



Bordeaux En Primeur 2012

We are proud to announce the commencement of our Bordeaux En Primeur 2012.

Prices and availability will be updated on a daily basis.

– Robert Parker, Wine Advocate –

2012 turned out to be a complex year weather-wise, with a wet early, mid- and late spring as over 300mm of rain fell between March and the end of June. The wet weather plus frequent cold spells had a deleterious effect on the crop set (flowering), with lots of *coulure*, which lowers the crop size and promotes uneven grape maturity. Consequently, there were several generations of grapes, which had nightmare potential for producers, since the grapes would ripen at different times.

Every grower wants flowering conditions to occur under high barometric pressure conditions with low to moderate winds, and no significant rain. However, just the opposite occurred in 2012, so the table was set for a relatively late as well as irregular harvest that would require extensive viticultural work (spraying, removal of the second and third generation buds from the vines) to promote even ripening. Moreover, it was a small crop.

The wet, cold, bizarre spring and lack of any summer weather continued through mid-July, creating a pessimistic attitude that 2012 had no chance of reminding anyone of 2009 or 2010. Some thought it might not even turn out to be average to above average (as 2011 did). By mid-July, Bordeaux had experienced irregular flowering and considerable mildew outbreaks that mandated extensive work in the vineyard to try and keep the vines healthy.

– James Moleworth, Wine Spectator –

Bordeaux vintners had their second straight difficult year in 2012.

The season started wet and cool, leading to an uneven flowering and reduced crop. Then, a long dry stretch stressed vines and led to uneven ripening. "We had more than 100mm of rain in April, but then only 30mm between July 15 and Sept. 15," said Frédéric Engerer, director at Château Latour, the Pauillac first-growth. "This contrast—wet start and severe drought—led to a very heterogenous veraison. Some green and pink berries could be seen up until early September, and the grapes have very thick skins."

Following the dry stretch, heavy rains fell in late September through late October, creating some disease pressure and forcing some growers to pick under wet conditions. Producers mostly reported wines with moderate alcohol levels and sometimes firmer tannins.

"The main agricultural decision was to cut in July and August all the late clusters, about one-third of the crop—even though the vintage was already small—in order to even out the maturity," said Christian Moueix, owner of Right Bank châteaux Trotanoy, La Fleur-Pétrus and Bélair-Monange.

Despite the challenges, Stephan von Neipperg, owner of Canon-La Gaffelière and La Mondotte, both in St.-Emilion, thinks some Right Bank vineyards produced very good Merlots.

En Primeur Terms and Conditions

- All prices are Ex-Bordeaux.
- Payment is required to ensure immediate confirmation of orders.
- Payment in Cash or Cheque. 2% additional charges for credit cards payment.
- Due to market forces, all prices quoted are subject to change without prior notice.
- Additional shipping charges will apply to all orders (at approximately S\$20 per 750ml) to be payable upon collection of wines.
- All confirmed orders are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.
- All items purchased are subject to the prevailing GST, payable by the customer upon collection.
- All bottle volumes are 75cl/750ml unless otherwise stated.
- There is a minimum order of 12 bottles per label.

If you would like to purchase any of these wines, please do not hesitate to contact our sales team: Ghislain, Ainee or Kenny, who will be pleased to assist you:

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Legend

RP –Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

WS – James Molesworth, The Wine Spectator

NM – Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com

TBR – Price to be released.

| Barsac / Sauternes | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|--------------------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| Doisy Daëne | 90-92 | 90-93 | - | \$47 |

| Graves / Pessac Leognan | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|----|--------|
| Carbonnieux Blanc | 90-92 | 90-93 | - | \$35 |
| Carbonnieux Rouge | 89-91 | 88-91 | - | \$32 |
| De Fieuzal Blanc | 92-94 | - | - | \$57 |
| De Fieuzal Rouge | 89-91 | - | - | \$37 |
| Domaine de Chevalier Blanc | 93-95 | 91-94 | - | \$103 |
| Domaine de Chevalier Rouge | 92-95 | 90-93 | - | \$54 |
| Haut Bailly | 91-93 | 88-91 | - | \$76 |
| Haut Brion Blanc | 98-100 | 93-96 | - | \$1076 |
| Haut Brion Rouge | 93-95 | 93-96 | - | \$443 |
| La Chapelle de la Mission Haut Brion | 87-88 | - | - | \$65 |
| La Mission Haut Brion | 91-94 | 92-95 | - | \$266 |
| La Mission Haut Brion Blanc | 96-98+ | | - | \$1076 |
| La Clarence de Haut Brion | 88-90 | 90-93 | - | \$107 |
| Malartic-Lagraviere | 91-93 | - | - | \$39 |
| Pape Clement Blanc | 95-98 | 92-95 | - | \$166 |
| Pape Clement Rouge | 92-95 | 89-92 | - | \$89 |
| Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc | 93-95 | 92-95 | - | \$103 |
| Smith Haut Lafitte Rouge | 92-94 | 91-94 | - | \$72 |

| Margaux | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|----------------------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| Alter Ego de Palmer | 88-90 | 90-93 | - | \$67 |
| Brane Cantenac | 90-92 | 90-93 | - | \$50 |
| Cantemerle | 89-91 | - | - | \$32 |
| D'issan | 87-89 | 89-92 | - | \$51 |
| Du Tertre | 88-90 | 89-92 | - | \$35 |
| Giscours | - | 90-93 | - | \$48 |
| Kirwan | 89-91 | 89-92 | - | \$42 |
| Lascombes | 90-92 | 87-90 | - | \$67 |
| Malescot-St. Exupery | 89-92 | 93-96 | - | \$53 |
| Margaux | 92-94 | 93-96 | - | \$435 |
| Pavillon Rouge | 87-89 | - | - | \$135 |
| Marquis de Terme | 85-87 | 90-93 | - | \$42 |
| Palmer | 92-95 | 92-95 | - | \$269 |
| Prieure-Lichine | 86-88 | 88-91 | - | \$42 |
| Rausan Gassies | 88-90 | 86-89 | - | \$43 |
| Rauzan Segla | 93-95 | 89-92 | - | \$65 |

| Haut Medoc | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|-----------------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| La Lagune | 90-92 | 82-85 | - | \$70 |
| Sociando Mallet | 88-90 | 88-91 | - | \$35 |

| Pauillac | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Carruades de Lafite | 87-89 | 91-94 | - | \$190 |
| Clerc Milon | 87-89 | 91-94 | - | \$54 |
| D'armailhac | 89-91 | 90-93 | - | \$43 |
| Duhart Milon | 87-89 | 91-94 | - | \$91 |
| Grand Puy Lacoste | 87-89 | 89-92 | - | \$56 |
| Haut Batailley | 87-90 | 87-90 | - | \$39 |
| Echo de Lynch Bages | - | 87-90 | - | \$38 |
| Lafite Rothschild | 92-95 | 93-96 | - | \$630 |
| Lynch Bages | 87-89 | 91-94 | - | \$105 |
| Lynch Bages Blanc | - | - | - | \$40 |
| Mouton Rothschild | 95-97 | 93-96 | - | \$475 |
| Le Petit Mouton | 90-92 | | - | \$118 |
| Pichon Baron | 90-93 | 91-94 | - | \$114 |
| Pichon Lalande | 91-93 | 89-92 | - | \$103 |
| Pontet Canet | 91-94 | - | - | \$109 |

| Pomerol | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Clinet | 92-94+ | 91-94 | - | \$80 |
| Clos l'Eglise | 91-94 | 92-95 | - | \$72 |
| La Conseillante | 92-94 | 92-95 | - | \$105 |
| La Fleur De Gay | 91-94 | 91-94 | - | \$92 |
| La Croix Saint Georges | 91-93 | - | - | \$50 |
| La Petite Eglise | - | - | - | \$35 |
| L'eglise Clinet | 96-100 | 93-96 | - | \$253 |
| L'evangile | 90-94 | 92-95 | - | \$175 |
| Lafleur | 92-94+ | - | - | TBR |
| Le Pin | 93-95 | 94-97 | - | \$1425 |
| Le Gay | 91-93+ | 92-95 | - | \$91 |
| Gazin | 93-95 | 90-93 | - | \$68 |
| Nenin | 91-93 | - | - | \$49 |
| Petrus | 95-98+ | 94-97 | - | TBR |
| Vieux Chateau Certan | 92-94 | 92-95 | - | \$166 |
| Rouget | 90-93 | - | - | \$42 |

| St. Emilion | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|---------------------|--------|-------|----|-------|
| Ausone | 95-97 | - | - | \$665 |
| Beausejour Duffau | 93-95 | 91-94 | - | \$88 |
| Bellevue Mondotte | 94-97 | - | - | \$175 |
| Canon | 91-94 | 88-91 | - | \$65 |
| Canon La Gaffeliere | 92-94 | 90-93 | - | \$68 |
| Chapelle d'Ausone | 91-93 | - | - | \$171 |
| Cheval Blanc | 94-96 | 94-97 | - | \$585 |
| Clos De L'oratoire | 90-93 | 88-91 | - | \$36 |
| Clos de Sarpe | 92-94+ | - | - | \$63 |
| Clos Fourtet | 93-95 | 91-94 | - | \$81 |
| Clos St. Martin | 89-92 | - | - | \$54 |
| Croix De Labrie | 93-95 | - | - | \$63 |
| Figeac | 86-88 | 91-94 | - | \$83 |
| Fombrauge | 87-89 | - | - | \$94 |
| Gracia | 93-95+ | - | - | \$116 |
| Grand Mayne | 90-92 | 89-92 | - | \$38 |
| Larcis Ducasse | 93-95 | 90-93 | - | \$62 |
| Angelus | 94-96 | - | - | \$296 |
| La Mondotte | 94-97 | 91-94 | - | \$180 |
| Le Petit Cheval | 86-88 | 91-94 | - | \$183 |
| Monbousquet Rouge | 90-92 | - | - | \$45 |
| Moulin St George | 87-89 | - | - | \$34 |
| Pavie | 94-96+ | - | - | \$312 |
| Pavie Decesse | 92-94 | - | - | \$141 |
| Pavie Macquin | 92-95 | 93-96 | - | \$63 |
| Quinault L'Enclos | 87-89 | 90-93 | - | \$34 |
| Quintus | 88-89 | | - | \$129 |
| Troplong Mondot | 94-96 | 91-94 | - | \$94 |

| St. Estephe | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| Calon Segur | 90-92 | | - | \$70 |
| Cos D'estournel | 92-95 | - | - | \$156 |
| La Dame de Montrose | 88-90 | - | - | \$36 |
| Lafon Rochet | 90-92 | 85-88 | - | \$38 |
| Les Ormes De Pez | 85-87 | 88-91 | - | \$31 |
| Montrose | 92-94 | 90-93 | - | \$101 |
| Pagodes de Cos | 88-90 | - | - | \$48 |

| St. Julien | RP | WS | NM | Price |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|----|-------|
| Beychevelle | 89-91 | 89-92 | - | \$74 |
| Branais Ducru | 88-90 | 90-93 | - | \$51 |
| Ducru Beaucaillou | 90-92 | 93-96 | - | \$122 |
| Gloria | 87-89 | - | - | \$38 |
| Gruaud Larose | 85-87 | 89-92 | - | \$60 |
| La Croix de Beaucaillou | 87-89 | - | - | \$38 |
| Langoa Barton | 86-88 | 87-90 | - | \$54 |
| Leoville Barton | 90-92 | 90-93 | - | \$78 |
| Leoville Las Cases | 93-95 | 93-96 | - | \$152 |
| Leoville Poyferre | 89-91 | 90-93 | - | \$75 |
| Saint Pierre | 91-93 | 85-88 | - | \$54 |
| Talbot | 90-92 | 84-87 | - | \$48 |