



Bordeaux: Something for Every Palate and Pocketbook

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As 2016 begins, there is a lot of excitement from Bordeaux. The young and very promising 2015 reds are being tasted for the first time and the quality seems quite high. We will send a team to taste these babies in April and report back to you. Meanwhile, we have many Bordeaux red and white wines available, with some superb values from many different vintages. Below are our recommendations for the newly released 2012s, which have evolved into delicious wines—and they are very well priced.

In this issue we will also make some recommendations for the very fine 2014s on pre-arrival basis, and go back to our favorite 2009s—and even back into the 1980s. Great Bordeaux ages for many years, as attested to at our recent Bordeaux dinner in honor of Jim Chanteloup. The 1949 Cantemerle and 1961 Barde-Haut were off the charts, as were the 1981 Vieux-Château-Certain and 1991 Palmer.

2009 Phélan-Ségur, St-Estèphe (\$44.99) 93 points
JS: “Solid wine. Bright blueberry and floral aromas follow through to a full body, with soft, velvety tannins and a long finish. Best since 1989.”



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