

2010 Bordeaux En-Primeur

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JUST SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHT

- **Chateau Bernadotte (17 Points, Jancis) from \$32**
- **Chateau Chasse-Spleen (92-94 Points, WA) from \$52**
- **Chateau Filhot Sauternes 375ml (91-94 points, WS) From \$21!!**
- **Chateau Guiraud Sauternes 375ml (18.5/20 Points, Decanter) From \$39**



ROBERT PARKER ON BORDEAUX 2010

It is almost painful to tell the story of another great vintage in Bordeaux. The fact that 2010 follows the superb 2009 vintage is remarkable as well. And of course, there is the potential for serious wine consumers who love Bordeaux to once again be bludgeoned with skyrocketing prices that are likely to exceed those that were asked for 2009. Yet the world continues to change, and it is an inescapable truth that 2010 has produced another year of compelling Bordeaux that will go down as a prodigious vintage alongside 2009. Take your pick – this news is either tragic or mythical, but I have tasted enough wines from 2005, 2009 and 2010 to realize that these may be the three greatest Bordeaux

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AND JANCIS ROBINSON

*Both 2009 and 2010 have massive, record-breaking amounts of alcohol (thanks to the high sugar levels in the grapes), tannins and colour. The big difference between the vintages is in the acid levels. Thanks to the cool nights and generally lower temperatures, 2010s have much higher levels of acidity and, in some cases, the tannins taste much drier. **This makes the 2010 vintage much more structured, and arguably more refreshing.***

Early signs of the 2010 Bordeaux vintage are trickling through, as are the offers. with an overwhelming opinion that 2010 is shaping up to be a vintage that will sit alongside 2005 & 2009 as great vintages of the 'noughties'. Over the coming months I will be putting together a selection of Bordeaux with a focus on those wines that represent terrific value for money, in a large majority of the cases selling for less than \$100 per bottle.

I encourage anyone with an interest in a specific wine to send us their wish list and I will do my best to source your wines for you.

Cheers, Randall (0408 432 456)

NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, HERE IS OUR FIRST (OF MANY) OFFERINGS FROM THE GREAT 2010 BORDEAUX VINTAGE!

RED BORDEAUX

BERNADOTTE, HAUT-MEDOC

\$34 PER BOTTLE

(\$32 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

A balanced and friuity wine with mineral, dried flowers and berries Medium to full body, with fine tannins. 50 Cabernet Sauvignon and 50 percent Merlot **89 – 90 Points, JAMES SUCKLING**

The 2010 is a solidly made, atypically powerful La Bernadotte from the owners of Pichon-Lalande. It displays notes of white chocolate, cedar, black currants and strong earthy undertones. Medium-bodied and fresh, it should drink nicely for 10-15 years. **89 – 92 Points, ROBERT PARKER**

Dark crimson. Scented with just the slightest hint of green. Sweet start and very luscious. Dramatic and crowd-pleasing with real potential for development. Neat finish. Shiny and should be VGV. Drink 2016-24 **17 Points JANCIS ROBINSON**

CHATEAU CARONNE ST GEMME, MEDOC

\$29 PER BOTTLE

(\$24 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

Very fine and racy, with licorice and blackberries and pretty and racy tannins. **89-90 Points, JAMES SUCKLING**

16.5/20 Points, JANCIS ROBINSON 16.5/20 Points, DECANter

CHATEAU CHASSE-SPLEEN, MOULIS

\$57 PER BOTTLE

(\$52 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

A wine that is almost salty as well as fruity. Full, juicy and lightly chewy. **88 – 89 Points, JAMES SUCKLING**

A strong effort, the tannic, medium to full-bodied 2010 possesses good minerality, zesty acidity, admirable freshness and both blue and black fruits. With impressive depth and length, this pure Moulis should drink well for 15+ years. **88 – 90 Points, ROBERT PARKER**

Tasted at the Cru Bourgeois primeur tasting. This has a lovely ripe blackberry, cassis and vanillary nose with beautifully integrated new oak. Seamless. The palate is medium-bodied with a rich, liquorice tinged entry, sappy dark berries, a touch of soy perhaps towards the finish. Unruly at the moment, ambitious and sure to make a big impression after bottling. Tasted April 2011. **92-94 Points, NEAL MARTIN, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

Dense, blackish. Creamy texture but an odd aroma. Something reminiscent of soap and perhaps some unusual oak? Pretty ripe and luscious though. If this is the quality that can be achieved in a lesser classed growth, this is a very special vintage. Just a bit drying and short on the finish. **16 Points, JANCIS ROBINSON**

CHATEAU CISSAC, HAUT-MEDOC (RANDALL'S PICK)

\$26 PER BOTTLE

(\$22 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

"The Cissac 2010 has an attractive well-defined bouquet with bright dark berried fruits, cassis and a slight honeyed accent. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, very clean fruits, nothing over-ambitious but very harmonious and silky smooth towards the finish. This is the best Cissac I have tasted en primeur." Tasted April 2011. **90 – 92 Points, NEIL MARTIN, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

LES ORMES DE PEZ, ST ESTEPHE

\$55 PER BOTTLE

(\$46 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

Superb concentration of very ripe fruit, lots of richness and depth, will be very impressive. Drink 2016-28. **17/20 Points, DECANter**

Tasted at Lynch-Bages and the UGC, the vineyard suffered some hail damage and some parcels lost as much as 30-40% of the crop and the yield which is 44hl/ha. The Les Ormes de Pez is a blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon,

45% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot raised in 45% new oak. It has a very sensual, very pure bouquet with dark cherries, boysenberry, wild hedgerow, mint and a touch of vanilla, much more feminine than the wines of the past. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent tannins on the entry, very good ripeness here and the Cabernet Sauvignon is really in harmony with the ripe Merlot. Voluminous and silky smooth towards the finish, this is an outstanding Les Ormes de Pez. Drink 2015- Tasted March 2011. **92-94 Points, NEAL MARTIN, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

Healthy crimson. Ripe and robust. Big and bold without much care for seduction. Very solid but it will take a lot of time to settle down. **17 Points, JANCIS ROBINSON**

SAUTURNES

Jancis Robinson

"...sweet white Bordeaux of the 2010 vintage are, like the reds, quite different in style from the 2009s. They are generally much less obviously sweet with more pronounced acidity and in many of the wines, as in the dry whites, there is a distinct citrus-peel character. Racy rather than mouthfuls of explosive honey, the best 2010s may just turn out to be easier to drink, or at least match with savoury foods, than the 2009s."

CHATEAU FILHOT (375ML), SAUTURNES

\$23 PER BOTTLE

(\$21 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

Gold with a hint of copper. Not especially distinguished on the nose. Nervy. Unctuous texture with mid to high sweetness and lots of acidity. Quite muscular and exciting. Not classic big and sweet but certainly sweeter than most and a very valid style. Some real chew and structure but a bit heavy overall. **16 Points JANCIS ROBINSON**

91-94 Points, WINE SPECTATOR

16/20 Points, DECANTER

CHATEAU GUIRAUD (375ML), SAUTURNES

\$44 PER BOTTLE

(\$39 EA UNBROKEN CASE OF 12)

The 2010 Chateau Guiraud has fine purity and minerality on the nose, with touches of passion fruit and dried apricot, later quince joining the fray. The palate is very well-balanced with a lively entry of apricot, quince and a touch of hazelnut. The middle and finish demonstrate fine tension and a lot of freshness. Individual lots seemed to have more race than the final sample, and I suspect it will warrant a higher score once the final blend is in bottle. **91 - 93 Points, NEIL MARTIN, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate**

Deep gold. Something sulphidey on the nose. Sweet and sticky rather than fine. Sheer mass. Sweet and interesting but not that intense. Marmalade and a bit of bitterness. Certainly makes an impression. Lilies; tropical flowers. Big and a bit of bruiser. **16.5 Points JANCIS ROBINSON**

More lactic notes than most, more intensity of yeasty undertones, very intense, great proportions, great style, great future, showing the energy of a perfectly cultivated vineyard. Drink 2018-2040. **18.5/20 Points, DECANTER**

93-94+ Points, JAMES SUCKLING

WHY BUY EN-PRIMEUR?

The wines are purchased prior to release. Buying the wine this way enables the purchaser to not only secure wines that are in limited supply but also to take advantage of potential significant savings. As in the case with any great vintage in Bordeaux, we believe the prices for 2010 will increase substantially when they are bottled and released from the chateau. As the wines remain in the chateau until bottling and are shipped in refrigerated containers you can be assured of the provenance of the wines.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Orders are subject to confirmation of stock being available via emailed proforma invoice usually within 48 hours.
2. Payment of 50% will be processed upon confirmation of order, the balance payable on Nov 1 2011.
3. All orders are exclusive of freight and insurance, being payable upon delivery in 2013. So if you can pick them up it will save you money!
4. Prices are based on current tax and exchange rates. Any fluctuations in these may result in some additional costs on arrival.
5. All wines are offered in 3, 6 or 12 bottle lots.
6. We offer a further discounted price on full case purchases (full unbroken cases). Full case prices will be included in brackets.
7. Additionally, for purchasers of full-case lots (that is 12x750ml bottles of a single wine) may elect to have their wine bottled in alternate formats, such as magnums, double magnums, half-bottles etc., for a small additional charge.