



2012 D'Agassac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$14

This well-known property in Mèdoc produces a wine from just two grapes – Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. A lush, sexy style of Haut-Mèdoc, D'Agassac's 2012 is round, juicy, seductive and best drunk over the 7-8 years.

2012 Ampelia

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

From François Despagne, this reliable wine is a blend of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, coming from the limestone soils of Castillon. Deep ruby, with some powdery, rocky minerality, red and black fruits, spice and a nice texture, it finishes somewhat compact and narrow. That narrowing out lowers the score. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

2012 Chateau d'Arcins

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

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Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

An attractive offering from this well-known property in Haut-Mèdoc, this plum/ruby wine exhibits notes of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit as well as forest floor, earth and spice. It is soft, round, easygoing, and quite appealing already. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 D'Arsac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Margaux, Bordeaux, France,

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Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$18

Another sleeper of the vintage, this deep ruby/purple 2012 has round, juicy, endearing blackcurrant and black cherry fruit, a hint of plum, a long, heady mouthfeel, and ripe, well-integrated tannin and wood. This lush, complex, seductive style of wine should drink well for another 7-8 years.

2012 Balthus

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

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Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

This luxury cuvée from Reignac's proprietor Yves Vatelot is always 100% Merlot fermented in tiny cigar barrels for alcoholic as well as malolactic fermentation. This is a pedal-to-the-metal, super-concentrated, rich wine that showcases the best characteristics of 2012 – very ripe Merlot, tiny yields, and impeccable vinification and élevage. This is an amazing wine for the vintage and certainly one of superstars of 2012. Remarkably, the back label suggests this hit 15% natural alcohol, which tells you the sort of ripeness it achieved, without any of the characteristics whatsoever of overripeness like fig or prune. This is a great, great effort in this vintage and should drink well for at least a decade or more.

2012 Barde-Haut

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

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Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$22-\$39

An excellent property from the Garcin family, Barde-Haut tends to be an over-achieving estate, with Hélène Garcin and her husband doing a terrific job with their vineyard planted with 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The 2012 has a dense ruby/purple color, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, and outstanding concentration, with slight, yet noticeable tannins in the finish keeping it still firm. This is a beautiful wine to drink over the next 10-12 years.

2012 Barrabaque Cuvee Prestige

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Canon Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88+

Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

Plenty of raspberry and black cherry fruit dominate this wine as well as some limestone and chalky minerality. It is medium to full-bodied, slightly edgy and tight, but impressively pure and long. This is one 2012 that will benefit from several years of bottle age and drink well for 10-15 years.

2012 Beaulieu Comtes de Tastes

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2019
Cost: \$8-\$18

From an ancient estate that has been in Bordeaux for over 1,000 years, this wine consistently offers a supple, richly fruity style meant for near-term consumption, and the 2012 is no exception. Dark ruby/purple, with loads of red and black fruits, earth and spice, it is soft, round, easygoing and best drunk over the next 3-4 years.

2012 Beau-Soleil

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$21-\$28

A nice, chunky, exuberant style of Pomerol, with loads of fruit and body, this 2012 does not offer a lot of finesse or complexity, but it is well-made, with sweet tannin and plenty of concentration and color. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Bel-Air la Royere

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Blaye, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

A sleeper of the vintage, this delicious ruby/purple-colored wine is a blend of Merlot (65%) and Malbec (35%). A stylish, elegant Bordeaux possessing loads of blueberry and raspberry fruit, it is medium-bodied with a complete mouthfeel, excellent purity, and attractive perfume and spice. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Bellefont Belcier

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 89+
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$43-\$43

A blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon (a classic blend), this 2012 is a mineral-dominated style of wine, with blackcurrants, black cherries, and loads of chalky, dusty limestone notes. It is medium-bodied, structured, slightly austere, but undeniably a successful effort in 2012. This will appeal to those looking for more masculine, mineral-laden wines. Drink it over the next 10-15 years. Alcohol is a lofty 14.5%.

2012 Bellegrave

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pauillac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

This is a straightforward, somewhat superficial style of Pauillac with black cherry, black and red currant fruit, medium body, but a rather shallow mouthfeel. The tannins are light and the wine best consumed over the next 5-7 years.

2012 Bonalque

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

This excellent blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc is always one of the best value wines of Pomerol, thanks to the leadership and vision of proprietor Pierre Bourrotte. Deep ruby/plum/purple, with loads of mulberry and black cherry fruit, soft tannins, medium body and excellent concentration, this is a plump, mouthfilling Pomerol that lacks complexity, but offers generosity and loads of fruit. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

2012 Le Boscq

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Estephe, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$0

The famous Dourthe firm produces this well-known St.-Estèphe, which often has a big chunk of Merlot in it. The 2012 Le Boscq is a dense ruby/purple wine with good flesh, ripe black cherry and

blackcurrant fruit, medium body, light tannin and a nice lusty, heady finish. This is a relatively sexy wine that will develop nicely over the next 10-12 years.

2012 Brillette

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Moulis, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 87+?
Drink 2019 - 2029
Cost: \$14-\$24

Very deep ruby/purple, this structured, masculine style of wine is full-bodied, has moderate tannin, and begs for a few more years of bottle age. I like its density, power and richness, but it has not yet come completely together. The tannins are still elevated and the wine relatively closed but promising. Forget it for another 3-4 years and drink it over the following 10 years.

2012 Brondelle

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

A somewhat exuberant style of Graves, fruity, straightforward, not complex, but with ripe tannin and plum, black cherry and spice box notes that make for a pleasant, if unexciting style of wine. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Cap de Faugeres

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$10-\$20

An attractive, elegant dark ruby/purple wine with notes of blackberry, black cherry and a touch of new oak, this 2012 Cap de Faugeres is spicy, medium-bodied, and nicely concentrated, with enticing texture. Drink it over the next 5-10 years.

2012 Chateau Cap Leon Veyrin

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Listrac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88

Drink 2015 - 2025

Cost: \$0

A very solid effort from Lustrac, the 2012 Cap Léon Veyrin is made up of 55% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Petit Verdot, aged 12 months in oak. It is a surprisingly bigger-scaled, riper, more concentrated wine with loads of cassis, blackberry, spice box and earth. It is medium to full-bodied, rich, and definitely a major success, possibly the best wine I tasted from Lustrac in 2012. Drink it over the next decade or more. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 La Cardonne

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

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Rating: 82

Drink 2015 - 2021

Cost: \$0

A blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Cabernet Franc, this is relatively short and somewhat clipped in style, but a pleasant cru bourgeois with a dark ruby color and sweet black fruits on the attack, but it then narrows out, finishing quickly. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Carignan

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

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Rating: 87

Drink 2015 - 2020

Cost: \$0

An attractive wine, the basic cuvée of 2012 Carignan has complex notes of new saddle leather, roast meat, blackcurrants and cherries in an elegant yet flavorful, medium-bodied style. A blend of 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc, this wine sports a dark plum/ruby/purple color and excellent texture and richness. It is a sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

2012 Carignan Prima

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

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Rating: 88

Drink 2015 - 2025

Cost: \$11-\$30

Their luxury cuvée, the 2012 Prima, is 100% Merlot. This is a fleshier, more opulently textured, medium to full-bodied wine with loads of cassis, kirsch, licorice and spice. It is plump, round, generous and could easily pass for a top-notch Pomerol in a blind tasting. This is juicy, well-endowed stuff that should drink nicely for 7-10 years. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Carteau Cotes Daugay

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 84
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

This is a relatively low-level, foursquare, monolithic style of St.-Emilion, with decent fruit, some structure, but not a lot of character or personality. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Chateau du Cartillon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

A straightforward rather narrowly constructed wine with underbrush, herbs and black and red currants. It is medium-bodied and tails off in the mouth. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 De Chambrun

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$22-\$32

As for their basic cuvée, the 2012 Chambrun exhibits nice earthy black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, spice box, smoke and lush medium-bodied flavors. Drink it over the next 5-7 years.

2012 Cheval Noir Le Fer

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

I've never been crazy about this wine from the Mahler-Besse négociant firm, but the 2012 seems to suggest a higher level of quality from this tiny estate of five acres of essentially old vine Merlot. Chunky but not complex, this is a big, gutsy mouthful of dark ruby/purple-colored black cherry and blackberry fruit. It should drink nicely for another 7-8 years.

2012 Clauzet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Estephe, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2018
Cost: \$14-\$20

This dense ruby/purple 2012 Clauzet displays an attractive, supple texture, medium to full body, dense blackcurrant and plum fruit, some dusty earthiness and light tannin. This is a well-made 2012 St.-Estèphe that can be drunk in 3-4 years or cellared for 12-15.

2012 La Clemence

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2028
Cost: \$36-\$50

Better integration of new oak has worked well for this wine from proprietor Christian Dauriac. Dense plum/purple in color, with sweet fig, blackberry and cassis, this is a chunky, fleshy, concentrated Pomerol with the oak, acidity, tannin and alcohol nicely integrated. Anticipated maturity: now-2028. The blend from the estate's 7.5 acres is 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc.

2012 Clinet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 95
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$62-\$222

With a dense purple color and gorgeous levels of fruit, especially black raspberry and blackcurrant, this full-bodied, opulent style of wine is another great success for Clinet, a château that has been on top of its game for the last decade. This is stunning stuff, and whatever new oak has been used – and there is plenty – it is totally disguised by the luxurious and extravagant fruit level. This full-bodied, opulent Pomerol should drink well for 15 or more years.

2012 Clos Chaumont

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cadillac Cotes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

One of my favorite small properties in Bordeaux, this 100% Merlot cuvée from a 33-acre vineyard is expressive, rich, fleshy and hedonistic. Deep ruby/purple, it possesses loads of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, and a lushness and headiness that are no doubt attributable to the brilliant consulting oenologist who works at this property, Hubert de Boüard. This is a major sleeper of the vintage and a wine to drink over the next 5-6 years. Restaurants – take notice.

2012 Clos de la Vieille Eglise

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$0

An attractive dark ruby/purple colored wine with black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, a medium body, sweet tannins and a nice fleshy, mouthfeel. It is not terribly complex, but well-made, and should drink well for 10-12 years.

2012 Clos des Jacobins

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$20-\$32

A sexy, lush style of St.-Emilion, this medium-bodied wine offers up ripe tannins, dark cherry, graphite and forest notes, an opaque ruby/purple color, good spice and an attractive earthiness. It can be drunk now or cellared for 10-12 years.

2012 Clos du Clocher

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 92
Drink 2015 - 2035
Cost: \$27

There is always speculation that this great terroir belonging to the Audy family could do even better, but this 2012, a blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, achieved a rather remarkable 14.5% natural alcohol. Inky ruby/purple, the wine offers up notes of licorice, damp earth, blue and black fruits, high levels of glycerin and opulence, and a full-bodied mouthfeel. This wine is impressive, and may be one of the Clos du Clocher cuvées that lives up to its great terroir and potential. It is a beauty and still somewhat under the radar. Drink it over the next 15-20 years.

2012 Clos Dubreuil

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 95
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

Another inky, opaque, purple-colored wine with beautiful blackcurrant, black raspberry, licorice and earthy undertones, this full-bodied, opulent, dense, rich 2012 (90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 14.3% alcohol) is a tour de force in this vintage. This over-achieving estate has hit a home run, which is especially impressive in 2012. This wine ideally needs several years of bottle age and should drink well for 15 or more years.

2012 Clos Floridene

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$13-\$24

From the famous Professor Denis Dubourdieu, this richly fruity, exuberant wine is very pure and shows lots of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, a touch of smoke and earth, and a lush, heavy, velvety textured finish. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Clos la Madeleine

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 92
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

This wine showed beautifully in my tasting. From a tiny (29 acres) jewel of a property on the hillsides of St.-Emilion, not far from the big boys of the plateau area (Ausone, Belair, etc), the 2012 is dense purple in color, with sweet black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, some crushed rock and floral notes, medium to full body, not a hard edge to be found, and a lush, well-proportioned, beautifully pure finish. This is impressive wine is clearly a sleeper of the vintage, but quantities are very small. Drink it over the next 15 years. The final blend was 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc.

2012 Clos l'Eglise

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$54-\$83

The 2012 Clos l'Eglise is a beautiful blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc from Hélène Garcin (whose family owns Barde-Haut, Branon and Haut-Bergey, as well as the Malbec producer in Argentina called Poesia). She has done a phenomenal job at this estate since the late 1990s. Rich, chunky, coffee, mocha and berry fruit jump from the glass of this medium-bodied wine that shows excellent fruit intensity, soft tannins and a juicy, round, mouthfeel. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

2012 Clos les Grandes Versannes

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2035
Cost: \$0

This wine, from an estate that I don't know terribly well, performed brilliantly. A blend of Merlot, which dominates, plus Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine exhibits good, fresh acids, a dense ruby/purple color, plenty of cassis and black cherry notes, licorice and background oak. It is well-made, medium to full-bodied and capable of lasting 15-20 years. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Clos Puy Arnaud

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$18-\$26

Well-known proprietor Thierry Valette has produced this wine, a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, from a biodynamically farmed vineyard. A sleeper of the vintage, this wine has dense ruby/purple color, sweet black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, chalky minerality, medium body, excellent concentration, depth and length. The purity, overall equilibrium and sweet tannin suggest a wine that could be drunk young or cellared for up to a decade.

2012 Clos Vieux Taillefer

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

This 100% Merlot from the Robin family, has a dense ruby/purple color, is soft, round and juicy, not terribly complex, but pleasant, with some earth. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 La Commanderie

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88+?
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$16-\$21

A chunky, somewhat monolithic style of St.-Emilion, but with attractive blackcurrant fruit, good purity and ripeness, but not showing a lot of complexity or nuance. There's a lot going on, and certainly the wine is big and rich, but I didn't detect much nuance. It is certainly capable of lasting 15 or more years.

2012 Cote Montpezat Cuvee Compostelle

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

Soft, round and juicy plum, blackcurrant and cherry fruit are present in this near-term, precocious and medium-bodied wine. It is already drinkable and best consumed over the next 4-5 years. It is a tasty 2012.

2012 Couhins-Lurton Pessac Leognan

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88+
Drink 2018 - 2030
Cost: \$0

A nice, dark, ruby/purple color with sweet black and red currant fruit, spice box and earth, this medium-bodied wine lacks complexity, but shows good depth, ripeness and overall character. It's certainly a successful 2012 and will benefit from several years of bottle age. Drink it over the next 12-15 years.

2012 Du Courlat Cuvee Jean Baptiste

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lussac St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

This wine is from Pierre Bourotte, who is better-known for his work in Pomerol, but this small estate produces around 2,000 cases of wine from a high percentage of Merlot. Earthy, foresty notes intermixed with some ripe black cherries and licorice are present in this medium-bodied, soft, round,

well-made Lussac St.-Emilion. It is not going to make old bones, but for drinking over the next 4-5 years, this is a very good wine.

2012 Crabitey

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

A very sexy, soft, fleshy style of Graves, this wine (not one I taste frequently) exhibits good cassis fruit, with a hint of plums and licorice. It is medium-bodied, richly fruity, round, seductive and best drunk over the next 7-8 years. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Croix Cardinale

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$20

Another brilliant wine from the Decoster family, this blend of 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon has loads of crushed rock minerality, red and black fruit, medium body and a long, pure finish. Drink it over the next 10-15 years. The estate has 10 acres of vineyard.

2012 Cruzeau

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

From the famous Lurton family, this property was founded and exploited brilliantly by the patriarch, André Lurton, and has always made very good red and white wine. This is generally a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Slightly herbaceous notes are somewhat surprising, but the nice tobacco notes interwoven with black cherry and blackcurrant are reassuring. This medium-bodied, spicy, earthy, classic Pessac Léognan is best drunk over the next decade.

2012 Dalem

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

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Rating: 90

Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$15-\$23

From one of my favorite properties owned by the Rullier family (now run by Brigitte Rullier), this blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc is a big-time winner in 2012. Inky ruby/purple to the rim, with beautifully sweet red and black fruits, some crushed rock and spring flowers, it is medium to full-bodied and concentrated, with no hard edges. This is an opulent, fleshy, top-flight Fronsac to drink over the next 10-15 years. Sleeper!

2012 La Dauphine

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$14-\$36

The acquisition of this well-known, beautiful estate in Fronsac by proprietor Jean Halley has raised the level of performance dramatically. The 2012, which tips the scales at a whopping 15% alcohol, is a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. This is a major sleeper of the vintage. Dense ruby/plum/purple with sweet black cherry and blackcurrant fruits, underlying minerality, a plump, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel and lush, heady texture and length, this is one of the best La Dauphines I have tasted. Drink it over the next 10-15 years, although it is capable of lasting longer.

2012 Le Doyenne

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
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Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2019
Cost: \$0

A perennial best-buy, high-quality pick in the Wine Advocate, the 2012 Le Doyenné is a beauty. Deep ruby/purple, with sweet black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, a broad, expansive mouthfeel and lots of plumpness and succulence, this is delicious, richly fruity and exuberant style of wine that represents a major over-achiever and a sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.

2012 Chateau l'Ecuyer

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

Lécuyer's 2012 is an elegant, almost feminine style of Pomerol, with floral, black cherry and berry notes, medium body, yet savory tannin, an impressively saturated color, and rich fruit. Mostly Merlot

from a very tiny 7.5-acre vineyard on the high plateau of Pomerol, this is one of the most obscure Pomerols, but it certainly merits much more attention. A sleeper.

2012 Domaine de l'Eglise

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$38-\$53

From the family of Philippe Castéja, this well-located terroir has produced a dense ruby/purple colored wine that is somewhat chunky and one-dimensional compared with some of the great Pomerols of the vintage, but still very well-made. Medium to full-bodied with black fruits galore and a nice, spicy earthiness, it should be drunk over the next 15 or more years.

2012 Faizeau Vieilles Vignes

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$0

A sure sleeper of the vintage, the white limestone soils of this small estate along with its use of 100% Merlot used in the cuvée has produced a rich, fleshy, full-bodied 2012 that is dense and pure, with loads of blackberry and black cherry fruit, some licorice, earth and spice. This is a stunner and well-worth consumers' attention. Drink it over the next 10-12 years.

2012 Faugeres

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 91
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$26-\$40

This beautiful wine is consistently well-made and is again a star in 2012. Dense ruby/purple with notes of blackcurrants, blackberry and licorice, the wine is medium to full-bodied and displays moderate but ripe, integrated tannin and a judicious use of toasty oak. This beautifully textured, heady St.-Emilion should drink well for 10-15 years.

2012 Chateau Fayat

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 84
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$22-\$37

This 2012 from Fayat is a deep ruby/purple color and has good ripeness, but wines from this estate always seems to lack complexity and nuance. Overall, it is monolithic and somewhat straightforward. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Ferrand-Lartigue

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

A somewhat narrowly constructed, overtly oaky style of wine, medium-bodied, with decent fruit, but a bit of austerity and dryness from the excessive oak. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Feytit Clinet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 93+
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$21-\$80

This wine has a beautiful, dense, opaque bluish/purple color, with loads of sweet fruit, no noticeable oak, earth, spice and a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. The finish is long, opulent and beautifully textured. This is stunning Pomerol in this vintage. Drink it over the next 12-15 years. There is also room for further improvement. The final blend was 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc with the alcohol 14.1% from tiny yields of 22 hectoliters per hectare.

2012 Fleur Cardinale

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 93
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$31-\$68

The flagship wine from the Decoster family, this blend of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon has been a hugely successful wine since they acquired this 58-acre estate and revolutionized the level of quality. This is consistently one of the best St.-Emilions and over-achieving for its classification. The 2012 has pure, striking aromatics of blueberry, black raspberry, minerals and flowers. Medium to full-bodied, ripe and multi-dimensional, with a beautiful texture, this is stunning wine that completely dominates its classification and over-delivers in terms of quality and potential longevity. It should drink well for 15 or more years. Yields were a modest 34 hectoliters per hectare from an unusually late harvest – October 22 to November 2.

2012 La Fleur d'Arthus

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 81+?
Drink 2015 - 2016
Cost: \$19

This is somewhat over-oaked, but solidly made. This wine is lean, austere and lacking in intensity, certainly given the amount of oak it displays. Drink up.

2012 La Fleur de Bouard

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 91
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$25-\$40

The 2012 Fleur de Boüard (in bottle) offers up copious quantities of dark raspberry, blueberries and spring flowers. It has soft velvety tannins, medium to full body, and a very sexy, lush mouthfeel. This is a gorgeous opaque, ruby/purple Lalande de Pomerol that no one will be able to resist. Drink it over the next decade. The superstar estate of Lalande de Pomerol, La Fleur de Boüard, which has a great terroir and impeccable winemaking from Hubert de Boüard (the proprietor of Angélu in nearby St.-Emilion as well as consultant to many other estates) has hit pay dirt with these two cuvées of Lalande de Pomerol.

2012 La Fleur de Bouard Le Plus de la Fleur de Bouard

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: (93-95+)
Drink 2015 - 2035
Cost: \$0

Not yet in bottle, the 2012 Le Plus, which is also called Cuvée Oscar, is one of those profound wines that exceeds all realistic parameters for what's expected from this appellation. Inky purple in color, with stunning blackberry, blueberry and raspberry fruit notes, licorice, as well as graphite and spring flowers, the wine is opulent, full-bodied, massively concentrated and a tour de force from an obsessed genius of Bordeaux. It should drink well for 20 or more years. The superstar estate of Lalande de Pomerol, La Fleur de Boüard, which has a great terroir and impeccable winemaking from Hubert de Boüard (the proprietor of Angélu in nearby St.-Emilion as well as consultant to many other estates) has hit pay dirt with these two cuvées of Lalande de Pomerol.

2012 La Fleur de Gay

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 92
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$67-\$149

A real strong effort from La Fleur de Gay, this wine (100% Merlot) has a dense purple color, sweet black cherry fruit, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, excellent purity, depth and length. Again, the oak is well-hidden behind a luxurious level of fruit. Drink it over the next 10-12 years.

2012 La Fleur

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$28

Solidly made, this deep ruby/plum-colored 2012 (92% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc) offers up black cherry and cassis fruit, not a lot of complexity, a generous, juicy mouthful of wine. It is medium-bodied, cleanly made and best drunk over the net 8-10 years.

2012 Fombrauge

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2019 - 2036
Cost: \$19-\$48

From the stable of Bernard Magrez, Fombrauge is one of the largest estates on the Right Bank. Dominated by Merlot (90%, followed by 9% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon), the dense ruby/purple 2012 offers toasty vanilla and oaky notes interwoven with blackcurrants and black cherries. Its excellent concentration, medium body, expansive texture and ripe tannins suggest a wine that should be in its prime in 4-6 years and last for 15 or more.

2012 Fonbadet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pauillac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$24-\$45

From one of the few cru bourgeois in Pauillac, this 2012 is a straightforward, somewhat superficial style of wine made from a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 20% Merlot and the rest Petit Verdot and Malbec. The wine is soft, easygoing, palatable and pleasant, but lacks depth and nobility. Nonetheless, it is easy to drink and probably best consumed over the next 10 years.

2012 Fonplegade

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 93+
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$29-\$33

The Adams family, Americans, have done a magnificent job with this famous property on the south side of St.-Emilion. Now farmed organically, this wine exhibits an inky purple color, a gorgeous nose of blackberry and cassis fruit, sweet cherries, licorice and spice. It is full-bodied, ripe, opulent, pure and a great success in this vintage. The wine should drink well for 15 or more years.

2012 Fonroque

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$20-\$28

From proprietor Alain Moueix, this biodynamically farmed vineyard has produced a wine that's a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. An outstanding effort from Moueix, the wine offers up loads of black cherries, blackcurrants, subtle loamy, earthy undertones, medium to full-bodied texture, sweet tannin and a long finish. This is a very strong effort from that should drink nicely for 15 or more years.

2012 Fontenil

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89+
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$0

From famous Fronsac estate of Dany and Michel Rolland, this wine is made exclusively from vines averaging 40 years of age and is generally 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2012 is close to outstanding. Deep ruby/purple with floral notes, blueberry, black raspberry and cassis fruit, and a hint of minerality, this rich, medium-bodied, concentrated wine once again over-achieves in 2012. That's not surprising, given its proprietors. The wine should drink well for at least 10-12 years, judging from the minerality and density of this effort. It is a sleeper of the vintage. Kudos to the Rollands!

2012 Fougas Maldoror

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Bourg, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

This wine, which is a frequent Best Buy pick in the pages of The Wine Advocate, comes from Jean-Yves B chet. Plenty of chocolaty black cherry and blackcurrant fruit are present in this medium-bodied wine, which shows good acidity. The wine is spicy, earthy, rich and capable of lasting another 5-7 years. It should drink well for up to a decade, I believe, but most of its enjoyment will come over the near-term.

2012 De Francs les Cerisiers

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Francs, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$9-\$12

An impressive marriage of two great winemaking teams are behind this cuv e, the Hebrard and Bouard families. The 2012 Les Cerisiers is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Notes of kirsch liqueur, licorice and spice are all present in this dense ruby/purple wine. Pure, rich, fleshy and medium-bodied, this is another major sleeper of the vintage, capable of providing pleasure over the next 7-8 years.

2012 La Garde

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$24

An attractive nose of smoky blackcurrants and earth jump from the glass of this deep ruby/plum colored wine, owned by the famous Dourthe firm. The wine has supple tannins, excellent concentration, medium to full body and lots of spice.

2012 Girolate

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , , Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$40-\$56

The luxury cuv e of generic Bordeaux from the Despagne family, Girolate is treated like a spoiled child, made from tiny yields, high-density spacing and 100% Merlot. Spicy, with ripe, chocolaty berry fruit, cassis, kirsch, sweet, well-integrated toasty oak and a medium-bodied, long finish, this is a beauty to drink over the next 5-7 years.

2012 Chateau du Glana

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Julien, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$17-\$30

Soft, round and juicy with loads of up-front fruit, this pleasant, consumer-friendly style of wine is meant to be drunk in its first 7-8 years of life. It is dark ruby/purple and has certainly avoided any of the astringent tannins and hollowness that this vintage can offer, particularly for the Cabernet-based wines in Médoc.

2012 Chateau Godeau

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 83
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

This is not a terribly complex wine, but it is chunky, fleshy, medium to full-bodied, with pretty lofty alcohols (15.5%) and a some heat to it. The wine is somewhat monolithic, round and lacking complexity, but that could all be related to the terroir. Not one of the finest St.-Emilions. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Grand Barrail Lamarzelle Figeac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$9

Owned by the Dourthe family, this vineyard, which has a very attractive hotel and restaurant situated in the middle, has produced a very good 2012. While I'm not usually impressed with the wines from this hotel/restaurant quasi-vineyard, the 2012 is well-made, not by any means a star of the vintage, but attractive, round and juicy, with lots of earthy berry fruit, light oak and a moderately long finish. Drink it over the next 8-10 years.

2012 Grand Corbin Manuel

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

A tiny estate of just over 20 acres on the St.-Emilion-Pomerol border, this 2012 is one of the strongest wines I have yet tasted from this producer. The color is opaque bluish/purple, and the wine offers up notes of blueberry, black raspberry, crushed rock and earth. Chewy, thick, juicy fruit and beautiful, with impressive length, this top-flight St.-Emilion is well under the radar and a major sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 15+ years. It is 80% Merlot and the balance mostly Cabernet Franc.

2012 Grand-Corbin-Despaigne

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89+
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$21-\$51

Typical of this wine from François Despaigne, it is dense ruby/purple, very masculine, powerful, virile, with loads of tannin, huge extract and a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. The wine is rich, pure and will repay cellaring of 8-15 or more years. This is a sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Grand-Enclos du Chateau de Cerons

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

A straightforward, average to above-average quality wine, with dark berry fruits, earth, tobacco leaf and spice, but not a lot of complexity or nuance. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Grand-Ormeau

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

For more than 30 years, this has been one of my favorite Lalande de Pomerols, and the 2012 leaves no reason to lose confidence in this beautifully made wine. Deep ruby/purple color, it has beautiful mulberry and sweet black cherry fruit, silky tannins, and a ripe medium to full-bodied opulence and terrific purity and depth. Proprietor J.C. Beton has been on the top of his game for a long, long time and his family continues to produce terrific wines. Drink over the next decade.

2012 Chateau les Grands Chenes

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$13

This reliable and over-achieving cru bourgeois from visionary Bernard Magrez is an excellent blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine, aged 16 months in Bordeaux barrels, has a dense ruby/purple color and a classic Médoc profile of cedar wood, blackcurrants, underbrush and forest floor. It is medium-bodied and concentrated, with soft tannins. Drink it over the next 5-8 years.

2012 Greysac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

Now owned by proprietor Jean Guyon, this blend of 65% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc comes from the treasure trove of cru bourgeois wines, the northern Médoc village of Bégadan. Complex notes of lead pencil shavings, earth, black and red currants and spice are all present in this relatively evolved, soft, medium-bodied 2012. It should drink nicely for another 7-8 years. On a personal note, I drank enormous quantities of Greysac when it was under the ownership of Baron Gunzberg in the 1970s and 1980s, as it was often available for \$5.00 to \$6.00 a bottle! This is definitely a sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Chateau Griviere

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

A blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2012 Grivière is a pleasant and solid effort. The wine has a dark ruby/purple color, sweet blackcurrant fruit, cherries, earth and spice, medium body and light tannins in the finish. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Jean du Gue

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

Another of the estates of the well-known Right Bank Aubert family, Jean de Gué is 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is medium-bodied, elegant, dark ruby/plum/purple and well-made. It should drink well for 7-8 years.

2012 Guibot la Fourvielle

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , Puisseguin St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 81
Drink 2015 - 2016
Cost: \$0

This is a low-level, soft, easygoing style of wine, with decent fruit and a dark ruby color, but not a lot of persistence or texture in the mouth. Drink it up.

2012 Haura

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

From another estate from the well-known Bordeaux oenologist/professor Denis Dubourdieu, comes Haura's 2012. A straightforward, somewhat foursquare style of Graves, with good fruit, moderate tannin and adequate depth, this is a solidly made, competent 2012, but not terribly exciting. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Chateau Haut Bertinerie

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Premieres Cotes de Blaye, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

From one of the top estates in Blaye and a consistent overachiever, this wine (a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon from old vines) offers up a nice, rich, layered mouthful of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit as well as touches of oak and spice. Fleshy, medium-bodied, and impeccably well-made, it should drink well for up to a decade. A sleeper.

2012 Haut Carles

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 92
Drink 2015 - 2035
Cost: \$0

One of the great wines of Fronsac, from proprietors Constance and Stéphane Droulers, this is a concentrated, intense wine built for long-term cellaring, if that's what you desire. This inky purple wine offers up violets, blueberry and black raspberry fruit, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, and terrific purity, texture and length. Another great Fronsac, it would appear this appellation has excelled in 2012. Drink it over the next 20 years. Kudos to the producers!

2012 Haut Lagrange

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

A solidly made, fruit-driven Pessac Léognan with loads of plum, blackcurrant, cherry notes and spice, but exuberant and extroverted. While not terribly complex, it is very satisfying, and mouth-filling. Drink this medium-bodied Pessac-Léognan over the next decade.

2012 Chateau Haut Selve Reserve

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

A very solidly made wine from 57% Cabernet Sauvignon and 43% Merlot, this wine is medium-bodied, shows good, plummy blackcurrant and fruit mixed with licorice and background earth. Soft, round and easy to drink, consume it over the next decade.

2012 Haut-Bacalan

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 84
Drink 2015 - 2016
Cost: \$0

Dense ruby/purple color, but somewhat narrowly constructed with hard tannins, this wine is slightly hard and narrow.

2012 Haut-Condissas Prestige

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

This top cuvée from proprietor Jean Guyon tends to be a consistent over-achiever in many vintages. The 2012 has a saturated purple color and is deep, rich and full, with some notes of graphite, crème de cassis and blueberry. It is a serious, medium to full-bodied wine that competes with the best of the classified growths in the northern Médoc. Drink this sleeper of the vintage over the next decade.

2012 Joanin Becot

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$16-\$21

This property continues to make terrific value wines. The 2012, a blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, is a major sleeper of the vintage. Gorgeous, plump black cherry, kirsch and blackcurrant fruit mixed with incense, licorice and spice jump from the glass of this opaque ruby/purple wine. Fleshy, opulent and a dead ringer for a top Pomerol, this beauty from the Becot family is once again a major over-achiever. Drink over the next 5-7 years.

2012 L'Ambroisie

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

This is 100% Merlot cuvée from proprietor Jean Louis Trocard. From a tiny vineyard of just five acres with 70-year-old Merlot vines, this authentic Lalande de Pomerol will be hard to find given its limited availability. However, it is beautifully crafted wine with terrific purity, oodles of blackcurrant and black cherry fruit, some graphite and earth. Full bodied and opulent, with sweet tannin, this beauty is still youthful and has a considerable upside remaining. Drink it over the next 10-15 years. The bottled wine is dramatically better than the barrel sample.

2012 Laplagnotte-Bellevue

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

Solidly made, although somewhat one-dimensional, this is a fruity St.-Emilion with a dark ruby color, pleasant texture and no real flaws, but it is certainly not complex or compelling. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Larrivaux

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$13

Tannic and somewhat dry and hard, with a dark ruby/purple color and medium body, this does not have the sweetness or fruit ones sees from the Right Bank and Graves. This is slightly austere and likely to only increase in that aspect. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Laussac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

From the Robin family, the 2012 Laussac basic cuvée is 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. Dense ruby/purple with sweet black cherry fruit intermixed with licorice, earth and spice, it is medium-bodied, rather opulent, lush, and very sexy and endearing. A major sleeper of the vintage, it should be drunk over the next 4-5 years.

2012 Laussac Cuvee Sacha

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

The special cuvée, the 2012 Cuvée Sacha (an identical blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc), seems to be beefed up with slightly more new oak, which I'm not always convinced is the best thing. It has more structure and minerality, but I'm not sure it's any better than the basic cuvée in terms of value or pleasure, complexity or overall quality. Nonetheless, it's another beauty from Castillon and well worth buying for thrifty, wise consumers. Like the basic cuvée, this is a major sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 6-7 years.

2012 Lestage-Simon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

Like some of the lower-level Médoc, this is somewhat pinched and compact with medium-bodied, nice spice, new saddle leather and earth, but not sufficient fruit and flesh to balance out the wine's structural components. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Liversan

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85+?
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

From proprietor Jean-Michel Lapalu, this well-known Haut-Médoc comes from a relatively sizeable estate. The 2012 blend is 50% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Deep ruby/plum/purple, with earthy, meaty blackcurrant fruit, some underbrush and weediness, this medium-bodied wine has excellent depth, but somehow there is a disjointedness and awkwardness to the overall feel of the wine in the mouth. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Lussac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

Wines from this well-known property are made under the auspices of Michel Rolland and his top consultant, J. P. Fort. The 2012 (a blend of 80% Merlot and the rest mostly Cabernet Franc with a tiny bit of Petit Verdot) is rich in fruit and offers up loads of plum, blackcurrant, and sweet black cherry notes, with some hints of crushed rock giving it a certain minerality. Medium-bodied, with well-integrated tannins, this is an attractive wine and a sleeper of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: now-2022.

2012 Lynsolence

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 94
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$37-\$43

An impressive, strong effort from Lynsolence, this wine, which normally is 100% Merlot, tipping the scale at 14.5%, has an almost opaque bluish/purple color that is followed by a full-bodied, very

concentrated, beautifully made wine with sweet tannin, a multi-dimensional mouthfeel and almost skyscraper-like intensity and richness. This is a star of the vintage and a great, great effort from Lysolence. Production from the tiny 6.5-acre vineyard was a measly 22 hectoliters per hectare. Drink it over the next 15 or more years.

2012 Magrez Fombrauge

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 93+
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$100-\$152

A luxury cuvée from the bigger estate of Château Fombrauge, this wine is a visionary project from Bernard Magrez along with his winemaking team and consultant Michel Rolland. This micro cuvée of 4,000 bottles, a blend of 59% Merlot and 41% Cabernet Franc, is another strong, successful effort. Although this wine saw its Cabernet Franc picked very late (October 17 and 18), it has no sense of overripeness, but a beautiful inky purple color and a sweet blueberry and blackberry nose intermixed with tar, graphite and some spicy oak. It is medium to full-bodied, elegant, pure, and while not the monster that its older siblings (2010, 2009 and 2005) were, it is still a big, rich, impressively concentrated St.-Emilion. Drink it over the next 15 or more years.

2012 Malescasse

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 78
Drink 2015 - 2016
Cost: \$11-\$16

Subtle undertones of herbs are present in this medium-bodied, slightly hollow, undernourished cru bourgeois. It is medium-bodied and has a healthy dark color, but it lacks depth on the palate. Drink up.

2012 Mazeyres

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$19-\$31

A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc (a traditional blend for the Right Bank appellations of Pomerol and, to a lesser extent, St.-Emilion), this wine offers attractive notes of sweet and sour black cherries, licorice and a touch of mulberry. It is medium-bodied, soft, round and best drunk over the next 8-10 years. A little more complexity would have resulted in a higher score.

2012 Messile-Aubert Montagne St Emilion

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

From the well-known Aubert family, this blend of 60% Merlot and the rest equal parts Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense ruby/purple color, a nice touch of earth and licorice, forest floor and black and red currants. The wine is a solidly made, well-endowed Montagne St.-Emilion with light tannin. A sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Mont-Perat Mont Perat

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2018
Cost: \$14

From the well-known Despagne family (purveyors of many good value wines), this 2012 has an excellent dark ruby/purple color and performs well above its humble pedigree. It is generous, soft, silky textured and richly fruity. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.

2012 Montviel

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89+
Drink 2018 - 2033
Cost: \$0

From a stable of vineyards owned by the late and dynamic Madame Péré-Vergé, the 2012 Montviel has an opaque purple color. One of the best ever from this estate, this wine has an extra level of concentration and richness. It is dense, medium to full-bodied, ripe, rich, not terribly complex as of yet, but exhibiting plenty of promise and potential. Forget it for 3-4 years and drink it over the following 15 or more.

2012 Le Moulin

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

A somewhat under-the-radar, consistently excellent Pomerol that in some vintages has a stylistic kinship with the famous Le Pin. Earthy, deep ruby/plum/purple with notes of forest floor, black cherry jam, licorice and Christmas spices, the wine is medium to full-bodied, opulent, round, juicy and very successful. Soft and round with excellent concentration and purity, drink it over the next 10-15 years.

2012 Moulin-Haut-Laroque

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Canon Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 91
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$14-\$21

This is a blend of 65% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec from one of the leading estates of Fronsac. The property has long been run with meticulous and passionate attention by proprietor Jean-Noël Hervé. An exceptional effort in 2012, Hervé has hit the high notes in this vintage with an inky ruby/purple wine that is fresh and pure, offering black raspberry and black currant fruit, hints of crushed rock, minerality, and a floral note in the background. It is medium to full-bodied, superbly concentrated, and very impressive. The wine is still young, but will evolve beautifully for 10-15 more years, possibly longer.

2012 Du Parc

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

This is the relatively new estate being resurrected by Alain Raynaud and his wife Françoise. The final blend, 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc from a vineyard near the village of Saint Sulpice de Faleyrens, exhibits an opaque purple color, sweet cassis and black cherry fruit nicely dosed by subtle oak. It is medium to full-bodied with decent acidity, ripe, well-integrated tannin and a nice layered mouthfeel. This is probably the best wine I've ever tasted from this estate and a tribute to the meticulous ownership and efforts of the Raynaud family. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Pas de l'Ane

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

The Pas de L'Ane is another attractive St.-Emilion, and certainly one of the vintage's high points. This wine has a dark ruby/purple color, nice plum, blackcurrant and cherry fruit, earth, spice, saturated color and a medium-bodied mouthfeel and finish. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Patache d'Aux

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 87

Drink 2015 - 2022

Cost: \$20

Another of the small estates of Jean-Michel Lapalu, this is a wine I've been drinking for over 35 years. (I have very fond memories of 1982, which I believe sold for \$3.00 or \$4.00 a bottle.) This successful 2012 offers juicy red and black fruits, spice and earth, a medium-bodied, supple texture. A velvety style of wine, it has a healthy dark ruby/purple color and impressive purity, all suggesting an impeccably made wine to drink over the next 5-7 years. It is a sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Peby Faugeres

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 96

Drink 2015 - 2035

Cost: \$80-\$120

One of the candidates for the wine of the vintage, the opaque purple/black 2012 Péby Faugères is stunningly concentrated, with gorgeous purity, an opulent black raspberry, black cherry and blackcurrant fruit spectrum, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and beautiful, velvety, integrated tannins. Amazingly, it is not showing much oak, even though it is aged 100% in new oak. This is a great and profound 2012 that is still youthful, but so impressive already and capable of evolving for two decades. It is 100% Merlot.

2012 Penin-les Cailloux

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 87

Drink 2015 - 2019

Cost: \$0

A cuvée of 100% Merlot, deep black cherry, earth and spice notes along with some crushed rock minerality are present in this over-achieving wine, which exhibits good density, richness and length. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.

2012 Perron-la Fleur

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by

eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 88

Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

A very solidly made Lalande de Pomerol from 100% Merlot. this wine has a deep ruby/purple color, sweet kirsch liqueur notes, licorice, spice box and plum. It's medium-bodied, opulent and best drunk over the next 5-7 years.

2012 Peyfaures

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

Made from a blend of 85% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon and 7% Cabernet Franc, this dense ruby/purple 2012 offers chewy black cherry and mocha notes intermixed with background earth and oak. This chunky, fleshy wine is surprisingly deep and juicy. The tannins are well-integrated and the wine well above its pedigree. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Peyfaures Dame de Coeur

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

The 2012 Dame de Coeur is a Bordeaux Superieur made from 100% Merlot. This rich, chunky, fleshy wine has copious quantities of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, earthiness and spice, and a long, opulent finish. This is another over-achieving wine from a humble background. A sleeper of the vintage, it should be drunk over the next 4-5 years.

2012 Chateau Peyrat-Fourthon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 83
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

This blend of 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot is a straightforward, one-dimensional Bordeaux with adequate fruit, dark ruby/purple color, but not much character or charm. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

2012 Clement Pichon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 83
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$14-\$23

This property sits on the southern end of the Médoc and is the magnificent estate of the Fayat family. They have produced a very solid Bordeaux for a number of years. There is no doubt a good dosage of Merlot in this wine, given its juicy blackcurrant fruit, deep ruby/purple color and spice. It is supple, round, not terribly complex or that deep, but a competent example of 2012 to drink over the next 7-10 years.

2012 Pressac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2018 - 2039
Cost: \$29

From one of the most glorious and impressive fortified chateaux in St.-Emilion, also situated on a high bluff with magnificent views in virtually every direction, De Pressac has undergone a transformation in quality over recent vintages. It could be the strongest effort from Pressac I've yet tasted. Dense ruby/purple, with notes of Asian plum sauce, blackcurrants, licorice and truffle as well as incense, the complex aromatics are followed by a medium to full-bodied, concentrated, tightly knit, structured wine that is masculine, concentrated and backward. Forget it for 3-4 years and drink it over the following 15-20.

2012 Le Prioure

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$28

Normally this wine tends to be relatively light, but the 2012 has an inky purple color, lots of black raspberries and spice, a nice fleshy texture and a hedonistic almost fruit-bomb style of St.-Emilion. It is hard to ignore and it's luscious and extroverted. This medium-bodied St.-Emilion is meant to be drunk now and over the next decade.

2012 Chateau Ramafort

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

I don't see wines from this property very frequently, but this is the site of a magnificent 13th century castle. The 2012 is a blend from their vineyards of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Soft and fruity, with medium body, gentle tannins and adequately ripe fruit, this dark ruby/plum-colored wine is drinkable now and should evolve for another 5-6 years. It is a very competent 2012.

2012 Reclos de la Couronne

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

A strong effort from this estate, this Montagne Saint-Emilion is dense, chunky and rich, not terribly complex, but concentrated and chewy, with plenty of black fruit, earth and spice. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Reignac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

This consistent overachiever from proprietor Yves Vatelot is a blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. By keeping yields to cru classé levels of 35 hectoliters per hectare and using high-quality oak, Vatelot is able to produce a wine far above its humble pedigree. The 2012 is a serious wine – structured, deep ruby/purple, with excellent concentration, impressive purity, excellent integration of new oak, and a long finish. This is a major sleeper of the vintage and another classic offering from Reignac. Drink it over the next 10 years or so.

2012 Chateau Reynon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$10-\$13

From famous Bordeaux professor of oenology Denis Dubourdieu, this Côtes de Bordeaux exhibits an attractive dense ruby/purple color, sweet black cherry and cassis fruit, licorice and earth. Medium-bodied, supple and ideal for drinking the next 5-6 years, this is an exceptional value and a serious wine.

2012 Chateau de Rochemorin

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

From the André Lurton portfolio of châteaux, this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is a somewhat compact, narrowly built wine. The wine is a medium dark ruby color, with unsmoked cigar tobacco and black cherries on the attack that narrow out quickly in the mouth. It is spicy, earthy and best drunk over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Rol Valentin

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 91
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$27-\$39

Made from 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, with a saturated ruby/purple color and dense black cherry and plum-like fruit pushing ripeness to the limit, on the palate the wine is medium to full-bodied, pure, ripe and nicely textured, with soft, round tannins. This is a very successful effort from Rol Valentin that can be approached early on or drunk over the following 10-15 years.

2012 Rollan de By

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$15-\$36

This excellent estate in the northern Médoc (near the village of Bégadan) has produced a blend of 70% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 10% Petit Verdot. Made by visionary and conscientious proprietor Jean Guyon, this is a classic style of Bordeaux, with notes of cedar wood, blackcurrants, underbrush, and spice. The wine is medium-bodied and has soft tannins, moderately good concentration and texture, and an easygoing finish. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 La Rose Perriere

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lussac St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2016 - 2022
Cost: \$0

This is potentially a very good if still somewhat unknown wine, made largely from Merlot, with a good, healthy dosage of Cabernet Franc. Despite some gritty tannins, this is a relatively big, muscular, virile style of wine with a dense purple color and plenty of oak, spice box, and blackcurrant and black cherry fruit. Pure, medium-bodied, but the oak and tannins are elevated. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2022.

2012 Rouget

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 92
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$31-\$72

This property has been on the qualitative high road for a number of years, and the 2012 continues that path. Deep ruby/purple, with wonderfully sweet, earthy, black cherry and blackcurrant fruit jumping from the glass, it is broad, opulent, beautifully textured and juicy. This is a sexy, lush, heady Pomerol to drink now and over the next 15 or more years. Full, long and impressive, there is no reason to defer your gratification with this beauty.

2012 Roylland

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2024
Cost: \$0

Slight leanness and hollowness on the mid-palate have kept my score more conservative, but this wine has merit. Dark ruby purple, it offer cassis, black cherry and plump, ripe notes and plenty of oak, but then the tannins kick in. It should age nicely for a decade, although I'm slightly worried about the overall equilibrium between fruit and structure. Anticipated maturity: now-2024.

2012 Saint Jean de Lavaud

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from , , Lalande de Pomerol, , ,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

A tiny, less than three-acre vineyard has produced a wine made from 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, totaling only 5,000 bottles. Very pure black cherry, mulberry fruit, spice and sweet tannin and a medium-bodied mouthfeel make for a very up-front and precocious, sexy style of Lalande. Drink over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Sainte Marie Vieilles Vignes

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 85
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

Right in the heart of Entre-deux-Mers, this property has produced a wine from very old vines that is a blend of 72% Merlot and 28% Cabernet Sauvignon. Soft, juicy, quite cleanly made with good fruit, the wine is medium-bodied, very pleasant and a confident example of a good Bordeaux Supérieur. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

2012 Sainte-Barbe

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 83
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

This blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep ruby/purple color, sweet black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, and attractive purity. It does not offer a lot of complexity, but is a solid, mouthfilling claret to drink over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Saint-Robert

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Graves, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 75
Drink 2015 - 2015
Cost: \$0

A rather dull, simple, straightforward wine, with very little personality, this wine should be drunk up.

2012 Sanctus du la Bienfaisance

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 94
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

A stunning wine, this luxury cuvée of La Bienfaisance is significantly better than it tasted from barrel. The 2012 (75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc tipping the scales at 14.4% alcohol) has an opaque ruby/purple color, sweet black cherries and blackcurrant fruit, medium to full body, and ripe, well-integrated tannins. This is a sensational wine to drink over the next 12-15 years.

2012 Sansonnet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 92
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$24-\$34

From a property on an incredible qualitative roll, this blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, from St.-Emilion's plateau of clay and limestone soils, offers loads of blueberry and raspberry fruit, an inky purple color, a distinctive, earthy terroir character, medium to full body, and beautiful ripeness, purity and equilibrium. This is a stunner, as it has been over recent vintages, and consumers need to take notice before the prices match the level of quality. Drink it over the next 15 years. Tiny yields of 23 hectoliters per hectare achieved 14% natural alcohol.

2012 Le Sartre

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

A somewhat one-dimensional style of Pessac-Léognan, this blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot shows the vintage's very dark pigment and color. It is medium-bodied, with good concentration, but again, its absence of finesse, nuance and complexity are apparent. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Seguin Pessac Leognan

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 91
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

This is a beautifully complex wine with a dense almost blackish/purple color, offering up notes of charcoal fires, graphite, sweet black fruits, followed by a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel with silky tannins and a lush, very concentrated and layered texture. This is impressive wine and a big-time sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

2012 La Sergue

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2021
Cost: \$0

From Proprietor Pascal Chatonnet, comes another super-sexy, ripe, concentrated wine, with lots of fruit and intensity. It's soft, round, juicy and very hedonistic. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

2012 Thieuley

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2019
Cost: \$0

The basic cuvée, the 2012 generic Bordeaux is a blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is a major overachiever, with supple tannins, lots of sweet black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, an enticing texture, medium body, and a complete mouthfeel. This is a juicy consumer's treasure that can be drunk now or cellared over 3-4 years. This wine delivers significant pleasure and quality for its humble price. This is one of the most reliable large estates producing generic Bordeaux.

2012 Thieuley Reserve Francis Courselle

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2020
Cost: \$0

The 2012 Réserve Francis Courselle has more oak and comes across as a more serious wine, but not necessarily better than the basic cuvée. The fruit is ripe, and the oak not overdone. This 2012 Réserve has more structure than wood, which seems to subdue some of the immense early pleasure one derives from this kind of wine. At any rate, it is well-made and certainly very good. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. This is one of the most reliable large estates producing generic Bordeaux.

2012 Tour Bayard

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2018
Cost: \$0

A solidly made Bordeaux with a nice earthiness and plump black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, it has a medium-bodied texture, light, sweet, well-integrated tannins, and attractive charm and juiciness. This is a very good Montagne St.-Emilion and a sleeper of the vintage. Anticipated maturity: now-2018.

2012 Chateau Tour de Mirambeau Cuvee Passion

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2019
Cost: \$0

Another over-achieving generic wine from the Despagne family, this sexy, soft, silky-textured, richly fruity and exuberant wine is as good as a generic Bordeaux can ever be. A tasty, well-made wine that sells for a song, it should be drunk over the next 3-4 years.

2012 Tour de Pez

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Estephe, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 79
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$14-\$25

This is 55% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Petit Verdot. Slightly narrow but not herbaceous, some chalky tannins are present in this 2012. The wine is medium-bodied, slightly hollow but pleasant. The color is a healthy dark ruby/purple. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.

2012 Tour des Termes

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Estephe, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2018 - 2033
Cost: \$0

A juicy, dense ruby/purple St.-Estèphe with good purity, attractive texture, medium body and a moderately tannic style, this wine needs another 2-3 years of bottle age and should keep nicely for 10-15 years.

2012 La Tour Seran

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 86
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

From proprietor Jean Guyon, this blend of 65% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 10% Petit Verdot has a gold band on it saying, "Blended by the best sommelier in the world – Andreas Larsson." The wine is a relatively juicy, well-above average cru bourgeois in 2012,

with a dark ruby/plum color, red and blackcurrant fruit, licorice and earth. Medium-bodied, supple-textured and well-made, it should be drunk over the next 5-8 years.

2012 Chateau Tournefeuille

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Lalande de Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$32

An attractive, fruity, deep ruby/plum colored wine, this is pure, ripe, very well-made and best drunk over the next 7-8 years. This is another excellent example of an undervalued wine from this satellite appellation to Pomerol.

2012 Trianon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$0

An excellent Trianon and one of the best examples I've tasted of this estate. The wine shows lush, blackcurrant and black cherry fruit, a deep opaque ruby/purple color, medium body and good spice, ripeness and length. The wine is two to three years from hitting prime time drinking, but should evolve nicely after that for another 10-12 years.

2012 Trimoulet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$0

A blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, this wine is an attractive, easygoing, soft, slightly superficial but a fruit-driven, hedonistic style of St.-Emilion with a dark ruby/purple color, loads of black cherry and spice, low acidity, and ripe tannin. This medium-bodied wine should be drunk over the next decade.

2012 Les Trois Croix

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 88

Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$15-\$24

From former Mouton-Rothschild general manager Patrick Léon, his family estate in Fronsac offers a 2012 that has more intensity and flavor than normally found from this proprietor's wines. With loads of mineral-laced blue and black fruits, medium to full body, impressive purity, texture and length, this sleeper of the vintage is an excellent offering from Fronsac. Drink it over the next decade.

2012 Veyry

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$0

This excellent wine from one of the oenologists who works for Michel Rolland is quite concentrated, dense in color, and powerful in 2012. There is certainly a big percentage of Merlot in the final blend, but the wine is beefy, rich, medium to full-bodied, and rises well above the average level of quality achieved in 2012. This pure, rich, textured sleeper of the vintage is capable of lasting another 7-8 years.

2012 La Vieille Cure

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 91
Drink 2015 - 2027
Cost: \$15-\$23

Arguably the bright, shining star of Fronsac these days, this blend of 75% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Franc and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon from vines averaging 25 years of age seems to go from strength to strength. The 2012 is a knock-out, with an inky purple color and sweet cassis and kirsch notes as well as some licorice, mocha and earth. It is medium to full-bodied and concentrated, with silky tannins and a long, long finish. This is outrageously fine wine that sells for a song. It is a major sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 10-12 years.

2012 Vieux Chateau Palon

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Montagne St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 87
Drink 2016 - 2026
Cost: \$0

A concentrated, earthy wine with hints of chalky limestone, blackberries and cassis, this 2012 (75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc) is rich, full, and powerful. It is an overachiever in this vintage, a surprisingly big-scaled and large-boned style of wine from a relatively obscure appellation. Give this sleeper of the vintage another year or so of bottle age and drink it over the next decade.

2012 Vieux Maillet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Pomerol, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$0

A blend of 73% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine emerges from a small property that produces just under 30,000 bottles. It is looked after by the brilliant duo of Jean-Philippe Fort and Michel Rolland. A strong effort with loads of minerality, this dense ruby/purple wine has notes of black cherries, cassis, and earth. It is medium to full-bodied, ripe, and solidly made. This is an undeniable success and one of the best wines I've ever tasted from this producer. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

2012 Villars

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Fronsac, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 90
Drink 2015 - 2030
Cost: \$16

One of the top Fronsacs year in and year out, this blend of 76% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon reveals a gorgeous, deep ruby/purple color and sweet blueberry and blackberry fruit. Nice minerality and a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel make for a top-notch Fronsac in this vintage. The color is a healthy ruby/purple and the wine capable of lasting at least 10-15 years.

2012 Chateau de Villegeorge

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 83
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

This blend of 44% Merlot and 56% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Lurton family has a somewhat stretched, austere, medium-bodied mouthfeel, a dark ruby/purple color, red and black fruits and spice. It is cleanly made, but lacks charm, coming across as somewhat hard and hollow. Drink it over the next 5-7 years.

2012 Winemaker's Collection Susana Balbo #7

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , Margaux, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)

Rating: 88
Drink 2015 - 2022
Cost: \$0

This project is now in its seventh incarnation, and while the wine comes from the southern Médoc, the chosen winemaker for 2012 is Argentinian Susana Balbo. This excellent wine offers soft, ripe tannins, sweet berry fruit, floral notes, medium body and a nice finish that builds incrementally. This lush, fruit-driven style of wine should drink nicely for another 5-7 years. A sleeper of the vintage.

2012 Yon Figeac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from France , , St Emilion, Bordeaux, France,

Review by
eRobertParker.com # , #218 (Apr 2015)
Rating: 89
Drink 2015 - 2023
Cost: \$20-\$30

A blend of 83% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 12% Petit Verdot from a 60-acre vineyard in the Figeac sector of St.-Emilion, this is a precocious, forward and crowd-pleasing wine. Displaying notes of plum, blackcurrants and black cherries along with some hints of licorice and forest floor, it offers medium-bodied, silky tannins and a nice, complete mouthfeel from beginning to finish. The purity levels are also impressive. This is a sleeper of the vintage and a strong effort from this property, which has had somewhat of a mixed performance record over the last decade.
