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BORDEAUX

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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 typicity 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 typicity 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.

 \mathbf{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.

 ${f AL}$ - 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 a few others things I don't like,... so yes there are many ways that can affect one's tasting.

98 | CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ

2ème 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 silkypresent 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 1er 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

2ème 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 lavers 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

1er 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 lavers 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! 9

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. <mark>95</mark>

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, mouthfilling, 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 LANGOA BARTON

3ème 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

1er 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 lavers 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

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. the palate opulent but fresh with 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 1er 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

1er 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

93,5 | CLOS **DU JAUGUEYRON**

Margaux 2009

AL - Floral, dark fruity 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 good length. 93

93,5 | CHÂTEAU BEYCHEVELLE

4ème 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, guite 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,

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

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 (iam), vet without "oakv" 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 and precision. 93 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. 9

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 2008 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 youtful 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 minerally 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 Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 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 and black centre. Fruit present but some time to gain complexity, but attractive purity

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

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, hue and black centre. Densely woven 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 92 | CHÂTEAU CISSAC

92 | CHÂTEAU VILLEMAURINE **Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion**

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

AL - Young and inky colour, dark fruity with plum, blackberry and cassis notes, some new oak and toasted aromas, the wine is nicely structured excellent structure. Minerality and with good weight and juicy dark fruit, cassis, plum and powdery tannin, very and well balanced with medium good length, persistent with a power- weight but good length. Elegant, ful finish, a nice example that should classic style. 92 drink really well from 2013. 9

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue 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

1er 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.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet nose, intense fruit and mild spices. On the palate opulent and well balanced with firm, but well integrated tannins and good length. 91

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, a touch of oak. On the palate clean

92 | CHÂTEAU DUFORT-VIVENS

2ème 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 1er 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

91,5 IDENTITÉ CHÂTEAU LA NAUZE

tannins, good length. 91

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

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Complex and opulent with aromas of mild spices, vanilla, cardamom, toasted oak, dark berries. On the palate juicy and well balanced, quite extracted character, but tannins with ripe structure. Serious modern winemaking. 91

91,5 | CHÂTEAU GRAND MAYNE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion - 2008

AL- Very dark opaque colour, the nose is intense and multilayered with roasted coffee, oak, spices and dark fruit such as plum, blackberry and cassis, the palate is full and shows a good balance between and a present freshness, very good length and a fine and well balanced with juicy fruit and good length. 91 balance, should gain more complexity with time but is already approachable. 91

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Classic style with wonderful concentration, but also freshness and fruit, vibrant minerality. On the palate well structured with mature but present tannins, good length. Great wine with potential. 92

91,5 | CHÂTEAU FRANC MAILLET

Pomerol 2009

AL - Young and intense nose, earthy notes, dark berries, plum and discreet oak, the palate is rich and dense, finely balanced with pleasant freshness, dark fruit and well rounded tannin, good length and an approaching complexity. 92

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Chocolate and vanilla, discreet floral tones and elegant oak spiciness. On the palate well structured with good length. Mature tannins and smooth mouth feel.. 91

91,5 | CHÂTEAU CAMBON LA PELOUSE **Haut Medoc 2009**

AL - Lightly roasted nose, some coffee, leather and dark berries, the density is attractive, packed with dark fruit, blackcurrant, plum and spices, well integrated oak, serious length and structure, pleasantly rounded with great potential. 92

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very elegant flavour with ripe fruit and mild spices, vanilla, chocolate and a touch of minegood density and length. Quite classic style. 91

91,5 | CHÂTEAU GAZIN ROCQUENCOURT Pessac Léognan 2009

nose at present, ripe dark fruit, pleasant structure on the palate, rounded with fresh berries, blackcurrant, plum and fine tannic backbone, good length, supple and juicy finish. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant fruit with almost juicy character, combined with mild spices such as vanilla and cloves, a touch of toasted oak and dark chocolate. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, juicy fruit and good length. 92

91,5 | LA RÉSERVE DE MALARTIC "LE SILLAGE '

Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - Young and intense nose, some roasted oak and a plethora of dark berries, some spicy and herbal notes too, it has medium weight but good density on the palate with inky fruit, high freshness and fine tannic backbone, attractive and pure finish, very

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black character. Ripe dark berries, black cherries and sweet plum in combination with vanilla and roasted aromas. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins and juicy fruit. Soft style. 92

91,5 | CHÂTEAU OLIVIER (WHITE)

Pessac-Léognan Cru Classé de Graves 2010

AL - Attractive, clean and floral tones with some mineral notes, very fresh, precise and clear palate with medium to full body, excellent freshness and long persistence, stylish and elegant. 92

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet nose with elegant fruit and a touch of minerality. Grapefruit and citrus fruit, medium weight and rather good length. Quite classic style with a lot of freshness, 91

91 | PETIT GUIRAUD

Sauternes 2009

AL - Floral and yellow fruity nose with notes of honey, nice grip on the palate, rather sweet but with a fine persistence, good freshness, zesty citrus notes on the aftertaste, nice balance and finish. 91

MdM - Dark yellow colour with golden hue. In the nose discreet fruit, slightly closed, apricot and pineapple. Mild spices, saffron and vanilla. On the palate well balanced with good length and freshness. 91

91 | LANBERSAC

CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES

Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby/purple, attractive nose of cassis, cherry and fresh berries, the palate shows a good density and soft extraction, nice tannin intense dark fruit, cassis and spicy notes, good length, serious structure and potential. 9'

MdM - Dark purple red colour with violet hue and black centre. Modern style with distinct oak influence. Fruit rather hidden. On the palate clean, well structured, concentrated dark fruit, cassis flavours, fine tannins good balance and excellent length. On the palate clean

91 CHÂTEAU CHAUVIN

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very intense, opaque colour, young and intense nose of coffee, toasted oak, spices, dark plum, blackberry and a hint of black truffle, very concentrated and dense with inky dark fruit, lovely cassis and dark plum flavours, fine spices and well integrated oak on the palate, very long and persistent aftertaste with a fine spiciness, good stuff, highly potent. 91

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent but slightly closed with flavours slowly developing. On the palate well balanced, ripe tannins and good length. 91

91 CHÂTEAU LA COUSPAUDE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very inky and dark colour, high viscosity, the nose displays roasted notes, oak, vanilla, dark plum, cassis and spices, it's very concentrated on the palate, intense minerality with an almost salty dark fruit flavours and a good level of extraction, fine oak, long and lingering, should gain complexity with time, don't touch before 2014. 91

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. **HAUT BRETON** Very dense character, ripe fruit, good use of oak. On the LARIGAUDIÈRE palate ripe fruit, mature tannins and good structure and LE CRÉATEUR length. Needs time to fully explore its potential. 91

91 CHÂTEAU LE PRIEURÉ

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very dark and inky, aromatic with ripe fruit and some mineral notes, dark cherry and casiss on the rality. On the palate elegant and well structured with palate, warm and ripe palate with rounded tannins and a long smooth finish, nicely groomed and polished. 91 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Aromatic nose with intense, almost jammed fruit and a touch of oak. On the palate showing high alcohol, howe-AL - Young and rich, rather dominated by oak on the ver still balanced, with ripe fruit in the finish. 91

91 | PÉBY FAUGÈRES

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Medium deep ruby with some age towards the rim, very nice and perfumed nose of sweet spices, dark cherry, cassis and raspberry confiture, very full and structured, quite high level of tannin that's starting to soften, long and lingering finish, will still need some more time to be perfectly drinkable, however well made and ambitious. 90

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very elegant character, highly concentrated but still in balance. Truffels, musq, toast, mild spices. On the palate well balanced with good length, convincing

91 CHÂTEAU FLEUR CARDINALE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Dark ruby red, fine nose with some development, perfumed with some floral notes, dark fruit confiture, fine spices and mineral, very good structure on the taste, full with a creamy texture, mineral notes and a hint of black truffle, dark berries, spice and a very persistent aftertaste, nice complexity and already a fine drinkability. 91

MdM - Dark purple with violet hue. A wine with nerve and tension. Elegant nose with ripe fruit and typical minerality. Slight earthy, truffel like aromas. On the palate well balanced with persistance and freshness. 91

91 | CHÂTEAU LARRIVET HAUT BRION

Pessac Léognan 2009

AL - Quite rich oak on the nose, roasted with hints of vanilla and very ripe tropical fruit character, bold, viscous and ripe palate, very full with rather mellow acidity MdM - Dark purple red with yet the sensation of freshness, quite majestic and bold just a touch too dominated by the oak at present. 91 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Elegant but fresh fruit, slightly tropical, pineapple and grapefruit peel, buxus (boxwood). On the palate, rich, soft and mellow but crisp finish with elegantly integrated oak spices. 91

91 | CLOS FLORIDÈNE (WHITE)

Graves Blanc 2010

AL - Pure, stony and mineral nose with floral notes, yellow fruit and lemon confiture (jam), the palate has very pleasing bite, zesty notes, ripe acidity, rounded texture and pure, very long finish - a stylish and elegant white Bordeaux. 91

MdM - Medium intense yellow with green hue. Fine fruit with notes of grapefruit, peaches, kiwi and physalis (Cape Gooseberry). On the palate well balanced with good weight and length. 91

91 | CHÂTEAU LAUBÈS (WHITE)

Bordeaux 2010

AL - Floral, ripe and bold with new oak, tropical fruit and creamy notes, seriously structured on the palate, pleasing fruit and mouthfeel, slightly marked by the oak today, but with really good fruit and a very long finish - fine potential. 9

MdM - Intense yellow with green hue. Ambitious character, elegant use of oak, ripe and juicy fruit, grapefruit, tropical fruit, physalis (Cape Gooseberry). On the palate well structured, fine acidity, elegant touch and convincing length. 91

91 | CHÂTEAU

Margaux 2009

AL - Intense and roasted nose, spices, vanilla and plenty of dark fruit, full bodied and structured with dark fruit flavours, blackcurrant, mineral and high freshness, very long and pure finish, fine quality tannins, youthful and promising, 92

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Slightly smoky attack, then displaying ripe fruit and flowery tones and a distinct oak influence. On the palate clean and fresh with rather good structure and length. 90

91 | CHÂTEAU DEYREM VALENTIN

Margaux 2009

AL - Floral nose, very clean dark fruit, blackcurrant, violet and blackberry notes, very attractive structure, smooth and silky with sweet dark fruit, polished tannin and bright freshness, very rich aftertaste, warm and caressing with fine tannin and great purity.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Discreet and still closed nose. Elegant aromas continuing on the palate. Smooth with good mouthfeel and rather good length. 90

91 L'AURA **DE CAMBON**

Margaux 2009

AL - Quite modern appearance with roasted oak, vanilla, dark berries and plenty of volume, dark berries, young tannin, quite high extraction, although balanced, some gently roasted notes and a long rich finish with spicy dark fruit. 91

violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated with luscious fruit and intense but balanced oak aromas. Mild spices, vanilla and cloves, slightly smoky, toasted bread and mocha. On the palate well balanced and structured with good length. Opulent taste with rather good potential. 91

91 CHÂTEAU DE CHANTEGRIVE

Graves 2008

AL - Quite sweet nose with some roasted nose, coffee, spice and mix of red and dark berries, the palate is rather full and ripe, still somewhat massive with rich tannins and present oak but very attractive fruit, purity and length should develop really well. 91 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense torrefied aromas, vanilla, oak spices with well expressed flavours. On the palate rich and succulent with good weight and length. 91

91 | CHÂTEAU CANON 1er Grand Cru Classé de Saint **Emilion**

AL - Pure and ripe nose with clean fruit, plum, cassis and blackberry notes, no oak noticeable, clean and juicy on the palate rather soft texture with a good level of freshness and medium to long, pure finish. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant, ripe but fresh berry fruit in the nose. Discreet tones of mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the palate elegant with good length. Complex finish with substantial structure. Presenting itself very young and almost closed, the future seems to be quite promising.

90,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT-BERGERON

Sauternes - 2010

AL - Very ripe nose, apricot, pineapple, honey and wax, round, ripe and sweet palate, attractive balance, fresh and long finish. 91 MdM - Golden colour. Intense aromas of Williams pear (originally Bon Chrétien, and Bartlett in the USA), canned pears, also a touch of rubber. On the palate opulent sweetness and rather good length.

90,5 | CHÂTEAU **DE PRESSAC**

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Quite dark ruby purple nuance, fairly viscous, the nose is still young and closed but with good purity, dark fruity character and a hint of new oak, very nice density, multi layered with pure dark fruit such as blackberry, blueberry, liquorice, and sweet tannin backed up by a nice freshness, very nice length, still a bit tannic on the finish, but it will definitely soften from further aging, nice potential, drink from

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant and expressive nose with aromas reminiscent of dark berries, eg blackcurrant and blackberries, vanilla, toasted oak, almost balmy components. On the palate well structured with good concentration, good balance and length. Strong but ripe tannins, wine with great potential. 90

90,5 | CHÂTEAU FRANC LA ROSE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Inky deep ruby red, the nose is young and ripe, it displays dark berries, plum, some new oak. vanilla and roasted notes, nice pure fruit on the palate, quite full but without heaviness, well balanced acidity and smooth tannin, layers of fruit, dark cherry, plum, very creamy texture and a very good length, nice balance, already approachable but with a fine potential for aging. 91

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated nose with chocolate and toast, vanilla and mild spices, dark berries and black cherries. On the palate well expressed, good tanninc structure, touch of sweetness, good length. Elegant and fresh. 90

90,5 | CHÂTEAU **GRAND PONTET**

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Dark purple, the nose is showing freshness and ripeness, dark berries, cassis, plum, earthy mineral notes, liquorice and fine oak, very nicely concentrated palate, fresh berries, cassis and fine spices, a good level of freshness, and backbone of tannins, rich and powerful but balanced with a fine potential. drink from 2014. 91 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almostl black centre. Nose with a quite ripe character, dried fruit, prunes d'Agen, mild spices, vanilla and cardamom. On the palate well structured with mature character, almost sweet finish and well balanced tannins. 90

90,5 | CHÂTEAU FONPLÉGADE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Dark ruby/purple, plum, cassis, herbs and mint, very dense and chewy palate with a high concentration plenty of dark fruit, spicy notes, and persisstent flavours, the wine is still youthful and tight but shows a splendid length and good material, should open up nicely after 2-3 more years in the cellar. 91 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Aromas of blackthorn and elderberries, vanilla and roasted

90,5 | CHÂTEAU DASSAULT Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

aromas, on the palate well struc-

tured with rather good length. 90

AL - Still youthful with a purple hue and smoky nose with hints of dark plum, cherry and some spicy notes, the palate is still restrained and young with a medium to full weight, a high freshness and freshly crushed berries, good length, a bit closed however, needs some more time to open up. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with very closed character, opens up very slowly. On the palate well balanced, showing a good potential. 91

90,5 | CHÂTEAU BELAIR MONANGE

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Medium deep ruby red, the nose displays vanilla, red and dark berries, the palate has medium weight, elegantly built with a high freshness, mineral and red fruity character, a rather burgundian texture, soft extraction, it has a very good length and fresh raspberry-laden finish. should still deserve some time to gain roundness and complexity but very fine chalky and mineral finish, not a blockbuster. 91 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well balanced and concentrated nose with mature fruit and complex character. On the palate almost opulent with good structure and

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

AL - Dark ruby with a slight light development, sweet nose of spices, raspberry 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

90,5 | CLOS SAINT-EMILION PHILIPPE

CUVÉE 107 **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion**

vintage. 91

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, raspberry and confiture (iam). 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 CHÊNES

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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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 goood 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 integra-

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

1er 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

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.

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.

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 raspberry 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, blackcurrant, 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

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 on the nose, nice purity, some mineral notes, 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 ambitious and offers a plethora of ripe dark fruit, - 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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{MdM}}$ - Golden colour. Classic style with discreet fruit and a touch of minerality. On the palate well balanced

89,5 | CHÂTEAU ROL VALENTIN

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

with medium weight and length. 90

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. 9 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 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 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, shoull improve further from bottle aging but drinks fairly well already. 89

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with smokey 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

89,5 | CHÂTEAU **COURREGES**

minerality. 90

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

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Aromatic nose with well defined fruit. Blackberries and mulberries, elderberries and a touch of mild spices. On the palate juicy and well balanced with firm, but well integrated tannins. 89

89,5 | CHÂTEAU MOULINET

Pomerol 2009

AL - Rich and fruity nose, stone fruit, plum, redcurrants and some herbal notes, a slightly lighter, more traditional example with red berries, herbal notes and a firm finish, deserves some more time in the cellar. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well expressed nose with ripe fruit, plums, black cherries and truffles. On the palate well balanced with soft character, ripe tannins, slightly herbal flavours, good length. 90

89,5 | CHÂTEAU DE CHAMBRUN

Lalande de Pomerol 2009

AL - Quite modern nose, rather generous amounts of oak, sweet fruit and confiture (jam), the palate is rather soft, full and generous, tannins are fine; some oak is showing on the finish, but rather good material that should soften from further aging. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with intense aromas reminiscent of vanilla and roasted tones, coffee and dark chocolate, plums, dried prunes and mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with ripe tannins, almost sweet notes in the mouth. Good length. 90

89,5 | CHÂTEAU **DE LA RIVIERE**

Fronsac 2009

AL - Sweet fruit and dark plum aromas on the nose, rather full structured, bold with rich fruit, laid back oak and firm tannins. quite long and lingering, still youthful and knit but promising.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Complex nose with unfront fruit and tones of minerality. Fresh, crisp with elegance. On the palate elegant and persistent. Well structured, ripe tannins and good

89,5 | HAUT-CARLES Fronsac 2009

AL - Another example showing good density and ripeness; understated aromas of dark plum, quite dense texture, plenty of fine tannins and good freshness, pure dark fruit and rather long aftertaste, should develop more complexity from further aging. 90 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense and well balanced nose, discreet smokiness, dark berries, vanilla and a touch of dark chocolate. On the palate opulent and well balanced with sweet tannins and good length. 89

89,5 | CHÂTEAU TOUR SERAN

Médoc 2009

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

AL - More modern nose, dark

89,5 | CHEVALIER **DE LASCOMBES**

and well integrated. 89

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 tan-

89,5 | CHÂTEAU LE BOSCQ Saint Estèphe 2009

nins and rather good length. 89

AL - Quite sweet and ripe nose with some roasted notes, plum and redcurrant 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

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 cloudberries, 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

89,5 GRAND ENCLOS DU CHÂTEAU DE CERONS

Graves 2009

AL - Young and rich nose, sweet red and dark berries, the palate has good weight with rich fruit, young tannins, some fine spices and good freshness on the finish, finely balanced, if slightly young, good length. Drink from 2013-2014 onwards. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost

black centre. Elegant flavour, aroma reminiscent of ripe cherries and plums, mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the palate almost salty taste, elegant minerality, good weight and length. 90

89,5 | CHÂTEAU LASSALLE

Graves 2009

AL - Some spicy and herbal notes, aniseed, herbs, red and dark berries on the nose, fine palate, medium to full with juicy dark berries, blackcurrant, cherry and soft extraction yet with a fine backbone and freshness, good length and a hint of complexity.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well balanced aromas with ripe fruit and mild spices, in the background a hint of ripe red peppers. On the palate clean and well balanced with firm tannins and rather good length. 89

89,5 | VIEUX CHÂTEAU GAUBERT

AL - Some creamy notes of vanilla and wood, red and dark berries, rather full with an attractive structure, still with young tannins but with good fruit, a pleasingly fresh finish and long aftertaste - deserves keeping another year to round off the edges. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with discreet but persistent fruit, elegant spicy aromas. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins and good, juicy character. Good Length. 90

89,5 | MAYNE D'OLIVET (WHITE) **Bordeaux 2010**

AL - Rich, ripe and unctuous nose, quite tropical with pineapple and mango aromas, round and opulent palate with good extract, balanced freshness, good structure and length, a gentle hint of oak on the finish, very attractive fruit and serious finish. 89 MdM - Intense yellow with almost golden hue. Clean nose with ripe and almost tropical fruit, pineapple and mango. On the palate discreet acidity, tropical fruit and well structured and medium length. 90

89,5 | CHÂTEAU DOISY DAËNE (WHITE) **Bordeaux 2010**

AL - Aromatic nose showing hints of citrus, melon and lime notes, the palate is crisp and fresh with a hint of creaminess and rounded acidity, good length and juicy citrus notes on the finish. 88

MdM - Very bright yellow with green hue. Crisp fruit with complex aromas reminiscent of grapefruit, peaches, passion fruit and a touch of buxus (Boxwood). On the palate juicy and aromatic with good length and structure, crisp with appetising acidity. 91

89 | LES LAURETS

BARON EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD

Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby red, the nose offers spice, vanilla, dark plum and cassis, rather full palate with a dense texture and young tannins, good freshness and juicy black currant fruit, fine length. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Distinct fruit in the nose, blackberries and mulberries, vanilla, chocolate and toasted oak. On the palate well structured, ripe fruit, good length. 89

89 CHÂTEAU AMBE TOUR POURRET Saint Emilion Grand Cru 2009

AL - Young and generous nose that exhibits fresh berries, casiss, plum, spices and aromatic herbs, the palate is concentrated but with a soft extraction, nice and juicy with a good freshness fine length, drink after 2013. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Dense structure, spicy flavour reminiscent of incense, ripe dark berry fruit. On the palate well structured with opulent body and well structured medium length. 88

89 CHÂTEAU MANGOT

CUVÉE TODESCHINI

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby/purple, youthful and ripe nose that displays pure dark fruit, cherry, blackberry and plum, some roasted notes, coffee, vanilla and cocoa bean, good density and texture, rather full with pure and fresh dark fruit, well rounded tannin and a long lingering finish, promising. 89

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Intense fruit, slightly jammy, however pleasant and still with a fresh aspect. Mild spices and nice toasted aromas. On the palate opulent mouth feel with almost creamy texture and strong, but well balanced tannins. Rather good length. 89

89 | CLOS DUBREUIL **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion**

AL - Very inky colour, youthful nose that offers cassis, aromatic herbs, dark cherry, leather, vanilla and new oak. Very ambitious palate with a high but balanced extraction, plenty of backbone and layers of dark fruit, rich, concentrated and long finish, should become very good but needs time to round of the edges and gain nuance and

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Meaty, with intense fruit and good structure. Also guite densely structured on the palate, tannins well balanced, overall quite good length. 88

89 | CHÂTEAU LAROQUE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby red, a fairly modern nose with some roasted oak, leather, coffee, dark plums and liquorice, the palate is broad and mouth filling, quite high level of extraction that will need some time to soften, nice dark fruit, good length, all the components are there, it just needs some more time, drink from 2014. 89 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with ripe fruit, plums, cherries and dark berries. On the palate medium weight but rather good length. Touch of chocolate in the finish. Needs more time for evolution, shows potential. 89

89 CHÂTEAU SAINT-GEORGES CÔTES PAVIE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Bright and dark ruby/ purple - the nose combines some roasted notes, coffee beans, new oak and toast with dark fruit, plum, cassis and spices, the palate is full and rich with a good weight, still with a good dose of freshness, cassis flavours and aromatic herbs, youthful and fine tannins, good length, a fine potential, a bit tight at present, best from 2014, 89

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with a certain concentration, but slightly closed. Very youthful wine showing good potential but at the moment very closed. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU FRANC LA ROSE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL- Dark and clear ruby red. fresh nose that offers, red and dark berries, some mineral notes, fine oak and a gentle spiciness, good grip on the palate, still a bit youthful and restrained but with good weight, freshness and a mineral finish, good length and elegant dark fruit, should preferably kept for at least 2 more years. 89

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Well balanced nose with fresh fruit, mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the well balanced with good mouthfeel and freshness. Good length. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU DESTIEUX Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Nice purity on the nose, cool fruit yet with ripeness, red and dark crushed berries, fine spices, gently spicy with some roasted notes, nice densoty and freshness, rather persistent flavours, wild fruit, spices and a long aftertaste, nicely balancedm drink from 2013. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. In the nose roasted and smoky aromas, ripe berry fruit in the background. On the palate well structured, ripe tannins with good length. 89

89 | LANBERSAC

CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES **Puisseguin Saint-Emilion**

AL - A fairly dark colour and modern nose, toasted notes, vanilla, dark plum and blackberry, the palate is medium to full bodied with a high freshness, rather soft tannin, freshly crushed berries and long fresh finish, drink from 2013.88

MdM - Intense purple red colour with violet hue and almost black centre. Modern style with distinct influence of oak, vanilla, caramel and roasted aromas. Ripe fruit in the background. On the palate velvety character, tannins are ripe and well integrated, rather good length. 90

89 | CHÂTEAU AMBE TOUR POURRET **Grand Cru Saint Emilion**

AL - Roasted coffee and new oak on the nose, red and dark berries. a rather full and structured example, still a bit young and tight but with nice fruit and a serious length, should drink well from 2014. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense smoky aromas, slightly pyrotechnical nose, ripe and opulent fruit, mild spices in the back. On the palate well balanced and clean with well structured medium weight and length. 89

89 CHÂTEAU SIAURAC

Lalande de Pomerol 2009

AL - Quite dark and fruity nose, showing aromas of blackcurrant, plum and blackberry, less oak, very juicy dark fruit and high freshness, good length and purity.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated, but also very closed nose. Hints of blackcurrant and blackberries, mild spices. On the palate well balanced with rather good length. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU FONPLÉGADE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL - Medium deep ruby red, perfumed nose of flowers, red fruit confiture and spices, the palate is soft and rounded, yet with a backboone of tannin in the background, nice sweet fruit and a long spicy finish, a certain complexity already. 90 MdM - Dark purple red with violet

hue and almost black centre. Rather traditional style with mild spices, minerality and restrained fruit. Well concentrated and balanced on the palate with a certain amount of freshness. Tannins quite firm but balanced. Rather good length. 88

89 | CHÂTEAU SOLEIL

Puisseguin Saint Emilion 2007

AL-Floral and perfumed nose, violet, dark plum and sweet cassis, the palate is rounded and fresh with silky tannins a creamy texture and red fruity aftertaste, quite long a rather fine and elegant example.

MdM- Deep purple red with garnet red hue. Intense aroma reminiscent of fresh blackcurrant, blackberries, balmy spices, vanilla, roasted aromas. On the palate well balanced with good weight and length. Leather and tobacco as well as dried fruit in the finish. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU RICHELIEU

CUVÉE ROYALE

Fronsac 2009

AL - A bit closed on the nose, some new oak and dark plum, the palate is quite dense, still slightly on the tannic side with present oak, good fruit, but somewhat dry on the finish. Should improve from further ageing. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated and balanced aromas in the nose, ripe fruit - wine with a good base. On the palate well balanced with strong but mature tannins and an almost sweet finish. The opulence does not prevent freshness. 91

89 CHÂTEAU PREUILLAC

Cru Bourgeois Médoc 2009

AL - Attractive nose, perfumed and floral with hints of violet, blackcurrant, blackberry and aromatic herbs, enjoyable and full palate, fresh dark fruit, high but rounded tannins, some hints of prunes and fig but not overripe, good length, fine balance and fresh finish. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with mulberries and elderberries. On the palate clean and well balanced with firm but ripe tannins and medium length with minerality on the finish. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU LE BOURDIEU

Médoc 2009

AL - Clean and fruity nose, slightly sweet with hints of confiture (jam) and spices, the palate is on the fuller side, well rounded and polished with elegant sweet fruit and tannic backbone, fairly long finish. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with elegant fruit, fresh dark berries and a touch of mild spices. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. 89

89 CHÂTEAU **DE LAMARQUE**

Haut Médoc 2009 AL - Some new oak, dark berries,

leather and blackcurrant. The palate is youthful and dense with dark fruit, blackcurrant, fine spices and rounded tannins that add freshness, quite good length and persistence, some spicy and herbal notes on the finish. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with almost balmy character, discreet oak flavour, ripe dark berries, a touch of plums. On the palate well balanced, soft style with mature tannins and a touch of bitterness in the finish. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU LESTAGE SIMON

Haut Medoc 2009

AL - Youthful nose that exhibits gentle oak, dark berries, plum, blackcurrant and tobacco, it is quite full on the palate, dense and muscular with dark fruit, shows its firm tannic backbone and rather long

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with concentrated character, densely woven flavour, touch of spices and ripe fruit. On the palate opulent, almost balmy character, firm tannins and well structured medium length. 88

89 | CHÂTEAU D'ARCINS

Cru Bourgeois

Haut Médoc 2009

AL - Tobacco, dark plum, blackcurrant and leather emanate from the glass, quite ripe palate with sweet fruit, rounded tannins and smooth finish, good length and potential. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Initially rather restrained fruit but opening up slowly. On the palate well balanced with well integrated tannins and quite polished character. 89

89 | BALTHUS

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Some new oak, spices and ripe fruit, quite ambitious with crushed berries, blackcurrant and dark plum on the palate, somewhat on the tannic side but it has serious length and fresh finish, an ambitious wine with good potential. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense nose shows good use of new oak, ripe fruit, blackberries and plums. On the palate ambitious with clean fruit, fresh character, ripe tannins and rather good length. 89

89 | CHATEAU TAYAC

Margaux 2009

AL - Finely roasted notes, coffee bean, vanilla, dark berries, blackcurrant, a rather full and structured wine with generous amounts of fruit, fine oak in the background, polished tannins, soft and creamy finish, very enjoyable drinkability. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose but rather closed. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU DE PEZ

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Sweet and roasted notes with hints of pastry. confiture (jam), roasted coffee and red berries, the palate is on the lighter side, medium bodied and fresh with a high level of tannins and acidity, good length and pleasant fruit on the finish. 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent aromas reminiscent of coffee and mocha, vanilla and torrefied aromas. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium density and rather good length. Torrefied aromas in the finish, backed by ripe fruit. 91

89 CHÂTEAU LE CROCK

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Sweet fruit, blackcurrant, leather and some spicy animal notes, quite tight and full palate with plenty of young tannins, high freshness and dark inky fruit, long and robust finish, and a hint of rusticity should gain roundness from further aging. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense aromas reminiscent of ripe plums and black cherries, highly concentrated. On the palate highly extracted character with ripe, but firm tannins and rather good length. 90

89 | HAUT-LAGRANGE

Pessac-Léognan 2009

AL - Pure and intense nose, some new oak, ripe fruit, leather, tobacco and fine spices, slightly sweet with hints of confiture (jam), red berries and some herbal notes on the palate, elegant fruit, a rather soft texture and pleasant aftertaste. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Ripe fruit on the nose, but also a slightly green touch. On the palate well structured with medium length and ripe

89 | CHÂTEAU HAURA

AL - Red and dark berries on the nose, some hints of oak, leather and aromatic herbs, the palate is rather full, still slightly youthful and tannic, but it shows fine purity and length, should develop really well. 90 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well balanced aromas in the nose, elegant fruit and fine oak influence. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

89 | CHÂTEAU SAINT-ROBERT PONCET DEVILLE

Graves 2009

AL - A young and rich wine, at the moment rather dominated by oak on the nose - dark plum, blackcurrant, leather and tobacco, the palate has good weight and structure, slightly extracted at present, but not too much; it should soften with aging and the fruit is there, good length and structure - drink from 2014. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean and well expressed fruit with torrefied oak flavours. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU TOURTEAU CHOLLET (WHITE) Graves 2009

AL - Quite tropical nose of yellow fruit, honey and citrus, rather pleasing structure with notes of ripe lemon, ripe acidity, good purity and long finish. 89 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Rather restrained fruit on the nose, but still fresh in character. On the palate medium weight and length with pleasant mouthfeel. 89

89 | CHÂTEAU REYNON (WHITE)

Bordeaux Blanc 2010

AL - Fresh crisp and zesty, aromatic with green notes, citrus and gooseberry, the palate is dry, fresh and pleasantly firm with ripe citrus and a juicy finish, good length. 89

MdM - Very bright yellow with green hue. Crisp fruit on the nose with aromas reminiscent of grapefruit, peaches and a slight touch of buxus (Boxwood). On the palate crisp and well balanced with rather good length. 89

88,5 | CHÂTEAU FILHOT Sauternes 2009

AL - Some spicy notes, yellow fruit, citrus and some volatile notes, quite high sweetness and soft texture, good length, still young and intense - should gain complexity from further aging. 89 MdM - Golden colour. Ripe fruit in the nose, juicy apricots and peaches, dried pear, a touch of minerality and botrytis tones. On the palate rich with good weight and rather good length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU LASSÈGUE **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion**

AL - Roasted oak, leather spice and dark berries, the palate is young and concentrated, still a bit unresolved, nice dark fruit, cassis. plum and blackberry, slightly high level of tannin and acidity at present, should mellow from 2-3 more years of aging, potent but young. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose slightly green but also ripe berry fruit. On the palate well balanced in a rather fruity style with a slightly rustic finish. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU PIPEAU **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion** 2009

AL - Dark intense ruby/purple, the nose is young with roasted oak, vanilla, dark plum, cherry and spices, the palate is dense and concentrated, still a bit vouthful and tannic at present. nice freshness and vibrant fruit, cassis, dark cherry and some aromatic herbs, good length, it has the substance for long aging, drink at earliest 2014. 89

MdM - Deep purple red with violet 88,5 | CHÂTEAU LA TOUR FIGEAC hue and black centre. Ripe fruit, well balanced with oak flavours and a touch of minerality. On the palate clean, juicy and well balanced with ripe but strong tannins and good length. 88

88,5 | HAUT FAUGÈRES **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion**

AL - Very inky and opaque colour, the nose is sweet almost portlike with jammy fruit, spices, smoke and oak, the palate is really concentrated with a high level of extraction, very good length, ambitious and well made but just very closed and difficult to taste today, needs time. 88 MdM -Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Immensely concentrated nose, almost Portlike, on the palate densely woven with a touch of sweetness and good length. Very youthful style, needs time for evolution. 89

88,5 | CHÂTEAU DE PRESSAC

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL - Quite young ruby/purple colour, rather ripe fruit, wild berries, some toasted notes, vanilla and fine spices, the palate is showing a good density with rounded tannins, a high freshness, pure dark fruit character and a rather long persistence, still a bit youthful and reserved but with a fine potential, drink from 2013. 89

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Closed character, opens up slowly, mild spices, oak toasting, elderberries and blackberries. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins, good length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU **PINDEFLEURS**

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Dark ruby with a purple tinge, the nose is young and reveals some roasted notes, coffee, oak, dark plum and cherry, tight and dense palate, still with youthful and firm tannins, good freshness and purity of fruit, rather long and persistent, should drink well from 2013. 88 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven flavour, elderberries, moccha and smoke, dark cherries and blackcurrant. On the palate clean and well made, firm tannins, well structured with good length. 89

88,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT SARPE

Grand Cru Classé

Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Medium deep ruby, the nose is ripe with hints of oak, vanilla and sweet berries, the palate is medium bodied with a high freshness, rather traditional and firmly built with some elegance on the finish, fine length. although a wine that needs time to show its full potential. 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Blackthorn and elderberries, hint of oak, rather traditional style. On the palate well balanced, fine acidity, ripe tannins, touch of sweet fruit in the finish. An excellent terroir in a traditional style. 90

Grand Cru Classé

Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Dark ruby, fairly perfumed on the nose with floral notes, red fruit and a herbal spiciness, the palate has medium weight, a high freshness, some herbal notes and red fruity character, good length, albeit a bit young and firm today. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with well balanced aromas, ripe berryfruit, a touch of ripe, red peppers. On the palate very mineral, restrained fruit, and rather good

88,5 | CHÂTEAU FOUGAS MALDOROR

Côtes de Bourg 2009

AL - Ripe nose with hints of sweet red and dark berries, some spices and herbs on the background, the palate is quite dense with young, tight tannins and some herbal notes, good length, slightly rustic finish but should develop well. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very elegant nose with a touch of cedar wood, incense, blackcurrant and mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with good structure and ripe but firm tannins. Shows rather good length. 89

88,5 CHÂTEAU JOANIN BÉCOT

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Dark fruit, new oak and some spicy notes, medium bodied palate with hints of freshly crushed berries, spices and liquorice, rather soft texture, juicy and straightforward with good drinkability. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant nose with almost balmy character, blackcurrant, vanilla and mild spices. Slight roasted aromas in the background. On the palate elegant character, distinct oak influence, but maintains certain freshness. Firm but ripe tannins with rather good length. 89

88,5 | CHÂTEAU AU PONT DE GUITRES

Lalande de Pomerol 2009

AL - Pure and fruity nose, dark plum, blackcurrant and some herbal notes, quite dense palate with soft extraction, juicy and attractive with red and dark fruit, some herbal notes and medium to long finish. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely structured nose, however only slowly releasing its fruit. On the palate quite opulent with good structure, mature tannins and good length. 89

88,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT-CHAIGNEAU Lalande de Pomerol 2009

AL - Some earthy notes with fresh berries, liquorice and spices, medium bodied wine with attractive young fruit, young structure with high proportion of tannins and rather long finish. 87

MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Quite complex nose with aromas of raspberries and meringue, vanilla, caramel and a touch of oak spices. On the palate clean and well made with good weight and length, firm but well integrated tannins and good mouth feel. 90

88,5 | CHÂTEAU DE VIAUD

Lalande de Pomerol 2009

AL - Pleasant and sweet nose some hints of patisserie and roasted coffee, sweet fruit, medium bodied wine with elegant red fruit, rather soft texture, good freshness and clean finish. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with almost balmy character, ripe fruit and roasted flavour, on the palate opulent and well balanced with smooth character. 88

88.5 CHÂTEAU MALMAISON BARONNE NADINE DE ROTHSCHILD

Moulis en Médoc 2009

AL - Sweet and perfumed with juicy red fruit, raspberry, vanilla and fine spices, attractive and rigid structure with firm backbone, high freshness and freshly crushed berries, good length, slightly young and unresolved. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Ripe fruit on the nose with a touch of spices and slightly mineral character. On the palate clean and fresh with medium weight and length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU LA CLARE

Médoc 2009

AL - Rich and young nose, quite roasted with some oak and coffee beans, dark fruit, plum, blackcurrant and cherry notes, rather rounded and polished texture, creamy and smooth with dark fruit, roasted notes and balanced tannins, good length, enjoyable.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with almost smoky aromas, ripe fruit. On the palate, ripe tannins and good balance with medium weight and length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT BARRAIL

Médoc 2009

AL - Classic nose of red and dark berries, some herbal notes, medium to full structure, balanced with high acidity, freshly crushed berries, some herbal notes and medium to long finish. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very aromatic nose reminiscent of vanilla, caramel, roasted aromas as well as black cherries, blackberries and plums. On the palate well balanced with smooth character and good structure. 90

88,5 | CHÂTEAU BEYZAC

Cru Bourgeois Haut Medoc 2009

AL - Quite ripe nose of red and dark berries, ginger and sweet spices, the palate is quite dense with rather round tannins, elegant fruit and the finish is both fresh and clean. 89

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. The nose shows a distinct fruity character and a touch of pyrotechnical aromas, on the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU LE MEYNIEU

Haut-Médoc 2009

AL - Young and fruity nose of red currant, plum and herbs, a hint of fine oak, the taste is medium bodied, restrained and firm with good freshness and long finish, slightly tight and backward but fine material.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Very elegant flavour with aromas reminiscent of ripe blackberries and blackcurrant, vanilla and mild spices, roasted aromas, chocolate and mocha. On the palate elegant and well structured with good length and persistance, elegant fruit and discreet spicy flavours. Modern and pleasant. 90

88,5 | CHÂTEAU FOURCAS DUPRE Listrac Médoc 2009

AL - Sweet red fruit on the nose, a hint of confiture (jam) and spices, well rounded palate, quite full with soft texture, good freshness attractive red fruit and rather long finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant oak spiciness in the nose, roasted aromas, coffee and a touch of vanilla. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins and rather good length. 89

88,5 | JACQUES BOYD

Margaux 2009

AL - Pure and young nose that displays red and dark berries, some oak and fine spices, attractive structure on the palate, intense and vibrant dark fruit, dense with medium weight, fine tannin and a long clean finish with spicy dark fruit, very polished and elegant. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean but discreet nose with a touch of toasted oak and mild spices and fresh berry fruit in the background. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins and well structured medium length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU LA HAYE

Cru Bourgeois Saint-Estèphe 2009

AL - Aromatic and floral nose of flower, redcurrant, blackcurrant and plum, the palate is rather full and tight with a high level of acidity and tannin, quite classic structure with dark and inky fruit, good length, pure but slightly dry on the finish, a style that needs long aging. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit on the nose, on the palate medium weight and length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU BRONDELLE GRAND VIN Graves 2009

AL - Attractive nose of roasted coffee, some new oak, dark berries, blackcurrant and tobacco, well structured with a backbone of tannin and freshness with plenty of juicy fruit, dark cherry and blackcurrant on the finish, charming spiciness, well balanced and potent. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Expressive nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant and blackberries, vanilla and mild spices. On the palate firm tannins, ripe fruit and rather good length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU DU SEUIL Graves 2009

AL - Dark fruit, tobacco and a hint of new oak, rather discreet at first, the palate is well balanced with soft extraction but attractive weight and fresh dark fruit character, gently spicy with a long finish and a hint

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with aromas reminiscent of vanilla, caramel, Meringue, sweet fruit. On the palate well balanced with firm but ripe tannins, medium weigh and length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU DES GRAVIÈRES

CUVÉE PRESTIGE Graves 2009

AL - Some woody notes, vanilla and spice dominates the nose, red berries and plum on the palate, quite full, slightly young and tight with high tannin and high acidity, pleasant material and length. However this needs another 2 years of cellaring to soften. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent flavour with ripe fruit, distinct oak influence, vanilla and torrefied aromas. On the palate opulent and well balanced with slightly firm tannins, good weight and length. 90

88,5 | CHÂTEAU **DU HAUT MARAY**

Graves 2009

AL - Gently roasted nose with hints of coffee beans, vanilla, fine oak and dark berries, the wine is quite broad and mouthfilling, young and tannic at present but with good fruit, rather opulent with a long finish - should be very attractive to drink in 1-2 years time. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose, minerality and spiciness. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

88,5 | CHÂTEAU FERRANDE (WHITE) Graves 2010

AL - Clean and fresh nose with ripe yellow fruit and medium weight on the palate, juicy fruit, balanced acidity and ripe citrus flavours, good purity and length.

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Lemon peel and citrus flavour on the nose, on the palate crisp and fresh with medium depth and length. 88

88,5 | GRAND VIN DU CHÂTEAU DES PLACES (WHITE)

Graves 2011

AL - Slightly riper with peach, yellow fruit and ripe lemon, good substance on the palate, rounded with good freshness and serious structure, good length. 89 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet fruit, grapefruit and a touch of peaches. Discreet fruit also on the palate, however with a juicy character and medium lenath. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU **HAUT-BERGERON**

Sauternes 2009

AL - Bold, ripe and tropical with pineapple, mango and papaya, some dusty and spicy notes, high level of sweetness and an unctuous long finish. 88 MdM - Golden yellow. Opulent aroma with Juscious fruit. mango and dried pineapple, white nougat, slight dusty notes in the background. On the palate high sweetness and opulent taste. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU LANBERSAC

Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Medium to deep ruby, the nose is fresh and vivid showing red currant, raspberry and some herbal notes, elegant, medium bodied in a traditional style, fairly long, best after 2014. 87

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit and a touch of mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced in a quite fruity

88 | CHÂTEAU DES LAURETS

Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark fruity nose with hints of cassis, herbs and plum, fine integration of oak, the palate rather full and chewy, fresh dark fruit flavours, cassis, cherry and plum, good length and freshness. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Discreet fruit in the nose, as well as discreet mild spices. On the palate ripe and juicy fruit, firm tannins, medium length. 88

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Puisseguin Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Very clean and fruity nose, some spicy notes, red and dark berries, no evident oak, the palate is fairly structured however, attractive and juicy with a good freshness and balance, nicely drinkable. 88 MdM - Very intense purple red with violet hue and black centre. Concentrated fruit, black berry jam, black cherries and blackcurrant. On the palate clean and well balanced, juicy character, good weight and well structured medium length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU DE LA GRENIÈRE

CUVÉE LA CHARTREUSE

Lussac Saint Emilion 2009

AL- Ambitious nose with new oak, dark berries, blackberry and spices, the palate is quite dense and chewy with young tannin and a spicy finish, nice dark fruit, although a bit young and tight today, drink from 2014.88

MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose quite concentrated, floral notes and ripe fruit. On the palate medium weight and length, well integrated tannins. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU FRANC LE MAINE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby/purple, youthful nose that exhibits new oak, vanilla, spice and a mix of dark and red berries, the palate is medium bodied with juicy fruit, cassis and red currant, some herbal notes and a good freshness, fairly long, a fine effort, feels a bit young and should deserve 3-4 more years before drinking it. 88

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with ripe fruit, blackcurrant and elderberries, touch of vanilla and toast. On the palate rather smooth, ripe tannins and good length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU FAURIE DE SOUCHARD

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark purple colour, dark fruity nose, cassis, dark plum and herbs, the palate is medium to full, built in a slightly austere style with a high acidity and present tannin, nice fruit, good length, needs a few vears to soften. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with elegant fruit in a rather traditional style. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Dark ruby red still a bit closed on the nose with red berries, new oak, vanilla and spices, a medium bodied structure with a tannic backbone, elegant red fruit, polished in a traditional style, good freshness and purity of fruit, 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Elegant nose with blackberries and cassis, a touch of dark chocolate and vanilla. On the palate elegant and crisp with ripe and strong tannins. Being a bit young today, this wine with its classical style would take advantage of five more years. 89

88 | CLOS DUBREUIL

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Very inky and opaque colour, sweet aromas of dark berries, blackberry, plum, cassis, herbs and new oak. The palate is full, very young, still with a high extraction and high acidity, nice dark fruit character, good length, should become good, it just feels far too young today, 88

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very muscular style, meaty, ripe fruit and opulent oak. On the palate well structured, needs a bit more time as it is quite extracted, however show some potential. 88

88 CHÂTEAU DU COURLAT

CUVEE JEAN-BAPTISTE

Lussac Saint Emilion 2008

AL - Quite intense and rich nose showing new oak, roasted aromas, coffee, dark plum, blackberry and spice, quite full and structured palate, still youthful with firm tannin but good fruit and a rather long finish, drink from 2013. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean and ripe fruit with spicy overtones. Well used oak. On the palate well balanced in a rather traditional style. Medium weight and length.

88 | LASSÈGUE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2008

AL- Still youthful with pure sweet fruit, red and dark berries, the palate has a fair level of concentration, still a bit tight with a high acidity and present tannin although with a fine potential and promising length.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with ripe aromas in a rather traditional style. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. 87

88 | CHÂTEAU DE PRESSAC

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL-Dark ruby red, good purity on the nose with hints of forest fruit, blackberry, liquorice, vanilla and fine oak, the palate is medium bodied with a high freshness, a slightly more austere style but with fine purity of fruit and soft tannins, the finish is quite persistent with a hint of minerality and dark fruit, fine level of drinkability even if it will improve from another 3-4 years in the cellar. 88

MdM- Purple red with violet hue. Very pleasant nose with almost balmy character, a touch of oak and mild spices, very pure style. On the palate elegant, ripe tannins, medium concentration but rather good length. Convincing wine from a difficult vintage. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU L'ARROSÉE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2007

AL- Medium deep ruby red with a certain development, some roasted notes and sweet fruit, hints of confiture and sweet spices, rather elegant and soft on the palate, red fruity and floral, almost with a burgundian texture, soft and silky with medium weight, good flavour intensity and long aftertaste, mineral and elegant finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Clean nose with mature flavour and balmy notes. On the palate mature character with almost sweet tannins. ripe fruit and well structured medium length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU VIGNOT

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL- Some developed aromas, roasted notes, coffee, sweet fruit and patisserie, well rounded and elegant palate, good freshness and a certain complexity, fine length a rather elegant and soft textured wine. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent nose with slightly roasted aromas, ripe fruit and good structure. On the palate well balanced with medium length and weight. 88

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Pure and ripe nose with hints of plum and sweet spices, plenty of fruit on the palate, charming purity, slightly restrained and tight tannins at present but good clarity and finish. Should soften with another 1-2 years of ageing. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very aromatic nose with aromas reminiscent of fresh blackcurrant, vanilla and mild spices. On the palate well balanced with good length, firm tannins. At the moment slightly dry on the finish. Needs more time for evolution. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU LE PRIOLAT

Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Attractive clarity on the nose, red and dark berries, some blackcurrant and aromatic herbs, rather full palate with good purity, soft extraction but dense fruit, well rounded with a juicy long finish. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Elegant nose with a touch of prunes and mulberries, elderberries and discreet vanilla tones. On the palate clean with an almost floral touch. Medium weight and length.

88 LA SÉLECTION

DU CHÂTEAU HAUT PEYCHEZ

Fronsac 2009

AL - Young and pure nose, slightly closed with notes of dark plum and blackcurrant, the palate is full and concentrated, juicy with good density and soft extraction, laid back oak and a juicy finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Fresh fruit and mild spices with a touch of oak. On the palate medium weight, rather good length with a touch of freshness.

88 | VINEA NASCENTIA

Canon Fronsac 2009

AL - Ripe nose with notes of blackcurrant and liquorice, underlined by some new oak, the palate is juicy and fresh, quite full with elegant fruit, integrated oak and fine length, elegant with some complexity. 90

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose with ripe berry fruit and cherries. On the palate almost sweet with slightly firm tannins, good structure, medium length. 86

88 | CHÂTEAU CASSAGNE HAUT-CANON

LA TRUFFIÈRE

Canon Fronsac 2009

AL - Fresh nose that displays ripeness, dark plum and fig, soft oak, the palate is fairly structured with an emphasis on fruit, dark berries; it has high acidity and rather integrated tannins, good length and a pure finish. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with distinct oak influence, ripe, red peppers in the background and a touch of berry fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and

88 | CHÂTEAU CANON

Canon Fronsac 2009

AL - Gently roasted nose, some oak, coffee, spices and sweet berries, the palate shows handsome density but soft extraction, fairly good length and purity. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy nose with ripe fruit and mature character. On the palate soft, tannins well integrated with rather good length. 88

88 | TOUR PRIGNAC

GRANDE RÉSERVE Médoc - 2009

AL - Perfumed and sweet nose with some roasted notes, pastry, spices and confiture (jam) yet

without over ripeness, the palate is slightly more restrained, sweet red fruit, high acidity as well as rather high tannins but fine length, slightly restrained and tannic today but should develop well. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Intense roasted flavours, smoke, ripe black cherries and plums, blackberries. On the palate vanilla and berry fruit, well structured, strong tannins and rather good

88 | CHÂTEAU MAISON BLANCHE

Cru Bourgeois Médoc 2009

AL - Clean nose, dark plum, chocolate and dark berries, rather structured and firmly built with young tannins and high acidity, dark berries and leather on the finish, rather long but somewhat unresolved. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well balanced nose with pleasant fruit and a touch of mild spices. On the palate well balanced, fresh style with medium weight and length.

88 CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

Haut Médoc 2009

AL - Good purity on the nose, red and dark berries, blackcurrant and some herbal notes, the palate shows classic structure with good freshness, tannic backbone and notes of freshly crushed berries, well balanced, still slightly youthful with a long finish. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit, elderberries, blackberries and a touch of blackcurrant. Rather restrained oak flavours, elegant minerality. On the palate ripe tannins, well structured with rather good length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU LA LAGUNE Haut-Médoc 2009

AL - The nose indicates ripeness with dark fruit, spice and leather, the palate is more restrained and firm with young tannins and high acidity, decent fruit but the overall feeling is quite lean - a wine that needs at least 2-3 more years of cellaring. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very well expressed aromas, dark berry fruit and tones of mild spices with an almost smoky touch. On the palate clean and well balanced with firm but well integrated tannins and good length. At the moment the wine is charming on the nose but very closed on the palate. Obviously has more potential to develop. 91

88 | CHÂTEAU TOUR SAINT FORT

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Young nose with some herbal notes, red and dark berries, medium weight, pure fruit and some spicy notes, high freshness and quite good length, slightly youthful and restrained, classic style that deserves some time in the cellar. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fresh fruit, berries and plums, delicate spiciness and on the palate medium weight and

88 | CHÂTEAU **TOUR DE PEZ**

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Fresh nose of young fruit, red berries and plum aromas, the palate is slightly restrained with medium weight, high tannin and high acidity, red berry character and some herbal notes, quite fine length but somewhat dry on the finish - a traditional style that requires patience, 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with slightly closed character, quite discreet fruit and mild spices. On the palate well balanced, ripe but slightly dry tannins, discreet fruit and good

88 | CHATEAU HAURA Graves 2009

tobacco, dark berries, fine spices and discreet oak, a medium bodied palate with soft tannic structure, good freshness and sweet fruit on the finish, pleasant with a fine drinkability, 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Slightly vegetal flavour with discreet berry fruit. On the palate clean with juicy fruit and mild

tannins. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU GAZIN ROCQUENCOURT (WHITE)

Pessac Léognan 2010

AL - Pure and fruity with citrus and green apple notes, rounded palate with mild acidity, attractive fruit and good length, straightforward style, a little shy on complexity. 88 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet nose, grapefruit and a touch of peaches, quite elegant and crisp. On the palate medium weight and length. 88

88 | LES DEMOISELLES DE LARRIVET HAUT BRION (WHITE)

Pessac Léognan - 2009

AL - Very perfumed and floral nose of peach, yellow fruit and citrus, the palate is ripe warm and bold with mild acidity and unctuous texture, well balanced in a ripe bold style with plenty of yellow fruit and medium long finish. 88 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe fruit reminiscent of peaches and citrus fruit, on the palate medium weight and length with discreet fruit in the finish. 88

88 | LA RÉSERVE DE MALARTIC

LE SILLAGE (WHITE) Pessac Léognan 2010

AL - Clean fresh and restrained nose, some floral notes, grape fruit, grey pear and lemon zesty, fresh and crisp palate, well rounded with medium weight and rather good length, pure and juicy finish. 88

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet nose with aromas reminiscent of apple, pear and citrus fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU MOUTIN

Graves 2009

AL - A riper and more modern style with some new oak, spices and dark berries on the nose, quite full palate, rather extracted at present with dark berries, blackcurrant and a long finish - should get some more time to soften, slightly harsh on the finish today. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Modern style, oak influence and ripe fruit. On the palate clean and well made with medium weight and length. Tannins slightly harsh, but with some potential for further evolution. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU CRABITEY

Graves 2009

AL - Dark, fruity and pure nose, some mineral notes, blackcurrant, prune and tobacco, the palate is rather full with juicy dark berries, ripe tannins, fine spices and a long fresh finish, pleasing balance and attractive fruit, pure and classic style without exaggerations. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Expressive nose with ripe fruit, mulberries and elderberries. Mild spices in the background. On the palate well structured, firm tannins, slightly dry in the finish. Has AL - Pure and fresh nose, hints of some fruit, further evolution to be observed. 87

88 | CHÂTEAU VENUS Graves 2009

AL - Sweet berries, blackcurrant, liquorice, leather and a hint of oak on the nose, the palate is soft, round and ripe with juicy red and dark berries, rounded tannin and a warm long finish - attractive and drinkable. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with medium intensity, slightly spicy and minerality, pyrotechnical notes, ripe fruit. On the palate well balanced, firm tannins, almost sweet finish with relatively good length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU MAGNEAU

Graves 2009

AL - Quite roasted nose with notes of coffee bean, sweet red fruit and fine spices, the palate is fresh with 87,5 | CHÂTEAU LE medium weight, sour red berries and a medium to

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent aromas with intense torrefied flavour, chocolate and fresh ground coffee, on the palate well balanced with good weight and length. Tannins quite ripe in a slightly firm style and aromatic character. 89

88 | CHÂTEAU SAINT JEAN DES GRAVES Graves 2009

AL - There are some creamy and buttery notes on the nose, a touch of vanilla and fresh berries, the palate is hue. Clean nose with ripe dark medium to full with blackcurrant and plum flavours, good freshness, rounded tannins, attractive fruity finish - quite accessible. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Discreet, rather classic nose with tones of minerality and discreet fruit. On the palate well balanced with firm tannins and medium length. 88

88 | CHÂTEAU PESSAN

Graves 2009

AL - Fresh and juicy fruit on the nose and palate, a hint of oak and spices, the wine has good weight and structure with young tannins and a fine length - slightly closed and monotone today, but should improve from further aging. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well structured nose, ripe fruit and tones of minerality and spiciness. On the palate clean with luscious fruit, ripe tannins, medium weight and almost good length. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DES LANDES

CUVEE PRESTIGE

Lussac Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Youthful and dark fruity with some new oak, vanilla, dark plum and blackberry notes, the palate is structured and tight, quite rigid tannins, plenty of fruit and a good length, a bit young but should drink well from 2013. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense aromas of dark fruit, mild spices and oak, however on the palate slightly less concentrated. Pleasant finish. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU TOUR PEYRONNEAU

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2010

AL - Very dark purple colour, young nose of oak, vanilla, smoke and dark berries, medium to full with a hue and almost black centre. youthful structure, good length, but still a bit tight and Quite closed on the nose but with restrained, drink from 2014, 87

MdM - Dark purple red with garnet red hue. Very closed on the nose, on the palate well structured but quite marked by strong tannins. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU SAINT-GEORGES CÔTES PAVIE

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Bright ruby red, good freshness on the nose, some mineral notes, wild berries and fine spices, the palate is medium bodied with a good purity of fruit and a bright freshness, elegantly built but a bit too young, should deserves another 3-4 years in the cellar and gain roundness and complexity, well balanced proportion of ripe tannins, good

MdM - Deep purple red with garnet red hue. Concentrated fruit and a touch of oak spices in the nose. On the palate rather restrained fruit, slightly balmy character, well structured medium length. Pure and

87,5 | CHÂTEAU LASSÈGUE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2007

AL- Roasted nose, coffee bean and sweet fruit, plum 87,5 CHÂTEAU confiture and soft rounded palate, good stuffing and elegant fruit, very rounded and polished texture, fine length too. A Burgundian structure. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet garnet red hue. Roasted aromas and ripe fruit in the nose, on the palate well structured and medium length. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU REYNON

Premières Côtes de Bordeaux 2008

AL -Youthful and modern nose with notes of dark berries, new oak, spices and liquorice, quite full palate with backbone of tannins and acidity, dark fruit on the the palate almost juicy with finely finish, medium to long. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with balmy flavours, dark plums and blackberries, mild spices and a touch of leather. On the palate well balanced with strong tannin structure and good length. 88

DOYENNE

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - The nose displays ripeness, red and dark berries, some new oak, leather and aromatic herbs. The palate is fairly concentrated, still slightly tannic but with good material and length, should drink well from next year onwards. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet berry fruit, on the palate well structured with firm tannins and medium length. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU CAP DE FAUGÈRES

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Lightly roasted nose, some oak, plum and dark berries, the palate is full and dense, the tannins are pronounced at present but not rough, should soften from further aging, rich and warm with plenty of fruit, quite long and potent finish, just marginally dry today. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Elegant nose with aromas reminiscent of fresh blackcurrant and blackberries, vanilla and mild spices. On the palate well balanced with good length, firm tannins. Shows rather good potential but will need a lot of maturing over

87,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT

Lalande de Pomerol 2009

AL - Dark fruit, chocolate, some roasted oak, fresh and medium bodied, juicy fruit and a high acidity, well rounded tannin and a medium length. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet good aromatic potential. On the palate well balanced and sound structured with almost juicy character and ripe tannins. Good length. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU LES ROCHES DE FERRAND

Fronsac 2009

AL - Young and pure nose, quite closed, some hints of plum, the palate is tight and dense, quite full with youthful structure, high length and clean finish, should develop well. 89

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with rather restrained fruit, slightly earthymineral tones. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. 86

PEYRABON

Haut Medoc 2009

AL - The nose feels traditional with red fruity notes and an herbal spiciness, the palate is rather soft with medium weight, sweet fruit, redcurrant, spices, herbs and rather good length. 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with hints of minerality and discreet fruit. On grained tannins. Moderate weight and well structured medium

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DU CARTILLON **Haut Medoc 2009**

AL - Gently roasted nose, new oak, dark berries and tobacco, the taste is rather traditional with firm backbone, pleasant dark fruit and a high freshness, good length, still slightly young and restrained should drink well from 2014 onwards. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Modern style with distinct influence of new oak, ripe and juicy fruit. On the palate well balanced with firm, but well integrated tannins, displaying a touch of fruit and good potential. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE LUGAGNAC

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Ambitious nose with some new oak and dark ripe fruit, plum and blackcurrant, quite good length, juicy and attractive. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean and juicy fruit in the nose, slightly spicy in the background. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, medium weight and length. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU PICARD

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Dark fruity nose, some vanilla and wood, dark berries, some stony notes and blackcurrant - rather full palate, intense and youthful fruit, fresh notes of plum, blackcurrant and leather, firm tannins, plenty of freshness and a long pure finish - attractive potential, but it needs another few years of aging. 89 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. On the nose oak spices, vanilla and fresh berries. On the palate medium weight and length with ripe tannins. 86

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE ROUILLAC (WHITE)

Pessac-Léognan 2009

AL - Quite ripe and bold on the nose, some oak, tropical fruit and floral notes, the palate is more restrained than the nose, very attractive bite, pleasantly austere acidity backs up the ripe and fleshy fruit, very structured with plenty of extract and a clear very long finish - fine potential. 89

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet fruit, a touch of beeswax, apricot and lemon peel. On the palate clean and soft with medium weight and length. 86

87,5 | CHÂTEAU D'ARRICAUD GRAND VIN Graves 2009

AL - Classically built with a robust structure, pure nose with measured oak, plum and blackcurrant, high freshness and firm tannin, well balanced in a pure classic style, good fruit and rather fine length deserves 2 more years of cellaring and ought to develop well. 88

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet flavour and quite closed character, rather classic style. On the palate clean and well made with medium weight and length. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE RESPIDE CALLIPYGE Graves 2009

AL - Pure nose of sweet red fruit, some herbal notes and red cherry, the palate has medium weight and a quite juicy fruit character, backbone of high acidity and firm tannin, yet the balance is fine with fairly good length - it needs another year to soften. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Fresh fruit with a slightly floral touch. On the palate clean and well balanced with rather firm tannins and medium length. 87

87,5 | RÉSERVE MOUTON CADET (WHITE) Graves 2010

AL - Youthful nose with Sauvignon notes, green herbal and grassy with lemon and lime notes on the palate, medium weight, a zesty freshness and good length. 87

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Lemon and peaches, apricots and a touch of tropical fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 88

87,5 | GRAND ENCLOS DU CHÂTEAU DE CERONS (WHITE) Graves 2009

AL - Green apple and pear notes, some development viscous texture, oily with good freshness and medium to full body, quite good length and a fresh

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Fine fresh fruit in the nose, candied lemon peel, a touch of grapefruit, buxus (Boxwood), elegant minerality. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and relatively good length. Crisp character and fresh fruit in the aftertaste. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT MAYNE

CUVÉE MAYNE DU CROS

(WHITE) Graves 2009

AL - Quite ripe fruit character, ripe lemon and peach aromas, some new oak, the palate has medium to full body, good freshness and length, balanced and zesty. 88

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe lemon and a touch of Mirabelle plum (not to be confused with the Damson) on the nose. On the palate medium weight and length with a touch of ripe citrus fruit in the finish. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE L'HOSTE-BLANC

CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES (WHITE)

Entre-Deux-Mers 2010

AL - Fresh and clean nose with some new oak, tropical fruit and ripe citrus, pleasant freshness on the palate, vivid citrus notes, yellow fruit and a rather long finish. 87

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Ripe grapefruit, passion fruit and a slightly tropical touch. On the palate well balanced with juicy fruit and a crisp finish. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU **PINDEFLEURS**

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby/purple very young and viscous, youthful nose of cassis, dark cherry, aromatic herbs and mint, the palate is tight, dense and rather concentrated, good length and nice dark fruit, should deserve another 3-4 years to gain nuance and complexity, slightly woody and dry finish at present. 88

MdM - Deep purple red colour with violet hue and black centre. Nose with restrained fruit and rather closed character, on the palate well structured, medium length, with a touch of vegetal components in the finish. 87

87,5 | CHÂTEAU DE FERRAND

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL - Dark ruby/purple, some forest floor notes, dark berries, cassis and herbs, the palate is rather full with a backbone of refreshing tannins, dark fruit, cassis and herbal notes, good level of freshness and fair length, still a bit young, should deserve another 3-4 years in the cellar. 87 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Undergrowth and fresh mushrooms, ripe berries and slightly toasted oak. On the palate clean and well made with ripe fruit, well balanced tannins and rather good length. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU CADET BON

Grand Cru Classé Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby red, rather ripe on the nose with plum and red fruit confiture, the palate is rich and dense, still vouthful with present tannin and some oaky flavours, good length, has good material but needs to soften a few more years. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Well concentrated, with an almost sweet character, well structured medium length. 88

87,5 | CHÂTEAU LA ROSE **MONTURON**

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Very ripe and port like, spicy and very concentrated, although a bit too young, it feels more like a zinfandel than St Emilion today, extracted and sweet, the finish medium long. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. In the nose quite concentrated, Port-like tones, fresh berry fruit, discreet spiciness. On the palate opulent in style, quite powerful, but only well structured medium length. 88

87 | CHÂTEAU HAUT **BOMMES**

Sauternes 2009

AL - Pure nose, rather elegant fruit, quince, pear and ripe citrus, medium bodied with a fine degree of freshness, some citrus-bitter notes and medium to long finish. 87 MdM - Medium intense yellow with golden hue. Discreet fruit reminiscent of dried apricots and candied orange peel. On the palate opulent fruit, elegant bitterness in the finish, good weight and medium length.

87 | CHÂTEAU LE BERNAT **Puisseguin Saint Emilion 2009**

AL - Dark fruity and perfumed nose, crushed berries, plum and cassis, the palate is ripe and rich, still slightly austere structure with present tannin and a high acidity, fairly good length, a wine that needs another 2-3 years in the cellar. 87 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with slightly concentrated fruit, medium density and length on

the palate. 87 87 | PREMYA

Lussac Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Quite dark colour, fresh and fruity nose with notes of freshly crushed berries, cassis, plum and no evident oak, the palate is quite full, straightforward with juicy fruit and a good balance. 87 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Intense, but

slightly jammy fruit, discreet spi-

ciness. Straightforward character with good mouth feel. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU PIGANEAU

Lussac Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Quite traditional nose without oak with aromas of plum and herbs, clean, fresh and straightforward palate, with juicy fruit and a nice balance. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Rather restrained fruit. On the palate medium weight and length in a rather traditional style. 87

87 GABRIEL LAUZAT **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Medium to deep ruby red, rather sweet and forward on the nose with a mixture of red and dark berries, smoke and some mineral notes, the palate is medium bodied, yet with a good density and flavour intensity, juicy fruit, sweet spices and quite a long finish, needs some more time to open up, drink from

2014.87 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean and well made with ripe dark fruit, plums, cherries and a touch of blackcurrant. In the background ripe, red peppers. On the palate clean and well made with medium weight and length. Juicy finish. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU LA CROIZILLE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL - Young ruby red nuance, intense nose that offers new oak, vanilla, red fruit confiture, the palate has a medium weight with red fruit, cherry, cassis and herbal notes, medium to long finish, a bit restrained, should get 2-3 more years in the cellar to soften. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well structured, this wine needs some time to open up. Releases fruit only slowly but in a quite persistent way. On the palate well structured with medium length. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU TAUZINAT L'HERMITAGE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Medium to deep ruby red, rather viscous, the nose is displaying some new oak, vanilla, dark plum and cassis, rather full palate, still a bit tight with present tannin, good freshness and cassis/ plum flavours, good length a bit firm on the finish, deserves 3-4 more years. 87

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Concentrated nose, however quite closed. Shows potential. On the palate clean and well structured, ripe tannins, almost sweet

87 | CHÂTEAU PIPEAU

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL - Dark purple colour, young nose that offers, roasted coffee, leather, dark berries and some meaty, leathery notes, the palate is rather full and robust with a tannic backbone and high acidity, still a bit young and restrained but should develop nicely, give it 2-3 more years. 87

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with intense toasted aromas, ripe fruit in the background leather and mild spices. On the palate strong tannins, restrained fruit and well structured medium length. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU **PINDEFLEURS Grand Cru Saint-Emilion** 2007

AL- Very dark ruby with a slight indication of age towards the rim, sweet nose of confiture. cocoa bean, vanilla and oak, quite complex, the palate is medium bodied with elegant fruit and a fresh acidity, quite supple and smooth with a fine drinkability and medium length, 86

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Ripe and mature nose with aromas reminiscent of moccha. dark chocolate, vanilla, smoke, blackberries and blackcurrant. On the palate well structured and balanced with medium weight and good length. 88

87 | CHÂTEAU ROBIN Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

AL - Plum, dark berries and dry spices, a hint of oak as well, the palate is medium bodied with notes of freshly crushed berries, juicy with high freshness, still slightly restrained with young tannins, medium to long finish. Should drink well from 2013 onwards 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean nose with intense oak influence rather discreet fruit. On the palate clean, well balanced with ripe tannins.

87 | CHÂTEAU LES ARTIGAUX

L'ART DES ARTIGAUX

Graves de Vayres 2009

AL - Sweet ripe fruit, red and dark berries, plum, spices and some oak, juicy fruit on the palate, pleasing freshness and slightly young tight tannins, medium to long finish - needs additional time to soften. 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Intense berry fruit with a slightly jammy character, tones of mild spices and a touch of minerality. On the palate clean and well balanced, a juicy pleasure. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU MAUCAILLOU

Moulis en Médoc 2009

AL - Vanilla, new oak and fresh berries on the nose, the palate is young and structured, medium weight, quite tannic at present but with pleasant fruit and length - needs another two years to round off the edges. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Rather closed character and restrained fruit. On the palate medium weight and length. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU GREYSAC Médoc 2009

AL - Fresh nose of dark plum and redcurrant, some oak, a hint of spices, quite classic structure, tight and dense with tannic backbone, high acidity and dark berry flavours, slightly young and restrained but good purity and

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Rather restrained fruit on the nose, needs time to open up. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 86

87 | CHÂTEAU MICALET **Haut Medoc 2009**

AL - Young and clean nose, dark plum and herbal notes, the taste is quite young and tight with firm backbone, balanced but youthful and restrained, good freshness and fine length - should develop well. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with almost violet hue. Fine fruit, red berries and a slight touch of oak. On the palate demonstrates a classic expression, well structured but shows rather rustic style. 87

87 | RAMAGE LA BATISSE **Haut Medoc 2009**

AL - Pure and fruity nose of blackcurrant, redcurrant, plum and gentle oak, the palate is well structured, fresh with rounded but present tannin, clean dark fruit and a rather long aftertaste, still young and not really complex, but with fine potential for evolution. 87

MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with berry fruit aromas, slightly spicy. On the palate clean and well balanced in a rather softer style but firm tannins. Medium weight and length. 87

87 | CHÂTEAU DU BOIS CHANTANT

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Quite high ripeness, dark berries, plum, blackcurrant, the palate is full and structured with dark fruit, tannic backbone and good length, an ambitious example. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. On the nose almost opulent style with oak, chocolate and roasted aromas, ripe fruit. On the palate well structured but slightly dry tannins. Medium weight and length. 87

87 | L'ISLE FORT

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Quite ambitious with a hint of complexity and fine spices on the nose, rather full with dark fruit and good length, balanced and really enjoyable. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Blueberries and blackberries, ripe fruit, a touch of oak. On the palate medium weight and length with ripe tannins. 86

87 | CHÂTEAU DU COUREAU

Graves 2009

AL - Sweet red fruit and spices on the nose, roasted notes and a hint of confiture (jam), the palate is medium bodied but rather dense and sweet with red berries, cherry, some spicy notes and a rather long finish, supple polished and drinkable. 87 MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Ripe fruit and elegant oak in the nose, on the palate medium density and weight. 87

87 | CLOS DU HEZ

Graves 2009

AL - Spicy and herbal nose with hints of leather and fresh berries, the palate is classically built with measured oak, high freshness and soft extraction, hints of freshly crushed berries, balanced with a classic finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Restrained fruit and discreet spiciness on the nose. On the palate well structured with a slightly green hint in the background. Firm tannins and medium length.

87 | CHÂTEAU D'UZA

Graves 2009

AL - Enjoyable and soft structure with juicy fresh berries, fine aromatics and a soft texture, round tannin and a good freshness, medium to long finish. 88 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean but rather discreet nose, on the palate medium weight and length. 86

87 | CHÂTEAU DES FOUGÈRES CLOS MONTESQUIEU

LA RAISON Graves 2009

AL - Quite ripe and sweet nose, hints of red berries and confiture (jam), the palate is rather soft and round with sweet stewed fruit, some spicy notes and

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of dark stone fruit and liquorice. On the palate sweet fruit and spicy tones. Well balanced, opulent style. 88

87 | CHÂTEAU D'ARRICAUD

RÉSERVE DU COMTÉ

a medium long finish. 86

Graves 2009

AL - Sweet nose of strawberry, plum and confiture (jam), quite pleasant soft texture with sweet fruit, rounded tannin and a decent finish, straightforward, soft and drinkable. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Fresh fruit, guite concentrated, on the palate well structured with firm tannins and tones of blackcurrant. 88

87 | CHÂTEAU LAMOUROUX (WHITE)

Graves 2011

AL - Fresh and clean nose, with notes of lemon zest and fresh grapes, fresh and medium bodied with some bitterness on the finish. 86

MdM - Straw yellow with slightly greenish hue. Clean and straight forward fruit, citrus fruit and aromas of peaches and Mirabelle plum (also called Mirabelle prune). On the palate crisp with medium weight and length. 88

86,5 | LES CADRANS DE LASSÈGUE **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Good ripeness, fresh dark berries, cassis and plum, quite full but a bit extracted and tannic at present, nice fruit and a fairly good length, it needs some more time. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Mature nose with ripe fruit, a touch of jam, discreet spiciness. On the palate medium weight and length, restrained fruit. 86

86,5 | CHÂTEAU PALAIS CARDINAL

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Opaque and dense colour, quite youthful aromas, rather ripe with dark fruit, spices and new oak, rather full and concentrated with a high extraction, the tannins, feel rather present now, good freshness and plenty of fresh berries, cassis, cherry and some herbal notes, long persistent, should develop well, needs another 2-3 years to round of the edges. 86 MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly smoky nose, concentrated dark berry fruit, mild spices in the background. On the palate clean and well balanced with good structure and length. However slightly rustic. 87

86,5 | CHÂTEAU PALAIS CARDINAL

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Medium to deep ruby colour, quite developed on the nose, leather, spices and red berries, quite full but a biit austere with herbal notes and a high freshness, good length but slightly austere, should get another 3-4 years in the cellar. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit but also a touch of peppers in the background. Elegant rusticity, well structured medium length. 87

86,5 | CHÂTEAU MANGOT

CUVÉE QUINTESSENCE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - very dark purple, the nose is young and ripe, with new oak, sweet spices and dark fruit, full on the palate but a bit extracted at present, it has a good length but finishes a bit dry should get more roundness from 2-3 more years in the cellar. 86 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Opulent nose with smoky character, prunes d'Agen, exotic spices. On the palate well structured, strong tannins, touch of sweetness, medium length. 87

86,5 | SIGNATURE DE CLOS SAINT VINCENT

Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Medium deep ruby red, young nose with some new oak, fresh red and dark berries, cassis and herbs, medium to full palate, a firm backbone of tannin and high acidity, quite elegant fruit, well balanced in a traditional fresh style, should gain complexity from further aging. 86

MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Well balanced nose with ripe fruit and mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with freshness in a rather classic style. 87

86,5 | CHÂTEAU BOUTEILLEY

Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Fresh and vibrant nose of freshly crushed berries, some herbs and spices, classic structure with high acidity, although with good ripeness, tannic backbone, fresh and juicy finish. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with elegant, slightly stewed fruit, blackberries, cherries and a touch of mild spices. Vanilla in the background. On the palate clean and well balanced with mild fruit, ripe tannins and good structure. 86

86,5 | CHÂTEAU LA GASPARDE

CUVÉE PRESTIGE

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Pure nose that displays ripe fruit, plum, wild berries and some confiture (jam), the palate is medium bodied with little oak, quite soft tannins and fresh berry notes, good freshness, well rounded finish, 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Elegant nose with fine berry fruit and mild spices. On the palate elegant character, fresh style with medium length. 86

86,5 | CHÂTEAU LA BRANDE

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Sweet fruit and fresh berries on the nose, some herbal spiciness, the palate has medium weight, pleasing fruit and a hint of herbal notes, balanced and fairly accessible in a straightforward style. 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Aromatic nose but restrained fruit, vanilla and oak spices. On the palate medium weight and length with firm tannins in the background. 86

86,5 | CHÂTEAU RICHELIEU

CUVÉE CARDINAL

Fronsac 2009

AL - A lighter and softer example with fresh berry notes and herbs on the nose, light to medium bodied with some spicy and herbal notes, juicy and fresh with a straightforward finish. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent fruit and well balanced character with a touch of spices. On the palate well balanced with strong but mature tannins and an almost sweet finish. 89

86,5 | CHÂTEAU MIREFLEURS

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Clean nose with no oak influence, fresh dark berries, the palate is soft and juicy with good freshness and medium length, attractive blackcurrant flavours on the finish. 86

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Well expressed pure fruit, a touch of mild spices and juicy character on the palate, rather good length.

86,5 | EOS DU CHÂTEAU **DE LUGAGNAC**

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Attractive and juicy with fine aromas of ripe fruit, medium to full palate with plum and blackcurrant flavours, good length and a pure fruity finish. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Slightly spicy with discreet fruit, liquorice and roasted aromas. On the palate clean and well balanced with ripe tannins, medium weight and length. 86

86,5 | CHÂTEAU LAFFITTE CARCASSET

Saint Estèphe 2009

AL - Lighter style, more classic with less oak, red berries and some spicy notes, medium weight on the palate, young and rather tannic with high freshness and sweet red fruit, medium to long finish, somewhat tight - deserves a few years of aging. 87 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Fresh but discreet fruit in the nose. On the palate clean, but medium weight and length. 86

86,5 | CHÂTEAU CAMUS Graves 2009

AL - Pure and fruity nose with less oak and plum, prunes and redcurrants, the palate is classically built with an austere structure, high acidity, medium high tannins and discreet fruit, good freshness and medium length, slightly restrained, but should develop well. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with blackcurrant, fresh blackberries, on the palate elegant fruit, firm tannins, medium weight and length. 88

86,5 | CHÂTEAU LUSSEAU Graves 2009

AL - Spicy nose with hints of aniseed, dark berries and tobacco, the wine has medium weight and a soft texture with high freshness, soft tannin and juicy red fruit, medium to long finish, pleasant with good drinkability. 87

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Discreet fruit in a rather classic style. On the palate medium weight and length. 86

86,5 | GRAND VIN DE CHÂTEAU HAUT BERTINERIE (WHITE)

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010

AL - Pure and aromatic nose with floral notes, gooseberry, lime and citrus, attractive freshness, crisp and vivid with good and fresh brightness and long finish. 87

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

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.

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 slightyl 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

1er 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

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of sea buckthorn, sloe, slightly musty. 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

86 | CHÂTEAU LAMOUROUX

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 vears 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**

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

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.

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

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**

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 unspectacu-

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.

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

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

85,5 CHÂTEAU LA CROIX (WHITE)

Graves Supérieures 2009

AL - Intense and young nose of tropical fruit and honey, quite high sweetness, notes of honey and a creamy finish, medium to long. 86

MdM - Bright yellow. Aroma reminiscent of Williams pear (Bartlett in the USA) and ripe apple as well as a touch of hazelnuts. On the palate opulent sweetness, but lacking length and complexity. 85

85,5 | CHÂTEAU LA CROIX

Graves 2009

AL - Pure and classic structure with fresh berries, plum, redcurrant and some herbal notes, medium bodied and fresh palate without oak, rather soft extraction, fresh berries and a medium to long finish. Drink from 2013. 86

MdM - Purple red with violet hue. Rather traditional style with pure, fresh fruit, however lacking depth on the palate. 85

85,5 | CHÂTEAU DE RESPIDE CALLIPYGE (WHITE)

Graves 2009

AL - Ripe tropical nose with hints of roasted oak, quite full but slightly marked by oak, attractive yellow fruit, vanilla and fine length; it finishes with a touch of bitterness from the oak. 86

MdM - Medium intense yellow with almost golden hue. Ripe fruit, peaches and melon, discreet flavour of vanilla and roasted aromas. On the palate well balanced with a ripe and soft character, but a touch of tannin in the finish. 85

85,5 | CHÂTEAU ROQUETAILLADE LA GRANGE (WHITE)

AL - Very fresh nose of lime and lemongrass, attractive freshness, very Sauvignon like, zesty and medium long, vivid finish. 86

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Reductive, pyrotechnical aromas dominating the fruit and lemon grass aromas. On the palate citrus fruit and relatively juicy character. 85

85,5 | CHÂTEAU MAGNEAU (WHITE) Graves 2011

AL - Slightly closed, some notes of ginger and lemongrass, firm and austere palate, bright freshness, but slightly light and short on the finish. 85 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Slightly pyrotechnical on the nose with torrefied aromas backed by candied citrus fruit. Quite Sauvignon-Blanc like with crisp character on the palate, medium weight and length. 86

85 | CHÂTEAU DE TABUTEAU

Lussac Saint Emilion 2009

AL - Clean and fruity nose, plumy aromas and some herbal notes, a straightforward and medium bodied example without evident oak, fresh and juicy with a medium length and slightly rustic finish. 84 MdM -Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with restrained fruit. On the palate discreet fruit, medium weight and length. 86

85 | CHÂTEAU PIGANEAU

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Young dark ruby red - aromas of new oak, vanilla, spices, aromatic herbs and dark cherry, the palate is concentrated with a fairly high level of extraction and high acid, it's not hard but slightly tannic at present, it clearly needs some time to soften, good length and nice dark fruit, cassis and liquorice flavours, medium to long finish. Drink from 2014. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Slightly volatile in the beginning, however backed by berry fruit. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium length. 85

85 | CHÂTEAU MANGOT

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Dark ruby / purple, sweet spices, dark cherry, plum, fine oak and a hint of smoke, medium to full on the palate, a tannic backbone, cassis and red berries, good length, freshness and purity of fruit, still a bit closed, shoud gain complexity from another few years in the cellar. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with aromas reminiscent of black cherries and mulberries. On the palate initially sweet but with slightly rustic tannins in the finish, 85

85 | CLOS DE LA CURE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Medium to dark ruby red, fairly developed nose, red and dark berries, sweet spices and some oak, the palate is medium bodied with a high freshness, a tannic backbone and red/dark berries, some herbal notes, a bit austere on the finish, give this 3-4 more years in the cellar. 84

MdM - Intense purple red with violet hue. Ripe, sweet fruit but also a touch of vegetal aromas. On the palate smooth with firm tanins and a touch of sweetness.

85 | CHÂTEAU HAUT ROCHER **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion**

AL - Dark ruby red, quite sweet and perfumed nose, notes of red currant, cassis, some herbal notes, a medium bodied wine with high acidity, rather lean mid-palate, decent length bit a bit tight, traditional style that deserves 3-4 more years. 85 hue. Traditional character, ripe fruit, quite closed at the moment.

85 | CHÂTEAU DES LAUDES **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion** 2009

AL - Dark ruby red, the nose is spicy and herbal with notes of dill, fennel and dark berries, the palate is rather restrained and backward with young tannin, a high acidity and red fruit character, it shows a fairly long aftertase but appears quite lean and firm and needs time to open up. 85 MdM - Deep purple red with violet **85** | **CHÂTEAU PENIN** hue. Spicy nose with aromas reminiscent of fennel and dill, rather restrained berry fruit, mild spices. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium

85 | CHÂTEAU GALETEAU **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion**

AL - Medium dark ruby red, sweet aromas of spices, red fruit confiture and a herbal spiciness, quite dense and medium bodied, a bit tight and closed today, good freshness, red fruit and a medium to long finish, however a bit tight, should get 3-4 more years before drinking it. 84 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Quite concentrated nose combining ripe fruit with green peppers. On the palate medium weight and length. 86

85 | CHÂTEAU TAUZINAT L'HERMITAGE

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL - Medium deep ruby red colour, red and dark berries on the nose, with a gentle spiciness, the palate is fresh and medium bodied, rather elegantly built with a soft and supple finish, good drinkability, 85

MdM - Deep purple red with slightly violet hue. In the nose nice and fruity, continues on the palate with fresh fruit and medium density and length. 85

85 | CHÂTEAU BRUN Saint-Emilion 2008

Al - Rather developed colour. dried fruit character, red berries, spices and a medium bodied structure, slightly austere finish.

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with discreet fruit, blackcurrant and blackberries. More fruity style on the palate, medium weight and lenath. 86

85 CHÂTEAU LA CLAYMORE

Lussac Saint Emilion 2008

AL - Quite sweet and ripe nose, almost overripe with some jammy notes and a herbal spiciness, medium bodied and rather soft palate, slightly dry finish. 83 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue and black centre. Rather restrained fruit in the nose, quite closed style. On the palate clean and well balanced with medium weight and length. 87

85 | CHÂTEAU DE BELCIER

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Slightly more rustic on the nose and palate, some animal notes, spices and red berries, rather backward - an austere palate with firm tannin, good length, should soften but patience is required - leave for 2-3 more years in the cellar before drinking it. 84 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Well structured nose with aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, MdM - Deep purple red with violet ripe red peppers, and mild spices. On the palate rather firm tannins, well structured with medium

85 | DOMAINE ARGILIUS

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - Young nose, red and dark berries, dry spices and some wood. The palate is medium full with red berry notes, firm tannins, high acidity and medium to long finish, somewhat tight and restrained should soften from further ageing. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose gives rather closed impression, discreet fruit and a touch of green notes in the background. Opulent on the palate with almost sweet character, but also a green touch in the finish. 85

LES CAILLOUX

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Fine ripeness and weight, plum and red berries, a hint of herbs and spices, fresh and juicy aftertaste. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Mild spices and a touch of white pepper, blackberries and mulberries. On the palate rather balanced with ripe tannins and medium weight and length. 86

85 | GRAND VIN DU CHÂTEAU DES PLACES

Graves 2009

AL - An ambitious attempt, lots of oak, slightly volatile with a full palate, very high extraction, tannic at present, good fruit, might improve by aging, but slightly angular today. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated aromas, slightly over extracted, on the palate sweet fruit and medium

85 | CALVET LIMITED RELEASE (WHITE) **Bordeaux 2010**

AL - Floral and grapey nose with hints of fresh grapes and citrus, quite light palate, fresh and zesty with a light structure and medium length. 84 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Green lemon and ripe citrus fruit, gooseberries. On the palate medium weight and length. 86

85 | CHÂTEAU CAMUS (WHITE)

Graves 2011

AL - Straightforward and fresh with notes of green fruit and ripe citrus, light to medium bodied with clean and fresh finish, 85

MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with discreet but ripe citrus fruit. On the palate rather medium weight and length. 85

84,5 | CHÂTEAU VIGNOT

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009

AL - Nice pure nose with sweet cherry and rosehips, quite light palate with a high acidity and pure berry fruit, no oak, good freshness and medium length, attractive, juicy and drinkable. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Musty and slightly dusty flavour. On the palate medium weight. Musty character in the finish. 84

84,5 | CHÂTEAU TRAPAUD **Grand Cru Saint-Emilion 2009**

AL - Medium deep ruby colour, sweet red fruit and herbal aromas, quite full with young tannins, sweet red fruit and aromatic herbs, fine substance but a bit dry finish. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with discreet fruit and a touch of spices. On the palate juicy however slightly dry tannins in the finish. 85

84,5 | CHÂTEAU LE BERNAT

Puisseguin Saint-Emilion 2008

AL - Fresh nose that offers freshly crushed red and dark berries, some spicy notes the palate is fresh and austere, rather traditional without oak and high tannin/ acidity, medium length, needs some age, a bit rough today. 83 MdM - Deep purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with a touch of ripe berry fruit. On the palate medium weight and length. 86

84,5 | CHÂTEAU DE FERRAND

Grand Cru Saint-Emilion

AL - Light to medium deep ruby red, the nose is slightly developed revealing notes of red fruit, herbs, spices and cassis, the palate is on the lighter side, well rounded with a good freshness and soft fruit, traditionally built without excesses, a straightforward wine to drink today. 84

MdM - Deep purple with violet hue. Ripe fruit and discreet spiciness in the nose. On the palate slightly dryish tannins, medium weight and length. 85

84,5 | CHÂTEAU LA NAUZE PREMIUM

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2009

AL - More traditional style with red berries and herbs, no noticeable oak, light structure, herbal notes and red berries on the finish, straightforward with medium length. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. In the nose elderberries and mulberries, slightly spicy. On the palate firm tannins, drying out on the finish. Medium length. 85

84.5 | CHÂTEAU ANTHONIC

Moulis en Medoc 2009

AL - Some rubbery notes on the nose, dark plum and prune, high acidity, quite austere with present tannins, medium to long finish but somewhat dry on the aftertaste. 85

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Ripe fruit but also a touch of peppers in the background. On the palate rather austere. 84

84,5 | RAYMOND HUET **Haut Medoc 2009**

AL - Young and dark fruity nose, blackcurrant, plum and some roasted new oak and vanilla, the palate is quite tight and restrained, on the fuller side but with rather harsh tannin at present, medium long finish, finishes quite dry - a wine that clearly needs a few years of cellaring to shed the

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Opulent nose with almost balmy tones, blackcurrant and blackberries. Slightly smoky. On the palate well structure with slightly rustic tannins. 85

84,5 | CHÂTEAU DE BEL **Bordeaux Supérieur 2009**

AL - Floral with fresh berries and an herbal spiciness, good grip on the palate, refreshing with pleasant fruit and medium length. 84 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Nose with discreet and ripe fruit, blackberries and blackcurrant, mild spices and a touch of oak. On the palate well balanced with juicy character and medium length. 85

84,5 | CHÂTEAU LA VERRIÈRE

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - New oak and dark fruit on the nose, it seems slightly tannic on the palate at present, plenty of fruit, but somewhat dry on the finish. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Densely woven aromas in the nose, oak spices and ripe fruit. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length and an almost juicy character. 85

84,5 | GRAND VIN DE REIGNAC

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Light and fresh with red and dark berries, some herbal notes, decent length and a fresh finish. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Nose with aromas reminiscent of gingerbread and chocolate as well as ripe berries. On the palate clean and juicy with firm tannins, medium weight and length. 86

84,5 | CHÂTEAU DE L'HOSTE BLANC

CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES **Bordeaux Supérieur 2009**

AL - Herbal and red fruity nose, young and tannic palate, red berries herbs and a medium long

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Slightly smoky with ripe fruit in the background. On the palate luscious fruit with well balanced tannins. 86

84,5 | CHÂTEAU **DUVERGER (WHITE)**

Graves Supérieures 2009

AL - Floral and sweet nose with notes of tropical fruit, the palate is medium sweet with some nutty notes and honey, good freshness and a medium length. 85 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Aromas of bitter almonds and dried pear. On the palate opulent sweetness but lacking length. 84

84,5 | CHÂTEAU GRAND ABORD

CUVÉE PASSION Graves 2009

AL - The nose offers some spicy and herbal notes, fresh red berries, on the palate high level of tannin /acidity, some green and herbal notes on the finish, slightly restrained with medium length, 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean but quite discreet, restrained fruit. On the palate quite closed, medium weight and length with rather rustic tannins.

84,5 | CHÂTEAU PETIT MOUTA

CUVÉE GRAND MOUTA Graves 2009 AL - Sweet nose with hints of

plum, strawberry and confiture (jam), the palate is on the lighter side with spicy aniseed notes, young tannin and high acidity, slightly austere with red fruit and high acidity on the finish. 84 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Nose with stewed fruit, strawberries and blackberries mild spices and a touch of peppers. On the palate clean and well balanced, tannins well integrated, juicy fruit but also some green notes in the background. Medium weight and length. 85

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

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.

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.

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 TAYET

CUVÉE PRESTIGE

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Floral and dark fruity nose, the AL - A lighter structured wine palate is on the lighter side with soft texture and fruity fresh finish, medium length, easy and straightforward. 82

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Discreet fruit and elegant oak influence, on the palate well structured with ripe tannins and medium weight and length. 86

84 | ESPRIT DE PARENCHÈRE

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Herbal and spicy nose, fresh berries on the palate, medium bodied with high acidity and tannic finish. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and black centre. Clean but very closed nose, shows a certain potential. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and length. 85

84 | CHÂTEAU DE PARENCHÈRE

"CUVÉE RAPHAËL"

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009 AL - Some notes of vanilla wood. plum and blackcurrant, medium weight, crunchy fruit, red and dark

berries, quite light finish, 83 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Spicy ture de citron (Lemon jam) and nose with tones of ripe fruit. On the quite good length, almost sweet, palate clean and well balanced with medium density and length. 85

84 | VINCENT QUIRAC CLOS 19 BIS (WHITE)

Graves Supérieures 2010

AL - Very high ripeness and tropical fruit notes, very ripe and sweet palate, quite sugary with medium body and sweet finish, more sugar than fruit. 84

MdM - Golden yellow colour. Nose with aromas of apricots and Williams pear (Bartlett in USA, originally Bon Chrétien), Botrytis influence, opulent sweetness on the palate, but lacks freshness and length. 84

84 | CHÂTEAU MAGENCE

ÉLEVÉ EN BARRIQUE

Graves 2009

AL - Young and spicy nose with red complexity. 84 and dark berries, leather and a hint of oak, the palate is on the austere side with high tannin/acidity, seems FRANC-CARDINAL slightly extracted, quite good fruit, on the sweet jammy side, medium to long finish, somewhat dry today - needs some time to soften. 84 MdM - Purple red with garnet red hue. Ripe aromas on the nose. almost dried fruit character, discreet spiciness, dried aromatic herbs. On the palate firm tannins. slightly rustic, medium weight and

84 | CHÂTEAU DUVERGER

Al - Sweet nose of red berries. butter and confiture (jam), the palate is medium to full with sweet nose with hints of leather and red fruit and quite high tannin. good freshness and a herbal spiciness, the fruit seems ripe and mature, but the tannin still needs a medium to long finish, slightly dry few years to soften, decent length but slightly dry on the finish. 84 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Aromas reminiscent of blackcurrant, almost peppery spices, on the palate clean fruit and medium weight. Tannins slightly harsh in the finish. 84

84 | CHÂTEAU DE LA GRAVELIÈRE

CUVÉE PRESTIGE Graves 2009

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 ROQUETAILLADE

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, confiopulent 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.

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

83,5 | CHÂTEAU

Francs Côtes de Bordeaux

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

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 crushed berries, somewhat rustic on the palate, rather tannic with sweet fruit, spicy notes and on the finish. 83

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

83,5 | CALVET RESERVE

Bordeaux 2009

AL - Clean and pure nose, dark berries and blackcurrant, bright and fresh with medium weight and rich fruity finish. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Interesting nose reminiscent of English fruit cake, ginger and blackberries. On the palate medium weight and length with slightly rough tannins. 83

83,5 | CHÂTEAU DUCLA

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Light and fresh with sweet and sour red berries, soft texture and pure fruity finish. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Slight influence of Brettanomyces, but almost balanced by ripe fruit. On the palate ripe fruit with a rather juicy character, well integrated tannins, medium weight and length. 84

83,5 | CHÂTEAU LAJARRE

ÉLÉONORE

Bordeaux Supérieur 2010 AL - Dark plum, spices and some new oak, rather full and extracted palate, good length but slightly tannic - an ambitious attempt. 84 MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. On the nose aromas reminiscent of aromatic herbs, discreet fruit, slightly reductive style. On the palate medium weight and length with rather ripe

83,5 | CHÂTEAU LARTEAU

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009 AL - Floral and dark fruity nose. fresh and juicy palate with berry fruit, high freshness and medium length. 84

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with slightly spicy character, Meringue, vanilla and caramel. On the palate medium weight and length. 83

83,5 | CHÂTEAU GALAND

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009 AL - Clean and fruity nose of fresh berries, rather high acid soft fruit on the palate, medium length. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue. Clean nose with fresh fruit and mild spices. On the palate medium weight and length, clean and fresh style. 84

83,5 | CHÂTEAU DE PARENCHÈRE

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

AL - Clean, fresh and juicy with light to medium body, fresh berries and some herbal notes, juicy finish. 83

MdM - Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black centre. Clean nose with discreet fruit and a touch of mild spices. On the palate medium weight and length with soft finish. 84

83,5 | CHÂTEAU HAUT MAYNE (WHITE)

Graves Supérieures 2010

AL - Green apple, citrus and oak on the nose, medium high sweetness on the palate, some bitterness, rather short finish. 82 MdM - Bright yellow with green hue. Discreet fruit, candied lemon, almost green notes in the background. On the palate medium weight and length. 85

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

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

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 (Boxwoo), 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

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 L'APOGÉE DE CHÂTEAU FILLON

Bordeaux Supérieur 2009

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

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

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 balancedmedium 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.

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

Medoc 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

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 FOURVIEILLE

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, hsort to medium length.

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 reduc-

tive, 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 lenath. 80

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