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2002 Bordeaux In-Bond

Fine quality and good prices

The sheer quality of the wines we have been able to select for this offer is the best possible reason for buying 2002 Bordeaux in-bond. In addition to this, the top wines are priced significantly lower than last year – by £200 a dozen in the case of first growths. As the 2001s were, in turn, considerably lower in price than the highly priced 2000s, the case for buying this year is persuasive.

THE BACKGROUND

The vintage was made by brilliant September sunshine with a magnificent total of 260 hours of sun during the month. The average is 192 hours. A cooling north wind kept grapes healthy and concentrated their flavour, intensifying both the fruit flavours and sugar levels. This was needed after a chilly and gloomy July and August, though it remained one of the driest years on record. The long and relatively cool growing season suited the cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc grapes best. Several growers harvested the ripest and finest cabernet since 1996.

WHICH WERE THE BEST?

Pauillac, dominated by cabernet, produced wonderfully fine, full, well-structured wines and we bought a dozen superb wines from this star commune. The great St Juliens of Léoville and Ducru-Beaucaillou overlooking the river are splendid Clarets for keeping. St Estèphe did well and we found a clutch of delicious wines in Pessac-Léognan.

Cabernet franc based Vieux-Certan is the star Pomerol, but there are great successes in lesser communes too. Here individual growers took special care of their vines throughout the year and adapted their vinification to the vintage.

WHAT DO THEY TASTE LIKE?

Wines made over the last decade have had riper, healthier fruit and more concentration than previous vintages with similar weather patterns. This is simply because the growers pick later, at optimum ripeness, prune tighter for lower yields, and tend their vines more carefully throughout the year. Selection in the cellar of what is to be included in the final wine is also more rigorous.

Although comparisons with earlier years can be misleading, several growers have found similarities with the excellent cabernet vintage of 1996. The year also shows the fine perfume and fruit of the best 1988s (now delicious to drink), but with more richness, concentration and rounder tannins.

DON'T MISS THE WHITES

We tasted wonderfully aromatic, intensely flavoured dry whites that will benefit from keeping and have included the pick of these in the offer.



Harvest at Haut-Brion



When demand exceeds supply

Demand for the top wines is likely to be high. We share out oversubscribed wines as widely as possible down to a minimum practical level per member. Please be aware that some wines may sell out. Should your first choice be sold out, please indicate on the order form your preferred substitute. Alternatively, you can allow The Society to choose for you. Allowing substitution and/or suggesting a preferred alternative will help to increase the likelihood of receiving similar wines should your first choice be sold out, especially where wines are restricted to fewer than 12 bottles per member. We will only substitute with wines that we believe to be of similar quality to those requested.

How this offer works

Only post, fax and website orders will be accepted. If you would like to order via the website access www.thewinesociety.com and follow the on-screen instructions. You need a password to access the site which can be requested online and will be posted to you within three working days. Your order should arrive at Stevenage **by 5pm, Friday 4th July 2003** and will be processed thereafter. **We may have to ration supplies** to members in order to satisfy as many members as possible.

Members whose orders have been received by 5pm, Friday 4th July 2003 will receive confirmation of their purchase by Wednesday, 23rd July 2003 at the latest. Members whose orders have been received after this time will receive notification by Wednesday, 6th August 2003.

We are able to offer members notification of the wines allocated to them via e-mail. If you would like to receive e-mailed notification of wines allocated, please give your e-mail address on the order form or when you place your order via the website.

Please read the full terms and conditions for this offer set out on the enclosed order form or on our website before placing your order.

What the price includes

- Prices shown include delivery to a UK address. They do not include excise duty or VAT.
- Payment of duty and VAT, at the prevailing rate (currently £14.28 duty per 12-bottle case and 17.5% VAT payable on wine and duty) will be requested once the wines arrive at Stevenage. This is expected to be summer 2005.
- Once the wines arrive in the UK, members may opt to have them delivered within the UK or stored in duty-paid Members' Reserves at Stevenage.

Members, especially those living overseas, should note that only unmixed cases may be exported or transferred to an outside bond.

Wines are offered in cases of six or twelve as indicated.

Please note that these wines cannot be collected from Hesdin.

	2002 CLARET IN-BOND	IN-BOND PRICE, UK DELIVERED per dozen
<i>ref</i>		
M CM7311	Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc This is full and fruity with good structure. This consistent property at Cussac, between Margaux and St Julien, continues to offer excellent value for money. 2006–2012. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£62.00
CS4291	Vieux Clos St Emilion, St Emilion A small estate in the heart of St Emilion making attractively rounded Claret with a good fruity finish to the flavour. 2005–2010.	£78.00
CM7321	Château Beausite, St Estèphe Beausite, overlooking Calon Segur, is well run by the Castéjas of Batailley whose recent investments have raised the quality of this steady performer. Plenty of sweet fruit. 2007–2012.	£85.00



Château Beausite, raising the quality in 2002

Olivier Séze of Château Charmail

<i>ref</i>		IN-BOND PRICE, UK DELIVERED <i>per dozen</i>
CM7331	Château Charmail, Haut-Médoc Ripe cabernet, the best since 1996 says Oliver Séze, gives this full body, centre palate and length of flavour. An outstanding property that has amply repaid its followers in recent years. 2007–2012.	£85.00
CM7431	Château Hortevie, St Julien One of the best kept secrets of St Julien, as earlier vintages now prove. With attractive fresh and classy fruit and good middle palate, this will develop the ‘cedary’ aromas of fine Claret after some ageing. 2007–2012.	£90.00
CM7341	Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc Cantemerle, one of the two southernmost classed growths of the Médoc, makes Claret with lovely bouquet and balance and in 2002 they deliberately made an elegant, charming wine for relatively early drinking. It is good value and a great success. 2006–2012.	£105.00
CM7361	Château Belgrave, Haut-Médoc New ownership in the last decade has transformed Belgrave, a classed growth next to Lagrange of St Julien. A wine of real quality, body and structure, still at a modest price. 2009–2018.	£110.00
CM7441	Château Phélan-Segur, St Estèphe This is the first time we have bought this excellently situated château’s wine for many years, seduced by its polished and stylish flavour. Excellent balance and good value for money. 2007–2012.	£115.00
M CM7351	Château d’Angludet, Margaux Winemaker Ben Sichel has really come up with the goods in 2002. Sweet, ‘fleshy’ well-rounded palate. There are velvety tannins to support the abundant flavour which is both ripe and fresh. 65% cabernet sauvignon (10% more than usual) and low yields. 2007–2015. <i>Magnums are available.</i>	£115.00
CM7371	Château Labégorce-Zédé, Margaux Luc Thienpont took the decision a few years ago to release only the wine from the old vines round the château, a mere third of his production, as first wine. It is again wonderfully fruity and full of flavour and has been snapped up by his regular European customers. 2007–2016.	£125.00

		IN-BOND PRICE, UK DELIVERED	
		<i>per six</i>	<i>per dozen</i>
CM7391	Château Batailley, Pauillac The Castéja family's Batailley has earned a loyal following among members for consistently admirable quality at a fair price over many vintages. 70% cabernet sauvignon. Lots of ripe fruit here, with good concentration. 2007–2018.	-	£125.00
CM7381	Château Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac Claire Villars, who enchanted Wine Society members with her personality and the quality of her wines at tastings last year, has scored a big success in 2002. Lots of powerful cabernet fruit. A proper Pauillac. 2008–2018.	-	£130.00
CM7401	Château Duhart-Milon Rothschild, Pauillac Charles Chevalier is rightly very pleased with Duhart this year which shows lovely quality with rounded fruit and freshness and a velvety finish. The vines planted between 1962 and 1978 are now fully mature and they benefit from the massed team of Rothschild pickers to harvest at just the right moment. 2009–2015.	-	£155.00
CB1781	Château Roc de Cambes, Côtes de Bourg François Mitjaville bought Roc in 1988 because of its stunning protected south-facing slopes and he has made it the unrivalled leader of its commune by meticulous care in vineyard, cellar and at time of bottling. Lovely, fruity blackcurrant nose and silky palate from perfectly ripened grapes, gently handled. 2007–2017.	£90.00	-
CM7451	Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan This has become very much a name to follow again. It delivers supple Claret of great finesse, elegance, depth and keeping power. A definite success in 2002 and reasonably priced too. 2008–2020.	-	£180.00
CM7411	Château Brane-Cantenac, Margaux Lower yields of particularly ripe merlot and fine perfumed cabernet from the old vines on the 'croupe' at the heart of the vineyard, in front of the château, show why this is one of the top vineyards of Margaux. Close to 2000 in quality yet £80 less this year than its opening price then. 2007–2017.	-	£185.00
CM7421	Château Langoa-Barton, St Julien Extremely fruity, vigorous, cabernet-dominated Claret that has the build to last well and the class to make it worth the wait. 2010–2018.	-	£185.00
CM7461	Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac An outstanding success even in this most successful commune of the vintage. Round, full, rich, well-structured Pauillac with impressive depth of flavour. 2010–2020.	-	£190.00
CS4311	Domaine de l'Église, Pomerol There is delicious, round, ripe, healthy fruit here. This small vineyard on the best Pomerol plateau is 95% merlot. 2007–2015.	-	£195.00
CM7471	Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac The extremely attractive second wine of Lafite with its charming perfume and sweet mulberry fruit is made to be enjoyed relatively early. 2006–2012.	-	£195.00
CM7481	Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux, Margaux Perfumed, elegant, supple second wine of Margaux which shows the charm of wines of the commune. 2006–2012.	-	£195.00
CM7501	Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac This has the vivid blackcurrant/blackberry aroma of cabernet, abundant fruit and a strong Pauillac personality. It reminded Xavier Borie of his excellent 1996 vintage. 2009–2015.	-	£195.00

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CM7511	Château Léoville-Poyferré, St Julien The sweetest grapes he's harvested since '90, '89 and '82 says owner Didier Cuvelier. The result is rich and full with lots of flavour and power. 2010–2020.	-	£195.00
CM7491	Bahans-Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan Full, rich and finely perfumed with long firm Graves finish to the flavour. The second wine of Haut-Brion is made only in small quantities and ages extremely well. 2008–2015.	-	£195.00
CS4301	Château Bellevue, St Emilion Ripe, sweet Claret with fine black-cherry fruit and soft tannins. Charming wine made by Nicholas Thienpont from a small vineyard on the slopes next to Angelus. 2008–2012.	£98.00	-
CM7521	Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan This stood out for its quality at three comparative tastings, as well as at the château. Lovely balance and good middle palate, considerable finesse and length of flavour. 2008–2018.	-	£215.00
M CM7551	Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien A big flavoured Léoville-Barton with bags of fruit, concentration and the wonderful style of the vineyard. Anthony Barton reports that his grapes were harvested in superb condition and it shows in the wine. 2012–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£240.00
M CM7561	Château Lynch-Bages, Pauillac Full flavoured, generous Claret which is felt to be more successful than their 2001; more in the style of their 1998 but rounder and more charming. 2008–2018. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£240.00
CS4411	Château Belair, St Emilion One of the most individual wines of Bordeaux from a marvellous vineyard cultivated organically by Pascal Delbeck. Rose-petal aroma and a fine, sweet palate with a long finish. 2007–2015.	-	£250.00
CM7531	Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac Extremely high quality with dense, supple fruit and long-lasting flavour. Yields were very low as Latour produced 30% less than last year. 2010–2020.	-	£250.00
CM7541	Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux Now firmly re-established where it should be at the top of the second growths, this great vineyard has made a 2002 of real breeding and class, with ripe fruit but the structure to last a long time. 2012–2020.	-	£250.00
CM7581	Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St Julien A classic, almost old-fashioned Ducru with fine blackcurrant bouquet, tight-knit flavour and long-lasting, almost smoky finish. This will need time to unravel and show its class. 2010–2022.	-	£295.00
CS4421	Château La Fleur Pétrus, Pomerol A powerful Pomerol with good concentration and class from this leading vineyard now on top form. 2007–2015.	£160.00	-
CM7571	Château Pichon-Longueville, Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac An outstanding success this year with lots of fruit, class and a wonderfully voluptuous texture. A wine of power as well as charm. 2008–2018.	-	£330.00
CS4321	Vieux-Château-Certan, Pomerol Made from 40% cabernet franc and 60% merlot, this is a wine of tremendous concentration and character. The cabernet franc vines were the most magnificent Alexandre Thienpont has ever seen. 2010–2020.	-	£425.00



Xavier Borie of Ducru-Beaucaillou and Grand-Puy-Lacoste



Jean-Bernard Delmas of Château Haut-Brion

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		per six	per dozen
M	CM7591 Château Palmer, Margaux This has delicious fruit. It is supple, charming and fine-textured, with the bouquet and finesse that make the great wines of Margaux so sought after. 2010–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£475.00
	CM7601 Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac There is general agreement that 2002 has been a particular success for the château. Impressively rich and deep flavoured with seductive perfume and charm too. 88% cabernet sauvignon. 2012–2025.	-	£750.00
	CM7611 Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan An Haut-Brion with a long and exciting future. Fine, silky, long, persistent, almost smoky flavour showing the personality of this superb vineyard, the longest established of all the first growths. 2015–2025.	-	£750.00
	CM7631 Château Margaux, Margaux Classic, elegant, perfumed style, made for longer keeping than the gentler 2001. 86% cabernet sauvignon. 2015–2025.	-	£750.00
M	CM7641 Château Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac A magical combination of finesse and power, with full but fresh fruit and long-lasting, persistent flavour. This vineyard is on top form these days. A wine for the grandchildren! 87% cabernet sauvignon. 2015–2025. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£750.00
	CM7621 Château Latour, Pauillac Only small quantities of this were released and at a higher price than the other first growths. This, the most backward of all of them, is undoubtedly impressive, with great potential. 82% cabernet sauvignon. 2015–2025.	£388.00	-



Château Palmer



Château Margaux

2002 DRY WHITE BORDEAUX

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BW1931	Clos Floridène, Graves Blanc Even better than the excellent 2001 with more middle flavour and depth. Full, dry, concentrated and well-balanced. Half each of sauvignon and semillon. 2005–2010.	-	£85.00
BW1961	Château La Tour Martillac, Pessac-Léognan This has become one of the best buys of the classed growths. Lovely apricot and lemon aroma and complex, full, yet fresh flavour to match. 2005–2010.	-	£140.00
BW1941	Château Carbonnieux, Pessac-Léognan Delightful white with most attractive sauvignon fruit and a classy, mineral, honeyed palate that lingers appealingly. 2005–2010.	-	£145.00
BW1951	Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan Olivier Bernard is justifiably thrilled with the quality of his 2002 white. This is definitely a wine for the long haul, with great intensity of fruit and length of flavour. 80% sauvignon. 2011–2020, if you can wait!	-	£320.00

MIXED CASES

GOOD VALUE BORDEAUX 2002

ref OC1316 at £82.00

contains three bottles each of
Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc
Vieux Clos St Emilion, St Emilion
Château Beausite, St Estèphe
Château Charmail, Haut-Médoc

FOUR COMMUNES

ref OC1326 at £120.00

contains three bottles each of
Château Phélan-Segur, St Estèphe
Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc
Château Angludet, Margaux
Château Batailley, Pauillac

CLASS OF BORDEAUX

ref OC1336 at £228.00

contains three bottles each of
Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan
Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac
Château Lynch-Bages, Pauillac

FIRST GROWTH CASE

ref OC1346 at £760.00

contains three bottles each of
Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac
Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan
Château Margaux, Margaux
Château Lafite-Rothschild, Pauillac

This offer will close at **5pm on Friday, 4th July 2003.**

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