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Bordeaux Is Our Bread and Butter

By Clyde Beffa, Bordeaux Buyer and Co-Owner



Our Bordeaux team has just returned from a wonderful trip to taste the 2021 vintage en primeur. Being back in France for en primeur brought a welcome sense of normalcy after two years without it, and it was invigorating to connect with the producers and the places that we love so much. We came back full of enthusiasm for these wines and what we do. You cannot beat

Bordeaux for the combination of complexity, elegance, power, and longevity that the wines provide. Our newsletter lands at a time when we've got a wealth of such wines to offer you on

pre-arrival. As they make their way to us, you've got a chance to snag them before they're gone.

Even better: there are many good things you can currently find on our shelves. We'll start this guide with our in-stock bottles, and close it out with several pages devoted to pre-arrivals on the horizon. Prices for the 2021 campaign are just starting to trickle out, and we'll be publishing a vintage report soon.

We're also happy to be welcoming back Bordeaux producers to San Francisco for the Union des Grands Crus tasting in June after a two-year pause. Stay tuned—there's much in store for fellow Bordeaux lovers.

A Tribute to Steve Bearden

Steve Bearden: Dec 9, 1958 to May 11, 2022

I am very sad to report that K&L lost a hall of famer of over 20 years when Steve passed away in May. I lost a good friend, colleague, and great Bordeaux aficionado. In all of the years of K&L (1976–2022+) I rank Steve in the top five wine tasters—I would always ask for his opinion on wines I was not sure about. I remember Steve on his first Bordeaux trip with me and the K&L gang back in 2006. He was a vegetarian then—and Bordeaux meals in those days were NOT conducive to vegetarians. In fact in 2006 foie gras was served to us at almost every meal! From Bordeaux we went south to the Rhône Valley, and the first meal served with our longtime friends at Château Montfaucon featured a huge pan of fresh green beans—Steve ate 80% of the beans! Steve will be sorely missed by the San Francisco staff and all of the K&L people who came into contact with him. I know I will never forget him.



Clyde's In-Stock Picks

2018 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc \$39.99 94WE 93JS 91DC

2016 Les Allées de Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc \$24.99 I love Cantemerle and their second wine, Allées. Philippe Dambrine has made Cantemerle a château to watch and buy. Unfortunately, Mr. Dambrine has retired (they do that too young in France). The 2016 is ready to drink with proper decanting. The 2018 is for your cellar and will age well for 10–15 years.

2010 Haut-Bergey, Pessac-Léognan \$44.99 92-93JS 92WA 92WS 90-92WE 91IWC We carry several vintages of this fine property. 92 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate: "From Helene Garcin, this blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot displays classic tobacco leaf and smoky barbecue notes along with rich black currants and crushed rocks in a medium to full-bodied, seductive, attractively up-front style. It is a sleeper of the vintage. (RP) (2/2013)"

2016 La Dame de Montrose, St-Estèphe \$44.99 93JD 93JS 93VN 92DC 92WE 91WA Now that Montrose has joined the elite group of very expensive Bordeaux, many of us turn to their fine second wine. 93 points Jeb Dunnuck: "The 2016 Dame de Montrose is also gorgeous, and the second wines of Bordeaux continue to gain in quality."

2018 Siran, Margaux 12-Pack in OWC \$479.00 95WE 94JS 93DC 93WA 92VN 91JD How can you not like Siran and its owner Édouard Miaillhe? Year after year they crank out lots of bottles of top quality Bordeaux. 95 points Wine Enthusiast: "From an estate in the southern part of Margaux, this wine has just the right mix of rich tannins and taut black-currant flavors to give upfront freshness and potential for further aging. *Editors' Choice* (RV) (03/2021)."

2015 Corbin, St-Emilion \$44.99 93JD 93JS 92WA 93 points Jeb Dunnuck: "From a 13-hectare estate located north and slightly west of the village of St-Emilion, the 2015 Château Corbin is mostly Merlot blended with 17% Cabernet Franc, all of which comes from sandier, clay soils. It offers ample notes of ripe cherries, strawberries, dried herbs and bouquet garni, with a beautiful floral quality developing with time in the glass. (11/2017)"

2018 Soutard, St-Emilion \$59.99 97JD 93-95WA 94VN 94WE 93DC 92JS I tasted the 2018 Soutard with Steve Bearden last year, and we were very impressed with the quality vs price. It shows lovely sweet blackberry aromas that follow onto the palate. It is rich and round with soft tannins and a long finish—definitely worth a try, it's lovely.

2016 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien \$64.99

1997 Léoville Barton, St. Julien 375ml \$54.99

2018 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien \$109.99 97JD 97JS 97WE 97WS 96DC 96VN 94WA 96JA Over the years the Barton wines have become some of K&L's favorite from Bordeaux. The wines are always values, and 75% of these wines are bought from the Anthony Barton Fine Wines Negociant company. James Suckling scoring the Langoa 96 points: "Beautiful aromas of flowers and berries, intermingled in fresh and brambly mode with a cedary edge. This is very fresh. The tannins carve an exceptionally deep, long line through the dark

berries and cassis and deliver a very powerful, unwavering finish. This is in great form. Very powerful and focused."

The 1997 half bottles are delicious, and I have a case in my cellar. Still lively and kicking, while the 2018 is begging to be cellared.

2017 Tour St-Christophe, St-Emilion 1.5L \$79.99 95JD 93JS 93VN 92WA For the past five years this property has been our biggest seller in terms of bottles sold on pre-arrival. 95 points Jeb Dunnuck: "This estate made a stunning 2017, and I continue to love this wine. A typical blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the 2017 Château Tour St-Christophe has remarkable purity in its black raspberry and blueberry fruits as well as complex spice, candied violet, spring flower, and cedary herb aromas and flavors. Possessing medium to full-bodied richness, incredible tannins, and flawless balance."

2016 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac \$99.99 97JS 97VN 96DC 94WA 94WS 91WE

2018 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac \$89.99 96VN 95DC 95WS 94JD 94JS 93WA 92WE This property is the Rodney Dangerfield of Pauillac—it never gets any respect! The classified growths tend to hog all the limelight, but this property is definitely worthy of your attention. The 2016 should be cellared five years more-or even 10 years. James Suckling called it a "star of the vintage."

2010 Palmer, Margaux \$429.99 98JS 97WE 96WA 96IWC 96WS 98 points James Suckling: "A purity of fruit here with plum and



Clyde and Trey with winemaker Thomas Duroux at Château Palmer in 2021.

dark chocolate undertones. Spices and treacle tart as well. Full body, with ultra-fine tannins and a long, long finish. Very fine indeed. Fit, fruity and reserved. Superb. Try in 2020." (02/2013) 97 points Wine Enthusiast: "While outwardly this wine is generous and opulent with great juicy sweetness, the core is structured and powerful. The wine is concentrated and complex, with dark tannins and a brooding, dense texture. This is a wine with a long-lived future."

2018 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac 1.5L 6-pack in OWC \$3000.00

2018 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac 1.5L \$509.99 98DC 98JD 98WE 97JS 97WA 97VN Only a few bottles of this gem exist in our inventory. Lovely grilled and graphite notes right off the bat; this is big and muscular, and extremely Pauillac. There is grace here too, with raspberry purée, cassis, fig and blackberry fruits set against charcoal and fine tannins that quickly build up to suggest how well this will age. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend.

What's Ralph Drinking?

by Ralph Sands, Bordeaux Specialist



Ralph and Jean-Charles Cazes, winemaker of Lynch-Bages.

After sitting at home for 2.5 years, doing the hard work in the trenches of Bordeaux never felt so good! We just returned from tasting the 2021s, and now, back at home, I'm enjoying what we have on our shelves. Hats off to Clyde for finding these dynamite buys from great vintages and with some nice age!

2009 Capbern Gasqueton, St-Estèphe \$48.99 91WA From the Calon Segur team and drinking perfectly now! Black cherry fruit, hint of tobacco, soft tannins, and a little spicy oak.



The "big boy" vintage of 2010 is starting to emerge into perfect drinking territory! The Médoc, north of St-Estephe, produces some of my favorite wines like Potensac and La Tour de By. The **2010 Fontis, Médoc \$21.99 90WS** is still so young and attractive at 12 years old! Strong and deep with vibrant purple fruit and classic maritime freshness! Superb for \$21.99.

2010 Haut-Bergey, Pessac-Léognan \$44.99 92-93JS 92WA 92WS 90-92WE 91IWC Give this wine an hour in the decanter to let the deep undercurrent of old-vine fruit to express itself! A bit old-school—woody, earthy and powerful; serve with Fred's Steak!

2005 Belgrave, Haut-Médoc \$59.95 91WS This Fifth Growth is just outside the border of St-Julien next to Château Lagrange. This wine, like most great 2005s, has great aromatics and freshness and is still so young! Framed by dark blackberry fruit, it's a strong wine that cut right through the BBQ pork ribs I served with it. It's so fantastic that it could very well be mistaken for a famous Second Growth in St-Julien!



2016 Fleur Cardinale, St-Emilion \$54.99 95DC 95JD 94JS 93WA 93VN 92WE 92WS 96JA This wine is still young, but the flashy, ripe Merlot is hard not to love even now!

There are some exciting times right now at Château Suduiraut and Pichon-Longueville! When you meet people in the wine trade who absolutely love wine,

all wine, as much as you do you, it creates special relationships. Three of these people I've connected with over the years are Pierre Montégut, the technical director at Suduiraut; Jean-René Matignon, same position at Château Pichon-Longueville; and Christian Seely, director of the AXA estates. After 35 years of great wine, Jean-René will retire, and Pierre will take the helm. Congratulations on your great work gentlemen!



On my few days off in Bordeaux I always try to get to Suduiraut and taste with Pierre. For years now he has been passionate about the quality and future of dry whites from the Sauternes region, and we are now seeing these wines selling well in the marketplace. **2020 Blanc Sec de Suduiraut, Bordeaux \$16.99 93DC 91VN 89-91WA** is a fine example of this. The wine is strong and has good drive with texture from the Sémillon and bright citrus note from the Sauvignon Blanc. The best part of this classy wine is the price—\$16.99!!

Of course, Pierre's primary focus is the famous sweet wine, and we are thrilled to offer two fabulous vintages, and who better to ask about his "children" than Pierre! Here is his personal perspective.

2005 Suduiraut, Sauternes 375ml \$39.95 \$39.99 97JS 96W&S 93WA 92VN

Pierre's comments: "Quite exceptional. Very nice growing season, with no problem with mildew or other pathogens. Very little rain in the season—just 650mm—but we always seemed to get a few showers when necessary! Wonderful weather during harvest and so a very concentrated wine, very opulent. Our focus was to keep the balance. During the blending, we only kept the very old vines for the Grand Vin. The result was only 35% of Château Suduiraut! It is now ready to be appreciated, with the beginning of the arrival of secondary aromas. Huge potential to age." My comments: "Tons of flavors, honey, caramel, apricot, pear and nutty elements."

2011 Suduiraut, Sauternes 375ml \$34.99 96JS 96WS 95IWC 96JG93WE 92VN Pierre's comments: "The growing season was advanced at every stage of the vine. Hot and dry winter, the same for spring, and so we were two weeks in advanced at the beginning. We had a very easy season—just five treatments, only organic products, and not too many high temperatures during the summer. The vintage remained early, and I had to stop my holidays to start the harvest for the dry wine in August. Dry in August and sweet in September—we finished harvest when we usually start! Normally, such an early harvest year is always rich and round, but, thanks to the cool climate of the year, we had a nice level of acidity in the wines. Another rich wine, still young, a little more exotic for me than 2005. My comment: "Outstanding. So young. This is tropical and fresh!"

See you in Sauternes! Cheers and go Giants!



Jacques' Weeknight Wines

by Jacques Moreira, Bordeaux Specialist



With Jacques' picks, you can drink like a high roller on a weeknight budget.

It goes without saying that Bordeaux is one of the most prestigious wine regions of the world, with blue chips the likes of Latour, Margaux, and Petrus being the stuff that dreams are made of. Also, equally undeniable is the fact that to mere mortals—like me—once all that dreaming is over, we appreciate a good glass of wine here and there. What are we to do then, with a limited budget and an unquenchable thirst? Not to worry. I've put a list together with choices that not only fit nicely on anyone's weekly wine allotment, but also have a variety of styles and ageability. For any day of the week, dinner parties or à deux.



2019 Bellegrave, Médoc \$12.99 Let's start with this small property all the way up at the northern tip of the Médoc. One thing to note is that it contains all four red grape varieties allowed in Bordeaux. The inclusion of Petit Verdot and Malbec provides a nice spiciness and a markedly tannic structure. The fruit is ripe, the price is right, and the wine will go very well with anything you would put together for a quick dinner.

2019 Preludes de Haut Peyrat, Côtes de Bordeaux \$14.99 Located in a beautiful terroir where the vines are surrounded by forest, meadows, sheep, horses, and beehives, Isabelle and Didier Gil work with a tremendous environmentally conscious approach. In fact, the estate has achieved the highest level of "High Environmental Value" (HVE) certification, which is no small feat in Bordeaux. The Preludes is all about its juicy Merlot fruit, framed by the structure of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc. Like a prelude to a grand opera, the idea here is to introduce and entice your palate.



2018 de Landiras Rouge, Graves \$16.99 Here is another estate where the vineyards are sustainably cultivated—no pesticides or additional chemicals here! This is located in the heart of Graves. A seamless wine, with a perfect balance between its elegantly ripened fruit and its caressing tannins. This bottle proves my thesis: you do not have to take a loan just to have a good bottle of wine.

2018 Bourdieu No1, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux \$16.99 90JS When a vineyard worker says "I like working here because when the boss works alongside you, his hands are in the same soil as yours," we listen. That boss is Luc Schweitzer, who, with the help of his sons

manages the works at this property in Côtes-de-Blaie. The N° 1 is a cuvée of the best exposed vineyards. Loads of chocolate and cassis, supported by its firm tannins. I would suggest pairing this with something bold like a leg of lamb or strong cheeses.

2018 Crabitey, Graves \$17.99 90WE 90WS One of the top wines of the appellation. It is starting to drink well now, showing a rich cocoa palate, along with the elegant earthy note we expect from a Bordeaux. The quality of its fruit and its structure indicate that this bottle could stay in the cellars for a while.



2019 Tempo d'Angélus, St-Emilion \$19.99 93JS 91DC A recent addition to the fantastic Angelus portfolio, Tempo d'Angélus is a wine that, even though it is meant to be drunk in its youth, is involved in finesse and irresistible charm. The whole experience is one of a velvety, pleasing sensation. An incredibly well-made wine, with endless pairing possibilities.

2018 du Bernat "Latrique" Bordeaux Superieur \$24.99 A Bordeaux like no other, starting with a surprisingly shaped bottle that looks more like a Rhône or a Loire bottle. Coincidence? Perhaps not. This small family-owned chateau, located in the heart of the Entre-Deux-Mers appellation, made a point in bottling this unique cuvée, based on Cabernet Sauvignon planted on limestone soils, which resemble those in the southern Rhône valley, Champagne and Sancerre.



The wine offers plenty of blue fruit, cassis notes with a distinct dusty minerality. It is very pleasing right now, with no need to age. It will appeal to all those seeking a ready-to-drink, yet intriguing wine.



2018 Arnould, Haut-Médoc \$29.99 93DC 92JS 92VN 92WE According to their website, one should think of two vintages to best describe this wine, both excellent years in Bordeaux, but with marked differences: the 2018 has the exuberance of 2009, with the higher acidity and firmer tannins of 2010. It makes sense, for this is a wine for aging, and a good candidate to purchase by the case.

2018 Soutard, St-Emilion \$59.99 97JD 93-95WA 94VN 94WE 93DC 92JS The 2018 is one of the best vintages I have tasted from Soutard, a Grand Cru Classé estate in St-Emilion. The wine is rich, showing plenty of fruit, ripe tannin structure, and freshness throughout. This is one for the cellar for sure. I would even advise to seek out bottles in magnum format. It's that good.



Small Châteaux, Second Labels, and Spectacular Vintages

by Alex Schroeder, Bordeaux Specialist



When not seeking out the best petite châteaux in Bordeaux, you can find Alex with a glass of our amazing direct import grower Champagne.

Nothing puts a smile on an oenophile quite like the discovery of a charming wine at a great price. This is even more true in the face of rising costs across the board in our current economy. While the Grands Châteaux of Bordeaux continue to command impressively high prices, there are countless smaller wineries producing more affordable "diamonds in the rough," provided you know where to look. Fortunately, despite all the obstacles, K&L continues to do just that, and the fruit of that labor is on our shelves right now for you to take home and enjoy.



2019 Respide-Médeville, Graves \$27.99 Obviously the product of an excellent vintage, the 2019 Respide-Médeville has an effusively inviting bouquet which offers the full spectrum of fruit flavors: blueberries, black cherries, raspberries, with underlying graphite mineral and subtle toast and herbs. The wine has a full-bodied, satisfying texture full of dark fruits nuanced by earthy mineral and baking spice. Still just a baby, I can't wait to see how this develops over the years.

2018 Virginie Thunevin, Bordeaux Rouge \$13.49 Named after the daughter of Murielle and Jean-Luc Thunevin (owners of the famed Château Valandraud in St-Emilion), this is 100% warm-vintage Merlot with a plump and juicy texture full of silky tannins; strawberry and black cherry fruit; and a subtle yet intriguingly spicy-toasty edge from a small percentage of new-oak aging. This has no equal in the store in terms of price-to-quality value for a juicy bottle of great Merlot.



2016 Clos Grangeneuve, Côtes de Bordeaux \$16.99 This great value hails from the far eastern reaches of the Bordeaux appellation, from an area known as St. Foye. It is a classic Right Bank blend of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc. The beautiful conditions of the 2016 vintage have imparted a great balance between bright, pure cherry fruit, pepper and smoky notes, and savory lanolin and toast. A lot of intriguing flavors here for the price, not to mention downright delicious drinkability.

2015 La Salle de Poujeaux, Moulis \$19.99 I was excited to try this second label from one of K&L's favorite Left Bank châteaux for value, Château Poujeaux. 2015 was a warm, generous vintage in

Bordeaux leading to incredible wines in the second-label category, and the Salle delivers! Heady aromas of red currants, licorice, cedar, minerals, and smoke waft from the glass. Its rich texture glides over the palate like silk with wonderfully balancing acidity on the finish that makes this one of the most serious and drinkable red Bordeaux values under \$20.



2015 Fontesteanu, Haut-Médoc \$22.99 91WA Château Fontesteanu fell onto K&L's radar with a delightful, inexpensive back vintage from 1998 that both our customers and staff adored! I'm glad we found this charmer, because the 2015 is going to go at least that distance—if not more! Comprising 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, it shows pretty red currant fruit, savory minerals, and a hint of earth. I was quite shocked at the precision, complexity, and balance for the price—no wonder it ages so well!

2015 Baron de Brane (Brane-Cantenac), Margaux \$34.99 This is Margaux proper, made by top producer Brane-Cantenac (Second Growth) from a superb vintage for under \$35. Enough said, right? It shows incredible perfume, it has rich cherry and strawberry fruit with toast and spice, supple elegant tannins, and an impressively long finish. Stock is quickly dwindling on this gem, and for good reason. Don't miss out.



2015 Bellevue Laffont, Listrac-Médoc \$16.99 Owned by Château Fourcas-Dupré, this is a jaw-droppingly great wine from the vintage that keeps on giving—2015. Cola berry, blueberry, cherry, spice, and smoke are a few of the flavors you will find in this charmer. It has an open-knit, effusive texture while remaining fresh and vibrant, with the long finish typical of the vintage.

2019 Domaine des Justices Bordeaux Blanc \$14.99 This is my new house white; it's so utterly delicious and refreshing. Its bright, rich lemon-lime-tangerine fruit gives off next-level aromatics, with minerals, cream, and a tinge of tarragon in the mix. On the finish, it's crisp and dry. This is the perfect wine to keep in the fridge for summertime.



2015 d'Arche, Sauternes 750ml \$49.99
2015 d'Arche, Sauternes 375ml \$24.99 94-96WA 91JS It's hard not to immediately fall in love with the bouquet on this warm-vintage Sauternes from Château d'Arche: honeyed apricots, pineapple, caramel and flowers. It is so lush, sweet and round on the palate with a bright poached-peach finish. Perfect with tres leches cake.

The Star 2019s

The run of vintages from 2018 to 2020 are all very good, but both Clyde and Ryan Moses, Bordeaux Specialist, think that 2019 is the best of the trilogy. Each vintage saw ample sun that beautifully ripened their fruit, but the 2019 had a zippy freshness and bright acidity that led to vibrant, age-worthy wines. In fact, Clyde thinks vintage could be the best since 2010. And some “in the know” even compare it to the much-lauded 2009s. Clyde’s notes below.

In Stock

2019 Bellegrave, Médoc \$12.99 Get your palate warmed up with this beauty. Aromas of blackberries and charred bark. It’s medium bodied, showing vanilla notes on finish.

2019 Mauvesin Barton, Moulis \$19.99 93DC: “Delicate florality to this, smells wonderful, bursting with flowers and black fruits—incidentally welcoming. Lovely acidity on the palate, you can feel this is lively with great energy and drive.”

2019 Tempo d’Angélus, St-Emilion \$19.99 Quite a good wine for 20 bucks! **93JS:** “A delicious, savory red with blackcurrant, chocolate and cedar aromas and flavors. It’s medium-bodied with fine, round tannins. Fresh and bright. It opens at the end and becomes chewy and intense.”

2019 Pavillon de La Reine, Pauillac \$24.99 Le Pavillon de La Reine is a five-star, luxury hotel tucked away in the heart of the Le Marais area of Paris. The wine is lush and sexy—so delicious.

2019 de France Blanc, Pessac-Léognan \$29.99 WA: “The 2019 Blanc leaps from the glass with pronounced scents of spiced apples, fresh pears, and white pepper.”

Pre-Arrival

2019 Ormes de Pez, St-Estèphe \$31.99 92-94VN 92-94JD: “Impressive spiced black and blue fruits, cedar pencil, flowery incense, and a touch of chocolate emerge from the glass of this rich, full-bodied effort, which offers ample tannins, a solid core of fruit, and a great finish.”

2019 Fleur Cardinale, St-Emilion \$38.99 95JS 93-95JD 93-95WA 93-95VN 94DC 92-94 Neal Martin for Vinous: “The 2019 Fleur Cardinale has a very composed bouquet, perhaps more so than its sibling, Croix Cardinale. It offers black cherries, black olive, and light cassis aromas, all nicely integrated with the oak.”

2019 Phélan Ségur, St-Estèphe 750ml \$49.99

2019 Phélan Ségur, St-Estèphe 6-Pack in OWC \$290.00 96JS 95JD 93-95VN 93-95WE 94DC 92-94WA Sweet, effusive aromatics take over right away! Elegant red fruits all in perfect harmony; rounded tannins. A killer value—you must buy some.

2019 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien 750ml \$59.99

2019 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$319.99 94-96WE 93-95JD 93-95WA 93-95VN 94DC 96JS: “Plenty of blackberry,

currant and floral aromas. Some mint as well, following through to a full-bodied palate. This is sophisticated and beautifully crafted with style and personality, displaying its terroir. Extremely well done.”

2019 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac \$64.99 95JS 93-95WA 94VN

95JD: “Slightly darker fruited and denser than the more ethereally styled 2018, the 2019 Château Haut-Batailley offers up a gorgeous array of red and black currants, black raspberries, tobacco, and flowers. This property improves quickly with Lynch Bages team at helm.”

2019 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Margaux 750ml \$74.99

2019 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Margaux 6-Pack in OWC \$440.00 96JS 96VN: “The 2019 Malescot-St-Exupéry has a well-defined bouquet, although it does not quite possess the intensity that it showed from barrel. Touches of licorice and allspice gently unfold with time. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, and lightly spiced with white pepper and clove toward the detailed, persistent finish. This is a serious Margaux that deserves time in bottle. (NM)”

2019 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan 750ml \$74.99

2019 Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan 6-Pack in OWC \$445.00 97JD 97JS 97WA 97VN 96DC Lovely, round, sweet fruit; creamy layers of silky, deep red fruit drench the mouth, leading to the long, rich finish. One of K&L’s team favorite of the 2022 trip.

2019 Canon, St-Emilion 750ml \$179.99

2019 Canon, St-Emilion 6-Pack in OWC \$1050.00 98JD 97JS 97WA 97VN 95WS 98DC: “Sleek, elegant and appealing even before you get your nose near the glass. Aromatically it is deep and rich, and then it revs up and takes off. Dense, compact and intense, zingy limestone vibrancy and grip. Winemakers say they are looking for balance all the time, but here you feel it, with tiny pulses of electricity that appear from beginning to end of the palate. Salinity on the finish with gunsmoke and extremely moreish blueberry and blackberry fruit, with a creamy texture as things open up. (JA)”

2019 Palmer, Margaux 750ml \$359.99

2019 Palmer, Margaux 6-Pack in OWC \$2150.00 98DC 97JD 97VN 96WA 94WS 98JA 99JS: “So much sweet tobacco, stone, brambleberry and currant on the nose. The palate is full and compact with very polished tannins, yet they are solid and sturdy and run the length and width of the wine.” Jancis Robinson calls it “a joyous wine that bristles with zest and energy.”

2019 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac 750ml \$164.99

2019 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac 6-Pack in OWC \$985.00 100JD 99VN 97DC 97JS 96WA 96WS 97JA This is a 100-pointer, so enough said. Now they have a new winemaking facility—105 points coming soon!



Here Come the 2020s: Pre-Arrival

A mix of values and top wines. These wines were showing well on our recent Bordeaux trip in April. Clyde’s notes below.

2020 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc 750ml \$28.99

2020 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc 6-Pack in OWC \$168.00 94-96WE 93-94JS 93DC 89-91JD This property has been on a roll since Philippe Dambrine took over in the early 2000s. Seems like they hit the ball out of the park yearly. The 2020 has nice aromas of cassis and roses. Good midpalate flavors and a lingering finish.

2020 Labégorce, Margaux 750ml \$31.99

2020 Labégorce, Margaux 6-Pack in OWC \$185.00 93-95JD 92-94VN 93DC 92-93JS 89-91WA Lovely nose of Asian spice and toasty oak. Powerful, blackberry flavors, with some red berry hints on the back palate. Big and powerful wine with lots of mineral.

2020 Tour St-Christophe, St-Emilion 750ml \$32.99

2020 Tour St-Christophe, St-Emilion 6-Pack in OWC \$190.00 JS95-96 JD93-96 RP93-95 VN93-95 Tasted in California: Deep color, almost black. Lovely nose of Asian spice and toasty oak. Powerful, blackberry flavors, with some red berry hints on the back palate. Big and powerful wine with lots of mineral at the back end. Very good!

2020 Gloria, St-Julien 750ml \$39.99
2020 Gloria, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$240.00 94-95JS 93-95JD 93-95VN 93-95WE92-94WA 92DC One of the better values in Bordeaux—almost every year. Wow—very perfumed aromas of black cherry and toasty oak. Blackberry fruit flavors. Vibrant wine that tastes so good now. Long finish—spicy back end. A must buy.

2020 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe 750ml \$47.99

2020 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe 6-Pack in OWC \$285.00 95-96JS 94-96JD 94DC94WE 91-93VN 90-92WA Tough to beat their fabulous 2019, but this 2020 comes close. Nice nose and full bodied on the palate. Plenty of structure for the long haul.

2020 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien 750ml \$47.99

2020 Branaire-Ducru, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$288.00 94-96VN 93-94JS 92-94JD 93DC 91-93WA My team in April fell in love with all of the vintages from this fine property. Bright and lively. Pretty, black cherry aromas. Very elegant on the palate. Plenty of bright acidity and cassis flavors. Quite forward and ripe. Drink it young.

2020 Kirwan, Margaux 750ml \$49.99

2020 Kirwan, Margaux 6-Pack in OWC \$295.00 94-95JS 92-94JD 91-93WA 91-93VN 92DC Congratulations Sophie and the Kirwan team. Spicy toasty oak aromas with black raspberries thrown in. Great texture on the palate. Superb depth of flavor, lingering finish.

2020 d’Issan, Margaux 750ml \$64.99

2020 d’Issan, Margaux 6-Pack in OWC \$390.00 97-98JS 96DC 93-95JD 93-95WA 93-95VN 93-95WE This wine is always solid of

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late. The nose shows red raspberry aromas that follow to the palate. A serious wine for the cellar. Much better than their 2021.

2020 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien 750ml \$49.99

2020 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$290.00 94-96JD 93-95WA 93-94JS 92-94VN What a delightful wine! Super Asian spice aromas and some cherry cola on the palate. Finely balanced with fruit covering the tannins. More black fruit flavors. Their 2021 is quite good, but not as flamboyant as this beauty.

2020 Leoville-Barton, St-Julien 750ml \$94.99

2020 Léoville-Barton, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$565.00 97-99WE 96-97JS 95-97JD 94-6VN 93-95WA 94DC Wonderful nose: aromatic and fresh. Explosive fruit jumps from the glass. Long, lingering finish. The last vintage made by the late, great Anthony Barton. As he’d say, this wine is made up of 100% grapes! K&L will miss him greatly.

2020 Haut-Batailley, Pauillac \$64.99 94-95JS 92-94JD 92-94WA 92-94VN Under the new ownership of the Lynch-Bages’ Cazes family, the quality of this fine estate has risen rapidly. A property to watch.

2020 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-Léognan 750ml \$69.99

2020 Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-Léognan 6-Pack in OWC \$420.00 96-97JS 95-97JD 95-97WA 95-97VN 95DC The K&L team loves DDC every year, and 2020 is no exception. Soft and sweet on the palate with earthy flavors and great length on the finish. Black cherry notes. Soft, round tannins.

2020 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac 750ml \$76.99

2020 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac 6-Pack in OWC \$461.00 96-97JS 95-97VN 95DC 92-95JD 91-93WA Gobs of fruit, acid, and tannins.

2020 La Gaffelière, St-Emilion 750ml \$79.99

2020 La Gaffelière, St-Emilion 6-Pack in OWC \$479.00 96-98WA 96-98VN 96-97JS 95-97WE 95DC Speaking of properties on a

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roll—this is one of the top stars of the last four years. Perfect terroir. Dark color, intensely concentrated, velvety and explosive fruit that lingers on the finish. Hints of mocha and black cherry.

2020 Carillon de Angélu, St-Emilion \$99.99 94-95JS 90-92WA
Perhaps the best Carillon I have ever tasted.

2020 Clinet, Pomerol 750ml \$104.99

2020 Clinet, Pomerol 6-Pack in OWC \$625.00 One of the top wines of the vintage. Intense, ripe blackberry jam on the nose. Nuances of blueberries on the palate. Plummy, lush, sweet, and sexy. Long finish.

2020 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien 750ml \$109.99

2020 Léoville-Poyferré, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$655.00 96-98WE 96-97JS 95-97JD 95-97WA 95-97VN 96DC One of the most sought after Bordeaux properties since the great 2018. This vintage is right up there with their 2018 and 2019.

2020 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac 750ml \$114.99

2020 Pontet-Canet, Pauillac 6-Pack in OWC \$685.00 98-99JS 96-98WA 96-98WE 97DC 95-97VN Wonderful purity and freshness. Hints of red currants, cassis, and tea. Savory, concentrated fruit. This has been our best-selling Bordeaux property since the famous 2009.

2020 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac 750ml \$139.99

2020 Lynch-Bages, Pauillac 6-Pack in OWC \$830.00 98-99JS 96-98WE 95-97JD 96DC 94-96WA 94-96VN With 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, this accounts for one of the lowest percentages of Cab in the final blend in recent memory. Toasty aromas with hints of coffee and chocolate in the mouth. This is a classic styled Lynch Bages that will age well. (Trey Beffa)

2020 Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan 750ml \$149.99

2020 Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan 6-Pack in OWC \$895.00 99-100JS 96-98JD 96-98WA 96-98WE 95-97VN Their new winery is fabulous, and their winemaking is second to none. Rich and toasty with a velvety core of dark cherry and blackberry fruit. Concentrated but very pure and seamless. Balanced and fresh.

2020 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac 750ml \$174.99

2020 Pichon-Baron, Pauillac 6-Pack in OWC \$1040.00 97-98JS 96-98JD 96-98VN 96-98WE 95-97WA 96DC A super wine with coffee and tobacco flavors, long on palate—a keeper. Jean-René makes great stuff at Baron—unfortunately he has retired as of this May 2022.

2020 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac 750ml \$199.99

2020 Pichon-Lalande, Pauillac 6-Pack in OWC \$1195.00 98-100JD 97-98JS 96-98VN 95-97WA 96DC So good it reminds me of the fabulous 1989, which is drinking perfectly now after 30+ years. The Merlot really shines. This will give any of the excellent vintages 1981-1990 a run for the money. So elegant, but with plenty of structure for a long cellar life.

2020 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe 750ml \$225.00

2020 Cos d'Estournel, St-Estèphe 6-Pack in OWC \$1345.00 97-98JS 96-98WA 96-98WE 95-97JD 95-97VN Crunchy red currant and black cherry fruit are concentrated yet balanced. Savory flavors of sweet herbs, spice and cocoa powder linger on the finish.

2020 Figeac, St-Emilion 750ml \$239.99

2020 Figeac, St-Emilion 6-Pack in OWC \$1425 97-99WE 97-98JS 96-98JD 96-98WA 96-98VN 96DC Pure and seamless. Crunchy high-toned fruit, lots of minerals, and a balanced yet firm finish. Excellent wine that should be included in your cellar selections.

2020 La Conseillante, Pomerol 750ml \$239.99

2020 La Conseillante, Pomerol 6-Pack in OWC \$1425 98-99JS 97-99WA 96-98JD 96-98VN 96DC 94-96WE They call this property the Burgundy of Bordeaux, but this wine is all Pomerol. Plummy, fat, and quite rich; fresh and lively—very focused on the palate. Sweet finish with tannins hidden by fruit.

2020 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien 750ml \$244.99

2020 Ducru-Beaucaillou, St-Julien 6-Pack in OWC \$1450.00 98-99JS 97-99JD 98DC 96-98WE 95-97WA Many people put this in the top five of the 2020 vintage. Unfortunately, we did not taste it.

2020 Palmer, Margaux 750ml \$359.99

2020 Palmer, Margaux 6-Pack in OWC \$2150 97-99WE 96-98VN 97DC Very dark in color, dense and powerful, yet with a wonderful elegance and sweetness of fruit. Alive and fresh with a lovely purity. One of my favorites of the vintage. (Trey Beffa)

2020 Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac 750ml \$659.99 99-100JS 97-99JD

97-99WA 98DC 96-98VN 95-97WE Toasty and perfumed with nearly exotic fruit in the aromas. Cassis and velvety red currant fruit in the mouth. Ripe fruit tannins that are integrated with the rest of the wine. This should age well but also show well early on in its life. (Trey Beffa)

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