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BORDEAUX : TWO BEST SOMMELIERS OF THE WORLD TASTE BLIND

INTERVIEW WITH MARKUS DEL MONEGO AND ANDREAS LARSSON

TASTED - According to which criteria did you rate the wines and which are the determining points of your evaluations?

Markus del Monego - We tasted using the international 100 points system, which is internationally well known and accepted.

Andreas Larsson - According to the international 100 point scale. I judge the wine for its overall quality that is to say purity, aromatics, structure, length, complexity, concentration, typicality, potential and longevity, but also its drinkability, something that I feel is very important.

TASTED - What are the features that really distinguish a correct from a good and a good from an excellent wine?

MdM - There are three aspects: first of all, the typicality of the colour for each grape variety, region and vintage. Secondly, the aroma profile. The more complex a wine is, the higher is the rating. Last, but not least, the taste. Mouthfeel and length are as important as balance. And in the end, the better wines show more typicality of terroir/origin than simpler wines.

AL - Correct wines are clean and fruity with a touch of character. A good wine must have more character, concentration and structure. A great wine should have more structure, character - it needs to display personality, to have a beginning, middle, and an end; often a great wine makes you say - wow!

TASTED - Could you please describe the conditions under which the wines have been blind tasted?

MdM - We have tasted in our tasting laboratory [caveCo / Essen / Germany]. Single boxes for the tasters guarantee a quiet tasting atmosphere without any influence from a third party. The wines have been served in glasses, so even the shape of the bottle was hidden, which guarantees a neutral tasting. In addition, the interior climate condition of the laboratory is controlled (temperature, humidity etc.). These conditions follow the DIN 17025 for blind tastings, therefore a high reproducibility of the results is provided.

AL - Markus has said it all.

TASTED - What influence do these conditions have on the reproducibility of the tasting conditions?

MdM - As the conditions are the same for every tasting, the reproducibility of the tasting results is made much more probable and therefore, more relevant. My company, caveCo, is accredited for organoleptic analysis; therefore we need these neutral conditions.

AL - It is a good way of tasting under completely blind conditions and not being influenced by the surroundings.

TASTED - What distinguishes a blind tasting under ideal conditions from a tasting carried out, for instance, directly at a winery?

MdM - Although good tasters can be quite objective even when knowing the name of a wine, there is a certain influence which will work subconsciously. Therefore an attractive label, a famous name or a well known vintner can influence the result. Blind tastings are the only way to have a really neutral tasting.

AL - It is very difficult to judge a wine if you taste it at a "great" winery, one will inevitably be biased by the atmosphere.

TASTED - Do you believe that even professional tasters can be influenced by things like the environment, a particularly friendly and luxurious welcome at a wine estate and if yes in which way? Or at the contrary, by specifically nasty and poor tasting conditions?

MdM - Tasting is a subjective art and there is the permanent battle of good tasters to be as objective as possible. I think that objectivity can be reached up to 80/85%, but there is always a hint of subjectivity remaining. The more a taster is influenced, the higher the level of subjectivity can be.

AL - Yes, as I just said. In addition, one is often confronted with tasting rooms that are too cold or too hot. I hate tasting with the air condition on as it is dehydrating, I hate tasting from bad wine glasses, and there are a few other things I don't like,... so yes there are many ways that can affect one's tasting. ■

98 | CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ

2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Saint Julien 2009

AL - Plenty of dark ripe fruit, cocoa bean, coffee, blackcurrant, blackberry and fine spices - the wine has an impeccable structure, purity, fresh, risp dark fruit, round, concentrated, immensely long finish, superb stuff! **98**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Very concentrated fruit on the nose, ripe, luscious. Dark berries, blackcurrant, sweet cherries. On the palate opulent, well structured, great length, depth, complex finish with polished tannins. Powerful, persistent, elegant. **98**

97,5 | CHÂTEAU PALMER

3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Margaux 2009

AL - Still rather restrained, shy on the nose, good purity, very fine structure, rich, concentrated, pure Cabernet notes, blackcurrant, mineral, very silky-present tannins, elegant, mouthfilling with nuance and finesse, very long lingering, amazing aftertaste, great purity and charm, truly with all the qualities of a "grand vin". **98**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very elegant and persistent nose, complex and rich with fine fruit, perfect use of oak and a touch of minerality. On the palate well balanced and with perfect structure. Juicy character, firm and well integrated tannins and excellent length. A great classic. **97**

97,5 | CHÂTEAU PAPE CLEMENT

Pessac Léognan - Cru Classé de Graves 2009

AL - Rich and vibrant nose, youthful with dark fruity notes, blackcurrant, cherry, mineral and tobacco, some new oak and coffee beans, very dense and concentrated palate without heaviness, fresh and crunchy with layers of dark fruit a backbone of very fine tannins that adds freshness, fine spices and persistent flavours, very long and lingering aftertaste filled with chocolate and dark berries, seriously structured, already tempting but with huge potential, will develop remarkably well. **98**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Excellent density, intense and complex fruit, mild spices and a touch of toasted oak. Minerality in the background. On the palate seducing character, silky tannins and convincing length. **97**

97 | CHÂTEAU TROPLONG MONDOT

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very opaque and young appearance, still young and closed on the nose but with a great purity of fruit, the palate is immensely concentrated, flavours of cassis, blackberry jam, smoke, mineral and black truffle, very fine balance, an immense structure and huge aftertaste, this will be magnificent, a big wine in being. **97**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven aromas, very complex, ripe, fresh fruit, mild spices and tones of minerality. Blackcurrant and a touch of truffles. On the palate silky tannins, velvety structure and convincing length. A great wine from a great vintage. **97**

97 | CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON

2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Saint Julien 2009

AL - Gentle notes of vanilla and wood, really dark and inky fruit, black cherry, crème de cassis (blackcurrant liqueur), tobacco and mineral notes, very firm palate with good grip, plenty of tannins that add freshness, pure and juicy dark fruit, very long and lingering aftertaste, great classic structure with an extra dimension of purity, ripeness and elegance, super stuff! **97**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Pure fruit, blackcurrant, sweet berries and tones of vanilla and cloves. On the palate well structured and balanced with well expressed tannins and good length. **97**

96,5 | CHÂTEAU MALARTIC LAGRAVIÈRE

Pessac Léognan - Cru Classé de Graves 2009

AL - Pure and mineral nose, wet stones, tobacco, wild berries, blackcurrant and fine leather, the palate is rather massive and concentrated with layers of dark fruit, high level of fine tannin, a bright freshness and supreme length, great purity and potential. **97**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with complex flavour. Toasted oak, vanilla and mild spices, blackberries and mulberries, ripe structure and great density. On the palate very fine and mineral style with great length and complex aftertaste. **96**

96 | CHÂTEAU COUTET

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Barsac 2009

AL - Intense and sweet nose, more dried fruit character, apricot, caramel, marmalade, sweet and bold palate, balanced acidity, mineral and delicate with a very long, rich finish. **95**

MdM - Dark golden colour. In the nose very elegant with persistent fruit, reminiscent of ripe peaches, juicy Mirabelle plum (also called Mirabelle prune; not to be confused with the Damson), dried pineapple, tones of saffron and mild tobacco. A touch of roasted hazelnuts in the background. On the palate well balanced, a touch of salty minerality, fresh acidity and excellent length. Complex and rich. **97**

96 | CHÂTEAU LASCOMBES

2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Margaux 2009

AL - Sweet and perfumed, modern fruit and fine spices, yet with elegance and finesse, very full and concentrated with soft extraction and velvety mouth feel, layers of dark fruit, blackcurrant, blackberry, minerals and a truly long lingering finish. **96**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very well expressed flavours, a touch of smoke and mild spices, multilayered fruit, on the palate well structured with juicy character and well balanced tannins. Convincing length. A great modern interpretation of the Margaux Terroir. **96**

96 | CHÂTEAU RAUZAN SÉGLA

2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Margaux 2009

AL - Roasted coffee, gently roasted notes, dark berries, blackcurrant and tobacco leaf, beautiful structure with layers of intense dark fruit, blackcurrant, chocolate, fine oak, spices, mineral and a great level of freshness, extremely long and clean finish with beautiful fruit and purity. **97**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose opening slowly, displaying a complex character. On the palate well structured and balanced with an almost salty minerality and wonderful length. **95**

96 | CHÂTEAU TALBOT

4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Saint Julien 2009

AL - Multi layered nose with coffee, spices, tobacco, dark berries and fine oak, the palate is intense, concentrated and muscular with layers of dark berries, blackcurrant, fine tannin and a perfect balance, very long and clean finish, highly potent wine. **97**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Quite closed on the nose but well structured. Nose is slowly opening up towards ripe fruit aromas and roasted flavours. On the palate clean and well balanced with firm but ripe tannins and excellent length. **95**

96 | CHÂTEAU GRUAUD LAROSE

2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Saint Julien 2009

AL - Sweet and ripe nose with blackcurrant, plum, chocolate, coffee and tobacco, the palate is dense, muscular and concentrated, plenty of ripe tannins add length and structure, very good length and attractive sweet fruit, enjoyable balance, purity and potential. **95**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent torrefied aromas reminiscent of mocha, dark chocolate. Vanilla in the background. Backed by excellent fruit. On the palate well balanced with good length, ripe tannins and complex finish. **97**

95,5 | CHÂTEAU GUIRAUD

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Sauternes 2009

AL - Ripe and tropical nose of candied orange, saffron and yellow fruit, high sweetness but well balanced by an attractive level of freshness, elegant, intense and very good length, delicate, fresh and balanced. **94**

MdM - Golden colour. Very elegant and persistent nose, candied orange peel, ginger, cinnamon, roasted hazelnuts, pineapple and passion fruit. Very complex nose. Opulent and rich on the palate, excellent weight and length, cinnamon, cloves, ginger. Sweetness balanced by fine acidity. A very fine example for Sauternes with freshness. **97**

95,5 | CHÂTEAU LE BON PASTEUR

Pomerol 2009

AL - Very intense and perfumed nose, plenty of sweet fruit, raspberry, confiture (jam), blackcurrant, violet and fine spices, very massive palate with layers of fruit and an impeccable balance between fruit, tannins and acidity, still young but highly tempting. **96**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Complex nose with aromas of blackberries and slightly floral tones, violets, roasted aromas, coffee and chocolate, meringue and vanilla. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, smooth character and excellent length. **95**

95,5 | CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE

Pessac Léognan - Cru Classé de Graves 2009

AL - Dark fruity nose with mineral, tobacco, dark cherry, blackcurrant and fine oak, soft and mouthfilling texture, really attractive and creamy with juicy dark berries, mineral, tobacco and high concentration, very fine freshness and purity, layers of blackcurrant, supple tannin and a very long lingering finish, youthful and massive but highly potent - will become a serious wine. **95**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very intense fruit, fresh blackberries and mulberries, vanilla and roasted aromas, tones of minerality. On the palate excellent length, ripe tannins, opulent but elegant fruit. Great modern classic. **96**

95,5 | CHÂTEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE

COMTESSE DE LALANDE

2eme Grand Cru Classé Pauillac 2009

AL - Fine oak, roasted coffee and tobacco on the nose with cassis and dark cherry notes, the palate is well balanced, rich and concentrated with a soft extraction and mellow tannins, elegant red and dark berries on the palate, elegant and restrained, with a very long classy aftertaste, it has length, finesse and elegance, should gain complexity from further aging, very stylish. **95**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant an fresh fruit, fine minerality, discreet spices. Aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant and sweet elderberries, very pure and elegant. On the palate finesse and length. Excellent tannins with silky character. A great classic style. **96**

95 | LA GOMERIE

Grand Cru Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Still young and closed on the nose but with a fine purity, elegant oak, black truffle, spices and ripe dark berries, very full and unctuous on the palate, very structured with plenty of extract and rounded tannins, beautiful dark fruit, very long and persistent aftertaste, rich and powerful, yet with finesse and elegance, great potential here, a big wine. **96**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of chocolate and mocha, ripe blackberries and blackcurrant. On the palate opulent and well balanced with ripe tannins. Excellent structure and good length. A rather modern, blockbuster style. **94**

95 | CHÂTEAU MAGDELAINE

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very inky and dark colour, the nose is mineral and floral with notes of liquorice, truffle, dark plum and cassis, fine integration of oak, the palate has a very high concentration and soft extraction, round, smooth and velvety with elegant fruit a present mineral character and very long finish superb stuff and extremely elegant. **95**

MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Fresh and appetizing fruit, elegant structure, discreet aromas of mild spices such as vanilla, cinnamon and cardamom. On the palate opulent and ripe fruit, excellent length. **95**

95 | CHÂTEAU VRAY CROIX DE GAY

Pomerol 2009

AL - Intense and dark fruity nose, modern with dark plum, cherry and leather, the palate is rich and concentrated, chocolate coated dark fruit, very full structure, supple tannins and well integrated oak, yet with freshness and elegance, very good length - highly potent wine. **95**

MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated, but still slightly closed on the nose. Relatively modern style but with fresh character. On the palate elegant and persistent with fine minerality, well matured fruit and well used oak. Convincing length combined with good mouth feel with good potential. Classic Pomerol. **95**

95 | CHÂTEAU PHÉLAN SÉGUR

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Pure young, inky nose of blackcurrant, tobacco leaf, dark plum, the palate is charmingly structured, firm tannic backbone, layers of dark spicy fruit; it offers both ripeness and freshness, very good length, still slightly massive and tight, fine potential. **95**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, almost black centre. Elegant, persistent nose with fresh red berry fruit, delicate spices. Serious structure, juicy fruit, ripe tannins, good weight and length. **95**

95 | CHÂTEAU MALARTIC LAGRAVIÈRE (WHITE)

Pessac Léognan - Cru Classé de Graves 2010

AL - Very pure, floral nose, stony, mineral with ripe citrus, gentle oak, some creamy notes, the palate is youthful, vivid, good bite, bright freshness, minerality, some zesty notes, a long clear finish, very elegant, attractive. Shows class! **95**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant nose, complex aromas, peaches, grapefruit, pineapple, buxus (Boxwood), touch of minerality. Fine oak spices in the background. Very well structured, elegant and opulent, still retains freshness and minerality. **95**

94,5 | CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE (WHITE)

Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - Some new oak, rather ripe tropical fruit, pineapple, mango notes, the palate is rich, warm with high ripeness, glycerol, viscous structure, layers of yellow fruit, some roasted oak, long warm finish. Ripe, bold, muscular, will develop complexity over time, serious structure, superb length, powerful, balanced. **95**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe fruit reminiscent of pineapple, grapefruit, fresh peaches, lemon peel. A touch of minerality, a hint of buxus, discreet oak influence in the background, vanilla, roasted flavours. Well balanced, a touch of minerality, elegant fruit, good weight and length. **94**

94,5 | CHÂTEAU BOUSCAUT (WHITE)

Pessac Léognan - Cru Classé de Graves 2010

AL - Firm, stylish with yellow fruit, mineral, confiture de citron, very austere, full palate with elegant fruit, a notion of minerality, viscous structure, truly long persistence, clear, precise like a great Corton-Charlemagne - great wine. **94**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Beautiful wine with luscious fruit, mild spices, torrefied aromas, tones of vanilla. Minerality in the background. On the palate substantial structure, ripe character, opulent fruit, distinct oak influence. Quite complex, rich, convincing length. **95**

94,5 | CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR DE GAY

Pomerol 2009

AL - Modern nose, some new oak, dark plum, blackcurrant, fine spices, the palate is very full and dense, layers of dark fruit, crushed berries, fine tannin, fine spices, supple tannin, mouth-filling, persistent, very serious length, still slightly youthful with a splendid material for aging. **95**

MdM - Dark purple red, violet hue, almost black centre. Nose with quite complex approach, aromas reminiscent of ripe dark berries, chocolate, roasted aromas. Well balanced, well structured, ripe tannins. A rather modern, slightly softer style with good length and potential. **94**

94,5 | CHÂTEAU MARQUIS D'ALESME BECKER

3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Margaux 2009

AL - Hints of wet stones, flowers, dark berries, blackcurrant, very pleasing grip on the palate, high level of freshness, crisp dark fruit, great purity, good notion of minerality and Cabernet, very fine spices, polished texture, great length, highly promising. **95**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Classic nose, elegant fruit, touch of minerality. Elegant on the palate with finely grained tannins, fresh fruit, excellent length. **94**

94,5 | CHÂTEAU LANGOÀ BARTON

3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

Saint Julien 2009

AL - Inky dark fruit, some vanilla, wood, coffee beans, blackcurrant dark plum, tobacco notes, the palate is inky, dark and concentrated, yet in a rather classic elegant style with nice ripeness and great purity of fruit, very long and clean finish, big potential. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Fresh berry fruit and toasted oak. On the palate ripe tannins, good weight and length. **95**

94,5 | CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX

Pessac Léognan - Cru Classé de Graves 2009

AL - Pleasing purity, some new oak, spices, dark berries, vanilla and blackcurrant on the nose, the palate is dense, muscular and firm - stuffed with plenty of dark berries, blackcurrant, mocha and spices, persistent and finely balanced with fresh dark fruit, fine tannins, juicy and lingering aftertaste, slightly unresolved but should develop into really attractive and charming wine. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Rich aromas on the nose, elegant fruit, mild spices and tones of minerality. On the palate well balanced with great length, elegance and freshness. A classic style in a great vintage. **95**

**94,5 | CHÂTEAU
BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT****Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Nicely roasted nose, hints of espresso and dark berries, still young and close, very structured palate, high level of concentration and extract but finely tuned without hard edges, a bit massive and monotone at the moment but it has all of the components to develop well, impressive length, should become very good. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant, mild spices, discreet fruit, truffles, very elegant, silky structure, ripe tannins, excellent length. **96**

**94 | CHÂTEAU
DE RAYNE VIGNEAU**
**1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
Sauternes 2009**

AL - Attractive depth, plenty of fruit, mango, peach, honey, saffron, very good density, texture, creamy, fresh, abundance of fruit, enjoyable level of freshness and bite, candied citrus notes, very good length. **93**

MdM - Golden colour. Elegant, persistent nose, papaya, pineapple, dried apricots. Vanilla, mild spices in the background. On the palate elegant sweetness, crisp acidity. Good length, aromas reminiscent of candied fruit. **95**

94 | CHÂTEAU LA CLOTTE
**Grand Cru Classé
Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Opaque colour, still very youthful, closed on the nose, it shows roasted aromas, vanilla, oak, plenty of dark inky fruit, cassis, blackberry jam, the palate is immensely concentrated, very mouth filling, really young, unresolved, good purity of fruit, fresh, juicy, vibrant, truly long finish, a really fine potential, this baby needs time. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Excellent nose with complex aromas, rich, well balanced. On the palate persistent rather than powerful, complex, rich with good length. Great potential, don't touch for the next five years at least! **95**

94 | CHÂTEAU LE SARTRE
Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - Pure, tobacco scented nose, fine spices and oak, dark plum and blackcurrant, notes, dense and muscular on the palate with juicy red berries, blackcurrant, cherry, fine tannin and a gentle touch of oak, very elegant and powerful; clean, mineral, very long aftertaste, highly potent, already tempting, will develop into a most attractive, enjoyable wine. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red, violet hue, almost black centre. Elegant fruit, tones of vanilla and dark chocolate. Substantial complexity. On the palate rich, elegant with freshness and good length. **94**

94 | CHÂTEAU BOUSCAUT
**Pessac-Léognan
Cru Classé de Graves 2009**

AL - A very dense and muscular wine, aromatic with some roasted notes, coffee, tobacco and dark berries, chewy palate with a firm backbone, plenty of freshness and layers of dark plum, blackcurrant and spices, seriously long and pure finish, a massive wine with a bright future. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with complex flavours. Vanilla and mild spices, discreet, ripe, berry fruit and a touch of minerality. A serious wine on the palate with ripe fruit and well structured tannins. Good weight and length, however drying out slightly on the finish. **94**

94 | CHÂTEAU LA GARDE**Pessac-Léognan 2009**

AL - Pure and ripe nose with sweet berries, blackcurrant, leather and tobacco, very muscular palate, persistent flavours of dark berries, blackcurrant, aromatic herbs and plenty of fine tannins, very supple fruit, rounded and powerful finish, serious length. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant but powerful nose with aromas of chocolate and coffee, ripe plums and sweet blackberries. On the palate well structured with firm but ripe tannins, good length and weight, ripe fruit and mild spices in the aftertaste. **95**

94 | CHÂTEAU FRANC MAILLET
CUVÉE JEAN-BAPTISTE**Pomerol 2009**

AL - Aromatically closed, with fine purity, very attractive structure, rich, full, dense, pure dark fruit, plum, blackberry, blackcurrant, very smooth, present tannins contribute to the very long persistence, massive, rich, promising. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Very intense nose, well structured, slightly closed. Showing good aromatic potential. On the palate well structured with rather concentrated character, tones of sweetness, very well matured tannins. Good length, convincing potential. **95**

94 | CHÂTEAU FLEUR CARDINALE
Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Very dark, inky colour, youthful nose with roasted aromas, coffee bean, spices, leather, vanilla, dark berries, the palate has a very good concentration, persistent flavours of cassis, cherry, powdery tannin, cocoa, black truffle, balanced, elegant despite the wealth of flavours, serious length, good complexity, a magnificent wine, still a bit young, don't touch before 2014. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Opulent, elegant nose, aromas of elderberries, blackberries, a touch of truffles. Vanilla, mild spices in the background. Very intelligent use of oak, giving backbone rather than dominating the flavour. On the palate well structured, excellent length. A fine example for 2008. **94**

93,5 | CLOS HAUT PEYRAGUEY**1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Sauternes 2009**

AL - Very ripe, bold, tropical with notes of almonds, dry spices, layers of honeyed yellow fruit, full, viscous with broad mouthfeel, very persistent, long finish. **93**

MdM - Dark yellow with golden hue. Rather restrained fruit in the nose, very intense, well structured on the palate. Seems to have an excellent terroir, needs more time to fully open up. Good length. **94**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU FAUGÈRES**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Very inky, opaque colour, the nose is sweet, perfumed, complex revealing aromas of smoke, truffle, mineral, blackberry jam, toast, oak, the palate is immensely concentrated, polished tannin, layers of dark fruit, a sufficient freshness, incredibly long finish, very young, already tempting, should have a long life ahead of it. **94**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent fruit, mature and complex, still with a lot of freshness, enhanced by fine toast, vanilla flavour, complex, rich. On the palate densely woven with good length, structure. Highly concentrated without losing freshness. **93**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU VILLEMAURINE**Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Very inky, dense colour, nose redolent of roasted coffee, toast, dark plum, blackberry, cassis, spices, very nice mouth feel, concentrated, fresh with freshly crushed berries, silky tannin, very good length, really nice. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Opulent flavour, reminiscent of meringue, dark berry fruit, vanilla, caramel, a touch of smoke, minerality. On the palate well balanced, ripe, persistent tannins, great length. **94**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU BELAIR MONANGE**1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Quite dense ruby red, youthful aromas of toasted oak, coffee bean, cassis, dark cherry, plum, fairly chalky, mineral with a fine backbone of tannin red fruit, long lingering aftertaste, a very elegant wine, fine potential. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Intense aromas of blackberries, plums, blackcurrant. Vanille, toast aromas in the background. On the palate velvety character, very well balanced tannins, good length. Finesse. **93**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU**TROPLONG MONDOT****1^{er} Grand Cru Classé****Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Dark purple, young nose that shows a lot of dark fruit, plums, cherries, cassis, vanilla, new oak, a huge structure, very dense chewy with layers of dark fruit, cassis, blackberry, roasted notes, very long with a backbone, finely tuned tannins, good freshness, balance despite the concentration, extremely long finish. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Initially rather closed, the wine opens up towards blueberries, mild spices, tones of minerality. On the palate elegant, complex, convincing length. **94**

**93,5 | CLOS
DU JAUGUEYRON****Margaux 2009**

AL - Floral, dark fruitiness nose, blackcurrant, dark plum, mineral, fresh tobacco leaf, elegant texture, velvety tannins, violet notes, freshly crushed dark berries, blackcurrant, very smooth, creamy, bright long finish, very good. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, black centre. Elegant, still closed nose. Discreet hints of ripe berries, toasted oak. On the palate fresh with almost crisp character, elegant, expressive oak aromas backed by luscious fruit. Well structured, good weight and length. **93**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU GISCOURS**3^{ème} Grand Cru Classé****Margaux 2009**

AL - Slightly closed, red, dark berries, some herbal notes and fine spices, a rather light and elegant example, good flavour intensity and length, not with the concentration of the other wines of the same vintage, but with great purity, freshness and length, very stylish. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with quite powerful character but closed aromas. Graphite, ripe berry fruit and a touch of red peppers. On the palate very well balanced with ripe tannins, smooth mouthfeel and excellent length. Rather classic style. **95**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU**DU TERTRE****5^{ème} Grand Cru Classé****Margaux 2009**

AL - Perfumed and floral with fresh raspberry, fine spices and aromatic herbs, soft and supple texture with generous fruit, freshly crushed berries, fine spices and good persistence, elegant and very pleasingly drinkable, great finesse. **94**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with opulent aromas reminiscent of chocolate and dark berries, vanilla and a touch of oak. On the palate opulent but fresh with good length. **93**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU**BEYCHEVELLE****4^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Saint****Julien 2009**

AL - More classic nose with less oak, dark and red berries, blackcurrant and aromatic herbs, tobacco and cedar wood, the palate is young and tight, quite restrained with firm tannins and long pure finish, very potent wine that deserves a few more years of ageing. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant and persistent on the nose, fresh berries, elegant oak and a touch of mild spices. Very elegant character, which continues on the palate. Good weight, depth and length. **95**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT BRION
Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - Dark and inky fruit on the nose, dark plum, blackcurrant, blackberry, very full and ripe palate, concentrated, unctuous and well rounded with black fruit, leather and tobacco notes, a fine hint of oak in the background, good purity and length with some roasted coffee on the aftertaste, very attractive and potent. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Mineral character, graphite notes, concentrated fruit and mild spices in the nose. On the palate clean and well balanced with great fruit, graphite notes and tones of minerality. Good weight and length. **94**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU SEGUIN**Pessac-Léognan 2009**

AL - Young and closed, there is some new oak, dark plum and chocolate coated fruit, dense and chewy palate with dark ripe fruit, a backbone of tannin, it still seems slightly closed but it has great material, pure and ripe fruit, serious length and an overall balance - it just needs some more time to develop roundness and complexity. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Complex nose but still slightly closed, opens up slowly. Juicy fruit and mild spices. On the palate well balanced with good length and structure. **94**

93,5 | CHÂTEAU LE SARTRE (WHITE)**Pessac Léognan 2010**

AL - Dense concentrated and ripe nose, very aromatic with flowers, honey, yellow fruit explosive on the palate with a great level of concentration, extract and purity, beautiful fruit, lush and ripe, yet with a lot of finesse and precision, very serious with an extremely long finish - super stuff. **94**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Excellent, well concentrated aromas, touch of oak, grapefruit, physalis (Cape gooseberry). On the palate elegant and crisp with medium weight and good length. **93**

93 | CHÂTEAU DOISY DAËNE**2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Sauternes 2009**

AL - Very fine nose, ripe citrus, yellow fruit and floral notes, well balanced palate, medium bodied, not too heavy or sweet, good freshness, rather elegant and nuanced with very fine length; it is rather Barsac in style. **92**

MdM - Dark yellow with golden hue. Expressive nose with aromas of orange peel and ginger, discreet tones of grapefruit and slightly flowery notes. On the palate elegant acidity and well balanced sweetness with good length. **94**

93 | CHÂTEAU GRAND MAYNE**Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Dark ruby / purple nuance, still fairly young with roasted notes, some new oak, vanilla and dark fruity notes, very full and concentrated palate, yet well balanced with a bright acidity and a backbone of fine tannins that add length and freshness, beautiful spicy dark fruit, and a very long spicy finish, great potential. **93**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven flavour, complex and rich with minerality and fine spices. On the palate persistent and elegant with convincing length. **93**

93 | CHÂTEAU GRAND PONTET**Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Very inky and dense colour, nice nose with some earthy mineral notes, wild berries, smoke and cassis, the palate shows an immense concentration and density, fine level of extraction, really powdery tannins, cocoa bean, dark fruit, plum and cassis, a balanced freshness all along, very long finish, ripe, bold and generous, should have a very fine potential, drink from 2015. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated nose with intense fruit, a bit of berry jam, marinated prunes and dark cherries. Vanilla and cloves discreetly hidden in the background. On the palate opulent with great length, well structured in a rather modern style. Velvety character. **93**

93 | CHÂTEAU DASSAULT**Grand Cru Classé****Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Very dark and intense colour, the nose is young and ripe showing dark berries, plum, cassis, spices and some roasted notes, the palate is showing a big concentration, yet with a soft extraction without hard edges, really silky and smooth with layers of dark fruit, some roasted notes, spices and a very long juicy finish, very fine potential, drink from 2014. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated nose with intense fruit, discreet aromas of spices in the background. Well balanced with ripe, almost sweet tannins and very good length. **93**

93 | CHÂTEAU BRANAS**GRAND POUJEAUX****Moulis en Médoc 2009**

AL - Young, rich and intense nose, some new oak, spices and plenty of dark fruit, plums and blackcurrant, very full and smooth palate, pleasantly rounded with a creamy texture, layers of dark fruit, fine tannin and a very long finish, still somewhat youthful and massive, should develop complexity from further ageing, slightly alcoholic on the finish at present but nonetheless promising. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated yet elegant nose, ripe blackberries and mulberries, vanilla, almost floral notes. On the palate well balanced with a touch of sweetness and well structured tannins. Good length and mouth feel. **93**

93 | CHÂTEAU**LA TOUR CARNET****Haut Médoc 2009**

AL - A more modern example with new oak, roasted aromas, coffee bean, dark berries, blackcurrant and leather, good structure, nuanced and rounded with good backbone of tannins and acidity, layers of dark fruit, gentle spices and roasted finish, should have fine potential. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very well expressed aromas, blackcurrant, mulberries and mild spices, vanilla and almost ethereal note. On the palate clean and well balanced with firm but well integrated tannins and good length. A modern classic. **93**

93 | CHÂTEAU OLIVIER**Pessac-Léognan****Cru Classé de Graves 2009**

AL - Herbal and spicy nose with hints of cedar wood and dark berries, the palate feels youthful and backward with firm tannin, high ripeness, fresh dark berries, blackcurrant and leather notes, good length, rather elegant, still slightly unresolved - should get another 2-3 years of ageing. **91**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very elegant and persistent with fine fruit and discreet oak influence. On the palate well balanced with good weight and length, ripe but firm tannins and elegant character on the finish. Classic terroir. **95**

93 | CHÂTEAU LANGLET Graves 2009

AL - Rich and young nose that displays dark berries, plum, blackcurrant, new oak and leather, the wine is rich and powerful but well balanced with a soft extraction and layers of fruit, very good length, juicy blackcurrant flavours rounded tannins and a powerful finish - very good. **93**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated aromas, densely packed with fruit and mild spices. On the palate sweet fruit and firm tannins, good length. A serious, almost classic wine. **93**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU FONPLÉGADE Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very inky and bright colour, perfumed with hints of violet, dark cherry, blackberry, cassis and spices, the palate is very dense and concentrated with layers of dark fruit, very powdery tannins that add freshness and length, really nice grip and an extremely long finish, still young and unresolved but with a huge potential. **94**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Almost perfumed nose, floral tones, ripe fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate well balanced with good length. **91**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU BEAUREGARD DUCASSE ALBERT DURAN Graves 2009

AL - A hint of complexity, spices, dark fruits and tobacco on the nose, attractive structure, packed with dark berries, blackcurrant and fine spices, well rounded but present tannin, very good length. Elegant fruit and a complex finish, charmingly done and potent. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant and persistent nose, fine fresh fruit, blackberries and blackcurrant. Vanilla and cloves, discreet torrefied aromas, quite complex. On the palate well concentrated and balanced with good fruit and length. Firm but ripe tannins. **93**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU LA CROIX DE GAY Pomerol 2009

AL - Roasted nose, coffee, sweet fruit and raspberry confiture (jam), yet without "oaky" notes, very dense and full palate, good freshness, soft extraction and crisp red fruit, elegant and very long, high potential. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Modern style with intense oak influence on the nose, roasted aromas, chocolate and coffee. Ripe and well concentrated fruit in the background. On the palate well matured and well balanced with good length and firm tannins. **93**

92,5 | ARIA CHÂTEAU DE LA RIVIÈRE Fronsac 2009

AL - High ripeness on the nose, blackberry and plum, some new oak and spices, the palate is rich and concentrated, attractively rounded with good freshness, dark berries, well integrated oak and long finish, should have fine potential. **93**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Complex nose with aromas reminiscent of mild spices, ripe fruit and toasted aromas. Chocolate and mocha. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins and elegant fruit. Good length. **92**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT MARBUZET Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Aromatic and floral with red and dark berries, some herbal notes and young tight structure, fresh and tannic backbone, freshly crushed berries and aromatic herbs, long and sweet finish. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Torrefied aromas, chocolate, vanilla and ripe fruit, plums, cherries and mulberries. On the palate well balanced with luscious fruit and aromatic spiciness. Good length and depth. **93**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU DU GLANA Saint Julien 2009

AL - Elegant nose, mineral with stony notes, blackcurrant and fine spices, the wine has a very elegant, classic and firmly built structure yet with good notion of ripeness and juicy fruit with layers of fine tannins, elegant fruit and a very persistent aftertaste, very clean and stylish with brilliant potential. **93**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with elegant spicy tones, liquorice and ripe fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with tight structure and firm tannins as well as good length. **92**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU CORBIN MICHOTTE Grand Cru Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Ripe and sweet nose with hints of dark berries and confiture, modern style but with plenty of finesse, some spicy and roasted notes, very full and juicy palate with layers of dark berries, cassis, blackberry and fine silky tannins, very elegant texture, good freshness and a very long finis aftertaste, seriously structured with a splendid potential. **95**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean and well made with ripe fruit. On the palate almost velvety character, good weight and length with ripe fruit and mature tannins. **90**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU LAROZE Grand Cru Classé Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Nice nose of smoke, black truffle, fine oak and wild berries - good level of complexity, the palate is full and concentrated, yet soft and supple with silky tannin, an unctuous mouth feel and layers of dark berries, cassis, blackberry and bitter chocolate, very long and lingering finish, elegant polished and sensual with a great deal of power. **93**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with ripe berries, a slightly smokey component, mild spices in the background. On the palate well balanced with good structure and length, minerality and good mouth feel. **92**

92,5 | CHÂTEAU GUADET Grand Cru Classé Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Very profound with a fine aromatic complexity, elegantly toasted notes, cocoa bean, coffee, vanilla with ripe dark berries and creme de cassis notes, the palate is rich and concentrated, yet finely tuned with fine tannin, plenty of freshness and an abundance of ripe dark berries, very persistent and long finish, still youthful and massive, should develop a nice level of complexity with age. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit and a touch of minerality in the nose and well balanced on the palate, strong tannins, but well integrated. Good length. **93**

92 | DOMAINE DE L'ALLIANCE Sauternes 2009

AL - Deep golden colour, rich, ripe and tropical nose of yellow fruit, mango, pineapple, pleasingly rounded and unctuous palate, high sweetness, good grip, very attractive purity and length, delicious. **92**
MdM - Golden yellow. Opulent aroma reminiscent of ripe apricots, dried pineapple, white nougat and hazelnuts. On the palate opulent sweetness balanced by fine acidity, luscious fruit in the finish and tones of vanilla and caramel. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU DE MYRAT 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Sauternes 2009

AL - Intense, ripe and tropical with an abundance of fruit, full palate with high sweetness, broad and opulent, clean and long finish, still young, should get some time to gain complexity, but attractive purity and precision. **93**

MdM - Golden colour. Opulent with aromas reminiscent of dried apricots and pear, candied pineapple with slightly spicy tones of vanilla and cinnamon in the background. On the palate opulent with good length and a touch of bitterness in the finish, which adds complexity. **91**

92 | CHÂTEAU SOLEIL Puisseguin Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Intense, young and clean nose with hints of raspberry, cassis, mineral and fine oak, very nice texture on the palate, soft extraction, elegant ripe fruit, freshly crushed berries and a chalky mineral character, fine integration of oak, nice complexity and very long finish really good. **92**
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated fruit, ripe and juicy, combined with mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the palate opulent character, persistent style with good length. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU SANSONNET Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very bright and opaque colour, aromatically it's still young and fairly closed, but, with a great level of ripeness and purity, fine oak, roasted notes, blackberry, chocolate, liquorice and a hint of plum confiture, very intense and concentrated palate, intense dark fruit flavours, yet with a high level of freshness, purity and elegance, fine tuned tannins and a long finish, it needs some more time but will become very good. **92**
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Initially closed, the nose opens up with some oxygenation, displaying ripe dark berries, blackberries and mulberries, chocolate, toast and vanilla. On the palate well concentrated with good length, tannins ripe but extremely present. This wine takes advantage of at least five more years of bottle age, then showing up as a fine example for 2009. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU VILLEMAURINE Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Dark and intense ruby red, a bit closed on the nose but with a fine purity, some mineral notes, wild berries, smoke and spices, the palate is concentrated with a nice extraction, still a bit youthful with present acidity and tannin, however with plenty of dark fruit and a very long mineral finish, nice wine with a big potential, don't touch until 2014. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated aromas but still in balance, ripe prunes and cherries, a touch of blackcurrant, vanilla, chocolate and toasted oak. On the palate silky tannins, ripe and soft fruit, a hint of minerality and oak. Great balance and length. **93**

92 | CHÂTEAU LA CLOTTE Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Young and inky colour, dark fruity with plum, blackberry and cassis notes, some new oak and toasted aromas, the wine is nicely structured with good weight and juicy dark fruit, cassis, plum and powdery tannin, very good length, persistent with a powerful finish, a nice example that should drink really well from 2013. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Fruit present but slightly hidden, wine is very closed but showing good potential. On the palate well structured with mature tannins and excellent length. Great balance. **93**

92 | CHÂTEAU MAGDELAINE 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Saint-Emilion 2008
AL - Medium intense ruby red, the nose is mineral showing truffle, wild berries, smoke and spice - the palate is nicely rounded and soft with elegant red and dark berry fruit, a mineral note, soft tannin and a long lingering finish, an elegant wine already with a certain drinkability and complexity. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with slightly violet hue. Elegant fruit, blueberries and blackberries, a touch of complexity. On the palate ripe tannins, well structured, medium weight but good length. **93**

92 | CHÂTEAU FAYAT Pomerol 2009

AL - Elegant nose, some earthy and mineral hints, wild berries, blackcurrant, plum and laid back oak, some elegant roasted notes, the palate is medium bodied and elegant, it shows soft tannin and high freshness, good purity and discreet fruit, clean and long finish. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well concentrated but balanced nose. Elegant and persistent flavour, on the palate well structured with convincing length, good mouth feel in a classic style. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU HAUT CONDISSAS Médoc 2009

AL - Roasted notes dominate the nose, coffee, vanilla, spice and dark berries, the palate is on the fuller side, smooth and polished with layers of dark fruit, blackcurrant, plum and warm round texture, very good length and fine potential, should be very good - serious wine. **93**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven nose, intense fruit and mild spices. On the palate opulent and well balanced with firm, but well integrated tannins and good length. **91**

92 | CHÂTEAU CISSAC Haut Médoc 2009

AL - The nose combines dark fruit, plum, blackcurrant, fine spices and gentle oak, the palate is classically built with firm structure, elegant tannin, dark fruit and very good length, fine combination of dark fruit and high freshness. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Elegant and persistent with fine aromas of blackcurrant, raspberries, chocolate and discreet mild spices. Perfectly well integrated oak, on the palate serious length and complex finish. Elegance and finesse at their best. **93**

92 | CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX (WHITE) Pessac Léognan Cru Classé de Graves 2010

AL - Pure and floral with hints of stone fruits and ripe citrus, very juicy palate with good weight, ripe acidity and serious length, more emphasis on length than breadth, but still with fine structure and persistence - very good. **92**
MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Nose with elegant ripe fruit, citrus flavour and almost tropical fruit, excellent structure. Minerality and a touch of oak. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight but good length. Elegant, classic style. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU DUFORT-VIVENS 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé Margaux 2009

AL - Elegant nose of dark berries and tobacco, very elegant palate, slightly lighter than the best examples but with plenty of elegance, freshness and length, dark fresh fruit, soft tannin and very good length, stylish and potent. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant nose with aromas of ripe red peppers, aromatic herbs, backed by ripe fruit. On the palate crisp character, elegant acidity and good aromatic length. Very elegant style in a more traditional way. **92**

92 | M MARGAUX Margaux 2009

AL - Quite modern style, new oak, coffee, dark berries and tobacco on the nose, very full and structured, rich and intense dark fruit, plum, blackcurrant and chocolate flavours, warm and rounded with silky tannins and a really long powerful finish, fine extraction, slightly young and unresolved but promising. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent flavour with intense aromas of toasted oak, chocolate and coffee, luscious berry fruit and mild spices. On the palate well balanced with rather good length. Extraction well achieved with good tannic structure. **92**

92 | CHÂTEAU TROPLONG MONDOT 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Medium to deep ruby red, the nose has some development and offers roasted aromas, coffee bean, sweet fruit and spices, the palate has a good grip and shows nice sweet fruit, roasted and spicy notes, the tannins are wealthy but starting to soften, very good length and an approaching complexity, quite nicely drinkable already. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very aromatic and expressive, aromas reminiscent of moccha and dark chocolate, tones of minerality, ripe fruit, elderberries and blackberries. On the palate opulent and well balanced with excellent tannin structure and great length. **93**

91,5 | CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very dark purple red, perfumed and sweet nose that offers blackberry confiture, smoke, vanilla and some new oak. Very polished and soft palate, gentle tannins, still with a good density and concentrated dark fruit, very nice length and purity of fruit, a fine wine with a big potential. **91**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Complex nose with opulent fruit, backed by elegant oak. On the palate impressing, ripe and juicy with fresh fruit, excellent tannin structure and good length. Fine classic wine but far too young. **92**

91,5 | CHÂTEAU L'ARROSÉE Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Medium to deep ruby colour, sweet fruity nose with a hint of oak in the background, elegant floral and spicy notes, round and velvety palate, soft and fruity yet with a good concentration without hard extraction, good length and already with a certain complexity, mineral finish, quite chalky. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit with a touch of minerality and roasted aromas in the nose. On the palate velvety character with mature and well balanced tannins, good length. **91**

91,5 | IDENTITÉ CHÂTEAU LA NAUZE Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Quite oaky nose at present, wood and vanilla dominates, it shows good structure on the palate, rich and concentrated with high ripeness and plenty of dark fruit, still somewhat marked by the oak, very good length and potential, it just needs some more time to integrate the wood and soften. Drink from 2014 onwards. **92**
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense nose with ripe blackberries and blackcurrant, mulberries, vanilla and mild spices. Oak well used. On the palate elegant and crisp with ripe tannins and good length. **91**

91,5 | CHÂTEAU MAGREZ FOMBRAUGE Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Intense and opaque colour, ripe and sweet nose displaying coffee, vanilla, pastry, dark cherry, plum confiture, the palate is very dense and concentrated, with rounded tannins, and layers of juicy dark fruit, spicy and smoky with a very long finish, serious and ambitious with a very fine potential, drink from 2013. **92**

90,5 | CHÂTEAU FAUGÈRES Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Dark ruby with a slight light development, sweet nose of spices, rasperry confiture, cassis, mineral, smoke and truffle, very complex nose, good density on the palate, elegant sweet fruit, a nice purity and freshness, fine spiciness and a good length, very supple and drinkable. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well expressed fruit and freshness, prunes, black cherries, mulberries, slightly smokey, toast, vanilla. On the palate opulent and complex with convincing length. En excellent example for a great result in a rather difficult vintage. [91](#)

90,5 | CLOS SAINT-EMILION PHILIPPE CUVÉE 107 Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Dark colour, rather rich and ambitious nose, with dark fruity notes, plum, cassis and liquorice, the palate shows a high concentration with rounded tannin, fairly elegant and mineral with juicy dark fruit, chocoalte and a very nice length. [91](#)
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense roasted aromas on the nose, oak quite present but well integrated. Ripe fruit. On the palate juicy with almost sweet fruit, well balanced tannins and rather good length. [90](#)

90,5 | VIEUX CHÂTEAU GACHET

Lalande de Pomerol 2009
AL - Ripe nose of sweet berries, rasperry and confiture (jam), fine oak and gentle spiciness, good grip on the palate, good density and soft tannins, elegant sweet fruit, some hints of pain d'épices (gingerbread) and a long powerful aftertaste. [91](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated wine with berry fruit and mineral notes, on the palate slightly sharp at first with relatively firm tannins. Needs time for further evolution. [90](#)

90,5 | CHÂTEAU FLEUR LA MOTHE Médoc 2009

AL - Modern nose, slightly roasted with coffee bean, mocha, vanilla and pleasant dark fruit, good structure, plenty of blackcurrant and plum, fine spices and rounded tannins, good freshness and a very long silky finish. [91](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with intense smoky flavour, dark stone fruit in the background, vanilla and cloves. On the palate well made with good balance and well structured medium length. [90](#)

90,5 | CHÂTEAU LES GRANDS CHÈNES Médoc 2009

AL - Modern nose with some roasted notes, vanilla and ripe dark fruit, it shows good structure on the palate, quite full with plum, blackcurrant and fig flavours, well integrated oak, young but rounded tannins and fine length, should gain complexity from further aging. [91](#)

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. On the nose elegant but quite distinct oak influence, vanilla and roasted aromas, ripe plums and blackberries, vanilla and chocolate. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins and rather good length. [90](#)

90,5 | CHÂTEAU DE CAMENSAC Haut Médoc 2009

AL - More modern nose, leather, dark berries, new oak - the palate is medium bodied with young tannins, high acidity and dark fruit, it still feels somewhat youthful and reserved, should get some more time to shed those young tannins and acidity. [89](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Densely woven aromas on the nose, blackcurrant, blackberries and tones of mild spices. On the palate well structured with good length and complex aromas on the finish. Elegant finish. One of the most convincing wines in this tasting. [92](#)

90,5 | CHÂTEAU LA BRIDANE Saint Julien 2009

AL - Red and dark berries on the nose, some aromatic herbs, dense and tight palate, medium to high concentration, sweet red and dark berries, touch of blackcurrant and aromatic herbs, tight young, pure and long finish - should get another few years of aging, but possesses fine purity and potential. [91](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven nose with intense berry fruit, touches of oak. On the palate elegant with medium weight and well structured medium length. [90](#)

90,5 | CHÂTEAU DE ROUILLAC Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - Young nose of tobacco, cherry, fine oak, spices and blackcurrant, attractively concentrated palate with elegant dark fruit, finely underlined by some oak and fine tannins, good freshness, pleasing and mouthfilling with fine spices and very rich aftertaste. [92](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet nose, but slowly opening up. Tones of tobacco, spices and ripe berries. On the palate well structured, weight and length. [89](#)

90,5 | LES DEMOISELLES DE LARRIVET HAUT BRION Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - More red fruit, some herbal notes and a hint of confiture (jam), soft and supple palate, attractively balanced with medium to full body, good length with some spiciness. [89](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly mineral, graphite, ripe and juicy fruit in the background. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, good weight and length. [92](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU CANTEGRIL Sauternes 2009

AL - Elegant nose, intense and perfumed with floral notes, yellow fruit, pineapple and saffron, broad and unctuous palate, yet with good freshness, long and lingering finish, some complexity on the aftertaste - a fresher Barsac-style. [91](#)
MdM - Dark yellow with golden hue. Discreet nose with restrained fruit - seems to be quite closed at the moment. On the palate medium weight and length with fine fruit in the finish. [89](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU SOLEIL LE RIVAL

Lussac Saint Emilion 2009
AL - A rather ambitious and modern nose with new oak, vanilla, dark berries and cassis aromas, rather young and extracted palate, still balanced however, nice dark fruit, good structure and length should need another 2-3 years in the cellar. [90](#)
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with distinct oak influence. Vanilla, chocolate, coffee, roasted aromas, concentrated fruit, blackcurrant and blackberries. On the palate opulent and powerful with sweet fruit, ripe tannins and rather good length. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU LA TOUR DU PIN FIGEAC Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby red colour, the nose is fresh and young with red fruity notes, cherry and a herbal spiciness, the palate is medium bodied, a bit backward with a high freshness and present tannin, elegant red fruit, more traditional style, fairly elegant with a long persistence, a wine that should preferably get 3-4 more years of bottle age before being enjoyed. [89](#)
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant expression of Cabernet-Franc with fresh fruit, a touch of leather in the background. On the palate rather restrained fruit, but well structured, firm tannins and good length. [91](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU LA TOUR FIGEAC Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby red, the nose is displaying aromatic herbs, spices, cassis and dark plum, the palate has medium weight with a high freshness and present tannin, more of a traditional style, finely balanced with a good length, although a few years of bottle aging are required. [88](#)
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose combining concentrated fruit with freshness. Touch of chocolate and vanilla. On the palate well balanced with ripe fruit, firm tannins and excellent length. [92](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU LA GAFFELIÈRE 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very inky and dark, the nose is rich and perfumed with notes of dark berries, plum, herbs, mint, sweet spices and oak, the palate is quite full, rather in a traditional style with a high freshness and present tannin, nice weight and elegant dark fruit, serious length too, fine material, drink after 2014. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven aromas, slightly jammy fruit, on the palate clean and well balanced with opulent finish. [90](#)

90 | CLOS SAINT-EMILION PHILIPPE CUVÉE 109

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009
AL - The nose shows some hints of vanilla and wood, freshly crushed berries and spice, medium bodied and fresh with youthful tannin and a high acidity, quite good length, traditional style to drink from 2014. [89](#)
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Quite closed nose, but well structured on the palate with rather good length and ripe fruit. [91](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU SOLEIL Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Mineral nose, chalky with hints of red berries, confiture, spice and roasted coffee, elegant structure with sweet fruit a bright freshness and rounded tannin, quite creamy and silky finish a rather burgundian structure, yet with a good intensity. [90](#)
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Ripe fruit in the nose, blackcurrant and plums, cherries and a touch of figs. On the palate well balanced with juicy character and well integrated tannins. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU VILLEMAURINE Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Medium deep ruby red with a certain development, the nose is showing roasted notes, coffee, red fruit confiture, fine spices and a certain complexity, the palate is quite full but very soft and polished with rounded tannin, sweet fruit and a silky mouth feel, elegant red fruit and some roasted notes on the finish, good complexity, balance and length, a fine wine. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Very elegant and persistent, with first signs of maturation, mild spices and ripe, sweet fruit. On the palate velvety structure and good length. Showing first signs of maturity but still freshness. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU LA CLOTTE Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Medium deep ruby, the nose is perfumed with floral notes, coffee and some oak, a certain development and sweet fruit, red and dark berries on the palate, mineral and fresh with a good density and concentration, modern and elegant at the same time, good harmony and length, very persistent, already with a fine drinkability. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with mature character and excellent structure. On the palate complex and rich with freshness and elegance. Very classic style on a good quality level. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU MAGDELAINE 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Slightly developed colour and a very intense perfume of red fruit confiture, spices and autumn forest, the palate is nicely developed with medium weight an approaching complexity, good flavour intensity, nicely rounded with sweet red fruit and a good length, fine spiciness on the finish. [89](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Ripe nose with almost balmy character, prunes d'Agen, dark berries and a touch of minerality. Undergrowth and a hint of truffels in the background. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins and good structure. Very pleasant style with a certain class. [91](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU GOUBAU Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Modern nose with some roasted notes, coffee, plum and dark berries, full and concentrated on the palate, quite tannic at present but still fairly polished, should evolve well, very good length and layers of fruit, good potential.. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very aromatic and complex with an intense oak influence. Vanilla, roasted flavours, cloves, and cinnamon, almost smoky; in the background intense fruit. On the palate well structured with good extraction and good length. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU LA CLARIERE LAITHWAITE Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Ripe nose with hints of dark cherry, plum and liquorice, less oak, good purity, concentrated fruit but low extraction, pure and fresh with layers of fruit, good clean finish, pleasant drinkability. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose aromas reminiscent of "Vieille Prune", vanilla, dark stone fruit. On the palate mature tannins, quite firm, but still contributing to a juicy character. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU ARNAUTON CUVÉE GRAND SOL Fronsac 2009

AL - Quite elegant nose, some toasted notes, dark berries, plum, blackcurrant and blackberry, the palate is rich and concentrated, still somewhat extracted and tight but with good length, needs to soften another 2 years, should develop well but feels slightly tannic today. [89](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. A wonderful example that concentration does not automatically excludes elegance. On the palate well balanced with good weight and length and rather complex character. [91](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU DE CARLES Fronsac 2009

AL - Sweet and perfumed nose, dark berries and some floral notes, the palate is tight and dense, it feels slightly extracted today with high tannins and high acidity, pleasant purity of fruit and a long finish, it just needs some time to soften. [89](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent but well balanced nose, initially slightly smoky it opens up towards dark berry fruit, vanilla and cloves. On the palate rich and well balanced with firm but ripe tannins and good length. [91](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU ROLLAN DE BY Médoc 2009

AL - Enjoyable and clean nose, dark fruity notes, blackcurrant, roasted coffee, leather and fine oak, good structure, rather full with attractive backbone of tannins, fresh and crisp dark fruit, blackcurrant and chocolate on the finish, very pleasant length, modern fruit from classic terroir. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Charming nose with ripe, almost balmy flavour. Well structured. On the palate clean and well balanced, however a slight green touch in the finish. Medium weight and length. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU CLARKE BARON EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD

Listrac Médoc 2009
AL - Enjoyably structured wine, aromatic with dark berries and blackcurrant, full palate, packed with dark fruit, gentle oak, fine spices and good freshness, fine length, rounded but young tannins, potent. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit, aromas reminiscent of fresh berries, elegant oak. On the palate well structured with medium weight and good length. Well balanced and aromatic. [90](#)

90 | SÉGLA Margaux 2009

AL - Fine and fresh nose, elegant fruit, blackcurrant, floral notes and tobacco, very pleasing purity, freshness and grip on the palate, delicate and light but with attractive flavour intensity, very long and intense aftertaste, very enjoyable. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent nose with roasted aromas, ripe and juicy fruit. On the palate almost velvety tannins, well structured medium length with a soft finish. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU HAUT BRETON LARIGAUDIÈRE Margaux 2009

AL - Elegant, floral and perfumed with dark berries, violet, blackcurrant and rasperry aromas, great flavour intensity on the palate yet with medium weight and a soft texture, silky tannin, great purity and freshness with dark fruit and fine spices on the long aftertaste. [91](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Aromatic nose with almost flowery tones, dark berry fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with fresh character, well structured medium length. [89](#)

90 | MAJESTÉ PAR CHATEAU LA HAYE Saint-Estèphe 2009

AL - Aromatic and intense nose, plenty of dark inky fruit, plum, blackcurrant, some oak, vanilla and roasted coffee, nice structure on the palate, dark berries, blackcurrant and gentle spices, fresh and tannic backbone, pure and long finish, stylish and classic with good potential. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense aromas reminiscent of ripe plums and sweet cherries, gingerbread, vanilla. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, medium density and rather good length. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU DE CÔME Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Some oaky notes of vanilla and mocha on the nose, rather sweet fruit character, prune, blackberry and hints of chocolate, the palate is pleasingly rounded, modern and quite full with dark plum, chocolate and some roasted notes on the aftertaste, long and warm finish, rather high ripeness. [90](#)
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit and intense torrefied aromas on the nose. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins and luscious fruit. Medium weight and rather good length. [90](#)

90 | CHÂTEAU CAILLIVET**Graves 2009**

AL - Elegant and pure nose of dark berries, black-currant, damp tobacco and fine spices, the palate is medium to full, quite dense with inky fruit, muscular and tannic with good length, still youthful and reserved but with fine capacity and plenty of stuffing. **91**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Ripe fruit and mild spices in the nose. On the palate soft and velvety character with ripe tannins. **89**

90 | CHÂTEAU BRONDELLE (WHITE)**Graves Supérieur 2010**

AL - Aromatic and fresh nose quite complex with fine purity, honey and yellow fruit, smooth and elegant palate with medium high sweetness, good purity and a long clean finish - most attractive. **90**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Pure and elegant nose, precisely tailored aromas reminiscent of mandarin, apricots and candied lemon. On the palate crystal clear, elegant sweetness balanced with fresh acidity. Wonderful example of the Graves Supérieur terroir. **90**

90 | CHÂTEAU DE CARDAILLAN**Graves 2009**

AL - Ambitious nose of some new oak, ripe dark berries, tobacco and blackcurrant, the palate is medium to full bodied and offers freshly crushed berries, spices and well integrated oak, good length, still slightly young and restrained - should get another 1-2 years of aging. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Elegant nose with ripe and fresh berry fruit, blackcurrant and mulberries, discreet spiciness. On the palate ripe tannins, well balanced with elegant fruit, good weight and length. **90**

90 | CHÂTEAU HAUT REYS**CUVÉE PAUMAREL****Graves 2009**

AL - Attractive nose, a hint of complexity, fine oak, spices, dark berries, blackcurrant, tobacco, the palate is full and chewy with young tannin and notes of freshly crushed berries, quite persistent, pleasingly made - should ideally get another 2 years of ageing. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well structured nose with good aromatic expression, fresh fruit and discreet tones of mild spices. On the palate well structured with medium weight and good length. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU LAMOTHE GUIGNARD**Sauternes - 2009**

AL - Very ripe and sweet nose, dried fruit, apricot and marmalade notes, intense, bold and sweet on the palate, some spicy notes on the finish, still very sweet - needs to be aged to gain complexity. **89**

MdM - Dark golden colour. In the nose intense aromas reminiscent of dried apricots, peach jam and citrus flavours. On the palate well balanced with a slightly rustic finish, but rather good length. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU LE JUGE**Sauternes 2009**

AL - A lighter style, clean and fresh nose of peach, lemon confiture (Lemon jam) and ripe pear, attractive freshness and medium high sweetness, pleasant and balanced with medium to long finish. **89**

MdM - Golden colour. Classic style with discreet fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU ROL VALENTIN**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Dark opaque colour, quite viscous and dense appearance, the nose is intense and very ripe with plenty of dark fruit, plum, cherry, blackberry, sweet spices and well integrated oak. Very fine concentration on the palate rich and muscular, although with a soft extraction, immense fruit with dark cherry, blackberry and liquorice notes, seamless tannin and a very long lasting finish, drink from 2014. **91**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very concentrated flavour on the nose with aromas reminiscent of plums and berry jam, vanilla, oak spices. On the palate almost sweet attack, well integrated but powerful tannins. Wine shows a good potential however lacking a bit of elegance. **88**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU BERNATEAU**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Very dark ruby/purple - beautiful nose, very expressive with fine oak, vanilla, dark plum, cherry and cassis some earthy notes reminiscent of truffle, smoke and liquorice, the palate is full and chewy, a bit more restrained than the nose, with young tannins and a bright freshness, nice purity of fruit and layers of crushed berries, some herbal spiciness in the background, good length and balance, should preferably get another few years to gain roundness and complexity. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent style with complex ripe fruit and oak spiciness. Vanilla and almost balmy components, truffles and a touch of meaty character. On the palate well balanced with good structure, tannins ripe but a bit upfront. Needs further ageing, but shows good potential. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU TOUR BALADOZ**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Intense ruby red colour - very intense young nose displaying autumn forest, smoke, dark fruit confiture, vanilla and tobacco, the palate is full and dense but a bit more restrained than the nose, quite high acidity, young tannins and a mix of red and dark berries, it shows a fair amount of elegance and a very good length, still a bit tight and reserved on the finish, keep until 2014. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent character on the nose, berry jam, cold smoke, vanilla and caramel, blackberries and blackcurrant. On the palate slightly restrained fruit, but elegant with freshness and weight. Good potential. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU CORBIN**Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Dark intense ruby red, still youthful and closed on the nose, nice purity, some mineral notes, dark berries, fine spices and a full palate with fine tannins and a creamy texture, elegant dark fruit and a very good length, should have a fine potential indeed. **90**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Rather traditional style but well expressed flavour, aromas reminiscent of elderberries and mild spices. On the palate well structured with good mouth feel and rather good length. **89**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU SANSONNET**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Dark ruby with a purple tinge, the nose is ambitious and offers a plethora of ripe dark fruit, cherry, blackberry, cassis, sweet spices and oak, very attractive palate with a high concentration but gentle extraction, silky but present tannins, long finish, polished and elegant with a nice level of purity and freshness, fairly drinkable today with a potential of 10-15 more years in the cellar. **90**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with intense dark fruit. However rather closed character. Tones of vanilla and toasted oak in the background. On the palate juicy with almost velvety character, tannins firm but well integrated, good weight and length. **89**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU FOMBRAUGE**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Opaque colour, very sweet and ripe nose with fine oak, roasted coffee, dark plum, cherry, liquorice and sweet spices, very dense and concentrated palate, a bit youthful and restrained but it should mellow from further aging, good length, very ambitious in a modern style, drink from 2013. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Ripe fruit, dried prunes, black cherries, mild spices, toasted flavour, mulberries in the background. On the palate good mouthfeel combined with strong tannins and ripe fruit. Touch of bitterness. **89**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU BELLEFONT BELCIER**Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Medium to deep ruby red, nice perfume on the nose, sweet fruit, confiture, raspberry and a hint of smoke, very dense and full palate, elegant dark fruit, cocoa bean, nice level of polished tannin, good length, not broad or a blockbuster but fine, balanced and very long, should improve further from bottle aging but drinks fairly well already. **89**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with smoky character, ripe fruit and mild spices. On the palate well balanced, firm tannins however well integrated, good length. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU LA COUSPAUDE**Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Intense ruby red, the nose is oaky and smoky with dark plum and blackberry notes, the palate is full showing a good weight and rounded texture, nice dark fruit and a good level of freshness, balanced with a long finish, a nice modern wine that should drink well in the near future. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very dense character, ripe fruit, good use of oak. On the palate ripe fruit, mature tannins and good structure and length. Very modern style. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU**L'ARROSÉE****Grand Cru Classé****Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Medium deep ruby red, perfumed and floral with hints of violet, raspberry, sweet spices, the palate is soft and gently extracted, sweet fruit and a silky texture, good length and a mineral finish, nice drinkability, yet with a fine potential for further aging. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well structured nose with ripe fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate well balanced with good length, mature tannins and good aromatic potential. **89**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU DASSAULT**Grand Cru Classé****Saint-Emilion 2007**

AL - Medium deep ruby red, fine perfume of tobacco, sweet fruit, confiture and spices, the palate is soft and velvety, nicely rounded with a good drinkability and red fruity finish, an elegant wine with a burgundian texture. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Aromatic nose with ripe character, slightly balmy aromas, tones of leather and tobacco but also intense fruit. On the palate ripe, red peppers, almost jammy fruit and tones of minerality. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU**COURREGES****Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux****2009**

AL - Very intense nose, modern style with ripe fruit, new oak, dark plum, blackcurrant and leather notes, quite dense palate, rather firm structure with young tannins and some roasted oak, it shows good structure and length, but needs some time to soften - drink from 2014. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with roasted aromas, a touch of chocolate and smoke, dark berry fruit and black cherries. On the palate well balanced with good structure, ripe tannins and good mouth feel. Still very young, this wine shows a quite promising future. **90**

89,5 | CLOS PUY ARNAUD**Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux****2009**

AL - Attractive purity on the nose, mineral with dark berries, plum and liquorice, dense and firm palate with very pleasing dark fruit, quite soft tannins and supple structure, good freshness and a very long aftertaste, some spicy notes on the finish, fairly complex and elegant. **92**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense and well concentrated nose, ripe fruit. On the palate sweet attack but rather dry and firm tannins. **87**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU**AD FRANCOS****Francs Côtes de Bordeaux****2009**

AL - Quite ripe nose with dark berries, new wood, plum and blackcurrant, the palate is full, warm and concentrated, well balanced, slightly young though, good length, layers of dark fruit and spicy finish, potent. **90**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU**TOUR SERAN****Médoc 2009**

AL - More modern nose, dark fruit, blackcurrant, coffee bean and aromatic herbs, the palate is full and structured, still youthful with plenty of tannins and dark fruit; needs some time to soften but it has all of the components for long ageing, attractive fruit and serious length. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of ripe berries, plums, tobacco and fine leather. On the palate well balanced with rather good length. Tannins ripe and well integrated. **89**

89,5 | CHEVALIER**DE LASCOMBES****Margaux 2009**

AL - Clean and fairly elegant nose, red and dark berries, some floral notes, fine integration of oak on the palate, slightly looser structure with soft tannin, crushed berries and a fairly long finish, plush attractive and drinkable wine. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well expressed ripe fruit with almost balmy components, vanilla and roasted aromas. On the palate well structured with luscious fruit but firm tannins. Medium weight and good length. **89**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU**GERMAN MARBUZET****Saint Estèphe 2009**

AL - Pure nose, classic style with less oak, some herbal notes, dark plum and blackcurrant, the palate is rather full with high freshness and well rounded tannin, still slightly young and backward but promising with fine length and purity. **90**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with typical minerality and fruit, rather closed at the moment. On the palate well structured with firm but ripe tannins and rather good length. **89**

89,5 | CHÂTEAU LE BOSCOQ**Saint Estèphe 2009**

AL - Quite sweet and ripe nose with some roasted notes, plum and reoccurring notes, the palate is young and fresh with high tannin, freshly crushed berries, some herbal/spicy notes with good length, slightly restrained on the finish - deserves another 2-3 years. **89**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant but intense aroma reminiscent of blackcurrant, vanilla and torrefied aromas. On the palate well balanced with medium weight but rather good length. **90**

89,5 | DOMAINE**DE JAUSSANS****CUVÉE CANDICE (WHITE)****Graves Supérieures 2009**

AL - Very perfumed and floral nose with notes of cloudberry, yellow plum, honey and fine spices, intense fresh with high sweetness and very good length, attractive and tropical with good balance. **90**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe flavour, Williams pear (Bartlett in the USA), physalis (Cape Gooseberry), mango, on the palate elegant sweetness and acidity, rather good length. **89**

On the palate opulent and well balanced with sweet tannins and good length. **89**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with juicy fruit, grapefruit, peaches and lemon. On the palate clean and well balanced with soft character. *86*

86 | CHÂTEAU FLEUR DE LISSE **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Dark ruby red nuance, sweet aromas of raspberry confiture, smoke, vanilla and cedar wood, the palate is medium to full bodied, still marked by young tannins and some wood on the taste, good length but a bit angular at present, wait until 2014. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense oak influence, covering the fruit. Wine proves to be difficult to access at the moment, but shows some potential for ageing. *87*

86 | CHÂTEAU TRIANON **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Medium to deep ruby red, the nose is more traditional, herbal and spicy with red berries, medium bodied with a high freshness, rather elegant fruit and a rather austere structure, should gain roundness form further aging. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with slightly garnet red hue. Pleasant and ripe nose with berry fruit and mild spices. On the palate with slightly green touch however nice sweetness and medium length. *87*

86 | CHÂTEAU CADET BON **Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Still rather youthful and closed, the nose shows dark berries and some oak, the taste is full and structured with a fine tannic backbone, juicy dark fruit cassis and a creamy texture, medium length, still with a rather present acidity, should get a few years to soften. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with rather restrained fruit, on the palate sweet fruit and velvety character. *87*

86 | CHÂTEAU DES LAURETS **Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Dark colour, rather ambitious nose with new oak and dark berries, the palate feels a bit extracted however with a very high acidity young tannins and dark fruity flavours and medium to long finish. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Rather restrained fruit, highly concentrated. On the palate slightly overextracted, however with good fruit. *86*

86 | CHÂTEAU CROIX DE RAMBEAU **Lussac Saint Emilion 2008**

AL - Some spicy notes, aniseed and liquorice together with dark berries and plum, the palate is medium bodied with a high freshness, good clean fruit and a moderate finish, straightforward and well made. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromatic nose with quite concentrated fruit. Discreet spiciness. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. *87*

86 | CHÂTEAU BELAIR **1^{er} Grand Cru classé**

Saint-Emilion 2007
AL - Slightly developed both on the colour and nose, spices, tobacco and sweet dried fruit, the palate is on the lighter side with red fruit a herbal spiciness and high acidity, rather soft texture and medium length. *84*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Classic style with ripe fruit, aromas reminiscent of tobacco and cedarwood. On the palate fresh character, elegant style with quite mature character. Medium weight and length. *88*

86 | CHÂTEAU L'INCLASSABLE **Médoc 2009**

AL - Some gamey and animal notes, spices and freshly crushed berries, the palate is rather rustic with pronounced tannin and high acidity, leather and spice on the finish, slightly unpolished and down to earth. *83*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Highly concentrated wine with good flavour potential, displaying aromas of dark berries and mild spices. On the palate very dense, good weight and rather good length but slightly dry on the finish. *89*

86 | CHÂTEAU RAMAFORT **Médoc 2009**

AL - Clean and fresh nose with dark fruity notes, aromatic herbs, blackcurrant and herbs, fresh, tight and firm structure with crunchy dark fruit, good length and firm tannins, well balanced if, slightly young - should develop well. *87*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of sea buckthorn, sloe, slightly musky. On the palate medium weight and length with soft finish. *85*

86 | CHÂTEAU BLAIGNAN **Médoc 2009**

AL - Clean and fresh nose, young fruit, plum, fig and blackcurrant notes, laid back oak, fresh and vibrant palate, some herbal notes and freshly crushed berries, good length, fine but somewhat tight and restrained today. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromatic nose with discreet oak influence. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. *86*

86 | CHÂTEAU DUCLA **EXPERIENCE**

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009
AL - Clean and fresh with juicy blackcurrant and red berry flavours, medium weight and finish, juicy and drinkable. *84*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Distinct oak influence on the nose, ripe dark berry fruit. On the palate juicy with ripe fruit and well integrated ripe tannins. Quite ambitious, fresh and juicy character. *88*

86 | CHÂTEAU MEYNEY **Saint-Estèphe 2009**

AL - Pure and fruity nose with dark plum, herbal and some vegetal notes, the palate is robust and tannic with young fruit, high freshness and a rather long but rustic finish. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fresh fruit but also a touch of ripe, red peppers in the background. On the palate medium weight and length. *86*

86 | CHÂTEAU VILLEFRANCHE **Graves 2009**

AL - Rather light colour, sweet nose with hints of confiture (jam), strawberry, spices and herbs, the palate shows quite sweet and ripe fruit but harsh tannin, some herbal notes, fairly long, but slightly dry on the finish. *86*
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Nose with aromas of stewed fruit, quite sweet, slightly spicy. On the palate clean, medium weight and length, firm tannins. *86*

86 | CHÂTEAU LAMOUREUX **Graves 2009**

AL - Sweet nose of red berries, strawberry, confiture (jam) and herbs, the palate is generous and medium to full bodied, sweet fruit and rather firm tannin, an herbal spiciness and medium length. *86*
MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of stewed strawberries and blackberries. On the palate ripe structure, firm tannins and tones of liquorice in the finish. *86*

86 | CHÂTEAU TOURTEAU CHOLLET **Graves 2009**

AL - Classic nose of pure fruit, plum and redcurrants with a herbal spiciness, rather classically built with an austere structure, full with high tannin and acidity, moderate use of oak and quite elegant fruit, slightly restrained, today, a style that will benefit from a few more years of cellaring. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet flavour, quite closed, needs time. On the palate firm tannins, medium weight and length. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU CROIX DE RAMBEAU **Lussac Saint Emilion 2009**

AL - Youthful and generous with freshly crushed berries, plum, cassis and herbs a hint of oak in the background, rather full with a fine structure, still a bit youthful with present tannin, should be really good after 2-3 more years. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well balanced character but rather medium length on the palate. *85*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU RIOU DE THAILLAS **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Dark ruby/purple, very young and intense nose, at present dominated by new oak, vanilla and freshly crushed berries, the palate is rich and concentrated although with a high level of extraction and some gamey leathery notes, good length but a bit austere and dry on the finish today. *85*
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose rather closed, aromas reminiscent of plums and ripe, red peppers, touch of minerality, slightly gamey. On the palate slightly green, medium weight and length. Quite extracted character. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU MILON **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Medium to deep ruby with a purple tinge, a mixture of red and dark berries on the nose a hint of oak and a herbal spiciness, the palate is medium bodied with a firm tannic backbone, high freshness and medium to long finish, should deserve 3-4 more years in the cellar. *85*
MdM - Intense purple red with garnet red hue. Shows a strong influence of oak flavours, caramel, vanilla and chocolate. Ripe and concentrated fruit in the background. On the palate well made with medium balance, weight and length. Very modern style. *86*

85,5 | CLOS SAINT VINCENT **Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Medium deep colour, quite traditional nose with red fruit, herbs and cassis notes, the palate is medium bodied and fresh with juicy red fruit and some herbal spiciness, good length, a bit young but well balanced in a traditional fresh style. *85*
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean and fruity wine with nice texture on the palate and medium length. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU BRUN **Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Sweet red fruit character, some herbal notes, medium weight and a quite rounded structure, medium to long finish and a sweet fruity finish, attractive straightforward and drinkable. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with ripe fruit, blackberries and cherries, discreet mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. *85*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007**

AL - Quite dark ruby red colour, fairly developed with a certain aromatic complexity, forest floor, wild berries and smoke, the palate is medium bodied with a good grip, plenty of tannins that just started to soften no hard edges, elegant fruit, quite long persistence, nice drinkability with a potential for 10-12 more years. *85*
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Elegant and discreet fruit with aroma reminiscent of wild berries and undergrowth, a touch of leather. On the palate well structured tannins and medium length. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU FRANC LE MAINE **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Medium to deep ruby red, quite ambitious nose with some new oak, red and dark berries, vanilla and spices, quite full palate with red fruit character and a rather high young acidity, rounded tannins and decent length, should get another 2-3 years to soften and gain nuance. *86*
MdM - Deep garnet red. Quite closed flavour, medium weight and length on the palate. More traditional style. *85*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU DE FERRAND **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Some new oak, red and dark berries, a hint of leather and spice. Medium to full bodied, a tannic backbone, good freshness and dark plum/cassis flavours, fairly long, with a fine balance. Traditionally built. *85*
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose quite closed, on the palate well structured with medium weight and length. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU DE LA GRENIÈRE **CUVÉE LA CHARTREUSE** **Lussac Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Some oak, spices and sweet fruit, dark plum, cassis and a herbal spiciness on the palate, medium bodied, slightly restrained and tight today but with good fruit, should get another 2 years in the cellar. *84*
MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Ripe fruit but also ripe peppers, slightly mineral with also slightly medical components. On the palate firm tannins and sweet fruit. *87*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU PIPEAU **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007**

AL - Dark ruby red, very nice nose that shows some development a complexity, roasted nose with hints of espresso, spices, leather and dark fruits, the palate is light to medium bodied a slightly cooler style with red fruit and a high freshness, a rather elegant and restrained style, drinks fairly well but could still soften a bit from further aging. *85*
MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Intense roasted flavours, leather, tobacco, chocolate, ripe and concentrated fruit. On the palate clean and well structured, leather and almost a bit farm yardy, but well matched with fruit and spicy aromas. *86*

85,5 | HAUT FAUGÈRES **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007**

AL - Medium deep ruby red, rather developed nose of sweet red fruit, spices and some herbal notes, there's still a certain tannic presence, medium length, a bit rustic. *84*
MdM - Dark purple red. Ripe flavours in the nose with a touch of leather and tobacco. On the palate well balanced, ripe style, pleasant but unspectacular. *87*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU BERTINEAU **SAINT VINCENT**

Lalande De Pomerol 2009
AL - Some new oak and dark plum on the nose, the palate is medium bodied, quite tannic at present, there is some wood presence on the palate, high acidity and medium length slightly dry finish. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Cherries and chocolate on the nose, on the palate slightly dry tannins. A wine with medium weight and length. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT-CANTELOUP **Médoc 2009**

AL - Sweet nose of prune, dark berries and chocolate, some fine spices in the background, rather full and tight texture, sweet fruit, liquorice spice and medium to long finish, a youthful and tight wine that should develop well. *87*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose quite ripe character, hints of oxidation. On the palate firm tannins and a touch of bitterness on the finish. *84*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU LIVRAN **Médoc 2009**

AL - Pure dark fruit, plum, fig, blackcurrant and aromatic herbs, the palate has medium weight, rather good dense fruit, red and dark berries, firm tannic backbone, high freshness and long clean finish - needs some more time to gain complexity and roundness. *87*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with discreet fruit and slightly vegetal character, on the palate medium weight and length. *84*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU LESTRUELLE **Cru Bourgeois Medoc 2009**

AL - Quite sweet nose, red berries and some herbal notes, the structure is rather light, red berry flavours, high tannin and acidity with sweet fruit, slightly dry on the finish, decent length. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite closed character on the nose, a hint of balmy aromas, restrained fruit. On the palate well balanced with almost soft character and ripe tannins. Medium weight and length. *86*

85,5 | CLOS DU JAUGUEYRON **Haut Médoc 2009**

AL - Floral nose of violet and dark plum, somewhat on the young side, the taste is rather tight and firm with full structure, dark plum and blackcurrant, plenty of tannins and high acidity, feels like good components for ageing, although it is rather lean today with some green notes on the finish - give it at least 2-3 more years. *86*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Quite classic nose with discreet fruit and a touch of minerality. Slightly spicy in the background. On the palate well balanced, however firm tannins with a slightly rustic expression. *85*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU CLÉMENT PICHON **Cru Bourgeois Haut Médoc 2009**

AL - Quite sweet nose of crème de cassis (blackcurrant liqueur) and aromatic herbs, some roasted notes, the palate is medium bodied, there is sweet fruit and a hint of bitterness due to young tannins, quite long but slightly dry on the finish - needs a few years to soften. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose slightly pyrotechnical and smoky flavours, backed by juicy fruit. On the palate well structured but quite dry tannins. *86*

85,5 | CHÂTEAU D'ARCHE **Haut Médoc 2009**

AL - Dark fruity and floral nose, a hint of oak and spices, the palate shows high acidity, slightly lighter structure than the nose indicates, sour red berries, high proportion of tannins, quite good length but somewhat dry on the finish. *85*
MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Expressive nose but rather restrained fruit. On the palate elegant and fresh with medium density and length. *86*

84,5 | CAILLOU BLANC (WHITE)**Bordeaux Blanc 2010**

AL - The nose is young and closed, floral notes, oak and citrus, the palate has good bite, juicy citrus notes, rounded acidity, some oak on the palate, fairly long and fresh finish. **86**

MdM - Intense yellow with almost golden hue. Nose with aromas of ripe fruit, honey and beeswax. On the palate sweet fruit and rather low acidity. **83**

84 | CHÂTEAU LA CLAYMORE**Lussac Saint Emilion 2009**

AL - Sweet and ripe nose, jammy fruit and a hint of mint and eucalyptus, the palate is medium bodied with a high acidity and jammy fruit, rather soft with a medium to long finish, still a bit austere with a lean finish. **84**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Nose with overripe fruit, but also some green components. On the palate rather difficult to taste, medium density and length. **84**

84 | CHÂTEAU HAUT ROCHER**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Youthful nose, a mix of red and dark berries with a herbal spiciness, the palate has a medium weight and high acidity, rather traditional with a firm tannic backbone, decent length but it lacks a bit flesh, should get another 2-3 years in the cellar. **84**

MdM - Deep purple red. Clean nose in a more traditional style, plums, cherries and blackberries. On the palate clean, medium weight and length. **84**

84 | CHÂTEAU PONTET FUMET**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Medium ruby red, the nose shows some oak, red berries and spices, the palate is medium bodied with a high acidity and soft fruit character, slightly austere structure but without hard edges, fairly long with red berries on the finish. Straightforward and pleasant drink from 2013. **83**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Discreet fruit and medium density. On the palate medium weight and length. **85**

84 | CHÂTEAU BERNATEAU**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007**

AL - Medium deep ruby red colour, the nose is quite traditional with red berries, herbs, leather and some gamey notes, medium weight on the palate, fresh and austere with fine red fruit, a bit light on the finish, will improve from some more aging. **83**

MdM - Dark garnet red. Ripe aromas in the nose, reminiscent of tobacco and leather, dried fruit and mild spices. On the palate clean, light structure, well balanced with ripe tannins and medium length. **85**

84 | CHÂTEAU BRUN**Saint-Emilion 2007**

AL - Developed colour and nose, autumnal notes of forest floor wild berries, liquorice and mineral, the palate is on the lighter side, and rather dry, high freshness and dried fruit character, medium length. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose in a rather traditional style. On the palate slightly green, medium length. **85**

84 | DOMAINE DE VALMENGAUX**Bordeaux 2009**

AL - Fresh berries herbs and spices, medium bodied and well rounded wine with a generous, supple structure and decent length. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Spicy aroma with almost peppery character, but also ripe berry fruit. On the palate clean with firm tannins, medium weight and length. **84**

84 | CHÂTEAU MALESCASSE**Haut Medoc 2009**

AL - More traditional style, red fruits and herbal notes on the nose, understated oak, the palate is medium bodied and built in an austere style with pronounced tannin and high acidity, medium length. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose ripe berry fruit but also slightly green flavour in the background. On the palate medium weight and length with firm tannins. **85**

84 | CHÂTEAU BOIS PERTUIS**Bordeaux 2009**

AL - Soft and supple with sweet berries, herbs and a round mouthfeel, slightly tannic on the finish. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. A touch of oak, toasted aroma with ripe fruit. On the palate ripe fruit but firm tannins, medium weight and length. **85**

84 | CHÂTEAU DE LA GRAVELIÈRE**CUVÉE PRESTIGE****Graves 2009**

AL - A lighter structured wine with red fruity notes, some herbal notes, medium body, sour red fruit, plums and medium length - should be better after aging. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromas of vanilla, Meringue and caramel, slightly stewed fruit. On the palate medium weight and length with an almost rustic charm. **85**

84 | CHÂTEAU ROQUETAILLADÉ**LA RANGE****Graves 2009**

AL - Some wood and roasted notes on the nose, the palate is quite restrained and austere with medium weight and high acidity, sour red berries, slightly dry on the finish with medium length. **84**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Discreet character on the nose, medium weight and length on the palate. **84**

84 | EOS DU CHÂTEAU DE LUGAGNAC (WHITE)**Bordeaux Blanc 2010**

AL - Very ripe and tropical nose with notes of yellow fruit and honey, mellow and rounded palate with sweet fruit, confiture de citron (Lemon jam) and quite good length, almost sweet, opulent and ripe style, slightly heavy. **84**

MdM - Intense yellow with almost golden hue. Clean nose with ripe fruit, pineapple, passion fruit and citrus fruit. On the palate opulent, but slightly alcoholic, distinct sweetness, rather rustic. **84**

84 | CHÂTEAU SAINT JEAN DES GRAVES (WHITE)**Graves 2011**

AL - Pleasing purity, a hint of yellow fruit, ripe citrus and peach, quite light palate, very attractive freshness, but rather short finish. **84**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet fruit, aromas of green peppers and rather restrained fruit. On the palate medium weight, but lacks length and complexity. **84**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU FRANC-CARDINAL**Franc Côtes de Bordeaux 2009**

AL - Clean nose of fresh berries, blackcurrant, herbs and spices, a rather light and fresh palate, medium finish, traditional style. **84**

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Clean but rather lean with a touch of dark berries. On the palate medium weight and length. **83**

83,5 | L'AUTRE DE SOCIANDO MALLET**Haut Médoc 2009**

AL - Spicy and slightly animal nose with hints of leather and crushed berries, somewhat rustic on the palate, rather tannic with sweet fruit, spicy notes and medium to long finish, slightly dry on the finish. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Discreet fruit reminiscent of blackcurrant and elderberries; slowly developing discreet aromas of farmyard. On the palate well balanced with well structured medium length and firm tannins. **84**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU PETIT MOUTA**Graves 2009**

AL - Red berries, aniseed, leather, spices on the nose, the palate is austere, fresh with red plum, some herbal notes, on the lighter side with medium length. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Discreet fruit, touch of aromatic herbs and vegetal components. On the palate medium weight and length. **84**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT MAYNE**CUVÉE MAYNE DU CROS****Graves - 2009**

AL - A lighter structure, fresh red fruit, herbal notes, straightforward, medium bodied in a classic and austere style - should improve from aging. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite closed character, medium density and length. Rustic charm. **84**

83,5 | CHÂTEAU LA CROIX (WHITE)**Graves 2009**

AL - Clean nose, hints of citrus, fresh grapes, the palate is light with some bitterness and hints of citrus, medium length. **82**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Zesty flavour with aromas of lemon, grapefruit. On the palate crisp with medium weight and length. **85**

83,5 | CHATEAU LA VERRIÈRE (WHITE)**Bordeaux Blanc 2010**

AL - Light floral, grapey, refreshing, simple with green apple and citrus notes. **83**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of buxus (Boxwood), grapefruit. On the palate well balanced, rather soft style. **84**

83,5 | RAYMOND HUET (WHITE)**Bordeaux - 2010**

AL - A lighter structure, green apple, citrus on the nose, the palate has a light body and high acidity, refreshing, slightly short. **83**

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Grapefruit, lemon peel, on the palate rather restrained fruit, medium weight and length. **84**

83 | CHÂTEAU GUIBOT LA FOURVIEILLE**Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Quite sweet nose with hints of confiture, dark plum, dry spices, medium bodied, sweet fruit character, green flavours, medium length, bit dry on the finish. **83**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with a slightly green flavour, discreet fruit. On the palate sweet fruit, some green components. **83**

83 | CHÂTEAU PONTET FUMET**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Medium deep ruby red, light nose with some green, herbal notes, sweet red fruit, the palate is on the lighter side, high acidity, red fruit, some herbal notes, quite one dimensional, medium long. **83**

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit. On the palate rather rough tannins. **83**

83 | CHÂTEAU DURAND LAPLAGNE**GRANDE SÉLECTION****Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Quite dusty and old fashioned, red fruit, herbs and spices, a light to medium bodied palate with high acidity and soft fruit, a bit lean on the finish. **81**

MdM - Dark purple red colour. Rather traditional style with ripe fruit, discreet spiciness and minerality. On the palate medium density and length. Shows aromas of red peppers in the finish. **85**

83 | LES CADRANS DE LASSÈGUE**Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008**

AL - Already developed with dried fruit herbs and spices, the palate is slightly lean and dry, medium bodied with a rustic finish. **81**

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Discreet nose with restrained fruit. On the palate slightly dryish character, restrained fruit and firm tannins. **85**

83 | CHÂTEAU LACOMBE NOAILLAC**CUVÉE LUCIE****Médoc - 2009**

AL - Somewhat rustic, some gamey and animal notes, low ripeness, sour red berries and herbs, quite tight and austere palate with herbal notes and rather dry finish. **81**

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromatic with flavour reminiscent fresh fruit, quite elegant, on the palate clean and well balanced with mild tannins and an almost velvety finish. **85**

83 | CHÂTEAU MALAIRE
Médoc 2009

AL - Quite green and vegetal nose, sweet red fruit and herbs, the palate is medium full, rather lean and acid with dry tannins and an angular finish. 81

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Sea blackthorn and blackberries in the nose, discreet spiciness. On the palate well structured with mature tannins and medium length. 85

83 | CHÂTEAU SÉNÉJAC
Haut Médoc 2009

AL - The nose seems ripe and green at the same time, rather light and angular palate with pronounced tannins and high acidity, medium length - should improve from ageing but appears somewhat angular today. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with complex aromas, ripe plums and dark berries, iodine minerality, on the palate rather rustic with medium weight and length. 84

83 | CHÂTEAU LAUBÈS
Bordeaux 2009

AL - Some roasted notes, red and dark berries, medium bodied, on the tannic side, some herbal and leafy notes on the finish, medium length. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Oak spices and roasted aromas in the nose, backed by ripe dark stone fruit. On the palate medium weight and length with firm and slightly dry tannins. 84

83 | LAPOGÉE
DE CHÂTEAU FILLON
Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Pure fruit, herbal notes, light to medium bodied structure, some green notes, a fresh finish. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean, fruit driven nose with a touch of chocolate in the background. On the palate well balanced, medium density and length, slightly rough finish. 84

83 | CHÂTEAU FILLON
CUVÉE PREMIÈRE
Bordeaux Supérieur - 2009

AL - Slightly reductive, herbs and red berries, soft and juicy palate, balanced and drinkable. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, almost black centre. Clean nose with reductive flavours, quite lean on the palate. 82

83 | CHÂTEAU DE MAUVES
Graves 2009

AL - Sweet red fruit, herbal, vegetal notes, a lighter structure with jammy fruit, herbal, green spiciness, average length. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, almost black centre. On the nose discreet but jammy fruit, slightly green aromas, on the palate medium weight and length. 84

83 | M DE MALLE (WHITE)
Graves 2009

AL - Creamy nose with hints of yeast, lots of oak, ripe fruit, broad and ripe palate, quite full, lees, yellow fruit, mild acidity, medium long finish. 83

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with mature yellow fruit, ripe, lightly tired character. On the palate medium weight, lacks length. 83

83 | CALVET RESERVE (WHITE)
Bordeaux 2010

AL - Herbal, green nose with green apple, citrus, rather light structure, good purity and freshness, no complexity or length, yet pleasant. 84

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Citrus fruit, aromatic herbs, on the palate nutty flavour, rather soft, lacks freshness and complexity. 82

82,5 | CHÂTEAU PONTET FUMET
Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Quite developed colour and aromas, sweet red fruit confiture, herbal notes, rather light bodied, a high freshness, soft fruit character, medium length, drinkable now, traditional style. 81

MdM - Deep garnet red. Traditional style with ripe aromas, dried fruit, prune d'Agen, dried figs, slightly balmy flavours. On the palate clean, well balanced-medium length. 84

82,5 | CHÂTEAU LAMBERT
Fronsac 2009

AL - More traditional nose, lower ripeness, red berries, herbs, the palate is light to medium bodied with high acidity, firm tannin, herbal finish. 81

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Rather restrained fruit on the nose, slightly spicy. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins, well structured medium length. 84

82,5 | LES HAUTS DE TOUSQUIRON
"CUVÉE LUCIE"

Médoc 2009
AL - Quite light colour, traditional nose, red fruit and herbal notes, a hint of leather, the palate is on the lighter side, tight with high acidity, pronounced tannins, quite dry finish, slightly rustic. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean but slightly restrained nose. On the palate medium weight and length. 83

82,5 | CHÂTEAU DE BEL LA CAPITANE
Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Sweet berries, blackcurrant, spices, a rather light palate with high acidity, fresh berries on the finish. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue, almost black centre. Pyrotechnical flavour on the nose, fruit in the background. Tannins slightly rustic. 83

82,5 | CHÂTEAU LACOMBE CADIOT
Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Red berries and herbs on the nose, the palate is light and fresh, simple and straightforward with young fruit and a fresh finish. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Rather restrained fruit on the nose with medium body on the palate. 82

82,5 | CHÂTEAU MAGENCE
Graves 2009

AL - Quite sweet and stewed fruit on the nose, strawberry and herbal notes, the palate combines sweet fruit with quite dry tannin, seems slightly angular today, decent length but somewhat dry on the finish. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with a touch of garnet red hue. Clean nose but slightly rustic with aromas reminiscent of dried fruit and liquorice. On the palate medium weight and length. Firm tannins in the finish. 83

82,5 | CHÂTEAU CRABITEY (WHITE)
Graves 2009

AL - Quite youthful, restrained on the nose, green fruit, citrus, low ripeness, light, fresh and fruit, light body, average finish. 82

MdM - Medium intense yellow, almost golden hue. Discreet fruit, rather lightweight, fresh character. 83

82,5 | CHÂTEAU DUCLA (WHITE)
Entre Deux Mers 2010

AL - Clean, neutral, good bite on the palate, zesty, vivid, attractive freshness, light body, medium length. 83

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe aromas on the nose, rather lean style. 82

82,5 | CHÂTEAU DUVERGER
CUVÉE SPÉCIALE (WHITE)

Graves 2008
AL - Citrus, green apple on the nose, a rather light, fresh palate, some nutty notes on the finish, medium length. 82

MdM - Medium intense yellow with almost golden hue. Clean nose with ripe fruit, rather discreet on the palate. 83

82,5 | CHÂTEAU PEYRAT (WHITE)
Graves 2011

AL - A lighter style, floral and citrusy nose, good freshness but slightly light on the finish - pleasant. 83

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Nose with aromas of green peppers and rather restrained fruit. On the palate medium weight, lacks length and complexity. 82

82 | CHÂTEAU CASTEGENS
SÉLECTION PREMIÈRE
Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Gently spicy nose with some new oak, spices and wild berries, the palate seems quite extracted and dry at present, there is good fruit and it will evolve but rather dry at present, medium length and some dry wood on the finish. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Initially slightly smoky, the nose opens up towards fresh berry fruit. Touch of chocolate in the background. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. Slightly vegetal rather than fruity components on the finish. Drying out on the finish. 82

82 | CHÂTEAU TAFFARD DE BLAIGNAN
Médoc 2009

AL - Traditional nose, red fruit, herbal and vegetal notes, the palate is on the lighter side, quite lean with harsh tannin and a dry finish. 80

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose in a rather reductive style. Needs a lot of aeration, then slowly displaying ripe berry fruit. On the palate ripe tannins but rather lean style. Medium weight and length. 84

82 | CHÂTEAU DU PERIER
Médoc 2009

AL - The nose shows a lot of oak, less ripe fruit, sour red berries and herbal notes, the palate has medium weight and feels extracted with plenty of tannins, quite dry finish - should evolve but rather harsh today. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very extracted character, oak dominating the fruit. On the palate powerful but tannins are drying out. Slightly over extracted. 82

81,5 | CHÂTEAU MARTINON (WHITE)
Entre-Deux-Mers 2010

AL - Quite light with rounded acidity, ripe fruit and hints of pear, mellow and light with short to medium length. 81

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe fruit and touches of honey and beeswax, apricots apples and peaches. On the palate lighter style. 82

81 | CHÂTEAU TRAPAUD
Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Quite developed colour and aromas, some meaty, gamey and herbal notes, medium bodied with quite present tannins, slightly rustic and firm with a dry finish, lacks some flesh and fruit. 81

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Quite closed character in the nose, slightly vegetal but also a hint of oxydation. On the palate a bit dry. 81

81 | CHÂTEAU GUIBOT LA FOURVIELLE
Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Light colour, the nose is herbal with sour berries and some vegetal notes, very light and acid palate, lacks substance, quite short. 80

MdM - Dark purple red colour with violet hue. Discreet nose with rather restrained fruit. On the palate lightweight and medium length. 82

81 | CHÂTEAU TRAPAUD Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Medium deep ruby, rather rustic style with some gamey and leathery notes, soft red fruit, rather light palate a bit rustic and vegetal, short to medium length. 80

MdM - Dark garnet red. Ripe aromas, balmy notes, slightly dusty, medium density. Sweet, velvety, well integrated tannins, gamey finish. 82

81 | CHÂTEAU DUCLA EXPERIENCE (WHITE)
Bordeaux Blanc 2010

AL - Green apple, pear, sweet citrus, quite round, creamy palate, lacks some acidity, rather short finish, grapey notes. 81

MdM - Intense yellow, green hue. Reminiscent of beeswax, honey, ripe fruit. Lacks complexity and length. 81

80,5 | CHÂTEAU LE BERNAT
Puisseguin Saint Emilion 2007

AL - Quite faded aromas, herbal and medicinal, the palate is unripe and lean, not a lot of substance. 79

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with discreet berry fruit and a touch of liquorice. On the palate medium weight, slightly rustic. 82

79,5 | LA DAME DE ONZE HEURES
Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark colour, slightly reductive, sulphurous, dark fruit, green notes, rather lean palate, tight, green notes, sharp acidity, angular finish. 79

MdM - Deep purple red. Reductive character, iodine. Quite green character, lacks weight and length. 80

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