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Bordeaux 2022 En Primeur



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Vintage Report

Bordeaux 2022 Vintage Report

A Bordeaux vintage as complicated as 2022 needs unravelling and our roles as wine merchants is to pick through the successes and challenges facing the Bordelais to provide a concise view on the vintage as a whole. As many UK merchants descended on Bordeaux during the formidable En Primeur week, our team charged up on coffee and managed to taste through over 300 barrel samples to bring you our own views on the 2022 vintage.

2022 has turned out some stunning examples of what Bordeaux can produce but before we delve into the specifics, we must discuss the growing season. 2022 was recorded as one of the hottest years in France and early on concern was spread across the faces of vigneron. Three heat waves peaking in mid-June, July and August touched 40°C putting vineyards under significant pressure and vigneron were facing one of the earliest harvests ever. Early conditions were similar to the troublesome 2003 though sufficient rainfall in the preceding winter and early spring crucially kept water reserves. Another factor was that overnight temperatures managed to plummet, locking in freshness and reducing the development of any baked, jammy characteristics. Neal Martin summed the growing season up perfectly saying it was *“a season of paradox and luminosity”*. Berries were smaller than in 2021, tightly packed with thick skins and those châteaux with water retaining clay and limestone soil performed particularly well. Vigneron were forced to bring harvest forward and it was long and slow with picking for the whites starting from the 2nd week of August and towards the end of August for the reds. Compared to the Bordeaux average yields were down despite being up on the 2021s. Fruit that made it through a rigorous selection process in both the vineyard and sorting tables turned out very good quality, so much so some châteaux didn't feel the need for a second wine as the majority of juice went into the Grand Vin. Where made, many second wines are worth seeking out.

So what of the wines? There are some astonishing reds wines this vintage and some that have missed the mark. It is not a vintage to buy blind and despite exceptions not a vintage to buy to drink young. The most patient of you will be rewarded greatly. The style is deep in colour with bold structures, robust tannins and plenty of phenolics across most regions. Merlot thrived in 2022 and Left Bank producers used higher proportions in their blends with increased use of Petit Verdot than in previous vintages. Naturally prices and volumes are a factor in determining how a vintage compares to its predecessors and with production volumes down in 2022, released quantities will be tighter and prices will show that. However, there are plenty of wines to pick out in the top appellations from both banks. I have dissected each appellation overleaf.

-Jeff Rean, Fine Wine

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Jeff's picks

Saint Emilion & Pomerol

Saint-Emilion was firing on all cylinders in 2022 with **Cheval Blanc**, **Canon** and **Figeac** attracting the big scores, but there is plenty down the price scale to keep customers interested, the likes of **Troplong-Mondot**, **Beausejour (Duffau Lagarrosse)**, **Pavie-Macquin**, **Larcis-Ducasse**, **Laroque & La Gaffelière** should be sought out. A notable mention goes to **Vieux Château Saint André**, the home of ex-Petrus winemaker Jean-Claude Berrouet. Next door in Pomerol, **La Conseillante** and **Vieux Château Certan** will attract the attention but don't overlook the likes of **Clos du Clocher** which is a new listing on our books.

Pessac-Léognan

The best of **Pessac-Léognan** showed what they are capable of with some contenders for wines of the vintage, **Les Carmes Haut Brion** showing once again how to produce a world class wine. On the other side of the appellation, the seriously impressive **Haut Bailly** are on the second vintage from their spectacular new winery and this is a wine worth seeking out. **Domaine de Chevalier** also produced a stunner in what was Olivier Bernard 40th vintage, commemorated with a special label.

Margaux

Up in Margaux, **Château Palmer** was stupendous and the 2022 is on par with **Château Margaux** amongst the critics. For value, **Brane-Cantenac** picked up the same 96-98 score as both Palmer and Margaux from Neal Martin and is a contender for value pick of the vintage. **Rauzan-Ségla & Giscours** are notable picks too.

Saint-Julien

Continuing up the coast, **Léoville Barton** has been described by William Kelley as one of the stars of the Médoc, and likened to two brilliant vintages – the 2019 and 2016. Sister estate **Langoa Barton** have produced a bargainous beauty. Second growth **Léoville-Las-Cases** picked up five potential 100 points though will be incredibly hard to get hold of, and **Talbot**, **Gloria & Branaire-Ducru** are easy picks for customers looking for great quality drinking Bordeaux.

Pauillac

First Growths, **Lafite** and **Mouton** in Pauillac have once again produced classically styled, mesmerising wines, though don't overlook **Pichon-Lalande** which picked up a potential 100 and three 99 points. **Pichon-Baron** is not far behind. **Pontet Canet** and **Lynch-Bages** gave the First Growths a run for their money with 99-100 and 98-99 points respectively from James Suckling. Both were brilliant. **Grand-Puy-Lacoste** was another absolute gem and the 2022 received one of its best ever scores from Neal Martin (96-98).

Saint-Estèphe

Château Montrose is the pick from Saint-Estèphe, outshining fellow Second Growth **Cos d'Estournel**. At the most northerly of all the Médoc Grand-Crus Classés, **Calon-Ségur** and stable mate **Capbern** produced deeply concentrated, structured wines despite hail decimating some vineyards at Calon resulting in volumes being reduced by 40%. A notable mention to **Château Phélan Ségur** which is punching so far above its weight whilst picking up a seriously impressive 95-97 points from Neal Martin.

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Other Left & Right Bank

Château Marjosse is an easy pick for the deal hunters amongst us, plus is Lisa Perrotti-Browns 'Bargain of the Vintage'. She awarded this sub-£100 case an eye opening 93-95 points. **Marsau** was also an accomplished star and for £99 per 6 IB it is hard to find better value for your money.

Whites & Sauternes

2022 was a tough vintage for whites however there were some standouts. The heat and drought causing issues, though **Domaine de Chevalier Blanc & Château Pape Clément Blanc** from Pessac-Léognan defied the conditions and still managed to produce some class, **Château Doisy Daëne** from Barsac is the pick of the sweet wines.

Jeff Rean, Fine Wine

Top 5 Value Picks of the Vintage

Château Marjosse, Bordeaux
Château Marsau, Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
Château La Gaffelière, Saint-Emilion
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé
Château Phélan Ségur, Saint-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois

Top 10 Picks of the Vintage

Château Lafite-Rothschild Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé
Château Palmer, Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé
Château Cheval Blanc, Saint-Emilion
Château Léoville-Barton, Saint-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé
Château Troplong-Mondot, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé
Château Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé
Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan
Château Montrose, Saint-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé
Château Canon, Saint-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé
Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé

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What the critics say...

“This is clearly a great vintage.”
Jeb Dunnuck

“Against the odds, thanks to the previous year’s rainfall and 2022’s timely summer showers, coupled with vines’ adaptation to hot and dry conditions and winemakers’ know-how, 2022 bestows a clutch of astonishing fermented grape juice.”
Neal Martin

“The 2022s are some of the most memorable young wines I have ever tasted in Bordeaux. The best 2022s are magnificent, viscerally thrilling wines that show what is possible with thoughtful approaches to viticulture and wine-making.”
Antonio Galloni

“For me personally, it sets a new benchmark for Bordeaux after my first reference vintage for the region from barrel, 1982.”
James Suckling

“The best second wines in 2022 often exhibit similar structure and texture to their grand vin counterparts, something that isn’t always the case, and they merit more serious consideration than usual this year.”
William Kelley

“2022 has produced some genuinely unbelievable wines that are worthy of hyperbole.”
Georgie Hindle, Decanter.com

“The top wines of the 2022 Bordeaux vintage are bright, multilayered, and luminous. And there are a lot of them. This a classic, great Bordeaux vintage.”
Lisa Perrotti-Brown

“2022 is an incredible, singular vintage for Bordeaux. It may not be as consistent as 2019 or 2020 style-wise, but there are brilliant wines from throughout the region, and the peaks of 2022 are certain to be legendary wines.”
Jeb Dunnuck

“The crème de la crème is blessed with kaleidoscopic aromatics, intense fruit, finely-sculpted tannins, structure, elegance and length. Above all, contrary to what the growing season implied, they are suffused with freshness. They immediately tempt you back to the glass for another sip. The highest performers will dazzle. They will be ex-troverts, show-offs whose talent cannot be denied.”
Neal Martin

“A number of properties at all levels made their best wines ever.”
Antonio Galloni

“The quality of the wines in 2022, however, is exceptional.”
James Suckling

“There are many beautiful wines from the Right Bank and Pessac-Léognan, but the top wines of the Médoc are astonishingly great in 2022. If you love Cabernet Sauvignon, you may want to pay special attention to this vintage because the results, in some cases, are mind-blowing.”
Lisa Perrotti-Brown

“While this is a vintage that needs to be taken on a château-by-château basis, at a very high level, the style of the 2022s can be thought of as a mix of 2020 and 2018, or a mix of 2005 and 2010, with a little of 2009 thrown in here and there. The 2022s are ripe, concentrated, sumptuous wines that have a real “wow” factor.”
Jeb Dunnuck

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Summary - Reds

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Marjosse	Bordeaux	93-95 LPB	£96 per 12
Château Cissac	Haut-Médoc	89-91+ RP	£100 per 12
Château Beaumont	Haut-Médoc	92 JA	£120 per 12
Vieux Château Saint André	Montagne-St Emilion	90-92 RP	£138 per 12
Château Sénéjac	Haut-Médoc	93-94 JS	£143 per 12
Château Mauvesin Barton	Moulis-en-Médoc	91-93+ LPB	£147 per 12
Château Peymouton	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-93 JS	£160 per 12
Château Beau Site	Saint-Estèphe	94-95 JS	£164 per 12
Château Joanin-Bécot	Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon	92-94 JD	£180 per 12
Château Marsau	Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	95-96 JS	£99 per 6
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	92-93 JS	£200 per 12
Château Dalem	Fronsac	94-95 JS	£215 per 12
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe	91-93 NM	£230 per 12
Château Potensac	Haut-Médoc	94-95 JS	£246 per 12
Château Mangot	St-Emilion Grand Cru	93-95 RP	£246 per 12
Château Les-Ormes-de-Pez	St-Estèphe	93-95 JD	£260 per 12
Château Belgrave	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	89-91 NM	£264 per 12
Château Cantemerle	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£265 per 12
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe	95 JA	£282 per 12
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	97 JA	£293 per 12
Château Labégorce	Margaux	92-94 NM	£300 per 12
Château Moulin St George	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£300 per 12
Château Plince	Pomerol	93-94 JS	£310 per 12
Château Angludet	Margaux	94 JA	£162 per 6
Château Lynch-Moussas	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£346 per 12
Château Tour Saint-Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94-96 JD	£350 per 12
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£180 per 6
Château Gloria	St-Julien	93-96 NM	£377 per 12
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95+ RP	£214 per 6
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-95 RP	£219 per 6
Pichon Comtesse Reserve	Pauillac	94-96 JS	£216 per 6
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 NM	£242 per 6
Château Cantenac-Brown	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 NM	£243 per 6
Château Haut-Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 RP	£265 per 6
Château Malescot St Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 NM	£270 per 6
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	93-94 RP	£545 per 12
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-95 RP	£274 per 6
Château Saint-Pierre	Saint-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 NM	£275 per 6
Clos du Clocher	Pomerol	97 DC	£290 per 6

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Summary - Reds (continued)

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£300 per 6
Domaine de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£340 per 6
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£358 per 6
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£360 per 6
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien	93-96 RP	£363 per 6
Château Pape Clément	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£375 per 6
Château Duhart Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£378 per 6
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 RP	£396 per 6
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux	96-97 JS	£402 per 6
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98 JA	£405 per 6
Château Gruaud-Larose	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£420 per 6
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 LPB	£3108 per 6
Château Larcis Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JD	£434 per 6
Château Clinet	Pomerol	94-96 NM	£490 per 6
Château Leoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-100 JD	£502 per 6
Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 LPB	£505 per 6
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JS	£538 per 6
Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98 JA	£564 per 6
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£610 per 6
Château Troplong-Mondot	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-100 WK	£612 per 6
Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£636 per 6
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JA	£675 per 6
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	98-99 JS	£700 per 6
Château Beauséjour-Duffau-Lagarrosse	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£360 per 3
Château Haut Bailly	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£720 per 6
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£810 per 6
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 LPB	£1554 per 3
Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux	Margaux	94-96 JD	£900 per 6
Château Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-100 LPB	£1032 per 6
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac	92-94 NM	£1080 per 6
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JD	£1100 per 6
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	20 MJ	£1122 per 6
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	96-98 LPB	£1130 per 6
Château L'Evangile	Pomerol	95-97 NM	£1338 per 6
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 RP	£1518 per 6
Château La Mission Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-99 NM	£1590 per 6
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	98-100 AG	£1650 per 6
Château Angélus	St-Emilion	98-100 LPB	£2148 per 6

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Summary - Reds (continued)

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99+ NM	£3090 per 6
Château Ausone	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 JA	£1700 per 3
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£1785 per 3
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£3570 per 6

Summary - Sweet Whites

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Doisy Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£205 per 12

Summary - Dry Whites

Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Blanc de Lynch Bages	Bordeaux	94 JA	£255 per 6
Château Malartic Lagravière Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	94-97 JD	£319 per 6
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£488 per 6
Château Pape Clément Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£588 per 6
Le Pavillon Blanc Château Margaux	Bordeaux	99-100 JS	£795 per 3

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Saint-Estèphe

“One of the finest wines to ever pass my lips ”

Jeb Dunnuck on Cos d’Estournel



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Beau Site	Saint-Estèphe	94-95 JS	£164 per 12
Château Capbern	St-Estèphe	91-93 NM	£230 per 12
Château Les-Ormes-de-Pez	St-Estèphe	93-95 JD	£260 per 12
Château Meyney	St-Estèphe	95 JA	£282 per 12
Château Calon-Ségur	St-Estèphe 3ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£610 per 6
Château Cos d'Estournel	St-Estèphe 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JD	£1100 per 6



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Château Beau-Site 2022 Saint-Estèphe



£164 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 James Suckling
89-91 Jeff Leve

89-91+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

89 Jane Anson

"The 2022 Beau-Site is a blend of 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and 3% Petit Verdot, with yields of just 17 hl/ha due to hail and frost. Deep garnet-purple in color, it gallops out with energetic notes of red and black currants, black raspberries, and Morello cherries, plus hints of pencil shavings and underbrush. The medium-bodied palate is tightly wound with delicate fruit layers and firm, grainy tannins, finishing with just enough freshness."

89-91+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, thewineindependent.com May 2023

"A powerful Beau-Site with muscular tannins and richness. Remains fresh and bright with intensity and length. Medium to full body with lots going on. This is so structured and will age beautifully. 74% cabernet sauvignon, 23% merlot and 3% petit verdot."

94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2023

Château Capbern 2022 St-Estèphe



£230 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2025

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

92-93 James Suckling
90-92 Robert Parker

90-92 Neal Martin
89-91 Antonio Galloni

"One of the more opulent, se*xy wines in the vintage, the 2022 Château Capbern just about jumps out of the glass with its sweet red, blue, and black fruits as well as notions of chocolate, graphite, and leafy herbs. Full-bodied, concentrated, and textured on the palate, with ripe tannins, this stunning Saint-Estèphe is up there with the finest vintages I've tasted from this château."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"Made from 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, and 1% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 Capbern is deep garnet-purple in color. It sashays out with flamboyant scents of warm cassis, fresh blackberries, and cherry pie, followed by suggestions of sassafras, cedar chest, and iron ore. The concentrated, full-bodied palate is jam packed with black fruit flavors, supported by finely grained tannins and just enough freshness, finishing decadently rich and with great persistence. pH 3.8."

91-93 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2023

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Château Meyney 2022
St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois



£282 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 James Suckling
93 Jean-Marc Quarin

95 Jane Anson
92-94 Jeff Leve

91-93+ Robert Parker

"A vineyard that should perform strongly in this kind of vintage, because located right next to the river for air conditioning, with a mix of gravel with clear clay sections to retain freshness, and it's definitely one to look out for. Layers of redcurrant, raspberry and blackcurrant fruits, juicy mouthwatering finish, peony, pencil lead, orange peel, 3.75ph. Certainly this is a great example of Meyney. Hubert de Bouïard consultant. A buy."

95 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com May 2023

"Opening in the glass with aromas of sweet dark berries, licorice and petals, the 2022 Meyney is medium to full-bodied, deep and concentrated, with a fleshy core of fruit girdled by sweet but firm tannins. Pure and taut, it is a strong effort that will require a bit of patience."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

Château Calon-Ségur 2022
St-Estèphe
3ème Grand Cru Classé



£610 per 6 IB
Drink to 2047
Arriving Spring 2025

97-99 Jeb Dunnuck
95-96 James Suckling

96-98 Robert Parker
94-96 Neal Martin

95-97+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
91-93 Antonio Galloni

"The 2022 Calon-Ségur is another superb wine from this historic Saint-Estèphe third growth that began a comprehensive renaissance the better part of a decade ago. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of cassis and blackberries mingled with hints of fresh mint, burning embers, licorice and violets, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated, with terrific depth at the core, supple tannins and a long, saline finish. The blend consists of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. Vincent Millet observed that "when you tasted the Merlot, you were under the impression that you were tasting Cabernet."

96-98 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"A wine that's going to flirt with perfection, the 2022 Château Calon Ségur is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, harvested between September 12 and 26, from yields of 40 hectoliters per hectare. Its deep purple hue is followed by a heavenly bouquet of cassis, smoke tobacco, flowery incense, and toasted spices. This ripe, se*y, full-bodied beauty has ultra-fine tannins, a layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel, and a great finish. Its tannins, as well as its overall balance and purity, are just about off the charts, and this remarkable effort shows how successful the northern part of the Médoc was in 2022. Bravo!"

97-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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Château Cos d'Estournel 2022
St-Estèphe
2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£1100 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Jeb Dunnuck
98-99 James Suckling

97-99+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
97 Jane Anson

95-97 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Robert Parker

"One of the finest wines to ever pass my lips, the 2022 Château Cos D'Estournel is a monument in the making. Based on 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, and 1% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, this saturated ruby/purple-hued Saint-Estèphe offers a full-bodied, massive, opulent style as well as perfumed red, blue, and black fruits, ample spice, chocolate, graphite, and lead pencil-like aromatics, a stacked mid-palate, flawless balance, and a monster of a finish. An improved version of the 2009 (if that's possible), this is a legendary wine in the making. Hats off to Michel Reybier and technical director Dominique Arangoits."

98-100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"The 2022 Cos d'Estournel is stunning. Rich and statuesque in bearing, the 2022 captures all the best this vintage had to offer. A wine of precision and power, the 2022 balances the intensity of the year but without veering into the realm of the exotic, as was the case in vintages such as 2005 and 2009. It marries ripeness and classical rigor in a style that is quite appealing. I imagine the 2022 will need a good 15-20 years to be at its finest. Harvest took place between September 7 and 23, exceptionally early."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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Pauillac

“This is an intellectual triumph.”
Lisa Perrotti-Brown on Lafite-Rothschild



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Lynch-Moussas	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£346 per 12
Pichon Comtesse Reserve	Pauillac	94-96 JS	£216 per 6
Château d'Armailhac	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-97 NM	£242 per 6
Château Haut-Batailley	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 RP	£265 per 6
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£358 per 6
Château Duhart Milon	Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£378 per 6
Château Clerc-Milon	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 RP	£396 per 6
Château Pontet-Canet	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 JS	£538 per 6
Château Lynch-Bages	Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£636 per 6
Château Pichon-Baron	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£810 per 6
Château Pichon-Lalande	Pauillac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	98-100 LPB	£1032 per 6
Le Petit Mouton	Pauillac	92-94 NM	£1080 per 6
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 LPB	£1554 per 3
Château Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 LPB	£3108 per 6
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£1785 per 3
Château Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé	99-100 JS	£3570 per 6



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FINE WINE

Château Lynch-Moussas 2022
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£346 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Jeff Leve

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
94 Jane Anson

90-92 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
87-89 Robert Parker

"Smoky dark fruits and leafy tobacco are just some of the notes in the 2022 Château Lynch-Moussas, a medium to full-bodied, nicely balanced, beautifully layered Pauillac. The tannins here are ripe and polished, and it has plenty of mid-palate depth as well as outstanding length. It's a seriously good wine, if not the finest I've tasted from this château. It's clearly in the same ballpark as the 2018, 2019, and 2020."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"Inky, powerful colour, edges of heady incense on the nose but this feels more rooted in Pauillac for me than many vintages of Lynch Moussas, delivering intense cassis and dark fruit character, edges of crushed rose petals, clove and tar. Plenty of fresh mint leaf coming through as well, with a real sense of poise. It feels like part of the Château Batailley family this year, more than usual, a buy. 57% new oak."

94 Pts Jane Anson. JaneAnson.com May 2023

Pichon-Comtesse Réserve 2022
Pauillac



£216 per 6 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2025

91-93 Antonio Galloni
93 Jane Anson

95-96 James Suckling
91-93 Robert Parker

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Neal Martin

"The 2022 Réserve de la Comtesse is fabulous. Vibrant and impeccable in its balance, the 2022 is so impressive, mostly because of its balance. In some recent years the Réserve has been quite potent, but the 2022 leans more into the realm of sophistication, and polish. Hints of dark-fleshed fruit, licorice, lavender and spice linger. Don't miss it. Tasted four times."

91-93 Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, April 2023

"Like a number of second wines from the best classified growths, the 2022 Réserve de la Comtesse shares much of the personality of the grand vin this year, delivering aromas of blackberries, violets and exotic spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy palate with a rich core of fruit framed by powdery tannins."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

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FINE

WINE

Château d'Armailhac 2022
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£242 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95 Neal Martin
89-91 Antonio Galloni

96-97 James Suckling
95 Decanter

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Robert Parker

"The 2022 Château d'Armailhac was picked from 8 to 27 September and matured in 50% new oak. This has a very pure and sensual bouquet with precocious black plum, cassis violet and espresso scents. The palate is medium-bodied with muscular tannins on the entry, though I find just a little more complexity compared to the Clerc Milon this year. There's a gentle and discrete crescendo toward its delineated and mineral finish. Excellent. This is more like the d'Armailhac that I was familiar with, say, ten years ago. It will surely be irresistible once it reaches its peak. You've been warned."
93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"This is like a baby Mouton this year with blackcurrant, flower, and orange aromas. Medium- to full-bodied with a tight and racy palate that shows persistence and verve. One to watch."
96-97 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

Château Haut-Batailley 2022
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£265 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042+
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Neal Martin

91-93+ Robert Parker
93 Jane Anson

94-95 James Suckling
94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Haut-Batailley is matured in 65% new oak for a planned 16 months. It has a very intense and almost untamed bouquet that explodes from the glass, and only after five or ten minutes does it begin to show some restraint. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy, fresh and multi-layered tannins, not dissimilar to the Mouton-Rothschild that I tasted a couple of hours earlier. With a satin-textured finish, this will need a decade in the cellar and some taming during élevage. Like a young tiger at the moment. It has 14.2% alcohol."
93-95 Pts, Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"Classy and very focused with blackberry and blackcurrant character. The tannins nicely melt into the wine with finesse and weightlessness. Elegant. 70% cabernet sauvignon and 30% merlot."
94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

**Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste
2022
Pauillac 5ème Grand Cru Classé**



£358 per 6 IB
Drink to 2055+
Arriving Spring 2025

**96-98 Neal Martin
95-97 Robert Parker**

**95-96 James Suckling
96 Jeff Leve**

**93-95 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96 Jane Anson**

"A blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot, the 2022 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is a brilliant classic in the making, wafting from the glass with aromas of dark berries, violets and pencil shavings, followed by a medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated palate that exhibits beautiful structural refinement and purity of fruit. Classy and integrated, it is somewhat reminiscent of a modern-day and less forbiddingly structured version of this estate's brilliant 1982."
95-97 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

"The 2022 Grand Puy Lacoste was picked from 7 to 23 September and contains more Merlot due to the high quality of the fruit, matured in 75% new oak. There is 14.2% alcohol. Therefore, this lends this GPL a little more precocity and sensuality compared to other vintages, not cut from the same "classical" cloth as, say, the 2019 or 2020. Underlying this velvety veneer are enticing traits of freshly-rolled tobacco and undergrowth. The palate is medium-bodied with finely-sculpted tannins. Silky smooth in texture, so much so that it belies that backbone underneath. There is a peacock's tail of mineral-rich, quite peppery black fruit on the finish, completing a Pauillac endowed with huge potential."
96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

**Château Duhart-Milon 2022
Pauillac 4ème Grand Cru Classé**



£378 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

**91-93 Robert Parker
90-92 Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

**95-96 James Suckling
92-94 Antonio Galloni**

**94 Jane Anson
95 Jeff Leve**

"Intense, stately, with ripe and spicy dark brambled fruit flavours, blackberry and cassis, balanced by grippy tannins, crushed rocks, slate and cigar, which add texture and moderation. The serious face of Duhart does well in the vintage, keeping an upright tannic backbone. New cellar at Duhart since 2020. Harvest August 31 to September 28, 3.8ph. Olivier Bonnau technical director. Duhart Milon vineyard is looking at lowering density of planting to guard against future hot vintages of this type."
94 Pts Jane Anson JaneAnson.com April 2023

"The 2022 Duhart-Milon is racy and explosive right out of the gate. Ripe dark cherry, plum, cloves, licorice, menthol and mocha fill out the layers in a deep, wonderfully expressive Duhart. Firm tannins extend the finish nicely. I imagine the 2022 will require at least a few years in bottle to be at its best, but it is pretty showy today. The blend is 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Merlot."
92-94 Pts Anotnio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Clerc-Milon 2022
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£396 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95 Robert Parker
95 Jane Anson

95-96 James Suckling
95 Decanter

91-93 Neal Martin
91-93 Antonio Galloni

"The 2022 Clerc Milon is beautiful, offering up aromas of cherries, raspberries and plums mingled with hints of pencil shavings and rose petals. Medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated, it's taut and lively, with a vibrant core of fruit framed by fine, chalky tannins. Its clay-limestone terroir lends it a distinctive signature that sets it apart from the rest of the portfolio."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

"As to the Grand Vin 2022 Château Clerc Milon, it reminds me of the 2018 with its full-bodied, ripe, yet elegant style. Cassis, graphite, espresso roast, and lead pencil notes define the aromatics, and it has a beautiful spine of acidity, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It shows the ripe, exuberant yet structured style of the vintage beautifully. The blend is 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Carmenère, harvested between the 9th and 26th of September, with an alcohol content of 14.5%, a pH of 3.83, and an IPT of 74. The élevage here is 55% new French oak. Tasted multiple times with consistent notes."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

Château Pontet-Canet 2022
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£538 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

99-100 James Suckling
95-97 Antonio Galloni

97-99+ Jeb Dunnuck
95 Decanter

97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
94-96 Neal Martin

"What a finish on this Pontet-Canet. So much energy and brightness. It's full-bodied yet so tight and focused with superb fruit and transparency. It is racy and fine with super fine texture. It's like crushed cabernet sauvignon with cassis, tobacco and cigar box. Licorice and spices. Freshness of the seed. 57% cabernet sauvignon, 35% merlot, 4% cabernet franc, and 4% petit Verdot."

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"The 2022 Pontet-Canet is a blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 4% Petit Verdot, aging 50% in new oak barrels, 35% in amphoras, and 15% in used barrels. Deep garnet-purple in color, it needs considerable swirling and coaxing to reveal aromas of damp earth, fragrant soil, crushed rocks, and underbrush, giving way to a profound core of blackcurrant cordial, juicy black plums, and fresh blackberries. The full-bodied palate is laden with nuanced black fruits, slowly releasing earthy and mineral-laced flavors, framed by firm, ripe, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing on a lingering fragrant earth note. Talk about tasting the place! This is Pauillac in all its powerful, energetic glory."

97-99 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Lynch Bages 2022
Pauillac 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£636 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-99 James Suckling
97 Jane Anson

95-97 Neal Martin
95-97 Antonio Galloni

93-96 Robert Parker
96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Lynch-Bages was picked 12 September, around 15 days earlier than usual until 24 September at around 35hL/ha. Aged for 18 months in 75% new oak, it has a backward nose that demands a lot of encouragement. This is not as immediate as the 2016 or 2019 at the same stage. Powerful blackberry and boysenberry fruit, cedar and light tobacco notes, this feels like an edifice of aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins, beautifully balanced, very harmonious yet there is an enormous backbone here that (again) is reminiscent of Mouton. Extremely long on the finish, this will need its barrel maturation to fully knit together and it is going to be a Pauillac for the long haul."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"Wow. Blackcurrants, blueberries, blackberries and flowers. Full-bodied with beautifully integrated tannins that melt into the wine. Persistent and precise. A fantastic wine for the cellar. 66% cabernet sauvignon, 28% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

Château Pichon-Baron 2022
Pauillac 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£810 per 6 IB
Drink to 2048
Arriving Spring 2025

96-97 James Suckling
97 Decanter

96-98 Antonio Galloni
96-98 Neal Martin

95-97 Robert Parker
96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Pichon Baron was picked 8 September to 3 October and matured in 70% new oak. It has wonderful precision on the nose, with intense blackberry and bilberry fruit, crushed stone and graphite. The oak is seamlessly integrated. The palate is tensile right from the start. Taut and linear, fresh, quite saline with a nuanced touch of black pepper toward the finish. Real pedigree and sophistication here, this is a magnificent Pichon-Baron that achieves a new level of precision thanks to the more piecemeal Sauternes-inspired harvest in tandem with their new winery."

96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Pichon Baron is marvelous. It continues a series of vintages that have been absolutely compelling. Bright red-toned fruit, spice, rose petal and blood orange lend considerable brightness throughout. More than anything else, the 2022 impresses with its precision and magnificent balance."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Pichon-Lalande 2022
Pauillac 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£1032 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

97-100 Jeb Dunnuck
96-99 Antonio Galloni

98-99 James Suckling
96-98 Neal Martin

98-100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
97-99 Robert Parker

"The 2022 Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande is one wine where a comparison with this estate's magical 1982 doesn't appear to be far-fetched. Wafting from the glass with deep aromas of cassis, plums, violets, rose petals, tobacco leaf and pencil shavings, it's full-bodied, supple and fleshy, with a layered, seamless core of fruit that largely conceals its chassis of powdery structuring tannin. Concluding with a long, expansive and beautifully perfumed finish, it's a blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc that has the potential to equal or even surpass the 2019 and 2016 vintages at this address. It checks in at a very classical 13.6% alcohol and a rather high pH of 3.80."

97-99 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

"One of my favourite wines from 2022, utterly seductive from the first sip, this is a stunning effort that shows the power of Pauillac in 2022 delivered with elegance and class. Heavily scented on the nose, full of dark fruits, savoury notes of salty chocolate and floral scents. Smooth and so appealing in the mouth, the texture stands out, deep and rich but soft and chalky, tannins have a subtle powderiness that spreads the mouth, cooling and refreshing giving the minerality while the cool black and blue fruits linger in layers expanding vertically. This is so refined and polished - it's serious no doubt, not super fun, but it doesn't need to be, it's rich and sumptuous with sweet blue fruits balanced by high acidity that keeps the focus and energy. Bright, bold, well worked, clean, crystalline and pure. Somehow delicate and punchy at the same time. A mind-blowing wine that you just have to marvel at with intensity, brightness and vibrancy, building as it goes. A long, clean finish leaves you wanting more, salivating for that next sip. 3.8pH. A potential 100-point wine. 3.8pH. 50% grand vin. Tasted twice."

98 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com, April 2023

Le Petit Mouton 2022
Pauillac



£1098 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2025

95-96 James Suckling
92-94 Neal Martin

95 Jane Anson
92-94 Robert Parker

91-93 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Le Petit Mouton has an intense bouquet with violet infused cassis and blackberry fruit, just a faint touch of Medjool dates in the background. It opens extremely confidently in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins. Structured, granular in texture and multi-layered, it's quite difficult to recognize this as a mere Deuxieme Vin. Long on the aftertaste, this is an outstanding Le Petit Mouton."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"Representing some 29% of the estate's production this year, the 2022 Le Petit Mouton shares much of the character of the grand vin, offering up a rich bouquet of cassis, dark berries, espresso roast and cigar wrapper, followed by a medium to full-bodied, velvety and layered palate that's fleshy and concentrated, with powdery tannins and an expansive finish."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

**Château Mouton-Rothschild
2022**
Pauillac 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£3108 per 6 IB
£1554 per 3 IB
Drink to 2055
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
98-99 James Suckling

98-100 Jeb Dunnuck
96-98 Neal Martin

96-99 Robert Parker
96-98 Antonio Galloni

"A brilliant wine that likely sits somewhere between the 2019 and 2020 in quality, the 2022 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot. Unwinding in the glass with complex aromas of minty cassis, cigar wrapper, violets and subtle hints of loamy soil, it's full-bodied, deep and concentrated, with a layered core of fruit and a fleshy, elegantly muscular profile. Broad-shouldered and seamless, it concludes with a long, resonant finish. This year the grand vin represents some 49% of the estate's production."

96-99 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

"The 2022 Mouton Rothschild, 92% Cabernet Sauvignon and 8% Merlot, is aging in 100% new oak. Deep garnet-purple in color, it is incredibly closed to start off, needing a lot of shaking to wake up subtle notes of blackcurrant jelly, ripe blackberries, and fresh mulberries, leading to hints of espresso, crushed rocks, iris bulb, and star anise. Compared with the nose, the mouth wows with explosive, intense flavors of cassis, black cherries, and licorice that fill the palate, framed by very firm, beautifully ripe tannins and a lively backbone, finishing very long with mineral and floral sparks. It is amazing how classical this Mouton this is, considering the extreme vintage. A legend in the making. pH 3.89, TPI 76."

98-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, thewineindependent.com May 2023

Château Lafite-Rothschild 2022
Pauillac 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£3570 per 6 IB
£1785 per 3 IB
Drink to 2050+
Arriving Spring 2025

99-100 James Suckling
96-98 Neal Martin

98-100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-98 Antonio Galloni

97-99 Jeb Dunnuck
95-97 Robert Parker

"The 2022 Lafite Rothschild is shaping up to be one of the wines of the vintage. All of the Lafite signatures are present, but what impresses most about the 2022 is its poise, its stature. Readers will find a regal, statuesque Lafite built for serious aging. There's tons of fruit and tannin, all masterfully put together. A modern-day classic."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

"A classical Lafite that reminds me of something like the 1986, with its blackcurrant and tobacco character with cedar and hazelnut, but it's so today with its purity and precision. It's really about being Lafite here. Terroir gives great elegance with strength."

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"Composed of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, and 1% Petit Verdot, the 2022 Lafite Rothschild is deep garnet-purple in color. The nose is almost impenetrable to start, needing a lot of shaking to wake up delicate scents of crushed red and black currants, raspberry leaves, warm plums, and boysenberries, followed by hints of crushed rocks, damp earth, lilacs, and Jasmine tea, with just a hint of orange peel. The palate is classic great Lafite, featuring incredibly tightly knit layers of black fruits, minerals, and floral notes bound with a rock-solid structure of exquisitely fine, very firm tannins and bold freshness, finishing with epic length and depth. This is an intellectual triumph, but don't think about touching it for 10-15 years. pH 3.85."

98-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com, May 2023

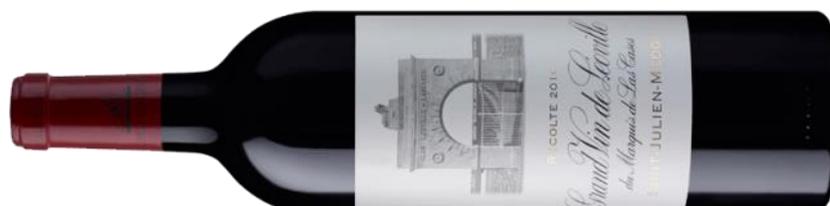
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**FINE
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St-Julien

“I was blown away by the 2022 Château Léoville Poyferré”

Jeb Dunnuck



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Gloria	St-Julien	93-96 NM	£377 per 12
Château Langoa-Barton	St-Julien 3ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95+ RP	£214 per 6
Château Saint-Pierre	Saint-Julien 4ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 NM	£275 per 6
Clos du Marquis	St-Julien	93-96 RP	£363 per 6
Château Gruaud-Larose	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£420 per 6
Château Leoville-Poyferré	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-100 JD	£502 per 6
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou	St-Julien 2ème Grand Cru Classé	20 MJ	£1122 per 6



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FINE WINE

Château Gloria 2022
St-Julien



£377 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 James Suckling
94-96 Neal Martin

94-96 Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Antonio Galloni

91-93 Robert Parker
92-94 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Gloria was picked from 12-26 September and matured in 40% new oak, slightly less than the Saint-Pierre. It has a perfumed, floral nose with crushed violet infusing the black cherry and blueberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with sumptuous tannins that belie the structure underneath. With pure fruit and well-judged acidity, this 2022 is sensual with a persistent and lightly spiced finish. Superb."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Gloria is terrific. Bold and punchy, Gloria offers all of its typical charms but with an extra kick of fruit richness. Sumptuous red/purplish fruit, blood orange, spice, mint and rose petals are nicely dialed up in this super-expressive, delicious Saint-Julien. Tasted two times."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

Château Langoa-Barton 2022
St-Julien 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£214 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95 Robert Parker
94 Jane Anson

96-97 James Suckling
93-95 Jeff Leve

92-94 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
91-93 Antonio Galloni

"The first vintage produced in the estate's new winery, which more than doubled the number of vats, permitting sub-plot by sub-plot vinification, the brilliant 2022 Langoa Barton offers up aromas of dark berries, cassis, violets and cigar wrapper, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and fleshy palate endowed with terrific depth and tension. Polished and penetrating, it should match or even surpass the 2019 and 2016 vintages, and it is sure to be one of the more intelligent purchases of the en primeur campaign."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"Another successful vintage for Langoa, with dense cherry pit, graphite, smoked earth and bilberry fruits. Glass-staining ruby colour, a little atypical for the estate with its gourmet edge that gives supple tannins and a rich mid-palate, with concentrated fruit and spices all balanced by great tannic architecture. This is an impressive St Julien from the Barton family, with a ton of ageing potential. 60% new oak.."

94 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com May 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Saint Pierre 2022
St-Julien 4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£275 per 6 IB
Drink to 2047
Arriving Spring 2025

94-96 Neal Martin
93-94+ Robert Parker

95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck
94 Jane Anson

95-97 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
93-95 Antonio Galloni

"The 2022 Saint-Pierre was picked 12-26 September at around 35hL/ha and matured in 48% new oak. It has an intense bouquet with black cherries, iodine and touches of blood orange. Delineated and focused. The palate is where the action is with gorgeous svelte tannins, perfectly judged acidity, harmonious, plush but not overbearing. Velvety toward the finish, yet there is real tenderness here. It actually is reminiscent of Las-Cases at the moment."
94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Saint-Pierre (Saint-Julien) is superb. Dark, sumptuous and beautifully layered, Saint-Pierre is a wine of mystery. Inky dark fruit, lavender, licorice, plum, chocolate and gravel all build as the 2022 shows off its layered, somber personality. As always, Saint-Pierre packs a tremendous punch. It's all there in the 2022."
93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

Clos du Marquis 2022
St-Julien



£363 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95+ Robert Parker
92-94 Neal Martin

95-96 James Suckling
93 Decanter

95-97 Jeb Dunnuck
92-94 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Clos du Marquis was picked from 8-30 September and is matured in 53% new oak with 14.25% alcohol. It is very perfumed and high-toned on the nose. The 2022 is floral and powerful, with black cherries and blueberry fruit, perhaps not quite the delineation, almost pastille-like. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, fresh with pleasing mineralité. This remains linear and tensile toward the finish, with graphite lingering on the aftertaste. Excellent."
92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"We've never seen such refined Cabernet Sauvignon at this property," says Jean-Hubert Delon of the 2022 Clos du Marquis, and the resulting wine is certainly unusually suave and expressive, bursting with aromas of cassis, plums, orange zest, violets and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, with excellent concentration, supple tannins and a long, mouthwatering finish, it will likely offer a rather broad drinking window."
93-95+ Pts, William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Gruaud-Larose 2022
St-Julien
2ème Grand Cru Classé



£420 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

95-97 Neal Martin
96 Jane Anson

94-96+ Robert Parker
93-95 Antonio Galloni

97 Decanter
94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Gruaud Larose was picked from 7 to 24 September and includes a little more pressed wine this year: 13.5% exclusively from Cabernet Sauvignon due to the quality. This latest vintage matured for a planned 18 months in 95% new oak. Significantly, this is the first year under organic certification (notice two storks on the label signifying this. Maybe they are carrying a little Gruaud baby?) At 13.64% alcohol, this is less than many other properties for those seeking slower intoxication. It has an impressive bouquet with pure blackberry and raspberry fruit, black truffle and sous-bois scents. I am impressed by its delineation and focus; frankly, these are the nicest aromatics I've encountered for a while at this address. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grain tannins. I cannot remember a Gruaud at this nascent stage that exhibits this level of energy and tension deriving from the Cabernet Sauvignon extracted at the beginning of vinification. There's much more precision here. Mineral-driven toward the finish, this easily surpasses vintages made at the estate over the last decade and more. Perhaps like the legendary Gruauds of old (1982, 1961, 1928, even 1870)? Gruaud reborn."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The progress at this estate continues with the terrific 2022 Gruaud Larose, a blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc that unfurls in the glass with deep aromas of minty blackberries, violets and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, it's elegantly muscular, with a broad attack that segues into a concentrated mid-palate framed by supple, powdery tannins. Richer and more brooding than its 2020 and 2019 counterparts, it confirms Gruaud's return to the Saint-Julien élite. Around one-third of the production made it into the grand vin this year, the château's first with organic certification."

94-96+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

Château Léoville-Poyferré 2022
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£502 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050+
Arriving Spring 2025

97-100 Jeb Dunnuck
96-97 James Suckling

96-98 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
95-97 Neal Martin

94-96 Robert Parker
94-96 Antonio Galloni

"I was blown away by the 2022 Château Léoville Poyferré, which is a classic blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 4% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Harvest spanned from the 8th to the 28th of September, the vinification is in tronconique tanks (parcel by parcel), and the élevage will span 18-20 months in 80% new barrels. This inky hued beauty offers that rare mix of power and elegance and offers ample cassis and assorted blue fruits, full-bodied richness, an opulent, concentrated, yet flawlessly balanced mouthfeel, velvety tannins, and plenty of classic Saint-Julien violets, espresso roast, and crushed stone-like minerality. Despite its incredible concentration and depth, it stays beautifully balanced. In a region that seems to only talk about finesse and elegance, it's a relief to still have producers such as this producing powerful, intense, singular wines. Hats off to the Cuvelier family and their team."

97-100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"The 2022 Leoville Poyferre is made from 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 4% Petit Verdot, with a yield of 33.4 hl/ha. It bursts onto the scene with gregarious scents of blackcurrant preserves, wild blueberries, and rose oil, leading to wafts of candied violets, licorice, and crushed rocks with a hint of cinnamon stick. The medium to full-bodied palate is rich, plush, and impactful, delivering beautiful tension and very respectable, fine-grained tannins, finishing long and opulent. This is a show-stopper! pH 3.87, TPI 93."

96-98 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2023

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Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2022
St-Julien 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£1122 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

94-96 Robert Parker
97-99 Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Neal Martin
97-98 James Suckling

95-97 Antonio Galloni
97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

“One of the Médoc's most powerful wines this year is the 2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou, a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot that opens in the glass with aromas of dark cherries and berries mingled with pencils shavings, vanilla pod and spices. Full-bodied, broad-shouldered and muscular, with a core of ripe but lively fruit underpinned by a chassis of powdery, liberally extracted tannin that asserts itself on the finish, it's a punchy, modern Saint-Julien reminiscent of a hypothetical blend of the 2018 and 2020.”

94-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

“The 2022 Ducru-Beaucaillou is made from 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot with a yield of 29 hl/ha, and represents 25% of the year's production. Deep garnet-purple in color, it soars out of the glass with graceful, energetic notes of crushed blackcurrants, redcurrant preserves, wild blueberries, and dark chocolate, followed by touches of violets, clove oil, cumin seed, and cast-iron pan. The medium to full-bodied palate is built like a skyscraper, delivering very firm, super-ripe, grainy tannins and seamless freshness to support the densely laden, vibrant black fruits, finishing very long with a spectacular display of mineral and floral fireworks. pH 3.80, TPI 95.”

97-99 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Vinous.com May 2023

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 Margaux

“A wine that’s going to flirt with perfection.”

Jeb Dunnuck on Rauzan-Ségla



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Labégorce	Margaux	92-94 NM	£300 per 12
Château Angludet	Margaux	94 JA	£162 per 6
Château Cantenac-Brown	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	94-96 NM	£243 per 6
Château Malescot St Exupéry	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 NM	£270 per 6
Château Giscours	Margaux 3ème Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£300 per 6
Château Brane-Cantenac	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£360 per 6
Alter Ego de Château Palmer	Margaux	96-97 JS	£402 per 6
Château Rauzan-Ségla	Margaux 2ème Grand Cru Classé	97-99 LPB	£505 per 6
Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux	Margaux	94-96 JD	£900 per 6



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FINE WINE

Château Labégorce 2022
Margaux Cru Bourgeois



£300 per 12 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2025

92-94 Neal Martin
91-93 Antonio Galloni

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
93 Jane Anson

95 Decanter
94 Jeff Leve

"The 2022 Labégorce, which sees the introduction of Cabernet Franc, was picked 12 September to 5 October and aged in 40% new oak. This needs a little time to find its voice on the nose, touches of black pepper infusing the red and blueberry fruit. There is a hint of terracotta. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, tensile, expressive with a lightly spiced, gentle grip. Just a bit of dryness appears on the finish but that will round out during élevage. This will be an utterly charming Margaux."

92-94 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"I continue to love the wines from Labégorce. Their 2022 checks in as 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Classic notes of darker currants, blackberries, smoked tobacco, and fresh earth all flow to a medium to full-bodied, pure, layered Margaux offering quality tannins as well as terrific purity of fruit. Pulled from 85% of the total production and aging in 40% new French oak, it's going to offer pleasure right out of the gate yet still have two decades of longevity."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

Château Angludet 2022
Margaux



£162 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

95 Decanter

94 Jane Anson

91-93 Robert Parker

"The Bordelais machine has already begun to alienate potential consumers with exaggerated claims to the effect that 2022 is "the best vintage ever"; yet there are some wines that do actually appear to merit such hyperbole, and the 2022 D'Angludet is one of them. Offering up deep aromas of inky cassis, plums, pencil lead and subtle spices, it's medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy, with a broad attack, ripe acids and a supple, seamless profile, concluding with an expansive finish."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"Really fragrant, you can smell the Petit Verdot with milk chocolate and blackcurrant aromas - open, fresh, appealing, perfumed, generous and lifted. Clean and pure on the palate with a lovely delicacy of flavour and freshness. Black fruit has concentration but this keeps a sleek, focussed frame - so balanced, moreish and perfectly weighted in the mouth. Juicy, chewy, spiced - complete and long and leaves you wanting more. A complex and mouthwateringly fresh Margaux with tang and style. One to look out for! 3.8pH. A yield of 26hl/ha. Ageing 12 months; 30% amphora, 70% French oak (30% new). The first time in Angludet history that the blend has been finalised before ageing."

95 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Cantenac-Brown 2022
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£243 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

93-94 James Suckling
90-93 Antonio Galloni

94-96 Neal Martin
94-96 Robert Parker

95 Jane Anson
96 Decanter

"A few years ago, this estate purchased 22 additional hectares in the heart of the plateau of Margaux, including old vine Cabernet Sauvignon that is now making an appreciable contribution to the blend, and that helps to explain why the 2022 Cantenac Brown is so good. Unwinding in the glass with notes of dark berries, plums, charcoal, pencil shavings and violets, it's medium to full-bodied, rich and elegantly muscular, with a layered core, refined tannins and a penetrating finish. The finest wine that José Sanfins has produced to date, the 2022 only improved during the several weeks I spent in Bordeaux. It's a blend of 69% Cabernet Sauvignon and 31% Merlot."

94-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"The 2022 Cantenac Brown has an elegant nose, showing pure black cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant pastilles and cedar aromas. I appreciate the mineralité here. The palate is medium-bodied with supple but firm tannins, nicely structured. There's a crescendo of fruit toward the mineral-driven finish. Cohesive and full of character, this is another superb Margaux from an estate in the ascendant under winemaker José Sanfins."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

Château Malescot-St-Exupéry
2022
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£270 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
93-95 Robert Parker

92-94 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck

93-95 Neal Martin
94 Decanter

"The 2022 Malescot Saint Exupéry was picked from 19 September until 5 October, stopping over two weekends as it rained. Every parcel contributed fruit to the Grand Vin and there is 14.5% alcohol. Raised in 70% new oak with most of the malo done in barrel, it has a fragrant bouquet with red cherries, raspberry coulis, blueberry and violet scents. The palate has a well-defined entry with sour cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant and touches of marmalade. Not powerful, but harmonious with a silky texture, this is a precision-tooled Margaux that will give 20 to 30 years of drinking pleasure."

93-95 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Château Malescot Saint Exupéry is gorgeous and certainly a Margaux worth seeking out. Dense purple-hued, with a rich, powerful bouquet of ripe black fruits, melted chocolate, smoked tobacco, and spice, it picks up a beautiful floral character with air, is full-bodied, and has a layered, opulent mouthfeel as well as a great finish. It shows the vintage's building yet velvety tannins and is going to warrant just 4-5 years or more of bottle age, but it's a brilliant wine in the making."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Giscours 2022
Margaux 3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£300 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050+
Arriving Spring 2025

95-97 Antonio Galloni
95 Jane Anson

97-98 James Suckling
94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

94-96 Robert Parker
95-97 Neal Martin

"The 2022 Giscours was picked between 1 and 29 September, one of the earliest ever, with no SO2 added until blending and using bio-protection (yeasts) to protect the must. It has a delightful and sensual bouquet with lifted, violet and peony-scented blueberry and black cherry fruit. This is very well-defined and perhaps the purest I have encountered from barrel. The palate is medium-bodied with a disarming silky texture, harmonious and focused. It's mineral-driven with a poised and pixelated finish. Certainly, this represents one of the best wines from this Margaux estate in recent years, echoing their golden period of the 60s and early 70s. Tasted twice with consistent notes. 2030-2070."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com May 2023

"With the 2022 Giscours, this estate takes another step up, delivering a deep and characterful wine redolent of cherries, dark berries, violets, peony and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, broad shouldered and layered, it's deep and elegantly muscular, with impressive concentration, abundant but refined tannins and a structural authority reminiscent of the great Giscours vintages of the 1970s. Why is it so good? There are many reasons, but one is the high proportion of old vines—almost 60% of the blend deriving from vines that are over 50 years old—in a vintage that favored vines with deep, well-established root systems. Another is the increasing precision of harvesting at this address: Giscours's old vines are frequently co-planted with younger replacements that have filled any gaps in the ranks over the years; so, blocks are now picked in two or three passages instead of all at once, with the younger vines picked first."

94-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

Château Brane-Cantenac 2022
Margaux 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£360 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

96-98 Neal Martin
96-97 James Suckling

98 Decanter
95-97 Robert Parker

98 Jane Anson
95-97 Antonio Galloni

"The 2022 Brane-Cantenac, as usual, is a wine that you must sit and contemplate before words gush forth. It was picked from 7 September to 10 October (their tiny plot of Carmenère) at 31.5hL/ha and contains 16% vin de presse from the Cabernet Sauvignon. It is well-defined and fresh, a very subtle Margaux, precise with blackberry, wild strawberry, cedar and tobacco scents. As previous vintages have proven, there's a kind of "hidden depth" that will become apparent post-bottling. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins, very elegant and unashamedly classic in style. This is blessed with haunting poise, composed and detailed on the finish. This Margaux is not a show stopper, which in any case, is not really Henri Lurton/Brane Cantenac's signature style. Instead, it is a wine that 15 to 20 years down the road, you are going to treasure."

96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Brane-Cantenac is captivating. Aromatic, savory and layered, the 2022 is so alluring from the outset. The natural radiance of the year is very much on display, and yet there is nothing that is overdone about the 2022. Hints of blood orange, spice, rose petal and minerals open over time, offering stunning contrast to the sheer intensity of the fruit shaped by low yields and tiny berries. Brane-Cantenac is, in my view, one of the most under-the-radar wines on the Left Bank. The 2022 is a stunner."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

**Alter Ego de
Château Palmer 2022
Margaux**



£402 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2025

**93-95 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Robert Parker**

**96-97 James Suckling
93 Decanter**

**90-92 Neal Martin
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck**

"A blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot, the 2022 Alter Ego de Palmer offers up aromas of cherries, wild berries and plums mingled with vine smoke and rose petals. Medium to full-bodied, deep and brooding, with a layered core of fruit, lively acids and rich, powdery tannins, it's a gourmand, voluptuous wine that will offer a broad drinking window."

91-93 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, May 2023

"The 2022 Alter Ego is a total pleasure bomb. Ripe and sensual, with caressing tannins, the 2022 is exceptionally beautiful. Floral and spice top notes lend tons of aromatic presence. More than anything, though, I am so impressed with the wine's exceptional balance. Especially the tannins. Nothing in particular stands out, as the wine's balance is nothing short of magnificent. The 2022 is pure and total sensuality."

93-95 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2023

**Château Rauzan Ségla 2022
Margaux 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé**



£505 per 6 IB
Drink to 2048
Arriving Spring 2025

**97-99 Jeb Dunnuck
97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

**96-97 Robert Parker
95-97 Neal Martin**

**97-98 James Suckling
95-97 Antonio Galloni**

"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2022 Rauzan-Ségla is made from 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, and 2% Petit Verdot, aging for 18 months in French oak, 50% of it new. A little swirling unleashes an explosion of black and red currant jelly, wild blueberries, and chocolate-covered cherries, giving way to a fragrant undercurrent of violets, underbrush, and crushed rocks with a touch of star anise. The full-bodied palate is built like a brick house and crafted like a Chanel suit, with a firm backbone of super-ripe, grainy tannins and impressive tension supporting a gorgeous array of floral, spice, and black fruit layers, finishing very long and with impeccable grace. pH 3.7."

97-99 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2023

"This château has been firing on all cylinders of late, no doubt due to the talents of technical director Nicolas Audebert, and a wine that's going to flirt with perfection is their 2022 Château Rauzan-Ségla. Powerful notes of black cherries, currants, smoked tobacco, chocolate, and leafy herbs all define the aromatics, and it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a deep, layered, concentrated texture, ripe yet building tannins, and a great finish. This is a legit great wine that's going to rival the 2010, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2020."

97-99 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, May 2023

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**Pavillon Rouge du
Château Margaux 2022
Margaux**



£900 per 6 IB
Drink to 2042
Arriving Spring 2025

**94-95 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**93-95+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
92-94 Robert Parker**

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Neal Martin**

“The 2022 Pavillon Rouge, which represents 32% of the production this year, has a highly perfumed nose with wilted violets chaperoning the copious black fruit. Wonderful definition. The palate is medium-bodied with fine boned tannins. Silky smooth and sensual, with a mineral-driven finish, this sashays along in style. One of the few 2022's whose barrel sample is so seductive I could have eloped with it there and then. 14.8% alcohol.”
91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

“You could easily mistake the 2022 Pavillon Rouge De Margaux for the Grand Vin here, and truth be told, I wouldn't be surprised to see this actually evolve better than some of the Grand Vins from just over 10-15 years ago. A blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Petit Verdot (the second wine got all the Petit Verdot in 2022), it offers a deep, medium to full-bodied, seamless profile as well as solid framboise, darker raspberry, currants, sandalwood, and spice aromatics, silky tannins, and outstanding length. The purity and precision paired with this level of texture and richness far exceeds the vast majority of second wines out there.”
94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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Graves & Pessac-Léognan Reds

“A classic, breath-taking expression of Haut-Brion”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Domaine de Chevalier	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£340 per 6
Château Pape Clément	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-98 JS	£375 per 6
Château Haut Bailly	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	96-98 NM	£720 per 6
Château La Mission Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	97-99 NM	£1590 per 6
Château Haut-Brion	Pessac-Léognan 1er Grand Cru Classé	97-99+ NM	£3090 per 6



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FINE WINE

Domaine de Chevalier 2022
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£340 per 6 IB
Drink to 2046+
Arriving Spring 2025

98-99 James Suckling
94-96 Robert Parker

93-96 Antonio Galloni
96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 Neal Martin
96-98 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Domaine de Chevalier was picked from 5-30 September and represents the 40th vintage under the irrepressible Olivier Bernard, who celebrates with a one-off label. It soars from the glass with take-no-prisoner aromatics: perfumed mineral-rich red berry fruit, incense and black truffle. Pessac-like earthiness with an opposing airiness defines many a great wine from this estate. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins. Slightly powdery in texture and saline in the mouth, this gets the saliva flowing. However, the arching structure on the finish suggests it will require considerable bottle age. Cellar this for a couple of decades, and you'll be repaid handsomely. 14% alcohol."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"A blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 Domaine de Chevalier delivers aromas of minty dark berries, cherries and ripe plums mingled with hints of licorice, coniferous forest and spices. Medium to full-bodied, it's concentrated and layered, textured and elegant, framed by powdery tannins and concluding with a long, penetrating, long finish. Olivier Bernard and his team have crafted an outstanding wine that will bear a special label commemorating his 40th vinification at this Pessac-Léognan reference point."

94-96 Pts Yohan Castaing, RobertParker.com April 2023

Château Pape-Clément 2022
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£375 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

97-98 James Suckling
96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck

92-94 Robert Parker
93-96 Antonio Galloni

94-96 Neal Martin
95-97 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Pape Clément was picked 7-27 September at 35hL/ha, aged in 60% new oak. It has quite an open and expressive bouquet at this stage, with blackcurrant and bilberry scents. A more sensual Pape Clément perhaps, the oak is neatly integrated. Black olives emerge with time, hints of sea spray - this is certainly a wine you have to stay with. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. Layers of black fruit laced with graphite and cedar, rendering this 2022 quite Pauillac-like in style. Nicely controlled on the finish, this is a Pape Clément with breeding."

94-96 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Pape Clément is shaping up to be a gem. Deep, pliant and layered in the glass, the 2022 possesses notable energy and vibrancy to play off its core of rich, sumptuous fruit. Soft, plush contours wrap it all together. Time in the glass brings out notable energy, especially as the mid-palate opens into the gorgeous, palate-staining finish. The 2022 is unusual in that it is 60% Merlot, rather than the more typical blend of equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Tasted three times."

93-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Haut-Bailly 2022
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£720 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Jeb Dunnuck
97-98 James Suckling

96-98 Neal Martin
97 Jane Anson

93-96 Antonio Galloni
94-96 Robert Parker

"The 2022 Haut-Bailly was picked between 7 and 27 September and underwent a four-week cuvaison, taking longer to consume the sugar and was matured in 50% new oak. It has a bouquet that compels you just to sit and contemplate. It gradually unfolds with blackberry, raspberry, potpourri and iris flower scents, well-defined, not showy but suave. The palate is medium-bodied with filigree tannins. Minerals, black pepper and clove off a gentle grip with an impressive crescendo. It will need a decade in bottle. This Haut-Bailly has a haunting beauty, the kind of wine that will bring people to tears!"

96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"Incredible complexity of aromas here with ripe currants and blackberries, but also dried flowers like violets and roses. Then there's forest flower character such as bark, mushroom and sandalwood. Black truffles. Full-bodied with tight and chewy tannins that are polished and pure, with a solid and tight finish. It builds on your palate and frames the wine beautifully. 56% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 2% cabernet franc."

97-98 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
2022
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£1590 per 6 IB
Drink to 2052
Arriving Spring 2025

97-99 Neal Martin
97 Decanter

97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
98-99 James Suckling

94-96 Robert Parker
97-99 Antonio Galloni

"The 2022 La Mission Haut-Brion is matured in 70% new oak. It has a very refined bouquet with mineral-driven dark berry fruit, hints of Earl Grey and freshly-rolled tobacco, focused with exquisite delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins that still provide the backbone to what is the most elegant La Missions that I have tasted at this stage. It is harmonious and silky toward its extremely persistent finish. At the moment, it has got its nose just in front of its First Growth sibling...at least at the moment. For sure, it's going to be one of the standouts of the 2022 vintage."

97-99 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 La Mission Haut-Brion is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. Dark, powerful and imposing, with compelling inner sweetness, La Mission is positively striking. The purity of the flavors is striking, but the wine's statuesque personality might be even more impressive. Time in the glass brings out all sorts of savory and mineral notes that add complexity. The balance here is just mind-blowing. What a wine!"

97-99 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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Château Haut-Brion 2022
Pessac-Léognan
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£3090 per 6 IB
Drink to 2052
Arriving Spring 2025

98-99 James Suckling
97-99 Antonio Galloni

97-99+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
95-97 Robert Parker

96-98 Neal Martin
96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2022 Haut-Brion is a blend of 53.6% Merlot, 35.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 11% Cabernet Franc aging in 62.9% new oak. The nose is typically closed and broody, requiring a lot of shaking to wake up enticing notes of iron ore, red roses, lavender, mint tea, and forest floor, leading to a tantalizing core of plum preserves and blueberry pie. The medium to full-bodied palate is very tightly knit with vibrant black and blue fruit layers and red berry sparks, framed by very fine-grained tannins and a refreshing backbone, finishing long and minerally. A classic, breath-taking expression of Haut-Brion, I expect this to remain shy and restrained for the first 10 years so in bottle, and then watch it soar.”

97-99+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2023

“The 2022 Haut-Brion comes across as a bit restrained, given the natural opulence of the year and the other wines in the Clarence Dillon portfolio. Deep and wonderfully layered, the 2022 possesses remarkable depth but also a bit less of the explosive energy that is such a Haut-Brion signature. I suspect that will come in time, as the 2022 starts to show quite a bit better with a little aeration. Violet, gravel, incense, leather, tobacco and scorched earth linger. Superb.”

97-99 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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Other Left Bank Reds

*“The finest wine this estate has produced
in some time”*

William Kelley on Potensac



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Cissac	Haut-Médoc	89-91+ RP	£100 per 12
Château Beaumont	Haut-Médoc	92 JA	£120 per 12
Château Sénéjac	Haut-Médoc	93-94 JS	£143 per 12
Château Mauvesin Barton	Moulis-en-Médoc	91-93+ LPB	£147 per 12
Château Potensac	Haut-Médoc	94-95 JS	£246 per 12
Château Belgrave	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	89-91 NM	£264 per 12
Château Cantemerle	Haut-Médoc 5ème Grand Cru Classé	93-94 JS	£265 per 12



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FINE WINE

Château Cissac 2022
Haut-Médoc



£100 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2025

89-91+ Robert Parker

90-91 James Suckling

"This Haut-Médoc stalwart continues its subtle stylistic evolution towards more charm and finesse with the 2022 Cissac, a strong effort evocative of graphite, tobacco, smoke, cassis and violets mingled with well-integrated hints of oak. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated and layered, it's classy and vibrant, concluding with a slightly austere finish. This long-lived red is a blend of 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot and 5.5% Petit Verdot and the rest Malbec."

89-91+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"Structured and meaty with medium body and chalky tannins. Polished finish with hints of crushed stones."

90-91 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

Château Beaumont 2022
Haut-Médoc
Cru Bourgeois Supérieur



£120 per 12 IB
Drink to 2031
Arriving Spring 2025

90-91 James Suckling
90 Decanter

90-92 Neal Martin
88-90 Antonio Galloni

90-92 Jeb Dunnuck
92 Jane Anson

"The 2022 Beaumont has a classy bouquet with blackberry, wild hedgerow, iodine and subtle iris flower scents. The oak is neatly integrated, and it retains delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannins, fleshy and almost creamy in texture. With good depth and light spice, the 2022 is cohesive on the finish. This will be a thoroughly enjoyable Beaumont that should age well in bottle. Tasted thrice with consistent notes."

90-92 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"Tasted on two separate occasions, the 2022 Château Beaumont is a beautiful Haut-Médoc based on 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot mostly from sandy soils. Given the challenging conditions of the vintage, it would be easy to assume this would be a subpar release (the vintage was particularly challenging for sandy soils), but you'd be mistaken. This offers impressive purity in its red, blue, and black fruits as well as notes of chocolate and scorched earth. With medium body, present yet ripe tannins, and outstanding length, it's going to drink well immediately on release and evolve for 10-12 years or more."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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Château Sénéjac 2022 Haut-Médoc



£143 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2025

93-94 James Suckling

90-92 Robert Parker

"The 2022 Sénéjac is one of the best wines that this northern Médoc cru Bourgeois has produced in the last decade or two. Offering up aromas of cherries, dark berries, peonies and pencil shavings, it's medium to full-bodied, velvety and succulent, with a rich core of fruit, supple tannins and a persistent finish."

90-92 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"Very attractive, crunchy dark fruit with medium to full body and spiced, chocolatey character. Firm and structured with velvety tannins and a lingering finish. Plenty of currant and hazelnut character."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

Château Mauvesin-Barton 2022 Moulis-en-Médoc



£147 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2025

92-93 James Suckling
90-92 Antonio Galloni

91-93 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
90-92 Jeff Leve

90-92 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2022 Mauvesin Barton is a joy to taste today. Plump, juicy and forward, the 2022 is marvelously seductive right out of the gate. Expressive floral and spice notes lend complexity to the sweet red cherry/plum fruit. Soft, caressing contours add a gorgeous sense of immediacy."

90-92 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2023

"The 2022 Château Mauvesin Barton is terrific, with a ripe, medium-bodied, elegant profile as well as impressive cassis and currant-like fruit, some tobacco and graphite aromatics, fine tannins, and a great finish. It's a brilliant Moulis in the making."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

Château Belgrave 2022 Haut-Médoc 5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£264 per 12 IB
Drink to 2034+
Arriving Spring 2025

93-94 James Suckling
87-89 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

92-94 Jeff Leve
89-91 Antonio Galloni

93 Jane Anson
87-89 Jeb Dunnuck

"Plenty of graphite and ink notes, cassis and bilberry fruits, firm tannic frame and a juicy finish. 32hl/h yield. Co-fermented Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon because they were unusually ripe at the same time, harvest from September 12 to 28. 3.72ph. Extensive vineyard work over past few years with cover crops, mulching, organic general cover to keep temperature low has helped maintain this attractive freshness and sense of subdued confidence. 25% new oak."

93 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, May 2023

"Black berry, blackcurrant and crushed stone aromas and flavors. Medium to full body. Creamy, velvety tannins."

93-94 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, May 2023

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Château Cantemerle 2022
Haut-Médoc
5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé



£265 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2025

93-94 James Suckling
92-94 Robert Parker

92-94 Robert Parker
91 Jean-Marc Quarin

93 Jane Anson
92-94 Jeff Leve

"The finest wine this estate has produced in some time is the 2022 Cantemerle, a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc that bursts from the glass with aromas of sweet blackberries, violets, rose petals and spices. Medium to full-bodied, ample and fleshy, with an enveloping core of sweet, perfumed fruit framed by supple tannin, it concludes with a long, mouthwatering finish. The pH is a very healthy 3.6 this year, and yields were low at 29 hectoliters per hectare."

92-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

"Intense in both colour and structure, a wine that knows how to make an impact, and it is carrying itself with confidence. Impressive, full of nuanced cassis and bilberry fruit, with liquorice and smoked earth, hints of richly spiced vanilla patisserie cream showing the ripeness of the vintage. This is good, a little abrupt on the finish with a bitter almond kick. Tight tannins at this point. 40% new oak for ageing."

93 Pts, Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, May 2023

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St-Emilion & Satellites

“this seamless, complete Saint-Émilion is sure to be one of the best purchases of the en primeur campaign.”

William Kelley on Château Mangot



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Vieux Château Saint André	Montagne-St Emilion	90-92 RP	£138 per 12
Château Peymouton	St-Emilion Grand Cru	92-93 JS	£160 per 12
Château Mangot	St-Emilion Grand Cru	93-95 RP	£246 per 12
Château Laroque	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	97 JA	£293 per 12
Château Moulin St George	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-95 JS	£300 per 12
Château Tour Saint-Christophe	St-Emilion Grand Cru	94-96 JD	£350 per 12
Château Sansonnet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	95-96 JS	£180 per 6
Château Bellefont-Belcier	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	93-95 RP	£219 per 6
Château Berliquet	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	94-95 RP	£274 per 6
Château Pavie-Macquin	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98 JA	£405 per 6
Château Larcis Ducasse	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JD	£434 per 6
Clos Fourtet	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98 JA	£564 per 6
Château Troplong-Mondot	St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé	98-100 WK	£612 per 6
Château Bélair-Monange	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	98-100 JA	£675 per 6
Château Beauséjour-Duffau-Lagarrosse	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé	95-97 NM	£360 per 3
Château Figeac	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 RP	£1518 per 6
Château Angélys	St-Emilion	98-100 LPB	£2148 per 6
Château Ausone	St-Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé (A)	98-100 JA	£1700 per 3

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Vieux Château Saint André 2022 Montagne St-Emilion



£138 per 12 IB
Drink to 2032
Arriving Spring 2025

93 Decanter

90-92 Robert Parker

93 Jane Anson

"This is always a château to look out for in quality vintages, because you get the skill of the Berrouet family at great value. Helped by the limestone soils also, this is expectedly impressive, softly spoken damson and black cherry fruit, pulses of pomegranate and passion fruit, bitter chocolate and liquorice. A great wine, a buy."

93 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com May 2023

"Revealing aromas of graphite, licorice, ripe dark berries (not to excess) and nicely integrated hints of smoke, the 2022 Vieux Château Saint André is a powerful, rather elegant wine, with velvety tannins and a supple and fleshy palate with racy acids. Jeff Berrouet is doing a stunning job at his own family estate."

90-92 Pts Yohan Castaing, RobertParker.com April 2023

Château Peymouton 2022 St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£160 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Spring 2025

92-93 James Suckling

87-90 Robert Parker

"A medium-bodied red with velvety tannins and a spiced, chocolatey finish with hints of nut shell and dried flowers. Dry and chalky. 82% merlot, 10% cabernet franc and 8% cabernet sauvignon."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"The 2022 Peymouton exhibits aromas of rich berries, cherries and plums, followed by a medium to full-bodied, sweet and fleshy palate with a ripe core of somewhat jammy fruit that's framed by powdery tannins."

87-90 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

Château Mangot 2022 St-Emilion Grand Cru



£246 per 12 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95 Robert Parker
91-93 Antonio Galloni

92 Jane Anson
93 Jeff Leve

94-95 James Suckling
89-91 Neal Martin

"The 2022 Mangot is another impressive wine from this château. Dark red/purplish fruit, lavender, sage, mint and blood orange. Mangot is no longer the brooding powerhouse it once was, but it is still a pretty heady Saint-Émilion. In 2022, it's the balance of fruit intensity and energy that impresses most. Tasted three times."

91-93 Pts, Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, April 2023

"A wine that gets my nod as this dynamic estate's finest to date is the 2022 Mangot, a medium to full-bodied, ample and layered wine evocative of cherries, dark berries, licorice and rose petals. Deep, concentrated and fleshy, with a vibrant core of fruit and a long, mouthwatering finish, this seamless, complete Saint-Émilion is sure to be one of the best purchases of the en primeur campaign."

93-95 Pts, William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Laroque 2022
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£293 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

97 Jane Anson
92-94 Antonio Galloni

93-95 Robert Parker
93-94 James Suckling

95-97 Jeb Dunnuck
94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"You just know that this estate is well placed to succeed in the vintage, and this really does walk the line of ripeness and salinity, such gorgeous definition and vivid energetic fruit. Stretches out through the palate also, has a relaxed confidence to it that is quite unusual in such a full-on vintage. Really impressive, Beaumartin family, David Suire director."

97 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com May 2023

"Clearly one of the new superstars in the appellation, Château Laroque is located on the cooler, eastern edge of Saint-Emilion and consists of pure, classic upper plateau limestone soils. The estate covers a whopping 54 hectares, which gives director Davie Suire ample flexibility when putting together the Grand Vin. Looking at the 2022 Laroque, it's a blend of 98% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc from healthy yields of 41 hectoliters per hectare, representing just 45% of the total production, and it will spend 16-18 months in 50% new French oak. This deep purple-hued beauty offers a classic Saint-Emilion bouquet of crème de cassis, graphite, tobacco, and a liquid rock-like sense of minerality. It's medium to full-bodied, has incredible purity, and ultra-fine tannins. It's unquestionably another beautiful vintage for this chateau that readers will love."

95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

Château Moulin Saint Georges
2022
St-Emilion Grand Cru



£300 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

90-92+ Robert Parker
90-93 Antonio Galloni

95 Jane Anson
93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

94-95 James Suckling
92-94 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"A luxurious feel, with velvety tannins, enjoyable ripe black fruits, gourmet touches of smoked vanilla root and liquorice, all well drawn out through the palate, and providing plenty of estate signature. A well balanced luscious wine with a saline limestone twist. 3.55ph, 100% new oak. 28hl/h yield, smaller than across the rest of the Ausone range because of 50 year old vines planted almost entirely by Alain Vauthier when he arrived 1970. Harvest September 19 to 26."

95 Pts, Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, May 2023

"A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 Moulin Saint-Georges has a deep garnet-purple color. It bursts with bombastic scents of juicy black plums, blueberry pie, and warm cassis, leading to touches of cedar chest, menthol, and lavender. Big, rich, and full-bodied in the mouth, the palate is completely coated with black and blue fruits, supported by firm, velvety tannins, finishing long and decadent. It will need some time to come round, but promises to be a blockbuster!"

92-94 Pts, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Thewineindependent.com, May 2023

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FINE WINE

**Château Tour Saint Christophe
2022
St-Emilion Grand Cru**



£350 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2025

**95-96 James Suckling
94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92-94 Antonio Galloni
93 Jane Anson**

**91-93 Robert Parker
93-95 Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

"The 2022 Tour Saint Christophe comes across as quite laid back in this vintage. Beams of saline energy run through a core of dark-toned fruit, with spice, leather and licorice hints that add complexity throughout. The 2022 is very good, but not as exuberant as it has been in some years. Tasted three times."

92-94 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com May 2023

"Another great wine from this château, the 2022 Château Tour Saint Christophe checks in as 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc brought up in 25% new French oak. It has a great nose of red plums, cassis, chalky minerality, and spice, and this full-bodied Saint-Emilion is impeccably balanced, with a pure, graceful mouthfeel, fine tannins, and outstanding length. The purity of fruit here is truly terrific."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

**Château Sansonnet 2022
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé**



£180 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2025

**95-96 James Suckling
92-94 Antonio Galloni**

**94 Jane Anson
94 Decanter**

**94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck
91-93 Neal Martin**

"The 2022 Sansonnet has a plush, well-defined bouquet with some conspicuous new oak, but there is sufficient fruit behind that. The palate is medium-bodied with a fresh entry, and nicely balanced. Pure and focused with a touch of sour cherry lending tension on the structured finish. Worth seeking out."

91-93 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"Winemaker Marie Lefèvre made a bevy of brilliant wines in 2022, and her 2022 Château Sansonnet is up there with the finest vintages to date. A blend of 92% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, it has a pure, well-oaked, yet balanced and textured style carrying beautiful red and black fruits as well as some floral, spicy background nuances. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, the tannins are ripe and nicely integrated, the balance is spot-on, and it has a great finish. I was able to taste this on multiple occasions and it always impressed."

94-96+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Bellefont-Belcier 2022
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£219 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

97-98 James Suckling
93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Antonio Galloni
95 Jane Anson

93-95 Robert Parker

"This estate's renaissance continues, and the 2022 Bellefont Belcier is both the finest and most elegant wine that the team has produced today. Mingling aromas of plums and sweet berries with notions of rose petals and bay leaf, it's medium to full-bodied, with a deep core of vibrant fruit, beautifully refined tannins and a suave, seamless profile. Readers will remember that this derives from a beautifully situated hillside vineyard, sandwiched between Larcis Ducasse and Tertre Roteboeuf on either side, with holdings belonging to Pavie and Troplong Mondot on the plateau above. The 2022 is a blend of 72% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon."

93-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"Concentrated deep plum colour, beautifully measured capturing the power of the vintage without being overblown. Opens with a burst of fresh red roses and violets on the nose, and the black cherry and damson fruits are shot through with a ton of saffran and turmeric. Mouthwatering sapidity on the finish, this is a brilliant Bellefont Belcier and absolutely one to look out for. 40hl/h yield; 30% new oak barrels for ageing, together with 30% unusual egg-shaped wooden vats, and the rest between one and two year old barrels. Emmanuelle Fulchi d'Aligny technical director, moving over from Château Angélus, and this is the first full vintage under her direction (just did the blend of 2021)."

95 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com May 2023

Château Berliquet 2022
St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé



£274 per 6 IB
Drink to 2040+
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 Robert Parker
93-94 James Suckling

94-96 Jeff Leve
91-93 Antonio Galloni

94 Jane Anson
93-95 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Berliquet is brilliant, bursting with aromas of plums, wild berries and lilac, followed by a medium to full-bodied, concentrated and vibrant palate that's deep and mineral. It's likely to be another of the vintage's more attractive en primeur proportions. This estate just goes from strength to strength—and that's before its new winery has been constructed! One of the most significant changes has been opting to retain higher canopies, which means that the fruiting zone of rows planted along the slope are now shaded, preserving freshness."

94-95 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"The 2022 Berliquet, 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc with a yield of 45 hl/ha, is aging in 44% new oak barrels. Deep garnet-purple in color, it flies out of the glass with notes of lilacs, red roses, and Sichuan pepper, leading to a core of redcurrant jelly, black raspberries, and wild blueberries plus a waft of truffles. The full-bodied palate is rich and opulent, with loads of bright red berry sparks and a lively backbone, finishing on a lingering mineral note. pH 3.55."

93-95 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, thewineIndependent.com May 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Pavie-Macquin 2022
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé



£405 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

98 Jane Anson
96-98+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown

94-96 Robert Parker
92-94 Neal Martin

96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck
95-97 Antonio Galloni

"Another wine that's going to flirt with perfection is the 2022 Château Pavie Macquin, and this might be the finest vintage I've ever tasted from this address. A blend of 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, and a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon, it reveals an inky purple hue as well as a stunning bouquet of pure cassis, liquid black raspberries, truffle, scorched earth, and graphite. Full-bodied, concentrated, and massive on the palate, it may be the largest-scaled Pavie Macquin ever produced. But don't let that scare you off – it stays flawlessly balanced, has pure, fine-grained tannins, and a great finish. I'll be a buyer."

96-98+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"The 2022 Pavie Macquin is a gorgeous wine, not quite as exotic as it can be, which will no doubt please those who find this wine on the richer side within the context of Saint-Émilion. Dark red fruit, chalk, mint, white pepper and spice all race across the palate. Given the small size of the berries and the heat, the winemaking team led by Nicolas Thienpont opted for gentler vinification with fewer punchdowns than the past. The result is a decidedly linear, vibrant Pavie Macquin that bristles with the chalky, saline energy that is a signature of this part of Saint-Émilion, but that has not always been present in a wine that in the past has been more about textural opulence. The blend is 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Tasted four times."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

Château Larcis-Ducasse 2022
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé



£434 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045+
Arriving Spring 2025

98-99 James Suckling
96-98 Antonio Galloni

98-100 Jeb Dunnuck
94-95 Robert Parker

97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
95-97 Neal Martin

"Tasted on multiple occasions and one of the legendary wines in the making from this vintage, the 2022 Château Larcis Ducasse clocks in as 86% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc that's still resting in 55% new French oak. A hypothetical blend of the 2005 and 2018, it's a deep, powerful, opulent Saint-Emilion offering an incredible array of black cherries, blackberries, smoked tobacco, chocolate, and graphite-driven aromas and flavors. With a rich, full-bodied, expansive mouthfeel, it has ultra-fine tannins, beautiful symmetry in its tannins, acidity, and fruit, no hard edges, and a killer finish. I was lucky enough to taste this on four separate occasions and I thought it had the potential to be a perfect wine every time."

98-100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"The 2022 Larcis Ducasse is a huge, inky wine. A firm backbone of structure lies behind all of that opulence, yielding a wine that is both extravagantly rich and super-classic. That's a pretty appealing combination in my book. Dark red-toned fruit, spice, leather, tobacco, incense and mocha emerge, but only with great reluctance. The 2022 is packed to the core. I don't imagine it will be ready to drink anytime soon, but is unquestionably one of the wines of the vintage. The blend is 84% Merlot and 16% Cabernet Franc, a bit more Franc than usual, aging in equal parts 225- and 500-liter barrels. Tasted four times."

96-98 Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com, April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Clos Fourtet 2022
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé



£564 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

96-98 Antonio Galloni
97-98 James Suckling

94-96 Robert Parker
95-97 Neal Martin

96-98 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
98 Jane Anson

"The 2022 Clos Fourtet is fabulous. Rich, sensual and layered, the 2022 bristles with the energy found in the best wines of the year. Clean veins of minerality frame a core of red/purplish fruit, lavender, sage, mint, rose petal and mocha. Simply put, the 2022 is a magical Clos Fourtet. This is the first vintage that incorporates fruit from what used to be Grands Murailles."

96-98 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Clos Fourtet was picked from 9 to 27 September at 36hL/ha and vinified to a maximum of 24-26° Celsius. It has a gorgeous bouquet you could lose yourself in, with crushed strawberry, orange blossom and bunches of violet. The 40% new oak is extremely well integrated. The palate is refined with filigree tannins, one of the most mineral-driven Clos Fourtets I recall at this stage, with a sophisticated and harmonious finish. The prudent approach to the new oak pays rich dividends here. Mathieu Cuvelier and his team have overseen a sublime Saint-Émilion."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

Château Troplong-Mondot 2022
St Emilion 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé



£612 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Robert Parker
97-98 James Suckling

96-98 Neal Martin
98 Decanter

98 Jane Anson
96-98 Antonio Galloni

"A wine that transcended both my lofty expectations and anything produced at this address in the last 50 years, the 2022 Troplong Mondot realizes all the potential of this striking terroir. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of dark berries, cherries, exotic spices, bay leaf and orange zest, it's full-bodied, deep and multidimensional, with incredible concentration without weight, supple tannins and a seamless, complete profile, concluding with a long, saline finish. All the work of the last few years in the vineyards and winery makes itself felt, as Troplong Mondot's vineyards took the hot, dry conditions in their stride, and the quality of the fruit that they produced has been preserved by a gentle vinification and a discreet élevage, featuring only 55% new oak and some 20% of the volume in large foudres."

98-100 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"The 2022 Troplong-Mondot was picked from 29 August when it was 31° Celsius, which according to estate director Aymeric de Gironde, felt cool compared to the rest of summer. The alcohol is 14.9% with the pH of 3.48. It sees no SO2 until it is transferred into barrel. The nose is very attractive and certainly very expressive of its limestone terroir: blackberry, briary, crushed iris petal and light marine scents. The palate is medium-bodied with crunchy black fruit, quite chalky in texture, that acidic spine governing its overall mouthfeel. Sapid on the finish, this Troplong Mondot builds in the mouth and coats it on the finish. De Gironde and I discussed my previous scores. I always said that he would get better and better during his tenure and this is clearly the case in 2022, the best Troplong Mondot...so far."

96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Bélair-Monange 2022
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé



£850 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Jane Anson
97-98 James Suckling

94-95 Robert Parker
95-97 Antonio Galloni

97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-98 Neal Martin

"The 2022 Bél-Air Monange was picked from 8 to 20 September. It offers copious red fruit on the nose laced with graphite and sous-bois scents, gaining complexity in the glass. I love the detail and delineation of this wine. The palate is medium-bodied with finely-sculpted tannins that frame the layered mineral-rich fruit. Supremely focused with a surfeit of tension on the finish, there's an abiding sense of harmony and completeness to this Saint-Émilion that feels draped in limestone. A wine befitting their eye-catching new château building."

96-98 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Bélair-Monange is all class. Silky and sensual, Bélair-Monange is utterly captivating from the first taste. Crushed red berry fruit, mint, cinnamon, rose petal and lavender add gorgeous aromatic lift to play off a core of bright red-toned fruit. All the elements are beautifully balanced throughout."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

Château Beausejour
Duffau-Lagarrosse 2022
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé



£720 per 6 IB
Drink to 2048
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Jane Anson
97-98 James Suckling

97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
95-97+ Robert Parker

95-97 Neal Martin
94-97 Antonio Galloni

"Just so good, so much uplift, direction and power, with vivid violet reflections to the ruby coloured fruit. Intense and concentrated on the opening, then a soaring limestone juice comes in through the mid palate, with the whole thing showing precision and character. A jumbled, joyful mix of blueberry, cassis, peony, roses, pumice stone and slate limestone, cocoa bean and coffee, showing real depth and seduction. This is always one of the wines that for me most leans in to the character of limestone, and you really feel the full impact in this hot year. Old vines 45 years average. Stopped all punch down during fermentation, now only soft pumpovers and infusion. Axel Marchal and Julien Viaud consultants. Highest Cabernet Franc percentage in the estate's history, and a full 40hl/h yield, 3.5ph. Potential 100."

98-100 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2023

"The 2022 Beauséjour (Duffau Lagarrosse) promises to be the finest wine that this superb limestone terroir has produced in at least several decades. In recent years, the quality of the site always shone through, but it was sometimes obscured by an impactful vinification and élevage (plenty of creamy new oak and malolactic fermentation in barrel). Much of the estate's Cabernet Franc was frequently eliminated from the blend. Joséphine Duffau Lagarrosse has changed that, incorporating fully 31% Cabernet Franc in the blend to deliver a complex and compelling wine evocative of wild berries, plums, rose petals and violets. Medium to full-bodied, pure and vibrant, it's supple and layered, with beautifully refined tannins, terrific depth at the core and a long, chalky finish."

95-97+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château Figeac 2022
St-Emilion
1er Grand Cru Classé (A)



£1518 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Robert Parker
97-99 Neal Martin

97-99 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-99 Antonio Galloni

97-98 James Suckling
96-98+ Jeb Dunnuck

"A blend of 35% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Franc and 31% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2022 Figeac is a brilliant wine with which to celebrate this property's elevation to Premier Grand Cru Classé "A" status. Wafting from the glass with aromas of raspberries and cassis mingled with notions of iris, forest floor, cigar wrapper and pencil lead, it's medium to full-bodied, pure and perfumed, with a deep and multidimensional core of fruit, bright acids and beautifully refined tannins. Serious yet civilized, it's the quintessential Figeac, testament to the late Thierry Manoncourt's vision to plant such a large proportion of Cabernet, and on drought-resistant rootstocks. Such is the inherent complexity of Figeac's terroirs that harvest took place sub-block by sub-block between September 1st and 25th. Congratulations are in order for the Manoncourt family, director Frédéric Faye, consulting winemaker Thomas Duclos and all their team."

98-100 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"The 2022 Figeac is a magnificent, super-classic Figeac, as odd as that might sound in this freakish vintage. A wine of sublime delicacy and nuance, the 2022 possesses tremendous aromatic presence, finely sculpted fruit and phenomenal persistence. I especially admire the wine's freshness, energy and clean, mineral finish. The 2022 is a towering Figeac, a wine that brilliantly showcases the unique qualities of this site. Figeac is a rare Right Bank estate with gravel and blue clay soils that are not often found here, planted approximately with equal parts Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon."

96-99 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

Château Angélu 2022
St-Emilion



£2148 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-98 Robert Parker

98-100 Jeff Leve

98-99 James Suckling

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96-98 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

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98-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, WineIndependent.com May 2023

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Château Angéus 2022 St-Emilion



£2148 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-98 Robert Parker

98-100 Jeff Leve

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98-100 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, WineIndependent.com May 2023

Château Ausone 2022 St-Emilion



£1700 per 3 IB
Drink to 2050+
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Jane Anson
94-96+ Robert Parker

97-98 James Suckling
95-97 Antonio Galloni

97-99+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
95-97.5 Neal Martin

"The 2022 Ausone was picked from 5 to 30 September and matured for 20 months in French oak. These aromatics take a little time to open in the glass. Once they do, they are precise with wilted iris flowers infusing the black fruit and background pencil box and incense hints. The palate is medium-bodied with silver bead acidity threaded through the blackberry and bilberry fruit. Fresh and focused, this Ausone possesses a structured finish with a pinch of black pepper on the finish. Elegant in style, this Ausone almost creeps up in you and seduces, intellectual and persistent in the mouth. Upon departing, I couldn't help wondering if I had witnessed this Saint-Émilion demonstrates its full potential, hence the plus sign against my score. 14.4% alcohol."

95-97.5 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

"The Ausone 2022 is a blend of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Franc, with a yield of 38 hl/ha. The Merlot was harvested between 5th and 7th September and the Cabernet Franc between 21st and 27th September. It has a pH of 3.57, a TPI of 66, and it is opaque purple in color. The wine is completely closed on the first smell, requiring a lot of swirling to begin to release fragrant notes of dried roses, licorice, cast-iron pan, and cumin seed, giving way to a core of Morello cherries, wild blueberries, and redcurrant preserves. The full-bodied palate is an exercise in elegance, featuring very fine-grained, very firm tannins and breathtaking tension to frame the tightly wound red and black fruit layers, finishing with epic length and mind-blowing complexity. Holding its cards close to its chest, it's a hard wine to read at first glance, yet there's a lot of nuanced sub-text bound within the rock-solid structure. I see this slowly unfolding over many years to become a wine for the ages."

97-99+ Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com May 2023

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Pomerol & Lalande de Pomerol

“It’s a wine that may leave you spell-bound...just like this barrel sample.”
 Neal Martin on Vieux Château Certan



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Chantalouette	Pomerol	92-93 JS	£200 per 12
Château Plince	Pomerol	93-94 JS	£310 per 12
Château Bourgneuf	Pomerol	93-94 RP	£545 per 12
Clos du Clocher	Pomerol	97 DC	£290 per 6
Château Ciinet	Pomerol	94-96 NM	£490 per 6
Château Hosanna	Pomerol	98-99 JS	£700 per 6
Château La Fleur-Pétrus	Pomerol	96-98 LPB	£1130 per 6
Château L'Evangile	Pomerol	95-97 NM	£1338 per 6
Vieux Château Certan	Pomerol	98-100 AG	£1650 per 6



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Château Chantalouette 2022 Pomerol



£200 per 12 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Spring 2025

92-93 James Suckling

"A polished and refined 2022 with crushed stone and black olive skin. It's medium-bodied with lovely presence and finesse. Some chocolate comes through. Yet, it's structured at the same time. 72% merlot, 15% cabernet franc and 13% cabernet sauvignon."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

Château Plince 2022 Pomerol



£310 per 12 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Spring 2025

93-94 James Suckling

88-90 Robert Parker

"Very fresh flowers with berry and black truffle character on the nose, following through to a medium to full body with fine yet chewy tannins and a chalky, fresh finish. 85% merlot and 15% cabernet franc."

93-94 Pts, James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, April 2023

"Aromas of sweet cassis and toasty new oak introduce the 2022 Plince, a medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy wine that concludes with a vanillin-inflected finish."

88-90 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

Château Bourgneuf 2022 Pomerol



£545 per 12 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2025

93-94 Robert Parker

94-95 James Suckling

"A rich and bold Bourgneuf, this is full-bodied and pretty with slightly dried fruit, with velvety polished tannins. 85% merlot and 15% cabernet franc.."

94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"Offering up aromas of sweet blackberries and cherries mingled with licorice, violets and black truffle, the 2022 Bourgneuf is medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, with a fleshy core of fruit, supple tannins and a long, resonant finish. From nine hectares of holdings situated below Trotanoy and next to La Cabanne, much of which are characterized by clay-rich gravels, this promising property, now working with consultant Thomas Duclos, is really beginning to exploit all its potential."

93-94 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com, April 2023

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Clos du Clocher 2022
Pomerol



£290 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

97 Decanter
95-97 Jeff Leve

94-96+ Lisa Perrotti-Brown
94-95 James Suckling

97 Jane Anson
93-95 Neal Martin

"A stunning wine in 2022 showcasing star power in Pomerol and delivering one of the appellation's clear successes. Beautifully fragrant on the nose, fresh and ripe black fruits, purple flowers, milk chocolate, salty stones and liquorice. Smooth, sumptuous and seductive in terms of texture - tannins are beautifully chalky and so well integrated - almost effortlessly supporting the concentrated fruit and giving the confident structure. Focussed and detailed but not tight or tense, really quite a special effort. Energy and mouthwatering acidity is in the background but it's the texture that's most captivating, velvety, chalky, ripe, fleshy and refined all at once. It manages to be understated in a year where it was easy to be anything but. I love it. 3.6pH. A yield of 39hl/ha. Harvest started on 7 September. Soft extraction with natural yeasts for fermentation. Ageing 55-60% oak barrels, 30% one wine barrels, and 7% in small concrete tanks and wine globes. Second year of organic conversion. Next year, 2024, Clos du Clocher will celebrate its 100 year anniversary having been founded by Jean-Baptiste Audy in 1924."

97 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2023

"Helped by old vine Cabernet Franc that dates back to 1957, this is full of wonderfully dark damson fruits, shot through with mint leaf cooling complexity. Velvety tannins, crushed rose petals, supple and enticing. This is a brilliant wine, really pulls away from many in the appellation. The tannins are very much present right at the front of the palate, and then they form an arch, that allows the fruit underneath. Natural yeasts, very little oxygen, low sulphur additions, a wine for the ages. Once again Clos du Clocher shows why it deserves to be at the top table in Pomerol. 60% new barrels, 30% one year old barrels, 10% small vats (glass and concrete). Organic conversion. 2024 will be 100 years in the family, so this is 98th anniversary."

97 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2023

Château Clinet 2022
Pomerol



£490 per 6 IB
Drink to 2045
Arriving Spring 2025

94-96 Neal Martin
94-96 Antonio Galloni

96-98 Jeb Dunnuck
94-95 James Suckling

94-96+ Robert Parker
96 Decanter

"A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon that represents the earliest harvest in this estate's history (beginning on September 6), the 2022 Clinet is a success, offering up aromas of cherries and dark berries mingled with hints of spices and a discreet patina of new oak. Medium to full-bodied, ample and layered, it's impressively vibrant, with a rich core of fruit framed by powdery tannins from judicious extraction. This has more in common with the more refined 2018 and 2019 vintages at this address than with the powerhouse 2020, and that is no mean feat in an even more extreme vintage. Bravo to Ronan Laborde and his team."

94-96+ Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"The 2022 Clinet is terrific. Vibrant, aromatic and beautifully sculpted, Clinet is also a terrific example of the energy quality-minded winemakers were able to achieve in 2022. Crushed rose petals, spice, blood orange, mint and white pepper give Clinet a compelling upper register of presence in the bouquet. Wonderfully delineated, Clinet builds effortlessly into the mid-palate and finish, where a closing burst of red/purplish fruit framed by clean mineral notes leaves a lasting impression. This is stellar. Tasted two times."

94-96 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

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Château Hosanna 2022
Pomerol



£700 per 6 IB
Drink to 2048
Arriving Spring 2025

98-99 James Suckling
96 Decanter

95-97 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
93-95 Neal Martin

94-96 Antonio Galloni
93-95 Robert Parker

"Wow. This is an incredibly structured Hosanna with tannin tension and density, yet resilience and verve. Full and dense while being weightless and bright at the end. Thought-provoking contrasts. Old vine magic. One for the cellar. 74% merlot and 26% cabernet franc."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"The 2022 Hosanna is a blend of 74% Merlot and 26% Cabernet Franc, sporting a deep garnet-purple color. After a swirl or two the most gorgeous perfume of red roses, juicy black cherries, and black raspberries erupts from the glass, followed by wafts of crushed rocks, cast iron pan, and unsmoked cigars. The full-bodied palate is very tightly wound with loads of bright red and black fruit layers, framed by ripe, fine-grained tannins and beautiful freshness, finishing long and perfumed. Beautiful."

95-97 Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWineIndependent.com, May 2023

Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2022
Pomerol



£1130 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

97-98 James Suckling
94-96 Antonio Galloni

98 Decanter
94-96 Robert Parker

96-98 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
93-95 Neal Martin

"The high point of the Moueix portfolio this year is the beautiful 2022 La Fleur-Pétrus, a wine that derives from a number of prime clay-gravel parcels on Pomerol's plateau. Wafting from the glass with aromas of cassis and cherries mingled with hints of orange zest, pencil shavings and toasty oak, it's medium to full-bodied, ripe and fleshy, with an ample core of fruit, ripe tannins and a long, perfumed finish. Seamless and complete, it will offer a broad drinking window."

94-96 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

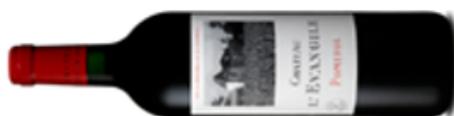
"A clear stand out in 2022 with so much promise. Bright and energetic, quite lean in terms of tannic structure but straight and not austere or raw, maintains a clear direction with detail and definition all the way through. Nothing seems too much, great energy and focus with cool black and blue fruits, a salty minerality and toasted liquorice. Delicate almost, such refinement given the core of power and concentration but so delicately presented you'd almost think it wasn't there. This takes some time to reveal its layers in the glass, opening up slowly with the ripe fruit, and sense of verticality coming in after a few minutes. I love the sculpting but it's how this wine opens and grows that is so compelling. It's so enormously powerful, but so well caged right now, pure, clean, crisp, soft, chalky, intense and cool. A fabulous wine."

98 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com April 2023

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FINE WINE

Château l'Evangile 2022 Pomerol



£1338 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

96-98 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
96-97 James Suckling

95-97 Antonio Galloni
97 Decanter

95-97 Neal Martin
95-97 Robert Parker

"Given the young average age of this estate's vineyards, its well-draining soils and the extreme vintage, I was a little apprehensive; but the technical team evidently took the conditions in their stride, harvesting the east-facing side of the vines (which sees the hottest afternoon sun) four days earlier. The resulting 2022 L'Evangile is beautiful, offering up aromas of raspberries, vine smoke, black truffles, violets and gravelly soil. Medium to full-bodied, supple and velvety, it's seamless and polished, with a bright core of fruit and powdery tannins that temper 2022's inherent sweetness of fruit to sophisticated effect. At this early stage, it appears that the estate's progress with regards to élevage continues too, as Evangile's creamy oak signature is much released, allowing the fruit—and this superb terroir—to take center stage. It's a blend of 82% Merlot, 17.5% Cabernet Franc and 0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon."

95-97 Pts William Kelley, RobertParker.com April 2023

"The 2022 L'Evangile was picked at 30hL/ha. It is aged in 50% new oak sourced from four coopers plus two recently introduced foudres. There are similarities with neighboring Cheval Blanc on the nose as if it's holding something back in a good way. Beautifully defined, dark berry fruit, crushed stone and bay leaf aromas are succinct and not showy. The palate is medium-bodied with a smooth, velvety entry. There's plenty of rondeur, nicely judged acidity, pliant tannins (more than Cheval Blanc?) and pure with a dab of white pepper and clove. Classic in style. A touch of desiccated orange rind appears on the aftertaste that was apparently there during the fermentation. Very harmonious on the finish. This is a lovely, discrete Pomerol from an estate moving in the right direction - fast. 14.3% alcohol."

95-97 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com April 2023

Vieux Château Certan 2022 Pomerol



£1650 per 6 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

98-100 Antonio Galloni
97-99 Neal Martin

98-100 Jeb Dunnuck
98-99 James Suckling

98-100 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
97-99 Robert Parker

"The 2022 Vieux Château Certan is a wine of tremendous sophistication and polish. I expected to see a more opulent VCC, but the 2022 is surprisingly delicate and nuanced. The blend is 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, which means all the Cabernets at the château were used in Grand Vin. Perhaps that explains the wine's construction, favoring length, persistence and aromatics more than size. Crème de cassis, lavender, spice and licorice hints linger on the super-expressive finish. There's really not much more to say except that the 2022 is magical. "Real heat started in June," explained Alexandre Thienpont. "We had 15mm of rain over two days in mid-August that really helped. Even so, yields were 35 hectoliters per hectare, so lower than 2020. Berries weighed less than a gram and juice yields were low."

98-100 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Vieux Château Certan was picked between 6 and 21 September at 35hL/ha and matured in two-thirds new oak. Alexandre Thienpont thinks it is a combination of the 2019 and 2020 and said that the Cabernet Sauvignon, from younger vines, lowered the alcohol (14.4%) and lent perfume. The aromatics are spellbinding with brilliant delineation and a surfeit of freshness. Blackberry, briary, crushed stone and light iris flower scents, vivacious and so energetic. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, very supple tannins, and lashings of cracked black pepper, pencil box and tobacco infusing the black fruit. As Thienpont said, persistent on the finish and gently lacquering the vines. The Cabernet is very expressive this year and so while it is a real Left Bank/Right Bank hybrid, it is, at the same time, quintessentially Pomerol. Chateau Alexandre et Guillaume Thienpont."

97-99 Pts Neal Martin, Vinous.com, April 2023

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Other Right Bank & Entre-Deux-Mers Reds

“I loved the 2022 Château Dalem, and this château offers some serious bang for the buck.”

Jeb Dunnuck



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Marjosse	Bordeaux	93-95 LPB	£96 per 12
Château Joanin-Bécot	Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon	92-94 JD	£180 per 12
Château Marsau	Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	95-96 JS	£99 per 6
Château Dalem	Fronsac	94-95 JS	£215 per 12



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Château Marjosse 2022
Bordeaux



£96 per 12 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2025

93-95 Lisa Perrotti-Brown
89-91 Antonio Galloni

93 Jane Anson

92-93 James Suckling

"A really delicious Bordeaux with lovely silky tannins that are well-integrated. Blackcurrant and orange peel with some stone undertones. It's friendly and delicious already.."

92-93 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"The 2022 Marjosse is a blend of 75% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Malbec. Owner Pierre Lurton commented, "We have a lot of chalk and clay at Marjosse, so we never have a problem with freshness. We recently bought a small plot of Cabernet Franc, which did very well. It was a long harvest starting on 5th September and ending at the beginning of October. We had to go very light on the extraction and we couldn't use any of the press juice because it was too powerful." The wine has a deep garnet-purple color and shoots from the glass with energetic notes of fresh, juicy blackberries, warm plums, and kirsch, followed by hints of cardamom, dusty soil, and crushed rocks. The medium to full-bodied palate is coated with bright, expressive black fruits, supported by a lively backbone and plush, velvety tannins, finishing long, with a spicy lift. Well placed to succeed in these hot, dry vintages and with a good proportion of very old vines, which tend to handle these climatic conditions very well, this is likely to be one of the best bargains of the vintage."

93-95 Pts Lisa Perrotti-Brown, thewineindependent.com, May 2023

Château Joanin Bécot 2022
Côtes de Bordeaux Castillon



£180 per 12 IB
Drink to 2034
Arriving Spring 2025

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck
88 Jane Anson

91-93 Robert Parker
91-93 Antonio Galloni

92 Decanter
89-91 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

"The 2022 Joanin-Bécot is one of the best vintages I can remember tasting. Heady and explosive in the glass, the 2022 offers up copious red/purplish berry fruit, blood orange, spice, menthol and licorice all saturate the finish. This could be a Sleeper."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

"I loved the 2022 Château Joanin Bécot, which might be the finest vintage I've tasted from this château. Based on 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, harvested between the 15th and 26th of September and aged in 50% new barrels, it has a vivid purple hue as well as awesome aromatics of black raspberries, chalky minerality, and flowers. As with many of these top Castillon releases, it tastes like a top Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé and is medium to full-bodied, has ripe tannins, and terrific balance."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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Château Marsau 2022
Francs Côtes de Bordeaux



£99 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Spring 2025

95-96 James Suckling
94 Decanter

92-94 Robert Parker
92 Jane Anson

90-92 Antonio Galloni
18 Matthew Jukes

"A juicy and flavorful red with blackberry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium to full body. Structured yet juicy. Plenty of grip and structure. Savory. Salty. Most impressive wine I have had from here. Pure merlot. 80% aged in cask."
95-96 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com May 2023

"Lovely dark fruity fragrance with perfumed floral aromas on the nose, smells expressive and open. Smooth and supple, a lovely combination of tension, mouthwatering acidity and fruitiness here, such sleek texture with definition and soft juiciness. The tannins have grip and purpose with a softly fleshy and mineral sensation - liquorice, wet stone and graphite - giving a wide and interesting expansion on the palate. Feels cool and controlled, serious and focussed, with balance, still with concentration and power and grip. Feels very classy on the palate."
94 Pts Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com May 2023

Château Dalem 2022
Fronsac



£215 per 12 IB
Drink to 2040
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 James Suckling
91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Jeb Dunnuck
93-95 Jeff Leve

94 Jean-Marc Quarin
91-93 Antonio Galloni

"I loved the 2022 Château Dalem, and this château offers some serious bang for the buck. Cassis, plums, black cherries, and leafy herbs, as well as some spicy oak, all emerge on the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a round, supple mouthfeel and outstanding length."
91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

"This has a wide velvety texture with medium to full body and beautiful dark fruit in the middle. Ripe but crunchy with well integrated velvety tannins. Lingering and textural at the end. One of the best from here."
94-95 James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, April 2023

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 Dry Whites

“Feels like a great Montrachet.”
 James Suckling on Pavillon Blanc



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Blanc de Lynch Bages	Bordeaux	94 JA	£255 per 6
Château Malartic Lagravière Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	94-97 JD	£319 per 6
Domaine de Chevalier Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£488 per 6
Château Pape Clément Blanc	Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé	98-99 JS	£588 per 6
Le Pavillon Blanc Château Margaux	Bordeaux	99-100 JS	£795 per 3



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Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2022
Bordeaux



£255 per 6 IB
Drink to 2027+
Arriving Spring 2025

95 James Suckling
93 Lisa Perrotti-Brown

92 Antonio Galloni
94 Jane Anson

94 Jeb Dunnuck
88 Neal Martin

"Vivid white flower aromatics, here the stone fruits are clearly ripe and edging towards exotic mango and pomegranate, with subtle gunsmoke edging and slate texture. The team passed through the vineyard in successive times to ensure bunches came in as soon as they were ripe, and ensured reductive winemaking in individually temperature-controlled barrels to keep emphasis on fruit and aromatics. Harvest August 25 to 31, earliest ever. 3.2pH, 65% new oak. It's gourmet, with the texture and flesh that is a signature of the vintage, but never less than enjoyable."

94 Pts Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com April 2023

"While the 2022 Château Lynch Bages Blanc had been bottled just prior to my visit, it wasn't showing any worse for wear and has a terrific perfume of honeyed lime, white flowers, citrus, and chalky minerality. Based on 67% Sauvignon, 22% Sémillon, and 11% Muscadelle, it stays fresh, vibrant, medium-bodied, and refreshing on the palate."

94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

Château Malartic-Lagravière
Blanc 2022 Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé



£319 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Spring 2025

97-98 James Suckling
94-97 Jeb Dunnuck

91-93 Antonio Galloni
91-93 Neal Martin

90-92 Robert Parker
94 Jane Anson

"The 2022 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc screams out of the glass with tons of Sauvignon Blanc character. Crisp and vibrant, with notable tension, the 2022 is wonderfully expressive. Grapefruit, mint, crushed rocks, sage and white pepper all grace this taut, steely white."

91-93 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

"Very sophisticated and structured yet weightless and agile, with a finesse, precision and length that is so wonderful. So precise and complex with vivid acidity and length. Such clarity. Really excited about this one."

97-98 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

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**Domaine de Chevalier Blanc
2022
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£488 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Spring 2025

**98-99 James Suckling
95-97 Antonio Galloni**

**95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck
94-96 Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

**92-94 Neal Martin
93-96 Robert Parker**

"The 2022 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc is stunning. It exudes textural depth, intensity and pedigree from the very first taste. I imagine it will still be stellar in another few years' time. For now, it is a wine to think about cellaring. Time brings out dried lemon peel, sage, mint, chamomile, salt and crushed rock scents that lend both vibrancy and complexity. In most vintages, the Blanc is either incredibly steely or ample in feel. In 2022, it is both. Tasted four times."

95-97 Pts Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com April 2023

"The 2022 Domaine De Chevalier Blanc brings more dimensions and layers, as well as richness. Based on 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Sémillon, aging in 40% new oak, it has a beautiful perfume of honeyed citrus, subtle tropical flowers, and chalky, minerality nuances. This carries to a medium to full-bodied white with plenty of density and depth, nicely integrated acidity, and a gorgeous finish. I wouldn't be surprised to see this end up in the top handful of whites in the vintage."

95-97+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

**Château Pape-Clément Blanc
2022
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé**



£588 per 6 IB
Drink to 2032+
Arriving Spring 2025

**98-99 James Suckling
93-95 Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

**94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck
90-93 Robert Parker**

**93-95 Antonio Galloni
92-94 Neal Martin**

"The purity of fruit is really impressive here with crushed apples, pears and lemons. Some mineral and stone, too. Honeysuckle. Very clear and bright. The palate is full and very direct and focused, with a long, salty dried lemon finish and minerality. Fine phenolics at the end. 63% sauvignon blanc, 35% semillon and 2% muscadelle."

98-99 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"The 2022 Château Pape Clément Blanc is another beauty from this team, and if it puts on some weight over the course of its élevage, it will merit an even higher score. Honeyed lychee, minty herbs, melon, and stone fruits define the bulk of the aromatics, and it's medium to full-bodied, with good concentration, nicely integrated acidity, and a great finish. I was able to taste this on multiple occasions with consistent notes."

94-96+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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**Pavillon Blanc du
Château Margaux 2022
Margaux**



£795 per 3 IB
Drink to 2037
Arriving Spring 2025

**99-100 James Suckling
96 Jane Anson**

**96-98 Jeb Dunnuck
90-92 Neal Martin**

**93-94 Robert Parker
92-94 Antonio Galloni**

"This is an powerful white with superb density and phenolic muscle. It's full-bodied and really impressive. Opulent and rounded. Exotic and muscular. Great white. Feels like a great Montrachet. One for the cellar. 8,000 bottles made. pH 3.18."

99-100 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

"I'd say the finest white coming out of the Médoc, and clearly in the top tier of whites in all of Bordeaux, the 2022 Pavillon Blanc De Margaux is, as always, 100% Sauvignon Blanc that was raised in 20% new 300-ltier barrels. It has an incredible nose of honeyed limes, caramelized lemon zest, green almonds, mint, and crushed stone. Medium-bodied on the palate, it has a great mid-palate, vibrant acidity, and a great finish. Sauvignon Blanc doesn't get much better (if at all.)"

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com May 2023

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Sauternes & Barsac

“Rich in texture, this is luscious and intense.”

Jane Anson on Doisy-Daëne



Wine	AOC	Score	Case Price (IB)
Château Doisy Daëne (37.5cl)	Barsac 2ème Grand Cru Classé	93-95 AG	£205 per 12



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Château Doisy-Daëne
(37.5cl) 2022
Barsac 2ème Cru Classé



£205 per 12 IB
Drink to 2050
Arriving Spring 2025

94-95 James Suckling

92 Jane Anson

“Dried mangoes and persimmons with dried flowers and exotic spices. Full with vivid acidity and an attractive spicy edge. Long with beautiful fruit.”

94-95 Pts James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com April 2023

“Pale gold in colour, with dried apricot, frangipane, honeysuckle and baked mirabelle plum, offset by a welcome bitter edge of rosemary that gives contrast. Rich in texture, this is luscious and intense. Dubourdieu family are the owners at this legendary Barsac estate, and the fact that even here the balance is challenging is a clear sign to me that there is an issue with freshness in the sweet wines this year. Ageing starts with 10 months in oak barrels, this is followed by 9 months in stainless steel tank before bottling. Tasted twice at different temperatures, and the key takeaway is that they need to be served cold to maximise the perception of acidity. I was a huge fan of this wine last year, and I would urge you to look out for the 2021 vintage to really capture the spirit of this excellent property.”

92 Pts, Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, April 2023

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- When the wine arrives with us in the UK, we will send you the final invoice. This invoice will include the delivery cost to a UK address, duty, plus the VAT applicable on the day of the final invoice. Upon payment of the appropriate amount we will action your despatch instructions.
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