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# 2003 Bordeaux In-Bond

*An extraordinary Claret vintage and glorious Sauternes*



*Château Suduiraut, Sauternes*

2003 is an extraordinary vintage. It was the hottest summer on record for 500 years. Unusual circumstances come round once every 20 years according to Charles Chevallier of Lafite. But the hot summers of 1989, 1975 and 1959 turned out different sorts of wines, as did the lovely years 1990 and 1982. You have to return to 1949 or 1947 to approach the scorching heat of June, July and August 2003. There has been huge progress in vineyard and cellar understanding since then, and even since 1989, perhaps the closest vintage in style. At their best, 2003 Clarets have wonderful sweet, ripe fruit backed with power that will make them hard to resist. 2003 Sauternes and Barsac are gloriously rich and opulent and not to be missed.

## WHO MADE THE BEST WINES?

How do growers cope in exceptional conditions with few points of reference to guide them? They need deep knowledge of their vineyard, sure instincts, imagination and the initiative to adapt.

Jean-Claude Berrouet, winemaker of the great Moueix estates of Pomerol and St Emilion (La Fleur Pétrus and Hosanna in this offer), and Pascal Delbeck at Belair triumphed because they read the vintage correctly from the start. Wise M. Raoul, Anthony Barton's *maitre de chai* at Léoville and Langoa, said it was important not to hurry the vintage when grape sugar climbed dramatically but tannins were not yet fully ripe. During the blazing heat in July and August vines took a siesta, closing down until they could breathe again. Evaporation and sunburn were more of a problem than drought, because there had been plenty of winter rain and enough summer showers. Successful growers had left a canopy of leaves to protect the bunches. It helped to have the means to cool grapes on arrival at the cellar and a team of workers ready to remove damaged and scorched grapes. With such high natural sugar and tannin in the grapes, long fermentation, frequent 'pumping over' and 'bleeding' of the vats, practices used in recent vintages, were unnecessary.

## WHERE ARE THE FAVOURED SPOTS?

Those with famous vineyards said that 'terroir' was a major asset, as it always is, but one delight of this vintage has been finding gorgeous wines from humbler districts in the normally cooler soils of Entre-Deux-Mers, Fronsac, Lussac, Côtes de Francs and the Premières Côtes. Bargains are to be found from inspired winemakers here like Jean-Louis Despaigne and Nicolas Thienpont. The deeper clay soils of St. Estèphe and Pauillac and parts of the northern Médoc were favoured in 2003 and we chose more than usual. The *côtes* of St. Emilion did better generally than the *graves* of St. Emilion and sandier soils of the plains.



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## WHAT DO THEY TASTE LIKE

Several styles emerge from this vintage as each tasting note indicates, but examples can illustrate. There are blockbuster wines for keeping for the grandchildren, like Lafite, Pontet-Canet, Gruaud-Larose and Batailley. In contrast there are charming wines whose sweet fruit will be approachable earlier, like Cantemerle, Beaumont and with more potential, Talbot, Domaine de Chevalier, and at the top end Grand-Puy-Lacoste and Pichon-Lalande. There are 'complete' wines which seem to have the balance of elements just right, such as Belair St. Emilion, Hosanna, La Lagune and Haut-Bages-Libéral. Read the notes and select the style that suits you, or better, choose a selection.

It is also a great vintage for the luscious and opulent wines of Sauternes and Barsac. You almost cannot go wrong here – do buy some.

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*The eponymous tower of Château Latour*

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- Once the wines arrive in the UK, members may opt to have them delivered within the UK or stored in duty-paid Members' Reserves.

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<i>ref</i>		IN-BOND PRICE, UK DELIVERED <i>per dozen</i>
<b>2003 BORDEAUX IN-BOND</b>		
CM8011	<b>Château La Tour St Bonnet, Médoc</b> Unusually ripe grapes give this traditional, muscular northern Médoc extra fullness and the price is keen. 2007–2014.	£55.00
CM8371	<b>Château Caronne-Ste-Gemme, Haut-Médoc</b> François Nony's vineyard has benefited from a decade of hard work. An unusually powerful and generous Caronne with ripe but fresh fruit of which two-thirds is cabernet. 2008–2015.	£62.00
CB2031	<b>Château Haut-Bertinerie, Côtes de Blaye</b> A star of its district again this year with lots of supple fruit and a gentle touch of oak. 2006–2011.	£62.00
<b>M</b> CM8031	<b>Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc</b> With stylish flavour and easy-to-appreciate fruit, this popular, mid-weight Claret is very much a wine for drinkers looking for enjoyment and not for hoarders. 2006–2012. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£62.00
CS4691	<b>Château du Courlat, Cuvée Jean Baptiste, Lussac-St Emilion</b> Rich perfumed fruit and length of flavour that would shame many St Emilions. The Bourottes' carefully tended vines and cool clay and limestone soil truly benefited from the hot summer. 2008–2015.	£65.00
CB1991	<b>Château Bel Air Perponcher Grande Cuvée, Bordeaux Supérieur</b> Jean-Louis Despaigne's densely planted 40-year-old vines (80% merlot) and immaculate winemaking gave him gorgeously opulent sweet fruit and a rich, full palate. Exceptional in its appellation. 2006–2012.	£72.00
CS4741	<b>Château Puygueraud, Côtes de Francs</b> A wine of amazing complexity and personality for the money with especially full, rounded fruit, extract and structure this year. The home property of talented Nicolas Thienpont. Will age well. 2008–2015.	£72.00
CB1981	<b>Château Mont-Pérat, Premières Côtes de Bordeaux</b> Another knockout merlot-based wine from the Despaigne stable with wonderful intense, rich, ripe fruit and real length of flavour and quality. 2006–2015.	£75.00
CS4621	<b>Château Siaurac, Lalande de Pomerol</b> Perfumed, ripe fruit and succulent texture and good length. A long-established property that has started the new century extremely well. 2007–2013.	£82.00
CM8121	<b>Château Dutruch-Grand-Poujeaux, Moulis</b> Wise oenologist Jacques Boissenot reckons that this is a wine that will be good to drink throughout its life. With full, ripe fruit and a touch of extra richness this year, this is a good proposition. 2007–2015.	£82.00
CS4821	<b>Vieux Clos St Emilion, St Emilion</b> Plenty of charm and fresh, healthy fruit here in this well-balanced mid-weight St Emilion, owned by a nurseryman who takes proper care of his vines, some of which are very old. 2006–2011.	£82.00
CM8041	<b>Clos Floridène, Graves</b> With a high level of ripe, vibrant cabernet, finesse, length of flavour and gentle tannin, this is a conspicuous success for Florence and Denis Dubourdieu whose winemaking skills were invaluable this year. 2007–2015.	£85.00
CM8321	<b>Château Hortevie, St Julien</b> For sheer value this is one of the best kept secrets of St Julien. The 2003 is unusually ripe and full with tannic structure to balance, and St Julien freshness too. Will develop well. 2008–2018.	£90.00

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CM8251	<b>Château Picard, St Estèphe</b> With 90% cabernet sauvignon this has a lovely ripe cassis aroma and full, fragrant yet firm palate. Excellent quality from a small property owned by Franck Mahler-Besse of Palmer. 2009–2020.	£90.00
<b>M</b> CM8051	<b>Château Beausite, St Estèphe</b> Classic St Estèphe in a super vintage for the district with a freshness to the nose and palate to balance ripe, firm fruit that underpins the wine. 2008–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£90.00
CM8021	<b>Château Charmail, Haut-Médoc</b> Opulent, rich and generously flavoured ripe fruit is more evident than ever in this vintage from Olivier Sèze's consistently high-achieving property. Will give great pleasure. 2008–2014.	£90.00
CS4631	<b>Château Godeau, St Emilion</b> A small property on the côtes next to Tertre-Rôteboeuf making a full St Emilion with structure and grip. Worth keeping till 2008–2014.	£95.00
CS4731	<b>Château La Dauphine, Fronsac</b> A good year for Fronsac and none tasted more charming, elegant, fine and supple than this. Delightful Claret. 2007–2013.	£95.00
CM8241	<b>Château Bernadotte, Haut-Médoc</b> Ripe, aromatic, sweetly fruity and charming and a great success for the Pichon-Lalande team who owns the property and makes the wine. Will be hugely enjoyable for 2006–2013.	£105.00
CM8361	<b>Château Le Boscq, St Estèphe</b> Generous, ripe blackcurrant aroma and healthy, ripe, fruity flavour in excellent balance. Polished 'modern' Claret in the best sense. 2008–2018.	£105.00
CM8231	<b>Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc</b> A classed growth with finesse, charm and supple fruit for enjoying relatively early at an affordable price. 2007–2015.	£110.00
CM8351	<b>Château Belgrave, Haut-Médoc</b> This classed growth next to Lagrange-St Julien, has been transformed in the last decade. Ripe, elegant and distinguished with the richness of the vintage. 2010–2020.	£112.00
CM8291	<b>Château Meyney, St Estèphe</b> There have been impressive developments at this well-known property next to Montrose in the last few years and this 2003 has ripe, generous fruit with good length. 2009–2020.	£125.00
CM8141	<b>Château Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac</b> With real finesse, good length of flavour and sweet fruit it was an easy decision to add this to our selection this year. 2009–2020.	£128.00
<b>M</b> CM8131	<b>Château d'Angludet, Margaux</b> Dense ripe mulberry fruit and unusual power from unusually low yields – only half the normal crop – which is better news for us than the Sichel family. 2010–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£135.00
CM8001	<b>Château Chasse-Spleen, Moulis</b> A very rich, sweet but power-packed Chasse-Spleen with considerable but velvety tannins to provide backbone. 2010–2022.	£135.00



*Charles (left) and Ben Sichel of Château d'Angludet, looking pleased with their 2003 vintage*

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		per six	per dozen
CM8101	<b>Château Labegorce-Zédé, Margaux</b> Luc Thienpont has captured the bright, fresh fragrant quality, that is part of Margaux's charm in this 2003, by using more petit verdot (12%) and less merlot in his first wine. The cabernet quality (60%) is excellent. As ever, the first wine is only 35% of his crop. 2010-2020.	-	£138.00
<b>M</b> CM8061	<b>Château Batailley, Pauillac</b> Proper Pauillac with splendid, ripe fruit and big bone structure. A cross between a more concentrated 1982 and a ripe 1996 says delighted owner Philippe Castéja. 2010-2023. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£140.00
CM8071	<b>Château Gloria, St Julien</b> Seductively perfumed, this is an easy Claret to understand and enjoy with full, ripe, low-acid flavour. 2007-2014.	-	£140.00
CM8281	<b>Château Phélan-Ségur, St Estèphe</b> Well balanced with ripe, sweet, black fruit and subtler aromas than most wines of the commune. A Claret with power and charm which is a just reward for Thierry Gardinier's ten years of hard work in this well-placed vineyard. 2008-2018.	-	£150.00
CM8201	<b>Château Haut-Bages-Libéral, Pauillac</b> Claire Villars has achieved great things with this property next to Latour, as those who came to our tastings this spring found out. She is rightly thrilled with her 2003 with its rich, ripe, vibrant fruit. 2010-2022.	-	£155.00
CM8311	<b>Château Durfort-Vivens, Margaux</b> As the 1996 now shows, this property makes wine which is understated at first, but whose real quality and finesse is revealed with time. Gonzague Lurton has achieved a lovely balance. Ripe fruit, good middle palate, length and class. 2013-2022.	-	£160.00
CS4721	<b>Château Cadet-Piola, St Emilion</b> There is real quality and 'breed' in this grand cru which stood out in comparative tastings for its soft fruit, balance and charm. 2009-2018.	-	£160.00
CM8111	<b>Château Lafon-Rochet, St Estèphe</b> With its immediately attractive, sweet, ripe fruit, full-bodied flavour and good balance and length, this looks an excellent prospect. 2008-2018.	-	£160.00
CB2021	<b>Château Roc de Cambes, Côtes de Bourg</b> François Mitjaville's 'super-Bourg' has wonderful exotic ripeness, plump, rounded flavour yet freshness too. This year saw just half the normal crop. It will probably be a wine to drink at the end of the day without food. 2007-2012. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£90.00	-
CM8091	<b>Château Duhart-Milon-Rothschild, Pauillac</b> The finest wine we have tasted from this property reflecting the efforts put in by Charles Chevallier's team and the splendid ripe fruit. Lovely perfumed bouquet, supple vibrant yet densely structured palate. Best kept till 2013-2022.	-	£185.00
CM8221	<b>Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan</b> Gentle, elegantly balanced middle-weight Claret with a supple, sweet fruit and almost 'Burgundian' finish to the flavour. It is no accident that Olivier Bernard loves Burgundy! 2010-2020.	-	£185.00
CS4761	<b>Château Larcis Ducasse, St Emilion</b> We have not tasted as good a wine from this property since the 1971 last bought by The Society! Exotic, ripe and seductive aroma, rich palate and many-faceted flavour. This exciting property is back on form. 2008-2018.	-	£190.00



*Anthony Barton*



*Gabriel Vialard, winemaker at Haut-Bailly*

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		per six	per dozen
CM8181	<b>Château La Lagune, Haut-Médoc</b> A star of comparative tastings with juicy fruit and delightful balance. Sweet, stylish, long-lasting flavour. 2010–2020.	-	£195.00
CS4641	<b>Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol</b> Classy Pomerol with fine bouquet, grip and structure. A wine worth laying down for eight to ten years and a tribute to the Moueix approach in vineyard and cellar this year. 2011–2020.	-	£195.00
CM8171	<b>Château Talbot, St Julien</b> The <i>maitre de chai</i> was beaming with pleasure when we tasted this supple, generous yet easily accessible and enjoyable Talbot. The tannic ‘frame’ will keep it well but is well balanced by ample fruit. 2010–2020.	-	£195.00
CM8081	<b>Château Beychevelle, St Julien</b> Of medium weight compared with some of its neighbours but marked out by a wonderful classy bouquet and charm that will appeal greatly to many members. 2010–2020.	-	£195.00
CM8151	<b>Château Langoa-Barton, St Julien</b> Very ripe, sweet fruit is clearly evident in this full, well-balanced classed growth from Anthony Barton. 2010–2025.	-	£210.00
CM8191	<b>Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan</b> Unusually tight-knit, densely packed Haut-Bailly with bags of flavour at its heart and long-lasting finish. 2010–2023.	-	£235.00
CM8261	<b>Château Gruaud-Larose, St Julien</b> A wine to last 50 years, says Georges Pauli, who used only the exceptional cuvées (52% of the crop) to make his grand vin. Tremendous power and depth, certainly richer than the 2000. 2016–2030.	-	£250.00
CM8391	<b>Carruades de Lafite, Pauillac</b> While Lafite itself is 86% cabernet, this is 50% merlot. While the grand vin is a giant for keeping, this is perfumed and made to accentuate the round, low-acid, sweet fruit. Enjoy its class without the wait from 2007–2017.	-	£275.00
CM8401	<b>Pavillon Rouge du Château Margaux, Margaux</b> Very perfumed and exuberant with mouth-filling and generous flavour and considerable, ripe tannin too. Their best ever, the Château believes. 2010–2020.	-	£275.00
CM8411	<b>Bahans-Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan</b> Unusually ripe, full and powerful yet elegant too. A most impressive mix of 48% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot and 25% cabernet franc. 2010–2020.	-	£275.00

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CM8431	<p><b>Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac</b> François-Xavier Borie thinks this delicious Claret is in the style of his excellent 1990. With lovely, ripe, black-fruit aroma and polished, ripe, vibrant, spicy flavour it is a great success. 2010–2023.</p>		£275.00
	 <p><i>The majestic Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste</i></p>		
CS4681	<p><b>Château Trottevieille, St Emilion</b> This property took a leap in quality with the '99 vintage and in 2003 has jumped higher still as a result of the effort the Castéja family have made in the vineyard. Very fine Claret with classy middle palate and long-lasting finish - an excellent sign. 2010–2023.</p>		£275.00
CS4651	<p><b>Château Vray Croix de Gay, Pomerol</b> Wonderful scented fruit and class in the bouquet matched by a delightfully elegant and fleshy palate. Real quality here. 2008–2015.</p>		£275.00
CS4791	<p><b>Château Bellevue, St Emilion</b> Very fine, silky, supple and stylish St Emilion from old vines, 85% merlot, 15% cabernet franc. Low stock. 2007–2020. <i>Six bottle cases.</i></p>	£138.00	-
CM8341	<p><b>Château Lynch-Bages, Pauillac</b> Early tastings of this wine were less impressive than usual but the château's track record of delivering the goods is outstanding so we give you the opportunity of buying what will surely turn out very well. 2009–2020.</p>		£300.00
CM8301	<p><b>Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux</b> The Wertheimer family of Chanel have spared no expense or care to put this great vineyard back at the top of the second growths. Complex Claret with very ripe middle palate which should be good to drink from 2010–2023.</p>		£300.00
CM8421	<p><b>Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac</b> One of the blockbusters of the vintage. Rich, ripe, muscular Pauillac for the long haul. Alfred Tesseron says his cabernet was exceptionally good, retaining elegance with richness and power, and we agree. 2015–2025.</p>		£310.00



*Sebastian Payne, MW, discusses the vintage with John Kolasa of Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux*

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		per six	per dozen
M CS4661	<b>Château Belair, St Emilion</b> The maverick Pascal Delbeck has made one of the outstanding wines of the vintage with wonderfully expressive bouquet, gentle, full and delightfully persistent flavour. A triumph for bio-dynamism. 2010–2015. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£320.00
M CM8161	<b>Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien</b> A powerful big-flavoured Claret with lots of rich, vibrant fruit and character reflecting this unusual vintage. Will be splendid and worth waiting for. 2013–2025. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£330.00
CM8381	<b>Château Léoville-Poyferré, St Julien</b> Full-bodied St Julien with creamy, rich, though fine-grained texture and considerable tannin at this early stage, well padded with fruit. 2015–2025.	-	£330.00
CM8441	<b>Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac</b> Latour made outstanding wine in 2002 and this is on the same high level in a more obvious but wonderfully classy style. Rich, full and long. Not really a second wine but a first. 2011–2023.	-	£350.00
CS4811	<b>Clos Fourtet, St Emilion</b> Another property of great potential on the côtes which has returned to form in 2003. Rich fruit-cake bouquet and complex, full, rich, long-lasting flavour. 2010–2023. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£175.00	-
CS4801	<b>Château Pavie-Macquin, St Emilion</b> Super-charged ripe and powerful St Emilion which under Nicolas Thienpont's skilled direction has kept its freshness and balance. Extraordinary wine. 2008–2020.	£190.00	-
CS4781	<b>Vieux-Château-Certan, Pomerol</b> The quality of cabernet franc here was exceptional and is delicious. It makes 80% of the final wine of which there is sadly less than a third of the usual quantity. 2013–2025.	-	£450.00
CS4671	<b>Château La Fleur Pétrus, Pomerol</b> At least the equal of the outstanding 1998 La Fleur Pétrus but with a superb rich ripeness and opulence of its own. The finish ends freshly. Outstanding quality. 2010–2023. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£248.00	-
			
	<i>Alexandre Thienpont of Vieux-Château-Certan</i>		
CM8451	<b>Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, St Julien</b> Rich and spicy with deep flavour and long-lasting finish. Extremely fine but with a richness untypical of this château in previous vintages. 2015–2025.	-	£595.00
CM8461	<b>Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac</b> As ever, the most elegant, charming and delicious of all the Pauillacs, with full, ripe, complex, seductive flavour. Two-thirds of the blend was cabernet this year. 2010–2025.	-	£595.00
CM8551	<b>Château Montrose, St Estèphe</b> Very perfumed with ripe, sweet, gorgeous fruit. The palate is mellow and rich yet elegant too and shows great potential for ageing. 2018–2030. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£325.00	-

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CS4831	<b>Château Hosanna, Pomerol</b> Christian Moueix's challenge to Cheval Blanc with its high proportion of cabernet franc (30%) is absolutely outstanding in 2003. Haunting smoky bouquet, and multi-faceted flavour that is rounded, exciting and long lasting. 2010–2020.	-	£650.00
<b>M</b> CM8481	<b>Château Palmer, Margaux</b> More cabernet sauvignon (68%) than usual has given this a very fine bouquet but less immediate opulence as a young wine. The splendid full, ripe fruit is all there as is the Palmer charm. A special wine. 2015–2025. <i>Magnums available.</i>	-	£660.00
CM8491	<b>Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac</b> Essence of magically perfumed blackcurrant jumps from the glass, but this is backed by a tight, ripe, succulent palate with a lovely, pure, ripe-fruit aftertaste. 2015–2035. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£820.00	-
CM8501	<b>Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan</b> This is the most extraordinarily backward Haut-Brion we can remember, cloaked in tannin at this stage and giving little of its undoubted potential away. 2015–2035. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£820.00	-
CM8511	<b>Château Lafite, Pauillac</b> Amazingly powerful, intense, ripe and well-knit Lafite for the long haul. Such vintages don't come around often. 2015–2035. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£820.00	-
CM8591	<b>Château Margaux, Margaux</b> Remarkable, big-scale Margaux with the unusually rich dense character of the vintage and immense potential and concentration. 20% less than usual. 83% cabernet sauvignon. 2015–2035. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£850.00	-
CM8531	<b>Château Latour, Pauillac</b> A very special vintage of Latour. Ripe, full, rich yet fine and elegant too. Outstanding quality. One day it will make a fascinating contrast with the Château's classic 2002. 2015–2035. <i>Six bottle cases.</i>	£850.00	-
<b>2003 SAUTERNES AND BARSAC IN-BOND</b>			
<b>H</b> BW2281	<b>Château Sigalas-Rabaud, Sauternes</b> Seriously good quality from this sometimes underrated small vineyard. Rich and luscious with abundant complexity and charm. 2007–2020. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	-	£190.00
BW2271	<b>Château Rayne-Vigneau, Sauternes</b> One of the great vineyards has certainly come good in 2003 with a wine of fine bouquet, elegant balance, richness and vigour. 2007–2020.	-	£195.00
BW2171	<b>Château Doisy-Daëne, Barsac</b> The accent here is on the fresh floral fruit which the Dubourdieus have beautifully captured. A touch less sweet than some but powerful and certainly a really classy pudding wine. 2007–2017.	-	£200.00
<b>H</b> BW2221	<b>Château Coutet, Barsac</b> Excellent quality Coutet with intense sweetness that makes great dessert wines balanced by the delightful citrus 'lift' typical of the property. 2007–2020. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	-	£215.00

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<b>H</b> BW2181	<b>Château La Tour Blanche, Sauternes</b> Perhaps the richest and sweetest of all the first growths yet the freshness and vitality is magically retained with the proportion of sauvignon and a little muscadelle. 2007–2020. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	£235.00
BW2231	<b>Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey, Sauternes</b> Big-flavoured, rich and luscious Sauternes with a touch of apricot, honey and barley sugar. Consistently splendid. 2007–2020.	£240.00
<b>H</b> BW2201	<b>Château Rieussec, Sauternes</b> A fantastically good result for Charles Chevallier’s team. Impressively rich and luscious but with delightful lift and freshness too. Great winemaking. 2007–2020. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	£255.00
<b>H</b> BW2311	<b>Château Guiraud, Sauternes</b> Gorgeously liquorous and luscious and given extra complexity of aroma by the higher percentage of sauvignon blanc. Undoubtedly a great vintage here. 2007–2025. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	£270.00
<b>H</b> BW2251	<b>Château Suduiraut, Sauternes</b> This great estate has been making fabulous Sauternes in the last few years and the 2003 has a perfect balance between luscious sweetness, body and complexity. 2007–2025. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	£275.00
<b>H</b> BW2291	<b>Château Climens, Barsac</b> Tasting delicious wines made in lighter vintages of Climens at 10, 20 and 30 years of age makes one realize even more what this outstanding property can achieve in the great years like 2003. Very rich, liquorous and very fine. 2010–2035. <i>Half bottles available.</i>	£460.00



*Bérénice Lurton of Château Climens*

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## MIXED CASES

### **FOUNDATION CLARET CASE 2003**

*ref OC1406 at £75.00*

*A 12 bottle case containing three bottles  
each of the following four reds*

2006–2015

Château Dutruch-Grand-Poujeaux,  
Moulis

Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc

Vieux Clos St Emilion, St Emilion

Château Caronne-Ste-Gemme,  
Haut-Médoc

### **FIRM FAVOURITES 2003**

*ref OC1416 at £136.00*

*A 12 bottle case containing three bottles  
each of the following four reds*

2007–2023

Château Phélan-Segur, St Estèphe

Château d'Angludet, Margaux

Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc

Château Batailley, Pauillac

### **CLASS ACT CASE 2003**

*ref OC1426 at £219.00*

*A 12 bottle case containing three bottles  
each of the following four reds*

2010–2025

Château Duhart-Milon-Rothschild,  
Pauillac

Château Langoa-Barton, St Julien

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac

Château La Lagune, Haut-Médoc

*For more mixed cases see overleaf*

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## MIXED CASES

### OLD FRIENDS CASE 2003

*ref OC1436 at £299.00*

*A 12 bottle case containing three bottles  
each of the following four reds*

2010–2025

Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan

Château Belair, St Emilion

Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux

Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien

### FIRST GROWTHS CASE 2003

*ref OC1446 at £820.00*

*A six bottle case containing two bottles  
each of the following three reds*

2015–2035

Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac

Château Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan

Château Lafite, Pauillac

### SWEET WHITES CASE 2003

*ref OC1456 at £234.00*

*A 12 bottle case containing two bottles each  
of the following six whites*

2007–2025

Château Doisy-Daëne, Barsac

Château Sigalas-Rabaud, Sauternes

Château Suduiraut, Sauternes

Château Guiraud, Sauternes

Château Coutet, Barsac

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey, Sauternes

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