

## 2009 Palmer Margaux 3rd Growth

**Full Case / per bottle - \$7068.00 / \$589.00**

**Single bottle price - \$592.00**

"Pure blackberry and black currant fruit notes intermixed with hints of incense, graphite, and wood are followed by an opulent, thick, juicy wine with plenty of structure, and enormous concentration, mass, and length. Four to five years of patience is required, but this beauty should last for three decades or more. (Tasted once.)"

**94-96 points Robert Parker**

"Very sweet and opulent on the nose. Very charming and glamorous. Much more of an expression of Merlot than many Médocs in 2009. Big and glamorous – a slightly Italian note."

**18 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Ducru-Beaucaillou St Julien

**2nd Growth**

**Full Case / per bottle - \$5880.00 / \$490.00**

**Single bottle price - \$493.00**

"This inky/purple-hued, unctuously textured 2009 reveals layers and layers of blue, red, and black fruits, and hints of licorice and spice box. Despite its substantial, massive size, it retains an elegant style, but will need 3-5 years of cellaring. It should last for 40+ years. (Tasted once.)"

**96-98+ points Robert Parker**

"Very dark crimson. Crimson, purple rim. Dense and peppery and quite mineral. Much more serious on the nose than the Croix de Beaucaillou. Very polished. Lots of energy. Bone dry, spicy finish."

**17 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 La Conseillante Pomerol

**Full Case / per bottle - \$4512.00 / \$376.00**

**Single bottle price - \$379.00**

"Inky bluish purple, with an extraordinary nose of framboise, black raspberries, spring flowers, spice box, and a hint of truffle, the wine has great depth, full-bodied opulence, silky tannins, enormous power and richness, but again, a vibrancy and uplift that are just freakish in this vintage. That's one of the great hallmarks of 2009 and one that will always stand out over the next 30 years. This wine should be drinkable in 5-7 years and last 40 or more. (Tasted three times.)"

**95-98 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Le Petit Mouton Pauillac

**2nd Wine of Mouton-Rothschild**

**Full Case / per bottle - \$1980.00 / \$165.00**

**Single bottle price - \$168.00**

"The second wine, the 2009 Le Petit Mouton, is the finest second wine they have ever made. Aromas of black currants, flowers, mocha, and earth jump from the glass of this fleshy, heady, full-bodied wine. The final blend is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, and the alcohol level is slightly higher than the Mouton's. It should drink well for 15+ years. (Tasted once.)" **90-92 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Canon la Gaffeliere St Emilion

**Grand Cru Classe**

**Full Case / per bottle - \$1956.00 / \$163.00**

**Single bottle price - \$166.00**

"Dark ruby/purple, with notes of incense, sweet cedar, black cherry jam, cassis, and blackberry as well as licorice and subtle smoke, this wine has superb texture, a full-bodied mouthfeel, stunning concentration, and not a hard edge to be found. It is one of those remarkable 2009s with amazing power and density, but also tremendous finesse, precision, and freshness, an anomaly in itself. (Tasted four times.)" **94-96 points Parker**

"Blackish crimson. Fragrant, even lightly soapy. Well integrated and relaxed. Fine boned. More acidity on the finish than one might expect so not super-stunning but pretty good. I think it's quite elegant." **17 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Le Bon-Pasteur Pomerol

**Full Case / per bottle - \$1548.00 / \$129.00**

**Single bottle price - \$132.00**

"It offers wonderful notes of caramel, mocha, black cherries, and black currants in a seamless, full-bodied, opulent style. It possesses a dense ruby/purple color, lots of glycerin, superb purity, and a textured, long, concentrated mouthfeel. As always, the brilliance of this team transcends its terroir in Pomerol." **92-94 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Branaire-Ducru St Julien 4th Growth

**Full Case / per bottle - \$1428.00 / \$119.00**

**Single bottle price - \$122.00**

"An inky/blue/purple color is followed by raspberry, boysenberry, crushed rock, graphite, and floral notes, and an opaque, broad, dense, substantial, impressively structured wine without any hardness. It requires 4-5 years of cellaring, and should last four decades or more. (Tasted two times.)" **92-95 points Robert Parker**

**2009 d'Issan Margaux 3rd Growth****Full Case / per bottle - \$1308.00 / \$109.00****Single bottle price - \$112.00**

"A wine boasting stunning minerality along with notes of flowers, blueberries, and black currants. Full-bodied with silky tannin, a tremendous opulence, and levels of density and richness never before seen at this estate, this brilliant d'Issan should age for three decades or more. (Tasted two times.)" **93-95 points Robert Parker**

**2009 Lagrange St Julien 3rd Growth****Full Case / per bottle - \$1260.00 / \$105.00****Single bottle price - \$108.00**

"A slightly lighter, less powerful style of St.-Julien, but also less oaky than previous vintages have tended to be, the 2009 Lagrange offers attractive, fresh, red and black currant notes, and an elegant as well as corpulent attack and mid-palate. This wine does not have the weight of the "big boys" of St.-Julien, but it displays an endearing finesse, freshness, and purity." **90-93 points Robert Parker**

**2009 Giscours Margaux 3rd Growth****Full Case / per bottle - \$1224.00 / \$102.00****Single bottle price - \$105.00**

"This is the finest Giscours I have tasted in my professional career. Succulent and sexy with an inky/purple color, it offers sweet aromas of subtle barbecue smoke, graphite, blackberries, blueberries, and spring flowers. The tannins are remarkably sweet, substantial, and well-integrated, and the wine is full-bodied as well as voluptuously textured. It is a head-turning, exuberant, flashy effort that should drink well for 20-25 years. Bravo! (Tasted three times.)"

**91-93 points Robert Parker****2009 Lafon Rochet St Estephe 4th Growth****Full Case / per bottle - \$1008.00 / \$84.00****Single bottle price - \$87.00**

"Perhaps the finest Lafon Rochet ever made, the purity, freshness, and sweet, rich, blueberry and boysenberry fruit and hint of pen ink that are found in this opaque purple-colored wine are impressive. Massive in the mouth, with freshness, delineation, and sweet tannin, it is a major sleeper of the vintage that should last for 25+ years. (Tasted two times.)"

**91-93 points Robert Parker****2009 Prieure-Lichine Margaux 4th Growth****Full Case / per bottle - \$1008.00 / \$84.00****Single bottle price - \$87.00**

"Beautiful floral-infused black fruits jump from the glass of this opaque ruby/purple-colored wine. Possibly richer, denser, and even more complete than the brilliant 2005 (although it is still too early to say that definitively), this is certainly a more opulent, succulent style of wine than even the 2005, which had surprising flesh for a wine from that vintage. The Right Bank consultant Stephane Derenoncourt has performed some magic here, as recent vintages attest, and the wines are often fairly priced as well." **91-93 points Robert Parker**

**2009 l'Arrosée St Emilion****Full Case / per bottle - \$948.00 / \$79.00****Single bottle price - \$82.00**

"This outstanding l'Arrosée is consistent with the Burgundian style that this terroir routinely produces. Never massive, at its best it offers intense flavors of kirsch, raspberry, crushed rock, and spice box. The full-bodied flavors are ethereal in their delicacy. Full, but stylish, precise, intense, and never heavy, this beauty can be drunk early or cellared for two decades or more. (Tasted three times.)"

**92-94 points Robert Parker**

"Silky and very pretty with cedar and chocolate aromas and flavors. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a clean finish."

**89-92 points James Suckling Wine Spectator****2009 Reserve de la Comtesse Pauillac 2nd Wine of Pichon Lalande****Full Case / per bottle - \$948.00 / \$79.00****Single bottle price - \$82.00**

"The finest second wine they have made, the 2009 Reserve de Comtesse is composed of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc. Flavorful and full-bodied with loads of texture and opulence, it offers up aromas of forest floor and black fruits. The surprisingly high tannin level is barely noticeable given the sweetness of the fruit and abundant glycerin. Nevertheless, the 13% alcohol is right in line with that of the Pichon Lalande. Drink the Reserve de Comtesse over the next 10-15 years. (Tasted once.)"

**91-93 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Le Croix de Beaucaillou *St Julien*

*2nd Wine of Ducru-Beaucaillou*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$876.00 / \$73.00**

**Single bottle price - \$76.00**

"Ducru's second wine, the 2009 Croix de Beaucaillou, is a thrill to taste. Made from a single vineyard, it exhibits a dense purple color along with a creamy texture and loads of creme de cassis fruit intertwined with notions of charcoal, incense, and spice. Round, generous, and opulent, it can be drunk now or cellared for 15+ years. (Tasted once.)" **88-90 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Durfort-Vivens *Margaux 2nd Growth*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$840.00 / \$70.00**

**Single bottle price - \$73.00**

"An attractive, soft, velvety-textured wine revealing a hint of tapenade intermixed with black currant and blackberry fruit. Medium-bodied and elegant with the silkiness and precision that make this vintage so alluring, it should drink well for 15-20 years. (Tasted once.)"

**87-89+ points Robert Parker**

"Loads of dried flowers, currant and blackberry. Chewy and full. Velvety tannins. Solid core of fruit."

**89-92 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

## 2009 Haut-Bages-Liberal *Pauillac*

*5th Growth*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$840.00 / \$70.00**

**Single bottle price - \$73.00**

"Currant and mint, with hints of fresh herbs. Lovely complex nose already. Full-bodied, with supersilky tannins and a long, racy finish. Solid core of beautiful fruit."

**91-94 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

## 2009 Phelan-Segur *St Estephe*

*Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$792.00 / \$66.00**

**Single bottle price - \$69.00**

"Like many of the top 2009s, Phelan-Segur is a huge, full-bodied effort with massive fruit as well as good freshness, precision, and elegance. This is all rather paradoxical given previous great vintages that either lean toward cooler vintage characteristics or hot ones. This 2009 possesses both styles. It exhibits lots of mulberry, boysenberry, and crushed, jammy black fruits, abundant tannin, medium to full body, an opulent mouthfeel, and enough structure to evolve for two decades or more. This is a sleeper of the vintage. (Tasted two times.)" **90-92 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Clos du Clocher *Pomerol*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$744.00 / \$62.00**

**Single bottle price - \$65.00**

"The 2009 Clos du Clocher may turn out to be a superb Pomerol. It possesses an opaque ruby/purple hue, lots of jammy plum, black currant, and black cherry fruit intermixed with hints of caramel and mocha, a full-bodied, opulent style, good freshness in spite of the wine's size and richness, and 10-15 years of life ahead of it. (Tasted two times.)" **89-91 points Robert Parker**

"A little lean for the vintage, but there's some attractive berry and cappuccino aromas and flavors, with a medium finish."

**88-91 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

## 2009 les Ormes de Pez *St Estephe Cru*

*Bourgeois Exceptionnel*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$708.00 / \$59.00**

**Single bottle price - \$62.00**

"A sleeper of the vintage and the best Les Ormes de Pez made in decades, this opaque purple-hued 2009 offers up pure creme de cassis fruit intermixed with hints of charcoal, smoke, and crushed rocks. Medium to full-bodied and pure with good freshness as well as a soft, layered mouthfeel, it will offer delicious drinking over the next 10-15 years. (Tasted three times.)"

**88-90 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Chauvin *St Emilion Grand Cru*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$708.00 / \$59.00**

**Single bottle price - \$62.00**

"The deep ruby/purple-tinged 2009 Chauvin exhibits a perfume of blue and black fruits intermixed with incense, earth, and graphite as well as substantial flesh, concentration, and tannin. This big, full-bodied, structured, deep St.-Emilion should age easily for 15-20+ years. (Tasted once.)"

**90-93 points Robert Parker**

## 2009 Bonalgue Pomerol

**Full Case / per bottle - \$588.00 / \$49.00**

**Single bottle price - \$52.00**

"This is another sleeper of the vintage from this terrific Pomerol that always offers tremendous pleasure, a succulent texture, and in 2009, more fruit, body, and glycerin than normal. Silky smooth and attention getting, it is loaded with mocha, black cherry, and a caramelized confiture fruit style. Luscious, heady, and hedonistic with class as well as personality, this beautiful Pomerol should drink well for 10-12 years. (Tasted two times.)"

**89-91 points Robert Parker**

"Blueberry and licorice aromas, with hints of violet. Full-bodied, with a pretty core of fruit and milk chocolate and a finely textured finish"

**89-92 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

## 2009 Connetable de Talbot St Julien 2nd wine of Talbot

**Full Case / per bottle - \$528.00 / \$44.00**

**Single bottle price - \$47.00**

This second wine is given the same care as Chateau Talbot however it is mostly made from the younger wines of the vineyard and tends towards a lesser structure so that it may be consumed young. However it still maintains the same elegance as Chateau Talbot.

## 2009 Blason d'Issan Margaux

*2nd wine of d'Issan*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$504.00 / \$42.00**

**Single bottle price - \$45.00**

"Scented, herbaceous, quite light and lightly green on the nose then sweet and easy. Very Margaux. Bravo! But a fairly lissom thing. Slight leanness on the finish. They were initially worried by the high proportion (38%) of Merlot."

**17 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Labegorce Margaux

*Cru Bourgeois Superieur*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$468.00 / \$39.00**

**Single bottle price - \$42.00**

"Dark blackish ruby. Fragrant and natural on the nose. Sweet and mellow. Nicely done. A little tension on the finish. Not pushed to excess. This could be from a terroir that is less favoured usually but one that is benefiting from 2009 overdrive."

**17 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Monregard La Croix Pomerol

**Full Case / per bottle - \$432.00 / \$36.00**

**Single bottle price - \$39.00**

"Very grapey, with fresh flowers and sandalwood on the nose. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a fruity finish. Subtle and attractive."

**89-92 James Suckling Wine Spectator**

## 2009 Hauts Conseillants

*Lalande de Pomerol*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$348.00 / \$29.00**

**Single bottle price - \$32.00**

"A delicious, fruit-forward, plump wine with loads of raspberry and black cherry fruit intertwined with hints of underbrush and licorice, this medium-bodied, fat, fleshy 2009 should drink well for 5-7 years. (Tasted once.)"

**87-89 points Robert Parker**

"A fruity red, with some polished tannins and ripe fruit. Full and ripe..."

**86-89 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

## 2009 Senejac Haut Medoc

*Cru Bourgeois Superieur*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$348.00 / \$29.00**

**Single bottle price - \$32.00**

"Oodles of black currant fruit are intermixed with some licorice, underbrush, and foresty notes. Great fruit, a sumptuous, fleshy texture, and plenty of succulence and length make for a big, rich, nicely textured wine to drink over the next decade. (Tasted two times.)"

**89-91\* points Robert Parker**

## 2009 la Croix Chantecaille St Emilion

*Grand Cru Classe*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$336.00 / \$28.00**

**Single bottle price - \$31.00**

Located on the border with Pomerol, these vineyards are next to those of Cheval Blanc, Evangile and Gazin, and are no more than 200 metres from Pétrus. The wine is made under the watchful eye of Phillippe Fort from Michel Rolland's famous team and everything is done to ensure quality: green harvest, hand picking parcel by parcel, and careful selection from the best and oldest vines. 40% of the wine is then aged in new oak for 12 months with the remainder in one and two year old barrels.



## Bordeaux 2009 Primeurs the Wines

### 2009 Courlat *Lussac-St-Emilion*

Cuvee "Jean Baptiste"

**Full Case / per bottle - \$300.00 / \$25.00**

**Single bottle price - \$28.00**

"Medium-bodied, with chewy tannins and a medium finish. Straightforward."

**89-91 Points *James Suckling Wine Spectator***

### 2009 Liversan *Haut Medoc*

*Cru Bourgeois Superieur*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$264.00 / \$22.00**

**Single bottle price - \$25.00**

"Currant and berries, with some sweet tobacco. Medium-bodied, with ripe tannins and a fruity finish. Very pleasant."

**88-91 points *James Suckling, Wine Spectator***

### 2009 Courlat *Lussac-St-Emilion*

**Full Case / per bottle - \$228.00 / \$19.00**

**Single bottle price - \$22.00**

"This well-made, low level wine possesses attractive elegance, sweet black cherry and plum-like fruit, hints of incense and underbrush, and a dark ruby/purple color. It should drink nicely for 4-5 years. (Tasted once.)"

**86-87 points *Robert Parker***

## 2009 Nairac Sauternes (Barsac)

### 2er Cru Classe

**Full Case / per bottle - \$1320.00 / \$110.00**

**Single bottle price - \$113.00**

"Nicolas Tari has certainly improved this estate in recent years. His 2009 has a well defined nose with apple-blossom, lime leaf, apricot and orange peel. Opens nicely the longer it remains in the glass. The palate is well balanced, very good weight on the entry with a citric thread of acidity interwoven through the pure honeyed fruit with a hint of ginger on the aftertaste. Nothing extravagant here, but supremely well crafted and succinct."

**93-95 points Neal Martin, eRobertParker**

"Full-bodied and sweet, with lots of sliced citrus fruit and spicy bitter almond and honey on the finish. Powerful."

**92-95 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

"Heady, concentrated pear juice on the nose. Then lift and excitement. A little bit of fungus but a very impressive wine. Just a bit of heat on the end. Very luscious. Very opulent but with quite enough freshness to keep it in check."

**18 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 La Tour Blanche Sauternes

### 1er Cru Classe

**Full Case/ per bottle - \$1272.00 / \$106.00**

**Single bottle price - \$109.00**

"The 2009 La Tour Blanche is very primal on the nose with grapefruit, nectarine and apricot aromas. The palate is very well balanced, just a little oaky at the moment but with a very fine thread of acidity. Touches of fresh apricot, a hint of nougat, lime zest and white peach. Well balanced, linear at the front palate but voluminous and expanding across the mouth in every direction on the viscous, mineral-rich finish. There is so much potential here. Superb."

**94-96 points Neal Martin, eRobertParker**

"Dense and very rich on the palate. Medium sweet, with lemon pie and meringue notes and a textured finish."

**91-94 points James Suckling Wine Spectator**

"Tang and interest on the nose. Big, weighty. But with good acidity and definition and it's awfully difficult to spit! Long and rich, a bit hot on the end? Still a bit chewy." **18 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Broustet Sauternes (Barsac)

### 2er Cru Classe

**Full Case / per bottle - \$552.00 / \$39.00**

**Single bottle price - \$42.00**

"A well-defined nose with acacia honey and a touch of white peach and apricot. The palate is very well balanced with such bright fruits you need sunglasses. Superb poise from start to finish, citrus lemon, apricot, white peach and a touch of pear. Viscous texture and great persistency. The 2009 must represent one of the finest wines from this estate."

**91-93 points Neal Martin, eRobertParker**

"Lemon oil plus sweetness. Quite attractive in an aperitif Sauternes style. Very marked acidity. A deliberate attempt not to go for maximum sweetness?"

**16 points Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Filhot Sauternes 2er Cru Classe

**Full Case/ per bottle - \$516.00 / \$43.00**

**Single bottle price - \$46.00**

"Shows some botrytis spice and dried fruit character on the nose. Full-bodied, very sweet and thick, with a dense, almost syrupy finish. Excellent for Filhot."

**89-92 points James Suckling, Wine Spectator**

"A slightly green streak in the gold. Nice tingle. Sweet, somehow 'liquid gold' nose. Very big and bold. But without much definition and finesse at the moment. Still, it should please people, and may not need that long to do so. Molten. Just a bit of jagged acidity at the moment."

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

## 2009 Bastor-Lamontagne Sauternes

**Full Case / per bottle - \$468.00 / \$39.00**

**Single bottle price - \$42.00**

"This has a very rich, almost decadent nose with pineapple, almond, orange blossom and honey. The palate is rich with an admirable level of botrytis, well balanced with a fine sense of underlying minerality that defines the caressing, spice-tinged finish. Good potential. This is a Bastor-Lamontagne that is rediscovering form. Bravo!"

**90-92 points Neal Martin, eRobertParker**