of a change to the Federal Government Wine Equalisation Tax (presently 29% of the wholesale cost of your purchase).

<b>Name</b> _____ Contact Tel _____ Contact Email _____
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