

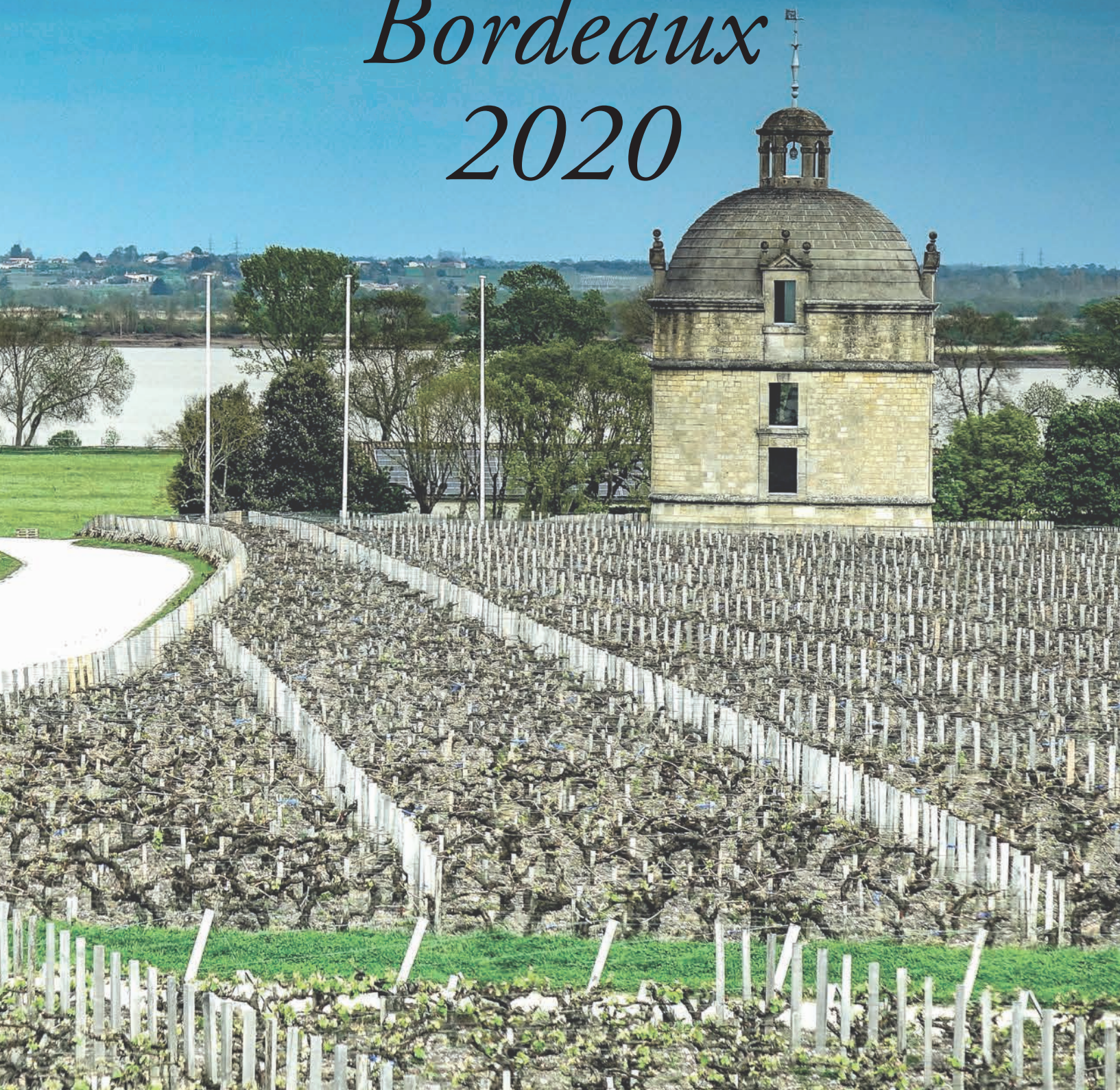
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# *Bordeaux* *2020*



# Bordeaux 2020

*Bordeaux 2020 – could it be three in a row? Heads down at the tasting bench and, lucky as we were to be sent the thick end of 200+ samples to taste this year (and many Zoom tastings later), we can now give you a very fair impression of the vintage.*



## THE BIG PICTURE

It is very good. It is not as 'homogenous' as either 2018 or 2019 but there are some outstanding wines to be found. As has become much more noticeable in recent vintages, much of our critical comment comes on judging balance: tannin is more deftly handled these days so it is a question of how the fruit, the acidity, the concentration and the structure all hang together. Producers are making a much better fist of things than twenty years ago but, as in all comparative line-ups, there are wines that stand out, and those that hang back. It was a warm, challenging year for the growers and winemakers had to have a skillful hand in avoiding over-extraction.

## THE SUB-REGIONS

In general we found the Right Bank Saint-Emilions and particularly Pomerols have a more generous character, the fruit a little sweeter – clay soils perhaps giving the best results. Pessac-Léognan and Graves turned out some excellent results putting them higher on the chart than we perhaps expected. The Médoc was more uneven, but wines that we, and by extension you, have followed in recent times were invariably showing well. Saint-Estèphe was very good, Pauillac and Saint-Julien dependable or better, Margaux (such a diverse commune anyway) rather more variable. Some of the lesser properties and communes shone, some maybe were just 'ok'. Very few were disappointing but at Tanners we are confident we can steer you in the best direction!

## THE CONDITIONS

While yields were fine on the Right Bank, the Left Bank had an overall lower production than 2019 which has affected price and availability. The effects of this year's catastrophic frosts (2021) on next year's campaign should be taken into account too, all of which means looking closely at prices with an eye on next year! Our En Primeur web page gives a good price comparison with the 2019 vintage that was about 30% cheaper than 2018.

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Regarding the dry white and sweet wines, both of which we thought generally delicious, you will find short offers of both 'on-line'. Stylistically there is more variation so we have narrowed the choice down to the best and most characteristic wines of their 'type' across a range of prices. In summary, this vintage has produced a range of very good to excellent wines, which will reinforce your cellar for drinking short to mid-term drinking and longer if you wish. We certainly would heartily recommend the wines we have chosen for you.

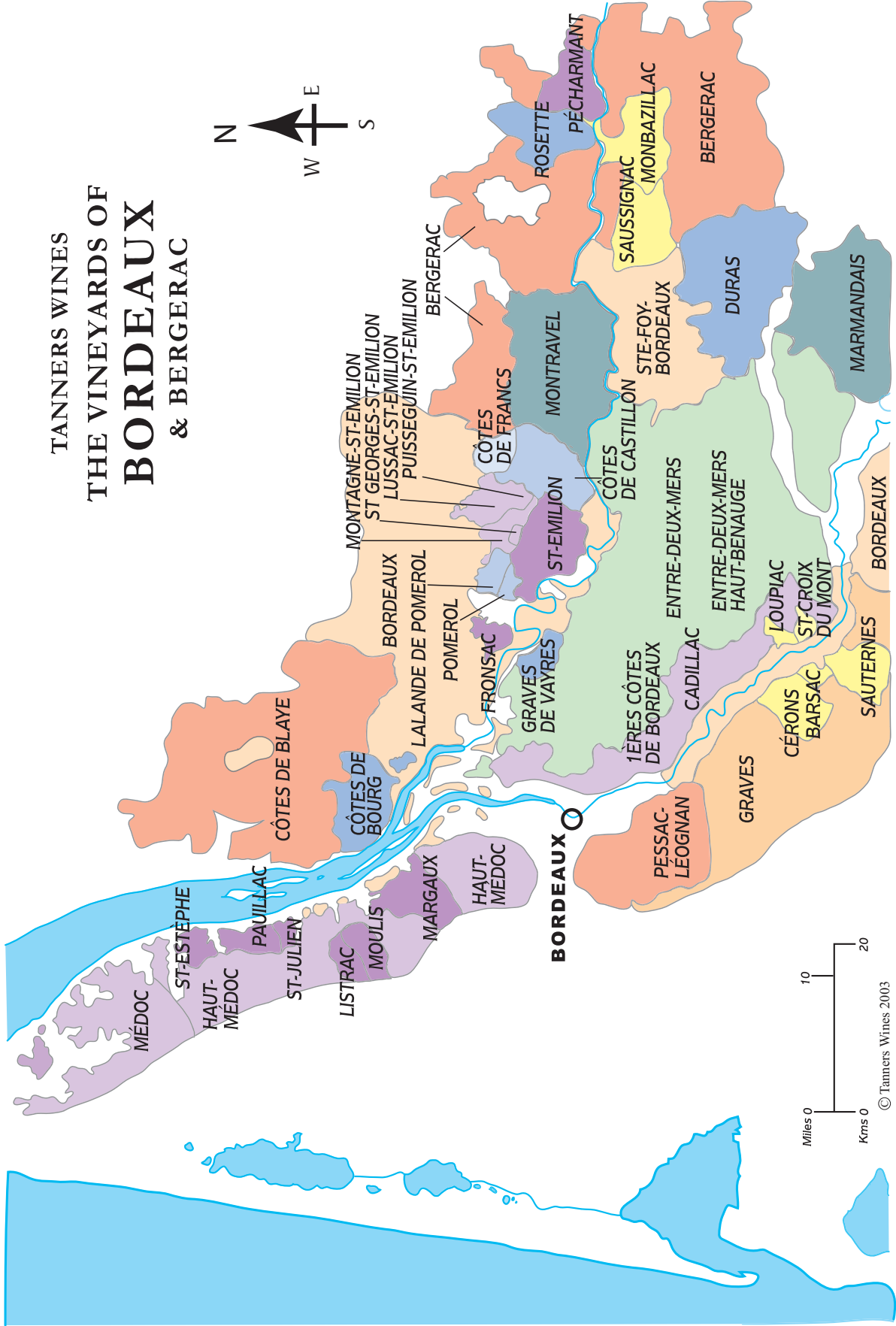
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*Top: Saint-Emilion in the afternoon. Bottom: horse at work at Domaine de Chevalier*

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# Médoc & Haut-Médoc

## *Left Bank*



Médoc and Haut-Médoc has its share of stars, especially at these prices. You can compare **Cissac**, round, rich and well-knit with La Tour de By, fuller, more structured, more substantial. Both are excellent in our opinion, **La Tour de By** possibly even better than the previous two vintages. **Cantemerle** has class once again, **Lanessan** lovely charm and balance. We also picked out **Sénéjac**, from the Talbot

stable, as a stand-out alongside Potensac from the dozens of samples we were sent, and **Coufran** has also made an eye-catching wine this year. Also encouraging, and back on the 'recommended' list, is **La Lagune** while **Mauvesin-Barton** is actually cheaper than it was in 2019 – and every bit as good!

<b>Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR45020</b>	<b>12bts</b>	<b>£96</b>
Dense nose, meaty dark and juicy red fruits. Very juicy in the mouth, a touch of creamy oak, this feels a little lighter than previous vintages, more 'classic', with a savoury mid-palate and a crisp dry finish. 2-9 years.			
<b>Château La Tour de By, Médoc</b>	<b>DCR45320</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£58.50</b>
Showing very well, with a well-defined nose, super purity of floral dark fruits and very clean raspberry and cassis. Good lift on the palate too, with very fine tannins, this is crisp and elegant and a delicious savoury, mineral thread. Another top effort. 3-10 years.			
<b>Château Sénéjac, Haut-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR47420</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£61.50</b>
Ripe red and black fruits with some nice depth and plumpness. Good energy, has some density and lift, there is a sappy edge which gives it balance. Very 2020. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Lanessan, Haut-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR45220</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£63</b>
Ripe with an attractive soft palate, nice weight of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit with an attractive hint of spice and a lovely clean finish. Very good value. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Mauvesin-Barton, Moulis-en-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR49020</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£64.50</b>
Notably lighter in colour, and a little cooler on the nose than its Barton stablemates. Quite compact and restrained on the nose at first, this shows some breadth and charm with patience, notes of ripe, soft blue and black fruit, a touch of fresh cassis and vanilla. Elegant, and on the lighter side of medium-bodied, a touch of oak and vanilla adds texture to the mouthfeel, and the tannins bring a light chalky grip. Very good persistence, finishing with attractive, leafy cassis and red fruits. As with its 2011 and 2012 predecessors, this will go longer than you might think. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Coufran, Haut-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR46320</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£66</b>
Expressive nose, with sweet and jammy highlights, pretty juicy with plump blue and black fruits. There's a lazy richness, a silky texture and it is tasty and juicy, with a light grip and a little toast on the finish. Impressive, stands out in its group. 2-7 years.			
<b>Château Cantemerle, 5e cru classé Haut-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR27120</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£109.50</b>
Ripe nose of juicy black and red fruits, quite compact, but attractive and shows breadth. Some density, this is supple and plump at the core and has a flash of sappy astringency. Very good freshness and persistence, finishes fine. 5-10 years.			
<b>Château La Lagune, 3e cru classé Haut-Médoc</b>	<b>DCR24220</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£162</b>
Focused and pure nose, with a touch of black cherry and a leafy lift. The palate is very classically structured, with firm yet fine tannins, good fruit levels, a touch of salinity and earth. Tricky to taste right now, but huge amounts of promise. 5-15 years.			

# Margaux

## Left Bank



This is the first communal appellation on the way north from Bordeaux on the 'Wine Route'. Its wines, characterised by elegance and pretty fruit, are generally lighter than the other communes. It covers a much wider area than you may think, and the differences between properties can be marked. We were delighted by **Angludet**, where Ben Sichel has made an excellent, joyful wine, all the

better because they have long suffered awful frost damage again in 2021. **La Gurgue** is an excellent price for the quality while stable-mates **Ferrière** and **Durfort-Vivens**, all now fully organic we must add, showed how brilliantly the Lurton/Villars team has performed. Higher up the scale **Kirwan** continues the upward trajectory of the last few vintages.

### Château Angludet, Margaux

Angludet is a real Tanners favourite, we have followed it for many years. Pretty cassis and black raspberry, with some lovely graphite definition, and a touch of toast. Concentrated and intense, chunky dark fruit, crisp red fruits, a little spice. Soft, chalky grip, lovely acidity, plenty of oomph and and eagerly await its release each year. The 2020 is a standout and to our minds, possibly the best of the last three vintages. Always good value, and with a release price the same as last year, this is a must buy! With prettiness and charm, there's a good dose of ripe blue fruits and a little savoury note too. Floral and fragrant, this feels sophisticated, fine-grained, juicy and perfumed. Highly recommended. Great Value. 5-15 years.

DCR30020	6bts	£138
DCR30020H	12halves	£156
DCR30020M	3mags	£145.50
DCR30020J	1jero	£129

### Château La Gurgue, Margaux

Pretty cassis and black raspberry, with some lovely graphite definition, and a touch of toast. Concentrated and intense, chunky dark fruit, crisp red fruits, a little spice. Soft, chalky grip, lovely acidity, plenty of oomph and some elegance. 5-10 years.

DCR30920	6bts	£90
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### Château Kirwan, 3e cru classé Margaux

Attractive fragrant blue fruits, this feels ripe and fleshy with a juicy black cherry jam note. Nicely textured and showing good freshness and clarity. Great intensity and energy, with very fine tannins and lively acidity. Very smart. 5-15+ years.

DCR24720	6bts	£180
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### Château Durfort-Vivens, 2e cru classé Margaux

The high percentage of Cabernet brings an unreal sweet blue note and fat dark raspberries to the cassis-rich nose here, punctuated by a touch of mint and toast. The palate shows brilliant freshness, it feels especially ripe and silky, the tannins have a fine speckled quality, and the fruit is so pure and juicy. Very nicely balanced already, with good intensity and long, fine, lightly toasty finish. The balance will make a tempting case for opening on arrival, but this will have some legs! 5-20 years.

DCR21120	6bts	£264
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### Alter Ego de Château Palmer, Margaux

"Chocolate shavings and smoked coffee bean on the nose, it's a vintage where you can't get away from the tannins, but here they have sinew and juice, like the best translation of the tannins in the year. This has real purity of fruit (very low SO<sub>2</sub> addition at Palmer), together with the gourmet touch that you want in Alter Ego. 93 points, Jane Anson, decanter.com 5-15 years.

DCR38520	6bts	£303
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# Saint-Julien

## *Left Bank*



The style here virtually defines Bordeaux with plenty of blackcurrant fruit and firm tannic structure. Over the last three vintages and further back, we believe that Saint-Julien has achieved the best quality levels, consistently, for the market price. Yes, they are mostly top-performing grand cru wines, so they should. But they actually do. Sarget de Gruaud-Larose is a banker of a 'second' wine, while of the

'grands vins', **Gloria** is the best priced and has significantly improved in the last two vintages. We liked **Talbot** for its class, **Branair Ducru** for its vibrancy, while perennial favourites **Léoville** and **Langoa Barton** are a fabulous, intense, classy, concentrated pair of wines, but with very limited stock. Finally, a mention for **Ducru-Beaucaillou** which we can only describe as masterful.

### Sarget de Gruaud Larose, Saint-Julien

DCR37520 6bts £108

A lovely, ripe, open nose of black cherry, softer black and perfumed blue fruits with a touch of camphor and clove. Creamy and soft, a touch of chalk and a savoury mineral thread, very ripe plum and blackberry fruit, speckled spices and a light grip. 3-9 years.

### Château Gloria, Saint-Julien

DCR32520 6bts £159

A cool, dark-fruited nose, with an appealing floral quality. This feels delicate, on the elegant side, and sea-kissed. Plumper and rounded on the palate, pretty juicy initially, with good intensity then a more chalky and savoury mineral turn. Great. 3-9 years.

### La Croix de Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien

DCR38320 6bts £180

Lots of raspberry fruit, quite sweet and expressive, showing a little vapour too. More raspberry fruit on the palate, a dash of pepper, this has some breadth and a lightness, elegance. Some grip, but easy-going and stylish. 3-9 years.

### Château Branair-Ducru, 4e cru classé Saint-Julien

DCR26120 6bts £186

Attractive, open quality showing an easy blue fruit character with some sweetness on the nose. Cool and fresh, with an elegant structure and a persistent spicy floral note. Good intensity and follow through, super definition too. 5-15+ years.

### Château Talbot, 4e cru classé Saint-Julien

DCR26320 6bts £240

Great depth to the nose and super aromatic intensity. It's floral and herby with a deft touch of cream. The palate feels markedly silky and effortless, with a lovely coolness, red fruit highlights, great floral lift, and very fine ripe tannins. 5-15+ years.

### Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, 2e cru classé Saint-Julien

DCR21420 6bts £960

Raspberry and black cherry fruit, herb and spice, there's a nice floral element too. Dense palate, with a salty tang, rich black fruits and softer fruit too. Generous and grand, with fine chalky tannins, super intensity and persistence. 5-15 years.

# Pauillac

## *Left Bank*



Down the road in Pauillac, you often have to shell out more, but you get more power and precision. **Haut-Bages Monpelou** is well worth a look, **Lynch-Moussas** has lots of soft black fruit but for us, the ‘value’ may be in newcomer **Pibran** from the Pichon Baron stable. **Batailley** is a stand-

out and has held its price – you should snap some up. Otherwise there are some wonderful wines – stately **Haut-Bages Libéral**, classically beautiful **Grand-Puy-Lacoste**, poised **Pontet-Canet** all of which will give you fabulous drinking... at a price.

Château Haut-Bages Monpelou, Pauillac	DCR33620	6bts	£99
Easy-going, ripe blueberry, cassis and raspberry fruit with good freshness and elegance. Fleshy, juicy and broad, with grainy tannins that build. Excellent levels of fruit, some creamy texture and a savoury note too. 2-9+ years.			
Château Pibran, Pauillac	DCR33720	6bts	£138
Attractive, feels very harmonious in the mouth, round, supple and juicy. Concentrated with good intensity to the finish, clean and crisp with fine tannin. An impressive wine this year. 3-9 years.			
Château Lynch-Moussas, 5e cru classé Pauillac	DCR28420	6bts	£145.50
Spicy oak, liquorice and bloomy cassis – feels quite rich and almost ‘Porty’. Nice density on the palate, plenty of structure and weight of fruit. Great intensity, quite brash and confident, with some toast and seasoning on the finish. 5-15+ years.			
Château Haut-Bages Libéral, 5e cru classé Pauillac 2020 (organic)	DCR27320	6bts	£156
Dense, gorgeous juicy blue/black aromas, leaf, and creamy raspberry. Broad, full, quite mouth-filling, fleshy and open, with some inky touches and toast. Fine, grainy tannins, some sap, nicely balanced, big style and great length. Yum! 5-15 years.			
Château Batailley, 5e cru classé Pauillac	DCR28020	6bts	£168
Super nose – focused and very refined with excellent purity of black raspberry, nice seasoning and a leafy touch. Lovely lift and freshness on the palate, showing poise and purity, lithe cassis and raspberry fruit. Very long and fine. 5-15+ years.			
Château d’Armailhac, 5e cru classé Pauillac	DCR27520	6bts	£198
Notably lighter and elegant style, but has some expression, a touch of salinity and fine cassis fruit. The palate too is on the lighter side, sinewy and savoury in parts; it feels very fine, structured and serious. 3-15 years.			
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 5e cru classé Pauillac	DCR27020	6bts	£304.50
Plump blackcurrant, a touch of graphite and raspberry – ripe but cool, dark and pure. Plump with a salty tang, good density and richness and plentiful ripe tannins. Juicy in part and has a savoury and contemplative side. 5-15 years.			
Château Pontet-Canet, 5e cru classé Pauillac 2020 (organic)	DCR27720	6bts	£445.50
“Highly successful Pontet, one of the few Pauillacs that, for me, overperforms on its 2019. Inky purple with ruby reflections in colour. Lots of firm but upright tannins, a good dollop of graphite, pencil lead and cassis bud, there is depth through the mid palate shot through with wild blackberry, hawthorn, sage, rosemary and wild mint. It has personality, and is a little old school in the best possible way. Recommended. They have avoided the over-concentrated feel of some Pauillacs in the vintage, while remaining true to the appellation. 4% Petit Verdot completes the blend, 50% new oak, 35% amphoras, 15% one-year barrels” 97 points, Jane Anson, Decanter.com. 5-15+ years.			



# Saint-Estèphe

## *Left Bank*



The most northerly of the communes and the one which generally produces the most structured and powerful wines. Stellar properties notwithstanding, this has been a happy hunting ground recently. Saint-Estèphes tend to benefit from hotter years and there's plenty of ripe fruit behind that characteristic 'stony' side. **Phélan-Ségur** has been winning great praise and there's no doubt they've made a superb wine in 2020. **Lilian-Ladouys** is also bang on

form, possibly reversing last year's order with **Ormes de Pez** – Lilian has a bit more vivacity. Calon-Ségur is rare as hen's teeth but we've secured their excellent 'second' wine **Marquis de Calon**, well-priced and with potential to age. After last year's blip, **Meyney** is back on it; generous, ripe, well-formed and that lovely 2020 freshness. **Lafon-Rochet** is also classy, a cracking wine that actually dropped back from its 2019 price.

### Château Lilian Ladouys, Saint-Estèphe

DCR34520 6bts £75

Dark, ripe, fruity and floral nose. Pretty high tones, some softness and an easy sweetness of blue fruits. Fresh attack, with good lift and an elegant feel. Supple, but the structure builds and you get that Saint-Estèphe minerality. Good density and elegance, with a more savoury, dry finish. 3-9 years.

### Château Les Ormes de Pez, Saint-Estèphe

DCR34920 6bts £112.50

Nice dark fruit on the nose, lightly spicy and subtly fragrant. Lovely perfumed attack of blue fruits, some plumpness and a hit of sweet oak too. Has that Saint-Estèphe grip, and a delicious black cherry finish. 5-15 years.

### Marquis de Calon, Saint-Estèphe

DCR34420 6bts £117

"Another strong wine in the Calon-Ségur stable this year, showing depth and clarity of flavour. No getting around the concentration in the tannins, well balanced by brambled berry fruits and the St-Estèphe feeling of confident power. After an extremely dry July, here they saw 45mm of rain in three days in August, followed by another stretch of no rain from 15 August to 21st September. Helps explain the low 33hl/ha yields" 93 points, Jane Anson, Decanter.com 5-15+ years.

### Château Meyney, Saint-Estèphe

DCR35020 6bts £120

Great nose! New wood, plump black fruits, with a bright touch of raspberry and a creamy, vanilla boost. Full with depth and volume and a lovely creaminess. Plenty of structure and grip, nicely concentrated, great intensity, long, fine, and elegant. 5-15 years.

### Château Lafon-Rochet, 4e cru Saint-Estèphe

DCR26520 6bts £162

Damson on the nose. Lovely texture on the palate, though quite punchy in character. Then silky, cool and fresh with some spice on the finish. Very elegant, inclining to the tauter side, this needs some time. 5-15 years.

### Château Haut-Marbuzet, Saint-Estèphe

DCR28520 6bts £168

Ripe, undulating, layered, dark and polished nose, with floral blue fruits. Great volume, a rounded, plump and juicy attack that becomes finer, this shows super intensity, a mineral thread and supple tannins that do build. Long. Very good. 5-15 years.

### Château Phélan-Ségur, Saint-Estèphe

DCR34720 6bts £184.50

Very attractive, elegant nose of red fruit, seasoned oak and exotic wood. Cool, with noteworthy definition on the palate, crisp and crunchy black fruit, more earthy spice. Intense, long and fine, with signature St-Estèphe minerality. Outstanding. 5-15 years.

# Pessac-Léognan & Graves

*Left Bank*



Perhaps the most satisfying flight of 2020 wines that we tasted came from Pessac-Léognan and Graves. Doubly satisfying because many of them are very affordable. Stand-outs for your consideration include **Olivier** which oozes class, **Lespault-Martillac** which has power and poise, **Clos**

**Floridène** with lovely fresh fruit and, of course, **Domaine de Chevalier** which still, in our view punches well above its weight. Most impressive might well have been **Pape Clément**, big but very well-balanced.

<b>Clos Floridène Rouge, Graves, Dubourdieu</b>	<b>DCR57920</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£66</b>
Creamy, ripe nose, very mellow with a dark core and very ripe red notes. Creamy on the palate too, some depth and rich red fruits with some spice and a toasty finish. Very nice. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Lespault-Martillac, Pessac-Léognan</b>	<b>DCR56920</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£96</b>
Concentrated and intense, with great freshness and clarity, showing fine oak and a mix of black cherry, raspberry, cassis and graphite. Fleshy palate, good detailing, some spicy wood and a crisp frame. Excellent drive and great length. 5-15+ years.			
<b>Château Olivier, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan</b>	<b>DCR58620</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£112.50</b>
Good freshness on the nose, very dark and polished, plush with good fragrance. Generous, plump and silky in the mouth, with some spice and great energy. Becomes a little more elegant and lifted towards the finish. Really smart. 5-15 years.			
<b>Château Carbonnieux, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan</b>	<b>DCR57520</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£130.50</b>
Dark, macerated cherries on the nose, a creamy charm, rich red fruits and good lift. Silky in the mouth, very good intensity and lots of black cherry fruit and a touch of liquorice. Plump, and smooth with good freshness and easy tannins. 5-10 years.			
<b>Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan</b>	<b>DCR58820</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£283.50</b>
Gorgeous sweet and plump fruit, super freshness and poise, great clarity and purity. Beautifully lifted, quite Burgundian, with great definition throughout. Notably elegant, in the best sense, fresh, lithe and long. Oozes class. 5-15+ years.			
<b>Château Pape Clément, grand cru classé Pessac-Léognan</b>	<b>DCR59520</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£376.50</b>
Broad and sophisticated nose with a real ease about it, poised and well-judged with good freshness, some oak and spice. Stylish palate too, very elegant and handles the density especially well. Concentrated with super freshness and balance. 5-15 years.			

# Pomerol

## *Right Bank*



Here the dominant grape variety is Merlot and the wines generally have a softer and fleshier feel than on the Left Bank. Particularly successful as the climate warms up, the wines from Pomerol that we tasted were simply delicious. **Feytit-Clinet** is delightful, certainly worth the money, while stable mates **Bonalgue** and **Clos de Clocher** are, we

think, even ahead of excellent efforts in 2019. Another wow for us came from **Lafleur-Gazin** out of the Moueix stable, very precise and pure with density and beautiful structure, a winner this year. Top of the tree, and as exciting as any in our whole list, Vieux Château Certan is a huge star for Tanners.

### Château Bonalgue, Pomerol

DCR68520 6bts £117

Ripe, chunky, cherry-tinged dark fruits on the nose, showing a touch of new oak and complex spicing. Pretty full and weighty in the mouth with an elegant turn of juicy redder fruits, fine grip, and super length ahead of a lifted, sappy finish. 5-15 years.

### Château Lafleur-Gazin, Pomerol

DCR67720 6bts £150

A deep, cool, nose of fine dark fruits with a touch of graphite, gives an air of precision and focus. Attractive ripe blackberry and blueberry fruit, good intensity and energy, ample weight and richness, fine tannins with a very long, toasty finish. 5-15 years.

### Château du Domaine de l'Eglise, Pomerol

DCR62920 6bts £165

Very ripe fat cassis and black raspberry, a little toast and soft leather. Juicy and ripe attack followed by plenty of elegance. Fresh with perfumed violets and a long, savoury and lean finish. 5-15 years.

### Clos du Clocher, Pomerol

DCR68720 6bts £207

Plush dark flowers on the nose, plump dark fruits and an air of contemplative elegance. Dense and compact whilst notably creamy and generous. There is a light grip to the ripe tannins – a little chew – and the whole is dark, easy and alluring. 5-15 years.

### Château Feytit-Clinet, Pomerol

DCR67620 6bts £280.50

Incredibly dark, and enveloping, with a super dark floral vein, boozy black and blue fruits, notes of chocolate and a host of baking spices. Generous and velvety, wonderfully intense, and concentrated with great freshness. A loveable monster! 5-15+ years.

### Château La Fleur-Pétrus, Pomerol

DCR70020 6bts £975

Cool, dark and pure nose with a cassis edge and lovely understated leafy elements, this feels refined and effortless. Silky in the mouth, with great concentration and intensity, generous fruit, saline touches and notes of toast and coffee. Excellent. 5-15+ years.

# Saint-Emilion

*Right Bank*



While nowhere in Bordeaux has more properties, meaning a tasting can be extremely daunting, once you have sifted the also-rans you are invariably left with a good number of gems. Impressions are that there is more fleshy substance and more sweet fruit character to be found here, as well as in Pomerol. The samples have been a bit denser, with more of a core of black fruit. This is down to the Merlot doing well and both the plateau and the slope properties of Saint-

Emilion have made wines with richness and backbone. You should consider **Pindfleurs** and **Laroque**, bold and spicy while old favourites **Pipeau** and **Teyssier** have good texture and depth, keepers in the making. At the top end, we loved both the blockbuster **Pavie-Macquin** and the consistently improving **Bélaïr Monange** which, although not cheap, stands up well in the upper echelons of Saint-Emilion greats.

<b>Château Teyssier, Saint-Emilion grand cru</b>	<b>DCR74520</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£70.50</b>
Teyssier tends to reflect the attributes of the vintage very clearly, and for us the fruit is very juicy, the tannins very pure and clean with a light grip. Very ripe, juicy and playful nose – fragrant, herby blue/purple floral quality and spice. A juicy attack becomes more supple and creamy. Another classy performance, a good recommendation. 5-15 years.			
<b>Château Pipeau, Saint-Emilion grand cru</b>	<b>DCR74420</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£75</b>
Espresso on the nose with a cool, crunchy, dark fruit character, all quite compact with good intensity. Fresh with good lift, more coffee, oak and wood spice. Concentrated, lots of energy and drive ahead of a savoury finish. Pow pow! 5-15 years.			
<b>Château Pindfleurs, Saint-Emilion grand cru</b>	<b>DCR73820</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£90</b>
Expressive, perfumed dark fruits and flowers and a touch of sweet new oak. There is an elegant creaminess on the attack and good structure, this feels ripe and juicy with great fruit levels and some soft spices. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Laroque, grand cru classé Saint-Emilion</b>	<b>DCR77420</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£114</b>
Nicely defined strawberry and raspberry fruit, becoming a little herbier and darker, with a touch of new oak. Structured with great intensity and a supple, creamy core ahead of a grippy finish. Fleshy, elegant, refined and long. 5-15 years.			
<b>Château Pavie-Macquin, 1er grand cru classé 'B' Saint-Emilion</b>	<b>DCR81620</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£346.50</b>
Expressive, floral, herby nose, with super lift and definition, violet and plum fruit, and sweet oak. Lush and generous, quite supple, rounded and layered, with super intensity. Amongst its peers, this is impressively balanced, and very long. 5-15+ years.			
<b>Château Bélaïr Monange, 1er grand cru classé 'B' Saint-Emilion</b>	<b>DCR77020</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£726</b>
Gorgeous raspberry fruit leads a very fine, pretty, elegant nose of great purity. Lifted and juicy on the palate with layers of fruit, super energy and drive, this is incredibly fine and sophisticated with very long perfumed, spicy flavours. 5-15 years.			

# The Satellites & Côtes de Bordeaux

*Right Bank*



Often the places to find excellent bargains, these wines come from just outside Pomerol and Saint-Emilion, or are enclaves where a top winemaker has found a plot to practice his art, but at a much lower cost. In the first category, **Les Hauts-Conseillants** is remarkably good from Lalande, the Pomerol satellite, while **Courlat** is a great bargain from Lussac-St-Emilion and **Haut-Lariveau** hugely

appealing from Fronsac, away to the eastern edge of the plateau. Outlying 'projects' include **Domaine de Cambes**, linked with the Tertre Rôteboeuf team for example, and Nicolas Thienpont in charge at both Pavie-Macquin and **Puygueraud**, the family home in Francs. We love the character in these wines and this clutch shouldn't be overlooked.

<b>Château Brisson, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	<b>DCR05820</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£39</b>
Deeply coloured, and lovely cool, dense aromas of plum, blue fruits and cherry. On the full side of medium-bodied, ample and rounded, showing a little sweetness, vaporous rich fruit and notably fine soft tannins. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château du Courlat, Lussac-Saint-Emilion</b>	<b>DCR64920</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£42</b>
A lovely nose of black cherry, with a touch of mint and softer red fruits, with good freshness and lift. Very good intensity and structure, some chalky tannins and a touch of cream. Nicely balanced and has some real elegance. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château du Courlat, Cuvée Jean Baptiste, Lussac-Saint-Emilion</b>	<b>DCR65420</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£54</b>
Fragrant coffee, dark fruits and dark flowers. This is dense and concentrated, broad and chunky, with creamier tannins than the regular cuvée and a touch of salinity. Plenty of freshness, but will require some patience. 5-15 years.			
<b>Château Puygueraud Francs, Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	<b>DCR04020</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£57</b>
Deep, fat and broad, there is dark black cherry and cassis fruit with excellent freshness. Sweet-edged attack, creamy, spicy and big, with some weight and good acidity. Expressive and exotic, lots of fruit! Ripe, smooth tannins. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Haut Lariveau, Fronsac</b>	<b>DCR08020</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£63</b>
Very ripe, showing plenty of plummy fruit on the nose and palate which is full and soft with good freshness and soft tannins. A silky, full, easy-going wine. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château Les Hauts Conseillants, Lalande-de-Pomerol</b>	<b>DCR65220</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£66</b>
Attractive, fragrant, floral raspberry fruit, with a twist of nutmeg and vanilla. Juicy, smooth and silky in the mouth, showing a little creamy oak, and a touch of coffee on the finish. Full of charm, with clarity and finesse. 3-9 years.			
<b>Château de Bel-Air, Lalande-de-Pomerol</b>	<b>DCR65720</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£82.50</b>
Fragrant oak, good lift and a certain delicacy, this feels fine and compact, with fresh blueberry fruit. Plush and juicy on the palate, some sappiness and tasty! This is bright and clean, with a touch of sweetness to the fruit and good persistence. 3-9 years.			
<b>Domaine de Cambes, Bordeaux</b>	<b>DCR03820</b>	<b>6bts</b>	<b>£186</b>
Complex and wild on the nose, with good lift, featuring a mix of flowers, spice, and ripe cherry fruit, supported by toasty oak. Dense and silky, creamy and sweet on the palate, with more rich red cherry and black fruit, toast, herb and black olive. 5-10 years.			

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*James Tanner, Christina Albon, Graham Mason and Aiden Schwarzer  
tasting en primeur samples at Tanners, April 2021*



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# The Cellars

To make things easier for you, we have put together a selection of Cellars. These are collections that we think work really well together, to give you the very best of a particular style or commune.

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## *Cellar A - Left Bank*

Showcasing the great value the Cabernet-dominant Left Bank can offer.

- Château La Tour de By, Médoc
- Château Lilian Ladouys, Saint-Estèphe
- Château Mauvesin-Barton, Moulis-en-Médoc
- Clos Floridène Rouge, Graves, Dubourdieu

24 bottles (6 of each) for £252 (saving £12), average bottle price en primeur £10.50

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## *Cellar B - Right Bank*

Epitomises the fantastic value the Merlot-dominant Right Bank can offer.

- Château Les Hauts Conseillants, Lalande-de-Pomerol
- Château Teyssier, Saint-Emilion grand cru
- Saintem, Saint-Emilion grand cru, Noemie Durantou
- Château Haut Lariveau, Fronsac

24 bottles (6 of each) for £256.50 (saving £12), average bottle price en primeur £10.69

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## *Cellar C - Tanners Favourites*

A collection of our favourites that ably demonstrate the 2020 vintage and the styles within each commune.

- Château Talbot, 4e cru classé Saint-Julien
- Château Lafon-Rochet, 4e cru classé Saint-Estèphe
- Château Lafleur-Gazin, Pomerol
- Château Laroque, grand cru classé Saint-Emilion

24 bottles (6 of each) for £654 (saving £12), average bottle price en primeur £27.25

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## *Cellar D - The Magnums*

We love a magnum: they are great for entertaining and make a real statement on the table.

- Château Angludet, Margaux
- Château du Domaine de l'Eglise, Pomerol
- Château Meyney, Saint-Estèphe
- Château Batailley, Pauillac

12 bottles (3 of each) for £532.50, average magnum price en primeur £44.48

### *En Primeur:*

#### What does it mean?

All the 2020 wines in this offer are offered 'En Primeur Lying Abroad'. This means that you pay for the wine itself when you place your order and the duty (currently £2.23 ex VAT per 75cl bottle) and VAT at the prevailing rates on the whole at the time of shipment and any other applicable tariffs. We anticipate shipping these wines in late 2023.

### Storage Wines

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### More Information

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