



NOBLE ROT
FINE WINE LTD

BORDEAUX 2020

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE WINES
FOR DRINKING

Wine	Price per 12x75cl (in bond)
Château Le Rey 'Les Argileuses'	£96
Château Fourcas Dupre	£110
Château Tour de By	£130
Château d'Aiguilhe	£141
Château Trois Croix	£144
Château Poujeaux	£216
Château Ormes de Pez	£225
Château Siran	£240
Château Clos René	£240
Château Grand Mayne	£330

To save you from having to choose between these exceptional wines, we are also offering: **The Noble Rot 10-case Drinking Parcel**

A parcel made up of a case each of these ten specially-selected clarets for just £1,750!

A Unique Noble Rot Offer

Leading critic Neal Martin hailed 2020 as “an excellent vintage”, noting that “generally the 2020 does form the third in a trilogy of great vintages after 2018 and 2019”. In each of the past two vintages we at Noble Rot have sourced critically acclaimed wines in each vintage which won't break the bank, as well as unearthing vinous gems, too. In this stellar vintage we again present claret lovers with a spectacular, cellar-filling opportunity.

There is a general philosophy that in the excellent vintages, as 2020 is, nearly everyone makes great wine, and so these are the vintages in which us Bordeaux lovers should make sure we secure the more affordable drinking wines. These wines offer exceptional value, as you will see from a slew of impressive critical scores, for a mere fraction of the price of the investment-grade wines that Noble Rot normally offers to our clients.

In spite of the ongoing global pandemic, we have been fortunate to taste hundreds of samples sent from Bordeaux, with this tremendous ten coming out on top. **To save you from having to choose between these super wines, we are also offering a parcel made up of a case each of these brilliant 2020s for £1,750, offering a generous saving on buying cases individually.**

Each of the wines follow the Noble Rot philosophy of offering our clients excellent value for money, with wines ranging from as little as £8 to £27.50 a bottle, in bond. Some of the wines achieve scores as high as 93-95 points from Neal Martin, the leading critical light for the region, scores which normally equate to prices of well over £75 a bottle!

Should you like, we can offer these wines in cases of six magnums, too. This is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on wines which will deliver enormous drinking pleasure in the years to come.

Dominic, Esme & Luciana, June 2021

CRITICAL RATINGS

Each of our ten wines offer exceptional value for money, especially considering the high scores awarded by two of the world's top wine critics:



Scores in **red** are by
NEAL MARTIN
Vinous



Scores in **green** are by
JAMES SUCKLING
JamesSuckling.com

The Noble Rot Offer *All prices are in bond*

CHÂTEAU LE REY 'LES ARGILEUSES'

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
£96 per 12 bottles in Bond



Château Le Rey is was our bargain find of the last vintage and delivers remarkably once more. Le Rey sits atop Sainte-Colombe, a little hamlet east of Saint-Emilion with the same mix of clay atop limestone that gives rise to some of Saint-Emilion's best 1er Grand Cru Classé vineyards like Canon. 'Les Argileuses' is crafted in a Burgundian manner, expressing the essence of its individual terroir plots. 80% merlot & 20% cabernet franc are fermented in clay amphora delivering gorgeous mineral freshness, red berry fruit and soft tannins - supremely elegant for a Castillon. A total steal & must buy at £8 a bottle!

CHÂTEAU FOURCAS DUPRE

Cru Bourgeois - Lustrac-Médoc
£110 per 12 bottles in Bond



Earning a tremendous 91-93 points from Neal Martin for a wine that is £9 a bottle, this is a brilliant little Lustrac, with hedgerow berries, cedar wood and blood orange on the nose. On the palate there is very good tension between acidity and tannins and very good length. The Château encompasses some of the most gravel-heavy soils in the region, as well as good deposits of clay & limestone which were crucial in this hotter vintage. Neal Martin put it best in his review of the wine when he said, "this is classic Lustrac that should age with style".

CHÂTEAU TOUR DE BY

Cru Bourgeois - Médoc
£130 per 12 bottles in Bond



Jane Anson put it best in her book "Inside Bordeaux" when she wrote, "Ch La Tour de By is pretty much the epitome of classic claret, a consistent Cru Bourgeois offering well-balanced, structured black fruits with cedar ageing." Offering easily some of the best value in the Médoc, this organically farmed estate offers spectacular views over the Gironde, a spot incidentally where 15th-century English soldiers were garrisoned during the Hundred Years War. Blueberry, blackberry, lavender & dried herbs linger long on the persistent finish making this a triumph at under £11 a bottle.

CHÂTEAU D'AIGUILHE

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux
£141 per 12 bottles in Bond



Owned by Stephan von Neipperg who also owns several prominent Saint-Emilion properties including Château Canon-La-Gaffelière, Clos de l'Oratoire, Chateau Peyreau and La Mondotte, d'Aiguilhe's vineyards are planted on the upper southern (sun facing) slopes, giving them excellent drainage and thin soils over a limestone base. The wine maker is Jean-Patrick Meyrignac who has a flexible approach for gaining the best from the low yields of each vintage and in 2020 he earned his corn, producing a wine with wonderful complexity and poise, with a luxurious, long finish.

CHÂTEAU LES TROIS CROIX

Fronsac
£144 per 12 bottles in Bond



Quite frankly, this is one of the gems of the entire 2020 vintage. A potential 94-point rating from Neal Martin for a wine costing just £12 in bond is as rare as hen's teeth. Martin's review makes for illuminating reading: "The 2020 Les Trois Croix has a very perfumed and beautifully defined bouquet of blackberry, blueberry and crushed stone aromas, focused and sophisticated. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins, a beautiful line of acidity and a precise, quite mineral finish that is pure class. A fabulous Fronsac." Get what you can - this is brilliant Fronsac.

CHÂTEAU POUJEAUX

Moulis-en-Medoc

£216 per 12 bottles in Bond

91-93

94-95



In her book, *Decanter's* Jane Anson describes Poujeaux as 'easily one of the best wines of the [Moulis] appellation, and one that for me equals many 1855-classified growths.' Generous & well-structured, this is a great example of a Cabernet wine that will age with class and grace, making it a must have addition to any claret-lover's cellar. Crushed stone, blueberries & black cherries congregate on the nose and translate to real structure on the palate, with grippy tannins and delightful tension on a persistent finish. At £18 a bottle it is easy to see why Poujeaux enjoys such a fervent following in the UK.

CHÂTEAU ORMES DE PEZ

St Estèphe Cru Bourgeois

£225 per 12 bottles in Bond

90-92

92-93



A stellar property in the northernmost appellation of Saint-Estèphe, Ormes de Pez has delivered reliable, terroir-driven claret to its thousands of followers in the UK for years and years. Characteristically smooth tannins sit alongside that Saint-Estèphe spiciness on the finish. This year's wine sits along the same lines as the 2010 and the 2016 vintages - superb bellwethers indeed - delivering real structure and a superb, long finish. This was a joy to taste and will be a jewel in many Members' cellars. In a year where Saint-Estèphe estates scored incredibly highly, this is a must buy based on the price alone!

CHÂTEAU SIRAN

Margaux Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel

£240 per 12 bottles in Bond

92-94

93-94



Located to the south of Margaux next to Châteaux Dauzac & Giscours, Siran has attained the mantle of Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel and with good reason. Extensive replanting by the Mialhe family with a mixture of 46% merlot, 40% cabernet sauvignon, 13% petit verdot and 1% cabernet franc creates a 2020 with a highly perfumed nose of blueberries, cherries and violet, typical for this high-achieving appellation in 2020. Neal Martin's review was emphatic: "This is very cohesive and offers impressive salinity on the finish. Best Siran to date? I think so."

CHÂTEAU CLOS RENÉ

Pomerol

£240 per 12 bottles in Bond

91-93

91-92



Another wine with a huge following, Clos René does the impossible: Pomerol en primeur at a price you don't have to re-mortgage your house to afford! Dating back to the mid-18th century, today it expands over 18 hectares of vines, around 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc & 10% Malbec. This astoundingly good 2020 has a voluptuous nose & palate of bilberry, violet, truffle and blood orange. Neal Martin agreed, writing, *I cannot recall a Clos René as structured as this latest release. Quite peppery toward the finish, which leaves behind a long, tobacco-tinged aftertaste. This is an excellent Clos René.*

CHÂTEAU GRAND MAYNE

St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

£330 per 12 bottles in Bond

93-95

N/A



Château Grand-Mayne is a St-Emilion Grand Cru Classé property located north-west of the town of St-Emilion. The ubiquitous Michel Rolland is a consultant and, not surprisingly, Grand Mayne produces a deeply-coloured, richly aromatic wines. Easily the star of our offer, it isn't often you get the opportunity to secure a potential Neal Martin 95-point wine for under £30 a bottle. In 2020 this property excels with an opulent nose of crushed rock, incense, bilberry & black cherry. On the palate it is succulent, with refreshing minerality, showing off great refinement. As Neal Martin himself put it: "This delivers, or perhaps overdelivers considering the price." A must buy for any serious Bordeaux lover.