



Visiting Bordeaux in 1787, Thomas Jefferson, then serving as the first ambassador to France from the United States, found time among other, presumably more pressing, engagements to advise his President, George Washington, on his wine cellar. He reported back on the leading producers in the regions: 'Gernon, Barton, Johnston, Foster, Skinner, Copinger and McCarthy'. The presence of Irish names at the centre of Bordeaux winemaking – that activity at which France most quintessentially excels – might surprise, for while the mass emigration of the Irish to America in the nineteenth century is well known, at earlier dates, too, political pressures and confessional persecution had led thousands to seek a new life in continental Europe.

From the Flight of the Earls at the beginning of the seventeenth century to the mass exodus following the Crown's dishonouring of the Treaty of Limerick in 1691, Irish men and women, mostly, but by no means exclusively, Catholic, set off from Ireland's shores, forced into uncertain exile. Collectively these waves of Ireland's finest are known as the 'Wild Geese' and while in the process Ireland lost generations of leaders, the exiles went on to make an enormous contribution to European culture. The numbers are remarkable given the dangers of the journey made in small boats and the distances to be covered, as William Butler Yeats put it 'the wild geese spread / the grey wing upon every tide'.

Many émigrés achieved fame and distinction fighting in the armies of France and Spain, others as scholars in Irish colleges from Rome to Prague to Seville. Others, still, entered the wine trade in Bordeaux and established great châteaux many of which still bear their names. In addition to those mentioned by Jefferson are the families of Lynch, Dillon, Burke, Roche and Walsh. The move into wine making was natural for these exiles as they developed pre-existing connections with the wineries of France. In the early eighteenth-century Dublin imported more casks from Bordeaux than the whole of England and Scotland combined. The English peer Lord Chesterfield commented sourly 'one gentleman in ten in Ireland are impoverished by the great quantity of claret which, for mistaken notions of hospitality and dignity, they think it necessary should be drunk in their houses'. Even worse, he continued, 'the affectation of drinking wine has got into the middle and lower ranks of people'. The Wild Geese winemakers of Bordeaux were among the most innovative viticulture pioneers of the eighteenth century and in honour of this Irish contribution to France, wines have been carefully selected for the cellar at Ballyfin from 12 vineyards established by Irish exiles – known, inevitably, as the Wine geese.

All Wine Geese wines on our list are marked with an *

Please advise us of any food allergies or special dietary requirements.

Wines by the Glass

White Wines

125 ml €

Sancerre, Dominique Roger, Sauvignon Blanc	Loire	2018	14
Gavi di Gavi "Rovereto", Picollo Ernesto, Cortese	Piemonte	2019	12
Pazo Señorans, Albariño	Rias Baixas	2017	14
Vellodoro, Terre di Chieti, Pecorino	Abruzzo	2017	12
Au Bon Climat, Wild Boy, Chardonnay, Santa Barbara	California	2017	19
Chablis, Domaine Sylvain Mosnier, Chardonnay	Burgundy	2016	15

Red Wines

125 ml €

Syrah d'Ogier, IGP des Collines Rhodaniennes	Rhône Valley	2017	13
Fleurie, Château de Beauregard, Gamay	Beaujolais	2016	15
Château Musar, Gaston Hochar,	Bekaa Valley	2014	21
Little Beauty, Pinot Noir	Marlborough	2017	16
Minervois, Domaine de Sirius, Grenache, Syrah	Languedoc	2019	11
Bandol, Domaine Tempier	Provance	2015	21

Sparkling by the Glass

125 ml €

Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve	Champagne	NV	19
Prosecco DOC Spumante	Veneto	NV	12

Rosé Wines

125 ml €

Sancerre Rose, Dominique Roger	Loire	2018	16
Château Ferry Lacombe	Provence	2018	12

Bordeaux Wines by the Glass

Red Wines

125 ml €

Château Boyd-Cantenac	3 ^e Cru Classé	Margaux	2006	48
Château Lynch-Bages	5 ^e Cru Classé	Pauillac	2005	118
Château Cantemerle	5 ^e Cru Classé	Haut-Médoc	2004	35
Château Figeac	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	Saint-Emilion	2002	91
Château Kirwan	3 ^e Cru Classé	Margaux	2001	68
Château Léoville-Barton	2 ^e Cru Classé	Saint-Julien	1998	86
Château Langoa-Barton	3 ^e Cru Classé	Saint-Julien	1998	48

Half Bottles

White

			€
Sancerre, Domaine du Carrou, Dominique Roger	Loire	2018	40
Pouilly-Fuissé, Domaine Pierre Vessigaud	Burgundy	2017	50
Meursault, Olivier Leflaive	Burgundy	2016	70
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Bordeaux	1990	70

Red

Savigny les Beaune, «Les Bourgeois», Simon Bize & Fils	Burgundy	2017	89
Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe	Southern Rhône	2016	120
Château Clarke*	Bordeaux	2015	69
Nuits Saint Georges, Domaine Jean Chauvenet	Burgundy	2015	75
Château Musar, Gaston Hochar, Bekaa Valley	Lebanon	2011	70

Rosé Wines

France

Sancerre, Domaine du Carrou Dominique Roger	2018	60
Côtes de Provence, Château Ferry Lacombe	2018	55

Sparkling Wine

Some lovely “Non Champagne” sparkling wines are produced all over the world, with style and with great value for money. Although Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are used extensively, other grapes like Prosecco from the cool hills of the North East vineyards of Italy are very popular. In France, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Riesling can be used for Crémant d’Alsace or Sauvignon Blanc in the Crémant de Loire or Crémant de Bordeaux. The “Crémant” wines are made according to the Champagne method which allows a second fermentation in the bottle from the indigenous regional grape varieties thus showing authentic and unique flavours.

Italy

Prosecco DOC Spumante	NV	65
Sartarelli, Spumante, Brut	2015	80

Portugal

Soalheiro, Alvarinho, Espumante Bruto	2016	85
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Champagne

Uniquely situated in the most northerly wine region of France, the vineyards of Champagne are planted on gentle rolling slopes with hundreds of different angles to the sun and rooted in very deep layers of calcareous alkaline soils. For centuries Pinot Noir and Chardonnay have proven to be the two most suitable noble grape varieties in such a cool climate. Above all Champagne is the produce of an “Assemblage” i.e. a regular blend of many different sources of older vintages, vineyards and grapes within the region. This imparts a unique “House” style and quality especially in non-vintage wines.

Ballyfin Champagne

Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve	NV	€ 115
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Half Bottle

Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve	NV	70
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Rosé	NV	105

Non-Vintage

Pierre Moncuit Brut, Blanc de Blancs	NV	100
Ruinart Brut, Blanc de Blancs	NV	275
Ruinart, (R)	NV	155
Veuve Clicquot, Brut	NV	160
Billecart Salmon, Sous Bois	NV	290
Bollinger Special Cuvée (Magnum)	NV	320
Krug Grande Cuvée	NV	510

Vintage

Dom Perignon	2009	490
Dom Perignon	2008	590
Dom Perignon	1998	970

J. Charpentier Millésimé	2005	115
Veuve Clicquot	2012	240
Bollinger La Grande Année	2004	410
Pol Roger, Sir Winston Churchill	2004	690
Krug Brut	2004	890
Louis Roederer, Cristal	2000	810
Billecart Salmon Cuvée Nicolas Francois	1999	510
Dom Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs	1990	930
Bollinger La Grande Année	1989	1010

Rosé

Veuve Clicquot, Rosé	NV	210
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Rosé	NV	240
Ruinart, Rosé	NV	290
Laurent-Perrier, Cuvée Rosé	NV	280

White Wines

France

Northern Rhône

Great white wines are produced in the Northern Rhône. Made only with the Viognier grape a noble grape variety, the wines from Condrieu exhibit full bodied, luscious and creamy fruitiness. Usually unoaked to preserve their peachy and apricot aromatic signature. Marsanne and Roussanne are the staple grapes used to make the wines of Crozes –Hermitage and Saint-Joseph.

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Condrieu, «Les Grandes Chaillées», Domaine du Monteillet	2017	145
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine Yann Chave	2016	90
Les Hauts du Monteillet, Stephane Montez	2016	70

Southern Rhône

Only produced in small quantities, all white Rhône wines are fairly low in acidity and have a great fruity character and personality and as with the Northern Rhône the majority are unoaked. The Appellations d'origine of the Southern Rhône offers a larger palette of grapes than in the North. From Grenache Blanc to Clairette, Marsanne, Roussanne, Bourboulenc etc. Most are excellent partners to seafood and cheeses.

Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Chante Cigale	2017	115
Château Pesquie, «Terrasses», Domaine Famille Chaudière	2016	60
Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine des Sénéchaux	2013	120

Languedoc Roussillon

Mainly a red wine producing region the South of France manages to offer a range of delicate modern style of white wines made with grapes similar to those from the Rhône Valley. Some indigenous white grapes like the Picpoul de Pinet produce a very delicate fine white wine that accompanies most seafood very well or that can be enjoyed on its own before a meal. The wine from the Bergerie de l'Hortus is made with Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Marsanne and Roussanne a very good example of a modern "fusion" French wine.

Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Muret	2019	40
Viognier, Domaine Gayda	2018	45
IGP St.Guilhem-Le-Désert, Mas de Daumas de Gassac	2001	105

Burgundy

Chardonnay is the ubiquitous, unchallenged top white grape variety grown in Burgundy. The secret of Burgundy's fame rests behind a myriad of "terroirs" allowing for a unique kaleidoscope of flavours and textures that springs from the subtle combinations of various soil types, relations to the sun, altitudes and latitudes. On the one hand, with its cool climate, Chablis exhibits a very mineral, crisp fruity character and on the other, the ultra-elegant and complex Grand Cru wines that can age for decades. Middle Burgundy to the South East with slopes facing East and where vineyard elevation is key to quality, includes all the good village names like Meursault, Chassagne, Puligny etc. The southern part of Burgundy is influenced by warmer climates with elegant styles such as Saint Veran, Saint-Aubin and further South, Pouilly-Fuisse which are good value wines with riper and sometimes more rustic and exotic flavours. Many white Burgundies are aged in oak barrels.

Chablis

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Chablis, Domaine Sylvain Mosnier	2016	70
Chablis 1 ^{er} Cru «Beuroy», Domaine Sylvain Mosnier	2016	85
Chablis Grand Cru «Les Preuses», William Fevre	2014	270

Côte de Beaune

Puligny-Montrachet, Bachelet-Monnot	2017	200
Chassagne-Montrachet, Bachelet-Monnot	2016	170
Nuits Saint Georges, Château Gris, «Les Terrasses», Albert Bichot	2016	230
Batard-Montrachet Grand Cru, Bachelet-Monnot	2016	995
Auxey-Duressess, Domaine Taupenot-Merme	2015	130
Saint-Aubin 1 ^{er} Cru, «En Remilly», Château de Puligny-Montrachet	2016	170
Meursault, «Vireuils», Olivier Leflaive	2015	225
Saint-Romain, «Sous le Château», Olivier Leflaive	2014	120
Marsannay, «Clos Du Roy», Domaine Jean Fournier	2012	110
Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru, Château de Puligny-Montrachet	2010	790
Corton-Charlemagne, Grand Cru, Bonneau du Martray	2005	550

Côte Chalonnaise

Rully 1 ^{er} Cru «Montpalais», Jean-Baptiste Ponsot	2017	80
Rully «En Bas de Vauvry», Jean-Baptiste Ponsot	2017	75
Montagny 1 ^{er} Cru, Olivier Leflaive	2016	105

Mâconnais

Pouilly-Fuissé, Domaine Pierre Vessigaud	2017	79
Mâcon-Charnay «Bois Maréchal», Domaine Pierre Vessigaud	2016	65
Mâcon Bussièrès, Domaine Thierry Drouhin	2018	50

Bordeaux

Bordeaux produces a small percentage of whites based on the Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes. The top Crus Classes wines are often aged in new oak barrels and are on par with the best of the Burgundies. But the trend is not to use wood for the less expensive Sauvignon based wines in order to retain their aromatic character.

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Château de Chantegrive «Cuvée Caroline»	Graves	2016	85
Château Carbonnieux	Graves Cru Classé	2014	135
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Pauillac	2012	310

Alsace

Alsace's continental climate helps to produce excellent white wines. Very cold winters, followed by very warm summers and compensated by 200-300m slope elevations helps create a perfect climate for the Riesling, Gewürztraminer and Pinot Blanc. Unoaked and pure varietal wines reflect the Alsace way of making wines, except for the brand "Edelzwicker" which is a blend of various grapes and mostly consumed locally. The best wines come from "Grand Cru" vineyards from the best Terroirs. As opposed to Burgundy, no Premiers Crus are produced in Alsace.

Riesling, Domaine Zinck		2018	55
Pinot Blanc, Domaine Zinck		2017	54
Gewurztraminer, Vieilles Vignes, Sipp Mack		2015	65
Riesling Grand Cru Vorbourg, Domaine du Clos St. Landelin, Mure (Organic)		2015	110

Loire Valley

The Loire valley has thousands of hectares planted with Sauvignon Blanc, its staple variety and best export. Terroir is key for fruit character and textural expression. Pouilly-Fume is usually smoother, elegant and more supple, with the expression of Sauvignon a touch lighter. The wines of Sancerre often tend to be more vibrant, lively, crisp and fruity. But sometimes the difference can be difficult to distinguish especially in lesser quality vineyards. Another great Loire Valley grape, the Chenin Blanc, is well represented and unique within the Vouvray appellation. Its wines can be made dry, off dry or in a very sweet style especially in great vintages allowing the famous noble rot to be produced abundantly as in Sauternes.

Touraine Oisly, Domaine L. Gosseaume, Climat n°1		2018	52
Sancerre «Le Chêne Marchand», Dominique Roger		2018	75
Sancerre«La Jauline» Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Dominique Roger		2016	80
Vouvray, Domaine des Aubuisières, Bernard Fouquet		2017	65
Sancerre, « Silex», J. de Villebois		2016	115
Savennières «Clos de St. Yves», Domaine des Baumard		2016	75

Germany

The geography of the Rheingau is very distinct. Around Wiesbaden, the river Rhine detours from its northward flow west for about 30 km before it flows north again. The greater part of the Rheingau is situated here on the river's right bank, but the region also includes the stretch along Rhine after it turns northward again, around the villages Assmannshausen and Lorch.

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Domdechant Werner, Riesling Classic	2017	75
Domdechant Werner, Hochheimer Domdechaney, Riesling Spätlese	2014	94
Domdechant Werner, Kirchenstück Riesling, GG	2013	125

Italy

Italian white wines are excellent with seafood's, never heavy but more medium bodied with neutral delicate fruity nutty flavours unimpaired by oak. Excellent choice for a pre-dinner drink.

Tuscany

Poggio Ai Ginepri, Vermentino, Tenuta Argentiera	2018	60
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Piemonte

Gavi di Gavi "Rovereto", Piccolo Ernesto, Cortese	2019	55
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Trentino

Bonotto Delle Tezze, Pinot Grigio,	2018	46
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Abruzzo

Vellodoro, Terre di Chieti, Pecorino	2017	50
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Spain

Italy and Spain are better known for their red wines. Spain's top white grapes would include Albariño from Galicia along with Verdejo from the Rueda's region. These are excellent wines with a somewhat more pungent character. They tend to be fuller bodied than the traditional Italian whites.

Bierzo DO

Mengoba, Gregory Perez, Godello	2016	85
Dominio de Tares, Godello	2015	65

Rías Baixas DO

Pazo Señorans, Albariño	2017	65
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North America

California

The wines from California are highly praised and rank amongst the best in the world. Having at their disposal a myriad of meso climates from the various latitudes, altitudes and topographies, wine producers have been able to adapt a great palette of noble grape varieties to the different eco-systems available to them.

Frogs Leap, Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley	2017	80
Au Bon Climat, Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County	2017	105
Au Bon Climat, Wild Boy, Chardonnay, Santa Barbara	2017	100
Shafer, Red Shoulder Ranch, Chardonnay, Napa Valley	2016	185
Ramey, Chardonnay, Russian River Valley	2015	140
Birichino, Malvasia Bianca, Monterey, California	2015	80

South Africa

Western Cape

The Hemel-en-Aarde Valley and its associated terroir have proven itself to be one of the Cape's most treasured Chardonnay locations. The name Missionvale stems from the mission hospital established on the domain property in the early 19th Century. All grapes are harvested from our Estate to create one of the finest Chardonnays.

Missionvale, Bouchard Finlayson, Chardonnay	2016	105
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New Zealand

Central to the success of New Zealand wine is the temperate maritime climate, and the highly distinctive nature of the wine styles. Sauvignon Blanc was the first wine to put New Zealand on the map, and it developed a cult following with millions around the globe. During the 1990s, plantings of this internationally fashionable variety exceeded those of every other grape, today top-quality Chardonnay can be found in every region.

Marlborough

Babich, Black Label, Sauvignon Blanc	2018	60
Greywacke, Sauvignon Blanc	2020	90
Dog Point, Chardonnay	2017	105
Felton Road, Banockburn Chardonnay	2017	120

Red Wines

France

Northern Rhône

The red wines of the Northern Rhône are made with one unique grape, the Syrah. However, unlike other French red wines, Crozes-Hermitage and Hermitage can add up to 15% of white grapes (Marsanne and Roussanne) but this option is seldom applied. The region's reds are easy to identify with sweet scents of black olives and liquorice mingling with hints of vanilla, especially when the wines are still youthful and aged in new oak.

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Syrah d'Ogier, IGP des Collines Rhodaniennes, Stephane Ogier	2018	70
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine Yann Chave	2017	85
Syrah «La Rosine», IGP des Collines Rhodaniennes, Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier	2016	100
Côte Rôtie «Mon Village», Domaine Michel et Stéphane Ogier	2016	125
Côte Rôtie, Domaine Jamet	2016	395
Saint Joseph «Silice», Domaine Coursodon	2016	105
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine des Lises, Equis	2015	85
Crozes-Hermitage «Le Rouvre», Domaine Yann Chave	2015	85
Côte Rôtie de Stéphane Ogier, Reserve	2013	255
Côte Rôtie, Domaine Jamet	1999	825

Southern Rhône

Although there is a plethora of local grapes grown in the Southern Rhône (13 grape varieties are allowed in Chateauneuf du Pape), the Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre grapes dominate the viticulturally landscape. The resulting taste profile for these wines is always vibrant, warm, fruity, spicy and fantastic with autumnal and wintery rich cuisine.

Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de Coste Chaude, Florilège	2017	50
Vacqueyras, Domaine La Bouissiere	2016	165
Châteauneuf du Pape «La Crau», Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe	2016	210
Gigondas, Domaine du Grapillon d'Or	2016	80
Châteauneuf du Pape «La Crau», Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe	2005	270

Languedoc- Roussillon

This region encompasses a huge chunk of the Southern French vineyard surface with a myriad of Appellations of Origin Protégée. To the East, the Languedoc is well served with the well-known AOC's of Minervois and Saint-Chinian amongst many others. The Grenache and Syrah grapes dominate the viticultural landscape. Other quality grapes are used to bring extra complexity to the wines such as the Mourvèdre for example.

		€
IGP St.Guilhem-Le-Désert, Mas de Daumas de Gassac	2017	140
Château La Négly, «La Côte»	2017	55
Domaine Muret, Pinot Noir,Castelnau de Guers	2018	45
Saint Chinian, Domaine La Grange Basse	2016	50
Minervois, Domaine de Sirius	2019	57
Minervois, «L'onoriva», Château La Croix Martelle	2013	57

Provence

Although Provençal rosé occupies the public imagination, the red wines from Bandol AOC are the true stars of the region. Bandol is the only appellation in France that require focus on the Mourvèdre grape a minimum 50%.The dry, warm, Mediterranean climate of Provence is well suited to viticulture without the fear of mold or rot, sustainable and organic methods of farming are widely employed.

Bandol, Domaine Tempier	2015	120
IGP Alpilles, Domaine de Trévallon	2015	230

South- West

Still fairly undiscovered as a wine region, the area offers excellent value, and it is home to a diverse array of interesting wines and appellations. Madiran is an appellation that produce wines that are rich, concentrated and abundant tannins made with Tannat grape. In the Cahors appellation grow mainly Malbec with small quantities of Tannat and Merlot grape. Wines produced in here are darkly coloured and have a meaty, herb-tinged aroma, with hints of spiced black cherries and a whiff of cedar.

Domaine de Maison Neuve, Cahors	2014	59
Château Montus Cuvée Prestige, Madiran	1996	150

Loire

Thanks to its cool climate, the Loire Valley exhibits mainly white wines. However, its reds are wonderful wines in their own right and well worth trying. The more continental South Eastern part of the region uses the early ripened Pinot Noir. Sancerre producers vinify about 25% from this grape variety as Sancerre rosé and 10% as Sancerre red. The remaining majority of production is for dry, sparkling and sweet whites in a descending order of volume.

Sancerre, Domaine du Carrou, Dominique Roger	2017	70
Château du Hureau, Saumur-Champigny	2015	65

Burgundy

Pinot Noir is unique to Burgundy reds. As with the whites, the variety of terroir on offer results in a fine array of wines been produced here. From a basic Bourgogne rouge to a riper, fruitier character found in a Village wine or a luscious Premier Cru and then the ultimate elegant and complex Grand Cru wine that can age for decades.

Côte de Nuits

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Fixin 1 ^{er} Cru, «Clos de la Perriere», Albert Bichot	2016	190
Echezeaux Grand Cru, Domaine J. Cacheux	2016	510
Nuits Saint Georges, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Patrice Rion	2015	170
Fixin, «Le Rozier», Domaine Charles Audoin	2014	120
Gevrey-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Christian Sérafin Père & Fils	2014	240
Nuits St Georges 1 ^{er} Cru, «Clos De Thorey», Domaine de La Vougeraie	2013	220
Charmes- Chambertin Grand Cru, Camille Giroud	2013	495
Chambolle-Musigny, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine M&P Rion	2012	195
Gevrey-Chambertin 1 ^{er} Cru, Domaine Maume	2012	235
Nuits Saint Georges, 1 ^{er} Cru, Domaine M&P Rion	2012	260
Chambolle-Musigny 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Plantes», Domaine J. Cacheux	2011	255

Côte de Beaune

Maranges 1 ^{er} Cru «Clos de la Boutière», Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	2017	115
Aloxe-Corton 1 ^{er} Cru «Les Vercots», Domaine Follin-Arbelet	2016	225
Volnay 1 ^{er} Cru «Clos de la Bousse d'Or», Domaine La Pousse d'Or	2016	290
Auxey-Duressess 1 ^{er} Cru, Comte Armand	2015	180
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Jarollières», Domaine La Pousse d'Or	2015	230
Saint Romain, Domaine Taupenot-Merme	2015	105
Savigny-les-Beaune 1 ^{er} Cru, «Aux Vergelesses», Simon Bize & Fils	2014	195
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru « Les Pèzerolles », Domaine de Montille	2014	280
Monthelie, Château de Puligny-Montrachet	2013	120
Corton Grand Cru «Les Renardes», Renè Tardy et Fils	2011	240

Côte Chalonnaise

Mercurey, Vieilles Vignes, Francois Raquillet	2016	110
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Beaujolais

To the South lies the Beaujolais region, administratively part of Burgundy, but less so viticulturally. Here the Pinot Noir grape gives way to the Gamay grape, which flourishes well in granitic soils and gives light, fragrant very silky smooth and delicate fruity wine.

Morgon, «Côte du Py», Domaine Rochette	2017	65
Fleurie, Château de Beauregard	2016	76

Bordeaux Left Bank

Situated on the left bank of the Gironde estuary, Margaux and Saint-Julien wines tend to be quite aromatic, bouncy and voluptuous. There tends to be more concentration, depth and structure in Saint-Julien and more intrinsic delicacy in Margaux due to a warmer, lighter soil composition. The vineyards of Pauillac produce dense, rich and fruity wines with thick, ripe and attractive chewy tannins but, in general, have a less elegant feel and texture than in Margaux and Saint-Julien. Saint-Estèphe vineyards are planted in colder soils with more clays and produce very coloured wines with a thick texture, seemingly austere in their early years but unfolding into beautiful wines with time.

Saint Estèphe

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Château Montrose	2 ^e Cru Classé	2010	690
Château Calon Sègur	3 ^e Cru Classé	2009	520
Château les Ormes de Pez		2006	190
Château les Ormes de Pez		2005	220
Château les Ormes de Pez		2000	240
Château Phélan Ségur *		2012	205
Château Phélan Ségur *		2008	180
Château Phélan Ségur *		2010	190
Château Phélan Ségur *		2005	250

Pauillac

Château d'Armailhac	5 ^e Cru Classé	2005	310
Château d'Armailhac	5 ^e Cru Classé	2002	370
Château Batailley	5 ^e Cru Classé	2005	249
Château Batailley	5 ^e Cru Classé	2003	220
Château Mouton-Rothschild	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	2005	1,630
Château Mouton-Rothschild	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	1990	1,290
Château Latour	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	1998	1,510
Château Latour	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	1986	1,550
Château Latour	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	1983	1,490
Château Lafite-Rothschild	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	1989	2,555
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	2008	435
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	2005	590
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	2004	520
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	2002	490
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	1998	560
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	1988	535

Graves

Château Pape Clement	Graves Cru Classé	2009	610
Château Pape Clement	Graves Cru Classé	2004	405

Saint Julien

			€
Grand Vin de Léoville Las Cases	2 ^e Cru Classé (Magnum)	1976	1620
Château Beychevelle	4 ^e Cru Classé	1989	450
Château Branaire (Duluc-Ducru)	4 ^e Cru Classé	1982	440
Château Langoa-Barton *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2007	190
Château Langoa-Barton *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2005	410
Château Langoa-Barton *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2002	360
Château Langoa-Barton *	3 ^e Cru Classé	1998	240
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	2005	500
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	2002	420
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	2000	610
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	1999	410
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	1998	430
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	1996	525
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	1990	900
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé	1983	470

Margaux

Château Boyd-Cantenac *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2010	270
Château Boyd-Cantenac *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2006	240
Château Kirwan *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2005	420
Château Kirwan *	3 ^e Cru Classé	2001	340
Château Margaux	1 ^e Cru Classé	2001	1395
Château Margaux	1 ^e Cru Classé	1985	1340

Pessac-Léognan

Château Carbonnieux	Graves Cru Classé	2010	225
Château De Fieuzal	Graves Cru Classé	2009	270
Château De Fieuzal (Magnum)	Graves Cru Classé	2001	410
Château Haut Brion	1 ^e Cru Classé	1988	990
Château Haut Brion	1 ^e Cru Classé	1983	980
Château Haut Brion	1 ^e Cru Classé	1976	1250

Médoc

Château Chasse - Spleen	Moulis	2005	230
Château Potensac (Magnum)		2005	350
Château Clarke*	Listrac	2010	160
Château Clarke*	Listrac	2006	130

Haut-Médoc

Château Cantemerle	5 ^e Cru Classé	2004	160
Château Cantemerle (Magnum)	5 ^e Cru Classé	1996	485
Château La Lagune	3 ^e Cru Classé	2009	270
Château La Lagune	3 ^e Cru Classé	2000	305

Bordeaux Right Bank

Situated on the right bank of the Gironde, Saint-Emilion, Pomerol and Côtes de Bourg, to name a few, host the fruity, rich and deeply coloured Merlot grape which is king here followed by some 20-30% of Cabernet Franc vineyards, bringing elegance and refinement to the wines when planted in well drained and warmer soils. Not as flat as the left bank, the right bank is very hilly offering a great diversity of aspects, meso-climates and soils types mainly made of limestone and various clays. All things being equal, Pomerol wines have usually a more “Médoc like” structure and in Saint-Emilion one finds a more fleshy, meaty/jammy, weightier and broader style.

Pomerol

Château Bellegrave		2011	€ 170
Château Nenin		2005	360
Château Nenin		2000	390
Château La Fleur - Pétrus		2005	760
Château Gazin		2001	350
Château L'Enclos		2012	230
Château L'Enclos		2011	220
Château L'Enclos		2006	190

Saint Emilion

Château Vieux Clos St Emilion	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	(Magnum)	2014	180
Château Cantenac	Saint Emilion Grand Cru	(Magnum)	2008	280
Château Rol Valentin	Saint Emilion Grand Cru		2005	230
Château Pavie Macquin	Saint-Emilion Grand cru		2004	230
Château Cheval Blanc	1 ^e Saint-Emilion Grand Cru		1981	1125
Château Figeac	1 ^e Saint-Emilion Grand Cru		2007	510
Château Figeac	1 ^e Saint-Emilion Grand Cru		2002	455
Château Figeac	1 ^e Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	(Magnum)	1978	1510

Italy

Piemonte shelters the great wines of Barolo, Barbaresco and Barbera. Nebbiolo is to Piemonte what Pinot Noir is to Burgundy, a gem of a grape with fabulous quality and potential. Its ability to age is phenomenal and the best producers are very sought after by aficionados. Like Nebbiolo, Barbera is an indigenous quality grape with excellent fruitiness and for the short term cellaring. Tuscany is the home of the superb Sangiovese grape with its unique, unmistakable scent of violets and rasping cherry like fruitiness. Further north the Veneto produces a unique wine from the Valpolicella grapes (Rondinella, Molinara and the great Corvina) from the better sub zone Classico and through a drying process which makes the great Amarone wines. A wine of depth and concentration with a sweet bitter morello cherries and dark chocolate character.

Piemonte

		€
Barbera D'Alba, Castello Di Verduno	2018	70
Barbaresco Cascina Roccalini	2015	130
Barolo, «Le Coste di Monforte», Guidobono	2015	110
Barolo, «Sarmassa Vigna Merenda», Scarzello Giorgio e Figli	2009	210
Barolo, «Le Vigne», Sandrone	2007	490
Barolo, «Boscareto», Ferdinando Principiano	2008	305
Barolo, «Boscareto», Ferdinando Principiano	2007	345
Barolo, «Boscareto», Ferdinando Principiano	2006	380

Veneto

Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Scriani	2015	60
Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, Domini Veneti	2014	135

Tuscany

Antinori, Tignanello	2015	300
Antinori, Tenuta Guado Al Tasso, Bolgheri	2015	320
Chianti Classico, Gran Selezione, Rocca delle Macie	2012	120
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	2014	140
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	2004	245
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	1998	275

Puglia

Salice Salentino Riserva «Vigna delle Monache», Cantina Sampietrana	2013	59
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Spain

The Rioja produces lovely red wines made from the Tempranillo, Garnacha, Mazuelo and Graciano grapes. Mostly aged in American and French oak, the characters of the wine are always very ripe, warm and hearty.

Rioja

		€
Roda I Reserva	2014	160

Ribera Del Duero

Condado De Haza, Crianza	2017	60
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Jumilla

Pirapú Monastrell-Syrah	2015	45
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Lebanon

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Château Musar, Gaston Hochar, Bekaa Valley	2013	115
Château Musar, Gaston Hochar, Bekaa Valley	2014	125

North America

California

The selection of red wines exhibits a rich and luscious Merlot, vibrant Zinfandel and a smooth Cabernet Sauvignon. Also an unusually good Pinot Noir with great appeal.

Frog’s Leap, Zinfandel, Napa Valley	2016	95
Ridge Lytton Springs, 69 % Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley	2016	135
Shafer, One Point Five, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	2015	300
Shafer, Merlot, Napa Valley	2014	200
Hirsch Vineyards, Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast	2014	240
Rochioli, Pinot Noir, Sonoma County	2013	155

Argentina

Mendoza

In the center west of the territory, at the foot of the Andes mountain range, Mendoza holds 75% of the total vineyards in Argentina and the largest number of wineries in the country. This makes it the most important wine province and one of the main producing centres in the world.

The highest peaks of the Andes are found in Mendoza: with 22.832 ft, Aconcagua is the highest peak in America. The presence of the Andes, which act as a barrier to the humid winds of the Pacific, added to the distance to the Atlantic Ocean, shape the climate generating ideal conditions for the cultivation of vines. The altitude, continental climate, heterogeneity of soils and the snowmelt are key factors for the production of excellent wines, which add to a significant winemaking tradition.

		€
Bodegas Caro (Catena-Rothschild)	2016	145
Norton Malbec, Privida	2018	75

South Africa

Western Cape

Pinot Noir is unique as it displays both a delicacy and richness, but it is often quoted as a varietal with a character of its own and carries the crown of being the most terroir-expressive of all grape varieties. The beautiful Hemel-en-Aarde Valley represents that unique combination of soil and climate that exists in only a handful of places where the exact balance provides the perfect expression of this elusive grape.

Walker Bay

Galpin Peak, Bouchard Finlayson, Pinot Noir, (Magnum)	2013	250
Galpin Peak, «Tête de Cuvée», Bouchard Finlayson, Pinot Noir	2010	255

Stellenbosch

Rust en Vrede, Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	95
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New Zealand

Pinot Noir is the red wine grape of Burgundy and is the second most widely planted and picked grape variety in New Zealand, predominantly grown in the cooler southerly wine regions of Wairarapa, Marlborough, Nelson, Waipara, Canterbury and Central Otago. New Zealand yields a Pinot Noir with good colouring and a soft, fruity palate. The wine can be silky smooth with power strength and complexity.

Marlborough

Babich, Black Label, Pinot Noir	2016	80
Little Beauty, Pinot Noir	2017	80

Dessert Wine

Sweet wines come in very different styles. The Botrytised wines from sauternes and Monbazillac are made with the Semillon and Sauvignon grapes of late autumnal harvest. They exhibit a unique aromatic expression and flavour of a typical “Rôti” (roasted citrus fruits) when grapes are selected and harvested by hand in October, November and sometimes as late as December amongst the top Châteaux. The Floc de Gascogne is a vin de liqueur and is not produced from the fermentation of grape juice as such but is an Armagnac blend with unfermented (or barely) grape juice.

France

		€
Coteaux du Layon, Domaine des Deux Vallees	2017	55
Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, Château Pesquié (500ml)	2016	60
Jurancon, Au Capcéu, Camin Larredya (750ml)	2015	110
Sauternes, Carmes de Rieussec (750ml)	2015	130
Monbazillac, Château Vari (375ml)	2015	70
Sauternes, Château d’Yquem (375ml)	2005	920

Germany

Robert Weil, Kiedrich Grafenberg Riesling Auslese	2014	180
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Italy

Moscato d’Asti “La Caudrina”, Romano Dogliotti (375ml)	-	25
Vin Santo, Rocca delle Macie, Tuscany (500ml)	2011	60

Hungary

Château Dereszla, Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos (500 ml)	2010	100
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Australia

Torbeck, The Bothie, Barossa Valley (375ml)	2012	50
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