

2007 Bordeaux In-Bond

Claret for pleasure. Great white wines.

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by 9pm, Tuesday 15th July 2008



Château Rieussec, Sauternes, made a great 2007

2007 is a Claret vintage for wine drinkers rather than wine investors. The finest wines have an elegance and charm that will give pure uncomplicated pleasure. The tannins are gentle and mild and the acidity levels are generally low making them round and easier to understand than the previous firmer 2006 vintage. They will be ready and good to drink before both 2006 and 2005. After the super-rich wines of 2003 and the super-charged bottles made from low yields of super-ripe grapes fashionable on international markets but which can be challenging to drink, the 2007 vintage provides for some a welcome return to 'normal' Claret.

But in a year when there was not enough summer sunshine for a 'great' vintage, 2007 undoubtedly succeeded best in the most favoured vineyards of Bordeaux. The outstanding châteaux were rigorous in coaxing the best from their vines with pruning and crop thinning and then in their cellar selection, and we have been rigorous too in making this selection much shorter than usual. The year got off to a good start with a brilliant April, but then most of the summer was cool and disappointing and the vintage was only made by three beautiful weeks in September. It is no accident that our list is dominated by the great vineyards of St Julien, Pauillac, Margaux and the gravel plateau of Pomerol and the heart of Pessac-Léognan which have the best exposure to sunshine and the best drainage.

Such a year proved ideal for white wines, whose delicate aromas are blunted by too much sun, and for the great Sauternes and Barsacs, which enjoyed exceptional conditions in the autumn. 2007 Sauternes and Barsacs are a huge success comparable to 2001. Our small selection of dry whites includes those which will most benefit from ageing and there are two bargains among them.

Sebastian Payne MW
Chief Wine Buyer



The following list of wines comprises those châteaux who have released their prices so far. Other wines will be made available to members via www.thewinesociety.com as their prices are released. Members should monitor the website regularly for further information.

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Ref		In-bond price, UK delivered, per dozen
2007 CLARET IN-BOND		
M 1.	CM12281 Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc The very many members who follow this estate en-primeur will not be wrong to do so again this year. Where else can you find such elegant polished Claret at such a good price? Fine fruity wine to drink 2010–2013.	£69
2.	CM12291 Hortevie, St Julien With no château name because there is no château, this is an excellent-value St Julien which is now owned and run by Bruno Borie of Ducru-Beaucaillou who has added polish and charm to what was already an admirable Claret. 50% cabernet sauvignon, 47% merlot and 3% cabernet franc. 2012–2019.	£125
M H 3.	CM12301 Château d'Angludet, Margaux Ben Sichel read the vintage well to produce a charming, fruity Claret for pleasurable, relatively early drinking from completely healthy grapes. Keenly priced for the quality, when bought en-primeur. 48% cabernet sauvignon, 42% merlot and 10% petit verdot. 2014–2022.	£140
4.	CM12311 Château Belgrave, Haut-Médoc With a cedary nose and powerful fruit balanced by freshness, this is a great result from an increasingly high-achieving classed growth which is certainly now on a level with its peers in next door St Julien. Great value. Two thirds cabernet sauvignon and a third merlot. 2014–2022.	£140
5.	CS6631 Château Grand Corbin Despagne, St Emilion Fleshy and supple Claret with lower acidity than is usual at this up and coming estate. Enjoy in the fruit of youth. 2011–2017.	£145
M H 6.	CM12321 Château Batailley, Pauillac This consistently full-flavoured Pauillac has gained a notch in quality over the last few years with finer texture and subtler bouquet. The 2007 has a vivid and vigorous blueberry fruit aroma and an excellent full, yet fine palate. 73% cabernet sauvignon, 23% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot. 2014–2022.	£170
7.	CM12331 Croix de Beaucaillou, St Julien 2007 is generally not a year to buy 'second' wines to lay down but this, along with the second wines of some first growths, is the exception that proves the rule. Stylish, ripe 95% cabernet sauvignon, this has classed-growth quality and comes from the Beychevelle plateau between Gruaud-Larose and Lagrange. 2013–2022.	£185
8.	CM12341 Château Talbot, St Julien Very attractive 'open' flavoured Claret from a justifiably popular address. This is a wine that will give plenty of pleasure. Two thirds cabernet sauvignon and a third merlot. 2014–2022.	£255
9.	CM12351 Château La Lagune, Haut-Médoc Pure pleasure from this elegant, supple, perfumed and fruity Claret from what is now one of the best run and best equipped châteaux of the Médoc. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot and 15% petit verdot. The petit verdot gives body and weight to the backbone. 2014–2022.	£275

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Domaine de Chevalier made outstanding wines in 2007. Both red and white



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10. CM12361	Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan Olivier Bernard's property was outstanding for both red and whites in this vintage. The property, much replanted 20 years ago, is now delivering the classy Claret the vineyard used to deliver even in years that were difficult for others. Lovely freshness, ripe middle palate and length. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 5% cabernet franc. 2015–2028.	£260
11. CM12391	Château Brane-Cantenac, Margaux Lovely aromatic fruit and plump fleshy palate with gentle tannins and elegance. Classy and charming. 53% cabernet sauvignon, 39% merlot and 8% cabernet franc. 2014–2022.	£260
12. CM12721	Château Duhart-Milon-Rothschild, Pauillac True Pauillac with distinguished cabernet flavour. This growth has been one to watch since the 1990s, when the replanted vines, following Rothschild's purchase in 1962, became mature and since individual parcels have been vinified separately. The 2007 is excellent. 2014–2025.	£270
13. CS6561	Château Larcis-Ducasse, St Emilion Round, velvety Claret with an inner core of sweet fruit. A star of the St Emilion grand cru tasting which re-affirmed its brilliance at the château. The vineyard is next to Pavie. 89% merlot and 11% cabernet franc. 2014–2022.	£275
H 14. CM12371	Château Langoa-Barton, St Julien Bright, fresh, finely-nuanced Claret from Anthony Barton's home estate. 77% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot and 8% cabernet franc. 2016–2025.	£290
15. CM12401	Château Gruaud-Larose, St Julien We were delighted to discover in 2007 one of the best recent vintages for this château. Powerful and full with extra finesse and freshness of fruit and bags of flavour. 71% cabernet sauvignon, 21% merlot, 2% cabernet franc and 6% petit verdot. 2015–2025.	£305
16. CS6551	Château Belair, St Emilion Pascal Delbeck, untroubled by the fashion for blockbuster reds, continues to make wonderfully individual Clarets of silky elegance and almost Burgundian finesse from one of St Emilion's greatest vineyards (organically cultivated). 95% merlot in 2007. Ready by 2012 but will last till 2020 and beyond.	£315
17. CM12381	Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac Classy 'cassis' aroma supported by succulent, elegant fruit and good length. Will grow in body as it ages. 72% cabernet sauvignon, 28% merlot. 2015–2025.	£320
18. CM12411	Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan A delicious wine with beautiful rounded fruit. This great vineyard, a members' favourite, has never been better managed. 70% cabernet sauvignon, 26% merlot and 4% cabernet franc. 2013–2025.	£350



Château Guiraud has taken a new lease of life with new owners, Olivier Bernard, Stephan von Neipperg, Robert Peugeot and Xavier Planty

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19. CM12431	Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux Depth of flavour, true Margaux fragrance, inner fruit, sheer class and keeping qualities have kept this property consistently as one of the top three Margaux wines in blind tastings. 59% cabernet sauvignon, 36% merlot and 5% petit verdot. 2017–2030.	-	£375
M 20. CM12451	Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien Langoa's big brother has extra depth and keeping quality, vivid fragrant fruit and elegance. Will be a lovely classic Claret. 75% cabernet sauvignon. 2020–2030.	-	£375
M 21. CM12441	Château Lynch-Bages, Pauillac Seductively ripe, fruity and attractive. Proper Pauillac and with considerable charm this year. 75% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot, 8% cabernet franc and 2% petit verdot. 2013–2025.	-	£410
22. CM12421	Château Pontet-Canet, Pauillac Alfred Tesseron and his maître de chai spare no pains to bring out the best of this biodynamically run vineyard which has taken a great quality leap in the last decade. Big concentrated Pauillac. 70% cabernet sauvignon. 2015–2025.	£223	-
23. CM12461	Château Montrose, St Estèphe We thought this classic firm Claret, with its refined core of fruit and distinctive mineral finish, the undoubted star of its commune in 2007. Proper Claret. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 5% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot. 2017–2025.	-	£450
24. CS6571	Château La Fleur Pétrus, Pomerol Spicy, full and rounded with satisfying 'extract' and good length. 90% merlot. 2014–2024.	£275	-
25. CS6591	Château La Conseillante, Pomerol Enchanting fragrant bouquet, the hallmark of this property with sweet fruit, finesse and creamy palate. 85% merlot and 15% cabernet franc. 2014–2024.	-	£595
26. CS6581	Château Hosanna, Pomerol Fragrant, fine, elegant, silky and long with a significant proportion of cabernet franc. Christian Moueix's challenge to Cheval Blanc. 2014–2024.	£320	-
M 27. CS6601	Vieux Château Certan, Pomerol Ever since he started in 1985, Alexandre Thienpont has adapted his grand vin to bring out the best of the vintage to make it one of Bordeaux's great wines. In 2007, he has made soft, seductive wine of pure pleasure from 70% merlot and 30% cabernet franc. 2014–2024.	-	£625

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		per six	per dozen
28.	CS6611 Château l'Évangile, Pomerol Perhaps the fullest and richest of the clutch of neighbouring top Pomerols with creamy texture and splendid middle fruit. 84% merlot and 16% cabernet franc. 2015–2025.	£423	-

FIRST GROWTHS AND THEIR SECOND WINES

29.	CM12481 Pavillon Rouge de Château Margaux, Margaux Benefitting from beautiful merlot not used for Margaux itself, this is quite a big, ripe spicy Pavillon Rouge with long flavour and excellent perfume. 48% of the harvest. 58% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot and 5% petit verdot. 2013–2025.	-	£390
30.	CM12471 Le Petit Mouton de Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac One of the most successful Petit Mouton vintages, incorporating an important part of the Mouton Rothschild crop. Floral blackcurrant violet nose with rich stylish full but silky fruit. 76% cabernet sauvignon, 13% merlot and 11% cabernet franc. 2013–2025.	-	£480
31.	CM12491 Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac A Claret of supreme elegance and charm with a sweet inner core and excellent length. Will be enjoyable younger than usual. 46% of the harvest. 59% cabernet sauvignon and 41% merlot. 2012–2025.	£298	-
32.	CM12531 Château Margaux, Margaux A graceful Margaux with the property's incomparable perfume. Elegant, fine, stylish with persistent finish. 32% of the crop. 87% cabernet sauvignon, 11% merlot and 2% petit verdot. 2017–2030.	£1,248	£2,495
33.	CM12501 Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac This created a great impression with its creamy, pure, mouth-coating, ripe fruit and lovely harmonious texture. 41% of the crop. 81% cabernet sauvignon and 19% merlot. 2017–2030.	£1,248	£2,495
M 34.	CM12541 Château Lafite, Pauillac Built to last with superb length but with lace-like filigree elegance to balance the power. Truly first class. 84% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot and 1% petit verdot. 2019–2030.	£1,248	£2,495
35.	CM12521 Château Latour, Pauillac Graceful, polished Latour with dense middle palate and outstanding finesse and less austerity than in some vintages of the past; greater elegance. 41% of the harvest. 91% cabernet sauvignon and 9% merlot. 2019–2030.	£1,248	£2,495

DRY WHITE BORDEAUX

36.	BW3321 Clos Floridène, Graves Blanc One of Bordeaux's bargains with the quality and individuality and length of flavour of much pricier wines, perhaps not surprising since the property is owned by white wine expert Denis Dubourdieu. 2011–2015.	-	£130
37.	BW3331 Château Bouscaut Blanc, Pessac-Léognan Laurent and Sophie Cogombles have been quietly making one of Bordeaux's best, most age-worthy whites for several years, often not noticed en primeur because it needs time and is made in small quantity. The 2007 is their finest yet with lots of fruit and body. 53% sauvignon blanc, 47% semillon. 2011–2017.	-	£190

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38. BW3361	Château Carbonnieux, Graves Blanc This has the most engaging aromatic and individual bouquet of all the dry whites, with charming racy fruit on the palate. In our view it is best enjoyed young, unlike Domaine de Chevalier. Two thirds sauvignon one third semillon. 2010–2014.	-	£210
39. BW3341	Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, Pessac-Léognan An outstanding Domaine de Chevalier which will need and reward bottle age. The bouquet is already extremely promising but the intense fruit and perfect balance will deliver wonders with time. 90% sauvignon blanc, 10% semillon. 2018–2035.	£300	-

SAUTERNES & BARSAC

2007 is unquestionably a great vintage for Sauternes and Barsac. The wines have wonderful aroma, great richness, combined with freshness and purity. A richer more polished version of 1998, so delicious today.

40. BW3241	Château Lamothe-Guignard, Sauternes Rich, luscious, elegant. Outstanding value. 2010–2022.	-	£160
41. BW3251	Château Doisy Védrières, Barsac One of the richest, sweetest wines of the vintage with nicely balanced acidity. 2011–2022.	-	£210
H 42. BW3261	Château Doisy-Däene, Barsac Lovely aroma reminiscent of pineapple, grapefruit and white flowers and pure luscious healthy sweet fruitiness. 2010–2022.	-	£245
H 43. BW3271	Château Sigalas-Rabaud, Sauternes Lots of good <i>pourriture noble</i> gives this power and depth of bouquet and flavour. The quality of this fine vineyard shows through as it ages. 2012–2030.	-	£275
H 44. BW3281	Clos Haut-Peyraguey, Sauternes Only 1,500 dozen bottles are made of this gorgeous, rich, honeyed Sauternes which will turn out as fine as the property's stunning 2001. 2012–2030.	-	£285
H 45. BW3221	Château Guiraud, Sauternes 35% sauvignon adds fragrance and flowery perfume that gives this generous, full and luscious Sauternes individuality and elegance. Low yields of only nine hectolitres per hectare. 2013–2030.	-	£310
H 46. BW3291	Château La Tour Blanche, Sauternes Top-class bouquet, fine, elegant, compact, powerful, vibrant, lively yet intense sweetness. 2012–2030.	-	£340
47. BW3231	Château Suduiraut, Sauternes Honeyed, liquorous and creamy. A wonderfully harmonious wine, the result of the strict selection now practised at this great property. 2013–2030.	-	£445
H 48. BW3301	Château Rieussec, Sauternes A superb, elegant Rieussec, racy and fine. This property has moved up a gear in the last decade. 2012–2030.	-	£500
H 49. BW3311	Château Climens, Sauternes Just about perfect example combining astonishing richness with finesse, complexity and elegance. For us, this is the wine of the vintage. 2015–2040.	£438	-

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MIXED CASES

50. 2007 Good Value Bordeaux

2014–2019†

ref **OC2096** at **£148**

A 12 bottle case containing three bottles
each of the following four red wines:

Château Batailley, Pauillac
Château Belgrave, Haut-Médoc
Hortevie, St Julien
Château d'Angludet, Margaux

51. 2007 Favourites

2016–2022†

ref **OC2106** at **£285**

A 12 bottle case containing three bottles
each of the following four red wines:

Château Langoa-Barton, St Julien
Château Brane-Cantenac, Margaux
Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste, Pauillac
Château Talbot, St Julien

52. 2007 Top of the Class

2017–2025†

ref **OC2116** at **£382**

A 12 bottle case containing three bottles
each of the following four red wines:

Château Haut-Bailly, Pessac-Léognan
Château Léoville-Barton, St Julien
Château Lynch-Bages, Pauillac
Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux

53. High Class 2007 Pomerols

2015–2024†

ref **OC2126** at **£349**

A six bottle case containing two bottles
each of the following three red wines:

Château La Conseillante, Pomerol
Château l'Evangile, Pomerol
Vieux Château Certan, Pomerol

54. 2007 First Growth Seconds

2013–2025†

ref **OC2136** at **£249**

A six bottle case containing two bottles
each of the following three red wines:

Le Petit Mouton de Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac
Pavillon Rouge de Château Margaux, Margaux
Les Forts de Latour, Pauillac

55. First Growths

2019–2030†

ref **OC2166** at **£1,258**

A six bottle case containing two bottles
each of the following three red wines:

Château Mouton-Rothschild, Pauillac
Château Lafite, Pauillac
Château Margaux, Margaux

56. 2007 Sauternes

2013–2022†

ref **OC2146** at **£274**

A 12 bottle case containing two bottles
each of the following six white wines:

Château Lamothe-Guignard, Sauternes
Château Sigalas-Rabaud, Sauternes
Clos Haut-Peyraguey, Sauternes
Château La Tour Blanche, Sauternes
Château Guiraud, Sauternes
Château Doisy-Daene, Barsac

57. Sauternes Halves

2015–2022†

ref **OC2156** at **£245**

A 12 bottle case containing three half bottles
each of the following four white wines:

Château Rieussec, Sauternes
Château Climens, Sauternes
Château Sigalas-Rabaud, Sauternes
Château Doisy-Daene, Barsac

† Drinking dates for these mixed cases refer to the period when all the wines will be at their peak. Please refer to the individual wine for its recommended drink date.

When demand exceeds supply

Demand for these wines will be high. The Society shares out oversubscribed wines as widely as possible down to a minimum practical level per member. Please be aware some wines will still sell out and you should indicate your preferred substitute should your first choice be sold out. Alternatively, you can allow The Society to choose for you. Allowing substitution and/or suggesting a preferred alternative will help increase the likelihood of receiving wines in a similar style should your first choice be sold out; it will not lessen your chances of getting your first choice.

Unless you state otherwise, The Society will assume you are happy to receive suitable substitutes. The Society will only substitute with wines of similar quality to those requested.

How this offer works

Orders by website, post and fax will be accepted. If you would like to order via the website, visit www.thewinesociety.com and follow the on-screen instructions. You need a password to order from the site which can be requested online and will be posted to you the following working day. Orders need to arrive at Stevenage by **9pm, Tuesday 15th July 2008** and will be processed thereafter. Members whose orders have been received by 9pm, Tuesday 15th July 2008 will receive confirmation of their purchase by 5th August at the latest.

Members whose orders have been received after this time will receive notification by 26th August 2008.

Notifications by e-mail

The Society is able to send transactional correspondence including notification of wines allocated for opening offers, and subsequent invoices, by e-mail. For full details please visit www.thewinesociety.com and click on My Account then Preferred Contact Method.

If you wish to receive e-mail notifications for this and subsequent opening offers, and have not already notified us, please see the order form for instructions.

Members' Reserves

Members' Reserves is a purpose-built, temperature-controlled facility offering members access to optimum storage conditions. The annual rental charge (currently £7.44 per dozen) includes VAT and insurance at replacement value. Any wine bought from The Society, by the unmixed or pre-mixed dozen, may be added or removed at any time. Members using this facility receive an annual account which lists wines held, along with The Society's recommended drinking dates for each.

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, will be requested once the wines arrive at Stevenage. This is expected to be late summer 2010. Current rates are £17.49 duty per 12 x 75cl bottle case, £8.74 per six-bottle case or 12 x 37.5cl bottles. VAT (currently 17.5%) is additionally payable on wine and duty.
- Once the wines arrive at Stevenage, members may opt to have them delivered within the UK or stored in duty-paid Members' Reserves.

Notes

- 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 12 or 6 bottles as indicated.
- Please note that these wines cannot be collected from our showroom in Montreuil.

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.

This offer will close at **9pm, Tuesday, 15th July 2008.**

For details of price and availability after this date, please contact The Wine Society on 01438 740222.
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