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VINTAGE 2024 REPORT

While challenging growing seasons always offer valuable lessons, few Bordeaux estates would willingly relive 2024. Wet, cool and overcast, defined by both historic mildew pressure and rain around harvest, the year tested growers' limits, so it is unsurprising that the vintage has produced few compelling wines. Though a handful of producers have, against the odds, delivered notable successes, and while numerous others have at least achieved creditable results, many 2024s are nevertheless dilute, herbaceous and tart. Overall, indeed, this is clearly Bordeaux's weakest vintage of the last decade, even if it also underscores the tenacity and skill of the region's best producers.

In style, the most compelling 2024s are intensely flavored middleweights with good structure and energy, exhibiting integrated acidity and ripe tannin. A handful of wines, often thanks to a riskily late harvest and generally from early-ripening sites, even possess a density and mid-palate amplitude that transcends the year and which will render them hard to identify in blind tastings a decade from now. If we described the 2021 vintage as a "contemporary classic," then 2024 is more of a throwback, exhibiting flavors more familiar from the decade of the 1990s than more recent years. In the best 2024s, the estate signature is also intensely present, delivering wines with a strong identity.

Much is being made in Bordeaux of the 2024s' potential to improve with maturation in barrel. We certainly agree that a well-judged élevage will bring welcome mid-palate flesh and integration to these wines. Their rather lean build, however, means that coarse oak tannins will have nowhere to integrate, foregrounding the importance of high-quality cooperage. Excessive oxidative handling may also fatigue some of these inherently rather fragile wines. And their modest structural matrices mean that Brettanomyces-derived volatile phenols will have nowhere to hide if they arise. It is therefore far from a given that all 2024s will have improved by the time they are bottled, and if we were to hazard a prediction, it would be that élevage will only amplify the gap between the best and the rest.

William Kelly, Robertparker.com

It's no secret that Bordeaux endured a challenging growing season in 2024. Despite the ups and downs of a year that featured heavy rainfall and constant disease pressure, among other events, the most skilled winemakers found a way to make gorgeous wines. The 2024s are all over the place in terms of quality and style, so readers will have to be selective. Within that context, the very best wines have a lot to offer.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous.com

'On numerous occasions, when asked my opinion, my default response was that 2024 is a good vintage with limitations. Some have likened 2024 to vintages in the eighties, before global warming, but the best vintages in that decade were generally more benevolent to winemakers. Two thousand twenty-four is also an extremely inconsistent vintage where, unfortunately, quality drops away beyond the major names. I hate the fact that 2024 is yet again a malecent season that widens the divide between the haves and have-nots. This is a year where quality resides with those in possession of the best terroir, those with the deepest pockets and those who made the right decisions at the right times.

I sincerely wish that quality was evenly distributed to give some respite to beleaguered winemakers on the fringes of Bordeaux who have no idea whether they can survive. Whether winemakers admit it or not, and many privately do, this is a growing season that is impossible to transcend. Mother Nature put a cap on the maximum quality achievable. The fact that many estates reached this notional "peak" should be applauded—it would have been impossible just a couple of decades ago, when a similar growing season would have foisted a modern-day 1984, 1992 or 2013. The 2024 vintage is unequivocally far superior to any of those, thanks to technology, know-how and more quality-driven producers. A handful of 2024s do touch the sky: Vieux-Château-Certan, Laeur, l'Église-Clinet, Late-Rothschild, Margaux and Montrose spring to mind.'

Neal Martin, Vinous.com

ST ESTEPHE	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Montrose	93-95	96-97	94-96		\$144
Wines Advocate	A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Montrose is a serious, muscular effort that numbers among the wines of the vintage. Unwinding in the glass with notes of cassis, burning embers, cigar wrapper and iris, it's medium to full-bodied, dense and layered, with a lively spine of acidity, rich structuring tannins and a long, penetrating finish. With both the highest proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon recorded at Montrose and a rather low pH of 3.55, it will surely number among the longest lived 2024 Bordeaux.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	This shows finesse and elegance as well as plenty of subtle red currant and blackcurrant character. Medium-bodied with refinement and length. Tender, vivid and pure. Extremely well done in a difficult year. 80% cabernet sauvignon, 17% merlot and 3% cabernet franc.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Montrose exudes Cabernet Sauvignon character in its aromatic savoriness and tannic structure. In fact, the 2024 has the most Cabernet Sauvignon ever. Tightly wound today, the 2024 impresses with its energy and focus. There's a bit less mid-palate and overall heft than most years, as well as a brighter fruit profile. Floral, spice and mineral overtones lend brightness throughout. The 2024 is a super-classic, nervy Montrose that will need a number of years to be at its most expressive. Aging is projected to be 18 months, with 60% new oak.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Dame de Montrose	90-92	92-93	90-92		\$40
Wines Advocate	If the grand vin is built for the ages, the 2024 La Dame de Montrose plays a different hand, emphasizing suavity and charm. Offering up notes of blackcurrants, raspberries, violets and licorice, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and suave, with supple tannins, lively acids and a seamless, complete profile. It's a blend of 63% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc that sees a more reductive élevage than the grand vin.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	A refined and crunchy second wine with red currants and blackcurrants, some crush stones and juicy tannins. A nice center palate. Balanced and pretty for the vintage. Medium finish. From organically grown grapes. 73% melrot, 20% cabernet sauvignon, 4% petite verdot and 3% cabernet franc.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 La Dame de Montrose is a very elegant, sexy wine. Lifted aromatics, bright red-toned fruit and silky tannins speak to finesse. All the elements are so well balanced. A burst of red cherry, mocha and crushed flowers extends the soft, supple finish. The 2024 is being raised in approximately 63% used oak, 20% foudre, 15% new oak and 2% amphora. It's an incredibly charming wine that should drink well on release.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Calon Segur	93-95	96-97	93-95		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Calon-Ségur is a terrific effort. A blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon (picked late, between October 2 and October 9), 9% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, it unwinds in the glass with notes of plums, cassis and iris mingled with hints of burning embers and incense. Medium to full-bodied, supple and layered, it's suave and seamless, with good depth at the core, powdery tannins and beautifully integrated acids. At pH 3.50 and 13.1% alcohol, it's also one of the most classically proportioned vintages this estate has produced over the last decade.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	A fruity wine that's approachable but still serious and complex, with cocoa, currants, paprika and berries. Medium- to full-bodied. The tannins are taut, chalky, caressing and superbly knit with the fruit. Really juicy and long, and there aren't any hard edges. 82% cabernet sauvignon, 9% merlot, 8% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Calon Ségur is shaping up very nicely. Dark and ample, with terrific balance, the 2024 is another strong wine from the team led by Technical Director Vincent Millet. Readers will find a Calon Ségur of inner strength, its deceptively mid-weight structure notwithstanding. The 2024 is a wine of restraint and class more than power, never a bad thing at this property. The 100% new oak is very nicely balanced, even in the early going. This has great potential.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Marquis de Calon Segur	89-91	93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Le Marquis de Calon-Ségur is a blend of 63% Merlot (including some of the estate's best Merlots that didn't "fit" in the grand vin blend) and 37% Cabernet Sauvignon that attained 13.2% alcohol. Wafting from the glass with aromas of sweet cassis, violets and bergamot, it's medium-bodied, round and supple, with a suave, polished style that's nicely balanced and complete. This is a very strong effort in the making.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	This is a very refined, juicy wine that almost feels complete, with aromas of red and black berries and touches of incense and graphite. Firm tannins show nice tension, with more fruit on the medium-bodied palate. Quite juicy and long at the end. 63% merlot and 37% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Le Marquis de Calon Ségur is a classy, polished wine. Dark cherry, spice, new leather, cedar, incense and tobacco fill out the layers nicely. Medium in body, with terrific depth, the 2024 is impeccably done. It offers lovely textural resonance and fine balance, making for a very impressive second wine from the château.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Cos D'Estournel	93-95	96-97	95-98		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Cos d'Estournel is shaping up beautifully. Offering up aromas of sweet cassis, plums, pencil shavings and iris, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and suave, reflecting this estate's pivot to a more harmonious, less aggressively extracted style. With a layered, seamless core of fruit framed by plenty of sweet, powdery tannin, it's a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 1.5% Cabernet Franc and 0.5% Petit Verdot that checks in at 12.7% alcohol. Cos is an early-ripening terroir, and that clearly played to the relative strengths of the vintage. Harvest here began with the estate's old-vine Merlot on gravel on September 23, concluding with the last Cabernet Sauvignon on October 7.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	There is huge depth and lots of intensity from this year's Cos. Quite powerful, deeply colored and dense, but there is freshness. Concentrated and tight-grained, with a full body and a pretty lengthy finish. Quite unique for its broadness and density, with lots of blackberries in the finish.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Cos d'Estournel could very well be one of the wines of the vintage. Bright and vibrant in the glass, with tons of energy, the 2024 impresses with its vertical structure, depth and overall balance. Blue/purplish fruit, spice, new leather, lavender and mocha are beautifully delineated throughout. The 2024 is super-classic. The modest 12.8% alcohol is notable, especially because that also means there is less extraction of wood. Cos is one of my early favorites in 2024.				
Score: 95-98					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Les Pagodes de Cos	90-92	93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Les Pagodes de Cos wafts from the glass with aromas of dark berries, licorice and nicely integrated oak. Medium to full-bodied, polished and suave, it's impressively rich and layered for the vintage, with beautifully integrated tannins and acidity.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Quite a brooding wine for the vintage, with lots of bold tannins. Full-bodied and tannic, with good structure and a mid-palate that's slightly weaker than the tannins. Compact, with a medium-long finish. 50% merlot., 43% cabernet sauvignon, 5% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Les Pagodes de Cos is terrific. Medium in body and vibrant, the 2024 is impeccable. Blackberry, spice, leather, menthol and chocolate open gradually. A wine of balance and harmony, the 2024 is super-elegant. I find the less bombastic style here vis-à-vis the past quite interesting.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Ormes De Pez	86-88	91-92	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Offering up discreet hints of berry fruit framed by toasty oak, the 2024 Ormes de Pez is medium-bodied, taut and angular.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	A very fruity red this year, showing sweet berries on the nose. Medium-bodied with firm tannins. Some hawthorn fruit. This delivers more directness than nuance. Juicy, medium-long finish. 48% merlot, 41% cabernet sauvignon, 6% petit verdot, 5% cabernet franc.				
Score: 91-92					
Vinous	The 2024 Ormes de Pez is a very pretty, expressive Saint-Estèphe. Strong floral, savory and earthy elements abound. Bright red-toned fruit, spice, cedar and new leather lend notable punch. This is a very fine vintage for Ormes de Pez. Tasted two times.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

De Pez	86-89	92-93	92-94		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 de Pez exhibits notes of minty cassis, spices and toasty oak, followed by a medium-bodied, dense and somewhat robust palate underpinned by tangy acids.				
Score: 86-89					
James Suckling	Quite fresh, showing lots of red cherries and berries with fine spices and minerals. Incisive on the palate, this has medium body and fine-grained tannins. Firm and structured but poised and pretty long. Good minerality. 69% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 2% cabernet franc				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 de Pez is seriously beautiful. Dark, powerful and deeply savory, the 2024 possesses gorgeous textural depth and resonance. Mocha, dried flowers, spice, cedar and tobacco are all dialed up in this wonderfully fleshy, sumptuous Saint-Estèphe. This is impeccably done. Tasted three times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lafon Rochet	87-89	92-93	92-94		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Lafon-Rochet offers up aromas of pipe tobacco, sweet berries and fresh herbs, followed by a medium-bodied, soft and open-knit palate.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	Understated aromas of minerals, white pepper, chalk, red cherries and grapefruit. Typical St.-Estephe structure, which is a little more severe and austere this year, with tight, chalky tannins toward the back of the palate. Lots of vibration. 72% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot and 3% cabernet franc.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Lafon-Rochet is sleek, elegant and polished, as it so often is. Silky tannins and lifted floral overtones are immediately alluring. Soft but persistent, with fine balance, the 2024 has a lot to offer. Punchy red/purplish fruit, blood orange, spice and new leather are beautifully delineated. There's a high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in this vintage, and yet it is the personality of site that speaks loudest. Lafon-Rochet is always a bit lithe. That quality is present in 2024, although a second sample showed more overt body. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Phelan Segur		93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A structured and tannic wine that frames the fruit nicely, with a medium body and a juicy finish. Some lemon character at the end.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Phélan Ségur is an absolute delight. Dark and ample, the 2024 offers up a compelling mix of black cherry, leather, game, incense, licorice, gravel and pipe tobacco. All the elements are so well balanced. The blend is 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot, in other words, a very high percentage of Cabernet. That comes through nicely in the wine's aromatic finish. Phélan Ségur is shaping up to be one of the highlights of the year. Tasted four times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lilian Ladouys	85-87	91	89-91		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 66% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Lilian Ladouys evokes aromas of dark berries and cassis. It is followed by a moderately weighted, supple and lively palate, yet it lacks the broad shoulders and depth found in stronger vintages.				
Score: 85-87					
James Suckling	Lots of red cherries, minerals and spiced berries. Medium-bodied with some stony tannins that are slightly chewy. Tight and juicy in the finish. 66% merlot, 17% cabernet sauvignon, 14% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc.				
Score: 91					
Vinous	The 2024 Lilian Ladouys is a very pretty, mid-weight Saint-Estèphe. Floral and savory notes open first, leading to a core of red berry fruit. Lithe and elegant, with fine balance, Lilian Ladouys is quite the charmer. There's just a bit of tightness on the finish, but élevage should take care of that. Tasted two times.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Capbern	90-92	93-94	90-92		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot, the 2024 Capbern is a polished classic, offering up notions of cassis, lilac, licorice and pencil shavings, followed by a medium-bodied, supple and polished palate with good underlying cut and grip. It checks in at 12.9% alcohol.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Good depth on the nose with a juicier palate this year, with a mixture of berries, red peppers and cherries. The chalky tannins are still quite firm and the wine delivers lots of fruit, with a long finish. Tight and tense. 70% cabernet sauvignon and 30% merlot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Capbern is a very pretty, delicate Saint-Estèphe. Cabernet Sauvignon takes the leading role in this elegant, nuanced wine. Crushed flowers, spice, new leather, cedar, licorice and incense are all delineated in the glass. Vibrant floral notes reappear on the long, persistent finish.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

PAUILLAC	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Mouton Rothschild	91-93	97-98	94-96		
Wines Advocate	Harvested between September 23 and October 5, the 2024 Mouton Rothschild is a blend of 93% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Merlot that attained 12.9% alcohol. Offering up aromas of crème de cassis, cigar wrapper and pencil shavings, it's medium to full-bodied, dense and layered, with a muscular, monolithic style built around austere, chalky tannins. Somewhat reminiscent of the estate's 2001 vintage (which is just coming around today at age 24), this structured, youthfully angular Mouton will require patience.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	This shows plenty of drive with dusty and creamy tannins that run the length of the wine and builds at the end. It's medium-bodied showing a focus and energy. Dark currants and flowers flavor. This really has length and it has the depth to improve with age. 93% cabernet sauvignon and 7% merlot.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 Mouton Rothschild, which has a little more Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend, was picked between September 23 and October 5 and aged for 18 months in 100% new oak. This has an understated bouquet with blackberry, cedar and graphite scents that take their time to unfold. The nose possesses very fine delineation though the oak is a little more prominent at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied and quite linear in style with fine tannins. A less flamboyant Mouton Rothschild in keeping with the style of the vintage, the 2024 discretely gains depth towards the finish and reveals a dash of white pepper on the aftertaste. Classy, very classy.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Petit Mouton	87-89	95-96	91-93		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Le Petit Mouton offers up aromas of crème de cassis and toasty new oak, followed by a medium to full-bodied, taut and chunky palate built around tangy acids and chalky tannins.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	Excellent depth. Though there is not much density, this exhibits outstanding cabernet character with paprika, tapenade, dark tobacco and black fruit. Medium- to full-bodied with fine-etched tannins. Great poise and elegance. Light on its feet but doesn't need any more richness. 67% cabernet sauvignon, 26% merlot, 5% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2023 Le Petit-Mouton is being matured in 50% new oak for a planned 18 months. It has an attractive, understated bouquet with pencil shavings and cedar-tinged black fruit —not as complex as the 2022, but refined. Two weeks later the nose demonstrates just a soupçon more éclat [brightness]. The palate is medium-bodied and harmonious with crisp acidity on the entry, dashes of spice and black pepper on the back-palate and moderate length on the linear finish. Give this three or four years in bottle.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lafite Rothschild	91-94	96-97	95-97		\$504
Wines Advocate	A blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot, the 2024 Lafite Rothschild offers up aromas of minty blackcurrants, violets, incense, loamy soil and cigar box, followed by a medium-bodied, pillowy and open-knit palate built around tangy acids and powdery tannins, concluding with a discreetly herbal finish. Harvest began on September 24 and concluded on October 4, delivering a Lafite in something of a throwback style, nodding to the wines made here in the 1970s.				
Score: 91-94					
James Suckling	A more Burgundian vintage for Lafite, with cedar, graphite, paprika, white pepper and fresh red fruit. Nuanced and refined, with a medium body and understated fruit. Intensity and concentration. It shows the Lafite hallmark of elegance, with more fluidity and crunch this year. Very long and delicate. 96% cabernet sauvignon, 3% merlot and 1% petit verdot.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	According to Technical Director Eric Kohler, the 2024 Lafite-Rothschild was picked from September 23 to October 7 and underwent a short vinification—less than three weeks—plus a gentle extraction. The blend includes 16% vin de presse. It has an understated and typical Lafite nose with crushed stone infusing the black fruit, black olive tapenade and marine scents. It comes across as statesmanlike, which is just how you want your First Growth, even in a tricky vintage like this. The palate is medium-bodied with fresh saline notes on the entry. Tensile from the start, this has very impressive focus and is a tad more peppery than previous vintages. This is an assured Lafite-Rothschild with a very seaweed/Japanese wakame-tinged finish. Very promising and one of the very few "cerebral" Left Bank wines in 2024.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Carruades de Lafite	89-91	93-94	91-93		\$210
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Carruades de Lafite is a blend of 47% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet France and 2% Petit Verdot. Unwinding in the glass to reveal aromas of dark berries, plums, lilac and tobacco leaf, it's medium-bodied, lively and open-knit, with a moderately persistent finish.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A juicy and fruity Carruade that's driven by merlot this year. Fresh red berry and cherry fruit, with a medium body and a light, composed framework of tannins. Fresh, crunchy and elegant, with a delicate, nuanced finish. 47% merlot, 45% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Carruades de Lafite is plush, sensual and inviting right out of the gate. Soft contours wrap around a core of plum, black cherry, gravel, incense, licorice and baking spice. This is a rare Carruades that is Merlot-driven. It's a balance that works quite well. This showy, inviting Carruades is quite the charmer.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Grand Puy Lacoste	89-91	95-96	91-93		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Merlot, maturing in 70% new barriques, the 2024 Grand-Puy-Lacoste offers up notes of blackcurrants, pencil shavings, iris and oak, followed by a medium-bodied, pretty palate built around a delicate core of fruit and lively acids, its powdery structuring tannins asserting themselves with gentle grip on the finish.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A very classic Grand-Puy-Lacoste that's really clear, firm and linear. Mineral, delicate, perfumed and bright, it shows scented red berries and a touch of white pepper. The medium body is rounded by fine, dusty tannins and a long, very juicy finish. 78% cabernet sauvignon and 22% merlot.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	Plump and juicy, the 2024 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is pure charm. This is an especially soft, fruity Grand-Puy-Lacoste with good aromatic presence and fine freshness, if not quite the depth or complexity of the very best years. Floral overtones lift the finish effortlessly. This is a delicate, understated Pauillac that will drink well with minimal cellaring. The balance between the 13% alcohol and 70% new oak is sublime. I won't be surprised if the 2024 turns out to be even better from bottle, especially if it gains a bit of mid-palate pliancy in barrel.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lynch Bages	87-89	94-95	93-95		\$104
Wines Advocate	Cropped at 30 hectoliters per hectare (the lowest yield at this address since 1991), the 2024 Lynch-Bages is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. Opening in the glass with aromas of minty berries and creamy new oak, it's medium to full-bodied, dense and heavily extracted, with firm, chalky tannins that assert themselves on the mouth-puckering finish. Lynch-Bages has historically performed well in challenging vintages, but the 2024 will demand considerable patience.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	A brooding nose, showing pulpy blackberries, ripe mulberries, peppercorns and violet extract. The signature Lynch-Bages tannin structure with good concentration of fruit helps deliver an almost full-bodied, structured red and a long, fruity finish. Wait and see. 70% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Lynch-Bages is packed. Cedar, scorched earth, licorice, incense and pipe tobacco weave through a core of dark, sepia-toned fruit. I especially admire the long, polished finish and overall balance here. The 2024 is a virile Lynch Bages with a bright future. Tasted two times.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Echo de Lynch Bages	86-88	92-93	90-92		\$39
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Echo de Lynch-Bages offers up aromas of dark berries and rich, toasty oak. Medium-bodied, robust and tannic, it's a chunky, structured wine that will certainly require some patience.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	Some baked cherries and strawberries on the nose. Juicy and fresh with medium body and tight, fine-grained tannins. The fruity finish has very good length. 53% cabernet sauvignon and 47% merlot.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Echo de Lynch-Bages is plush, supple and seductive, all the qualities of the Grand Vin, on a naturally smaller scale. Silky contours wrap around a core of dark red plum fruit, mocha, spice, new leather and cedar. This is a terrific Echo that will drink well right out of the gate.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Blanc de Lynch-Bages	87-89		93		\$72
Wines Advocate	Notes of boxwood, pear and spring blossoms introduce the 2024 Blanc de Lynch-Bages, a moderately weighted, lively and supple wine with tangy acids and a tensile profile, concluding with a long, floral finish.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous	Just bottled, the 2024 Blanc de Lynch Bages is a gorgeous, refreshing dry white to drink now and over the next handful of years. Lemon peel, white pepper, mint and chalky undertones are beautifully delineated. There's a bit more Muscadelle in this year's blend, but that is not especially apparent. Instead, Sauvignon Blanc drives the feel here.				
Score: 93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pichon Lalande	91-93	95-96	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande offers up attractive aromas of cassis, burning embers, tobacco leaf and fresh mint, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and polished palate that's seamless and suave, concluding with a moderately persistent finish. A blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc that attained 12.7% alcohol, it's a charming effort that will offer a broad drinking window.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	The length and linear nature of this wine make it outstanding. Medium-bodied with polished and refined tannins that caress the palate. Extremely well done. The length and finesse are impressive.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande is plush, sensual and inviting. Succulent dark-toned fruit, sweet spice, new leather, mocha, chocolate and lavender build nicely. Here, too, the tannins are so polished, so refined. The 2024 is an especially elegant Pichon-Comtesse. It's also very clearly one of the wines of the vintage. Bravo. Tasted four times.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pichon Comtesse Reserve	87-89	92-93	91-93		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Réserve de la Comtesse offers up aromas of minty cassis, plums and licorice, followed by a medium-bodied, ample and velvety palate that emphasizes upfront charm.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	A lighter vintage but juicy and refined, showing lots of crunch and freshness. Healthy tannins are firm and lightly chewy with medium body and an al dente finish. 72% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot and 4% cabernet franc.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Réserve de la Comtesse is a very racy, sexy wine. Crushed flowers, mint, lavender, new leather, mocha and spice all grace this exquisite, wonderfully nuanced Réserve. All the elements are so well balanced. Silky tannins add to the wine's total feeling of finesse, but the aromatics are just as inviting. Tasted three times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pichon Baron	90-93	95-96	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Pichon-Longueville Baron opens in the glass with aromas of cassis, blackberries, cigar wrappers and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, lively and layered, with a dense core of fruit, tangy acids and powdery tannins, this blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Merlot is a serious young Pauillac that will demand patience.				
Score: 90-93					
James Suckling	A dense wine with good richness and concentration. Slightly chewy, with an almost full body and a tight-grained finish. Long, structured and powerful. Not a lighter year for Pichon Baron, thanks to the low yield of just around 20 hectoliters per hectare. 87% cabernet sauvignon and 13% merlot.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Pichon Baron is a very sexy wine. Deep and layered on the palate, with fine depth, the 2024 exudes balance. Sumptuous black cherry, mocha, new leather, licorice, menthol, lavender and pine are all dialed up. There's gorgeous breadth and overall presence here. The Cabernet Sauvignon is quite high at 87%, but it is really the wine's balance that speaks loudest. Here, too, the reduction of new oak to 70% really helps the wine speak with precision.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Clerc Milon	89-91	94-95	91-93		
Wines Advocate	Notes of sweet cassis, pencil shavings and creamy new oak introduce the 2024 Clerc Milon, a medium-bodied, taut and lively wine built around chalky tannins.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	Very well-made, showing warm bread and graphite to the darker fruit. Not quite dense, this is balanced, juicy and supple in the center, showing a mix of black and red berries and cedar in the finish. Medium- to full-bodied, focused and nicely structured. It has fine, firm tannins and a long, nuanced finish. Classic Bordeaux without any sweetness.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Clerc Milon is packed with blue/purplish fruit, lavender, sage, dried flowers and mocha. Juicy and forward, Clerc Milon has a lot to recommend it. Time in the glass bring out gorgeous Cabernet Sauvignon savoriness to complement the wine's mid-weight structure. Lovely. Tasted two times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Haut Batailley	87-89	93-94	93-95		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Haut-Batailley offers up aroma of cherries, kirsch and petroleum jelly, followed by a medium-bodied, chunky and tannic palate.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	A bright and slightly spicy Pauillac led by vivid acidity and a touch of peppercorns. Red berries and cherries with juicy fruit and medium to full body. Tannins are firm and quite fine-grained. Long but not dense at the end. 68% cabernet sauvignon, 26% merlot and 6% petit verdot. 12.9% alcohol.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Haut-Batailley races across the palate with masses of dark fruit, menthol, licorice, espresso and dried herbs. Floral overtones reappear on the finish, adding a refined touch. Powerful yet polished, the 2024 is quite impressive. This feels a bit less extracted than the first vintages under the leadership of the Cazes family, not a bad thing at all in my view. Very fine. Tasted two times.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

D'Armailhac	87-89	93-94	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Offering up pretty notes of sweet wild berries, rose petals and burning embers, the 2024 d'Armailhac is medium-bodied, bright and precise, with a sweet core of fruit but a somewhat strict, angular profile. If it rounds out with élevage, it will merit a better rating.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	A fragrant, floral nose with fresh red cherries, berries and touches of cocoa powder and graphite. Bright and poised, this has medium body, vibrant acidity and an expressive finish. No sweetness. Juicier and more classic this year, though not as concentrated. 72% cabernet sauvignon, 14% merlot and 14% cabernet franc.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 d'Armailhac is a very beautiful wine. Dark, layered and intensely aromatic, the 2024 is so expressive. The percentage of Cabernet Franc from 60+ year-old vines is high in this vintage, and that very much comes through in the wine's perfume and saline intensity. All the elements are so well integrated. Dark red-toned fruit, blood orange, spice, cedar and new leather explode on the finish. Tasted two times.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Duhart-Milon	90-93	93-94	91-93		\$80
Wines Advocate	A blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Merlot, the 2024 Duhart-Milon was cropped at 32 hectoliters per hectare, and it was here that the Lafite team concluded the harvest. Offering up aromas of cassis and red berries mingled with hints of violets, pen ink, licorice and toasty oak, it's medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy, with a round, integrated, charming profile, concluding with a moderately persistent finish.				
Score: 90-93					
James Suckling	A lighter vintage that highlights finesse rather than power or concentration. Fresh blue fruit with a medium body and fine-grained tannins. Fresh but supple in a refined, medium-long finish. 78% cabernet sauvignon and 22% merlot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Duhart-Milon opens with strong Cabernet Sauvignon inflections. Blue-toned fruit, lavender, spice and dried herbs open first, all framed by brisk acids and supporting tannins that lend shape. The 2024 includes 14% press wines, about the norm here. This is a very promising Duhart.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Duhart-Milon Blanc	90-92	93-94	90-92		\$88
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Le Blanc de Duhart-Milon opens with lifted aromas of boxwood, pear and white peach, intertwined with delicate floral nuances. Medium-bodied, lively and tense, it is driven by tangy acidity and a juicy core of fruit, likely enhanced by the malolactic fermentation undergone by 50% of the production. This is a blend of 62% Sémillon, 35% Sauvignon Blanc and 3% Sauvignon Gris.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Bright and zesty, with fine cream, green guavas and gooseberries. Bright, sharp and crisp, with a medium body and a long, expressive finish. A hint of salinity comes through with creaminess at the end. 62% semillon, 35% sauvignon blanc and 3% sauvignon gris.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Le Blanc du Duhart is a very pretty Sémillon-driven white. Orchard fruit, slate, mint, chalk and white pepper lend a good deal of energy throughout. The 2024 is openknit and quite gracious in style. I imagine the Blanc will become an even more complex and serious wine as the team gains experience with making white wine in the Médoc.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Grand Puy Ducasse	85-87	93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate	Offering up discreet aromas of red berry fruit and new oak, the 2024 Grand-Puy-Ducasse is medium-bodied, firm and compact.				
Score: 85-87					
James Suckling	A solid, dense Pauillac with a velvety texture. Nice fruit on the medium-bodied palate with fine, firm tannins and a long, chalky finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Grand-Puy Ducasse is gorgeous. Dark and resonant on the palate, the Grand Vin is endowed with terrific depth from start to finish. Black cherry, plum, chocolate, spice and new leather are all amplified, with a kick of French oak that wraps it all together. Technical Director Anne Le Naour found a way to give the 2024 ample textural richness without distorting the wine. This is impeccably done. Tasted three times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pontet Canet	94-96	95-96	94-96		\$105
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Pontet-Canet underlines the fact that daring to harvest late paid dividends in this challenging vintage, wafting from the glass with aromas of cassis, black raspberries and plums mingled with accents of rose petals, licorice and exotic spices. Medium to full-bodied, deep and integrated, with mid-palate density that's all too rare this year, it's layered, suave and seamless, concluding with a long, sapid finish. Picking began on September 26 and concluded on October 11, with the heart of the estate's old-vine Cabernet Sauvignon coming in between the seventh and the ninth, well after many châteaux had finished their harvest. Greater reactivity during the season means that Pontet-Canet's vineyards are gaining in vigor, while in the winery, a lighter touch with extraction, systematic climate control and a wholesale refinement of the estate's cooperage choices have brought new harmony and sensuality to this estate's wines. That has combined with a willingness to take risks with harvest dates to deliver what is clearly one of the wines of the vintage. The blend is roughly half Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with the balance Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc.				
Score: 94-96					
James Suckling	A light but juicy wine that's fresh and fluid, with good depth of blue fruit and violets, a medium body and nicely reactive tannins. Crunchy, with a delicate mid-palate and firm, chalky tannins. Long, balanced and pristine finish. This will show early appeal. 52% cabernet sauvignon, 43% merlot, 4% petit verdot and 1% cabernet franc.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Pontet-Canet is one of the most elegant wines I have tasted here in some time, as in a long time. Brisk acids and beams of tannin shape a mid-weight, classically built Pontet-Canet unlike any I have tasted. The 2024 is not an obvious wine, it does not have the opulence of most recent years, rather it is a wine that impresses with its energy, tension and class. Floral, spice and mineral notes stain the palate in this vibrant, beautifully sculpted Pontet-Canet. The 2024 is seriously impressive, but it is also less immediate than what was once the norm because of a shift towards a style that favors greater energy and vibrancy than in the recent past. The evolution here is going to be fascinating to follow in the coming years. Tasted three times.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Aile D'Argent Blanc	89-91	96-97	91-93		
Wines Advocate	Notes of pear, mint, flowers, citrus and boxwood preface the 2024 Aile d'Argent, a moderately weighted, rich and satiny wine that's ample, framed by bright acids with a gently green finish, a consequence of the vintage's climatology. This is a blend of 54.5% Sauvignon Blanc and the rest Sémillon with a pH of 3.05.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	Complex and bright, showing sea urchins, lemon zest, spices and subtle cream. Medium-bodied with a sense of chalkiness to the middle. Lightly saline and quite long. There is no baby fat here. 54.5% sauvignon blanc, 33% semillon and 12.5% sauvignon gris. Aged in 45% new wood barrels.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Aile d'Argent is very fine. Silky, aromatic and brisk, the 2024 is impeccably done. White pepper, chalk, slate, mint, lemon peel and marzipan are some of the many notes that take shape in the glass. Attractive tropical overtones from the Sauvignon Gris add lift. There's a bit more lees-stirring than in most years, and also a bit of malolactic fermentation, both of which work so well within the wine's framework.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Haut Bages Libéral	87-89	95-96	91-93		
Wines Advocate	More open and gourmand than expected, the 2024 Haut-Bages-Libéral offers up aromas of dark berries, mulberries, cassis and flowers mingled with delicate notes of menthol. Medium-bodied, structured and dense for the vintage, it's built around firm tannins with a lively mid-palate and a spicy finish. This is a blend of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	A wonderful wine, showing roasted herbs, fine spices and currants. Very firm and clean-cut with chalky tannins and a lot of vibration. Pure and long. A unique Pauillac marked by the purity, precision and texture of its tannins. Possibly one of the best values from the vintage. 94% cabernet sauvignon, 5% merlot and 1% cabernet franc. From biodynamically grown grapes.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Haut-Bages Libéral is a classy, polished wine. Silky contours meld around a core of succulent red-toned fruit, white pepper, blood orange and cinnamon. The 2024 is airy and a bit lighter texturally than most vintages, but all the signatures of the property are quite present.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Croizet Bages		91-92	90-92		\$35
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A perfumed nose, showing some sweet spices, cherries, stones and herbs. Crisp and fluid with medium body and some lightly chewy tannins. Juicy and herbal in the finish.				
Score: 91-92					
Vinous	The 2024 Croizet Bages is a very pretty, gracious Pauillac. Crushed flowers, sweet red-toned fruit, chalk, mint and white pepper give the 2024 lovely aromatic presence to play o its mid-weight personality. There's potential here.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

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Leoville Las Cases	93-95	97-98	94-96		
Wines Advocate	One of the wines of the vintage, and certainly one that's likely to number among the longest-lived, is the 2024 Léoville Las Cases, a blend of 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc and 5% Merlot that attained 13.1% alcohol. Unwinding in the glass with a pure, intense bouquet of cassis, violets and pencil shavings, it's medium to full-bodied, with terrific mid-palate density and concentration but also a seamless integration of tannin and acidity that's especially rare this year, concluding with a long, penetrating finish. Jean-Hubert Delon observes that the 2024 shares "the aromas and flavors of the 1986," defined by Cabernet Sauvignon ripened at the end of the growing season, though of course the 2024, lacking the huge power and structure of that vintage, is much more amiable than the 1986.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	Complex, refined and truly mineral, this has natural vibrancy and freshness as well as excellent depth. Light midpalate concentration but also no sweetness at all. Medium- to full-bodied with chalky, stony tannins and a long, very tense finish. A vintage of delicacy and finesse. If you seek less alcohol and less power, this will be a great year to buy. 84% cabernet sauvignon, 11% cabernet franc and 5% merlot.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 Léoville Las-Cases is gorgeous. All the Las-Cases signatures are present, just dialed down a touch. Blue/purplish fruit, lavender, grilled herbs, graphite and menthol are all beautifully delineated. The 2024 is distinguished by its precision and total class. Time in the glass brings out the wine's intensely floral, spice-injected aromatics. Brisk acids and bracing mineral notes wrap it all together in style. I can't wait to taste this from bottle.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Leoville Barton	92-94	95-96	93-95		
Wines Advocate	A serious wine that will delight patient purists, but which also showcases the new levels of purity and precision that this estate has been attaining since completion of the new winery, the 2024 Léoville Barton is a blend of 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc. Unwinding in the glass with notes of cassis, plums, pencil shavings and violets, it's medium to full-bodied, deep and impressively concentrated, with a taut but nicely integrated profile, concluding with a pure, penetrating finish.				
Score: 92-94					
James Suckling	A classic Bordeaux that shows finesse and poise. This is understated, with a medium body, lovely texture and acidity, freshness and brightness. It shows firm tannins that aren't chewy. Very long and honest, with pure fruit. 92% cabernet sauvignon, 6% merlot and 2% cabernet franc.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Léoville Barton is a very beautiful wine. Black cherry, plum, lavender, new leather, graphite, crushed rocks, mocha and spice all meld together. A wine of classical build, Léoville Barton is also wonderfully deep and expressive. Today, all of its energy is directed inwards, but there is a lot of wine here. I can't wait to taste this from bottle. Tasted two times.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Leoville Poyferre	89-91	94-95	91-93		
Wines Advocate	Offering up aromas of jammy berries and toasty oak, the 2024 Léoville Poyferré is a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot. Medium-bodied, dense and blocky, it's firm, tannic and chewy, with some green characteristics vying with its creamy patina of new wood. Harvest took place between 24 September and 10 October, and some lots saw some reverse osmosis.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A bit closed and almost steely at the moment. At the same time, there is depth and huge structure, showing black cherries, mulberries, fine spices and violets. Full-bodied, this has heaps of very small-grained, dusty tannins on the palate and a long finish. A concentrated wine. Wait and see.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Léoville-Poyferré was picked from September 24 to October 10 at 26.42 hl/ha. There was some reverse osmosis on the Merlot and Cabernet Franc varieties. Quasi-Pauillac in style, it offers quite backward black fruit, hints of melted tar and graphite on the nose. The palate is medium-bodied and quite succulent with fleshy ripe tannins, tobacco-laced black fruit, brown spices and light undergrowth. With a fine supple landing on the finish in typical "LP" fashion, this constitutes a delicious, early-drinking Poyferre that will bemore approachable than oter vintages.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Ducru Beaucaillou	91-93	96-97	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Ducru-Beaucaillou is showing well at this stage, unfurling in the glass with a perfumed bouquet of dark berries, flowers, gentian and fresh licorice, interwoven with delicate spicy nuances. Medium to full-bodied, layered, and seamless, it is lively and refined, with somewhat firm tannins leading to a gently grippy finish. This was harvested between September 30 and October 15.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	Excellent depth with very good concentration. Lots of dusty, small-grained tannins. Densely packed, with nervy minerals, blackberries, dark chocolate, violets and cassis. Full-bodied and very fresh, with a lengthy finish. Structured and tightly framed. Shows good potential. 86% cabernet sauvignon and 14% merlot.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Ducru-Beaucaillou is a sleek, elegant wine. Silky tannins give the 2024 its distinctly mid-weight, lithe personality. Readers will find a gracious Ducru built more on persistence and nervy tension than size or opulence. Blue/black fruits, lavender, cloves, menthol and chocolate open over time. It will be fascinating to see how this ages.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Croix de Beaucaillou	87-89	93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate	With a delicate, gently spicy bouquet of cassis, cassis blossoms and raspberries, the 2024 La Croix de Beaucaillou offers a moderately weighted palate built around firm, structuring tannins and a vibrant core of fruit with a lively, energetic mid-palate that reflects the early-picked Merlot, lending freshness and lift to this well-defined, elegant cuvée.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	Very pure and minerally, with good depth of fruit, fresh dark cherries and berries. Almost full-bodied, with lots of fine-grained tannins that get chalky. Structured and quite long. A good, dense expression from the vintage. 65% merlot, 32% cabernet sauvignon and 3% petit verdot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou matured in two-thirds new oak this year, the usual percentage. It has a precise bouquet with blackberry, wild strawberry and background slate-like aromas. This is finely focused, though more understated than recent vintages. The palate is medium-bodied and quite peppery, with grainy tannins, gentle grip and a slightly stony finish. This is a more linear and classically styled Deuxieme Vin that will deserve two or three years in the bottle.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Langoa Barton	92-94	93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Langoa Barton is showing beautifully, wafting from the glass with aromas of sweet blackberries and plums mingled with notions of licorice, pencil shavings and lilac. Medium to full-bodied, with lively acids and good depth and density, it's pure and refined. This is a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc, picked between 24 September and 5 October.				
Score: 92-94					
James Suckling	A firm and refined red with blackcurrant and mineral character. Medium-bodied, chewy and polished, suggesting well-selected grapes for the vintage. Well done.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Langoa-Barton is such a pretty wine. Floral and bright, with lovely mid-weight structure, Langoa is a total charmer. Rose petal, crushed red berry fruit, spice, orange peel and mint are beautifully lifted. Bright saline undertones extend the finish. The 2024 is a promising Langoa. Tasted two times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Clos Du Marquis	90-92	95-96	90-92		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc that attained 12.9% alcohol, the 2024 Clos du Marquis unwinds in the glass with notes of cassis, iris and pencil shavings, followed by a medium-bodied, taut and incisive palate with good depth and persistence. It's a serious wine, but it will require patience.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	A very fragrant, mineral-driven nose. This has some depth but remains poised and refined with a thin gauze of fine, chalky tannins that dissolve throughout the palate. Long and almost ethereal. Spot-on balance and poise, the terroir showing through in a delicate, transparent vintage like this one. Slightly lighter than previous years but a more "intellectual" wine. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot and 5% cabernet franc.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Clos du Marquis is a very pretty, aromatic Saint-Julien. Crushed flowers, mint, lavender, white pepper and slate give the 2024 an attractive upper register to match its mid-weight, nervy personality. There is a bit of dryness on the finish that hopefully will be resolved with élevage.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Gruaud Larose		92-94		92-94+		\$66
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Gruaud Larose shows excellent potential, bursting with notes of cassis, pencil shavings, iris and violets. Medium to full-bodied, suave and seamless, it's ample and pure, with a precise, refined pro-life and good persistence on the finish. A blend of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc, it is the fruit of a growing season defined by fully 30 organic phytosanitary treatments and a harvest that concluded on October 8. It checks in at 12.4% alcohol and pH 3.77 (for Gruaud, a rather low number).					
Score: 92-94						
James Suckling						
Score:						
Vinous	The 2024 Gruaud Larose is very fine. Dark and ample, with gorgeous presence, the 2024 has so much to offer. Dark blue/purplish fruit, new leather, gravel, spice, lavender and dried herbs build effortlessly. Readers will find a Saint-Julien endowed with notable textural depth. The finish is perhaps just a touch narrow, but élevage may very well help with that.					
Score: 92-94+						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Talbot		88-90	93-94	90-92		\$56
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Talbot is a blend 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot. Offering up aromas of minty cherries, cassis, burning embers and new oak, it's medium-bodied, taut and youthfully angular.					
Score: 88-90						
James Suckling	Focused, dense and creamy with berries and chocolate on the nose. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins. Chalky, with crunchy berries and a flavorful finish.					
Score: 93-94						
Vinous	The 2024 Talbot is an attractive, understated Saint-Julien. Sweet pipe tobacco, cedar, mint, mocha, dried herbs and incense lend notable aromatic presence. The 2024 is pleasant but also a bit light texturally. Let's see what happens with élevage.					
Score: 90-92						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Saint Pierre		94-95	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Good depth for the vintage, showing blackcurrants, dark chocolate and pine cones. Firm and fine-grained with medium to full body. Impressive length.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Saint-Pierre (Saint-Julien) shows more refinement and complexity on the nose compared to its "sibling," Gloria, this year. Blackberry, crushed stone and light pressed violet aromas unfold in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with finely chiseled tannins, cohesive and poised, with a very appealing and sustained finish. This is a great success in the context of the vintage and could well present up to 20 years of drinking pleasure.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Branair Ducru	90-92	93-94	92-94		\$46
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Branair-Ducru offers up a pretty and precise bouquet of cassis, violets and pencil shavings. Medium-bodied, supple and suave, with polished tannins and tangy acids, it's a fine-boned, delicate wine from Branair that was harvested between 20 September and 9 October. It's a blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot that attained 12.8% alcohol, and it's being raised in a touch less new oak than usual.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	This crunchy Branair-Ducru is full of fruit, flowers, citrus, stones and fine herbs. Medium-bodied on the palate, showing fresh berries and cherries. Al dente with a juicy, linear finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Branair-Ducru is a super-classic Branair. Medium in body and gracious, the 2024 is defined by its lifted aromatics and silky, polished tannins. The proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon is especially high in 2024, a sign that the fruit harvested on the later side benefited from better conditions, namely a lack of rain. The 2024 possesses lovely purity and exquisite balance. Floral top notes and a burst of red-toned fruit reappear on the finish to round things out in style. It will be especially ne if élevage softens the contours. This is a fine effort from proprietor Francois-Xavier Maroteau and longtime winemaker Jean-Dominique Videau. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Gloria	88-90	92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of blackberries, cassis and toasty oak introduce the 2024 Gloria, a medium-bodied, lively wine built around youthfully chalky tannins.				
Score: 88-90					
James Suckling	A solid, textural and well-structured red with dark plums and warm spices on the nose. It's medium-bodied with fine, firm tannins. Juicy with some chocolate influence. Medium finish.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Gloria has a light nose with blackberry, leather and loamy aromas that require a bit of coaxing from the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with rigid tannins, moderate depth, gentle grip and a slightly blocky finish. It's not close to the peaks that Gloria can achieve (and there have been several in recent years), but this is a swarthy Saint-Julien that should mellow with bottle age.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lagrange	89-91	94-95	90-93		
Wines Advocate	Notes of minty cassis, blackberries and pencil shavings introduce the 2024 Lagrange, a medium-bodied, dense wine with a sweet core of fruit framed by somewhat firm and assertive tannins.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A wonderful Lagrange from this challenging vintage. This has excellent depth and complexity, showing vivid berry fruit, blackcurrants, tapenade, spices and minerals. Crunchy and succulent with medium to full body and a long, succulent finish. Real poise.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Lagrange is quite promising. Deep and vibrant in the glass, with terrific energy, Lagrange offers fine depth and plenty of harmony to match. Dark red cherry, spice, new leather, tobacco and incense resonate on the layered finish. Tasted two times.				
Score: 90-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Beychevelle		94-95	95-97		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Good depth and complexity here from this light, acid-driven vintage. Violets, fresh herbs, blackcurrants, berries and a touch of paprika and white pepper. Bright and succulent on the palate with firm, crunchy tannins and a structured finish.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Beychevelle might very well be the wine of the vintage in Saint-Julien. It is certainly among the very best I tasted on the Left Bank. Plush, inky and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2024 is so silky and inviting. Blue/purplish fruit, lavender, mocha and spice are some of the many notes that stain the palate. The sustained, resonant finish is a thing of beauty. Tasted two times.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

MARGAUX	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Chateau Margaux	93-95	97-98	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Château Margaux has turned out beautifully, unfurling in the glass with notes of cassis, violets, cigar box and iris. Medium to full-bodied, deep and vibrant, with excellent density and concentration for the vintage, it's lively and layered, concluding with a long, penetrating finish. This is a serious, youthfully tightly wound blend of 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc that attained 12.8% alcohol.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	Really impressive depth, concentration and perfume this year, with fine tannins. Lots of violets, red flowers, black cherries and currants. Full-bodied and seriously structured, with impeccable freshness and a very long finish. Dense and powerful for the vintage, with tension, vibrations, good concentration and a tannin framework. 93% cabernet sauvignon, 5% merlot, 1% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	Representing 46% of the total crop (a little higher than recent years due to higher yields in the best Cabernet blocks), the 2024 Château Margaux contains slightly less Merlot (5%). It has a sophisticated bouquet in the context of the growing season, with black fruit, pressed violet and hints of pencil box that almost lend a Pauillac-like allure. Very fine delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and modest depth. This is clearly a leaner Château Margaux compared to, say, the 2020 or 2022, but it is razor-sharp with superb tension and mineralité. Unapologetically classic in style with modest length, this noble First Growth will benefit from four to five years in bottle.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pavillon Du Margaux (Rouge)	90-93	95-96	89-91		
Wines Advocate	Incorporating more Cabernet Franc (as recent plantings mature) and more Cabernet Sauvignon than usual, the 2024 Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux unwinds in the glass with aromas of sweet cassis, red berries, vanilla pod and violets, followed by a medium to full-bodied, deep and lively palate with good density, powdery tannins and lively acids. It checks in at 12.9% alcohol.				
Score: 90-93					
James Suckling	Good, pure fruit with scented violets, black cherries and some currants. Full-bodied and richer than most from the vintage, with lots of fresh, dusty tannins and impressive concentration. Fresh, pure, compact and long. 77% cabernet sauvignon, 11% merlot, 9% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Pavillon Rouge is a very pretty wine that represents 28% of the château's production. Intensely floral and medium in body, the 2024 is quite gracious. Spice, crushed flowers and bright red-toned fruit are nicely delineated in a mid-weight, classy Pavillon. The blend is very much Cabernet Sauvignon-driven, as the Merlot suffered more.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pavillon Du Margaux (Blanc)	93-94	98-99	94-96		
Wines Advocate	Entirely crafted from Sauvignon Blanc, the 2024 Pavillon Blanc reveals a delicate bouquet of confit citrus, boxwood, pear and spices. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and layered, it's built around bright acids and a lively mid-palate that segues into a fresh and herb-inflected finish. This is a slightly more opulent and expressive rendition compared to the more restrained 2021 and 2017 vintages.				
Score: 93-94					
James Suckling	Really pure and precise, with a fascinating mineral drive to the fruit. Bright but textured on the palate, with a medium to full body. There is a subtle saline twist but it's refreshing and driven, with excellent weight and length. The acidity really brightens it. 100% sauvignon blanc.				
Score: 98-99					
Vinous	The 2024 Pavillon Blanc was picked between September 2 and 8. Airy, crisp and bright, the 2024 dazzles with its mineral-drenched tension and cut. Orchard fruit, citrus peel, white pepper, mint and slate lend notable brightness. The 2024 is distinguished by a compelling interplay of vibrancy and a feeling of textural richness that is so complementary.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Palmer	93-95	95-96	94-97		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Palmer is shaping up beautifully and stands out as one of the wines of the vintage in the Médoc. Wafting from the glass with aromas of crème de cassis, plums, cigar wrapper and iris, it's medium to full-bodied, velvety and enveloping, with good depth at the core, sweet structuring tannins and a long, precise finish. Uniting charm with seriousness, this blend of 59% Cabernet Sauvignon and 41% Merlot is the quintessential Palmer. Yields after sorting worked out at 22 hectoliters per hectare.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	Excellent depth and good purity of fruit, showing lots of blackcurrants, dark minerals and violet extract. Full-bodied, this has plenty of fine-grained tannins and a hallmark Palmer tannin structure and framework. Quite tight and juicy at the end with a lasting finish and lots of volume. 13.2% alcohol.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Palmer is wonderfully vivid and expressive. Strong Cabernet Sauvignon inflections make a strong first impression. Blue/purplish fruit, gravel, lavender, incense, licorice and dried herbs all jump from the glass. I imagine the 2024 will drink well on release, which is uncharacteristic for young Palmer. Readers will find a gorgeous wine with tons of character and pedigree to burn. Palmer remains one of the most distinctive wines in all of Bordeaux.				
Score: 94-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Malescot Saint-Exupéry		93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Aromas of violets, dark cherries and blueberries follow through to a medium-bodied palate with chewy tannins. Slightly angular, but there is a good center palate to hold the fruit. Structured, with a medium-long finish. 53% merlot, 40% cabernet sauvignon and 7% petit verdot. 50% new oak this year in contrast with 60% last year.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Malescot Saint Exupéry has a cohesive nose with ample scents of blackberry, raspberry, light violet and just a touch of cedar in the background—backward, for sure, but it unfurls in the glass. The medium-bodied palate has firm tannins, a little chewy in a pleasant way with composure and bite on the finish. This is a thoroughly enjoyable fresh Margaux that will drink earlier than the 2022.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Cantenac Brown	90-93	93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Cantenac Brown was cropped at a very low 16 hectoliters per hectare and represents 52% of the estate's production. The new winery's battery of smaller tanks made it possible to isolate sub-parcels to attain more homogenous maturity. Offering up aromas of cassis, violets and pencil shavings, it's medium-bodied, with good density and concentration, built around sweet tannins and integrated acids. It's a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27.5% Merlot and the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.				
Score: 90-93					
James Suckling	A velvety, densely fruited red with a delicate texture. Cherries and some pine needles on the nose. Medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins. Silky and delicious with some more berry and chocolate character on the finish				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Cantenac Brown is a classic wine from the château. Even in this vintage, all the signatures are present. Opulent dark fruit, new leather, incense, cloves, new leather and chocolate are dialed up. Technical Director Jose Sanfins and his team did a terrific job capturing all the elements of the house style, which is about as strong a compliment as is possible in this vintage. The 2024 will be fascinating to taste in a vertical some years down the road. New oak is 60%. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Giscours	93-95	93-94	93-95		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Giscours has turned out very well indeed. Offering up incipiently complex aromas of dark berries and cherries mingled with orange zest, licorice, violets and burning embers, it's medium to full-bodied, with good density and richness, with a layered, rather muscular palate and a long, expansive finish. The 2024 is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. The estate retained cover crops to amplify the dry conditions in July and August, accelerating ripening, and once again picked by vine age within blocks, bringing in the younger-vine fruit earlier before it could rot. Merlot came in between 19 and 28 September, and the Cabernet Sauvignon was picked very late, between 1 and 11 October.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	A fresh and vivid red, showing blackcurrants, herbs and hints of needles and dried flowers. Medium-bodied. Nicely chewy tannins extend to the medium-long finish, which is bright, firm and linear. A Giscours that shows the elegance and balance of the vintage. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 31% merlot, 6% cabernet franc and 3% petit verdot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Giscours is impressive. Elegant and sleek, with fine balance, Giscours is all class. The bouquet alone is so enticing. Small red berry fruit, spice, tobacco, mint and cedar are all finely sketched in a mid-weight, nervy Giscours that is quite showy right out of the gate. There is a bit of edginess in the tannins, but that's not anything that can't be addressed with élevage. A closing burst of aromatics leaves a long-lasting impression. Tasted three times.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Marquis de Terme		92-93	90-92		\$37
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Tea leaves, minerals and blackcurrants. Firm, chalky tannins with medium body and a nice, fluid center-palate. The finish is crunchy and juicy.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Marquis de Terme is elegant, perfumed and nicely lifted. Crushed flowers, mint, spice, red cherry, cinnamon and rose petal lend attractive aromatic presence. This midweight, gracious Margaux is impeccably done. It's the sort of wine that is not trying to be anything more than was possible in this vintage. A burst of fruit punctuates the finish. Tasted three times.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Alter Ego De Palmer		90-93	93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Alter Ego de Palmer is a lovely wine, bursting with aromas of blackcurrants, plums, rose petals and violets. Medium to full-bodied, supple and lively, with a sweet core of fruit, ripe tannins and impressive richness for the vintage, it's a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot.					
Score: 90-93						
James Suckling	Good depth here for the vintage, showing rich dark cherries, mulberries, violets and mussel shells. A hint of dried fruit too. Medium- to full-bodied with some nicely chewy tannins and a tight, juicy finish. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot and 6% petit verdot.					
Score: 93-94						
Vinous	The 2024 Alter Ego is a very sexy, polished wine. Silky contours wrap around a core of dark red-toned fruit. Floral and spice overtones lend brightness to a mid-weight, supple Alter Ego that will drink well right out of the gate. Pliant and inviting, with no hard edges, the 2024 is an absolute delight. Hints of cedar, tobacco, incense and white pepper linger on the brilliant, sculpted finish.					
Score: 92-94						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Prieure-Lichine		92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Fresh and nicely herbal on the nose, showing dark cherries, violets and some currants. Crunchy and tight-grained with medium body and a linear finish. Tannins are chewy but not overpowering				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Prieuré-Lichine is an attractive wine, but it does show the lighter side of the year, accented by the fact that Prieuré-Lichine is never a big wine. Dark red/black fruit, mocha, licorice and spice all meld together in the glass, with good mid-palate pliancy and promising balance. Tasted two times.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Rauzan Segla	89-92	93-94	95-98		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 63.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot and 0.5% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Rauzan-Ségla offers up aromas of minty cassis, pencil shavings and cigar wrapper, followed by a medium-bodied, soft and pillowy palate that's supple and open-knit, concluding with a melting, discreetly herbal finish.				
Score: 89-92					
James Suckling	A juicy, fruity wine with lovely berry and cherry aromas. Bright and vibrant, with a medium body and lightly chewy tannins. Supple in the middle, with a firm, medium-long finish. 63.5% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot, 2% petit verdot and 0.5% cabernet franc.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Rauzan-Ségla is magnificent. One of the top wines of the Left Bank, Rauzan-Ségla possesses tremendous textural density and mind-blowing balance. Dark fruit, lavender, spice, licorice and new leather are all dialed up in a potent, layered Margaux that offers stunning harmony and incredible purity. At this stage, Rauzan-Ségla is one of the wines of the vintage in Bordeaux. Elegant yet powerful, the 2024 is simply magnificent. Tasted four times.				
Score: 95-98					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Rauzan Gassies		92-93	89-91		\$54
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A juicy, balanced and chocolaty red with plums and herbs on the nose, following through to a medium body with creamy tannins. Plenty of texture. Berries and chocolate on the flavorful finish.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Rauzan Gassies is a bit burly and rough around the edges, but it could turn out to be quite good if élevage softens the contours. Dark red fruit, licorice, incense, leather and dried herbs build nicely, lending notable complexity throughout. I am eager to taste this from bottle.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Du Tertre		90-92	93-94	90-92		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, the 2024 du Tertre unwinds in the glass with notes of cassis, plums, a touch of licorice and spices. Medium to full-bodied, bright and lively, with sweet tannins and good depth for the vintage, it's the result of a harvest that began on September 24 and concluded on October 8.					
Score: 90-92						
James Suckling	Pure, juicy fresh fruit with roasted spices, berries and dark cherries. Bright, crunchy and tight. Lovely tension in the middle with properly framed tannins. Long finish. 75% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc, 13% merlot and 2% petit verdot.					
Score: 93-94						
Vinous	The 2024 du Tertre is packed with blackberry, graphite, incense, licorice, chocolate and cloves, all of which confer somber gravitas. There's enough depth to make me think the 2024 will come together nicely in the cellar. This is nicely done.					
Score: 90-92						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Brane-Cantenac	89-91	94-95	93-95		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Brane-Cantenac exhibits aromas of sweet berries, vanilla pod and toasty new oak, followed by a medium-bodied, fleshy and youthfully tannic palate that's lent a creamy, lactic quality by its malolactic fermentation in new barrels.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A linear and focused wine with blackcurrants, cherries and crushed stones. Medium-bodied with polished tannins. Classy finish.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Brane-Cantenac is shaping up to be a gem. Blood orange, crushed flowers, spice, mint and chalk confer notable brightness. The 2024 is marked by a strong red-fruit character, bright acids and mid-weight structure, all of which make for a super-classic, if somewhat nervy, Brane-Cantenac. There's quite a bit of potential here. Tasted two times.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lascombes	89-91	95-96	94-96		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of cassis, lilac and nicely integrated creamy new oak introduce the 2024 Lascombes, a medium to full-bodied, dense and youthfully structured young wine underpinned by a bright spine of acidity and concluding with gently chewy tannins. This was cropped at 38 hectoliters per hectare and saw a combination of tank bleeds and reverse osmosis to amp up its concentration. Maturation is in 60% new oak, with lighter toasts than was formerly the case at this address.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A touch of warm bread, graphite and fresh blackberries with a touch of black pepper. Richer and more concentrated than many from this vintage, this has excellent depth, full body and very complete, fine-grained tannins. Long, broad and juicy. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot and 5% cabernet franc and petit verdot combined. Around 60% new oak with lighter toast now.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Lascombes represents another important step for Lascombes under its current leadership. Silky and elegant, with notable depth, the Grand Vin impresses with its textural resonance and persistence. New leather, licorice, lavender and incense weave through a core of dark-toned fruit. Lascombes is shaping up to be one of the sleepers of 2024. I can't wait to taste it from bottle. Impressive. Tasted three times.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

D'Issan	89-91	94-95	92-94		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 D'Issan wafts from the glass with attractive aromas of cassis, burning embers, pipe tobacco and violets. Medium-bodied, pillowy and lively, with a sweet core of fruit framed by powdery tannins, it's an elegant, fine-boned Margaux that will offer a broad drinking window.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	This vintage shows lovely minerality and excellent red currants, red cherries and stones. Such vibrancy, youthfulness and energy. Not a wine of immense depth, but I like the chalky tannins that provide vibration and length. Mostly cabernet sauvignon with merlot, malbec and petit verdot.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 d'Issan is pretty closed in on itself. Issan is usually a showier wine at this stage, but the 2024 is decidedly virile, almost somber in feel. Floral, spice and earthy notes open with some coaxing, and yet the Grand Vin is only showing a fraction of what it has to offer. I do admire its strong character, however. The 2024 will be a fascinating Issan to follow.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Kirwan		93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Good depth for the vintage, showing nice spices and black cherries. A hint of iodine and graphite. Juicy, acid-driven and bright, this has medium to full body and fresh, pleasantly chewy tannins. Pretty al dente with a long finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Kirwan is quite understated and discreet on the nose, opening up with blackberry, raspberry and crushed violet scents. The oak is neatly integrated. The palate is medium-bodied, fresh and juicy, with pliant tannins, more on the mid-palate than some of its peers and a harmonious, thoroughly enjoyable finish. This is classy. Kirwan looks as if it has raised its game in recent vintages and this bodes well for the future. Bravo!				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Siran	86-88	92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of earthy cassis and toasty oak preface the 2024 Siran, a medium-bodied, firm and angular young wine built around austere tannins that will require patience.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	Some roasted coffee, dark berries and cassis follow through to a juicy, medium- to full-bodied palate with nicely chewy tannins and a medium-long finish. Well-structured				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Siran is bold and juicy to the core. Succulent red fruit, spice, new leather, blood orange, menthol and mocha all flesh out in the glass. A wine of substance and textural presence, Siran delivers the goods in 2024. Tasted two times.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

MEDOC	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Sociando Mallet	90-91	92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 57% Merlot and 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2024 Sociando-Mallet offers up aromas of cassis, plums and pencil shavings, followed by a medium-bodied, suave and lively palate with good depth and balance. It represents a very strong performance in this challenging vintage.				
Score: 90-91					
James Suckling	Textured and perfumed, showing subtle minerals to the pure red and blue fruit. Tense and medium-bodied on the palate with firm, nicely chewy tannins. Juicy and vibrant in the finish. A lighter vintage offers more approachability this year. Linear, slim and very fresh. 57% merlot and 43% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Sociando-Mallet is elegant, polished and very sophisticated. Fine tannins wrap around a solid base of dark plum, lavender, mocha, licorice and mint. The 100% new oak is barely perceptible. Floral and saline undertones shape the long, beautifully persistent finish. This is a super-impressive Sociando.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Chasse Spleen	86-88	91-92	88-90		\$31
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Chasse-Spleen offers up aromas of minty cassis and pencil shavings, followed by a medium-bodied, somewhat firm and taut palate.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	Spiced berries, cherries, herbs and hints of white pepper. Fresh and slightly sharp, this has bright acidity, medium body and nicely chewy tannins. Crunchy, medium-long finish.				
Score: 91-92					
Vinous	The 2024 Chasse-Spleen is perhaps a bit firm, but it offers very good energy and persistence. Expressive savory inflections meld into a core of plum, new leather, incense, spice, tobacco and dried herbs. This mid-weight Moulis is promising.				
Score: 88-90					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Potensac	88-90	92-93	89-91		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc and 33% Merlot, the 2024 Potensac exhibits notes of cherries, cassis and pencil shavings, followed by a medium to full-bodied, lively palate with good density and sweetness of tannin. It will, however, require some patience.				
Score: 88-90					
James Suckling	A scented, mineral nose, showing red berries and cherries. Lighter this year on the medium-bodied palate, this has firm tannins tightly wound into the less intense red fruit. Quite juicy and refined. Elegant. Likely to be a very well-balanced and drinkable wine.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Potensac is laced with hints of cedar, tobacco, dried herbs and leather. The 2024 shows good aromatic presence and fine depth, especially for the year. Clean saline notes extend the finish. As is so often the case, Potensac is an under-the-radar gem.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Lagune	84-86	93-94	91-93		\$35
Wines Advocate	I entertained higher expectations for the 2024 La Lagune, a light to medium-bodied, ephemeral wine redolent of minty plums and loamy soil. Perhaps it will perform better in bottle.				
Score: 84-86					
James Suckling	A balanced, textural and refined red with cherries and sweet spices. Medium-bodied with fine tannins. Velvety texture with a long, denser finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 La Lagune is a rich, deep wine. Dark-toned fruit, new leather, scorched earth, graphite and dried herbs all run through this potent, expressive Haut-Médoc. The tannins still need time to come together, but there is enough depth and overall pedigree for that to happen. Although it is not especially showy today, La Lagune has a good bit of potential. Tasted two times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Poujeaux			89-91		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous	The 2024 Poujeaux is quite bold and savory, largely because of the elevated presence of Petit Verdot in the blend. Dried flowers, lavender, spice and licorice lend dark tonalities to the bouquet. In 2024, Poujeaux is quite reticent, despite its mid-weight structure and modest 12.5% alcohol. I would cellar it for a few years, as this needs time to come together. I find the 2024 a bit raw and unformed at this stage, and yet it has plenty of depth to make me cautiously optimistic about the future. Tasted two times.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

HAUT MEDOC	WA	JS	V	NM	PRICE
Cantemerle	88-90	93-94	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of sweet blackberries, minty cassis and pencil shavings introduce the 2024 Cantemerle, a medium-bodied, bright and lively wine built around sweet, youthfully chewy tannins. It's a solid effort for this large southern Médoc classified growth.				
Score: 88-90					
James Suckling	A creamy and delicious red with blackcurrant, berry and mineral aromas that follow through to a medium body and a delicious finish. This will be a crowd pleaser.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Cantemerle has a nicely composed bouquet with blackberry, sous-bois and subtle cedar scents percolating through with time. The palate is fresh and vibrant with saturated tannins, a keen line of acidity, well-integrated new oak and a very well-proportioned finish. This exceeds my expectations and is a great success in the context of the vintage. It could end up at the top of my banded score.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

GRAVES & PESSAC-LEOGNAN	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
De Fieuzal	91-93	91-92	89-91		
Wines Advocate	More austere and less luminous than recent vintages—a clear reflection of the vintage—the 2024 de Fieuzal is showing remarkably well within its context. Evoking dark berries, cassis, flowers and lead pencil, it's medium to full-bodied, sappy and layered with a delicate, precise mid-palate framed by velvety tannins and concluding with a delicate, saline finish. This blend of 45% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Petit Verdot has clearly benefited from Stephen Carrier's patient "wait-for-maturity" approach.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	A textured and silky red with red berries and baking spices on the nose. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins. Seductive with a silky finish.				
Score: 91-93					
Vinous	The 2024 de Fieuzal is a powerful, brooding wine. Dried herbs, tobacco, scorched earth and leather all take shape in the glass. This offers lovely mid-palate creaminess and fine depth. A classy Pessac-Léognan, Fieuzal is very nicely rendered. Floral top notes linger effortlessly on the close.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Mission Haut Brion	93-95	96-97	93-95		
Wines Advocate	Notes of dark berries, spices, mulberries and discreet hints of new oak preface the 2024 La Mission Haut-Brion, a medium to full-bodied, dense and attractively seamless wine for the vintage, with a textural mid-palate that's underpinned by a firm chassis of tannins, concluding with a long, broad and rather ripe finish. Slightly austere at this stage, it is likely to flesh out with élevage, developing into a structured and serious La Mission with promising aging potential. Like its sibling Haut-Brion, the estate benefited from its intramural location in Pessac, which allowed for more complete ripening in a year that posed greater challenges for some other Pessac-Léognan properties.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	A precise, classic vintage showing depth of fruit, but with beautiful austerity and minerals. Mostly red fruit, with touches of dark cherries and currants. Medium- to full-bodied with very fine-etched tannins and lots of brightness. So long and refined in the finish, showing restraint. 51% cabernet sauvignon, 46.5% merlot and 2.5% cabernet franc.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 La Mission Haut-Brion is such a classy wine. Strong floral and savory notes meld into a core of plum, blackberry, gravel, spice, leather, tobacco and incense. Medium in body, with no hard edges, the 2024 is a delight. It offers lovely freshness and energy throughout. There is a bit of graininess in the tannin, a reminder of the challenges of the growing season.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Mission Haut Brion Blanc	93-95	97-98	96-98		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc reveals a gently reductive bouquet of pear, white peach, confit citrus and verbena mingled with exotic anise touches that emerge with time in the glass. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and layered, it's bright and enveloping with an elegantly phenolic mid-palate and a mouthwateringly mordant finish. This is a blend of 59% Sémillon and 41% Sauvignon Blanc.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	The quality of the fruit is great, with beautiful depth and clarity. The acidity is quite bright, and there is enough substance and beautiful texture on the palate to keep it balanced. Long and subtle at this stage, but the potential is huge, with a style that's really minerally and classic. 59% semillon and 41% sauvignon blanc.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc, which has more Sémillon in the blend, was reticent on the nose and demanded more coaxing than usual, (reluctantly) offering scents of red apple, lime flower and crushed stone. The palate is more expressive with impressive weight and density. The 2024 is fresh and vibrant with palpable tension, revealing a tingle of lemongrass and stem ginger towards its sustained finish. When I returned to my glass after 20 minutes, the aromatics had burst open and shown their true colours, with hints of chai and popcorn and wonderful mineralite. This might turn out to be one of the best white La Missions in recent years.				
Score: 96-98					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Chapelle de la Mission Haut Brion	89-91	94-95	90-92		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 56.3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29.2% Merlot and 14.5% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 La Chapelle de la Mission Haut-Brion is fresh and perfumed, offering up aromas of peonies, dark berries and green bell pepper. Moderately weighted and sappy, it's layered and youthfully introverted, underpinned by somewhat brittle tannins and concluding with a fresh, elegant finish.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A light and very juicy wine with solid, fine-grained tannins. Red plums and cherries with touches of cedar, minerals and graphite. Fine tannins on the medium-bodied palate. Firm, succulent and linear. Refined and bright in the finish. 56.3% cabernet sauvignon, 29.2% merlot and 14.5% cabernet franc.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 La Chapelle de La Mission Haut Brion is soft, open-knit and juicy, all qualities that will make it a fine choice for drinking on release. Unusually, Cabernet Sauvignon takes the lead in 2024. It's a style that works quite well. Macerated cherry, plum, spice, new leather and tobacco all build nicely in the glass.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Haut Brion	93-95	97-98	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Haut-Brion is more perfumed than La Mission Haut-Brion, unfurling in the glass with aromas of raspberries, cassis, dark berries and spices mingled with elegantly floral touches. Medium to full-bodied, layered and sappy, it has a firm texture and powdery tannins, leading to a long, spicy and lead pencil-inflected finish. Composed of 47.2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37.5% Merlot and 15.3% Cabernet Franc, this vintage features one of the highest proportions of Cabernet Franc in recent years—comparable to vintages such as 1993, 2004, 2010, 2011 and 2020—and should gain harmony with the élevage. In the context of the vintage, this is a notable success, owing in large part to Haut-Brion's intramural position in Pessac, where the estate's terroir benefits from slightly warmer average temperatures than properties located outside the city, contributing to more complete ripening of the grapes.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	This year, the style of Haut Brion shows through with transparency, beautiful balance and precision. Fine austerity, with excellent minerality, dark olives and red and dark berries. Structured on the mid-palate. Beautiful depth for the vintage, with really fine-grained tannins and a lengthy finish that lingers. So much vibrancy and finesse. A classic vintage.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 Haut-Brion is dark and brooding in demeanor, but obviously not as tannic or forbidding as it can be in the early going. All the Haut-Brion signatures are very much present, but they're portrayed in a decidedly understated style that speaks to the personality of the year. Black fruit, scorched earth, spice, tobacco and leather build with time in the glass. The 2024 is a super-classy Haut-Brion. There's gorgeous substance here.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Haut Brion Blanc	93-94	98-99	95-97		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 56.1% Sémillon and 43.9% Sauvignon Blanc, the 2024 Haut-Brion Blanc reveals a complex, dense bouquet of smoke, iodine, white fruits and flowers mingled with delicate notes of citrus zest. Medium to full-bodied, it has a sappy and layered palate that's perfectly integrated, with a long, saline and ethereal finish. This vintage beautifully reconciles the intrinsic power of the terroir with the slow ripening of the growing season, resulting in a wine of remarkable finesse and vibrant white-fruited energy.				
Score: 93-94					
James Suckling	Minerally and understated nose, but it's so pure and bright, showing lots of purity and precision this year. Subtle aromas of seashells, green kiwis, wet stones and meringue follow through to a medium- to full-bodied palate. Lots of texture and energy, yet it remains dry and really long. 56.1% semillon and 43.9% sauvignon blanc.				
Score: 98-99					
Vinous	The 2024 Haut-Brion Blanc is seamless and textured in the glass. Silky and creamy in feel, with fabulous balance, Haut-Brion Blanc is shaping up to be one of the wines of the vintage. Marzipan, chamomile, spice, lemon confit and a kiss of French oak are all beautifully woven together. The long, sustained finish is a thing of beauty.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Haut Bailly	?	93-94	93-95		\$98
Wines Advocate	I tasted the 2024 Haut-Bailly twice and found it hard to understand. Judgement reserved until after bottling.				
Score: ?					
James Suckling	A soft, light Haut-Bailly from this challenging year, with lots of red cherries, red berries, red bell peppers and fresh herbs. Quite approachable, with a medium body and soft-grained tannins. Well-judged soft extraction makes this likely approachable right after release. Not ambitious, but well balanced, juicy and refined. Brambly and lively. Early harvest? 58% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot and 2% cabernet franc.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Haut-Bailly was picked from September 25 to October 4 and matured in 50% new oak, possibly with a shorter élevage. As usual, it deserves patience at this stage as it gradually opens and coheres with aeration. This has a perfumed bouquet built around redcurrant, cranberry and wild strawberry fruit. It's quite floral in style with finely delineated touches of freshly-rolled tobacco and wilted rose petal. The palate is creamy on the entry and velvety in texture, with finely chiseled, lace-like tannins. It is very well balanced with one of the few sensual vintages that you will find from this year. This will be much earlier drinking than other vintages, but that does not detract from what will be one of the most pleasurable 2024s to drink.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Haut Bailly II	85-87		89-91		
Wines Advocate	Notes of dark cherries and flowers preface the 2024 Haut-Bailly II, a moderately weighted, lively and firm wine with a slightly peppery, spicy finish due to the proportion of Petit Verdot. This blend of 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc is delicately perfumed.				
Score: 85-87					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous	The 2024 Haut-Bailly II is soft, open-knit and gracious. Silky tannins wrap around a core of macerated cherry, blood orange, spice and new leather. Medium in body and nicely layered, the Haut-Bailly II is all class. The 2024 is aromatic and delicate, with lovely inner perfume and fine balance.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Clarté de Haut Brion Blanc	90-92	94-95	91-93		
Wines Advocate	A delicate smoky reduction followed by aromas of pear, spring blossoms and flowers introduces the 2024 La Clarté de Haut-Brion, a medium to full-bodied, sappy and layered wine with a fleshy palate due to its proportion of Sémillon, with a lively, saline texture. This is a blend of 64.5% Sémillon and 35.5% Sauvignon Blanc.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Limpid, clear and bright, with fine smoke, herbs, light cream and stone fruit. Pure and dry, with very good mid-palate volume and acidity. Well balanced, with a medium body and a long, linear finish. Bright but not sharp. 64.5% semillon and 35.5% sauvignon blanc and sauvignon gris.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 La Clarté de Haut Brion is terrific. It offers terrific depth, character and personality. Lemon confit, white pepper, slate, chalk and mint build nicely, but I am most struck by the wine's textural depth and overall presence. This is an especially fine Clarté.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Clarence de Haut Brion	90-92	94-95	91-93		
Wines Advocate	Fresh and perfumed with elegant notes of dark berries, spices, licorice and lead pencil, the 2024 Le Clarence de Haut-Brion possesses a medium-bodied, firm and slightly introverted palate with firm tannins and a long, mulberries-inflected finish. The blend—45.7% Merlot, 32.3% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Cabernet Franc—features one of the highest proportions of Cabernet Franc since 2006.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Dark fruit, dark olives and minerals, with a good tannin structure on the palate. Medium- to full-bodied with juicy fruit in a nicely austere style. Composed, firm and long, without any fruit sweetness. Classic and intellectual in style. Merlot, cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Le Clarence de Haut-Brion is a very beautiful second wine. Dark and pliant, with terrific nuance, the 2024 is a delight. Cabernet Franc is quite high in this vintage. It's a style that works so well. All the elements are impeccably balanced. Time in the glass brings out notable aromatic presence and body.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Smith Haut Lafitte	90-92	96-97	92-94		\$108
Wines Advocate	Notes of spices, oak, dark berries and gentian preface the 2024 Smith Haut Lafitte, a medium-bodied, firm and structured wine with an assertive tannic frame that leads to a compact, gentian-inflected finish. This blend of 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, matured in 60% new oak, is somewhat introverted and linear, making it a chewy Smith Haut Lafitte that will need time to unwind.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	A fresh, complex and deep nose of spiced blue fruit, waxberries, blue flowers, minerals, licorice and graphite. Full-bodied and really fine-grained, with tight, chalky tannins and a long, structured finish. Very juicy and complete, with excellent fruit definition and an al dente texture. More reactive tannins this year. 67% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot, 5% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Smith Haut Lafitte was picked from September 18 to October 9 and matured in 60% new oak. It has an understated bouquet that I appreciate, with scents of blackberry, raspberry, light rose petal and India ink that gradually unfurl in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, extremely well balanced and very refined, with a linear and correct finish. This is a classy Smith Haut Lafitte that will provide up to 20 years of drinking pleasure.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc	92-94	97-98	95-97		\$188
Wines Advocate	Floral and complex, the 2024 Blanc from Smith Haut Lafitte offers up aromas of white peach, apricot, spices and spring blossoms. Medium-bodied, round and layered, it's sappy and seamless with an incisive mid-palate and a long, ethereal and refreshing finish. Matured in 50% new oak, this blend of 90% Sauvignon Blanc, 5% Sémillon and 5% Sauvignon Gris represents a strong effort.				
Score: 92-94					
James Suckling	Minerals, smoke, tarragon and bright lemons on the nose. An almost full-bodied, textured white that delivers lots of freshness, weight and brightness on the palate. There is attractive salinity at the end before a long yet broad finish. 90% sauvignon blanc, 5% semillon and 5% sauvignon gris.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc is complex, dynamic and an absolute delight. Everything about the 2024 speaks to class. Brisk acids drive through a core of citrus fruit, almond, mint, chamomile and white pepper. More than anything else, I admire the wine's tension and energy. Clean saline notes extend the dry, bracing finish.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Les Carmes Haut Brion	93-96	97-98	95-97		
Wines Advocate	One of the most impressive wines of the vintage, the 2024 Les Carmes Haut-Brion is a striking effort that sets itself apart with seamless integration, even at this early stage, and a strong sense of identity. Poised, precise and unmistakably singular, it opens in the glass with a perfumed bouquet of iris, violet, dark berries, cherries, vine smoke and gentian. Medium to full-bodied, supple and notably fleshy for the vintage, it's layered and textural, with a sappy, enveloping core of pure, vibrant fruit framed by finely grained, velvety tannins, culminating in a long, precise and gently stemmy finish. This is one of the rare wines of the vintage where sappiness is expressed with such finesse and charm, thanks in no small part to meticulous vineyard work and severe sorting in the winery. The blend is composed of 48% Cabernet Franc, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 23% Merlot, and it's maturing in a combination of 70% new oak, 19% foudres and 11% amphorae.				
Score: 93-96					
James Suckling	This is always an idiosyncratic wine. This year it's stunning, with a unique floral aspect and excellent depth of pure blue fruit, mulberries, dried herbs and white pepper. So juicy and mouthwatering on the palate, with a medium to full body and fine tannins. There is a crystalized mouthfeel, but the tannins are fresh and well knit. This is already delicious, which indicates its superb balance. 48% cabernet franc, 29% cabernet sauvignon and 23% merlot.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	Seamless and silky in the glass, with superb balance, the 2024 Les Carmes Haut-Brion is one of the wines of the vintage. All the elements are so well balanced, always a sign of a superior vintage at this address. Floral notes, spice, leather and mocha run through a core of layered, beautifully persistent dark red fruit. Harvest took place between September 17 and 25, during one of the rare windows with little rain. As always, Les Carmes is done with a high percentage of stems (52%), specially 100% for the Cabernet Franc, 50% for the Merlot and 20% for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Aging is 70% new oak barrels, 19% 18HL foudre and 11% amphora. New oak is already very nicely integrated, another sign of a superb vintage. The 2024 is a brilliant effort by the team led by Technical Director Olivier Pouthier.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pape Clement	89-91	94-95	94-96		
Wines Advocate	A smoky, oaky bouquet of spices, incense and dark berries prefaces the 2024 Pape Clément, a moderately weighted, supple and open-knit palate built around tangy acids and brittle tannins.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A rich wine for this vintage, showing roasted spices and some dark chocolate to the blackcurrants, pine cones and berries. Sour cherries with sharp acidity and nicely chewy tannins on the medium- to full-bodied palate. Good structure and length				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Pape Clément is unusual in that Cabernet Sauvignon drives the blend. That is evident in the wine's strong savory profile and overall structural feel. A reduction in the oak imprint emphasizes fruit and overall vibrancy. The 2024 is not as showy or easy to taste as most vintages, but the style here has also undergone a pretty radical transformation. It was vinified in oak, steel and concrete. A significant portion of the wine saw malolactic fermentation in tank rather than oak, as had been the case in the past. That adds up to a vibrant, nervy Pape Clément that represents a new era here.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pape Clement Blanc	90-92	94-95	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Pape Clément Blanc emerges from the glass with aromas of pear, confit citrus, lime and herbs, followed by a moderately weighted, supple and lively palate built around tangy acids that culminate in a fresh, fruity finish.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Spiced guava, lemon zest and meringue. Bright and lightly saline on the palate with medium body and a long, nicely phenolic finish. Bone-dry but flavorful.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Pape Clément Blanc is stellar. Rich and deep, the 2024 stands out because of its textural density and almost phenolic feel. The 2024 is being raised in 50% oak (one-third new), 40% foudre and 10% a mix of ceramic, cement and stainless steel. Citrus confit, dried herbs, white pepper and chalk build as this imposing, structured white shows off its distinctive personality. Tasted four times.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Domaine De Chevalier	90-92	95-96	92-94		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Domaine de Chevalier reveals a spicy, brooding bouquet of oak, dark berries and gentian. Medium to full-bodied, juicy and round, it's firm and has an assertive tannic frame, concluding with a somewhat chewy finish. Despite a respectable yield and a clear stylistic shift toward less oak influence, the estate's sandy terroirs struggled to achieve full ripeness in this delicate vintage.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Fine cocoa powder, cedar, minerals, currants and blue fruit. Juicy and medium- to full-bodied with fresh, firm tannins and a long, crunchy finish. It lingers well. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot and 5% petit verdot.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Domaine de Chevalier is soft, fruity and relatively simple, given its typical personality. Plum, black cherry, licorice, chocolate and sweet oak are pushed forward in this open-knit, easygoing Pessac-Léognan. There may be more here than meets the eye. We will see. Today, the 2024 is on the light side. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Domaine De Chevalier Blanc	92-94	96-97	95-97		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Sémillon, the 2024 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc reveals aromas of crisp stone fruit, confit citrus and flowers. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated and layered, it's sappy and bright with a gently oaky frame and a long, ethereal finish.				
Score: 92-94					
James Suckling	Beautiful perfumed aromas of fine cream, meringue, ripe guava and spices. Bright and acid-driven with medium to full body and a long, scented finish. Bone-dry and textured. Not a year of huge concentration, but a lot of freshness, length and energy make this a wine to consider seriously. 75% sauvignon blanc and 25% semillon.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Domaine de Chevalier Blanc has it all. Powerful yet elegant, deep yet light on its feet, the 2024 is a wine of contrasts and harmony that will thrill readers for many years to come. Nothing in particular stands out, rather it is the wine's balance that carries the day. Chamomile, crushed flowers, chalk and a hint of new oak run through a core of citrus-tinged fruit. The long, sustained finish is remarkable. Superb. Tasted two times.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Carbonnieux	89-91	92-93	89-91		
Wines Advocate	With an honorable yield of 40 hectoliters per hectare, the 2024 Carbonnieux reveals a brooding, spicy bouquet of dark berries, red fruit, licorice and delicate hints of smoke and pencil shavings. Medium-bodied, lively and incisive, it's firm and lean, framed by firm tannins and concluding with a long, dry finish. Very linear during my en primeur session, it should gain further harmony and flesh through élevage. The blend is composed of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	Nicely done for the vintage, with berry, stone and currant character. Medium-bodied. Crunchy fruit and fine tannins.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Carbonnieux has a light nose with brambly red fruit, mocha and earthy tones. It is calling out for a bit more vigor, but it is clean and shows no signs of greenness. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins and gentle grip. This Carbonnieux works because it has not been pushed too hard. Though it's short, this retains balance and focus. Fine.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Carbonnieux Blanc	89-91	92-93	91-93		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 67% Sauvignon Blanc and 33% Sémillon, the 2024 Carbonnieux Blanc reveals a slightly green, underripe bouquet of citrus, box and flowers. Moderately weighted and round, it's lively and framed by gentle tannins that lead to a phenolic finish.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A balanced, fresh and succulent white with fresh white fruits and some stones. Medium-bodied with fresh acidity. Tactile finish.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Carbonnieux Blanc is redolent of lemon peel, chalk, slate, mint and white pepper. This brisk, refreshing dry white bristles with tension and saline-infused energy. It will drink beautifully over the next handful of years, maybe more.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Latour Martillac	85-87	92-93	89-91		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Latour Martillac offers up aromas of cassis, mulberries and incense, followed by a light to medium-bodied, supple and open-knit palate framed by brittle tannins with tangy acids on the finish with green notes.				
Score: 85-87					
James Suckling	Good purity and depth of fruit. Some minerals as well. Fragrant and juicy with medium body and firm, lightly chewy tannins. Nice length. A solid one for the vintage.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Latour-Martillac was tasted from two bottles at the UGC, one slightly oxidized and the other showing some excessive oak. A third bottle on the final day of my trip is more representative. A light nose offers black fruit, touches of gravel and sous-bois, though I would have liked a bit more brightness. The palate is medium-bodied with light and slightly grainy tannins that frame simple tobacco-tinged black fruit. This is nicely balanced but lacks some grip on the finish, so I would drink this within its first decade.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Latour Martillac Blanc	87-88	93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate	Notes of lime, confit citrus and herbs preface the 2024 Blanc from Latour Martillac, a moderately weighted, supple and lively wine with tangy acids and a short, citrusy finish.				
Score: 87-88					
James Suckling	A focused, balanced, vivid and precise white, offering aromas and flavors of green pears, mangoes and fresh lemons. Medium-bodied with bright acidity. Precise and lively with a delicious finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Latour-Martillac Blanc has a composed and more complex bouquet than some of its peers: hints of apricot, pear and a touch of beeswax emerge with time. The oak is nicely integrated. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity. This is a little more lime-driven than expected, but there is fine tension towards the finish and decent length. Good potential.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Malartic Lagraviere	85-87	94-95	90-93		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Malartic Lagravière is one of the more evanescent wines I encountered at this address. Offering up aromas of cassis and dark berries, it's light to medium-bodied, supple and spicy, built around tangy acids and a short, fruity finish marked by brittle tannins.				
Score: 85-87					
James Suckling	Very fine tannins with juicy fruit that is focused and curated. It's medium-bodied with a creamy texture and a long and persistent finish. Hints of spices and walnuts.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Malartic-Lagravière is packed with dark cherry, cedar, new leather, rose petal, incense and mocha. Deep and voluptuous, with good complexity, the Malartic-Lagravière is terrific for the year. There are some rough edges, but élevage should take care of that. Tasted two time.				
Score: 90-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Malartic Lagraviere Blanc	86-89	95-96	92-95		
Wines Advocate	Notes of pear and white peach preface the 2024 Blanc from Malartic Lagravière, a moderately weighted, elegant and juicy wine with bright acids and a long, ethereal finish.				
Score: 86-89					
James Suckling	A very beautiful white, showing smoky lemons and green mangoes. Lime and hints of salt and minerals. Medium body with crisp acidity and a long, vivid finish. Terrific.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is superb. Vivid and expressive in the glass, with super balance, the Blanc is a delight. Lemon confit, mint, sage, chalk and light oak inflections build effortlessly. Lees-stirring builds texture. All the elements are so well balanced. Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is a highlight in 2024. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

SAINT EMILION	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Cheval Blanc	94-96	96-97	93-95		\$488
Wines Advocate	A blend of 48% Cabernet Franc, 48% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2024 Château Cheval Blanc is one of the stars of the vintage. Unwinding in the glass with notes of minty berries and plums mingled with violets, cigar wrapper and rose petals, it's medium-bodied, suave and complete, with a cool, layered core of fruit, beautifully integrated tannins and a long, aromatic finish. Pierre-Olivier Clouet and his team conducted an aggressive green harvest and also, exceptionally, used densimetric sorting to mitigate heterogenous maturity between and within bunches (a consequence of a protracted flowering), accepting losses to rot in pursuit of full maturity. Yields were 39 hectoliters per hectare at harvest, but some 34% of that was eliminated between sorting and press wine (which is never retained at Cheval Blanc). Of what fermented, however, 70% ended up in the grand vin.				
Score: 94-96					
James Suckling	So succulent and long on the compacted palate, this shows just enough clean ripe berries as well as cedar and chocolate. This has polished, energizing tannins with a lovely and thoughtful drive, the light austerity giving the wine a push in the finish. Only 12.8% alcohol. A blend of 46% merlot, 48% cabernet franc and 6% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous:	The 2024 Cheval Blanc was picked from September 18 until October 3 and aged entirely in new oak with a little dabbling in concrete tanks and amphorae. The purity on the nose is the first facet that you notice with perfumed black cherry, blackcurrant, wild strawberry and touches of potpourri and crushed stone. There is certainly some mineralité here. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly brittle tannins. Very well balanced, this is clearly a Cheval Blanc built in a more elegant, sapid, linear style with a residual pepperiness that lingers in the mouth. It will need just 2 or 3 years in bottle and should drink well for 20 to 25 years. The 2024 is charming and refined.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Petit Cheval	86-89	93-94			
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Le Petit Cheval is based on the estate's earliest-picked Merlot from sandy soils, matured in once-used barrels. Offering up aromas of cassis, vanilla pod and tobacco leaf, it's medium-bodied, taut and chalky. I suspect it will age quite nicely, but it's clear why it didn't merit inclusion in the grand vin.				
Score: 86-89					
James Suckling	An elegant, juicy second wine of Cheval Blanc with medium body and creamy texture. The caressing tannins are polished and pretty. Lightly chewy at the end with some tobacco. A blend of 72% merlot and 28% cabernet franc.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Ausone	91-93	97-98	93-96		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of dark berries, toasty oak and rich espresso roast mingle with hints of petals and spices, introducing the 2024 Ausone, a medium to full-bodied, lively and sapid wine that's a blend of 65% Cabernet Franc and 35% Merlot. The tannins are nicely ripe, with some structuring oak tannin already lending a supporting presence on the finish.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	A really classic Ausone, reminiscent of the great ones of the 1980s. Medium-bodied, it has such clarity and brightness and length. Purity and precision with drive and focus from superb viticulture and winemaking. A blend of 65% cabernet franc and 35% merlot.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 Ausone is pure sensuality. Intensely perfumed, pliant and silky on the palate, Ausone is haunting in its beauty. All the elements are so well balanced. Black cherry, lavender, mocha, espresso and exotic spice overtones all take shape in the glass. A wine of understated depth, the 2024 is impressive. Even in the early going, the 100% new oak is not at all evident, suggesting a wine with superior balance. The blend is 65% Cabernet Franc and 35% Merlot.				
Score: 93-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Chapelle D'Ausone	90-91	93-94	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Due to poor flowering in the estate's Merlot holdings, the 2024 Chapelle d'Ausone is all-Cabernet this year. Offering up notes of sweet dark berries, mint, rose petals and spices, it's nicely integrated, with a medium-bodied, supple palate underpinned by a tangy spine of acidity.				
Score: 90-91					
James Suckling	This is unique for the second wine of Ausone with no merlot this year. Medium-bodied, it builds on the palate, showing a volcanic-salt undertone and white-pepper character. Lightly chewy with some red tile. Spicy. A blend of 85% cabernet franc and 15% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Chapelle d'Ausone is a very pretty second wine. Floral aromatics, bright red-toned fruit and refined tannins convey an impression of finesse in a mid-weight, nuanced Chapelle. In 2024, Chapelle is 85% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, as all the Merlot went into the Grand Vin (as was the case in 2021). Today, the 2024 is a bit quiet. I won't be at all surprised it is even better from bottle.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Belair Monange	91-93	95-96	93-96		\$146
Wines Advocate	Notes of sweet cherries, berries, crushed mint and potpourri introduce the 2024 Belair Monange, a medium to full-bodied, fleshy and suave wine that's pure, precise and harmonious, with lively acids and creditable persistence on the finish.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	Balanced and refined, showing blackberries, dark chocolate and dark plums that follow through to a medium body with integrated tannins and a savory finish. Real elegance and subtle length. A blend of 98% merlot and 2% cabernet franc.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Bélair-Monange is all sensuality. Soft and racy, with lovely forward fruit, the 2024 is impeccably balanced from start to finish. Espresso, dried herbs, rose petal, blood orange and pomegranate confer an exotic flair. The 2024 is an especially mid-weight Bélair-Monange. I won't be at all surprised if it grows with élevage.				
Score: 93-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pavie		95-96	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A very precise Pavie, this has a compacted palate of blue fruit as well as raspberries and hints of sandalwood. Medium-bodied with a tight, linear finish. Racy and fresh at the end. A blend of 51% merlot, 32% cabernet franc and 17% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Pavie is potent and explosive to the core. Blackberry, espresso, licorice, cloves and leather are dialed up to the maximum. The 2024 is an imposing, brawny Pavie that is likely to need a bit of time to be at its most expressive. Today, the 2024 is quite the bruiser, especially in terms of its tannin profile. Like so many wines in 2024, the balance here is on the razor's edge, suggesting that élevage will be critical, especially in terms of preserving the wine's fruit. Aging is 65% new oak and 35% once-used barrels, in other words, on the lower side in terms of new oak at this address. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Angelus	90-93	97-98	93-95		\$316
Wines Advocate	A blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc, cropped at a very honorable 40 hectoliters per hectare, the 2024 Angélu has turned out well, offering up aromas of dark berries, minty plums and violet, framed by a deft touch of toasty oak. Medium-bodied, ample and suave, it's polished and textural, with sweet but present tannins and creditable persistence on the finish.				
Score: 90-93					
James Suckling	Very classy, the transparency of this Angelus giving brilliance to the pure fruit in such a difficult growing season. Medium-bodied, it has a compacted palate and creamy, polished tannins. Very melted and harmonized. Dark cherries, raspberries and orange peel come through beautifully with some stones. 60% merlot and 40% cabernet franc.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 Angelus is very fine. It is the first vintage I have tasted that captures the newer approach at Angelus, one where the wines are not as extracted as in the past. Black cherry, plum, spice, new leather and menthol fill out the layers effortlessly. Here, too, the wine shows superb balance and real textural presence. The blend is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc, with the Merlot being raised in 80% new oak and 20% once-filled barrels, and the Cabernet Franc in equal parts foudres and new smaller French oak barrels. The 2024 is mid-weight, classy and polished.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Beausejour Duffau	90-93	95-96	93-95		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 72% Merlot and 28% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Beauséjour (Duffau Lagarrosse) reveals aromas of rich blackberries, spices and plums, followed by a medium to full-bodied, ample and lively palate that's pure and bright, with attractive energy and transparency, concluding with a long, saline finish. Yields were a modest 28 hectoliters per hectare, harvested between 23 September and 7 October, and an unusually high percentage of press wine contributes additional mid-palate density.				
Score: 90-93					
James Suckling	Lots of energy, showing pure black cherries, dried violets and citrus character that follow through to a medium body with very integrated tannins that give length and verve. A blend of 72% merlot and 28% cabernet franc.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Beauséjour Duffau-Lagarrosse was picked from September 23 to October 7 at 28 hl/ha. It will age in 40% new oak for a planned 14 to 16 months. Significantly, this is the first vintage to be vinified in their new vat room equipped with smaller vats. It requires 10 to 15 minutes to open up, which allows the wild strawberry, blackcurrant, briar and light chalky aromas to emerge from the glass. This is not powerful, though certainly precise and well defined. The palate is medium-bodied with pliant and supple tannins. It is very balanced, with an edginess on the back palate and a deft hint of black pepper toward the finish. This feels longer than its peers. The 2024 is a succinct Saint-Émilien that attests to the numerous improvements in the vineyard and winery.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Canon	93-95	95-96	95-97		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Canon is shaping up brilliantly, wafting from the glass with aromas of sweet cherries, blackberries and raspberries mingled with notions of rose petals and spices. Medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy, with tangy acids (the pH is a very low 3.35) and ultrarefined tannins, it concludes with a long, mineral finish. A blend of 78% Merlot and 22% Cabernet Franc, it's the estate's first year of organic certification.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	Structured, balanced and textured, it has aromas of red berries and pine needles. It's medium-bodied with velvety tannins. Rather seamless. Long, juicy finish with salty limestone undertones.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Canon is superb. One of the standouts of the vintage, the 2024 possesses striking mid-palate depth to match its vertical personality. Chalk, white pepper, mint, lavender, rose petal, slate and blue/purplish fruit all stain the palate. There's gorgeous depth and density here, and yet the 2024 remains a super-classic wine from the property. This is a real stunner. That's all there is to it. Tasted four times.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Gaffelière	90-92	93-94	94-96		\$61
Wines Advocate	Unwinding in the glass with a gently oaky bouquet of dark berries, spices, mulberries and licorice, the 2024 La Gaffelière is medium to full-bodied, lively and tense. Its incisive mid-palate is framed by brittle tannins that assert themselves in a short, chalky finish. Time will likely tame its slight rusticity.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Rose petals, some black cherries and red berries. A hint of coffee beans. Fleshier on the palate than many of its counterparts, showing medium body and bright acidity. Good length to close.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 La Gaffelière confirms its place as one of the top properties in Saint-Émilion in this challenging vintage. Bright and dynamic in the glass, with terrific persistence, the 2024 sizzles with tension. Crushed flowers, mint, lavender and crushed rocks open in the glass. The finesse of the tannins is impossible to miss. The 2024 is not a huge wine, but its finesse is evident. Blue/purplish fruit, slate and clean mineral overtones extend the long, sculpted finish. Tasted three times.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Bellevue		93-94			
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Plenty of pure fruit, plums, white pepper and tobacco. Medium- to full-bodied with juicy fruit and chewy tannins. Fresh finish. Wet earth and spices at the end. Pure merlot.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Barde Haut		93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A medium- to full-bodied St. Emilion, showing fleshy dark fruit and structured but fine tannins. Quite flavorful finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Barde-Haut is a very pretty, racy wine for the year. Supple contours wrap around a core of dark red plum, mocha, spice, new leather, cedar and licorice. All the elements are very nicely integrated. I especially admire the balance of oak, something that has not always been present in the past, along with the fine texture of the tannins. Although a bit softer than most years, Barde-Haut is very, very fine in 2024.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Carillon d'Angélus	88-90	94-95	91-93		\$82
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Le Carillon d'Angélus offers up notes of dark berries, minty cherries and toasty oak, followed by a medium-bodied, softer and rounder palate that's more charming than the No. 3.				
Score: 88-90					
James Suckling	The purity of fruit is impressive with sliced cherries, strawberries and hints of walnuts and chestnuts. Medium-bodied, this has a creamy, integrated tannin structure and a fine, fresh finish. 90% merlot and 10% cabernet franc.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	Creamy and resonant on the palate, the 2024 Carillon is laced with dark cherry/plum fruit, new leather, spice, menthol, espresso and a kiss of French oak. There's terrific textural depth and resonance here. I especially like the way the 2024 explodes on the back end. This is beautifully done.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Grand Mayne		92-93	91-93		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	The mineral and blackberry character comes though, with a medium body and polished tannins that finish beautifully.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Grand Mayne is an elegant, understated Saint-Émilion. Proprietor Jean-Antoine Nony has dialed back the style quite a bit, something that is accented in 2024. A healthy dollop of Cabernet Franc lends notable aromatic presence. Cedar, sweet pipe tobacco and espresso meld into a core of bright red-toned fruit. It will be interesting to see how things develop here. Tasted two times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Berliquet	91-93	92-93	90-93		\$36
Wines Advocate	Unwinding in the glass with brooding aromas of cassis, raspberries, rose petals, violets and pencil shavings, the 2024 Berliquet is medium to full-bodied, polished and muscular, with broad shoulders and a dense, chalky core. It's a blend of 60% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Franc and (a new addition) 1% Malbec. This estate continues to stand out next to its stablemate, Canon, for its more powerful style and darker fruit profile.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	A fresh and vivid wine with sliced lemons, lemongrass, pine needles and some red cherries. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a tangy finish. Attractive energy to this. Nice depth. 60% merlot, 39% cabernet franc and 1% mablec.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Berliquet is delicate and understated, in the style of the year. Floral aromatics accent a core of blue-toned fruit, new leather, licorice and dark spice. The 2024 is classy, elegant and polished from start to finish. The most important signature of the 2024 is a palpable refinement in the tannin profile, even in a challenging vintage. This is an intriguing and highly promising wine from a château that is still finding its way. Tasted four times.				
Score: 90-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Dominique		93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A racy sample for the vintage with blackberry, stone and orange-peel character. Medium-bodied, this has fine tannins and a fresh, linear finish. Bright and polished.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 La Dominique is a very pretty wine for this reemerging Saint-Émilion estate on the Pomerol border. Creamy and textured, with lovely mid-palate presence and bright fruit, La Dominique is quite attractive. Supple contours wrap around a core of red-toned fruit, blood orange, cinnamon and mocha, building into the soft, caressing finish. Production is down about 50% due to drastic selection. Tasted two times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Saintayme	86-88	92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate	From Durantou's sister, the 2024 Saintayme exhales an introverted bouquet of dark berries and spices, followed by a round, compact and moderately weighted palate with a good chassis of firm tannins, leading to a spicy finish. This pure Merlot will mature in 30% new oak.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	Juicy, showing orange peel and sesame seeds with red-berry character. Medium-bodied, it has crunchy fruit and a clean finish. Pure merlot.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Saintayme is quite elegant and refined. Floral overtones, bright red-toned fruit and a kick of blood orange lift this gorgeous, mid-weight Saint-Émilien. Understated and classy to the core, Saintayme is a winner in 2024.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Canon La Gaffelière	89-91	93-94	93-96		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 43% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Franc and 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2024 Canon la Gaffelière is a bit dark and brooding, revealing aromas of iris, flowers, gentian and oak mingled with a delicate reduction. Moderately weighted, chewy and compact, it has a lively mid-palate, brittle tannins and a spicy, licorice-inflected finish.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	A polished CLG with berries and medium body, this is very fine and linear in the finish. Citrus and crushed-stone undertones. White pepper. From organically grown grapes.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Canon-La-Gaffelière is all class. Delicate and pliant, the 2024 is another fine offering in this range from Stephan von Neipperg. Dark red-toned fruit, pomegranate, spice, blood orange, new leather and pipe tobacco build in the glass. Like all the wines here, Canon-La-Gaffelière is on the lighter side, but it very much retains all of its signatures. Exquisite.				
Score: 93-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Larcis-Ducasse	92-94	96-97	94-97		\$65
Wines Advocate	<p>The 2024 Larcis Ducasse was showing well during our tasting, revealing ripe, expressive aromas of violet, dark berries, smoke, pencil lead and subtle oak. Medium to full-bodied, layered and seamless, it is both lively and elegant with a juicy core of fruit and velvety tannins that gently assert themselves on the youthfully chalky finish. The fruit appears perfectly ripe—avoiding the over-ripeness observed in some recent vintages—allowing the wine to convey the character of its limestone terroir. The blend is composed of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc.</p>				
Score: 92-94					
James Suckling	<p>An excellent wine from this challenging vintage. It shows good depth and density of fruit with fine, silky tannins, but it's nevertheless reactive. Juicy and quite polished, with a round core of fruit on the medium-bodied palate before a long, elegant finish. Lovely precision and focus from the filigreed tannins. 85% merlot and 15% cabernet franc.</p>				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	<p>The 2024 Larcis Ducasse is dense, powerful and imposing, almost surprisingly so. All of the wine's intensity is in the mid-palate. Black cherry, plum, mocha, lavender, chocolate and cinnamon meld together in the glass, but it is the wine's mind-blowing balance that stands out most. This is another stellar showing from Larcis Ducasse. There's real potential here. Tasted four times.</p>				
Score: 94-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Clos Fourtet		94-95	93-95		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	<p>A pretty and crunchy wine with a chalky sensation that gives it a polished texture and a fresh finish. Medium-bodied. Shows potential.</p>				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	<p>The 2024 Clos Fourtet is a gorgeous, elegant wine. Medium in body, with terrific persistence and notable purity, Clos Fourtet impresses with its balance more than anything else. Dark blue fruits, lavender, spice, menthol, licorice and dried herbs open first, all framed by bright chalky notes that lend freshness. In 2024, Clos Fourtet is built more on persistence than overt textural richness, as has been the case in some recent vintages. Tasted two times.</p>				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Pavie-Macquin	88-90	96-97	94-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Pavie Macquin offers up attractive aromas of raspberries, violets, rose petals and spices, framed by a discreet 45% new oak. Medium to full-bodied, ample and pure, it's built around a tangy, somewhat assertive spine of acidity that lends this wine an angular, edgy profile. Of course, that may integrate with additional élevage.				
Score: 88-90					
James Suckling	What a bright, racy wine showing beautiful chalky tannins and mid-palate fruit of good density. Minerally, with blue and red fruit. Taut on the palate, with a medium to full body supported by tense, chalky tannins. The long and really succulent finish goes on for a while. Precise. 84% merlot, 15% cabernet franc and 1% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Pavie Macquin is positively gorgeous. Silky, layered and voluptuous, the 2024 is so impressive right out of the gate. Plush contours wrap around a core of purplish fruit, lavender, licorice, spice, menthol and chocolate. All the signatures of this site come through loud and clear. Savory and floral notes supported by clean veins of salinity extend the persistent finish. Pavie Macquin shows what was possible in 2024. The choice to harvest everything in October (from the 3rd to the 8th) paid off big time. Aging is in French oak, with about 15% in larger 500-liter barrels, 45% new wood overall. Tasted three times.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Figeac	93-95	94-95	93-96		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Figeac is a lovely classic, wafting from the glass with aromas of blackcurrants, minty berries, licorice and pencil shavings, deftly framed by new oak. Medium to full-bodied, layered and velvety, with good depth at the core, powdery tannins and a suave, seamless profile, it's a blend of 33% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc and 39% Cabernet Sauvignon that attained 12.7% alcohol. Figeac was one of those estates that took the risk of waiting to harvest, rejecting just over 20% of the crop in the sorting process to produce a compelling wine despite the challenging conditions.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	This is very refined with lovely tannins and freshness. Medium-bodied, it has a savory, juicy undertone and a satisfying finish. Some chocolate. A blend of 39% cabernet sauvignon, 33% merlot and 28% cabernet franc.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	Silky and aromatic, with velvety tannins, the 2024 Figeac is sublime. Floral and savory aromatics meld into a core of blue/purplish fruit, spice, licorice, lavender and menthol. All the elements are so well balanced. The blend is 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 28% Cabernet Franc, with 8% press wines. Not surprisingly, the 2024 is a very Cabernet-driven Figeac. Production is 60,000 bottles, or 50% of normal, because of low yields and further selection in the cellar. Tasted two times.				
Score: 93-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Monbousquet		92-93	89-91		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A firm and medium-bodied wine showing fine, crunchy, creamy tannins with mineral and iodine undertones to the blue fruit.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Monbousquet opens with lovely upfront fruit. Blue/purplish berries, mocha, chocolate, licorice and spice are front and center. In 2024, Monbousquet is not as naturally exuberant or fleshy as it is in most years, but its racy, inviting personality is very much present. Soft, silky contours add to its undeniable charm.				
Score: 89-91					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

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Wines Advocate					
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James Suckling					
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Vinous					
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Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Troplong Mondot	93-95	94-95	95-97		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Troplong Mondot is a beauty, wafting from the glass with aromas of dark berries and licorice mingled with hints of violet and lavender. Medium to full-bodied, dense and deep, it's one of the more layered and muscular wines of the vintage, a quality this terroir seems to invariably deliver, with sweet tannins and lively acids, concluding with a long, expansive finish.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling	A crunchy and vivid red with blackberry, black olive and walnut character. It's medium- to full-bodied with medium-round tannins and a creamy, textured finish. I like the citrus and chalk undertones. 85% merlot, 13% cabernet sauvignon and 2% cabernet franc				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 Troplong Mondot is a total stunner. As has been the case for some years now, the Grand Vin is blended before being barreled down, which means at the time of tasting en primeur, the wine has seen less wood than the vast majority of its peers. That lends this wine a certain raw energy that is impossible to miss. The purity and intensity of the flavors are simply remarkable. Troplong Mondot is one of the standouts of 2024. Even in this vintage, Troplong Mondot possesses remarkable textural presence, but that richness is matched by notable freshness and linear drive. It was deeply impressive on the two occasions I tasted it. Élevage is planned to be 55% in new oak, 26% in 20HL barrels and 19% in once-used barrels.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Beau-Séjour Bécot	93-95		95-97		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 78% Merlot and 22% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 Beau-Séjour Bécot was picked in late September. Clusters were open rather than compact, lessening botrytis pressure, making it easier to wait to attain full maturity. Offering up aromas of dark berries, violets, rose petals and spices, it's medium to full-bodied, polished and layered, with beautifully refined tannin, integrated acidity and a long, aromatic finish. Once again, this impeccably managed estate has delivered a terrific performance in challenging conditions.				
Score: 93-95					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous	The 2024 Beau-Séjour Bécot is deep, vivid and wonderfully alive. Dynamic and explosive, with striking inner perfume, Beau-Séjour Bécot is hauntingly beautiful. Blue/purplish fruit, lavender, menthol, licorice and rose petal soar out of the glass. Silky, refined tannins add to the wine's finesse. The increase of Cabernet Franc in the blend has added aromatic depth and textural elegance. There's a feeling of transparency here that is impossible to miss. Beau-Séjour Bécot has grown into one of the most distinctive wines in Bordeaux. Simply put, the 2024 is magnificent. That's all there is to it. Élevage is 55% in new oak, 15% in once-used barrels and the rest in 20HL casks. Tasted two times.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Bellevue Mondotte						
Wines Advocate						
Score:						
James Suckling						
Score:						
Vinous						
Score:						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Clos de Sarpe			91-92	91-93		
Wines Advocate						
Score:						
James Suckling	Some ripe cherries and berries plus hazelnut chocolate on the nose. Racy and bright on the palate, this has medium to full body and firm, fine-grained tannins. Flavorful finish with some tart cherries at the end.					
Score: 91-92						
Vinous	The 2024 Clos de Sarpe has a vibrant nose with kirsch, crushed strawberry and cassis aromas. This is more on the extrovert side in the context of the vintage. The palate is medium-bodied and sorbet-fresh with clean, chiseled, saturated tannins toward the extended finish. This is a mineral-driven and classy Clos de Sarpe.					
Score: 91-93						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Croix de Labrie	86-88	96-97	92-94		
Wines Advocate	Less oaky than usual, the 2024 Croix de Labrie offers up aromas of cassis, spices, smoke and fresh licorice. Moderately weighted and supple, it's firm and compact, framed by brittle tannins and concluding with an oaky, short finish.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	Very good depth. Perfumed aromas of berries, flowers, sweet blueberries, grapefruit and minerals. Very pretty, with reactive, fine-grained, chalky tannins. The texture and freshness are incredible, with lots of vibration. Medium-bodied with energy and juiciness. Quite long. 80% merlot, 10% cabernet sauvignon and 10% cabernet franc.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Croix de Labrie is gorgeous. Creamy and layered, Croix de Labrie offers up an exotic mélange of red-toned fruit, rose petal, cinnamon, pomegranate and new leather. All the elements are so well balanced. Floral overtones accompany the subtle yet persistent finish.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Serre	90-92	92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 La Serre offers up attractive aromas of cherries, raspberries, petals and fresh mint, followed by a medium-bodied, ample and pure palate that's precise and vibrant, with good intensity and cut. This is a strong performance from this improving property.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	A scented nose, showing grapefruit, herbs and red cherries. Expressive on the medium-bodied palate with fine-grained tannins and a medium-long finish.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 La Serre is powerful and a bit burly, as it often is, and yet all the elements are very nicely put together. A blast of dark red-toned fruit, leather, incense, tobacco and dried herbs informs this authoritative Saint-Émilion. There's a touch more Franc in this year's blend, as is common with many 2024s. Tasted two times.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

L'If	89-91	96-97	92-94		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of raspberries, bay leaf, petals and licorice introduce the 2024 L'If, a medium-bodied, supple and lively wine built around a tangy spine of acidity and concluding with a discreetly herbal finish. It's a blend of Merlot with 15% Cabernet Franc.				
Score: 89-91					
James Suckling	Quite an aromatic wine with appetizing spiciness, white pepper, hibiscus and red berries. Juicy and bright, with a medium body, fine-etched chalky tannins and a long, bright finish. Very pure fruit with excellent texture and mid-palate roundness. 85% merlot and 15% cabernet franc.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 L'If is an elegant, sleek wine. Crushed flowers, tobacco, cedar, incense, dried herbs and menthol give the 2024 lovely aromatic presence. L'If is light on its feet, with a bit less overt concentration than most years, but there's more than enough persistence to compensate for that, shaping the wine in a style that favors linear energy over volume. Harvest took place between October 4-6 for the Merlots and October 8 for Franc, a much more condensed period between two rains. Aging is in French oak, 50% new. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Valandraud		96-97	92-95		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	This shows smoky black cherries, damson plums, pine and violets. Bright and acid-driven with almost full body, fresh, polished tannins and a long, mouthwatering finish. A fuller and more concentrated expression for the vintage.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Valandraud is quite the powerhouse. Dense and explosive, Valandraud packs a huge punch. Macerations reached up to four weeks, long for the vintage, yielding an especially huge, deep Saint-Émilion. Valandraud is atypically concentrated for the year. Let's see what happens with élevage. There is a feeling of exoticism here that is so alluring. This is an especially heady, opulent wine in 2024. That was clearly the intent, and an approach that worked.				
Score: 92-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Virginie de Valandraud Blanc		93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A precise, flavorful Bordeaux blanc with drive and crunch. Sliced green apples, white peaches, subtle cream and some herbs on the nose. Medium-bodied, this has good depth of flavor and bright acidity. Textural and delicious with a mineral edge in the lengthy finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Virginie de Valandraud Blanc offers a captivating mix of tension and textural richness. Tangerine peel, marzipan, dried flowers, chamomile and light tropical notes all open in the glass. In 2024, there is a touch of malolactic fermentation in the Sémillon for the first time. More than anything else, I admire the balance here.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

POMEROL	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Feytit Clinet			91-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous	The 2024 Feytit-Clinet is a very good wine in a challenging harvest marked by hail, mildew, coulure and millerandage. Dark and layered, with very good textural presence, the 2024 possesses notable depth. Black-toned fruit, leather, spice, gravel, incense and licorice convey an impression of somber gravitas. Some saignée in vinification as well as bâtonnage helped build attractive texture. As has been the case for some years now, the tannins are quite a bit less imposing here than they were in the past. Élevage, 65% new oak and 35% once-used barrels, will play a critical in determining the final result. Harvest started on September 18 for the Merlots and wrapped up on the 28th.				
Score: 91-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Latour a Pomerol	90-92	91-92	91-93		\$77
Wines Advocate	Offering up aromas of dark berries, cherries, petals and violets, the 2024 Latour à Pomerol is medium to full-bodied, velvety and suave, with a layered, fleshy core of fruit, supple tannins and a pure, moderately persistent finish.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	A firm, somewhat lean red with dark-berry, crushed-stone and dark-plum character. Medium-bodied, this has slightly austere tannins and a medium finish. Pure merlot.				
Score: 91-92					
Vinous	The 2024 Latour à Pomerol is plush, fruity and very easy to like. A blast of dark cherry, plum, cedar, spice and tobacco makes a strong opening statement. Racy and forward, with terrific presence, Latour à Pomerol is terrific. It's a wine that perfectly captures what was possible in 2024, without trying to be too much. Commendable.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Gay		95-96	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Mineral and perfumed, showing violets and dark cherries. This has fine, chalky tannins aplenty, medium to full body and a long, scented finish. It may improve with time in barrel but already impressive for the vintage.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Le Gay is powerful, ample and quite seductive. Floral and spice notes meld into a core of dark red-toned fruit, new leather, mocha and pressed rose petal. Le Gay is vinified entirely in barrique, an approach that adds considerable textural resonance, which this vintage needed. Le Gay is a decidedly potent, dense Pomerol. It is very fine in 2024. Only about 50% of the wine from the property was bottled as Le Gay. Tasted two times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Pin	91-94	96-97	93-95		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Le Pin is showing nicely, offering up aromas of sweet red berries, orange marmalade, cigar box and loamy soil, followed by a medium to full-bodied, sweet and fleshy palate that's layered and expressive, with a sweet core of fruit and an aromatic finish. This attained 13% alcohol without chaptalization and is being matured in 65% new oak.				
Score: 91-94					
James Suckling	This is like the amazing 1994 (a unicorn of the vintage) or the 1990, but more modern and precise. Medium-bodied with a fine, compacted texture, this shows green-olive tapenade and cedar. The tannins are so refined, running the length of the wine. In the 1980s, they used to say this was Burgundy- or pinot-like. It is, and in such a good way. Brings a nice smile to my face. Pure merlot. Only 13 barrels made.				
Score: 96-97					
Vinous	The 2024 Le Pin was picked in four stages between September 20 and 29 at 29 hl/ha, with 65% aged in new oak and the rest in one-year-old oak. All the sorting is done in the vineyard before harvest to eradicate unwanted bunches, then again at a sorting table at the winery reception. It has a relatively light, delineated bouquet of red berry fruit and touches of dark chocolate. The palate is medium-bodied with a fine lattice of tannins. Very elegant and hamonious with a deft touch of white pepper, this is a delightful, slightly ferrous Pomerol that will drink well for 15 to 20 years. It just sashays along without a care in the world. I tasted this on two separate visits. 13.05% abv.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Fleur Petrus	91-93	95-96	92-94		\$186
Wines Advocate	Aromas of creamy dark berries, fruitcake and chocolate introduce the 2024 La Fleur-Pétras, a medium to full-bodied, fleshy and supple wine that's rich and creamy, with good depth at the core and soft structuring tannins.				
Score: 91-93					
James Suckling	Shows solid ripeness for the vintage with plums, cherries and some orange peel as well as hazelnuts and cedar on both the nose and palate. Medium-bodied, this has creamy tannins, a juicy finish and a bit of fresh acidity at the end. Pretty length. A blend of 99.5% merlot and 0.5% petit verdot.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 La Fleur-Pétras is such a gorgeous wine. Sensual and inviting, the 2024 is impressive from the very first taste. Floral and spice aromatics resonate on the palate, where the wine is layered and delicate without sacrificing depth. The 2024 really builds from the mid-palate and into the finish, showing terrific persistence and fine overall harmony.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Violette		94-95	93-95		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Good depth of fruit with medium to full body. Roasted spices, baked black cherries and some cocoa powder on the palate. This has firm, fine-grained and more polished tannins than many of its counterparts this year. Lengthy finish.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 La Violette is a sensual yet powerful Pomerol. Blue/purplish fruit, lavender, menthol, chocolate and espresso all meld together. La Violette is vinified entirely in French oak barrels. It's an approach that seems especially well-suited to this wine, as the wood amplifies flavor intensity. In recent years, La Violette has shed some of the heavy extraction that was penalizing in the past.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Vieux Chateau Certan		91-93	97-98	95-97		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 71% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2024 Vieux Château Certan opens in the glass with brooding aromas of dark berries, cedar, cigar wrapper, crushed mint and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, with good density for the vintage and sweet structuring tannins, it concludes with a sapid, slightly earthy finish. Yields after annual sorting came in at 30 hectoliters per hectare, and the wine is being matured in two-thirds new barriques.					
Score: 91-93						
James Suckling	A really classic VCC with such delicious, crunchy fruit, showing blackberries, blueberries, violets and dried spices. Medium-bodied, vivid and lively, it has very fine tannins as well as energy and brilliance. So balanced and harmonious. A blend of 71% merlot, 20% cabernet franc and 9% cabernet sauvignon.					
Score: 97-98						
Vinous	The 2024 Vieux Château Certan contains a higher proportion of Cabernet this year (23% Sauvignon and Franc combined) that was picked at 30 hl/ha between September 20 to October 2. That Cabernet is articulated on the nose: graphite and light tobacco scents percolating through the mainly black fruit. This has plenty of freshness and more fruit than some other Pomerol cuvées. The palate is medium-bodied, but there is much more weight and density on the back palate than nearly all of its peers. Distinctly peppery and quite spicy in style, this is one of the few to transcend the strict limitations of the growing season. In some ways, it is an uncompromising VCC that does not have the finesse of the greatest vintages I have tasted over the years, yet there is flavour and substance packed inside this nascent wine. Deeply impressive. This is one of the very few '24s that will oblige bottle age.					
Score: 95-97						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

L'Evangile	92-94	98-99	93-95		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 L'Evangile has turned out beautifully, reflecting this estate's recent evolution (refining barrel choices and integrating foudre into the cellar) and its comparatively young vineyard's propensity to perform well in years with minimal hydric stress. Offering up aromas of cassis and blackberries mingled with notions of violets and black tea, it's medium to full-bodied, lively and layered, with a velvety attack, good depth at the core and a persistent finish. This blend of 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon attained 13.5% alcohol.				
Score: 92-94					
James Suckling	Wow. This is really something for the vintage. Such a long finish, while being subtle and sophisticated with wonderfully silky tannins that are so fine and very long. It's medium-bodied with a beautiful, compact palate from the beginning to the end, including the mid-palate. The finish shows walnut, hazelnut and dark-chocolate character. Exceptional. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc.				
Score: 98-99					
Vinous	The 2024 L'Évangile was picked from September 18 to October 2. This has a "cool" bouquet with blackberry and bilberry scents and a little marine inuence with a hint of oyster shell. The palate is medium-bodied with expressive Cabernet that imparts subtle graphite and tobacco notes. Again, this is fresh, quite structured, not long and perhaps a little tannic on the finish, but it will flesh out during its elevage in 50% new oak.				
Score: 93-95					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

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Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

L'Eglise Clinet	90-92	97-98	95-97		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 L'Eglise Clinet reveals a dark, brooding, gently reductive bouquet of incense, dark berries, smoke and oak mingled with floral accents of iris. Medium-bodied, layered and firm, it's built around tangy acids, with a lively mid-palate framed by powdery tannins that assert themselves on the spicy, youthfully chewy finish. This blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc will mature in 85% new oak.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Really impressive concentration for the vintage with dusty tannins that give density and intensity. Medium-bodied, this shows dark fruit and chocolate plus walnut and hazelnut undertones. Juicy and flavorful but always in reserve. Winemaker Noemie Durantou Reilhac likens it to the 2015 but with finesse. 90% merlot and the rest cabernet franc.				
Score: 97-98					
Vinous	The 2024 L'Eglise-Clinet is brilliant and intensely aromatic in its first impression. Vibrant red-toned fruit, blood orange, cinnamon, cedar and rose petal soar from the glass. Readers will find a vertical, explosive L'Eglise-Clinet that impresses with its poise and balance. The 2024 deftly marries finesse and power to a degree I have seldom seen here in the past. Superb.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Petite Eglise	88-90	94-95	91-93		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the 2024 La Petite Eglise offers up aromas of dark berries, spices and licorice, followed by a medium-bodied, compact palate with tangy acids and firm structuring tannins.				
Score: 88-90					
James Suckling	Medium-bodied with caressing, cashmere-textured tannins that are very pretty. Hints of chocolate and spices. The richness comes through beautifully in the pure fruit finish.				
Score: 94-95					
Vinous	The 2024 La Petite Eglise is really in a class by itself when it comes to the second wines of Pomerol. Dark and sumptuous in the glass, the 2024 exudes attractive inner perfume and fabulous balance. Inky dark red fruit, pomegranate lavender, spice, menthol, incense and rose petal stain the palate. This racy, striking Pomerol is lights out. I would be thrilled to own it.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Clinet		89-91	95-96	92-94		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 Clinet, incorporating a significant percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon, is one of the denser, more muscular wines of the vintage, offering up aromas of blackberries, vanilla pod and creamy oak. Medium to full-bodied, deep and extracted, it's tannic and lactic, with a chewy, Bourbon-inflected finish.					
Score: 89-91						
James Suckling	A full-bodied young red with blackberries, lemons, chewy tannins and a fresh finish. There's an earthy, terroir-drive vibe at the end. Solid. Well done.					
Score: 95-96						
Vinous	The 2024 Clinet is a dark, stylish wine. Black cherry, lavender, spice, licorice and blue-toned fruit are beautifully delineated. Dark and vibrant in the glass, with terrific depth, Clinet is super-expressive in 2024. Ronan Laborde bled the musts to bring the wine into the rich, textured style he seeks here. Clinet is a rare Pomerol that is 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, with the Cabernet very much in evidence.					
Score: 92-94						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Clos L'Eglise			91-92	91-93		
Wines Advocate						
Score:						
James Suckling	Quite brooding and dense for the vintage, showing rich mulberries, violet extract and dark fruit. A bit pulpy on the palate with extracted tannins. Full-bodied and chewy.					
Score: 91-92						
Vinous	The 2024 Clos L'Eglise is packed with black fruit, gravel, incense, new leather, licorice and scorched earth. The 2024 offers good up-front textural intensity, although the dynamic energy, complexity and depth that are typical here are somewhat elusive.					
Score: 91-93						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

Gazin	87-89	93-94	91-93		\$68
Wines Advocate	Aromas of minty berries and toasty oak introduce the 2024 Gazin, a medium-bodied, fleshy and layered wine that concludes with a touch of chewy structure.				
Score: 87-89					
James Suckling	A classic Pomerol with chocolate, hazelnuts and dark fruit. Medium-bodied with juicy fruit. Creamy texture at the end.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Gazin is classy and elegant, even if it is a bit strict at this stage. Rose petal, mint, blood orange and cinnamon meld into a core of red-toned fruit. There's gorgeous textural depth and resonance here. Clean saline notes extend the finish. All this needs is a bit of polish and pliancy in the mid-palate, but élevage should take care of that. Gazin is distinguished in 2024 by its unusually high presence of Cabernet Sauvignon (10%), along with 90% Merlot and no Cabernet Franc in this vintage. Harvest started on September 20. Tasted three times.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Conseillante	94-96	95-96	95-98		
Wines Advocate	The 2024 La Conseillante is one of the wines of the vintage this year, wafting from the glass with aromas of raspberries and violets mingled with hints of pipe tobacco, vine smoke and spices. Medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, with beautifully refined, integrated tannins, impressive intensity of flavor and a long, penetrating finish, this suave, sensual Pomerol represents the quintessential Conseillante. It's a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that produced 22 hectoliters per hectare after extensive sorting.				
Score: 94-96					
James Suckling	A really refined Conseillante. Medium-bodied with very fine, high-quality tannins that run the length of the wine, giving a subtle drive and energy. You almost want to drink it now. Pretty is the word. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 La Conseillante is shaping up to be one of the wines of the vintage. Vertical and explosive, with spectacular depth, the 2024 is an eye-opening wine, with regard to both the potential of the property and the vintage. In 2024, La Conseillante separates itself from the pack by a wide margin. It may ultimately not merit the very highest of scores, but it will almost certainly come close. Dark blue fruit, violet, spice, new leather, menthol and licorice stain the palate all the way through the creamy finish. Conseillante is a very serious wine. Technical Director Marielle Cazaux made all the right choices in a very challenging year in which yields were reduced by 50% in the field and then through strict selection in the cellar. Tasted two times.				
Score: 95-98					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lafleur Gazin	86-88	92-93	90-92		
Wines Advocate	Aromas of dark berries, petroleum jelly and a hint of bell pepper introduce the 2024 Lafleur-Gazin, a medium-bodied, lively and youthfully stringy young Pomerol.				
Score: 86-88					
James Suckling	Ripe plums and berries with good freshness. Medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins and a supple, juicy, medium-long finish. 100% merlot.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 Lafleur-Gazin is aromatic, bright and punchy. Lifted floral and savory top notes meld into a core of vibrant red-toned fruit in this lithe Pomerol. There is a slightly vegetal edge at this stage that could be simply a reflection of oak integration. Élevage will be critical here.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

La Fleur De Gay					
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Nenin	90-92	93-94	91-93		
Wines Advocate	A blend of 54% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Franc and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2024 Nenin bursts with aromas of raspberries, cherries, licorice and rose petals. Medium-bodied, supple and lively, it's a fragrant, nicely integrated wine that represents a strong effort for the vintage.				
Score: 90-92					
James Suckling	Bright, scented and juicy, showing fresh berries and red cherries plus a beautiful floral expression. Quite refined and evenly packed with integrated fine tannins and a long, succulent finish. Good volume on its medium-bodied palate. Linear, honest and elegant. No saignee. 54% merlot, 38% cabernet franc and 8% cabernet sauvignon. The lowest proportion of merlot this year.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Nénin is redolent of dark cherry, plum, lavender, spice, menthol, licorice and new leather. The strong presence of Cabernets, especially Cabernet Sauvignon, in this vintage yields a Grand Vin that is quite different in style and personality from the Fugue. That has not always been the case. I have to say, this style for Nénin is quite appealing. The 2024 is a touch slender—that is inescapable—but the direction here is extremely positive.				
Score: 91-93					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Le Bon Pasteur		93-94	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A solid, fleshy and chalky Pomerol. Red berries and bark dominate on the nose. Fine, firm tannins with good energy on the palate. Persistent finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Le Bon Pasteur is terrific. Creamy and layered, with fine persistence, Le Bon Pasteur is quite impressive in 2024. All the elements are so well balanced. Dark red cherry, menthol, spice, cedar and pipe tobacco all build in this highly attractive, open-knit Pomerol. Of course, Le Bon Pasteur is a very distinctive Pomerol in that many of the parcels are in Saint-Émilion's Corbin sector but are authorized for use as Pomerol. The 2024 is a total delight. Consulting Winemaker Julien Viaud continues to do important work in updating Le Bon Pasteur to a more contemporary style. What a delight. Tasted three times.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Petit Village		93-94	90-92		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Subtlety and finesse give this soft and juicy wine a very fine texture and length. Medium-bodied, it has lovely depth and fine tannins in the finish. Polished and caressing. Elegant. A blend of 60% merlot, 31% cabernet franc and 9% cabernet sauvignon.				
Score: 93-04					
Vinous	The 2024 Petit-Village was picked from September 21 to October 3 at 20 hl/ha and aged in 45% new oak for a planned 14 to 16 months. Optical sorting and a bain densimétrique were used to sort the fruit at reception. It offers mulberry, red plum and light rose petal scents on the nose with a little fresh prune and dark chocolate in the background. I would like a little more mineralité to show through here. The palate is medium-bodied and certainly well balanced, with light but pliant tannins and a precise, slender but satisfying finish. This is no doubt an early-drinking Petit-Village, but it should drink well for up to 15 years.				
Score: 90-92					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

De Sales		91-92	86-88		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A round and juicy Pomerol with plenty of red fruit on offer, such as red cherries and raspberries, together with hints of spices. It's medium-bodied with creamy tannins and texture. Well-rounded with a supple, textured finish.				
Score: 91-92					
Vinous	The 2024 Château de Sales is a dark, somber Pomerol. Strong earthy notes lead into black fruit, menthol, licorice, tobacco, leather and dried herbs. I would very much like to see if Château de Sales, the largest estate in Pomerol, could soften the intensely savory (at times vegetal) imprint of their wines and also find a bit more finesse in the tannins. Obviously, 2024 did not provide the ideal conditions, but these have been the penalizing attributes of de Sales for some time.				
Score: 86-88					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

SAUTERNES / BARSAC	WA	JS	V	WS	PRICE
Coutet		93-94	94-96		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Dried mangoes, pineapple, sweet lemons and some dried durian. Nicely unctuous with a long, flavorful finish. Waxy and medium- to full-bodied for a Barsac.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Coutet is a dense, voluptuous Sauternes. Orange peel, apricot jam, passion fruit, pineapple and white flowers convey tons of exoticism. Ample and resonant on the palate, with superb depth, Coutet is outstanding in 2024.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Climens					
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

L'Extravagant Doisy Daene (375ml)			95-97		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous	The 2024 Doisy-Daëne L'Extravagant is elegant and light on its feet. Scents of passion fruit, tangerine peel, slate and mint lend notable aromatic presence. In 2024, L'Extravagant is beautifully refined and polished, a Barsac more of finesse than power. Apricot, candied ginger and a kiss of new French oak give this an exotic flair. The 2024 is, quite simply, captivating. Even with its considerable depth, L'Extravagant possesses terrific brightness and verve to match.				
Score: 95-97					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Doisy Daene		93-94	94-96		\$52
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	A medium-sweet Barsac, showing baked apricots and peaches on the nose. Medium-bodied and textural with a fruit-driven expression. Comforting finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Doisy-Daëne is a little more backward on the nose than expected, with finely delineated peach skin, beeswax and wild honey scents emerging with time. The palate is well balanced with a very peachy opening, then apricot and quince join the chorus line. As usual, the acidic thread keeps this Barsac on its toes and there is real intensity and sustain on the finish that leaves you wanting more. Bravo.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Guiraud		93-94	94-96		\$70
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	This shows good concentration and sweetness with a light saline character to the dried pineapple, mangoes, honey and spices. Medium to full body with medium acidity and a long, round finish.				
Score: 93-94					
Vinous	The 2024 Guiraud is a bold, luscious Sauternes. Apricot jam, chamomile, passion fruit, spice and burnt sugar convey notable intensity to match the wine's creamy, ample feel. Guiraud is a rich, heady Sauternes, but all the elements are impeccably balanced.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Suduiraut		95-96	94-96		\$70
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	The complete opposite of the 2022 vintage. Fresher and less unctuous, with more delicate fruit, but there is still plenty of botrytis. Spices, sweet pineapple, lemons, marmalade, wax, fresh mangoes and bitter herbs. Medium lusciousness, with a round, creamy finish. 130 grams of sugar.				
Score: 95-96					
Vinous	The 2024 Suduiraut offers up a beguiling mix of passion fruit, mango, pineapple and tangerine oil. Even with 130 grams of residual sugar, the 2024 is not an especially opulent Sauternes. I especially admire its freshness. What a beautiful and expressive wine.				
Score: 94-96					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Rieussec					
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Raymond Lafon					
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling					
Score:					
Vinous					
Score:					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Carmes De Rieussec						
Wines Advocate						
Score:						
James Suckling						
Score:						
Vinous						
Score:						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

La Tour Blanche		92-93	92-94		
Wines Advocate					
Score:					
James Suckling	Unctuous, fruity and charming. Apricots, sweet spices and some honey. Medium-bodied and delicious with a densely fruity, relaxed finish.				
Score: 92-93					
Vinous	The 2024 La Tour Blanche is creamy and resonant, with fine balance to match its understated personality. Hints of passion fruit, pineapple, mint, lemon confit and exotic white flowers grace the palate. The 2024 finishes with lovely brightness and a clean mineral touch.				
Score: 92-94					
Wines Spectator					
Score:					

Lafaurie Peyraguey						
Wines Advocate						
Score:						
James Suckling						
Score:						
Vinous						
Score:						
Wines Spectator						
Score:						

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- * Prices are Ex-Bordeaux
- * Payment is immediate upon confirmation of orders by cheque or bank transfer.
- * Prices quoted above are valid for one week only from date of Proforma Invoice.
- * Prices are subject to change without prior notice if payment is not received within one week from date of Proforma Invoice and we reserve the right to cancel unpaid orders.
- * Additional charges apply where shipment arrangement into Singapore is applicable, approximate charges about S\$20.00 (freight & duties) per 750ml bottle is payable upon arrival of wines.
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- * Items are subject to the prevailing rate of GST, payable by customer upon arrival of wines.
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