

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.

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.

Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara County, California 2015 50

One of our favourite wines and truly a fantastic example of a great chardonnay. Creamy & buttery taste with a well rounded fruit flavour, this is a wine to be enjoyed. Goes well with poultry dishes.

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.