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# BORDEAUX 2018

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE WINES  
FOR DRINKING

Wine	Price per 12x75cl (in bond)
Domaine du Bouscat "Caduce"	£75.00
Château Cissac	£94.00
Château Beaumont	£102.00
Château Sénéjac	£115.00
Château Les Gravières	£165.00
Château Potensac	£210.00
Château Cantemerle	£240.00
Château Ormes de Pez	£245.00
Château Quinault L'Enclos	£285.00
Château Gloria	£340.00

To save you from having to choose between these super 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 £1,850 - exclusively for Radio HP listeners*

A Special Noble Rot Offer

July 2019



# A Unique Noble Rot Offer for Radio HP

2018 was a tremendous vintage in Bordeaux. We agree with the critical consensus that the overwhelming majority of Chateaux made excellent wines, and that a small number made perhaps their greatest wines ever.

There is a general philosophy that in the great vintages, as 2018 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, with often impressive critical scores for a mere fraction of the price of the investment-grade wines that Noble Rot normally offers to our Members.

Having tasted this magisterial vintage first hand, we have taken the exceptional decision to offer a small selection of ten of the very best 'value' wines, from as little as £6 a bottle, to you. 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 ten examples of Bordeaux winemaking in 2018 for £1,850.

Each of the wines have been hand-selected (after tasting hundreds) and follow the same Noble Rot philosophy of offering our Members excellent value for money. In some cases we have found wines with superb critical ratings for under £15 a bottle. These are the lowest prices for these wines on the UK market.

This is the first time that we have offered exceptional drinking wines to you, our Members, and so our allocations are small to begin with. If you love to drink excellent claret then these ten wines, with drinking windows of 3-20 years, will provide you with wonderful drinking pleasure for years to come.

Dominic Brennan, June 2019



Score in **red** are by  
LISA PERROTTI - BROWN  
Wine Advocate

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



# The Noble Rot Offer *All prices are in bond*

## DOMAINE DU BOUSCAT "CADUCE"

Bordeaux Supérieur - Fronsac  
£75 per 12 bottles in Bond

88-92

92-93



Domaine du Bouscat sits on a south-facing hillside, just west of Fronsac, from which it overlooks the Dordogne River. Its 13.5-hectare vineyard is planted in three main plots producing several different cuvées. But it is the "entry level" Caduce cuvée that's on the radar of the top wine writers and merchants. James Suckling and Lisa Perrotti-Brown both awarded this wine impressive scores for its low price, both commenting on the terroir-driven juicy and rich fruit. This is a château that is very quickly going places and is an absolute steal for the price!

## CHÂTEAU CISSAC

Cru Bourgeois - Haut-Médoc  
£94 per 12 bottles in Bond

N/A

92-93



"One of the best wines from here in years", said James Suckling when he gave Château Cissac an impressive 92-93 points. Cissac is a claret that has been enjoyed in the top London clubs for decades and rightly enjoys a large and loyal following in the UK. This charming estate is situated close to St Estèphe and Pauillac and is planted predominantly with Cabernet Sauvignon. The advances in viticultural technology have allowed Cissac to produce wines of real finesse for the price and we thought that this was easily one of the finest Cissacs ever!

## CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

Cru Bourgeois - Haut-Médoc  
£102 per 12 bottles in Bond

88-90

N/A



Château Beaumont has been a favourite of the claret-drinking set in London for decades, with its full-bodied and well-balanced reds. In 1986 the château was acquired by the current owners, Société Grands Millésimes de France, who also preside over St Julien's Beychevelle. The vineyards are planted on deep gravelly soils in the Haut-Médoc between Margaux and St Julien imparting power, structure and, ultimately, elegance to a wine which in this offer is a measly £9 a bottle. In pure value for money terms, Beaumont delivers year after year and we expect this wine to sell out promptly!

## CHÂTEAU SÉNÉJAC

Cru Bourgeois - Haut-Médoc  
£115 per 12 bottles in Bond

90-92

92-93



Château Sénéjac is one of the better known Crus Bourgeois of the Haut-Médoc, located near to the vineyards of Margaux. A historic estate of 150 hectares, of which only 38 are under vine, it enjoys a reputation for making high quality wine which blossomed in the 1980s and then oncemore in 1999 when it entered a new era when it was bought by Lorraine Cordier, whose family also woned the famous St Julien property, Château Talbot. This 2018 edition of the wine has a wonderfully voluptuous body and compelling freshness. Fantastic.

## CHÂTEAU LES GRAVIÈRES

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru  
£165 per 12 bottles in Bond

94-96

91-92



Château Les Gravières was one of the stand-out wines for us as we were putting this offer together. For a wine at this price-point to be awarded 94-96 points by *The Wine Advocate* is quite extraordinary and we expect that this will sell out immediately. This Saint-Emilion Grand Cru has impressive fruit-freshness, and wonderful, expressive length to the finish. In her review, Lisa Perrotti-Brown wrote, "Big, full and decadently fruited, it has a firm frame of super ripe, grainy tannins and wonderful freshness, finishing very long and layered." An utter bargain.



## CHÂTEAU POTENSAC

Cru Bourgeois - Médoc

£210 per 12 bottles in Bond

90-92

93-94



Château Potensac is a leading Cru Bourgeois estate located in the far north of the Médoc. Quality at Potensac has been on an upward curve ever since Michel Delon (of Léoville-Las-Cases) fame took over the running of the property in the 1970s. The château is now run by his dynamic son Jean-Hubert, with the assistance of maître de chai Bruno Roalland. This is a terrific Potensac and James Suckling was effusive with his praise, writing, *"The excellence of this lies in the quality of the tannins, which are so polished and refined. Compact and tight. Medium-bodied. Very, very long. Beauty already."*

## CHÂTEAU CANTEMERLE

Fifth Growth Grand Cru Classé

£240 per 12 bottles in Bond

N/A

94-95



Château Cantemerle is a firm favourite with lovers of Bordeaux claret, which is understandable given that it is a Bordeaux Fifth Growth, available at a snip of the price of other Crus Classés wines. Situated on the outskirts of the city of Bordeaux, on the road to the Médoc, the property makes wines with a classical Bordeaux structure but which are approachable in their youth. James Suckling agreed with us that this 2018 offering is perhaps one of the finest ever, awarding it a staggering 94-95 points, writing, *"A rich and layered young Bordeaux with a solid center... Pretty texture and length to this."*

## CHÂTEAU ORMES DE PEZ

Cru Bourgeois - Saint Estèphe

£245 per 12 bottles in Bond

90-92

93-94



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 bellweathers 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 QUINAULT L'ENCLOS

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

£285 per 12 bottles in Bond

92-94

93-94



Château Quinault L'Enclos has come on leaps and bounds since its takeover by Cheval Blanc, whose winemaking team has now made their tenth, and arguably most accomplished, vintage to date in 2018. We were bowled over by this wine when we tasted it at Cheval Blanc in April, charmed by a beautifully supple mesh of tannins throughout the palate which gives way to a pleasing line of salinity and freshness on the finish. For £24 a bottle, this is an absolute must for lovers of Right Bank Bordeaux from the very best vintages and is Esme's star value pick of the vintage.

## CHÂTEAU GLORIA

Saint-Julien

£340 per 12 bottles in Bond

92-94

93-94



Château Gloria has a large and loyal following in the UK and it is easy to see why when one tastes their wines, which often offer immediate drinking pleasure and charm. The vineyards were put together by the manager of First Growth, Château Latour, Herni Martin, and his expertise has ensured that this non-classified wine consistently punches well above its weight in the Saint-Julien commune. Lisa Perrotti-Brown, in *The Wine Advocate*, awarded Gloria an impressive 92-94 points, and that for a wine at a mere £28 a bottle. The jewel in our small selection of drinking wines: this is a claret-lover's wine!