







## Château Domaine de Chevailler 1986

Region:Bordeaux Area:Graves Classification:Crus Classés

lusciously fruity, round, and generous .90 Parker pts.

€ 175 pb

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# Château Haut Bailly 1988

Region:Bordeaux Area:Graves Classification:Crus Classés

Enormously thick, dense and tannic, this subtle Bordeaux is rich, intense and deeply concentrated, with layers of currant, cedar, spice and vanilla flavors that unfold gently on the palate. Needs cellaring until 2000. Wine Spectator 89pts Parker 89pts

€ 140 pb

# Château Palmer 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:Margaux Classification:Troisièmes grands crus classés A well-crafted red with beautiful structure. Dark ruby-garnet in color, with a lot of violet and earth aromas. Full-bodied, with loads of silky tannins and a long, sweet fruit finish. Has always been outstanding; 90pts, Wine Spectator. Parker 89pts.

€ 240 pb

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## Château la Lagune 1989

Region:Bordeaux Area:Médoc Classification:Troisièmes grands crus classés

An extremely friendly '89. Good dark-ruby color. Seductive aromas of berries, flowers and vanilla. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a berry, coconut and milk chocolate aftertaste.--1989 Bordeaux horizontal. Best after 2003. -JS Wine Spectator. Parker 90pts

€ 109 pb

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# Château Batailley 1986

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pauillac Classification: Cinquieme Cru Classe

Dark ruby/purple with hints of melted licorice, underbrush, black currants, and cedar, this is a surprisingly elegant, mid-weight Medoc with relatively high tannins, old-style, classic austerity, and the need for some bottle age. Give it 3-4 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 15-16 years. *Robert Parker 89pts*.

An elegant wine, with a wonderful concentration of currant, tobacco and blackberry flavors that join up with hints of pepper and cedar on the finish. - Wine Spectator

€ 95 pb

#### Château Lalande 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pauillac Classification:Deuxièmes grands crus classés

I have had this wine a half-dozen times over the last eleven months, and have rated it either 98, 99, or 100 on every occasion. It is a fully mature, sumptuous, gloriously perfumed, luxuriously rich Pauillac the likes of which are rarely encountered. The color is a dark plum/ruby with amber at the edge. Spectacular aromatics offer up cedar, smoke, jammy black and red fruits, minerals, licorice, and toast. Unctuously-textured and full-bodied, with low acidity, fabulously sweet, rich fruit, surprising definition for a wine of such lushness and intensity, this is one of the vintage's most compelling and profound efforts. It has been delicious since birth, but absolutely stupendous over the last decade. How much longer can it hold onto its magic? My guess is that it should be consumed over the next 5-7 years. A voluptuous red. Very dark ruby-garnet. Aromas of currant, meat and berries. Full-bodied and velvety, with lovely ripe berry and earth and a long, ripe finish of caressing texture. This has always been a great wine. I marvel at it each time I

taste it.-1982 Bordeaux horizontal. Drink now. 95pts-JS Wine Spectator.

Magnum € 1200

75cl € 825 pb

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#### Château Latour 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pauillac Classification: 1er Cru Classe

Dense, opaque garnet-colored 1982 Latour reveals slight amber at the edge. Sweet, smoky, roasted aromas in the nose combine with jammy levels of black currant, cherry, and prune-like fruit. It possesses extraordinary concentration and unctuosity, with a thick, fat texture oozing notes of cedar wood, tobacco, coffee, and over-ripe fruit. Low acidity as well as high alcohol (for Bordeaux) give the wine even more glycerin and textural chewiness. The finish lasts forever. The only Latour that remotely resembles the 1982 is the 1961, which has a similar texture and succulence. *RobertParker100pts.Anticipated maturity: now-2040. Wine Spectator, 98pts.* 

€ 1550 pb

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#### Château Latour 1988

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pauillac Classification: 1er Cru Classe

The best showing yet for a wine from this under-rated vintage, the dark garnet-colored 1988 Latour reveals slight amber at the edge. A bouquet of melted tar, plums, black currants, cedar, and underbrush is followed by a sweet entry, with medium to full body, excellent ripeness, and mature tannin. It is a classic, elegant Latour with more meaty, vegetable-like flavors than are found in a riper year, such as 1989 and 1990. The 1988 has just begun to enter its plateau of maturity, where it should remain for 25 years. Anticipated maturity: now-2025 . Robert Parker 91 pts.

€ 375 pb

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#### Château Latour 1978

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pauillac Classification:1er Grands Cru classés

Medium garnet-colored with moderate amber at the edge, the 1978 Latour offers a spicy, saddle leather, tobacco, dried herb, earthy nose with sweet fruit trying to poke through. Interestingly, new oak also makes an appearance in the flavors. Medium-bodied, elegant, and fragrant, but possibly beginning to dry out, this fully mature wine requires consumption over the next decade. Anticipated maturity: now-2010 .Robert Parker 90 pts.

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#### Château Latour 1970

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pauillac Classification:Premier grands crus classés A

A bottle from my cellar drunk in late December, 1999, was rated 97. It appeared to have at least two decades of life remaining. Readers who purchase old vintages of great wines, regardless of whether they are Bordeaux, Burgundy, and California Cabernet, need to remember the expression, "there are no great wines, just great bottles" particularly after a wine reaches 30 years of age. 89 *Parker pts.* 

€ 600 pb

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#### Château La Conseillante 1986

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pomerol

Just what you expect from top-class Pomerol. Complex fruit, mint and leather aromas are followed by rich, smooth, almost chocolaty flavors and soft tannins. Chewy and long-lasting on the finish. *93 pts WS*.

Magnum € 600

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## Château Lafleur Petrus 1985

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pomerol

The 1985 La Fleur Petrus is fruity, stylish, suave, and tasty. It exhibits good ripeness, medium body, an aromatic bouquet, and a soft, velvety finish. 86pts Wine Spectator

€ 115 pb

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## Château Petit Village 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pomerol Quantities 12

Fleshy, complex, smoky, caramel, jammy style. It does not appear to have budged in its evolution over the last ten years, yet has not lost any of its fat, succulence, charm, or allure ... such are the mysteries and glories of the evolution of Bordeaux. Although still fragile, the rich 1982 Petit Village is full of fruit and complexity. Enjoy it over the next 4-5 years. *Parker 90pts*.

€ 185 pb

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## Beycheville 1975

Early in this wine's life, it tasted precocious and forward for the normally tannic, hard wines of the vintage. However, this wine has now firmed up, and it should turn out to be the longest-lived Beychevelle of the seventies. Dark ruby, with a ripe, spicy, leather-and-black currant-scented bouquet, this full-bodied, weighty, muscular Beychevelle is atypically powerful. *Parker 86 pts.* 

€ 120 pb

# Gruaud Larose 1975

Region; Bordeaux Area St Julien

This massive, backward wine appears to resist aging. Still bitterly tannic, impressively-colored (dark garnet with no amber), and monstrous on the palate, this wine will either turn out like the outstanding 1928 and begin to reveal some charm and character around age 40, or it will dry out, much like the 1948. It needs another 5-10 years of cellaring. The excruciatingly painful level of tannin makes this wine an enigma. It is likely to be appreciated only by the most patient Bordeaux enthusiasts. I would not be surprised to see some wine writer touting its greatness around 2025, long after most of it had been consumed and found to be pleasureless. Owners should try not to touch a bottle before 2005. *Parker 89pts* 

€ 160 pb

## Chateau Petrus 1975

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pomerol

The 1975 Petrus reveals a youthful, rustic, brutally powerful style, with an opaque garnet/ruby/purple color, and an emerging nose of over-ripe black-cherries, mocha/chocolate, and truffles. Extremely full-bodied, ferociously tannic, but awesomely concentrated, the 1975 Petrus can be drunk, provided readers have a penchant for slightly uncivilized wines. This behemoth Petrus (the last made in this style) is at least a decade away from full maturity. It is potentially a 50 year wine, with exquisite concentration and intensity. 98 Parker pts

€ 2360 pb

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# Château Trotanoy 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:Pomerol

A bottle from my cellar was close to full maturity, exhibiting plenty of amber to its dense ruby/garnet color in addition to abundant sweet black cherry fruit, smoky, mineral, earth, and dried herb aromas. Fleshy, spicy, and full-bodied, with the vintage's tell-tale succulence, high glycerin, and low acidity giving the wine a fat, plush personality, this 1982

should drink well for another decade, although it is clearly within its plateau of maturity. 95 Parker pts.+ WS.

€ 500 pb

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# Chateau L'Angelus 1985

Region:Bordeaux Area; St Emilion Classification:Premier grands crus classes A

The 1985 is a seductively smooth, supple, broadly flavored wine with aromas and flavors of berry fruit and herbs. Full-bodied, concentrated, and delicious, this luscious, fully mature wine. 87 

\*\*Robert Parker pts\*\*

€ 195 pb

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# Château Pavie 1961

Region:Bordeaux Area:St-Émilion Classification:Premier grands crus classés A

Ripe and fresh. Just what it should be. Deep ruby with red hue. Loads of chocolate, vanilla, tobacco and ripe fruit. Full bodied with lots of velvety tannins and a long finish. Wine Spectator. 90pts

A 50-year wine, this opaque purple-colored offering exhibits a strong, precise nose of black fruits, liquid minerals, smoke, and graphite. Extremely full-bodied, yet brilliantly delineated, powerful, and awesomely concentrated, it boasts a fabulous mid-palate as well as a finish that lasts for nearly a minute. This vin de garde requires 5-6 years of cellaring. A tour de force in winemaking. *Robert Parker 95pts* 

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# Château Ducru Beaucaillou 1970

Region:Bordeaux Area:St-Julien Classification:Deuxièmes grands crus classés

Shows outstanding structure and definition. New oak comes through in the coffee and plum aromas and the palate is firm and concentrated, with delicious blackberry flavors. Hold until 2000 for it to soften and bloom.—Ducru-Beaucaillou vertical. *92pts WS+Parker pts* 

€ 175 pb

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# Château Gruaud Larose 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:St-Julien Classification:Deuxièmes grands crus classés One of the best wines ever made at this estate. Dense ruby color with a slight amber edge. Intense grape, berry and raspberry aromas. Full-bodied, with loads of velvety tannins and a long, ripe fruit and mineral aftertaste.--1982 Bordeaux horizontal. Drink now. -94 pts JS, Wine Spectator.96 Parker pts

€ 850 pb

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#### Château Léoville las cases 1970

Region:Bordeaux Area:St-Julien Classification:Deuxièmes grands crus classés

Lean and focused, with well-articulated currant and berry flavors that lie gently on the palate. Has elegance and flavors that persist. 90pts Wine Spectator,

€ 175 pb

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### Château Talbot 1982

Region:Bordeaux Area:St-Julien Classification:Quatrièmes grands crus classés

An outstanding Talbot in a great year. Big and showy, with extremely rich cassis and cherry aromas and flavors and full, ripe tannins. 92pts Wine Spectator. 93 Parker pts

€ 220 pb

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## Chapelle Chambertin Ponsot 1990

Region:Burgundy Area:Côte de Nuits Classification:(AOC) Chambertin

Gorgeous. Ripe and refined Pinot fruit is the hallmark of this full-bodied, smooth-tannined seducer, with sirenlike currant, mineral, spice, mocha, smoke and game notes that would make many a Burgundy aficionado swoon. Best from 2003 through 2010.. – 90pts Wine Spectator. 87 Parker pts

€ 540 pb

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# VosneRomanee aux Malconsorts 1985 Magnum

Region:Burgundy Area:Côte de Nuits Classification:

€ 600 pb

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# Vosne Romanee Leroy 1978

Region:Burgundy Area:Côte de Nuits Classification:

€ 335 pb

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## And for your Salmon......

# Pinot gris hommage a Georgette 1996 White wine Region:Alsace Blanc

The outstanding 1996 Pinot Gris Hommage a Georgette Trimbach is a magnificent wine with huge potential. Its sublime aromatics reveal poached pears dripping with honey and a myriad of spices. On the palate it is broad, crammed with candied white fruits, and medium-to-full-bodied. It is wonderfully ripe, impeccably balanced, and satisfies both the hedonistic desire for opulence as well as the intellectual requirement for nuance. The Trimbachs are planning to release this superb Pinot Gris in 2000, when they believe it will have begun to absorb its 14 grams of residual sugar (per liter). Anticipated maturity: 2002-2010. Wine Spectator 89 pts. Parker 92 pts.

€ 160 pb

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# La Chablisienne Beauroy 1996

chablis premier cru

This small estate of 15 acres (6 hectares) has produced an excellent 1996 Chablis Beauroy. Its kinky nose - creamy, salty aromas reminiscent of smells found on a fishing boat - is followed by a medium-bodied personality filled with Allspice, anise, minerals, and touches of oak. It is gorgeously ripe, well-balanced, complex, and extremely spicy. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.89 Parker pts

€ 80 pb

# Chassagne Montrachet Niellon 1996

This grand cru is unbelievable, possessing everything I could hope for in a white wine. Is this a candidate to merit a perfect score? The Batard-Montrachet is produced from 49 year old vines. This benchmark setting wine has such deep richness on the nose as to almost instill awe in both the taster's heart and palate. Super-ripe fruits, white flowers, mulling spices and sweet toast soar from the glass. This massive wine is a powerful, broad-shouldered, expansive, and mouth-coating monster that managed to retain extraordinary elegance and delineation - a rare combination to achieve. This full-bodied wine offers of layers hazelnuts, roasted peaches, liquid minerals, and candied pears as well as a seemingly unending finish. It is a grand-slam home run! Projected maturity: *Parker 99* 



# Chassagne Montrachet Morey 1996

While the Chassagne-Montrachet Les Virondots was the qualitative equal to the Morgeot when I tasted it, I feel it has the potential to evolve into a more complete wine. Its bouquet offers white flowers and perfume. The wine is silky-textured, harmonious, medium-to-full-bodied, and feminine with mineral flavors. It should be cellared for 4-5 years and consumed before 2010. As I stated in my report on the 1995 White Burgundies, I have seen continued progress at this estate since the 1992 vintage. 1996 is no exception to this trend as Bernard Mollard (Marc Morey's son-in-law and the estate's director) crafted his finest wines to date. *92 Parker pts* 

€ 75 pb.			

#### Château Coutet 1989 Dessert

Region:Bordeaux Area:Sauternes Classification:Premier grands crus classés A

Lush and viscous, very sweet, showing ripe tropical fruit and lemon flavors and a burning sensation on the finish that reflects good concentration. Drinkable now. 90pts Wine Spectator.

€ 36 pb		

# Château d'Yquem 1983 Dessert

Region:Bordeaux Area:Sauternes Classification:Premiers Crus

Utterly magnificent, a very great wine, certainly the best Yquem since 1975. Every sip brings out another set of nuances, and the aftertaste goes on forever. Deep gold, unbelievably concentrated and flavorful, yet superbly balanced. 97 pts Wine Spectator. 96 Parker pts

€ 540 pb			