

### 2012 Alcee

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(88-90)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2021	
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The 2012 Alcee, an impressive blend of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc that finished at 14% natural alcohol, reveals abundant finesse along with considerable richness, medium to full body, a distinctive minerality (it tastes as if rocks had been liquified in a Cuisanart), and a plump, round, generously endowed personality. Drink it over the next 6-8 years.

From a tiny 7.5-acre parcel not far from the border of Puisseguin St.-Emilion, this project boasts Nicolas Thienpont as its director.

### 2012 Beausejour (Duffau Lagarrosse)

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(93-95+)</a>	Drink: 2017 - 2047	
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The 2012 exhibits a black/purple color along with a striking nose of incense, spring flowers, blueberries, blackberries and hints of mulberries and crushed chalk. The sumptuous aromatics are followed by a full-bodied, super-concentrated, rich, layered wine that builds incrementally across the palate, finishing with an explosion of fruit, spice, tannin, glycerin and minerality. While neither as backward nor impenetrable as the 2009 and 2010, the 2012 should be approachable in 4-5 years and keep for 2-3 decades.

A massive, concentrated effort from this great terroir, the 2012 Beausejour Duffau comes from a 16+-acre vineyard located on the clay and limestone southern slopes of St.-Emilion. It was cropped at 23 hectoliters per hectare, and the final blend was 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. Only 66% of the production went into the top wine, which boasts 14.3% natural alcohol. Readers can usually count on this cuvee being one of the finest wines of the vintage given the talented team behind it, Nicolas Thienpont, Stephane Derenoncourt, David Suire and Julien Lavenu.

### 2012 Berliquet

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Wine Advocate #206  
Apr 2013

Robert  
Parker

[\(89-91\)](#)

Drink: 2017 -  
2037

A dark plum/purple color is followed by notes of forest floor, damp earth, crushed rocks, red and black fruits, new saddle leather and underbrush. Made in a medium to full-bodied, slightly rustic style with some tannin to shed, give it 4-5 years in the bottle and drink it over the following 15-20 years.

This blend of 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a south-facing hillside vineyard in the lieu-dit of Mazerat, not far from Angelus. A late harvest between October 5 and October 17 produced only 30 hectoliters per hectare, and the grapes were sorted by the new toy of wealthy proprietors, the Vistalys Laser Optical System. The final blend was 65% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon (14.2% alcohol).

### 2012 Canon la Gaffeliere

Canon la Gaffeliere 

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from  
St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

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Wine Advocate #206  
Apr 2013

Robert  
Parker

[\(92-94\)](#)

Drink: 2013 -  
2028

Exotic notes of Christmas fruitcake, cedar wood, cassis, espresso roast and chocolate soar from the glass of this sensual, impressively well-endowed 2012. Full-bodied with silky tannin and well-integrated wood, this beauty is a tribute to the impeccable viticulture and fermentation techniques of Neipperg and his head consultant, Stephane Derenoncourt. This wine will be drinkable upon release and should evolve for 15 years.

From brilliant proprietor Stephan von Neipperg, this nearly 50-acre vineyard on the foothills of the limestone plateau of St.-Emilion enjoyed low yields of 28 hectoliters per hectare, and the final blend consisted of equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The natural alcohol is 13.5%, about average on the Right Bank in this vintage.

### 2012 Chateau d'Aiguilhe

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A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from  
Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France

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Wine Advocate #206  
Apr 2013

Robert  
Parker

[\(89-91\)](#)

Drink: 2013 -  
2021

The 2012 d'Aiguilhe enjoyed low yields of 25 hectoliters per hectare and the final blend was 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that came in at 14% alcohol. This large production cuvee comes from a 175-acre vineyard. Full-bodied with beautiful black currant, licorice, lead pencil shavings and forest floor characteristics with a touch of smoky oak in the background, this opulent, round, complete wine should drink well for 7-8 years.

D'Aiguilhe has been a consistent winner for a number of vintages. One of the Stephan von Neipperg estates (all of which merit attention), Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant.

### 2012 Chateau Godeau

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(82-84)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2019	

Although somewhat hard, tannic and woody, the medium-bodied 2012 Godeau offers attractive strawberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with vegetal notes. It is a pleasant but uninspiring effort that should be consumed over the next 5-6 years.

### 2012 Chateau le Thil (Comte Clary)

Chateau le Thil (Comte Clary)   
A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(89-91)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2023	

The dark ruby/plum/purple 2012 exhibits notes of graphite, cedar wood, roasted herbs and sweet red and black currants. This medium-bodied, elegant yet rich wine should drink well for a decade or more.

This 22-acre property was recently acquired by the owners of Smith Haut Lafitte, Daniel and Florence Cathiard. Sandwiched between the Cathiard's Smith Haut Lafitte and nearby Carbonnieux, this vineyard was cropped at a ridiculously low 21 hectoliters per hectare and the wine is composed of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon that finished at 13.8% natural alcohol.

### 2012 Chateau Louis

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(92-94)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2033	
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Chateau Louis's 2012 may turn out to be the finest wine they have produced to date. A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc cropped at a low 19 hectoliters per hectare, the Merlot was picked on October 13 and the Cabernet Franc on October 16. A wine of considerable intensity, its inky/purple color is accompanied by notes of lead pencil shavings, blackberries, cassis, vanillin and charcoal. This is a powerful, thick, rich, atypically unctuous 2012 displaying serious tannins in the finish. It hit 14% natural alcohol, and should drink well for 15-20 years.

Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant for this property (previously known as Rol de Fombrauge) that is owned by the Thierry de la Brosse family, who also owns my favorite bistro, L'Ami Louis in Paris.

### 2012 Chateau Louis La Reserve de Louis

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(86-88)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2021	
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A very good second wine, the 2012 La Reserve de Louis, comes from a small parcel that was cropped at 29 hectoliters per hectare. Made primarily from Merlot, this medium-bodied effort is best drunk over the next 7-8 years.

Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant for this property (previously known as Rol de Fombrauge) that is owned by the Thierry de la Brosse family, who also owns my favorite bistro, L'Ami Louis in Paris.

### 2012 Clarisse

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Puisseguin St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(85-87)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2020	
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This dark ruby/plum-colored wine offers notes of dusty, loamy soil intermixed with unsmoked cigar tobacco, red and black currants, a hint of crushed rock, and very good depth, purity and balance. The overall impression is one of elegance and flavor intensity. Consume it over the

next 5-7 years.

A very good, possibly excellent wine, the 2012 Clarisse was cropped at 31 hectoliters per hectare, and made from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The natural alcohol came in at 13.5% The general manager of the famous Bristol Hotel in Paris is the proprietor of this property, and Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant.

Both wines are an exclusivity of American broker Jeffrey M. Davies.

### 2012 Clarisse Vieilles Vignes

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from Puisseguin St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(88-90)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2023	
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The more limited production cuvee, the 2012 Clarisse Vieilles Vignes is made from 100% Merlot cropped at a low 22 hectoliters per hectare that was harvested October 13. Potentially superb, it exhibits a character similar to the regular cuvee, but everything is ratcheted up with more density, a more opaque color, and hints of chocolate mocha intermixed with strawberry and black cherry jam. This is a full-bodied, deep, impressive effort that should drink well for 6-10 years.

A very good, possibly excellent wine, the 2012 Clarisse was cropped at 31 hectoliters per hectare, and made from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. The natural alcohol came in at 13.5% The general manager of the famous Bristol Hotel in Paris is the proprietor of this property, and Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant.

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### 2012 Clos de l'Oratoire

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(90-93)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2025	
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Copious aromas of Christmas fruitcake, cedar wood, underbrush, incense, black currants and black cherries emerge from this sexy, medium-bodied, lush, fruit-forward St.-Emilion. It should be enormously appealing to consumers over the next 10-12 years.

Owned by Stephan von Neipperg and made with the consultation of Stephane Derenoncourt (who looks after all the von Neipperg estates), yields were extremely low for the 2012 Clos de

l'Oratoire – 25 hectoliters per hectare. The final blend was 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and the natural alcohol reached 13%.

### 2012 Clos Fourtet

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(93-95)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	
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The 2012 Clos Fourtet was cropped at 32 hectoliters per hectare and achieved 14% natural alcohol. The final blend was 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. It offers an opaque dense purple color along with attractive blackberry, licorice, truffle and cassis fruit notes. It is full-bodied and dense with an authoritative mid-palate, sweet tannin and a layered mouthfeel that builds incrementally into a stunningly long finish. Precocious and charming already, it will drink better at an earlier age than the massive, prodigious 2009. Drink this killer St.-Emilion over the next 15+ years.

One can't say enough about proprietor Cuvelier's 50-acre vineyard that has witnessed a profound transformation of quality over the last decade or more. Moreover, Cuvelier recently purchased three neighboring estates that are consistently reviewed positively in this publication, Les Grandes Murailles, Clos St.-Martin and Cote Baleau. These were previously owned by Sophie Fourcade. Interestingly, since these three properties are adjacent or close to Clos Fourtet, I would not be surprised if over the next decade they become incorporated into Clos Fourtet. Another great success for Cuvelier and his estate manager, Tony Ballu.

### 2012 Clos Vieux Taillefer

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pomerol, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(87-88)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2023	
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One of the finest wines I have yet tasted from Vieux Taillefer, the 2012 (100% Merlot) exhibits lots of licorice, mocha, jammy black cherries and plums, medium to full body, beautiful purity, endearing density and a lush, heady finish. Drink it over the next decade or more.

This small, nearly 12-acre property is under the same administration as St.-Emilion's Chateau Rol Valentin.

### 2012 Cote Montpezat Cuvee Compostelle

## Cote Montpezat

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from  
Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(84-86)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2016	\$15
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An attractive fruity, elegant, restrained but pleasant, seductive style of wine, this 2012 offers black cherry and mocha notes along with soft tannins, low acidity and an easygoing personality. Consume it over the next 2-3 years.

## 2012 Domaine de Chevalier

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A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from  
Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(92-95)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2033	
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One of the stars of the vintage, it boasts a dense purple color as well as a big, sweet bouquet of red and black currants, graphite, subtle flowers and well-integrated, toasty oak. Impressively built rich and medium to full-bodied without losing the quintessential elegance and finesse for which this famous estate is renowned, the 2012 Domaine de Chevalier is filled with purity, equilibrium and balance. The tannins are sweet enough that this wine should be accessible when released, and will last for 15-20 years. Is this a modern day clone of their brilliant 1953 (which I drank from magnum at Bern's Steak House in November for less than \$500!)?

I was joking with proprietor Olivier Bernard, who is now the president of the Union des Grands Crus, that his position seems to be accompanied by much higher scores from wine critics. Nevertheless, there is no question that Domaine de Chevalier has been on a relatively hot streak lately, and this 2012 is a beauty.

## 2012 Domaine de Courteillac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from  
Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(86-87)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2017	
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A consistently well-made effort, the 2012 exhibits a dense ruby/plum color as well as a sweet bouquet of spring flowers, pen ink, blueberries and raspberries. Medium-bodied, soft and round, it is ideal for drinking over the next 3-4 years. This a potential sleeper of the vintage.

From proprietor Dominique Meneret, whom I first met nearly 25 years ago when he was the owner of St.-Emilion's Chateau Larmande, this blend of 70% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

### 2012 Domaine de l'A

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Cotes de Castillon, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(88-91)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2021	\$28
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Low yields of 27 hectoliters per hectare produced a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc from Stephane Derenoncourt's home property, which includes south-facing hillside vineyards in the sector of Castillon known as Ste.-Colombe. This 2012 hit the scales at 13.5% natural alcohol. It exhibits lots of heady black cherry and black currant fruit intermixed with licorice, graphite, cedar wood and damp earth/underbrush notes. An opulent, fleshy, medium-bodied wine with soft tannins as well as a layered, persistent finish, it should drink well for 7-8 years.

### 2012 La Gaffeliere

La Gaffeliere 

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(91-93)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	
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Lots of sweet Christmas fruitcake notes intermixed with black cherry, black currant, licorice and incense jump from the glass of this dense purple-colored wine. Medium to full-bodied with surprisingly soft, round tannins and a beautiful mid-palate, the 2012 does not deviate much from the estate's elegant, racy style. This beauty can be drunk early or aged for 15 or more years.

This is an impressive offering from proprietor Count Leo Malet De Roquefort (whose family dates back to the 1400s). The 2012 La Gaffeliere achieved 14% natural alcohol, which, while relatively high for a 2012, is not up to the remarkable levels achieved in 2010 or 2009. The harvest occurred between October 4 and 16, and the final blend was 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc.

### 2012 La Mondotte

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(94-97)</a>	Drink: 2017 - 2037	

Sumptuous notes of mulberries, spring flowers, kirsch, black currant liqueur, graphite and spice appear more projected and evolved than in most barrel samples of La Mondotte. Extravagantly rich, full-bodied and multidimensional with soft tannin and low acidity, this is a precocious, gorgeously proportioned effort that should be drinkable in 4-5 years. It will last for two decades.

This is another spectacular performance from consultant Stephane Derenoncourt and proprietor Stephan von Neipperg. From a 12-acre estate situated high on the clay and limestone plateau above Pavie Decesse, La Mondotte undeniably has one of the most outrageously fine vineyard parcels in all of St.-Emilion. The final blend of the 2012 was 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc that tips the scales at 14% natural alcohol. Yields were a minuscule 20 hectoliters per hectare. The harvest took place between October 9-18.

### 2012 La Prade

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Cotes de Francs, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(86-88)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2021	

An attractive wine from guru Nicolas Thienpont, the 2012 La Prade was cropped at 35 hectoliters per hectare, and harvested late, with the Merlot being picked between October 12 and 17. The natural alcohol level came in at 14%. It is a potentially excellent, deep wine with lots of blue and dark fruits intermixed with hints of charcoal, graphite and spring flowers. Medium-bodied with very good fruit, it should evolve nicely for 7-8 years.

### 2012 La Tour Figeac

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(89-91)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	

There is a trace of herbaceousness in the aromatics and flavors of this dense blue/purple-colored 2012, which kept my score from going slightly higher. This biodynamically farmed property, which is well situated in the Figeac sector of St.-Emilion, consists of 35 acres, and is managed by the wife of Stephane Derenoncourt, Christine, who has produced a final blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that achieved 13.5% natural alcohol. The wine exhibits lots of tobacco leaf, blueberry and black raspberry aromas followed by a medium-bodied, richly fruity, surprising full St.-Emilion. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

### 2012 Larcis-Ducasse

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(93-95)</a>	Drink: 2016 - 2036	
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The 2012 exhibits notes of licorice, truffles, lead pencil shavings, barbecued meats, blackberries, black raspberries and a hint of espresso roast. Sweet new oak notes are apparent in the back of the wine, but its abundant fruit, full-bodied mouthfeel, and multidimensional texture as well as length, make for an impressive showing. This wine will need 3-4 years of cellaring and should keep for 20 years or more. Bravo! If you haven't yet jumped on the Larcis Ducasse bandwagon, it's time to do so.

Even if the 2012 is not as potentially prodigious as the 2005 and 2010, it is a remarkable effort. Yields were kept to 23 hectoliters per hectare by the brilliant team of Nicolas Thienpont, Stephane Derenoncourt, David Suire and Julien Lavenu. The final blend of 83% Merlot and 17% Cabernet Franc has produced a powerhouse with 14.5% natural alcohol. This team's goal is undoubtedly to elevate Larcis Ducasse to the status of Ausone, Cheval Blanc, Pavie and Angelus. They are well on their way.

### 2012 Le Pin Beausoleil

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Bordeaux Superieur, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(87-89)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2018	
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This 80% Merlot / 20% Cabernet Franc blend, cropped at a modest 30 hectoliters per hectare, hit a whopping 14% natural alcohol. It possesses a dark ruby/purple color as well as notes of creme de cassis, licorice, Provencal herbs and underbrush, and a medium-bodied, surprisingly dense, plush mid-palate and finish. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

### 2012 Les Carmes Haut Brion

## Les Carmes Haut Brion

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(89-91)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	\$44-\$57
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The 2012 seems to be a move in that direction. A blend of 44% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Franc and 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, it tips the scales at 14.1% alcohol. Only 53% of the crop made it into the grand vin as they have introduced a second wine called Les Clos des Carmes. The medium-bodied, fragrant 2012 Les Carmes Haut Brion offers lots of unsmoked cigar tobacco, red and black currant, scorched earth and toasty notes. This wine, which is now being looked after by Guillaume Pouthier, whom I met when working with Michel Chapoutier in Tain l'Hermitage, has considerable talent, so readers take note. This 2012 possesses impressive purity and density along with its tell-tale elegance and finesse. It should drink well for 10-15 years.

This property changed proprietors several years ago and is now owned by a Bordeaux real estate magnate who appears to be committed to pushing Les Carmes Haut-Brion up to the level of its nearby neighbors, La Mission Haut-Brion and Haut-Brion – a courageous as well as expensive proposition.

## 2012 Lucia

Lucia 

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(89-91+)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	\$46
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This dense purple-hued, medium to full-bodied wine exhibits meaty, rich cassis and kirsch-like notes intertwined with toast and anise. Nicely textured, complete and moderately tannic, it should evolve for 10-15 years.

## 2012 Pavie-Macquin

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(92-95)</a>	Drink: 2018 - 2038	
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A dense blue/black color is accompanied by notes of creosote, graphite, black fruits, vanillin, chocolate and tapenade. Rich, concentrated and full-bodied, it has a spicy, compacted, layered mouthfeel. Given how past vintages seemed to close down after bottling, this beauty will probably need 5-6 years of cellaring and keep for two decades or more.

A stunning blend of 85% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2012 Pavie Macquin came in at 14.4% natural alcohol. This vineyard, which enjoys a tremendous terroir high on the plateau above Pavie Decesse, is planted in pure limestone and clay soils. The harvest took place between October 17-18.

### 2012 Petit Village

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pomerol, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(90-92)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	

Following a strong 2010, the 2012 Petit Village is impressive. Pure, ripe tapenade-tinged black currant and black cherry fruit aromas intermixed with hints of licorice and incense jump from the glass of this medium-bodied, velvety-textured, fleshy, succulent Pomerol. A note of spicy oak is well-integrated. Drink this 2012 over the next 12-15 years.

This property is finally rebounding from a relatively moribund period of good but uninspiring performances.

### 2012 Poujeaux

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Moulis, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(88-90)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2023	\$24-\$31

Another sleeper of the vintage, the dense ruby/purple-hued 2012 reveals sweet cranberry and black currant fruit intermixed with hints of spring flowers, earth and subtle wood. Supple, fruity, medium-bodied and well-made, this beauty can be drunk over the next decade.

Poujeaux has been on a hot streak following the change of ownership (the Cuvelier family now owns this property).

### 2012 Priure-Lichine

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Margaux, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(86-88)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	\$33-\$44
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This restrained, but cleanly made, solid Margaux possesses a dense ruby/purple color as well as plenty of red and black currant fruit notes intermixed with notions of graphite and camphor. A reticent, medium-bodied wine reveals a slight deficiency on the mid-palate, but it picks up in the finish with attractive fruit and light to moderate tannin. Drink it over the next 12-15 years.

### 2012 Rol Valentin

Rol Valentin 

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(91-93)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	
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Super concentration and an inky/blue purple color along with notes of camphor, black truffles, barbecue smoke, blackberries and blueberries are found in this full-bodied, rich, pure, well-balanced 2012. The harvest took place between October 12-19. Kudos to Rol Valentin for this beauty! It should drink well for 15 or so years.

This 18-acre vineyard includes two different sectors, one on sandy and clay soils in the direction of Libourne, outside the entrance to the village of St.-Emilion, and the other on the limestone hillsides east of St.-Emilion. The 2012 may be the finest Rol Valentin I have tasted (and that includes some vintages that on paper appear far superior to 2012). Yields were 28 hectoliters per hectare and the final blend was 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc that hit 14% natural alcohol.

### 2012 Saint-Paul

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Haut Medoc, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(87-89)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2019	
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Another sleeper of the vintage, Stephane Derenoncourt consults at this property where the final blend was 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. The wine reveals excellent length, medium body and round, copiously fruity notes

displaying a hint of herbaceously-tinged black cherries, loamy soil, and balsam wood, and a well-balanced finish with relatively sweet tannin. It should drink well for 5-6 years.

### 2012 Saint-Pierre de Corbian

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Estephe, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(83-85)</a>	Drink: N/A	
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This tannic, lean, reasonably satisfying effort was made from a blend of 55% Merlot and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon. Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant, but I would not have guessed that given how the wine smelled and tasted.

### 2012 Sanctus

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Emilion, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(88-90)</a>	Drink: 2016 - 2028	
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This 2012 was somewhat closed down and primary when I tasted it, and no doubt will put on weight and expand in texture as well as aromatic dimension. It exhibits a deep blue/purple color, medium to full body and good purity, but it was too tight and impenetrable to assess at present. Nevertheless, there is a lot going on here and I am confident it has the potential to be an outstanding effort by the time it is in bottle. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2028.

A luxury cuvee coming from the bigger La Bienfaisance Vineyard, this blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc tips the scales at a whopping 14.4% natural alcohol. Yields were a modest 30 hectoliters per hectare.

### 2012 Smith-Haut-Lafitte

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A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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Wine Advocate #206	Robert	<a href="#">(92-94)</a>	Drink: N/A	
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Apr 2013

Parker

A brilliant success again, this blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot is a medium-bodied, impressively concentrated wine with copious quantities of red and black fruits. Licorice, roasted herbs and a touch of background oak are present in this slightly precocious wine, which should be accessible when released. It has the depth to evolve for 20 or more years. Talk about a severe selection – only 41% made it into the grand vin!

### 2012 Talbot

Talbot 

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from St Julien, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(90-92)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2028	

A strong effort from Talbot, this sexy, medium to full-bodied, richly fruity 2012 exhibits lots of creme de cassis, licorice, roasted herb and spice box characteristics in an evolved yet elegant, round, lush style that was surprisingly seductive and disarming. This offering stood out as one of the stars of St.-Julien. Drink it over the next 12-15 years.

### 2012 Vrai Canon Bouche

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Canon Fronsac, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate #206 Apr 2013	Robert Parker	<a href="#">(90-92)</a>	Drink: 2013 - 2023	

A big wine at 14.5% alcohol, it was produced from outrageously low yields of 13 hectoliters per hectare. A dense purple color is followed by a sweet nose of raspberries, blueberries, spring flowers and crushed chalk. This intense, medium to full-bodied 2012 is a superb wine that over-performs once again. It should age effortlessly for 10+ years.

This offering has been spectacular over recent vintages, and the 2012 continues that track of success. From a 30-acre vineyard situated high on the plateau of Canon in Canon-Fronsac, the 2012 Vrai Canon Bouche is a blend of 83% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 2% Malbec looked after by renowned consultant Stephane Derenoncourt.