

2008 Bordeaux pre-arrival offer

May 2009



2008 Vintage

A lot has been said about the 2008 vintage in Bordeaux. Before the en-primeur tastings there was a lot of pessimism about the quality of the vintage. This was due to the unusual climatic conditions Bordeaux experienced. The region was cooler and drier than average but they received above average sun light. This led to the longest 'hang-time' for the grapes ever recorded.

The conditions allowed producers to make wines of good to excellent quality. This is only true if they were brave enough to leave the grapes out until they were ripe and, very importantly, if they kept yields low. Not everyone did this so there is still a lot of variability and careful selection of which wines to buy is required.

There is no definitively successful appellation in 2008. It all came down to the producers and how they handled the conditions.

The other buzz has been about pricing. With a lot of the top Merchants around the world threatening to boycott the en-primeur unless the prices drop significantly. The good news is that they have come down and some of the wines seem to represent quite good value when paired with the tasting notes.

All wines are due for arrival mid 2011.

Stock is subject to availability at time of ordering. Due to the 'supply and demand' pricing structure prices are subject to change without notice.

Note: Due to a change in how the wines are supplied to us, all bottles must be ordered in quantities of 6 or more. The only exception to this is if the wines are in italics and marked with asterisks (i.e. **Chateau**); these wines can be ordered in any quantity. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Payment terms are: 50% due upon placement of order. The Balance is due by 30/10/09. Payment and organisation of freight will be handled when the wine arrives.

In the interests of space we have not included any notes. However they can be forward upon request. WS = Wine Spectator. WA = Robert Parker (The Wine Advocate) JR = Jancis Robinson.

RED BORDEAUX

Chateaux	Commune & Classification	Scores			Sell	bottles
		WS	WA	JR		
Lafite 2 nd Tranche	Pauillac, 1 st Growth	91-94	95-97	17.5+	\$1125	_____
<i>*Latour *</i>	<i>Pauillac, 1st Growth</i>	<i>91-94</i>	<i>92-95</i>	<i>18.5</i>	Sold out	_____
<i>*Mouton*</i>	<i>Pauillac, 1st Growth</i>	<i>91-94</i>	<i>94-96</i>	<i>18.5-</i>	Sold out	_____
Margaux	Margaux, 1 st Growth	90-93		17.5+	Sold out	_____
<i>*Haut Brion*</i>	<i>Pessac-Leognan, 1st Growth</i>	<i>93-96</i>		<i>18</i>	\$597	_____
Angelus	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	89-92		17.5	\$228	_____
Ausone	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	93-96	96-100	18.5	\$1460	_____
Cheval Blanc	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	92-95	95-97	18	\$1216	_____
Calon-Ségur	St-Estephe, 3rd Growth	88-91	90-92	17.5+	Sold out	_____
Cos d'Estournel	St-Estephe, 2nd Growth	91-94	94-96	18	\$266	_____
Montrose	St-Estephe, 2nd Growth	88-91	95-97	16	\$170	_____
Clerc Milon	Pauillac, 5th Growth	88-91		16.5	\$86	_____
d'Armailhac	Pauillac, 5th Growth	86-89	90-92	16.5	\$77	_____
<i>*Duhart-Milon*</i>	<i>Pauillac, 4th Growth</i>	<i>87-90</i>		<i>17+</i>	\$89	_____
Forts de Latour	Pauillac	88-91	90-92	17+	\$183	_____
Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac, 5th Growth	87-90		16.5	\$98	_____
Lynch-Bages	Pauillac, 5th Growth	89-92	91-93	16.5+	\$128	_____
Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac, 2th Growth	89-92	93-95	17.5	Sold out	_____

Pontet Canet	Pauillac, 5th Growth	90-93	93-95	16.5	\$173	_____
Beychevelle	St-Julien, 4th Growth	83-86	88-90	17	\$87	_____
Ducru Beaucaillou	St Julien, 2th Growth	90-93	92-94	17	\$252	_____
<i>*Gruaud Larose*</i>	<i>St Julien, 2th Growth</i>	<i>88-91</i>	<i>90-92</i>	<i>17</i>	\$94	_____
Lagrange	St Julien, 3th Growth	88-91	92-95	16.5	\$87	_____
Langoa-Barton	St Julien, 3th Growth	89-92	88-90	16.5	\$81	_____
Léoville Las Cases	St Julien, 2th Growth	91-94	95-97	18	\$316	_____
Léoville Poyferré	St Julien, 2th Growth	90-93	91-93	16-	\$118	_____
Talbot	St Julien, 4th Growth	86-89		16	\$83	_____
Alter Ego de Palmer	Margaux	87-90	90-92	17	\$95	_____
Du Tertre	Margaux, 5th Growth	84-87		16	\$66	_____
Dufort Vivens	Margaux, 2nd Growth	86-89		15.5	\$66	_____
Giscours	Margaux, 3rd Growth	87-90		17.5	\$87	_____
Kirwan	Margaux, 3rd Growth	86-89		16	\$87	_____
Malescot Saint Exupery	Margaux, 3rd Growth	90-93	91-93	17+	\$91	_____
Palmer	Margaux, 3rd Growth	89-92	93-95	18	\$339	_____
<i>*Pavillon Rouge du Margaux*</i>	<i>Margaux</i>	<i>87-90</i>		<i>16</i>	\$105	_____
Rauzan Segla	Margaux, 2nd Growth	90-93	90-92	16.5	\$147	_____
Bernadotte	Haut-Medoc	86-89		16.5	\$36	_____
Cantemerle	Haut-Medoc	87-90	89-91	16	\$59	_____
<i>*Chevalier Rouge*</i>	<i>Pessac Leognan</i>	<i>90-93</i>	<i>92-94</i>	<i>17+</i>	\$96	_____
La Mission Haut Brion	Pessac Leognan	91-94	92-94	18	\$440	_____
Pape Clement	Pessac Leognan	89-92	94-95	16.5	\$260	_____
Pavie	St-Emilion	92-95	96-98	17.5+	\$400	_____
Pavie Decesse	St-Emilion	89-92	94-96	17	\$319	_____
Pavie Macquin	St-Emilion	90-93	93-95	17	\$113	_____
<i>*Tropling Mondot*</i>	<i>St-Emilion</i>	<i>91-94</i>	<i>95-97</i>	<i>16.5</i>	\$158	_____
L'Evangile	Pomerol	90-93		17	\$245	_____
Gazin	Pomerol	88-91			\$114	_____
La Conseillante	Pomerol	90-93		17	Sold out	_____
<i>*Vieux Chateau Certan*</i>	<i>Pomerol</i>	<i>89-92</i>	<i>92-94</i>	<i>17.5</i>	\$154	_____

SWEET BORDEAUX

Chateaux	Commune & Classification	Scores			Sell	bottles
d'Yquem	Sauternes, 1st Growth Superieur	91-94	95-97	18	\$637	_____
Climens	Barsac, 1st Growth		92-95	18	\$240	_____
Coutet	Barsac, 1st Growth	87-90	90-92	18	\$106	_____
Filhot	Sauternes, 2nd Growth	85-88	88-90	16.5	\$61	_____
Guiraud	Sauternes, 1st Growth	91-94	91-93	17	\$106	_____
<i>*Carmes de Rieussec 375ml*</i>	<i>Sauternes</i>				\$42	_____
Rieussec	Sauternes, 1st Growth	89-92		17	\$145	_____
Suduiraut	Sauternes, 1st Growth	90-93		17.5	\$140	_____
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