

Cellar List

This list reflects what we love to drink and, in part, is unashamedly old fashioned. France makes some of the best wine in the world and the two standout regions for centuries have been Bordeaux and Burgundy. We have selected wines from these regions as well as others that are the best examples of their kind.

Red

Bordeaux

Chateau Potensac, Medoc 2000 55

The characteristics of the 2000 vintage are amply displayed here - an immense nose of cedar wood and bramble fruit, dense cassis on the palate, and a beautifully rounded finish. Full-bodied, powerful.

Chateau Chasse-Spleen, Moulis-en-Medoc 2006 60

Typical left bank Bordeaux, rich in Merlot, deep colour, lots of fruit, softening tannins but holding its structure. This is very drinkable.

Chateau Pierhem, Pomerol 2000 75

100% Merlot delivering roundness with a velvet taste. In 2000. Pierre-Emmanuel Janoueix took over from his father and this was his first vintage. Elegant notes of wood, cocoa, flowers, delicate spices and a touch of game.

Chateau Talbot, St Julien 2003 90

Black olive tapenade intermixed with red and black currants, new saddle leather, liquorice and spice aromas. Medium-bodied, juicy, succulent, fully mature 2003. 'There is no reason to defer your gratification any longer' says Robert Parker. A marvellous Grand Cru Classé that is perfect for drinking now.

Burgundy

Vosne Romanee Domaine Chezeaux 2013 60

Rich, dark but feminine fruits are packed into this lovely opulent wine. A cracking red burgundy that lives up to its price tag.

Rhone

Clos Des Papes 2004, Chateauneuf-du-Pape 80

Paul Avril is one of THE great makers of Rhone wines. Massive, long, Blackberry, cherry, liquorice, almost smokey; smooth, supple. Totally gorgeous but do let us decant it for twenty minutes to open it out.

Languedoc

Mas de Daumas Gassac 2006 60

Described as the 'Lafite of the Languedoc'. Generous intense bouquet of dark fruits, blackcurrant, with spicy notes. Harmonious palate, fruits, good tannins, elegant finish. 2006 has been called their best ever vintage.

Cafayate, Argentina

Altimus, Michel Torino Cafayate 2011 47

61% Malbec, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc. This is made high in the Andes and is MASSIVE. Without cheese or red meat, the fruit, oak and alcohol may overwhelm the delicate drinker.

White

Burgundy

Rully, Domaine La Tour de Brully, Clos des Mollepierres 2013 40

Vibrant and full yellow in colour with a very expressive, fruit driven, typically Burgundian note on the nose. Relatively forward and rich in texture but with a vibrant backbone of acidity keeping everything in check.

Meursault Domaine Cornu 2014 60

Elegant, rich, buttery, enormous in both nose and taste yet refined and sophisticated. For some Meursault is THE white burgundy and this is a great example.

Rhone

Chateau de Beaucastel 2005, Chateauneuf-du-Pape 80

Straw gold color, coating the glass. Grapefruit, butterscotch, apricot, wet stone, golden raisin scents. Minerality but with honeydew accents. Long finish with oxidised apple. 80% Roussanne, 20% White Grenache, this wine develops a characteristic, rich oxidized flavour after 7 years and is now perfect to drink.