

CHALET KERNOW WINE LIST

CHAMPAGNE

KRUG

The small but prestigious house of Krug has been making Champagne by the same method since it was founded in 1843, the family style and craftsmanship having been passed on from generation to generation.

Grande Cuvée

£ 65 per half bottle
£125 per bottle
£250 per magnum
£650 per Jeroboam

Elegant, refined and complex, this *non-vintage* wine is actually a unique blend of 35-50% reserve wines from up to 10 different vintages, spanning 15 years or more. It is slowly matured for at least six years before release. Profound and rich on the palate, the fruit is ripe yet beautifully dry and mellow with great finesse and complexity. *RP 93 points*

Krug 1996

£290 per bottle

Krug 1995

£175 per bottle

Elegant and sophisticated, this is quite delicate, with honeyed and citrus notes on the palate. A beautiful precise structure and creamy texture it has wonderful intensity.

Krug Clos du Mesnil 1995

£550 per bottle

Made from 100% Chardonnay grown in the exquisite tiny walled vineyard of Clos du Mesnil, in the heart of the Côte des Blancs. Beautiful mineral flavours, delicate, with zesty citrus and peach notes. *RP 94 points*

Krug Clos d'Ambonnay 1995

£2750 per bottle

The first vintage of this extraordinary wine, - a Blanc de Noirs from a Grand Cru single vineyard in the Montagne de Reims where the south east exposure produces a richer fuller wine. Full, deep with complex toasty, spice mineral and citrus notes, this epitomises the elegance, finesse and quality produced by Krug.

Krug Clos du Mesnil 1992

£480 per bottle

Krug 1990

£275 per bottle

A monumental wine, one of the greatest ever produced, with lively acidity enveloped by the richness of fruit. A combines the classicism of 88 with the generous honeyed richness of 89. *RP 95 points*

Krug 1988

£250 per bottle
£550 per magnum

More classic and with more finesse than 89, the racy acidity is still noticeable in this outstanding elegant year.

Krug Rosé NV

£220 per bottle

OTHER VINTAGE CHAMPAGNES

Bollinger Grande Année 1997

£85 per bottle

Taittinger Comte de Champagne Blanc de Blanc 1995 *RP 96 points*

£95 per bottle

Dom Perignon 1999

£110 per bottle

Dom Perignon 1996

RP 98 points

£150 per bottle

Louis Roederer Cristal 1990

£330 per bottle

Veuve Clicquot La Grande Dame 1990

RP 95 points

£275 per magnum

OTHER NON-VINTAGE CHAMPAGNES

Pol Roger NV

£40 per bottle

Laurent Perrier NV

£45 per bottle

Laurent Perrier Rosé NV

£55 per bottle

HOUSE WINES

WHITE WINES

St Véran en Julié 2006, Rijckaert

Made from 65 year old vines. Dried fruit aromas that include apricot, apple and pineapple trimmed in a delicate touch of wood give way to equally concentrated, rich and full flavours that are also quite persistent on the mineral citrus-infused finish. Made by maestro Jean Ricjkaert who has been acknowledged as one of the most talented producers in the Maconnais.

Pinot Grigio delle Venezia, Gregori 2007, Fattori

From NE Italy and characterised by the elegant crisp acidity rather than the richer plump style that distinguishes it in Alsace. Pale in colour with a bouquet of apples and pears. Dry, medium bodied with evolved yet delicate spicy notes and crisp acidity on the palate.

Borthwick Vineyard Riesling 2006, Wairarapa New Zealand

Borthwick is a family run vineyard in the heart of Wairarapa, northeast of Martinborough. Citrus and mineral notes on the nose, leading to ripe fruit flavours redolent of apples and lemons, this is poised and elegant with perfect balance of acidity on the finish.

Steenberg Sauvignon Blanc, Constantia 2006, Steenberg, South Africa

Steenberg is the oldest farm in Constantia which is generally considered to be South Africa's premier wine-growing region. Their Sauvignon Blanc combines the typical grassiness and gooseberry overtones of the Old World with gentle tropical fruit of the New world. Lovely balanced and really delicious.

Momo Chardonnay, Marlborough New Zealand 2006, Seresin

Seresin was established in 1992 by New Zealand-born filmmaker Michael Seresin. His philosophy is to create wines of individuality and complexity using the finest techniques of the Old and New World, working in harmony with the land, and he now produces some of the best wines of the region with a number of varieties. Flavours of ripe green apples, pineapple and apricots combine on the palate with mouthwatering acidity and long length on the finish.

RED WINES

Château Grand Villages 2004, Bordeaux Supérieur

Chateau Grand Villages is the home of Sylvie and Jacques Guineadeau, who also own and produce Chateau Lafleur, Pomerol, arguably one of the greatest wines of Pomerol. The scent is saturated with dark ripe fruit aromas. Very good ripeness and texture on the palate, with fine delicate tannins on the finish. Outstanding and consistent quality from this estate.

Côtes du Rhône 2004, Font de Michelle

The Domaine is owned by the Frères Gonnet and the wine is made from 50% Grenache and 50% Syrah. 2004 is an excellent vintage, - full of concentrated fruit, very approachable now, enhanced by the classic and elegant character of the vintage.

Monteleccio 2006, Castello di Argiano, Sesti Tuscany

A fabulous red Tuscan, 100% Sangiovese, made from young vines in a territory which is classified to produce Brunello. Giuseppe-Maria Sesti is an astronomer as well as a talented winemaker and everything at this estate is run strictly according to the influence of lunar phases. Sweet cherry fruit and chocolate aromas characterise the palate, whilst the palate is well rounded and quite substantial, with a lingering finish. Lovely.

Paper Road Pinot Noir 2007, Borthwick, Wairarapa New Zealand

A newer and very successful range of wines from Borthwick.. so called after a road that was initially planned to be ploughed through the middle of the estate.... Bursting with juicy red fruit with brambly spicy undertones. Lively acidity and superb length – which confirms that NZ is one of the most successful New World regions producing Pinot Noir.

The Laughing Magpie 2002, McLaren Vale S Australia, D'Arenberg

One of the newest offerings from this estate, famous not only for the quality produced here but also for the exotic naming of some of their wines. The name here highlights the blend of black (95% Shiraz) and white (5% Viognier) grapes used to create a highly perfumed wine with aromas of blackberries, honeysuckle and violets. The silky opulence and richness on the palate, together with ripe spicy black Shiraz typifies the character of wines of the Rhone.

CHAMPAGNES

Ville de la Reine NV

WHITE WINE

LOIRE

Sancerre 2007, Delaporte

£ 25 per bottle

With lovely aromas of lemon zest, apple and honeysuckle, Vincent Delaporte's Sancerre is juicy on the palate with succulent notes of melon and apple with underlying minerality. Perfect balance, and delicate acidity with a lingering finish. Very impressive.

WHITE BURGUNDY

GREEN SLOPES

Macon Verzé 2005, Leflaive

£25 per bottle

This is the second vintage produced at Anne-Claude Leflaive's vineyard in the Maconnais, - a combination of great Chardonnay *terroir* with one of the greatest Chardonnay producers in the world. She applies the same biodynamic principles here as at Domaine Leflaive in Puligny, resulting in a wine that offers outstanding quality for a Macon Villages. Clean and fresh, with stonefruit aromas, leading to a crisp, lively concentrated and well-balanced palate with lemony finish. *BH 89 points*

Montagny 1er Cru 2006, Jean Marc Boillot

£29 per bottle

One of the best known and most substantial wines from the Cotes Chalonnaises, characterized by its full nutty broad flavour allied to wonderful crisp minerality. This is tense and taut, but with succulent lively fruit - and just delicious. Jean -Marc Boillot is one of the most respected producers in the region, best known for a range of stupendous Puligny-Montrachets – the quality of his wine making shines through also in this Montagny.

St Aubin, 1er Cru Charmois 2000, Domaine Marc Colin

£35 per bottle

St Aubin is the bridge between the well known wines of Puligny and Chassagne, and those further south in the Cotes Chalonnaise, - but close in quality to the former and in price to the latter. Lots of character here, with very fine with pronounced citrus aromas. Distinct minerality, depth and persistent fruit flavours on the palate – lovely purity with beautifully integrated wood and delicious fleshy fruit.

Chablis 1er Cru Vaillons 2000, Domaine J P Droin

£35 per bottle

Benoit Droin is the thirteenth generation of his family to produce wines at this estate which was founded in the 17th Century. Their style is full, elegant and steely and 2000 is particularly successful, placing Droin amongst the very best producers of the region. Vaillons is typically soft and feminine in character but Droin has fashioned excellent balance with crisp acidity and searing intensity on the palate. Very good indeed. *BH 90 points*

Bourgogne Blanc 2002, Domaine Leflaive

£35 per bottle

One of the most famous biodynamic estates in Burgundy, managed with passion and energy by Anne-Claude Leflaive. The beautifully balanced 2002 vintage is exceptional and very consistent at this Domaine, providing excellent quality at every level. The Bourgogne, made from declassified wines, is delicious, clean and crisp yet with good structure and richness of fruit on the palate. Perfect combination of a great vintage and a great Domaine. *BH 85-87 points*

Mâcon Pierreclos, Tri de Chavigne 2002, Domaine Guffens-Heynen

£35 per bottle

Made from one of the very best sites in the *appellation* where Jean-Marie Guffens' vigorous pruning and low yields produce this vibrantly mineral wine. It comes from his oldest group of vines, and, as the name implies and when the quality is potentially excellent, he selects only the grapes picked on the very first day of the harvest which he vinifies separately to produce this beautiful wine. Concentrated, with intense mineral and herb notes, it has wonderful purity, refreshing acidity and a precision worthy of some of the top white wine villages of the Côtes de Beaune. *BH 87-90 points*

RED SLOPES

Pouilly Fuissé la Roche 2002, Domaine Guffens-Heynen

£50 per bottle

La Roche is one of the best sites in Pouilly Fuissé, where the *terroir* offers a mineral-rich character to this wine. Particularly successful in 2002, the aromas are elegant, floral and edgy, evolving into intense minerality on the palate. A few years maturity have added weight and richness to produce a wine of great flavour, style and precision. *BH 89-91 points*

Chablis Grand Cru Vaudésir 2000, Domaine J P Droin

£55 per bottle

Benoit Droin took over from his father in 1999 and immediately stamped his own mark on the wines. With less use of wood he now vinifies his Grand Cru only partly in oak but there is only subtle evidence of this, and the wines are beautifully made, elegant and complex, retaining the steely typicality of great Chablis. He loves the 2000 vintage which he describes as combining the power of 1990 and the precociousness of 1992 and this Vaudésir is truly outstanding, with beautifully integrated oak nuances, purity, precision throughout and great finesse. *BH 93 points*

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru en Virandot 2002, Domaine Marc Morey**£55 per bottle**

The vineyards are well situated on the lean chalky soils of the mid- upper slopes where where typically the terroir produces a more racy, flowery and feminine wine. Usually Virandots is one of the best wines chez Morey, and in the excellent 2002 vintage the aromatic complexity and breadth of aromas are truly stunning. Elegant, refined, beautifully balanced, with fine "nervosité". *BH 92 points*

Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru les Vergers 2002, Domaine Colin-Deleger**£55 per bottle**

Les Vergers is situated near the top of the slope and is one of the top 1er Cru in this appellation. Colin-Deleger is one of the best cellars in the village producing wines with lovely balance and intensity of flavour. The 2002 is a wine of exceptionally good, with complex aromas of citrus and peach, followed by rich, round intense fruit flavours on the palate. Lovely weight, intensity and precision throughout. *BH 91 points*

BLACK SLOPES**Puligny Montrachet 2002, Domaine Paul Pernot****£59 per bottle**

Paul Pernot, not a man given to hyperbole, calls the 2002 vintage "the most complete in years". This, his village wine, has 1er Cru quality, with beautifully elegant and white flower aromas, complemented by lovely balance mid-palate. Intense, beautifully structured, persistent and a little racy still, this is understated and very fine.

Meursault 1er Cru Charmes 2002, Domaine Joseph Matrot**£65 per bottle**

The largest of the 1er Cru vineyards in Meursault (there are no *Grands Crus*) Charmes lives up to its name, soft and floral, with delicately honeyed notes, but intense and stylish. This is a delicious wine, from an excellent vintage which combines vibrant peachy fruit with precise minerality and succulent fruit on the palate. Wonderful quality. *BH 91 points*

Meursault 1er Cru Genevrières 1997, Domaine J M Boillot**£70 per bottle**

There are no Grand Crus in Meursault and this vineyard, together with Charmes and Perrières, are the best of the *1er Crus* in this *appellation*. This Genevrières, characteristically full, opulent and exotic, yet firm and elegant, is perfect to drink now from this top quality Domaine, the 1997 vintage providing enough structure and grip to balance the inherent weight and flesh of the wine.

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Champs Canet 2001, Domaine J M Boillot**£70 per bottle**

A precocious vintage – the wines are soft, easy and perfect to drink now. Jean-Marc Boillot produced excellent results through his diligent selection in the vineyards – the wines have lovely perfumed expression on the nose and are open and expansive on the palate, with good weight and lively acidity to balance the fleshy fruit. *BH 87 points*

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Clavoillon 2001, Domaine Leflaive**£85 per bottle****£170 per magnum**

Acknowledged by many as the greatest estate in Puligny, now completely biodynamic and managed with energy and passion by Anne-Claude Leflaive. The 2001 vintage provided wine-making challenges, beset as it was with problems of rot and hail damage, however, careful selection has produced a really excellent wine, with citrus and peach notes on the nose, and intense zesty fruit and minerality on the palate. Surprising weight and precision on the palate and excellent length. *BH 88-90 points*

OFF PISTE**Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru 1997, Domaine Bonneau du Martray****£90 per bottle**

The only Domaine, apart from Romanée Conti, to sell only *Grand Crus*, and possibly the most well known producer of this great white wine, made from the vines grown in the heart of the Charlemagne vineyard on the limestone slopes of the Hill of Corton. Corton Charlemagne requires time to mature – it can be austere, piercingly steely in its youth with solid massive structure, but with age, becomes more rounded but no less intense, no less concentrated. The 1997 is perfect now, rich, and full, but still with characteristic precision and complexity. *BH 90 points*

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Pucelles 1999, Domaine Leflaive**£130 per bottle**

The vineyard of Pucelles abuts Batard Montrachet, and the in the hands of a great producer such as Leflaive the quality is often of Grand Cru level. The wine is soft, honeyed and feminine, - lovely details aromas of citrus, honeysuckle and apricot. The palate is impeccably balanced with impressive length and a fine, almost delicate structure. Lovely elegance. *BH 91 points*

Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières 2000, Domaine Sauzet**£130 per bottle**

Top quality here from gifted winemaker Gerard Boudot of Domaine Sauzet, one of the top Domaines in this appellation. Folatières is typically full, meaty and mineral with plenty of weight of fruit. These are underpinned by crisp and ripe acidity which adds to the intensity, purity and elegance of the wine. *BH 92 points*

Batard Montrachet Grand Cru 2001, Domaine Paul Pernot**£130 per bottle**

Situated on the greatest site of the Côtes de Beaune, just below Le Montrachet, Batard's vineyard are almost evenly split between the *appellations* of Puligny and Chassagne, providing richness and concentration but in a more exotic and open style than either Montrachet or Chevalier. The power and generosity are impressive, manifest in its structure, depth, weight and fullness of body on the palate. Made from relatively young vines, the wine may lack a little in finesse but this is excellent quality from a consistently fine Domaine. *BH 91 points*

Bienvenues Bâtard Montrachet Grand Cru 2000, Domaine Leflaive**£375 per magnum**

The smallest of the *Grands Crus*, the vineyard in fact borders that of Bâtard on two sides, and Les Pucelles on the other. A very successful vintage chez Leflaive, this Bienvenues, made from the oldest vines of the Domaine, is relatively forward, with degrees of richness and power, and fine ripe fruit. Typically fat and with floral and honeyed nuances, the vibrant flavours melt seamlessly on the palate and are very intense, and refined. Wonderful class here. *BH 91-94 points*

DRY WHITE BORDEAUX**GREEN SLOPES****Château Haut Bergey Blanc, Pessac Léognan 2000****£44 per bottle**

The owners, the Garcin-Cathiard family, brought in Michel Rolland to oversee the winemaking, as they did with their other property, Clos l'Église in Pomerol. The vines, 65% Sauvignon and 35% Semillon, are planted on gravelly soil, and produce only 400 cases of very good, uncomplicated wine, packed with rich fruit. With citrus notes and a creamy consistency on the palate, - lovely now. *RP 87 points*

RED WINES**BORDEAUX****GREEN SLOPES****Château La Bernadotte 2000, Haut Médoc****£14 per half bottle****£28 per bottle**

The Haut Médoc classification belies the pedigree of this wine, surrounded as it is by its illustrious neighbours in Pauillac – Lafite, Mouton and Pontet Canet – and owned by Mme de Lenquesaing of Pichon Lalande. The quality of the excellent 2000 vintage shines through in this elegant, supple and beautifully textured wine. *RP 89 points*

Les Fiefs de Lagrange 2000, St Julien**£28 per bottle**

The 2000 vintage of Lagrange was the most impressive produced in more than a decade and this augurs well for its second wine, Les Fiefs de Lagrange. The style is textbook St Julien, but more solid and earthy, with a lingering finish.

Château Les Ormes de Pez 2002, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel St Estèphe**£30 per bottle****£60 per magnum****£130 per double magnum****£260 per imperial**

Owned and produced by Jean-Michel Cazes of Lynch Bages, this Château consistently performs as if it were a Cru Classé rather than Bourgeois with its generous flavour and plump fruit. The 2002 is particularly good, with herbaceous overtones, and clean fruit and spice notes on the finish. *RP 86 points*

Château Cambon la Pelouse 2000, Cru Bourgeois Haut Médoc**£30 per bottle****£60 per magnum**

Acknowledged by many as being of Classed Growth quality in this vintage, this wine is drinking at its very best now. Wonderful ripe fruit, fleshy and beautifully textured, this is a serious and very successful wine. *RP 88 points*

Château Gigault Cuvée Viva 2000, 1ère Côtes de Blaye**£16 per half bottle****£32 per bottle**

Made from 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. This is lovely – rich and concentrated, with classic flavours of chocolate, coffee and creamy blackcurrant. Rich and full in the mouth, with masses of fleshy fruit, this is excellent quality at this level. *RP 89 points*

Château Bellegrave 1998, Pomerol**£36 per bottle**

Situated on the western edge of the *appellation* where the wines are lighter and less powerful in style, Bellegrave has round, fruity flavours, with soft expressive fruit and a hint of spice. *RP 85-86 points*

Château Larcis Ducasse 2002, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion**£45 per bottle****£90 per magnum**

Its neighbour is Pavie, its situation ideal on clay and limestone soil, its vines average 40 years of age and since the 2002 vintage two of the most acclaimed winemakers in Bordeaux, Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt, have been consulting on the winemaking. It is no wonder the quality has soared. A terrific wine – with expressive sweet fragrant fruit, generous and velvety on the palate. *RP 90 points*

Château La Fleur de Bouard 1998, Lalande de Pomerol £45 per bottle
This was the first vintage under new owner, Hubert de Bouard of Château l'Angélus, and the result is excellent. Stylish, rich and complex, with spicy black fruit flavours, from an outstanding vintage for the Right Bank. *RP 89 points*

Clos Badon 1999, Grand Cru St Emilion £45 per bottle
Owned by "garagiste" Jean-Luc Thunevin of Valandraud and vinified in a similar style. 1999 is a low acid but ripe vintage producing plump, fat, concentrated wines. Clos Badon's pure luscious sweet black fruit integrates well with savoury notes and a hint of smoky new oak. *RP 88 points*

Clos René 1998, Pomerol £47 per bottle
Situated on the west side of the *appellation* where the wines are lighter and more open-knit in style. Now fully mature with copious amounts of soft black fruit. *RP 86 points*

Château Roc de Cambes 1997, Côtes de Bourg £48 per bottle
One of the top châteaux in this *appellation* which is mainly planted with Cabernet Sauvignon and produces a full robust style of wine which has become more refined in recent years. Owned by François Mitjaville of Le Tertre Roteboeuf who applies the same level of attention to this vineyard, the 1997 is now fully mature, with notes of fruit coffee and chocolate integrated in an uncomplicated way. *RP 86 points*

Chateau Barde Haut 1997, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion £48 per bottle
A rising star in St Emilion and an impressive wine in this vintage which was much maligned when released due to high prices demanded by the Bordelais. However, the wines, for relatively early drinking, are charming and delicious. Barde Haut is particularly impressive, rich, elegant, well balanced with lovely purity of fruit. *RP 90 points*

Château La Petite Eglise 2000, Pomerol £48 per bottle
The second wine of L'Eglise Clinet (which produced an outstanding wine in this vintage) and produced by Denis Durantou whose commitment to quality is widely known. The floral and plummy fruit flavours on the nose, lovely texture and complexity on the palate reflect the superb quality of the vintage.

HALF BOTTLES
(See above also for notes)

Château La Bernadotte 2000, Haut Médoc £14 per half bottle
Château Gigault Cuvée Viva 2000, 1ère Côtes de Blaye £16 per half bottle

Château Grand Puy Ducasse 2000, 5ème Cru Pauillac £18 per half bottle
The vineyards adjoin those of Grand Puy Lacoste and Pontet Canet on the western side of Pauillac and the Château has always been slightly overshadowed by these neighbours. However the wine has always represented excellent value and in this outstanding vintage, with sweet black fruit and well integrated tannins, shows excellent harmony, balance and finesse. *RP 88 points*

Ségla 2000, Margaux £23 per half bottle
The second wine of Rauzan Ségla (bought by Chanel in 1994), which has been making consistently superb wines since the mid-80s and is now without doubt one of the top châteaux of the *appellation*. Fully mature, especially in half bottles, Ségla reflects the elegant fragrant bouquet associated with Margaux, but has a fullness and richness of fruit on the palate.

MAGNUMS
(See above for notes)

Chateau Les Ormes de Pez 2002, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel St Estèphe £60 per magnum
Château Cambon La Pelouse, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur Haut Médoc £60 per magnum
Château Larcis Ducasse 2002, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion £90 per magnum

Chateau Les Ormes de Pez 2002, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel St Estèphe £130 per Dble Magnum
Chateau Les Ormes de Pez 2002, Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel St Estèphe £260 per Imperial

RED SLOPES

Château Monbousquet 1997, Grand Cru St Emilion £55 per bottle
The first Château purchased by Gérard Perse (others include Pavie and Pavie-Decesse) who hired Michel Rolland to introduce his own controversial style of winemaking. The 1997 typifies his style – concentrated jammy fruit, full, flamboyant, opulent and rich, - and is acclaimed in this vintage by many. *RP 90 points*

Château Troplong Mondot 1997, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion**£55 per bottle**

The quality produced at Troplong has soared since the mid-80s thanks to the commitment of its female proprietor, Christine Valette, who brought in Michel Rolland to consult on the winemaking. Now it is consistently one of the best wines produced on the Right Bank, with its dominant position on the limestone plateau overlooking the vineyards of Pavie. Always elegant and concentrated, feminine and with beautiful balance and texture, the 1997 is unusually concentrated, and has sweet ripe fruit, soft tannins and hint of toasty oak and spice on the finish. *RP 88 points*

Château Léoville Barton 1997, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien**£65 per bottle**

Without the power of Lascases but more classic than Poyferré, its neighbours, Léoville Barton always has impeccable balance. The chateau is consistent in its record of top level wine-making over the last quarter of a century and in its value, its pricing policy being much appreciated by merchants around the world. The wines always reflect the character of the vintage – the 1997 being light and elegant, with cedary and oak notes allied with red and black fruit flavours. Now soft, fully mature and lovely. *RP 86 points*

Château Ferrière 1996, 3ème Cru Margaux**£65 per bottle**

One of the less well-known chateau in this appellation, but one of the finest wines produced here. The style is elegant and fragrant, typical of the best Margaux, but there is also lovely purity of fruit, ripe mineral and oak flavours which combine harmoniously in a traditional style. *RP 86 points*

Petit Cheval 1999, St Emilion**£65 per bottle**

Its designation of "Second wine" does not do it justice in this vintage. Made with the same care as its aristocratic sibling, Cheval Blanc, this sensuous wine possesses fine floral aromas, whilst the palate is beautifully textured, silky, smooth, and fleshy with seductive fruit allied with gentle hints of oak. Perfect now.

Les Pensées de Lafleur 1999**£65 per bottle**

Only 250 cases are made of Pensées, the second wine of Lafleur, the greatest wine in Pomerol after Pétrus. It reflects the complexity of its rich and elegant sibling, with sweet raspberry/cherry notes and hints of minerals and truffles. A brilliant success in this vintage. *RP 88 points*

Château Pavie-Macquin 1997, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion**£65 per bottle**

The deep colour hints at the concentration and opulence of this biodynamically farmed wine, made from old vines grown on the limestone "côtes" of St Emilion. Michel Rolland is a consultant here and the abundance of fruit, body and tannin reflect his highly extracted style. Dense on the palate, with black fruit, mineral and oak flavours, and hint of pepper on the finish, it has unusual power for the vintage. *RP 90 points*

Château Pichon Longueville Baron 1997, 2ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£65 per bottle****£130 per magnum**

For many years over-shadowed by its neighbour Pichon Comtesse de Lalande, since the mid-80s Pichon Baron has consistently produced wines at the very top level and in many vintages since then has outperformed Comtesse. Its higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon producers a firmer, more masculine wine than Comtesse, closer in style to its other neighbour, Latour. The 97 is lovely, with classic Pauillac notes of cigar, coffee, cedar, albeit in a softer, more open-knit style in this vintage. *RP 86 points*

Château Ducru Beaucaillou 1997, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien**£65 per bottle**

One of the "Super Seconds" aspiring to a status higher than that attributed in the 1855 Classification, Ducru reflects the quintessential Claret character of the Médoc, with its fragrant bouquet, slender elegance, complexity and depth. The 1997 exudes great class in this vintage, with ripe silky Cabernet fruit, and is quite evolved and harmonious on the palate with pure succulent fruit and tannins which are now softened and refined. *RP 87 points*

Château Lynch Bages 1997 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£75 per bottle**

This is one wine where the 1855 classification certainly no longer applies, as this Fifth Growth delivers the quality of a Second, and is even often referred to as the "poor man's Mouton". Located between Mouton and Lafite to the North, and Latour and the two Pichons to the South, the Chateau has been producing consistently high quality since the early 80s. The 1997 is still drinking well, - jammy and open-knit in this vintage, yet with the distinctive cedar, earthy and blackcurrant nose so typical of Lynch. *RP 86 points*

Château L'Eglise Clinet 1997, Pomerol**£95 per bottle**

Just over 1,000 cases are made at this tiny estate, one of the less well-known maybe, but amongst the finest and with some of the oldest vines of the appellation, some exceeding 100 years of age. A small percentage of Cabernet Franc is blended into the wine to give it a little more structure and adds savoury notes to the opulent, fleshy, concentrated predominant Merlot. With its velvety texture and fruit notes of raspberry and cassis it is delicious now. *RP 91 points*

Les Forts de Latour 2001, Pauillac**£50 per half bottle****£95 per bottle**

Wine produced from the young vines of Latour (considered by many to be the best wine of the Médoc in this vintage) is added to the blend of Les Forts together with wine from 3 neighbouring vineyards. Foursquare in its youth, the tannins have now sweetened and softened, and the round generous ripe fruit combines beautifully with smokey, earthy spicy notes to a lingering finish. *RP 90 points*

HALF BOTTLES

(See above also for notes)

Clos du Marquis 2000, St Julien

£30 per half bottle

A fantastic year for Léoville Lascases and for Clos du Marquis, it's second wine, produced from selected vineyards surrounded by those of Pichon Lalande, Léoville Poyferré and Léoville Barton. Consistently of quality close to that of a Third or Fourth Growth, the pedigree shows in this densely coloured, rich, and concentrated wine – possibly the best ever Clos du Marquis. *RP 91 points*

Bahans Haut Brion 2000, Pessac-Léognan

£35 per half bottle

Bahans is always one of the best second wines, and displays the volume, depth and complexity of its sibling Haut Brion. The nose is sweet rich and rounded, and the palate very fine, with creamy fruit balanced by refreshing acidity. Beautifully balanced, elegant and stylish and with excellent length this is very good indeed. *RP 90 points*

Les Forts de Latour 2001, Pauillac

£38 per half bottle

MAGNUMS

(See above also for notes)

Château Pichon Longueville Baron 1997, 2ème Cru Classé Pauillac

£130 per magnum

Les Forts de Latour 1997, Pauillac

£195 per magnum

Certainly one of the finest second wines produced in Bordeaux, the consistently high quality of this sibling of Latour ranks it alongside many Third or Fourth Growths. The character is similar to Latour itself, but lighter and more precocious and the 1997 is fully mature now. With a bouquet of rich, black fruit, it is well structured but supple, with plump spicy fruit on the palate and good length. *RP 87-88 points*

BLACK SLOPES

Château Trotanoy 1997, Pomerol

£80 per bottle

Historically one of the best wines of Pomerol and owned by the Moueix family who also own Pétrus, the château went through a dip from the late 70s (the outstanding 82 being an exception). However, quality rebounded in the mid-90s, and the wines now reflect the creamy, richly concentrated, opulent and exotic character of earlier years. Ripe, powerful, with a hint of truffle, the fruit is surprisingly rich and concentrated for 97, and the harmony and purity reflect the class of this château. *RP 89 points*

Château Léoville Lascases 1997, 2ème Cru St Classé Julien

£80 per bottle

The vineyard lie immediately south of that of Latour and it is not surprising that Lascases is the most Pauillac-like of the St Juliens. Aspiring to First Growth quality, the wine has had a remarkable track record since the mid-70s with its characteristic richness, depth, structure, balance and elegance. The 1997 is a star of the vintage, unusually ripe, with sweet black fruit and pure concentrated flavours. It is delicious to drink now with elegant tannins and finesse on a lingering finish. *RP 90 points*

Château Lynch Bages 1999, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac

£85 per bottle

This is one wine where the 1855 classification certainly no longer applies, as this Fifth Growth delivers the quality of a Second, and is even often referred to as the "poor man's Mouton". Classic Pauillac, masculine, with a seductive bouquet of black fruit, pencil lead and tobacco flavours, the wine is also generous, rich and spicy on the palate. The 1999 reflects this character in a forward open-knit style, fleshy, succulent and with a supple texture and excellent balance. *RP 90 points*

Château Troplong Mondot 1998, Grand Cru Classé St Emilion

£85 per bottle

The quality produced at Troplong has soared since the mid-80s thanks to the commitment of its female proprietor, Christine Valette, who also brought in Michel Rolland to consult on the winemaking. Now it is consistently one of the best wines produced on the Right Bank, and particularly so in this vintage, which was an outstanding success for the wines of St Emilion and Pomerol. Probably the best vintage since the fabulous 1990, the wine is concentrated and harmonious, well defined, smooth and rounded in the mouth, with finely spiced cassis notes. Balance and elegance throughout. *RP 93 points*

Château Montrose 1995, 2ème Cru Classé St Estèphe

£100 per bottle

One of the best situated vineyards in the Médoc, lying very close to the estuary and thereby enjoying a benign microclimate which protects it from severe frost. The style of Montrose tends to be quite muscular and tannic and requires long ageing. The 1995 however, is an exception, with a larger percentage of Merlot making it more forward and accessible in its relative youth. Wonderfully rich, and fruity, the wine still has the characteristic power of Montrose but is deliciously drinkable now. *RP 93 points*

Château Talbot 1990, 4ème Cru Classé St Julien

£100 per bottle

Named after John Talbot, the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was defeated in battle at Castillon in 1453, Talbot is one of the largest estates in St Julien, lying just north of Gruaud Larose. The style here is soft and elegant, and the 1990, while it might lack the fleshy flamboyance so characteristic of this vintage, is nonetheless ripe, rich and balanced, and now fully mature. *RP 85 points*

Château Pichon Longueville Baron 1996, 2ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£110 per bottle**

The vineyards lie next to those of Latour, and the style is more masculine than its “confrere” across the road – Pichon Lalande. After lacklustre performances in the 60s and 70s, the property was bought by AXA in the 80s and since then the quality of wine produced here has confirmed that superstar status of this estate. The wonderful 1996 vintage has produced a wine with complex aromas of tobacco, coffee and cassis, - dense and full, the firm structure typical of this vintage is balanced by rich sweet fruit. Early decanting will be rewarded. *RP 91 points*

Château La Conseillante 1998, Pomerol**£120 per bottle**

Its neighbours are Petrus, L'Evangile and Vieux Chateau Certan, and the gravelly/clay soil mix on which the vines are planted are also found at Cheval Blanc and L'Evangile. With such a pedigree it is not surprising that La Conseillante is one of the top Pomerols, producing one of the most elegance, velvety and delicious wines of the *appellation*. Subtle and supple, rather than powerful and muscular, the wine is relatively early-maturing and the 1998 is absolutely delicious now. Opulent, elegant, and seductive, there is harmony finesse and balance in this very successful vintage for the wines of the Right Bank. *RP 90 points*

HALF BOTTLES**Carruades de Lafite 2000, Pauillac****£65 per half bottle**

Carruades is similar in character to Lafite, but takes on its own nuance of personality with a higher percentage of Merlot than the *Grand Vin*. The wine comes from plots situated next to Lafite's finest vineyards and is exceptional in this outstanding vintage. Deep colour, with an intense bouquet of blackberries and liquorice, the wine is supple and full on the palate with layered complexity, and exhibits the purity and elegance associated with this estate. Possibly the best ever Carruades. *RP 90 points*

Château Lynch Bages 1995, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£65 per half bottle**

With its high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon, Lynch Bages is often slow to mature, however, the 1995 is already enjoyable, especially in half bottle. Now soft with attractive blackcurrant fruit, and hints of cedar on the nose, the wine is full, fat, round and very harmonious, the slight hint of Pauillac austerity beautifully balanced by the richness of flesh and ripe flavours on the palate. *RP 91 points*

OFF PISTE**Chateau Ducru Beaucaillou 1985, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien****£125 per bottle**

One of the greatest wines of St Julien – and, along with Chateau Palmer, one of the first “Super Seconds”. Always, refined, elegant, full yet supple and complex this is classic claret. Never one of the richest or most robust of the St Juliens, the 1985 typifies the breed, class, charm and distinction of Ducru – a floral cedary nose, red and blackcurrant flavours on the palate. . Now fully mature and soft, still fresh and vibrant with lovely concentration and purity. *RP 92 points*

Château Léoville Barton 1989, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien**£130 per bottle**

Without the power of Lascases but more classic than Poyferré, its neighbours, Léoville Barton always has impeccable balance. Consistent in its record of top level wine-making over the last quarter of a century, the 1989 is no exception, providing the depth and distinction characteristic of the château. Now fully mature, with concentrated Cabernet fruit on the nose, it is soft, sweet and expansive, full, rich and with a seductive texture on the palate. An excellent vintage in the Médoc and particularly the Northern communes. *RP 90 points*

Château Talbot 1986, 4ème Cru St Julien**£130 per bottle**

The largest estate in Bordeaux, situated in the centre of the St Julien *appellation*, Talbot is always one of the best buys of the Médoc. Soft full, rich and elegant in recent years, but sometimes underpar in quality, 1986 is one of the greatest successes at this property, made in the old style - fruity, full-bodied quite robust. The wine is very concentrated, with layers of sweet ripe black fruit, herbs and tannin, and peppery notes on the lingering finish. Wonderful now. *RP 96 points*

Château Lynch Bages 1988, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£140 per bottle**

The quality produced here is consistent with that of a Second Growth rather than a Fifth. One of the most successful wines (after the First Growths) in a vintage characterized by its firm, well-structured and tannic wines, the 1988 Lynch is one of the biggest wines produced in the Northern Médoc, but is absolutely delicious now, with complex notes of herbs, smoke and leather allied with sweet black cherry and current fruit. Still powerful but now at its plateau of maturity, the wine is very fine, rich and pure. *RP 90 points*

Château Lafleur 1997, Pomerol**£190 per bottle**

One of the smallest estates in Pomerol producing on average only 1,000 cases per year of exquisite wine, of a quality high enough to challenge Pétrus as the greatest château of the *appellation*. Jacques and Sylvie Guinaudeau's dedication to quality is manifest in the purity, intensity and richness of the wine. The fresh aromas and tannins of the Cabernet Franc, planted in equal quantity with Merlot, balance the power and richness of that variety, and this unique planting provides elegant balance, texture and purity of fruit and style. The 1997, is still relatively youthful, with tannins still slightly noticeable in the weight of ripe rich fruit. *RP 88 points*

Château Gruaud Larose 1986, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien**£150 per bottle**

A large estate producing one of the most massive flamboyant, and backward wines of St Julien, and in a vintage like 1986, one of the best of the decade which produced powerful, structured, intense and tannic wines, Gruaud is taking its time to evolve. However the wealth of concentrated fruit and ripe acidity balances the structure to produce a profound, full rich-bodied, almost massive wine, which even at 20 years of age, needs early decanting. The wine has a magnificent reputation and is certainly one of the best Gruauds ever. *RP 94 points*

Château Haut Brion 1997, 1er Cru Graves**£225 per bottle**

One of the oldest of the Bordeaux vineyards, Haut Brion's fame had spread to England by the end of the 17th Century when Samuel Pepys famously remarked "I drank a sort of French wine called Ho-Bryan which hath a good and most particular taste which I never met with". Located in the suburbs of Bordeaux Haut Brion for some reason does not have the caché of the other First Growths, but is considered by many to be one of the most elegant, the most individual and most aromatically complex of Bordeaux wines. The quality has been remarkably consistent since the early 1980s, in a style that is understated, with the emphasis on balance and harmony rather than concentration and power. The 1997 reflect this, and is charming and open-knit, with sweet fruit and mineral notes, wrapped in velvety tannins. *RP 89 points*

Château Mouton Rothschild 1997, 1er Cru Classé Pauillac**£180 per bottle****£720 per double magnum**

Promoted to First Growth status in 1973, thanks to the determination of the late Baron Philippe de Rothschild who arrived at the property in 1922, the quality at this château has been strangely inconsistent, producing superb wines as well as mediocre vintages. With 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1997 is one of the most evolved Moutons, but is still in its relative youth. Impressive for the vintage, the nose is expressive and open-knit with notes of violets, cedar, cassis, coffee. The texture on the palate is fine, with smooth tannins, - concentrated fleshy, rounded, with a delicious lingering finish. *RP 90 points*

Château Cheval Blanc 1997, 1er Grand Cru Classé St Emilion**£190 per bottle**

One of Bordeaux's most profound wines, its distinctive character comes from its unique situation on the gravelly/sandy/clay soil on the St Emilion/Pomerol border, and its unusually high percentage of Cabernet Franc. With its fragrant bouquet, impeccable balance and understated style, it is individual, aristocratic and often magnificent. The 1997 has evolved beautifully, and whilst it lacks the complexity of a more serious vintage, it is nonetheless rich and generous on the palate, pure and charming. *RP 87 points*

Château Margaux 1997, 1er Cru Classé Margaux**£200 per bottle**

Margaux – the epitome of elegance and refinement and the most feminine and charming of the First Growths, - was purchased in 1977 by the Mentzelopoulos family after a period of underachievement in the 60s and 70s. Since then, with winemaking entrusted to Paul Pontallier since 1983, the quality is again deserving of its First Growth status and has produced a string of outstanding vintages. The 1997 is no exception, with a level of concentration and density you would expect from a lighter vintage, the wine is nonetheless full of charm, and richness with a silky supple texture. Stylish, very fine, very elegant. *RP 90 points*

Château Latour 1997, 1er Cru Classé Pauillac**£200 per bottle**

One of the most consistent of the First Growths, Latour has an impressive record of producing remarkable quality even in less good vintages. This is due in part to its excellent situation on well drained, gently sloping gravelly soil where the even temperature protects against frost. The wines are powerful, rich, tannic, intense and extremely long lived. In this lighter vintage the wine performs in a lower key, but is still rich, fleshy and medium-bodied, with savoury and fruit notes, ripe tannins and excellent balance. *RP 89 points*

Château Lynch Bages 1990, 5ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£220 per bottle**

This is one wine where the 1855 classification certainly no longer applies, as this Fifth Growth delivers the quality of a Second, and is even often referred to as the "poor man's Mouton". The character of the opulent rich concentrated 1990 vintage is reflected in this fabulous Lynch Bages, with its seductive black fruit aromas, and full, fleshy, flamboyant style. Balance, richness, wonderful definition, this is surely one of the greatest wines produced at the château. *RP 95 points*

MAGNUMS**Chateau Gruaud Larose 1989, 2ème Cru Classé St Julien****£200 per magnum**

Historically one of the most important Classified Growths in this appellation, always hugely popular and still producing consistently high quality. In recent years the style has become less tannic and massive – but the 1989 is a very fine example of the old style – rich, full and opulent, with classic aromas of cedar, tobacco leaf and sweet ripe black and red fruits. Still in its prime and delicious. *RP 89 points*

Château Mouton Rothschild 1992, 1er Cru Classé Pauillac**£270 per magnum**

Promoted to First Growth status in 1973, thanks to the determination of the late Baron Philippe de Rothschild who arrived at the property in 1922, the quality at this château has been strangely inconsistent, producing superb wines as well as mediocre vintages. 1992 was one of the most difficult vintages of the decade, but at the top level ruthless selection and careful vinification produced soft, light attractive fruity wines, albeit lacking the intensity of better years. Mouton is now fully mature, but still with good fruit concentration, especially in these large formats. It strikes a fine balance between refinement and flavour and what it lacks in structure it makes up for in harmony, providing very good value at First Growth level. *RP 88 points*

Château Pichon Longueville Lalande 1995, 2ème Cru Classé Pauillac**£320 per magnum**

One of Pauillac's most consistent wine, Madame de Lencquesaing has rarely put a foot wrong since she took over the property in 1978. The relatively high proportion of Merlot (35%), unusual in the Médoc, produces a ripe, soft fleshy wine, which is marvellously elegant and complex. The 1995 is quite forward, with toasty, cedar and black fruit aromas. Full-bodied, distinguished and suave, this is one of the most successful wines of the vintage. *RP 96 points*

Château Lafite 1997, 1er Cru Pauillac**£400 per magnum**

The largest of the First Growths and today one of the greatest wines of Bordeaux. Like Margaux, Lafite produced a succession of dismal vintages in the 60s and 70s, until Baron Eric de Rothschild took over in 1974, and today the wine strikes a perfect balance between power and finesse, allied with concentration, purity and elegance. The level of concentration in the 1997 is impressive (only 25% of the crop was put into the final blend), and the wine is considered by many to be the best of the First Growths. Fragrant, rich, complex, with masses of rich layered fruit, the wine is lovely now. Very fine indeed. *RP 92 points*

DOUBLE MAGNUMS

(See above also for notes)

Château Mouton Rothschild 1992, 1er Cru Classé Pauillac**£570 per double magnum****Château Cos d'Estournel 1985, 2ème Cru Classé St Estèphe****£660 per double magnum**

A lovely vintage producing round rich wines, with excellent purity and complexity, both aromatically and on the palate. Cos is one of the best wines of the vintage and is considered to be as good as or better than some of the First Growths. The wine has wonderful concentration, and is full, rich, well-structured and very harmonious. Now beautifully mature and delicious. *RP 93 points*

Château Mouton Rothschild 1997, 1er Cru Classé Pauillac**£720 per double magnum
£1,100 per jeroboam****EXTREME BOTTLES****Château Cos d'Estournel 1982, 2ème Cru Classé St Estèphe****£280 per bottle**

Cos d'Estournel is situated on the edge of the Pauillac *appellation* opposite Lafite, and is certainly one of the top estates in St Estèphe, although not typical of its style with its high percentage of Merlot which accounts for the fleshy richly textured character of the wine. The quality of this vintage is well-known, one of the greatest of the century producing complex, profound and concentrated wines at every level, and Cos, considered to be one of the wines of the vintage, never disappoints with its opulent flamboyant style, impressive richness, superb balance and class. *RP 96 points*

Château Cheval Blanc 1983, 1er Grand Cru St Emilion**£390 per bottle**

One of Bordeaux's most profound wines, its distinctive character comes from its unique situation on the gravelly/sandy/clay soil on the St Emilion/Pomerol border, and its unusually high percentage of Cabernet. Since the early 1990s the winemaking has been in the capable and talented hands of Pierre Lurton (also the winemaker at Yquem) who saw the ownership change in 1998 when the château was bought by Bernard Arnault and Albert Frères. 1983 was a vintage generally overshadowed by 1982, and whilst difficult conditions produced some inconsistent results on the Right Bank, Cheval Blanc produced one of its greatest wines of the decade and is possibly one of the best wines of the vintage. More evolved than the 1982 and now fully mature, it still has depth and vigour, with aromas of fruit, herbs, smoke. The palate is still full, with savoury and spice notes and Cheval's impeccable balance. A complete wine and utterly delicious. *RP 94 points*

Château Latour 1970, 1er Grand Cru Classé Pauillac**£600 per bottle**

The best year between 1961 and 1982, Latour is rated by many as one of the top three wines of the vintage. The wines are full, rich, evenly balanced and very consistent in quality throughout the region. Latour is wonderfully concentrated, with intense rich aromas of black fruit, truffle, leather, cigar – classic Pauillac at its profound best and impressive in its dimension. Most of the great wines have matured very slowly – Latour is glorious now but will continue to age for years. *RP 98 points ?*

Château Cheval Blanc 1982, 1er Grand Cru St Emilion**£850 per bottle**

One of the greatest wines of this outstanding vintage, and the best Cheval Blanc produced since the 1949 and 1947. This is an opulent and seductive Cheval Blanc, full-bodied, wonderfully rich, layered with creamy complex flavours. With perfect balance, a distinguished and legendary wine. *RP 99 points*

IMPERIAL**Château Margaux 1989, 1er Cru Classé Margaux****£3,300 per imperial**

A very rare bottle indeed! The harvest at the Château was the earliest since 1893, starting on 17th August, with the excellent ripeness of the grapes producing smooth and ripe tannins in this rich, complex and opulent wine. The elegant acidity and grainy structure add balance to the concentration of fruit, but also ensure that the wine will be very long lived. Early decanting will help, especially in this large format. *RP 90 points*

LEGENDARY BOTTLES

The following bottles are also available from our cellar:

Chateau Le Tertre Roteboeuf, Grand Cru St Emilion1989 vintage *RP 95 points***£180 per bottle**1990 vintage *RP 98 points***£350 per bottle**

Chateau Pichon Longueville Baron 1989, 2ème Cru St Emilion	<i>RP 95 points</i>	£170 per bottle
Chateau Pichon Longueville Lalande 1982, 2ème Cru St Emilion	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£450 per bottle
Chateau Cheval Blanc, 1er Grand Cru Classé St Emilion		
1986 vintage	<i>RP 92 points</i>	£240 per bottle
1990 vintage	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£1,100 per bottle
1998 vintage	<i>RP 98+ points</i>	£700 per bottle
Chateau Haut Brion, 1er Cru Classé Pessac-Leognan		
1983 vintage	<i>RP 87 points</i>	£170 per bottle
1983 vintage	<i>RP 87 points</i>	£ 350 per magnum
1989 vintage	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£1,100 per bottle
1990 vintage	<i>RP 98 points</i>	£630 per bottle
Chateau La Mission Haut Brion 1982, Pessac Leognan	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£975 per bottle
Chateau Lafleur 1990, Pomerol	<i>RP 96 points</i>	£1,350 per bottle
Chateau Latour, 1er Grand Cru Classé Pauillac		
1989 vintage	<i>RP 89 points</i>	£290 per bottle
1990 vintage	<i>RP 96 points</i>	£680 per bottle
Chateau Margaux 1990, 1er Grand Cru Classé Margaux	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£920 per bottle
Chateau Le Pin, Pomerol		
1989 vintage	<i>RP 96 points</i>	£1,200 per bottle
1990 vintage	<i>RP 98 points</i>	£2,600 per bottle
Chateau Pétrus, Pomerol		
1989 vintage	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£2,750 per bottle
1990 vintage	<i>RP 100 points</i>	£3,200 per bottle

RED BURGUNDY

RED SLOPES

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru La Petite Chapelle 1996, Domaine J Confuron-Contédidot **£69 per bottle**
 The vineyard lies just beneath the Grand Cru vineyard of Griotte and is amongst the most feminine of the 1er Cru wines produced in Gevrey. Medium in body, soft, with succulent aromatic red fruit aromas, it is also charming, with beautiful precise flavours and persistence on the palate. - , from an excellent vintage.

Pommard 1er Cru les Epeneaux 1996, Domaine Comte Armand **£80 per bottle**
 Pommard's finest wine, the vineyard lies in the centre of the *appellation* and is the *Monopole* of Comte Armand. The 1996, one of the best years of the decade, has the vibrant sweet fruit, good firm acidity and definition of *terroir* characteristic of this excellent vintage. Full on the palate with gamey notes, this also has elegance and finesse. *BH 91 points*

Chambolle Musigny 1er Cru les Cras 2000, Domaine Roumier **£80 per bottle**
 One of the oldest and one of the very best estates in Chambolle, and one of the most consistent producers in the Côtes de Nuits. The hugely talented Christophe Roumier makes wines which reflect their *terroir* - wines which are lighter in structure than their neighbouring vineyards of Vosne and Gevrey, but not lacking intensity. This 2000 has good structure, firm but is packed with dense ripe fruit, mineral notes and has beautifully textured flavours. Poised, elegant and pretty, with a lingering finish. *BH 88 points*

BLACK SLOPES

Vosne Romanée 1er Cru Malconsorts 1998, Domaine Sylvain Cathiard **£95 per bottle**
 Many consider that this *appellation* shows Pinot Noir at its very best – sensual, rich and aristocratic. Sylvain Cathiard is emerging as one of the most respected winemakers in the Côtes de Nuits – and his detailed “hands-on” attention at every level and commitment to quality is reflected in this wonderfully complex and impressive wine. Finely perfumed, with spicy black fruit aromas, it is richly textured, yet precise and sophisticated, with tremendous depth and a lovely lingering finish. *BH 93 points*

OFF PISTE

Charmes Chambertin, Grand Cru 1997, Domaine Confuron-Contédidot

£100 per bottle

The vineyards lie just below those of Chambertin, but the wines are less structured, tannic and full. Charmes is usually the most forward of the *Grands Crus* in this appellation, which is the case in this low-acid vintage which produced round, appealing and charming wines. Confuron's passion for low yields, minimal oak and no filtration shows in this lovely wine with its hints of sweet fruit and spice, round, ripe flavours, class, freshness and impressive length.

Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Clos St Jacques 2000, Domaine Armand Rousseau

£125 per bottle

Many consider that the wines produced in this vineyard are of *Grand Cru* quality and indeed, its elevation and soil structure are almost identical to that of Chambertin. Without doubt it is the greatest of the *1er Cru* in this *appellation*, producing exquisite wines which are generous, rich, distinctive and elegant. The 2000 reflects the purity and precision of the winemaking at this estate, and marries red fruit and spicy flavours with the earthy rich sturdy character of Gevrey. Harmonious, elegant and beautifully balanced this is an outstanding wine from one of the greatest *Domaines* in the *appellation*. *BH 90-92 points*

Clos Vougeot, Grand Cru 1999, Domaine Georges Mugneret

£130 per bottle

At its best Clos Vougeot ranks amongst the greatest wines of Burgundy, but it is often difficult to find the best examples due to the size of the vineyard and its numerous owners. However, this excellent *Domaine*, run by the daughters of Dr Georges Mugneret, has produced a very fine wine in this outstanding vintage - with ripe complex floral and spicy aromas. On the palate there is excellent concentration and also a fine balance between the smoothly integrated tannins, layered black fruit and lively acidity. Very impressive. *BH 90-92 points*

Romanée St Vivant, Grand Cru 1995, Doamine Hudelot-Noëllat

£220 per bottle

The lightest, most delicate and feminine of the *Grands Crus* of Vosne and usually the greatest wine produced at this *Domaine*, and especially in this vintage where Alain Hudelot's success is well-known. The character of this excellent vintage is reflected in the sensual spicy pinot perfume and in the marvelous intensity on the palate, which is full and rich, with hints of oak. The impressive weight of flavour persists throughout to a lingering concentrated fruit finish. Really lovely. *BH 91 points*

Nuits St Georges, 1er Cru aux Boudots 2000, Domaine Leroy

£340 per bottle

The reputation of this biodynamic estate as one of the greatest in the Côte de Nuits is underpinned by the quality of wines produced there in this vintage. Lalou Bize Leroy averaged tiny yields of just over 20 hl/ha and has made outstanding wines which almost approach 1999 in quality but are softer, more open and forward in this difficult vintage. The character of the vineyard reflects its proximity to Vosne Romanée, elegant and silky, yet nonetheless exhibits the power, richness and intense minerality of the Nuits *appellation*. Outstanding quality. *BH 90-93 points*

RHONE

GREEN SLOPES

Crozes Hermitage 2005, Domaine du Colombier

£29 per bottle

Colombier is widely recognized as one of the best sources of high quality Crozes Hermitage. Purity, harmony and finesse typical of this estate, are displayed in this delicious wine from the excellent 2005 vintage. Vibrant elegant fruit flavours, with characteristic spice and black pepper on the palate, this is still relatively youthful but would be perfect to drink with slightly more robust food.

RED SLOPES

Châteauneuf du Pape La Cuvée du Papet, Clos du Mont Olivet 2000, Joseph Sabon

£55 per bottle

This is the top cuvee from this estate, which is only made in the very best years (1989, 1990, 1998). Only about 600 cases are made of the famed Cuvée du Papet (named after the grandfather) which is produced from a parcel of old vines located in the Clos of Mont Olivet. The wine is exquisite – with dense plum/purple colour and a sweet bouquet of wood, provencal herbs, black cherries, currants, figs. 2000 is a fabulous vintage in the Southern Rhone. Rich and concentrated the Cuvée Papet is profound now and will age extremely well. – and will certainly benefit for early decanting. *RP 92 points*

Châteauneuf du Pape 1998, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

£80 per bottle

A single vineyard on one of the most famous *terroirs* in Châteauneuf produces this outstanding wine. This great vintage has produced a memorable wine, the finest made at this estate since 1978, - beautifully balanced, vigorous, full and concentrated on the palate. It will be drinkable for many many years, but like all great vintages the wine is complete and delicious in its relative youth. *RP 89 points*

Cote Rotie La Landonne 1995, René Rostaing

£90 per bottle

René Rostaing is one of the most important and intelligent producers in the Northern Rhone owning exceptional parcels in this appellation. His wine-making techniques are flexible – he waits to see what the harvest and the wines themselves provide before deciding whether to fine and/or filter. The La Landonne is one of his best wines, made from 70 year old vines and is always refined, supple and finely crafted. Dense and massive in youth, the 1995 has aged beautifully to reveal fine velvety tannins and rich chocolaty cassis flavours, but retains the power concentration and class to be found in the great wines of this appellation. *RP 92 points*

ITALY

GREEN SLOPES

Guidalberto, IDT Bolgheri 2000, Tenuta San Guido**£50 per bottle**

This is the first vintage of Guidalberto, owned by Nicolò Incisa della Rocchetta of Sassicaia, and produced from vineyards neighbouring that estate. Made from a blend of equal quantities of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with a small percentage of Sangiovese, the class and quality are apparent – subtle fruit aromas, a round, well-balanced structure, fine polished tannins and seductive creamy texture.

RED SLOPES

Paleo, Bolgheri 1997, Le Macchiole**£70 per bottle**

Made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Sangiovese, this is amongst the top five “Bordeaux blend” wines produced in Tuscany. Paleo is the flagship wine from this tiny estate and is considered by many to be a worthy rival to Sassicaia and Ornellaia, whose vineyards are a kilometre or two further north. 1997 is one of the most successful vintages in recent years, reflected in the extraordinary purity, harmony and concentration of this lovely wine. *RP 92 points*

Brunello di Montalcino, Le Pian delle Vigne 1997, Antinori**£80 per bottle**

Brunello is the only wine to be made from 100% Sangiovese, and the wine is required to be aged for four years before it is released onto the market. 1997 has been acclaimed as one of the greatest vintages of the last fifty years and the wines will be long lived. However, this estate is situated near the Val d’Orcia which produces the most forward Brunellos, so it can be drunk with enormous pleasure now. Floral, black fruit, vanilla and chocolate aromas, with seamless velvety layers of ripe fruit and sweet tannins. *RP 90 points*

BLACK SLOPES

Barbaresco 1998, Angelo Gaja**£120 per bottle**

Angelo Gaja is almost solely responsible for introducing the Nebbiolo grape and the wines of Piedmont to the world and over the last 30 years the energy, passion, driving force and commitment to perfection of this influential Italian have helped to transform the quality of fine wine produced all over Italy. His beloved Nebbiolo grape is shown at its most beautiful and best in this elegant and opulent wine, with its classic notes of tar and roses, black cherries and truffle. Voluptuous, full and beautifully textured, it is harmonious, complete, complex and delicious. *RP 91 points*

Ornellaia, Bolgheri 2001, Tenuta dell’Ornellaia**£150 per bottle**

Now owned by the Frescobaldi family, Ornellaia is firmly established as one of the top “Super Tuscan” estates. Like its neighbour Sassicaia, it is made from a classic “Bordeaux blend”, these varieties able to thrive on the alluvial *terroir* near the coast thanks to a milder climate than in Tuscany. 2001 is possibly one of the most successful vintages at this estate – a wine for the long term, but early decanting should help the drinker to appreciate the plum, spice and coffee notes on the nose. It has wonderful complexity, and a supple velvety texture coating underlying tannins. Elegant throughout this is exceptional. Still young, early decanting advised. *RP 96 points*

Ornellaia, Bolgheri 1999, Tenuta dell’Ornellaia**£140 per bottle**

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Sassicaia, Bolgheri 1999, Tenuta San Guido**£140 per bottle**

Produced from Cabernet Sauvignon grown in vineyards on the coastal area to the west of Tuscany, this was the “house wine” drunk only at the estate until 1960, as local consumers, used to the light regional wines, did not respond well to the more complex Cabernet grape. Eventually the quality was recognized and 1968 was the first vintage to be offered onto the open market. Still youthful the wine nonetheless expresses fabulous blackcherry and tobacco notes on the nose. Pure, elegant, with excellent definition on the palate, the wine should start to show its full potential with early decanting. *RP 88 points*

OFF PISTE

Ornellaia, Bolgheri 1997, Tenuta dell’Ornellaia**£170 per bottle**

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Sassicaia, Bolgheri 1997, Tenuta San Guido**£250 per bottle**

Made from 85% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Cabernet France and aged in French oak for up to 24 months, Sassicaia was the first "Super Tuscan" (its first vintage was 1968). The 1997 is fabulous (a very great vintage in this region of Italy) oozing finesse and distinguished in its definition from start to finish. Complex notes of blackcherry, tobacco, olives on the nose, the black fruit notes persist on the palate, and the slender elegant concentration and polished supple tannins make this one of the most impressive Sassicaias produced (and much greater than Robert Parker's points would imply). *RP 87 points*

SPAIN**Artadi, Rioja**

Artadi started life as a small co-operative in the mid-80s, and was bought by winemaker Juan Carlos Lopez de la Calle in the mid-90s. With his dedication and passion Artadi is now one of the most sought-after estates in Rioja, making rich, refined and profound wines at high altitude, solely from Tempranillo, the traditional Rioja grape.

GREEN SLOPES**Vinas de Gain, Rioja 1998, Artadi****£35 per bottle**

Made from vines averaging 50 years of age this is delicious and elegant, with floral and tangy raspberry and black fruit aromas. The wine is packed with compact dense fruit on the palate enhanced with chocolate, vanilla, spice and mineral flavours, - it has freshness, and elegance and is beautifully textured on the palate. *RP 92 points*

RED SLOPES**Pagos Viejos, Rioja 2000, Artadi****£60 per bottle**

A terrific example of the deep opulent character produced at Artadi, Pagos Viejos is the oldest vineyard in the estate. It has profound deep fruit aromas on the nose, followed by compact rich jammy fruit, and almost liqueur-like ripeness and breadth on the palate. Tannins are rounded and smooth, coated by the density of fruit and suggest that this wine will be very long lived, but it is also excellent and delicious now. *RP 94 points*

BLACK SLOPES**Grandes Anadas Rioja 2000, Artadi****£105 per bottle**

A Gran Reserva cuvee made from a single Tempranillo vineyard planted over 80 years ago, it was produced for the first time in 1994 and is made only in exceptional years. Opulent, very rich and with deep concentration of raspberry, spice, vanilla and gamey flavours blending seamlessly on the palate, the wine has dense rounded structure and fine tannins to give it longevity. The vibrancy and purity of fruit as well as lively acidity ensure that it is wonderful to drink now. One of the very finest wines produced in this region.

NEW WORLD**GREEN SLOPES****Nicolas Catena Zapata 1999, Mendoza Argentina, Catena****£50 per bottle**

Made from a selection of the best lots of predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec, the first vintage was 1997. The cool nights at this high altitude encourage the development of complex aromas, and in 1999 the warmer than usual pre-harvest temperatures produced rich fleshy fruit, with supple texture and velvety finish. *RP 94 points*

Atalon Cabernet Sauvignon 1999, Napa California, Atalon**£55 per bottle**

The wine is made from vines grown on mountain slopes stretching from Napa-Carneros in the south to the peaks of Howell Mountain in the North. Packed with ripe opulent fruit and gentle tannins and a hint of spice, this richly textured wine is terrific value. *RP 91 points*

RED SLOPES**Stonewell Shiraz 1996, Barossa S Australia, Peter Lehmann****£65 per bottle**

Made from low-yielding vineyards in the drier western area of the Barossa Valley, where the climate and soil are ideal for producing the full-flavoured rich-fruited Shiraz wines. Planted here since the 1850s, this region escaped the scourge of Phylloxera which means that many of its great vineyards remain planted on their own roots. Plums, dark chocolate and black fruits on the nose are typical of the Barossa Shiraz. Full bodied, and underpinned by a firm structure, soft tannins and underlying acidity, the wealth and intensity of fruit balances beautifully. *RP 92 points*

Catena Alta Malbec 1997, Mendoza Argentina, Catena**£60 per bottle**

In the 19th Century Nicola Catena emigrated from the Marche in Italy to Mendoza, which was then emerging as a grape growing region of fine quality. His grandson, also named Nicola, took over the business in 1963, and his investment and intense research underpins the quality now being produced here. 1994 was the first vintage of this wine, of which only just 1,000 cases are made from selected grapes grown at high altitude. The fruit is richly concentrated, soft and creamy in the mouth with finely-integrated oak nuances and wonderful purity. *RP 91 points*

The Coppermine Road Cabernet Sauvignon, 1999, McLaren Vale S Australia, D'Arenberg**£70 per bottle**

One of the "big three" wines made at this large estate, and made from the best Cabernet fruit in the Coppermine vineyard. The emphasis here is on full powerful fruit flavour of mulberry, cassis and plums, nuanced with smoky, cedar and oak notes. In spite of the generous weight on the palate, the wine has very good definition and lovely vibrant balance of acidity and soft tannins on the lingering finish. *RP 95 points*

Old Block Shiraz 1993, Barossa, St Hallett**£70 per bottle**

The flagship wine of St Hallett winery, one of the stars of the Barossa Valley. Made from vines which are up to 100 years old, grown in two separate sub-regions – the warmer site providing richness, whilst the higher altitude and cooler Eden Valley adds an elegant floral vitality, texture, and a seamless mineral structure. Old Block is recognized as world class, and the vintages of the early 90s in particular are often rated as one of the top four Australian Shiraz wines, along with Grange, Armagh and Hill of Grace.

Syrah Reva Alban 2002, Edna Valley, San Luis Obispo California**£75 per bottle**

John Alban's first vintage was 1992 but since then the reputation of this winery has soared. His moderate use of oak means that the creamy intense fruit is not overpowered in this opulent dense and full-bodied wine. The wine is also very hard to find as most is sold direct to the consumer, so this is a rare treat! *RP 95 points*

Dead Arm Shiraz 1998, McLaren Vale S Australia, D'Arenberg**£80 per bottle**

One of the flagship wines and the top Shiraz at this estate, the name derives from the disease which affects some of the oldest vines at d'Arenberg, reducing one of the "arms" of the vine to dead wood, which means that the other produces small volumes of incredibly concentrated and highly flavoured grapes. The richness and depth is evident in this big flavourful wine, packed with cassis, liquorice and smoky flavours. Full and generous, with a suave velvety texture, lovely now. *RP 96 points*

Ridge Monte Bello 2002, Santa Cruz Mountains California**£95 per bottle**

Monte Bello is unquestionably the greatest wine produced at Ridge, and one of California's finest and longest-lived Cabernets. The "Ridge" itself is limestone, 12 miles long – the best vines are planted in the Monte Bello Ridge vineyard and the winery itself is carved out of terraces at 2,300 ft of altitude. One of the keys to the success here is winemaker Paul Draper who joined in 1969 and is still in charge of winemaking today. The 2002 is full bodied, dense, with classic Cabernet earthy aromas of cedar, chocolate and sweet blackcurrants. Still fairly youthful, this will certainly benefit from early decanting. *RP 94 points*

BLACK SLOPES**Philip Togni Cabernet Sauvignon 1998, Spring Mountain Napa California****£100 per bottle**

Philip Togni makes less than 2000 cases of this Cabernet Sauvignon, one of the most concentrated, complex and richest wine in California. Togni studied at the University of Bordeaux in the 1950s and his small vineyard on the steep slopes of Spring Mountain is planted with vines that produce a classic Bordeaux blend. In 1998 he reduced the crop by 50% to guarantee the ripeness and produce a wonderfully rich and complex wine that can be enjoyed now, but will continue to age beautifully for at least a decade. *RP 90 points*

Château Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon 1996, Napa California, Château Montelena**£120 per bottle**

The top wine at this estate which was replanted in the 1970s on low-yielding rootstock, ensuring stunning levels of concentration that are one of the signatures of the wines produced here. The vines are also amongst the oldest in the Napa, planted on a diversity of soils which is unique in the area and translates into the layers of complex aromas and flavours found in the wines. Yields were halved in 1996, producing even more concentration, both aromatically and on the palate – classic Cabernet notes of leather, cassis, earth, spice and oak, with expressive ripe fruit flavours on the palate. *RP 98 points*

Astralis, McLaren Vale 1996, South Australia, Clarendon Hills**£170 per bottle**

Only about 450 cases are made of this luxury cuvee produced from single-vineyard 60 year old Shiraz vines. Roman Bratasiuk was once named "Wine Producer of the Year" by Robert Parker who considers that his Syrah wines are world class. He travels regularly to France which is his reference point for his wine-making techniques - low yields, minimal intervention and ageing in French rather than American oak. Thick, rich with luxurious wealth of fruit, Astralis has remarkable balance combined with power and opulence. *RP 96 points*

Penfolds Grange 1998, South Australia**£275 per bottle**

Grange – considered by many to be the greatest wine of the Southern Hemisphere – was first produced in 1951 by winemaker Max Schubert who was inspired by the long-lived wines of the Rhone Valley. Today, the consistent quality make it the reference point for many Australian winemakers who wish to produce world-class red wine. The 1998 (97% Shiraz, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon) tips the scales at 14.5% alcohol, but this sumptuous wine has freshness, harmony and perfect balance. Opulent, rich, seductive, with beautifully plum/blackcurrant aromas, as well as savoury complexity, fine velvety sweet tannins are seamlessly integrated in the layered fruit to give this wine the hallmark of a great long-lived Grange. *RP 99 points*

LEGENDARY WINES

The following bottles are also available from our cellar:

Caymus Special Selection 2001, Napa California, Caymus	RP 93 points	£130 per bottle
Dominus 1995, Napa California, Christian Moueix	RP 93 points	£125 per bottle
Grace Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa California		
1985 vintage	RP 96 points	£400 per bottle
1987 vintage		£320 per bottle
1990 vintage		£320 per bottle
Ridge Monte Bello Cabernet Sauvignon 1992, Santa Cruz Mountains, California	RP 94-97 points	£190 per bottle

SWEET WINES

RED SLOPES

Tokaji Aszu Mezes Maly 1st Growth 6 puttonyos 1999 (50cl) Royal Tokaji Wine Company, Hungary £129 per bottle
Mezes Maly, which means “honey pot” has the distinction of being classified as one of only two vineyards to be elevated to the equivalent of Great 1st Growth. 1999 is one of the great vintages of recent years and this exquisite wine reflects that status. The nose is dominated by honey, caramel and raisins, whilst the palate exudes marmalade, spice, roses and white flowers. Sweet and rich without cloying weight, the wine is incredibly long and perfectly balanced – its beautiful aromas and flavours combine the very essence of aszu wines.

WEINGUT JOH. JOS. PRUM, Mosel Germany

This winery has for decades been by common consent one of the exceptional producers of top quality wine in Germany and they own some of the best parcels in the top sites, including Wehlener Sonnenuhr. The wines are the epitome of the classic Mosel style; thoroughbred, racy, perfectly balanced and beautifully refined.

Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spatlese, J J Prum	£59 per bottle
Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese, J JJ Prum	£79 per bottle

Banyuls Grand Cru, Languedoc Rousillon, Domaines et Terrois du Sud

One of France's greatest red Vins Doux Naturels and possibly their finest fortified wine, which is produced by stopping the natural fermentation with the addition of alcohol in order to retain the necessary sweetness. The Grands Crus must be produced from 75% Grenache and aged in wood for at least 30 months. Rich, deep and concentrated, these wines can be very long lived, turning to a rich deep tawny colour with age, developing rich raisin and walnut flavours.

1959 vintage	£70 per bottle
1955 vintage	£70 per bottle
1949 vintage	£80 per bottle

Rivesaltes, Roussillon, Caves de Rivesaltes

A Vin Doux Naturel from the foothills of the Pyrénées, fortified, as with the Banyuls, by the addition of alcohol part of the way through fermentation. Wonderful complexity, with aromas of tangy orange marmalade, poached peaches with smokey notes, together with dried raisons. Exotic and evolving flavours of coffee, cocoa and candied fruits on the palate – these wines are less heavy than most fortified wines (only 16 %) and are impressive, still full of life and represent great value at this price.

1946 vintage	£55 per bottle
1955 vintage	£50 per bottle
1956 vintage	£50 per bottle

Château de Fargues 1996, Fargues Bordeaux

De Fargues has never been classified but the quality of this Sauternes is brilliant, produced by the same team as Yquem (the two Châteaux were under the same ownership until 1999) with the same attention to detail and with identical winemaking. Second hand barrels from Yquem are used in the ageing process, and whilst it lacks the extra intensity, extraordinary elegance and ageing potential of that château, the resemblance between the two are apparent in its richness and opulence. Production is tiny with only 1,000 cases made, the 1996 is an excellent vintage.

EXTREME BOTTLES

Château Yquem, 1er Grand Cru Sauternes

Rich, opulent, pure and luxurious, Yquem is the product of perfectionism. The botrytis-affected grapes are picked berry by berry to yield one small glass of wine per vine. The richest, the most concentrated and the most intense of wines, and consistently producing quality at the very highest level, this liquid nectar is without doubt the greatest sweet white wine in the world.

1997 vintage

£150 per half bottle

A great vintage, and a brilliant Yquem. Honeyed nose of peach, apricot, honeysuckle, the wine is creamy-textured, but not overrich with excellent acidity and great length. *RP 96 points*

1990 vintage

£390 per bottle

An outstanding year – very great, powerful and sweet. The richness of tropical honeyed fruit is balanced by wonderful vibrant acidity. This will be very very long-lived, but like many great vintages, can be enjoyed in its relative infancy. *RP 99 points*

VINTAGE PORT

BLACK SLOPES

Taylor 1977

£140 per bottle

One of the most famous Port houses, the quality rarely disappoints. Sometimes referred to as the “Latour of Portugal” the wines are often backward, needing longer to mature than most other houses. The 1977 excels in this great vintage, with a sweet rich nose, vigorous, deep, and masculine on the palate but with a satin-texture that confirms its class. *RP 96 points*

Taylor 1963

£200 per bottle

Taylor is considered by many to be the greatest Port produced in this outstanding vintage. Ripe, rich, elegant and complex on the nose, there is depth and tremendous quality. Although over 40 years of age it is still full of life with classic Taylor backbone.

RP = Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

BH = Allen Meadows, aka Burghound

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