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**Bordeaux**  
**2023**

A vintage that shows  
Bordeaux at its magical best

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# Bordeaux 2023

2023 is a claret vintage that shows Bordeaux at its magical best, producing classically styled wines with a modern twist.



**Tim Sykes**  
Buyer for Bordeaux

## What do the wines taste like?

No two vintages are alike, but several producers on the right bank whose opinions we respect said they found similarities with 2001. Members lucky enough to have enjoyed clarets from 2001 will know how delicious they are, often superior to the much-praised 2000s.

Nearly all the 2023 wines are a welcome degree or more lower in alcohol than last year, with good colour, fresh acidity levels, plenty of perfumed, polished fruit and lasting flavour. The best reds are classically styled, with attractive balance and, thanks to modern winemaking techniques (cooler fermentations and longer, gentler skin contact) they will be approachable sooner than their predecessors. Nevertheless, they have the underlying structure to age well.

## Who made the best wines?

Leading châteaux of the Médoc situated close to the Gironde estuary, in the heart of Pomerol and on the limestone ridge of Saint-Emilion, have made wines with star quality and finesse unmatched elsewhere in the world. Neighbouring properties demonstrate the individual, original bouquet and flavour that makes fine claret so fascinating and enjoyable. Dry whites, too often overlooked, are very good this year and 2023 is an excellent vintage for Sauternes.

## Growing conditions in 2023

Bordeaux's maritime climate has become increasingly unpredictable in recent years, and weather conditions in 2023 provided more than a few challenges in the vineyard. After a mild, dry winter, spring and early summer were humid and warm – ideal conditions for the development of mildew, which has the effect of reducing yields significantly if not treated in time. Those with the financial means and manpower at their disposal managed to escape the worst of the damage, but others weren't so lucky. Consequently, yields vary considerably from one property to the next.

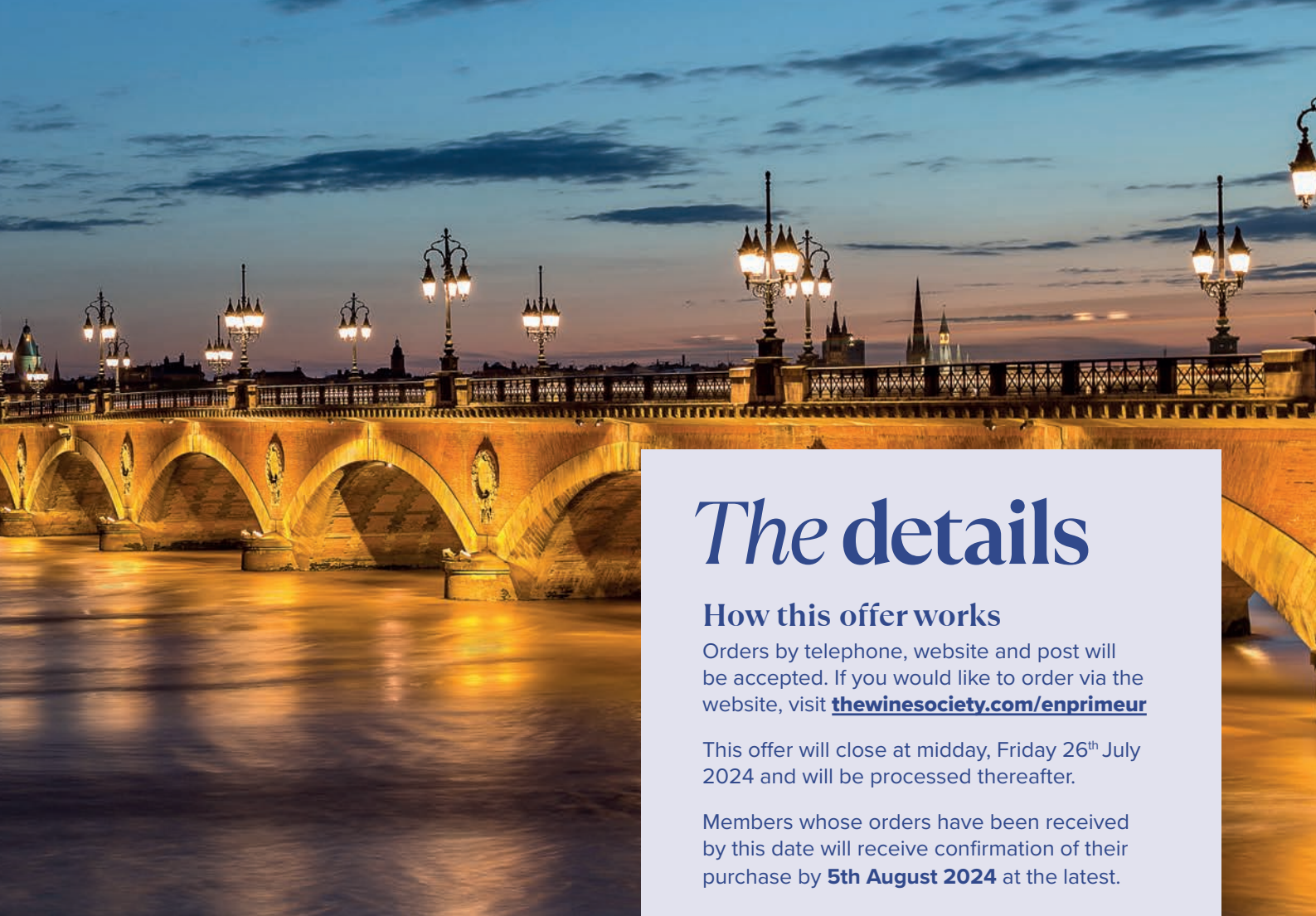
The first half of August was relatively cool, but from middle of the month heatwave conditions set in for over a week, helping the ripening process, followed by another temperature spike in the first ten days of September. Harvesting took place in unhurried manner over an extended period, allowing châteaux to pick their various grape varieties at optimal ripeness.

## Good news on pricing

The top châteaux of Bordeaux this year woke up to the fact that, for the 2023 en primeur campaign to be a success, prices needed a substantial readjustment downwards. The challenging economic climate, allied to generous yields (with certain exceptions due to mildew) have ensured that prices for most of

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the top-flight wines have come down significantly this year. At the more affordable end of the spectrum, it's harder for châteaux to drop their prices as margins are already tight, so most properties in this category have made more modest reductions. The quality of the vintage and welcome, realistic pricing offers an opportunity for members to stock up on delicious wines that will provide many years of drinking pleasure.

# The details

## How this offer works

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Members whose orders have been received by this date will receive confirmation of their purchase by **5th August 2024** at the latest.

## If demand exceeds supply

The Society has long relationships with many of the producers in this offer and access to good quantities of wine. It is possible however that demand may exceed supply for some individual wines. If this happens, we share out the available stock equally amongst ordering members (sometimes down to one bottle per member). Ordering large quantities of a wine will therefore not increase your chances of obtaining some. If this still does not allow every member to have some wine, then as a final resort we allocate the available stock by groupings. These are calculated via members' level of support for The Wine Society (taking into consideration quantity of wine bought, spend and also any unsuccessful orders from previous offers). Members who have given greater support to The Society will therefore have a better chance (but no certainty) of being allocated wine, and those who have given less support will have a lesser chance (but still a chance).

The wines will arrive in summer 2026. Please see the website for more precise timings nearer the time. Once the wines arrive, members may opt to have them delivered within the UK or stored in Members' Reserves.

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# Red Dozens

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CB7131	<b>Château Pey La Tour Réserve, Bordeaux Supérieur</b>	From the heart of the Entre-Deux-Mers, very few wines produce the consistent value, quality and character of Pey La Tour Réserve. With appealingly soft tannins and sweet fruit character, this merlot fruit-driven wine delivers plush texture and a lingering finish. Drink from 2028 to 2034. 14.5%	<b>£68 per dozen bottles</b>
CB7091	<b>Nectar de Château de La Grave, Bourg – Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	Nectar is the top wine from member-favourite Château de la Grave. Made from 100% merlot and aged in small French oak barrels, it comes from vines planted on the estate's best terroirs. The 2023 has deep colour and displays bags of crunchy, scented dark fruit. Tannins are soft and plump, and the overall effect is one of balance and harmony. Excellent value. Drink from 2028 to 2036. 14.5%	<b>£80 per dozen bottles</b>
CB7121	<b>Château Reynon Rouge, Cadillac</b>	This wine forms part of the excellent Dubourdiou portfolio. Majority merlot (75%) with an additional 10% cabernet sauvignon and 15% cabernet franc, this has a delightful aroma and juicy, black cherry flavour with a lingering finish. An excellent buy as ever. Drink from 2027 to 2036. 13%	<b>£90 per dozen bottles</b>
CB7101	<b>Château Ampélia, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	An appetising old-vine blend of 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc from François Despagne's excellent little property on the Saint-Philippe d'Aiguilhe plateau. With dark-fruit perfume and grainy texture on the palate, this will gain in complexity with time in bottle. Good value. Drink from 2028 to 2038. 14.5%	<b>£95 per dozen bottles</b>
CM31801	<b>Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc</b>	With deep colour and a scented blueberry nose, this has bags of energy and freshness. The blend of 58% cabernet, 34% merlot, 8% petit verdot and a smidge of malbec has produced a wine with proper Médoc structure which will repay keeping. One of the best-value Médocs we buy. Drink from 2029 to 2039. 13%	<b>£95 per dozen bottles</b>
CM31781	<b>Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc</b>	Lower yields than average this year which meant good concentration, but charm too. Lovely brambly perfume on the nose and refreshing dark-fruit character on the palate. Beaumont never fails to provide classic Médoc character with consistent quality at the right price. Drink from 2027 to 2034. Magnums (CM31784 @£104 per six) and halves (CM31782 @£55 per dozen) available. 13.5%	<b>£102 per dozen bottles</b>
CB7111	<b>Madame du Château de Pitray, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	This is the top wine from a fairytale château now run by the 23rd generation of the de Boigne family, Jean, ably assisted by winemaker Nina Mitjavile. Combining supple, fleshy fruit and sweet ripe tannins the wine is everything one could wish for from this highly regarded property. Drink from 2028 to 2036. 14.5%	<b>£110 per dozen bottles</b>

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# Red Half Dozens

£60 to £100

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM31831	<b>Château Dutruch Grand-Poujeaux, Moulis-en-Médoc</b>	Another record dry year at Dutruch has produced a refined, well-balanced Moulis. Classic cabernet perfume and bilberry and cedar notes on the palate, with great poise and freshness on the finish from one of our favourite Médoc estates. Drink from 2029 to 2040. 13.5%	<b>£60 per six bottles</b>
CS13331	<b>Château Puygueraud, Francs - Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	A member favourite for decades, Puygueraud consistently offers age-worthy, serious wines at remarkably good prices. The latest release is deeply coloured and reveals fleshy, ripe merlot fruit and notes of black cherry and dark chocolate. Tannins are layered and mouthwatering. The blend is 90% merlot, 9% cabernet franc and 1% malbec. Drink from 2028 to 2038. 14.5%	<b>£62 per six bottles</b>
CM31771	<b>Clos Floridène Rouge, Graves</b>	A pure and vibrant blend of majority cabernet sauvignon with the balance merlot. Infused with ripe, succulent damson fruit character and a sweet, spicy textured finish. Benchmark Graves and one of the standout wines from the Dubourdieu stable. Drink from 2027 to 2038. 13%	<b>£70 per six bottles</b>
CS13371	<b>Château Peymouton, Saint-Emilion</b>	A good-value, scented right-bank claret from a well-sited property close to the town of Saint-Emilion, this blend of 90% merlot and 10% cabernets displays lifted, vibrant red berry fruit character and grainy tannins. A well-balanced claret for mid-term enjoyment. 13.5%	<b>£72 per six bottles</b>
CM31811	<b>Château Lanessan, Haut-Médoc</b>	Located just south of Beychevelle this 'mini Saint-Julien' under the control of winemaker Pierre Delage has produced an impressive 2023. With building tannins and bright acidity complementing the medium-to-full palate, the kirsch and cranberry notes intertwine with spice and wild herb notes. A consistent buy and a wine that ages well. Drink from 2028 to 2038. 13%	<b>£72 per six bottles</b>
CS13351	<b>La Chenade, Lalande-de-Pomerol</b>	Part of the Durantou family stable alongside Pomerol superstar Eglise Clinet, La Chenade's sandy-gravel soils have helped produce a vibrant, refreshing Lalande de Pomerol with fine tannins and attractive texture. The fruit is pure and juicy with flavours of red cherry and pomegranate and complementary spice notes. A delicious merlot at an appealing price. Drink from 2027 to 2036. 14.3%	<b>£75 per six bottles</b>
CB7071	<b>Château d'Aiguilhe, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	Attractive lifted, crunchy red-fruit character are the hallmark elements of this year's Aiguilhe, from the same stable as Châteaux Canon La Gaffelière and La Mondotte in Saint-Emilion. More elegant than concentrated, the wine should drink well throughout its drink window. Drink from 2029 to 2038. 14%	<b>£78 per six bottles</b>
CS13361	<b>Château de Fonbel, Saint-Emilion</b>	Owned by Alain Vauthier (proprietor of Ausone), and with vineyards on gently sloping sandy soils, Fonbel has built a keen following thanks to its purity of fruit, effortless easy-drinking style and fine value for money. The 2023 is a blend of 64% merlot, 28% cabernet sauvignon and 8% carmenère, displaying seductive texture and spiced blackberry character. Unquestionably a crowd-pleaser. Drink from 2029 to 2038. 13.7%	<b>£80 per six bottles</b>
CB7141	<b>Château Montlandrie, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux</b>	Attractive red-fruit character from the Durentou sisters' excellent property in the Castillon. The higher proportion of cabernets in this year's blend (25% sauvignon and 20% franc) lends the wine increased freshness, depth of flavour and structure. Displays notes of violets, bilberries and bitter chocolate, with finely honed, linear tannins. Drink from 2029 to 2038. 14.5%	<b>£83 per six bottles</b>

Vineyards at Château Angludet



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Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM31991	<b>Château La Garde Rouge, Pessac-Léognan</b>	Located next door to Latour-Martillac, La Garde is one of Pessac-Léognan's great-value wines and the quality has soared since the installation of a new state-of-the-art winery. The 2023 is generous and floral with ripe tannins and plenty of savoury oak spice from 33% new oak barriques. The addition of a small percentage of press wine adds great texture. Drink from 2029 to 2039. 13.2%	<b>£93</b> per six bottles
CS13341	<b>Château Les Cruzelles, Lalande-de-Pomerol</b>	Part of the mightily impressive Durantou stable, the 2023 Les Cruzelles shows great purity and focus on the nose with a dense, dark-fruit profile, chocolate notes on the palate and supple tannins, judicious use of oak (55% new) and plenty of spice. The finish is long and lifted with a real touch of class. Often a good buy and especially so in 2023. Drink from 2028 to 2038. 14.5%	<b>£97</b> per six bottles
CM31901	<b>Château Ormes de Pez, Saint-Estèphe</b>	A classically framed Saint-Estèphe this year from the Cazes family's northern Médoc estate. The wine reveals a tightly wound core of firm cabernet fruit and powdery tannins. This will take some time to reach its peak, but patience will certainly be rewarded. Drink from 2031 to 2040. 13.5%	<b>£100</b> per six bottles

## Red Half Dozens £100 to £150

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM31951	<b>Château Capbern, Saint-Estèphe</b>	An intense, dark-fruited Capbern with 69% cabernet sauvignon at its core, offering spiced blackcurrants, liquorice and wild herb character. The cabernet is complemented by 29% merlot, offering supple tannins and mid-palate weight, with cabernet franc and petit verdot in support. The tannins are ripe and powerful and lend structure to the fruit. Drink from 2029 to 2040. 14.6%	<b>£101</b> per six bottles
CM31741	<b>Baron de Brane, Margaux</b>	The second wine of Henri Lurton's star Margaux property Brane Cantenac is always a good buy. Supple and mouthwatering, this elegant and appetising wine has lovely balance and mouthfeel, with a cool, satisfying finish. Drink from 2028 to 2038. 13.8%	<b>£102</b> per six bottles
CM32141	<b>Château Le Crock, Saint-Estèphe</b>	Under the same ownership as Château Léoville Poyferré in Saint-Julien, Le Crock is afforded the same care and attention as its more illustrious stablemate. The 2023 is a benchmark example of Saint-Estèphe, with firm but refined tannins and appealing graphite and blueberry notes on the palate and a savoury finish. Drink from 2029 to 2039. 13.5%	<b>£102</b> per six bottles
CM31851	<b>Lacoste Borie, Pauillac</b>	A succulent, well-balanced Pauillac with cool red berry fruit and approachable, well-judged tannins. Always good value, the second wine from Grand-Puy-Lacoste is a crowd-pleaser which never disappoints. This year's blend is 56% cabernet sauvignon, 33% merlot and 11% cabernet franc. Drink from 2029 to 2039. 13.2%	<b>£111</b> per six bottles
CM31941	<b>Château Meyney, Saint-Estèphe</b>	One of the best-value and consistently good-quality wines of the Médoc, the 2023 Meyney is a savoury blend of 50% dense cabernet sauvignon and 38% polished merlot, with the balance petit verdot. The three varieties combine to convey a strong sense of place – classic Saint-Estèphe. Drink from 2030 to 2042. 13.5%	<b>£114</b> per six bottles
CM32151	<b>Château Moulin Riche, Saint-Julien</b>	The best grapes of this vineyard used to be included in Léoville-Poyferré, which is under the same ownership. Now they contribute entirely to this savoury yet richly fruited Saint-Julien that reveals flavours of spiced blackberry jam and light herbal notes. The powdery tannins add structure and grip on the finish. Drink from 2029 to 2039. 13.4%	<b>£117</b> per six bottles

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Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM31961	<b>Château Belgrave, Haut-Médoc</b>	With classic, savoury restrained cabernet sauvignon bouquet, and cassis notes on the palate, this is benchmark left-bank claret with pure, well-judged fruit, grainy tannins and a long, cool, fresh finish. Drink from 2031 to 2043. 13%	<b>£117 per six bottles</b>
CM31791	<b>Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc</b>	Among the best-value cru classés of the Médoc and a perennial member favourite, Cantemerle's 2023 is another resounding success. Plush and perfumed on the nose with sweet cedar and nutmeg aromas from 35% new oak, with rich, fleshy fruit on the palate alongside firm tannins that will soften and integrate in time. Drink from 2028 to 2040. Magnums (CM31794 @£122 per three) and halves (CM31792 @£125 per dozen) available. 13%	<b>£121 per six bottles</b>
CM31981	<b>Le Petit Ducru Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien</b>	With deep colour and a fragrant, dark-fruit nose, this is an impressive effort from Bruno Borie's team. Plush textured merlot (72%) combines with pure, cool cabernet sauvignon (24%) and petit verdot (4%) to produce a mouthwatering whole. Polished and attractive. Drink from 2028 to 2037. 13.7%	<b>£123 per six bottles</b>
CM31821	<b>Château Chasse-Spleen, Moulis-en-Médoc</b>	One of Moulis' top estates, the 2023 Chasse-Spleen was a standout value pick during our primeurs visit, not only for its purity of fruit but also for its consistency across several tastings. This is a classy, classically honed Moulis with an impressive perfume of dried flowers, redcurrant and tobacco. Grainy tannins and crisp acidity lead to a long, savoury finish that will ensure a long life. Drink from 2030 to 2040. Magnums (CM31824 @£127 per three) available. 13%	<b>£126 per six bottles</b>
CM32011	<b>Château Siran, Margaux</b>	A delicious Siran this year and a standout wine at its price level, this has perfume, charm and supple, velvety texture. A blend of 49% merlot, 41% cabernet sauvignon and 10% petit verdot it displays all the character that defines the best wines of Margaux. A fine effort from the Mialhe family property, it showed consistently well on the several occasions that we tasted it en primeur. Drink from 2029 to 2042. 14%	<b>£126 per six bottles</b>
CS13301	<b>Château Grand Corbin-Despagne, Saint-Emilion</b>	2023 was a vintage where the top sites of Saint-Emilion produced exceptional wines. The Despagne family is one of the oldest on the right bank and the quality of their terroir is clear to see with this polished and pure Saint-Emilion that reveals fine powdery tannins and scented redcurrant and cherry notes. Drink from 2030 to 2040. 13.5%	<b>£128 per six bottles</b>
CM32101	<b>Château Sociando Mallet, Haut-Médoc</b>	An exceptionally good wine this year which reveals a scented bouquet of violets, sage and vanilla and plenty of mid-palate weight of fruit. The tannins are ripe and grainy, and the wine is impressively long on the palate. We rarely buy this wine en primeur, but were particularly impressed by the purity of fruit and depth of flavour of the 2023. Drink from 2031 to 2041. 13.5%	<b>£130 per six bottles</b>
CM32041	<b>Château Gloria, Saint-Julien</b>	One of the more instantly appealing wines we tried during the primeurs week of tastings. Plush and moreish on the palate, the tannins are ripe and layered with fresh acidity and ripe bramble, plum and red-berry fruit. Delicious young but sure to develop savoury cigar box and menthol notes with some age. Drink from 2029 to 2042. 13.3%	<b>£138 per six bottles</b>



## Red Half Dozens £100 to £150

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM32081	<b>Château Latour-Martillac Rouge, Pèssac-Léognan</b>	A consistently good performer of late. The 2023 displays supple crushed berry, grilled nuts and tobacco character. A wine with good mid-palate fruit, backed up by well-judged tannins. Classic Graves with a promising future. Drink from 2029 to 2041. 13.5%	<b>£141 per six bottles</b>
CM31761	<b>Château Angludet, Margaux</b>	Winemaker Ben Sichel included a higher proportion of petit verdot in the 2023 blend providing a supporting link between the merlot and the cabernet sauvignon, and the resulting wine shows lovely rich cassis-fruit character and silky tannins. An attractive, affordable Margaux from this member favourite estate. Drink from 2030 to 2040. Magnums (CM31764 @£145 per three) available. 13.5%	<b>£144 per six bottles</b>
CM31871	<b>Château Haut-Bailly II, Pèssac-Léognan</b>	One of the finest second wines we tasted in a year when some struggled. From the same vineyards as the <i>grand vin</i> , the selection is done purely in the impressive state-of-the-art winery, with this year's wine showing attractive perfume and an exceptionally classy palate with refined tannins, real depth to the mid-palate, and lots of spice. 30% new oak adds great complexity to an already delicious wine that showcases the charms of Pèssac-Léognan. Drink from 2028 to 2039. 14.3%	<b>£150 per six bottles</b>

## Red Half Dozens £150 to £200

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM31841	<b>Château Batailley, Pauillac</b>	A favourite among members, the 2023 Batailley is sure to please followers and newcomers alike. A blend of 79% cabernet sauvignon, 19% merlot, and 2% petit verdot, the cooler growing season compared to 2022 has provided savoury blackcurrant and menthol notes from the cabernet, with the petit verdot adding seductive spice that lingers long on the finish. A refined and concentrated Pauillac. Drink from 2032 to 2044. Magnums (CM31844 @£163 per three) and halves (CM31842 @£166 per dozen) available. 13.5%	<b>£162 per six bottles</b>
CM32121	<b>Château Ferrière, Margaux</b>	Leading proponent of sustainable and biodynamic farming practices, Claire Lurton has made a particularly fragrant Ferrière this year. The wine displays a lightness of touch and vibrancy of fruit that lend it bags of appeal. With 68% scented cabernet sauvignon fruit combining with refined merlot (28%) and complemented by a splash each of petit verdot and cabernet franc for seasoning, this is a classic Margaux. Drink from 2032 to 2044. 13.2%	<b>£162 per six bottles</b>
CM31721	<b>Château Du Tertre, Margaux</b>	An attractively perfumed Margaux with plenty of vibrant, lifted fruit. Displays notes of violets and crushed slate. The palate is well managed with apparent, yet elegant tannins that carry the core of blackberry and bramble notes on the long finish. Drink from 2030 to 2042. 13.5%	<b>£162 per six bottles</b>
CS13311	<b>Château La Pointe, Pomerol</b>	Elegance and freshness this year from Eric Monneret and his team. The 2023 La Pointe marries cool, yet ripe merlot (71%) with 29% cabernet franc adding a spicy edge and structural backbone. A consistently good, well-priced Pomerol from a château that is well worth following. Drink from 2029 to 2042. 14%	<b>£165 per six bottles</b>
CM31881	<b>Château Langoa Barton, Saint-Julien</b>	A polished, friendly Langoa with fresh, crunchy cabernet fruit combining with pure, juicy merlot to produce an appealing, classic take on the vintage. Tannins are precise and well integrated, and the finish is cool and persistent. Plenty to look forward to. Drink from 2030 to 2045. 13%	<b>£177 per six bottles</b>

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CM31701	<b>La Croix de Ducru-Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien</b>	Another impressive Saint-Julien from Bruno Borie and his team. An expressive bouquet of cloves, blood orange and cedar spice. The palate is currently tight and structured and will require time for the 60% new oak to fully integrate, but it is sure to reward those willing to wait. Drink from 2033 to 2040. 13.5%	<b>£183 per six bottles</b>
CM32091	<b>Château Phélan Ségur, Saint-Estèphe</b>	A standout wine this year, packed with perfumed, brambly cabernet fruit. It displays impressively refined tannins and a long finish. Phélan Ségur is certainly a property on the up, thanks to a combination of great terroir and recent investment from its owner of six years, Philippe Van de Vyvere. Drink from 2030 to 2044. 13.5%	<b>£186 per six bottles</b>
CM32021	<b>Château Branaire-Ducru, Saint-Julien</b>	The continued improvement of Branaire-Ducru under the stewardship of Francois-Xavier Maroteaux is highlighted again with this benchmark Saint-Julien, revealing deftly managed tannins and a real clarity to the dark fruit, graphite and savoury oak notes. A blend of 61% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 5.5% cabernet franc and 3.5% petit verdot, this is a classically honed Branaire with the capacity to age. Drink from 2032 to 2044. 13.1%	<b>£193 per six bottles</b>
CM32171	<b>Château Saint-Pierre, Saint-Julien</b>	Plenty of mid-palate fruit here, with density and depth of flavour. A blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon, 17% merlot and 3% petit verdot, the wine reveals notes of violets, bilberries and cracked pepper, with sleek tannins and a cool finish. One of the most underrated wines of the Médoc, and unquestionably a shrewd buy. Drink from 2030 to 2043. 13.1%	<b>£195 per six bottles</b>

*Three generations of the Barton family*



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# Red Half Dozens

£200 to £250

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CM31891	<b>Pichon Comtesse Réserve, Pauillac</b>	Consistently one of the best 'second' wines of the Pauillac appellation, this is a polished, classy cabernet sauvignon-based claret displaying classic cassis and pencil lead character, and a long, cool finish. A well-balanced wine with a bright future. Drink from 2029 to 2040. 13%	<b>£201 per six bottles</b>
CM31711	<b>Château d'Armailhac, Pauillac</b>	Plenty of energy and finesse here, from the same stable as neighbours Clerc Milon and Mouton-Rothschild. The blend this year is 70% refreshing cabernet sauvignon, with 15% rounded merlot, 13% cabernet franc lending freshness and structure. A splash (3%) of petit verdot completes the picture. A savoury Pauillac for mid-term drinking. Drink from 2028 to 2038. 13.7%	<b>£204 per six bottles</b>
CM31731	<b>Château Haut-Batailley, Pauillac</b>	The 2023 from the Cazes family's Haut-Batailley is benchmark Pauillac, showing concentrated blackcurrant alongside cigar box and smoke notes, with coating, savoury tannins and real lift and freshness on the finish. Still tight but showing great potential, this is sure to give much pleasure in years to come. Drink from 2032 to 2046. 13.2%	<b>£216 per six bottles</b>
CS13321	<b>Château Berliquet, Saint-Emilion</b>	Described as an 'amazing terroir' by winemaker Nicolas Audebert (also of Canon and Rauzan-Ségla), Berliquet is starting to show its potential after extensive replanting over his seven years of management, and the addition of a brand-new winery from this vintage. Appealing in its youth with intense lavender and rosemary aromas, but the palate has the structure and density to age. Drink from 2030 to 2042. 14%	<b>£216 per six bottles</b>
CS13391	<b>Château La Serre, Saint-Emilion</b>	Owned by the d'Arfeuille family since the 1950s, this is a property that lies on the limestone plateau of Saint-Emilion, but which flies somewhat under the radar. It produces benchmark Saint-Emilion with the structure and depth of fruit to age. The 2023 is a blend of 73% merlot and 27% cabernet franc, and reveals notes of damsons and wild herbs. Well balanced. Drink from 2028 to 2039. 14%	<b>£220 per six bottles</b>
CM32001	<b>Château d'Issan, Margaux</b>	A wine of poise and elegance, with a higher proportion of cabernet sauvignon than normal this year, adding fragrance and depth of flavour. Tannins are ripe and mouthwatering, and the palate reveals notes of violets, blueberries and pencil shavings. Drink from 2032 to 2045. 13.8%	<b>£225 per six bottles</b>
CM32111	<b>Clos du Marquis, Saint-Julien</b>	A standout wine this year from the brand-new cellar at the property, this has deep colour and plenty of fleshy, vibrant blackcurrant fruit. Under the same ownership as top Saint-Julien Léoville-Las-Cases, it captures the essence of the 2023 vintage with refined, cool fruit backed up by fine-grained tannins. The best Clos du Marquis we've tasted for a long time. Drink from 2032 to 2045. 13.5%	<b>£231 per six bottles</b>
CM31921	<b>Château Talbot, Saint-Julien</b>	Talbot has in recent years been a consistent performer with an unerring ability to produce classically framed, yardstick Saint-Julien with great appeal. In 2023, Talbot has fashioned a savoury, well-structured wine displaying blueberry, coffee and wild herb notes. Tannins are present but not obtrusive. Should age well. Drink from 2031 to 2043. 13%	<b>£231 per six bottles</b>
CM32131	<b>Château Durfort-Vivens, Margaux</b>	Bags of dark fruit and refined tannins from Gonzague Lurton's biodynamically managed château in Margaux. The final blend has a particularly high proportion of cabernet sauvignon this year (92%), which lends the wine impressive intensity of fruit, aromatic complexity and structure, revealing notes of blackberries, sage and tobacco, and a long, pure finish. A lovely Durfort for the long term. Drink from 2034 to 2047. 13.7%	<b>£240 per six bottles</b>

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## Red Half Dozens £250 to £300

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CS13281	<b>Clos du Clocher, Pomerol</b>	A small property making deliciously drinkable wines, Clos du Clocher is located in the heart of the Pomerol plateau and has become a firm favourite among members in recent years, offering great quality and character at a sensible price. This blend of 70% merlot and 30% old vine cabernet franc displays lovely balance of dark fruit, liquorice, and a hint of cloves. Long and aromatic, with finely layered tannins on the finish. Drink from 2029 to 2044. 13.8%	<b>£258 per six bottles</b>
CB7081	<b>Roc de Cambes, Côtes de Bourg</b>	Impressive concentration from Bourg's top wine this year. Maverick owner François Mitjavile (who also owns Saint-Emilion superstar Tertre Roteboeuf) has fashioned a deeply coloured, intense wine revealing notes of bilberry, chocolate and liquorice, with a hint of rosemary on the finish. A wine with bags of personality. Drink from 2029 to 2040. 14.5%	<b>£260 per six bottles</b>
CM31861	<b>Domaine de Chevalier Rouge, Pessac-Léognan</b>	Classic Pessac from one of the region's most consistent estates. The 2023 is perfumed and elegant with aromas of dried herbs, rose petals and cherry. The palate is broad yet finely textured with lightly grained, powdery tannins that coat the palate alongside a concentrated core of black fruit. A smaller percentage of merlot (25%) due to mildew has resulted in a more structured wine that'll take time to open and show its undoubted potential. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 5% petit verdot and 5% cabernet franc complete the blend. Drink from 2030 to 2043. 13%	<b>£275 per six bottles</b>
CS13381	<b>Château Némin, Pomerol</b>	Under the same ownership as Château Léoville-Las-Cases, this is a classic Pomerol with plenty of personality. It reveals restrained notes of plum, bitter chocolate and cinnamon, with finely honed tannins and a long finish. Proper Pomerol with a bright future. Drink from 2031 to 2043. 13.4%	<b>£288 per six bottles</b>

## Red Half Dozens £300 to £342

Ref	Title	Description	Price
CS13401	<b>Château Larcis Ducasse, Saint-Emilion</b>	Very much a classically styled Saint-Emilion, in its youth the 2023 Larcis Ducasse is giving little away, with subtle notes of black cherry, heather and wild thyme. There is considerable intensity of fruit here, which will gradually unwind as the wine matures in bottle. A sleeper. Drink from 2032 to 2045. 14.5%	<b>£300 per six bottles</b>
CS13291	<b>Château Canon-La-Gaffelière, Saint-Emilion</b>	Already showing impressive aromatic expression, Stephan von Neipperg's 2023 Canon La Gaffelière is bursting with aromas of cranberries and wild cherry with layers of dried herbs and cedar. The palate displays finely woven tannins and medium weight of fruit, providing great drinkability. The blend of 45% cabernet franc, 35% merlot and 20% cabernet sauvignon is already expressive, but will develop further complexity with age. Drink from 2031 to 2044. 13%	<b>£302 per six bottles</b>
CM31751	<b>Château Duhart-Milon, Pauillac</b>	A classically styled Pauillac with pure cabernet cassis and tobacco character on the nose and impressive richness of fruit on the mid-palate. The 2023 is one of the best vintages that we've tasted from Duhart, a wine that stood shoulder-to-shoulder when tasted next to its more illustrious stablemate, Lafite Rothschild. A wine of considerable class. Drink from 2031 to 2044. 12.5%	<b>£342 per six bottles</b>

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# Dry Whites

Ref	Title	Description	Price
BW7881	<b>Château Mont-Pérat Blanc, Bordeaux</b>	A zesty blend of 70% sauvignon and 30% semillon, 60% of which is aged in oak, this is a refreshing and elegant dry white from Thibault Despagne's sustainably managed property in the Côtes de Bordeaux. Reminiscent of biting into a Granny Smith apple. Drink from 2025 to 2029. 13.3%	<b>£45 per six bottles</b>
BW7901	<b>Château Rahoul Blanc, Graves</b>	Well-priced white Graves from the Dourthe stable, this is a finely balanced blend of 69% semillon and 31% sauvignon revealing notes of lemon zest and white peach. Lively acidity will ensure the wine remains fresh and mouthwatering throughout its drink window. Drink from 2026 to 2031. 13%	<b>£55 per six bottles</b>
BW7781	<b>Clos Floridène Blanc, Graves</b>	Our top-selling dry white Bordeaux and another success for the Dubourdieu family in 2023. Their Clos Floridène vineyards benefit from old-vine semillon and a high proportion of moisture-retaining limestone, which comes into its own in warm vintages. With lifted notes of citrus and white peach, and harmonious balance, this is delicious example of dry white Graves. Drink from 2026 to 2031. 13.5%	<b>£68 per six bottles</b>
BW7911	<b>Château La Garde Blanc, Pessac-Léognan</b>	Attractive, well-priced dry white that's under the hugely capable hands of Dourthe chief winemaker Frédéric Bonnaffous. Effectively a single vineyard on 100% limestone, the 2023 is a blend of 91% sauvignon and 9% semillon and reveals aromas of lemongrass and peach blossom with a crisp, refreshing palate and subtle oak tones. Drink from 2026 to 2030. 13%	<b>£126 per six bottles</b>
BW7891	<b>Château Latour-Martillac Blanc, Pessac-Léognan</b>	Fresh, aromatic and mouthwatering with a mineral edge, this is a successfully constructed blend of 60% sauvignon blanc and 40% semillon with a hint of toasty oak on the finish. The whites of Latour-Martillac age particularly well in good vintages, and the 2023 is no exception, thanks to its racy acidity. Drink from 2026 to 2032. 13%	<b>£168 per six bottles</b>
BW7801	<b>Domaine de Chevalier Blanc, Pessac-Léognan</b>	Consistently one of Bordeaux's top dry whites, this currently reveals a restrained bouquet with hints of lime zest, peach and almond. The palate is finely balanced, with a mineral texture and fresh acidity, and a cool, precise finish. A classy white Graves which will develop complexity with time in bottle. Drink from 2027 to 2036. 14%	<b>£456 per six bottles</b>



# Sweet Whites

Ref	Title	Description	Price
BW7871	<b>Château Cantegril, Barsac</b>	This popular Barsac property, owned by the Dubourdieu family, is one of the best-value picks from what's looking like an outstanding Sauternes vintage. The nose shows intense grapefruit and citrus-peel aromatics with an unctuous yet refreshing palate with notes of dried apricot, peach, and ginger. A beautiful wine with a long, complex finish that punches well above its weight. Drink from 2026 to 2039. Halves (BW7872 @£82 per dozen) available. 13%	<b>£83 per six bottles</b>
BW7821	<b>Château Haut-Bergeron, Sauternes</b>	A lesser-known château whose wine has become a fixture in our en primeur offers of late. With mid-gold colour and a bouquet of marzipan, apple tarte tatin and mandarin orange, the wine has lovely balance, with honeyed noble rot character on the finish. Mainly semillon, and with a small amount of sauvignon adding freshness on the palate. Drink from 2028 to 2042. Halves (BW7822 @£135 per dozen) available. 13.5%	<b>£115 per six bottles</b>
BW7831	<b>Château Doisy-Védrines, Sauternes</b>	Owned by Olivier Castéja and, although labelled Sauternes, located within Barsac, this is an opulent wine with aromas of nutmeg and cinnamon alongside mango, pineapple and crème brûlée notes on the palate. With 85% semillon at its core, the addition of 12% sauvignon blanc and 3% muscadelle provide lift and added floral perfume to the botrytis notes. Drink from 2027 to 2040. Halves (BW7832 @£165 per dozen) available. 14%	<b>£151 per six bottles</b>
BW7851	<b>Clos Haut Peyraguey, Sauternes</b>	With bright, golden colour and an intense nose of bitter orange marmalade and grapefruit, this was one of the sweeter wines that we encountered from the exceptional 2023 vintage. Plenty of honeyed, noble rot character on the finish. Lovely. Drink from 2029 to 2046. Halves (BW7852 @£177 per dozen) available. 14%	<b>£162 per six bottles</b>
BW7841	<b>Château Coutet, Barsac</b>	An outstanding Barsac from this historic property that leaps from the glass with aromas of honey, candied lime and fresh ginger. The palate is defined by its racy acidity and wonderful tension, with complex white-pepper spice notes. With beautifully balanced sweetness, the finish is refreshing and long. Drink from 2028 to 2045. Halves (BW7842 @£190 per dozen) available. 13.5%	<b>£180 per six bottles</b>

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BW7791	<b>Château Doisy-Daëne, Barsac</b>	The flagship Barsac estate for the great Dubourdieu family who have produced a superb 2023. With intense grapefruit and lemon zest on the nose, the palate exudes class with richness matched by rapier-like acidity and flavours of candied pineapple and lemon curd. Balancing lightness with intensity, this is refined Barsac that will be wonderful throughout its long drink window. Drink from 2027 to 2046. Halves (BW7792 @£190 per dozen) available. 13%	<b>£185 per six bottles</b>
BW7771	<b>Château Rayne-Vigneau, Sauternes</b>	With mid-gold colour and a bouquet of almond pastry and marmalade, this is an excellent result from a château making consistently fine Sauternes. The blend of 80% semillon and 20% sauvignon reveals impressive sweetness on the palate, yet this is balanced by a seam of fresh acidity. Concentrated but harmoniously balanced. Drink from 2028 to 2044. Halves (BW7772 @£220 per dozen) available. 13.5%	<b>£210 per six bottles</b>
BW7861	<b>Château Sigalas Rabaud, Sauternes</b>	Fresh and aromatic, and with appealing energy, this is another fine effort from a well-run classed-growth property. The 100% semillon reveals a perfumed bouquet of caramelised apple, grapefruit and vanilla custard. Sweet but in no way cloying, the wine has a long, honeyed finish. Drink from 2030 to 2045. Halves (BW7862 @£230 per dozen) available. 13.8%	<b>£220 per six bottles</b>

# Mixed cases

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## 2023 Taste of the Vintage

Drink from 2029 to 2034\*

**A 12-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:**

- Château de Fonbel, Saint-Emilion
- Château La Garde Rouge, Pessac-Léognan
- Château Pey La Tour Réserve, Bordeaux Supérieur
- Château Reynon Rouge, Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux
- Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc
- Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc
- Château Ampélia, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
- Château Puygueraud, Francs Côtes de Bordeaux
- Madame de Château de Pitray, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
- Château Lanessan, Haut-Médoc
- Nectar de Château de La Grave, Bourg Côtes de Bordeaux
- Château Dutruch Grand Poujeaux, Moulis-en-Médoc

Ref **OC6276 @£104 SAVING £10**

## 2023 Good-Value Clarets

Drink from 2029 to 2034\*

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

- Château Cissac, Haut-Médoc
- Château Beaumont, Haut-Médoc
- Madame de Château du Pitray, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
- Château de la Grave Nectar, Bourg

Ref **OC6286 @£91 SAVING £5**

## Bordeaux 2023 Old Favourites

Drink from 2032 to 2040\*

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

- Château Angludet, Margaux
- Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc
- Château Batailley, Pauillac

Ref **OC6296 @£132 SAVING £10**

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## 2023 Six Classic Communes

Drink from 2029 to 2037\*

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:

- Château Lacoste Borie, Pauillac
- Château Les Cruzelles, Lalande de Pomerol
- Château Lanessan Haut-Médoc
- Château Le Crock, Saint-Estèphe
- Le Petit Ducru de Ducru Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien
- Château Siran, Margaux

Ref OC6306 @£95 **SAVING £10**

## 2023 Smart Classics

Drink from 2032 to 2039\*

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following six red wines:

- Château Batailley Pauillac
- Château La Pointe, Pomerol
- Château Gloria, Saint-Julien
- Haut Bailly II, Pessac-Léognan
- Château Grand Corbin-Despaigne, Saint-Emilion
- Château d'Issan, Margaux

Ref OC6316 @£151 **SAVING £10**

## Bordeaux 2023 Magnum Classics

Drink from 2032 to 2043\*

A three-magnum case containing one of each of the following three red wines:

- Château Angludet, Margaux
- Château Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc
- Château Batailley, Pauillac

Ref OC6376 @£133 **SAVING £5**

We have put together two mixed cases of top wines for members wanting to try a bottle of each without committing to a whole case, at a favourable price.

## 2023 Class Acts

Drink from 2034 to 2048\*

A three-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

- **Château Lynch Bages, Pauillac**  
*With deep colour and a bouquet revealing notes of blackcurrant, tar and a hint of graphite, this is a wine of considerable appeal and classic Pauillac character.*
- **Château Léoville Barton, Saint-Julien**  
*Perfect balance of rich cassis fruit with enchanting perfume and finely judged tannins. Long and focused.*
- **Château Brane-Cantenac, Margaux**  
*A standout wine during our tastings this year. Scented Margaux revealing dark berry fruit aromas with thyme and coffee notes.*

Ref OC6356 @£170

## 2023 Top Classed Growths

Drink from 2035 to 2050\*

A three-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:

- **Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac**  
*With a pure, subtle nose of black fruit and baking spices, the palate is tight and mineral but with a juiciness to the fruit that lends considerable charm.*
- **Château Montrose, Saint-Estèphe**  
*Gorgeously mouth-filling and full-bodied with a bewitching perfume and juicy, layered tannins. One of the wines of the vintage.*
- **Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien**  
*Packed with intense blueberry fruit, with a hint of pencil shavings and bitter chocolate. Succulent, polished tannins complete the picture.*

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# Mixed Cases continued

## 2023 Sauternes and Barsac Case

**Drink from 2029 to 2040\***

**A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:**

- Château Coutet, Barsac
- Château Doisy Daëne, Barsac
- Château Doisy-Védrières, Sauternes
- Clos Haut Peyraguey, Sauternes
- Château Haut-Bergeron, Sauternes
- Château Rayne Vigneau, Sauternes

**Ref OC6346 @£157 SAVING £10**

## 2023 Sauternes and Barsac Halves

**Drink from 2030 to 2040\***

**A 12-half bottle case containing two halves of each of the following six sweet wines:**

- Château Doisy Daëne, Barsac
- Château Coutet, Barsac
- Château Haut-Bergeron, Sauternes
- Château Rayne Vigneau, Sauternes
- Château Sigalas Rabaud, Sauternes
- Château Doisy-Védrières, Sauternes

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