

Bordeaux

Bordeaux once belonged to the English crown, hence one of the reasons for it being known as 'The Englishman's wine.' Indeed the name 'Claret' traditionally used for red wine from Bordeaux all over the world was a U.K. word adopted to describe a light red wine, made by blending red and white wines - now an illegal practice!

The range of wines produced in Bordeaux varies from House wines to the aristocrats of world wine such as Ch. Latour or Ch. d'Yquem whose greatest vintages may fetch £1,000 a bottle or more. Not surprising that our clarets concentrate on the value for money wines but if you are interested in a particular vintage or chateau, we can source it for you - do not hesitate to ask!



did you know?

New World has impact on Bordeaux prices and blends

New World wines particularly from Australia have had a big impact recently on Bordeaux, giving better perceived value for money and drinkability too. While the law regarding production yields, grape varieties and other controls is unchanged, the style in the cheaper wines is more fruit driven with softer tannins. The intention is to produce rounder, more user-friendly wines able to be drunk younger.

The 'Petits' Chateaux of Bordeaux offer ideal wine for Restaurants

The aristocrats of the Bordeaux wine properties are the classed growths classified 150 years ago. They are a small percentage of the total. A non-classed growth from Bordeaux is an ideal wine to head a restaurant list. Carefully selected, it will offer a wine structured to go with food. Increasingly the wines offer the benefits of high technology and good value and still have the name of France's and perhaps the world's most famous wine region.

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Red

Bergerac Borie Manoux

Effectively an extension eastwards of Bordeaux with a Bordeaux style of fruit and flavour which produces fresh, elegant reds.

Claret Borie Manoux

This has been chosen by one of Bordeaux's leading merchants and shows good fruit and flavour.

Grande Reserve de Beau Rivage

This barrel aged Bordeaux is principally blended from Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. A supple and fruity wine made to drink fairly young especially with food.

Chateau Montlau, Bordeaux Superieur

The lower yields and extra half a per cent of alcohol required to be 'Superieur' - just taste those blackcurrants.

Chateau la Croix de Grezard, St. Emilion

Lovely ripe blackberry fruit makes this very attractive drinking.

Chateau Beaumont, Haut Medoc

Well known in both England and France for easily enjoyable wines from quality winemaking and maturing vines. High-tech equipment also helps quality.

Chateau Batailley, Pauillac

Dense purple in colour, cedarwood and black fruits on the nose and palate, medium-bodied and a long, long finish - in fact all it should have to be a classed-growth claret. Vintages of Batailley in the 1990's have attracted favourable comment from many writers for quality and value.

Taste
Guide

Trade
Sales Price

B £3.19

B £3.48

B £3.99

C £7.24

C £8.24

C £9.99

C £16.99



White

Chateau St. Florin, Bordeaux

Bright and straw coloured with a crisp, clean taste and tangy finish. Recently selected by wine guru Clive Coates, as one of the best wines of its type for under £8!

1 £5.05

FRENCH REGIONAL WINES

DOMAINE DE MOULIN DES MONTARELS

The Cotes de Thongue in the Midi has seen some of the most dynamic improvements as the French fight back. We have selected three wines from the Domaine de Moulin des Montarels which are very well made and combine New World fruit and Old World backbone.

Syrah

Classic Syrah (or Shiraz) with bramble and pepper flavours in the mouth and a smooth, rounded finish.

C £4.24

Syrah Rosé

Loads of fruit and flavour and very drinkable.

2B £4.24

Sauvignon Blanc

Good Sauvignon fruit with tropical flavours and soft acidity to make the wine very refreshing.

1 £4.24

