

2007 Bordeaux pre-arrival offer



2007 Vintage

After an excellent run of vintages, 2007 has proved quite a challenge for everyone in Bordeaux. The summer was one of the worst ever in the region, the weather was wet and cold which led to disease and trouble with ripening the grapes. However the first two weeks of September offered sun and heat which saved the vintage from being a complete write off. To make sure of the quality growers had to spend a lot of time in the vineyards.

The style of wines from 07 is quite elegant, with low alcohol and soft acid, certainly a vintage for drinking young. This is not a bad thing though. With the recent vintages all needing time in bottle a selection of 07s to drink will certainly take your attention away from the 05s in the cellar. The vintage will suit people who enjoy 'classic claret'. This is a year to stick to the Chateaux with a proven track record. The greatest news of the vintage is the wines have dropped in price, in some cases considerably!

The highlight of the vintage is the Sweet wines. David Peppercorn MW described them as 'indisputably great wines' the conditions were great for botrytis and the wines are concentrated, with great freshness. A vintage to buy and put away. If you are seeking advice please contact us.

In the interests of space we have not included notes for all the wines. We can forward through more upon request. WS = Wine Spectator. WA = Robert Parker (The Wine Advocate) JR = Jancis Robinson, NM = Neal Martin (The Wine Journal).

Recommended Growths & Chateaux

2007 Haut-Brion: 43% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc. Very impressive depth of crimson. My first smell of this wine reminded me of what had been missing in my two days of Bordeaux tasting up to then: sheer Bordeaux class! Nuances, top notes and bottom notes. Some spice, a hint of top quality oak, lots of Haut-Brion minerality. Lovely spread across the palate – very supple – even in this wine no great tannic charge. All the thrill is up front. On the finish it is neat but not lingering and the acidity just peeks out above the very fine tannins. Very sensitively made, possibly the best red Bordeaux 2007 of all, but still definitely a 2007! *Jancis Robinson. WA 91-94, WS 89-92, JR 18*

2007 Margaux: Aromas of blackberry, black licorice and currant follow through to a medium-to-full body, with fine tannins and a long, sweet fruit finish. Balanced and perfumed. Very Burgundian and pretty. *James Suckling, Wine Spectator WA 92-94, WS 89-92, JR 18-*

2007 Cheval Blanc: The Cheval Blanc has a deep garnet/purple colour. The nose is reticent at first, it definitely needs time so wait 3 minutes and it unfurls some attractive earthy aromas with tobacco becoming ever-stronger with time. The palate is very intense, superb acidity and what I really like about this year's Cheval is the tension in the wine (a while since I mentioned that at en primeur.) This Cheval Blanc has a sense of urgency that I adore. Very well defined on the finish – masculine, almost Cabernet Sauvignon in quality but I think this is one of the few 2007's with long-term potential. Great wine. *Neil Martin, The Wine Journal. WA 88-91 WS 89-92 JR 18-*

2007 Cos d'Estournel: Coming after the Deuxieme Vin, the nose is far more backward and closed but there is very good fruit intensity here with blackberries, black cherries, violets and again, that tang of orange sorbet that shows the ripeness here. The palate is full-bodied, very good ripeness again with bright black fruits laced with touches of black cherry, orange zest and an engaging citrus freshness towards the finish. This is an unequivocal success for the vintages, certainly one of the best wines. Good grip on the off-dry finish. Superb. *Neil Martin, The Wine Journal. WA 90-93 WS 88-91 JR 17-*

2007 Duhart-Milon: Deep ruby. Strong mineral element on the nose, which also shows some ripe fruit. Round and flattering. Quite a fruit bomb! Very supple with pretty refined fruit. This could be a good buy...for early drinking. *Jancis Robinson. WA 86-88 WS 86-89 JR 17*

2007 Lynch Bages: This has good concentration on the nose with blackberry, cedar, vanilla and raspberry. Good lift and definition. Medium-bodied, excellent fruit concentration and a real brightness to it. No signs of any greenness, very fine tannins, this is a more feminine Lynch Bages with great focus and deftness of touch. Pure blackberry, cedar and blueberry finish. Good length. Excellent Lynch-Bages that could merit a higher score after bottling. *Neil Martin, The Wine Journal. WA 87-89 WS 85-88 JR 15.5*

2007 Pontet-Canet: Crushed blackberry, currant and light licorice. Full-bodied, with lovely ripe tannins and a long, fruity finish. Balanced and refined. A beauty. *James Suckling, Wine Spectator*. **WA 91-94, WS 88-92, JR 16.5**

2007 Ducru-Beaucaillou: Pretty dark, opulent crimson. Scented. Rather compact. Inky and savoury and there's a recognisable relationship with the *grand vin* in other vintages. Good! Appetising – I think that's the first time I have written that about the 07s. Quite interesting rather than super sweet. Fleshy. Good dust! Long and well balanced. *Jancis Robinson*. **WA 90-92 WS 89-92 JR 17-**

2007 Léoville-Las-Cases: This is layered, with sweet tobacco, currants, berries and dried flowers. Full and silky, with a long finish. Beautiful already. *James Suckling, Wine Spectator*. **WA 92-95, WS 89-92, JR 16.5**

2007 Angélu: Berry, mineral and licorice aromas and flavors. Medium body, fine tannins and a medium finish. Very well done for the vintage. *James Suckling, Wine Spectator* **WA 90-93, WS 88-92, JR 16**

Sauternes

2007 Climens: Multiple tastings of barrels and two micro-blends with Berenice Lurton at the chateau and each one more breath-taking than the last! An intensely mineral nose with astounding delineation and poise with hints of wild honey, orange-blossom and a little almond. The palate displays brilliant balance, so much so that the 150-160gms/L residual is barely noticeable. A sublime viscous, honeyed, peach-tinged finish that leaves the palate tingling with glee. To quote my own words: "it encapsulates everything you love about Sauternes." Bravo Berenice. *Neal Martin, The Wine Journal* **WA 98-100, JR 18**

2007 Coutet: Mid honeyed gold. Strong botrytis. Massive richness – real tingle factor and excitement. Long and very thorough and intriguing. Lots of development still to come. Still chewy. Energetic. Long. *Jancis Robinson* **WA 94-96, WS 90-93, JR 18-5**

2007 Doisy-Daëne: The 2007 Doisy-Daëne has an intense nose with heavily botrytised fruit with notes of peach, honeydew melon, appleblossom and a touch of mango. The palate is medium-bodied, very well balanced with a fantastic sense of tension and nervosité. Notes of honey, peach, minerals, citrus lemon with a wonderfully focused finish that goes on and on. A really wonderful Barsac. *Neal Martin, The Wine Journal* **WA 94-96, WS 90-93, JR 18-5**

2007 Rieussec: Sweet, vaguely sticky nose. Certainly impressive for the sugar level! And there's an attractive savoury undertow that stops it being sickly. Lots there. Reverberates. Long. Very long. It has that thing that a good Condrieu has: a subtext. *Jancis Robinson* **WA 92-94, WS 93-96, JR 19**

2007 Suduiraut: Solid baby sticky, with a core of apple pie, honey and spicy fruit on the palate. Medium- to full-bodied, with medium sweetness and a lively finish. *Jancis Robinson* **WA 91-93, WS 92-95, JR 17.5**

2007 D'Yquem: Deep golden with an orange tinge. Very tangy. And thick. At the same time. Massive weight! Extraordinary fullness. An edge of something a bit corrective - almost bitter. Very big and hits you between eyeballs. Citrus pith. Needs to settle down and become more gentle. Big and round. Almost over the top. So rich!!!! But definite bitterness on the finish. *Jancis Robinson* **WA 96-98, WS 97-100, JR 19**

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June 2008

All wines are due for arrival mid 2010.

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

Payment terms are: 50% due upon placement of order. The Balance is due by 30/10/08.

Payment and organisation of freight will be handled when the wine arrives.



RED BORDEAUX

Chateaux	Commune & Classification	Sell	bottles	Total
Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac, 1 st Growth	\$911	_____	_____
Latour	Pauillac, 1 st Growth	\$911	_____	_____
Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac, 1 st Growth	\$876	_____	_____
Margaux	Margaux, 1 st Growth	\$911	_____	_____
Haut-Brion	Pessac-Leognan, 1 st Growth	\$911	_____	_____
Ausone	St-Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$1,605	_____	_____
Cheval Blanc	St-Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$1,302	_____	_____
Calon Segur	St Estephe, 3th Growth	\$115	_____	_____
Cos d'Estournel	St Estephe, 2th Growth	\$235	_____	_____
Montrose	St Estephe, 2th Growth	\$159	_____	_____
Duhart Milon	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$89	_____	_____
Grand Puy Lacoste	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$115	_____	_____
Haut Bages Liberal	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$63	_____	_____
Haut Bataille	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$122	_____	_____
Les Forts de Latour	Pauillac	\$209	_____	_____
Lynch Bages	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$147	_____	_____
Pichon Lalande (Comtesse)	Pauillac, 2th Growth	\$209	_____	_____
Pichon Longueville (Baron)	Pauillac, 2th Growth	\$182	_____	_____
Pontet Canet	Pauillac, 5th Growth	\$150	_____	_____
Ducru Beaucaillou	St Julien, 2th Growth	\$189	_____	_____
Gruaud Larose	St Julien, 2th Growth	\$108	_____	_____
Langoa Barton	St Julien, 3th Growth	\$101	_____	_____
Leoville Barton	St Julien, 2th Growth	\$127	_____	_____
Leoville Las Cases	St Julien, 2th Growth	\$321	_____	_____
Leoville Poyferre	St Julien, 2th Growth	\$127	_____	_____
Cantemerle	Haut Medoc, 5th Growth	\$56	_____	_____
Palmer	Margaux, 3th Growth	\$409	_____	_____
Pavillon Rouge de Margaux	Margaux	\$132	_____	_____
Rauzan Segla	Margaux, 2th Growth	\$132	_____	_____
Domaine de Chevalier Rouge	Pessac Leognan	\$89	_____	_____
La Mission Haut Brion	Pessac Leognan	\$712	_____	_____
Angelus	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$360	_____	_____
Belair	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$106	_____	_____
Canon La Gaffeliere	St Emilion, Grand Cru	\$96	_____	_____
Figeac	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$179	_____	_____

Magdelaine	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$103	_____	_____
Pavie	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$428	_____	_____
Pavie Macquin	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$110	_____	_____
Teyssier	St Emilion, Grand Cru	\$39	_____	_____
Troplong Mondot	St Emilion, 1er Grand Cru	\$154	_____	_____
Evangile	Pomerol	\$299	_____	_____
Vieux Chateau Certan	Pomerol	\$218	_____	_____

SWEET BORDEAUX

Chateaux	Commune & Classification	Sell	bottles	Total
Climens	Barsac, 1st Growth	\$335	_____	_____
Climens 375ml	Barsac, 1st Growth	\$170	_____	_____
Coutet	Barsac, 1st Growth	\$135	_____	_____
Coutet 375ml	Barsac, 1st Growth	\$70	_____	_____
Doisy Daene 375ml	Barsac, 2nd Growth	\$42	_____	_____
D'Yquem	Sauternes, 1st Growth Superieur	\$1,391	_____	_____
D'Yquem 375ml	Sauternes, 1st Growth Superieur	\$698	_____	_____
Filhot	Sauternes, 2nd Growth	\$57	_____	_____
Filhot 375ml	Sauternes, 2nd Growth	\$30	_____	_____
Guiraud	Sauternes, 1st Growth	\$106	_____	_____
Guiraud 375ml	Sauternes, 1st Growth	\$55	_____	_____
Rieussec	Sauternes, 1st Growth	\$175	_____	_____
Rieussec 375ml	Sauternes, 1st Growth	\$89	_____	_____
Suduiraut	Sauternes, 1st Growth	\$154	_____	_____
Suduiraut 375ml	Sauternes, 1st Growth	\$79	_____	_____
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