



# SPRING SHIPMENTS FROM BORDFAUX

Spring 2023

We spent a productive week in January, tasting our way around some of the standout properties in Bordeaux. Not the grand, expensive Châteaux, but the less known stars who strive to make high-quality wines at reasonable prices.

The wines we list below, starting just under £10 per bottle, have purity, ripeness, silky textures and harmony. We are lucky to be in a purple patch of available vintages. The bottles below range from the terrific 2019 back to the fully mature and sumptuous 2012s.

All prices are £ per case 12x75cl including VAT, unless otherwise indicated.

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Front cover: Vineyard Skyscape, Saint-Emilion

# £9–£18 per bottle



#### CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC Bordeaux Superieur 2019

12b 116.40

9.70

There is a healthy dose of Cabernet Franc in this well priced and charming Bordeaux Supérieur. It perhaps explains the lifted, scented aroma and fine balance to be found. Juicy and fleshy in the mouth, there is much to enjoy here.



#### CHÂTEAU LES MARCIEUX

Haut-Medoc 2018

12b 129.60

10.80

A brilliant ruby colour in the glass, with wonderfully attractive aromas, this is a wine of the utmost purity. There is good middle fruit, a supple texture and fresh and harmonious finish. It is rare to find a high quality Haut-Médoc at such a tempting price level – we recommend it most highly.



## CHÂTEAU FAURE-BEAUSEJOUR

Fronsac 2019

12b 131.40 10.95

With its elegantly scented, spicy aroma, this Fronsac is classically made and finely textured. The fruit is sweet and there is ample flesh, finishing with perfect tone and balance.

Please note that these prices all include VAT	f/caso	£/bt
	1/Case	by case



#### CHÂTEAU COUSTOLLE

#### Canon-Fronsac 2016

What a treat to find a new property offering a superb wine, from a great vintage, at such a sensible price. The aromas are perfectly mature, combining fine spice and floral notes. Palate is suave and elegant, with ripe fruit, purity and a smooth, long-flavoured finish.



## CHÂTEAU CORCONNAC

#### Haut-Medoc 2016

Another excellent 2016, this Haut-Medoc is a fine rubygarnet colour, with open, attractive, perfumed aromas. It has a fine structure, with good stuffing in the middle and a pleasing, sweet farewell.



#### CHÂTEAU BEGADAN

#### Medoc 2018

Old vines and sound, sustainable vineyard management account for the beautiful fruit intensity and natural elegance of this wine. Complex aromas of ripe red berries, warm brick and spice lead onto a rich, medium bodied wine of great character and freshness. This is a well-balanced, charming wine that will give immediate pleasure.

12h

12b

12b

148.20

149.40

138.60

11.55

12.35

12.45

12b

6m

12b

195.00

205.50

223.80

13.40

16.25

34.25

18.65



#### CHÂTEAU BEAUREGARD DUCASSE

Graves 2019 12b 160.80

From the highest hillside in the appellation, classic Graves aromas - cedar, spice and smokiness - combine seamlessly with ripe berry fruits. This is a super wine, with bright, intense fruit and a textured palate. There is lovely balance and a classy, long finish.



#### CHÂTEAU BELLE COLINE

Blave Côtes de Bordeaux 2015

The vineyards of Belle Coline lie on clay-limestone soils in Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux, north-west of Pomerol. Their 11 hectares are planted predominantly with Merlot (91%), the balance being Malbec – average vine age being 35 years. From the excellent 2015 Right Bank vintage, aromas are inviting, bringing together spiced, red berry fruitiness with savoury, meaty tones. This is a medium weight Claret, being gently textured, and having good length.



## CHÂTEAU HAUT-MADRAC

Haut-Medoc 2018

This is one of our favourite properties in the Haut-Médoc, with vineyards bordering Pauillac, and under the same ownership as Château Batailley. The 2018 is perfumed, ripe and intense on the nose, with lovely structure to keep its ample flesh in check. Perfect for immediate drinking, but will remain in place for a further six years or more (for drinking 2023-2030).

258.00

12b 334.20

12b 346.20

12b

21.50

27.85

28.85

## £20-£30 per bottle



# CHÂTEAU PEYMOUTON Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2019

A brilliant value discovery with this 2019 vintage, Château Peymouton is part of the estate of Château Laroque, an historic Grand Cru Classé of Saint-Émilion located on a limestone plateau just 3.5 km east of the medieval village. A blend of 72% Merlot with 22% Cabernet Franc and 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, this 2019 has a bright, ruby-purple colour, aromas being open and attractively floral. This is a lively, juicy mouthful, being medium bodied, fresh and with a fine finish.



#### CHÂTEAU CAPBERN

Saint-Estèphe 2017

Same owner here as Château Calon-Ségur and benefiting from the same vineyard management and technical expertise. The 2017 is a delight, a beautiful wine that gives immense pleasure. Enticingly aromatic, here is a pure, silky, perfectly balanced Claret.



#### CHÂTEAU HYON LA FLEUR Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2019

Here is a sensational Saint-Emilion from a tiny 3-hectare plot owned by Jean-Claude Berrouet (former winemaker at Château Pétrus). Aromas are most striking, being vibrant and floral with ripe red berry fruits. Palate has a beguiling sweetness and purity, with elegant texture and a graceful, long-lasting finish. Still youthful, although already irresistible, we would recommend drinking now and over the next five years (for drinking 2023-2028+).

12b 389.40

12b 399.00

12b 435.00

32.45

33.25

36.25

# £30+ per bottle



#### CHÂTEAU MOULIN DE LA ROSE

Saint-Julien 2017

We are fortunate to have shipped a rare, small parcel of the 2017 vintage from this tiny 5-hectare property. The vineyards are situated on gravel hilltops in the Beychevelle hamlet, rubbing shoulders with other world-famous names like the Léovilles, Barton & Las Cases, with Gruaud-Larose and Ducru-Beaucaillou. Aromas are beautifully open and floral, with enticing red and black fruits to the fore. The texture is silky, very fine, with ample flesh and super intensity. Tannins have softened to give a harmonious, elegant, long-flavoured finish. A lovely Saint-Julien for drinking now and over the next five to eight years.



## CHÂTEAU TRONQUOY-LALANDE

Saint-Estèphe 2012

As with the Monbrison below, 2012 is a cracking vintage, with wines at this level reaching perfect maturity. Tronquoy-Lalande 2012 has meaty, open, spicy aromas, with a broad, creamy texture. There is lovely complexity of fruit, and seamless harmony. A smooth, sweet, enticing farewell lingers pleasingly.



#### CHÂTEAU MONBRISON

Margaux 2012

2012 was a relatively late harvest, the last of the Cabernet Sauvignons being picked on 14th October. Grown on deep, Margaux gravels, Monbrison 2012 combines complex aromas, supple textures and excellent length of flavour. It is a charming, fully mature, spicy wine that retains lovely freshness and sumptuous flesh.

468.00

12h

39.00

25.80



#### CHÂTEAU SAINT-GEORGES CÔTE PAVIE

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru 2016

A small property, just 5 hectares, but superbly placed on the Pavie slopes, under the gaze of Chateau Ausone. As already mentioned, 2016 is a sublime vintage, so we are fortunate to have secured this lovely parcel. Aromatically complex, very attractive, floral and spicy, there is tremendous depth here. The fruit is intense and ripe with sweetness, displaying true class. Drink this silky claret now, or keep to enjoy over the coming 8 years or more.

# **Late Shipment - available May 2023**



#### MADAME DE BEAUCAILLOU Haut-Medoc 2019

We have just 30 cases of 6 bottles of this excellent wine from the Ducru-Beaucaillou stable. From the stunning 2019 vintage, it has all the class you would expect from such a prestigious address. Intensely perfumed, with a glossy, suave texture, this is a wine to drink now and over the coming five or six years. It has a fine structure and beautifully silky tannins, finishing freshly, with super length.

154.80

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