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How luxury winemakers are cutting out the middleman

Clarette, in a decidedly unbordelais reconditioned pub in Marylebone, is a stone's throw from another incursion into the vibrant London dining scene by a Bordeaux château-owner. The Gardiniers own St-Estèphe wine estate Phelan-Ségur but also the famous restaurant Taillevent in Paris. Its offshoot, Les 110 de Taillevent, offers 110 food-matched wines by the glass and has spawned a London branch just behind John Lewis.

Here are some favourite vintages of these trophy wines that are still available.

Champagne

- Dom Pérignon 2002
- Krug 2002

Bordeaux Châteaux

- Cheval Blanc 1990
- Cos d'Estournel 2010
- Haut-Brion 2005
- Latour 2001
- Lynch Bages 1982
- Margaux 2000
- Pavie 2010
- Petrus 2010
- Phelan Ségur 2010
- Yquem 2001