



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 €

Domaine Zinck, Riesling	Alsace	2017	12
Sancerre, Dominique Roger, Sauvignon Blanc	Loire	2017	14
Domaine Gayda, Viognier	Languedoc	2016	12
Savennières, Domaine des Baumard, Chenin Blanc	Loire	2016	14
Au Bon Climat, Chardonnay	California	2015	16
Chablis 1 ^{er} Cru, Domaine Sylvain Mosnier, Chardonnay	Burgundy	2015	16

Red Wines

125 ml €

Fleurie, Château de Beaugard, Gamay	Beaujolais	2015	15
Marsannay, Domaine Charles Audoin, Pinot Noir	Burgundy	2015	18
Domaine de Maison Neuve, Malbec	Cahors	2014	12
Barolo, «Le Coste di Monforte», Guidobono, Nebbiolo	Piemonte	2014	18
Shafer, Merlot	Napa Valley	2014	48
Gervy-Chambertin 1 ^{er} Cru, Hubert Lignier, Pinot Noir	Burgundy	2007	63

Rosé Wines

125 ml €

Côtes de Provence, Château Ferry Lacombe		2016	12
Le Rose de Giscours, Bordeaux		2016	17

Wine Geese Wines by the Glass

White Wine

125 ml €

Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Pauillac	2012	39
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Red Wines

125 ml €

Château Phélan Ségur		Saint Estèphe	2008	35
Château Boyd-Cantenac	3 ^e Cru Classé	Margaux	2006	42
Château Lynch-Bages	5 ^e Cru Classé	Pauillac	2005	94
Château Léoville-Barton	2 ^e Cru Classé	Saint-Julien	2002	71
Château Langoa-Barton	3 ^e Cru Classé	Saint-Julien	1998	55

Half Bottles

White

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Sancerre, Domaine du Carrou, Dominique Roger	Loire	2017	40
Saint-Veran, Deux Roches	Burgundy	2016	45
Meursault, Olivier Leflaive	Burgundy	2013	70

Red

Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe	Southern Rhône	2016	79
Nuits Saint Georges, Domaine Jean Chauvenet	Burgundy	2015	75
Château Clarke*	Bordeaux	2015	69

Rosé Wines

France

Château Ferry Lacombe, Côtes de Provence		2016	55
Le Rose de Giscours, Bordeaux		2016	85

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		2015	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

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Billecart-Salmon, Brut Réserve	NV	115

Half Bottle

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

Non-Vintage

Pierre Montcuit Brut, Blanc de Blancs	NV	100
Ruinart, «R»	NV	155
Veuve Clicquot, Brut	NV	160
Bollinger Special Cuvée	NV	165
Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs	NV	230
Bollinger Special Cuvée (Magnum)	NV	320
Krug Grande Cuvée	NV	510

Vintage

Dom Perignon	2009	490
Dom Perignon	2000	790
Dom Perignon	1998	970
Moët Chandon	2008	215
Veuve Clicquot	2008	225
J. Charpentier Millésimé	2004	115
Bollinger La Grande Année	2004	410
Krug Grande Cuvée	2004	890
Louis Roederer, Cristal	2000	810
Billecart Salmon Cuvée Nicolas Francois	1999	510
Dom Ruinart, Blanc de Blancs	1990	930

Rosé

Pierre Montcuit Brut Rosé, Grand Cru	NV	115
Moët Chandon, Rosé	NV	185
Veuve Clicquot, Rosé	NV	210
Billecart-Salmon, Brut Rosé	NV	240
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	110
Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine Yann Chave	2016	60
Les Hauts du Monteillet, Stephane Montez	2016	70
Saint-Joseph, «Grand-Duc», Domaine du Monteillet	2016	85
Le Blanc d'Ogier, IGP des Collines Rhodaniennes, Par Stephane Ogier	2012	50

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
Domaine De Fondrèche, Ventoux	2015	65
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	2017	40
Viognier, Domaine Gayda	2016	45
Grenache Gris, Domaine Gayda	2015	80
Minervois, Villa Lucia, Domaine Cailhol Gautran	2014	70

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	60
Chablis 1 ^{er} Cru «Beuroy», Domaine Sylvain Mosnier	2015	85
Chablis Grand Cru, «Clos», Saint-Antoine	2015	150
Chablis Grand Cru «Les Preuses», William Fevre	2014	270

Côte de Nuits

Morey St. Denis 1 ^{er} Cru «Mont Luisant», Domaine Ponsot (Magnum)	2009	380
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Côte de Beaune

Chassagne-Montrachet, Bachelet-Monnot	2016	170
Savigny-les-Beaune, Simon Bize & Fils	2015	110
Monthelie 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Duresses», Château de Puligny-Montrachet	2015	150
Meursault-Genevrières 1 ^{er} Cru, Hubert Bouzereau-Gruère & Filles	2015	220
Meursault, «Vireuils», Olivier Leflaive	2015	225
Puligny-Montrachet 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Chalumeaux», Château de Puligny-Montrachet	2015	230
Puligny Montrachet, «Les Folatieres», Domaine Drouhin	2014	310
Saint-Romain, «Sous le Château», Olivier Leflaive	2013	105
Marsannay, «Clos Du Roy», Domaine Jean Fournier	2012	110
Puligny-Montrachet 1 ^{er} Cru, «Champ Canet», Olivier Leflaive	2012	235
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	2016	80
Rully «En Bas de Vauvry», Jean-Baptiste Ponsot	2015	57
Montagny 1 ^{er} Cru, Olivier Leflaive	2014	105

Mâconnais

Pouilly-Fuissé, Domaine Pierre Vessigaud	2016	65
Mâcon Villages, Collection Alain Corcia	2015	50
Mâcon-Charnay «Bois Maréchal», Domaine Pierre Vessigaud	2015	60

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 Carbonnieux	Graves Cru Classé	2015	135
Château de Chantegrive «Cuvée Caroline»	Graves	2014	85
Blanc de Lynch-Bages	Pauillac	2012	280

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 Crus" vineyards from the best Terroirs. As opposed to Burgundy, no Premiers Crus are produced in Alsace.

Riesling, Domaine Zinck	2017	48
Pinot Blanc, Domaine Zinck	2016	54
Gewurztraminer, Vieilles Vignes, Sipp Mack	2015	65
Riesling Grand Cru Vorbourg, Domaine du Clos St. Landelin, Mure (Organic)	2015	105

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	2017	52
Pouilly Fumé «La Côte Blanche», A. Cailbourdin	2017	55
Sancerre «Le Chêne Marchand», Dominique Roger	2017	75
Vouvray, Domaine des Aubuisières, Bernard Fouquet	2016	65
Savennières «Clos de St. Yves», Domaine des Baumard	2016	75
Muscadet Sèvre et Maine, Sur lie, Manoir de la Fieretière	2015	40
Sancerre«La Jauline» Cuvée Vieilles Vignes, Dominique Roger	2015	80
Savennières «Clos du Papillon», Domaine des Baumard	2013	115

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. The vineyards in Hochheim on the main river is also included, just before it flows into Rhine. The Rheingau spans about 50 km from end to end.

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Domdechant Werner, Riesling Classic	2016	75
Domdechant Werner, Hochheimer Domdechane, 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.

Piemonte DOCG

Gavi di Gavi "Rovereto", Piccolo Ernesto, Cortese	2017	55
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Trentino DOC

Castel Firmian, Pinot Grigio, Riserva	2016	46
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Abruzzo

Vellodoro, Terre di Chieti, Pecorino	2016	45
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Campania

La Guardiense, Janare, Falanghina del Sannio	2016	60
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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 more full bodied than the traditional Italian whites.

Bierzo DO

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Mengoba, Gregory Perez, Godello	2016	85
Dominio de Tares, Godello	2014	65

Rías Baixas DO

Pazo Señorans, Albariño	2016	55
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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. The lovely Chardonnay and Viognier from the cooler climates of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria valley to the elegant Sauvignon Blanc in the warmer climates of Napa.

Frogs Leap, Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley	2016	80
Au Bon Climat, Chardonnay, Santa Barbara County	2016	98
Shafer, Red Shoulder Ranch, Chardonnay, Napa Valley	2015	185
Ramey, Chardonnay, Russian River Valley	2014	110

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	2015	95
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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 «La Rosine», IGP des Collines Rhodaniennes, Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier	2016	70
Côte Rôtie «Le Village», Domaine Michel et Stéphane Ogier	2016	125
Côte Rôtie, Domaine Jamet	2016	395
Syrah d'Ogier, IGP des Collines Rhodaniennes, Stephane Ogier	2015	55
Crozes-Hermitage «Le Rouvre», Domaine Yann Chave	2015	80
Saint Joseph «Silice», Domaine Coursodon	2015	90
Côte Rôtie de Stéphane Ogier, Reserve	2013	255
Hermitage, Maison Lombard, J & E Montagnon	2012	140
Côte Rôtie, Les Hauts Lieux, Maison Denuziere	2010	160
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.

Gigondas, Domaine du Grapillon d'Or	2015	80
Vacqueyras, «Cuvée Doucinello», Domaine le Sang des Cailloux	2015	90
Vacqueyras, Domaine La Bouissiere	2015	165
Châteauneuf du Pape «La Crau», Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe	2015	210
Côtes du Rhône «La Grande Ourse», Domaine Pascal Chalon	2013	65
Châteauneuf du Pape, Château de Beaucastel, Famille Perrin	2006	290
Châteauneuf du Pape, Château de Beaucastel, Famille Perrin	1995	185

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. To the West and stretching as far as the Pyrenées and Spain, the Roussillon is planted mainly with the Carignan grape and complemented by the other Languedoc grapes for diversity.

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Fitou, Padulis, Thierry Billès	2016	45
Chemin de Moscou, Domaine Gayda	2014	80
Minervois, «L'onoriva», Château La Croix Martelle	2013	57
Château D'Anglès, «La Clape»	2013	70
Faugères, Atelier des Sources	2013	75

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. To the North West of the River Loire and influenced by the Atlantic, the softer maritime climate welcomes late ripeness, mainly Cabernet Franc in Bourgueil and to a lesser extent Cabernet Sauvignon. The "Cot" locally pronounced "Co" and better known as Malbec is excellent in warmer years especially the 2005, 2009 and 2010 vintages.

Sancerre, Domaine du Carrou, Dominique Roger	2016	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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Echezeaux Grand Cru, Domaine J. Cacheux	2016	510
Marsannay, Domaine Charles Audoin	2015	85
Nuits Saint Georges, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Patrice Rion	2015	170
Fixin, «Le Rozier», Domaine Charles Audoin	2014	110
Nuits St Georges 1 ^{er} Cru, «Clos De Thorey», Domaine de La Vougeraie	2013	220
Vougeot, «Clos du Prieure», Domaine De La Vougeraie	2012	185
Chambolle-Musigny, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine M&P Rion	2012	195
Nuits Saint Georges, 1 ^{er} Cru, Domaine M&P Rion	2012	260
Vosne-Romanée 1 ^{er} Cru, Jean-Luc & Eric Burguet	2012	330
Chambolle-Musigny 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Plantes», Domaine J. Cacheux	2011	255
Gervy-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Sérafin Père & Fils	2010	320
Gervy-Chambertin, Vieilles Vignes, Sérafin Père & Fils	2008	225
Gevrey-Chambertin 1 ^{er} Cru, «Le Fonteny», Domaine Christian Sérafin	2008	260
Echezeaux Grand Cru, Domaine Jean Grivot	2008	710
Gervy-Chambertin 1 ^{er} Cru, «Le Perrière», Hubert Lignier	2007	345

Côte de Beaune

Maranges 1 ^{er} Cru «Clos de la Boutière», Domaine Bachelet-Monnot	2016	90
Auxey-Duressess 1 ^{er} Cru, Comte Armand	2015	180
Santenay 1 ^{er} Cru, «Clos Tavannes», Domaine La Pousse d'Or	2015	180
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Jarollières», Domaine La Pousse d'Or	2015	230
Saint Romain, Domaine Taupenot-Merme	2014	105
Savigny-les-Beaune 1 ^{er} Cru, «Aux Vergelesses», Simon Bize & Fils	2014	195
Volnay 1 ^{er} Cru «Clos des 60 Ouvrées», Domaine La Pousse d'Or	2014	245
Monthelie, Château de Puligny-Montrachet	2013	120
Pommard 1 ^{er} Cru, «Les Grands Epenots», Domaine de Montille	2012	320
Corton Grand Cru «Les Renardes», Renè Tardy et Fils	2011	215

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.

Brouilly, «Les Roches Noires», Villa Ponciago	2016	70
Beaujolais-Villages, Domaine des Nagues	2015	52
Morgon, «Côte du Py», Domaine Rochette	2015	65
Fleurie, Château de Beauregard	2015	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-Estephe 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 Capbern Gasqueton		2008	115
Château les Ormes de Pez		2005	220
Château les Ormes de Pez		2000	240
Château Phélan Ségur *		2008	180
Château Phélan Ségur *		2006	190
Château Phélan Ségur *		2005	250

Pauillac

Château d'Armailhac	5 ^e Cru Classé	2010	230
Château d'Armailhac	5 ^e Cru Classé	2005	310
Château Batailley	5 ^e Cru Classé	2008	170
Château Batailley	5 ^e Cru Classé	2005	249
Château Batailley	5 ^e Cru Classé	2003	190
Château Mouton-Rothschild	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	2005	1,630
Château Mouton-Rothschild	1 ^e Grand Cru Classé	2001	1,420
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	545
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	2004	520
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	2003	530
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	1998	560
Château Lynch-Bages *	5 ^e Cru Classé	1988	535

Saint Julien

				€
Château Talbot	4 ^e Cru Classé		2005	280
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		2008	225
Château Langoa-Barton *	3 ^e Cru Classé		2007	190
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		1989	520
Château Léoville-Barton*	2 ^e Cru Classé		1983	470

Margaux

Château Cantenac Brown *	3 ^e Cru Classé		2008	190
Château Brane Cantenac	2 ^e Cru Classé		2008	245
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 Kirwan *	3 ^e Cru Classé		1999	320
Château Kirwan *	3 ^e Cru Classé		1996	370
Château Margaux	1 ^e Cru Classé		2001	1395
Château Margaux	1 ^e Cru Classé		1985	1340

Graves

Château Pape Clement	Graves Cru Classé		2004	405
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Pessac-Léognan

Château Carbonnieux	Graves Cru Classé		2010	195
Château De Fieuzal	Graves Cru Classé		2009	270
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 Mauvesin Barton*	Moulis		2014	75
Château Potensac (Magnum)			2005	350
Château Clarke*	Listrac		2010	160
Château Clarke*	Listrac		2006	130

Haut-Médoc

Château Cantemerle			2009	170
Château Cantemerle (Magnum)			2007	320
Château Cantemerle			2004	160
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 Bellegrave	2009	140
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 Canon-la-Gaffeliere	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	2003	225
Château Larcis Ducasse	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	2000	205
Château Cheval Blanc	1 ^e Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	1981	1125
Château Figeac	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	2007	510
Château Figeac	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	2002	455
Château Figeac (Magnum)	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru	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. Finally the Montevetrano is a superb blend of a local top grape, Aglianico with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot only allowed to be added in this less stringent Italian Geographic Indication of Origin (IGT).

Piemonte

		€
Barolo, «Le Coste di Monforte», Guidobono	2014	110
Barolo, «Serralunga », Luigi Pira	2014	115
Barbaresco Cascina Roccalini	2014	130
Barolo, «Sarmassa Vigna Merenda», Scarzello Giorgio e Figli	2009	210
Barolo, «Le Vigne», Sandrone	2007	490

Veneto

Valpolicella Ripasso Classico, Scriani	2016	75
Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Scriani	2015	55
Amarone della Valpolicella, Classico, Domini Veneti	2015	120

Tuscany

Chianti Classico, Gran Selezione, Rocca delle Macie	2012	120
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	2013	140
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	2004	245
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	2001	205
Brunello di Montalcino, Col d'Orcia	1998	275

Campania

Montevetrano, Colli di Salerno	2008	230
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Puglia

Salice Salentino Riserva «Vigna delle Monache», Cantina Sampietrana	2012	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. The tiny DO Dominio do Bibei from Galicia exposes its top fine grape, the Mencia, making for 85 % of the blend with some Garnacha and minor local grapes to complement. The Toro is an up and coming north Eastern region relying on the Tinto Fino grape (Tempranillo) and seems to mirror with quite good effect the better known wines of Ribera del Duero to the South.

Rioja

		€
Heras Cordón, Crianza	2015	65
Heras Cordón, Reserva	2012	90
Finca Valpiedra, Reserva	2010	80

Ribera Del Duero

Condado De Haza, Crianza	2014	60
Pesquera, Reserva	2014	100
Alenza, Gran Reserva	2006	205

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	2014	135
Shafer, Merlot, Napa Valley	2014	200
Shafer, One Point Five, Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley	2014	300
Rochioli, Pinot Noir, Sonoma County	2013	155

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. The Tête de Cuvée label presents a selection of top Pinot Noir barrels from a particular vintage.

Galpin Peak, Bouchard Finlayson, Pinot Noir	2016	110
Galpin Peak, Bouchard Finlayson, Pinot Noir, (Magnum)	2013	250
Galpin Peak, «Tête de Cuvée», Bouchard Finlayson, Pinot Noir	2010	255

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

		€
Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, Château Pesquié (500ml)	2016	50
Jurancon, Au Capcéu, Camin Larredya (750ml)	2015	110
Sauternes, Carmes de Rieussec (750ml)	2013	130
Monbazillac, Château Vari (375ml)	2005	70
Sauternes, Château d'Yquem (375ml)	2005	920

Germany

Dr. Loosen, Erdener Prälat, Riesling Auslese (750ml)	2008	180
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Italy

Moscato d'Asti “La Caudrina”, Romano Dogliotti (375ml)	2016	25
Vin Santo, Rocca delle Macie, Tuscany (500ml)	2011	60

Hungary

Château Dereszla, Tokaji Aszú 5 Puttonyos (500 ml)	2010	80
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