**Closeries des Moussis, Virevolte, 2022, Vin de France**

74.

- 100% merlot, grown in the Bordeaux commune of Moulis, on very heavy clay soils, with a smattering of limestone
- the vineyard is farmed biodynamically, with the help of Jumpa, a draft horse
- fermented in tank, followed by ageing in primarily large, older oak barrels / no sulphur is added
- it is a Vin de France because it is stylistically atypical for Bordeaux...it seems like it actually comes from Pluto, if Pluto was still in our solar system

Château Massereau, Cuvée K, 2012, Bordeaux Supérieur

92.

- 25% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 25% cabernet franc, 20% petit verdot

Château Castera, 2016, Médoc

65.

- 25% cabernet sauvignon, 65% merlot, 5% cabernet franc, 5% petit verdot

Closeries des Moussis, 2021, Haut-Médoc

104.

- 70% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot, 10% cabernet franc

Closeries des Moussis, Baragane, 2021, Haut-Médoc --HOLY CRAP, THIS ACTUALLY EXISTS* ALERT-- 195.

*this wine should not exist in Bordeaux...and by that I mean: THIS WINE SHOULD NOT EXIST IN BORDEAUX!!!! Because, I have never heard of a pre-phylloxera vineyard (150-years-old), 40-acre in size (= 0.4 ha / 1 acre = 100 square meters) still existing in the region, with grapes on their own rootstocks, with varieties that apparently no longer exist, that are co-planted and harvested together (the cabernet sauvignon is not yet full ripe but who cares). The parcel is located in Cantenac, which is part of the Margaux commune. The 12 planted varieties include: cabernet sauvignon, merlot noir, cabernet franc, cabernet goudable, malbec, petit verdot, carménère, saint-macaire, mancin noir +++. The grapes are carefully destemmed and transferred to a 600 lt barrel for fermentation / after 3 weeks maceration / the wine spends 18 months in an old barrique / only 20 grams of sulphur are added before bottling. This is as close as we will ever get to the claret an Englishman drank roughly 200 years ago.

Château Cantemerle, Les Allées de Cantemerle, 2016, Haut-Médoc

68.

- 60% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot

Château Fonréaud, 2010, Listrac-Médoc

77.

- 53% cabernet sauvignon, 43% merlot, 4% petit verdot

Château Mauvesin Barton, 2018, Moulis en Médoc

80.

- 39.5% cabernet sauvignon, 54% merlot, 6.5% cabernet franc

Château Poujeaux, 1989, Moulis en Médoc

274.

- 50% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 5% cabernet franc, 5% petit verdot

Château Cos d'Estournel, Les Pagodes de Cos, 2010, Saint-Estèphe

264.

- 62% cabernet sauvignon, 38% merlot

Château Calon Ségur, 3rd Growth, 2003, Saint-Estèphe

352.

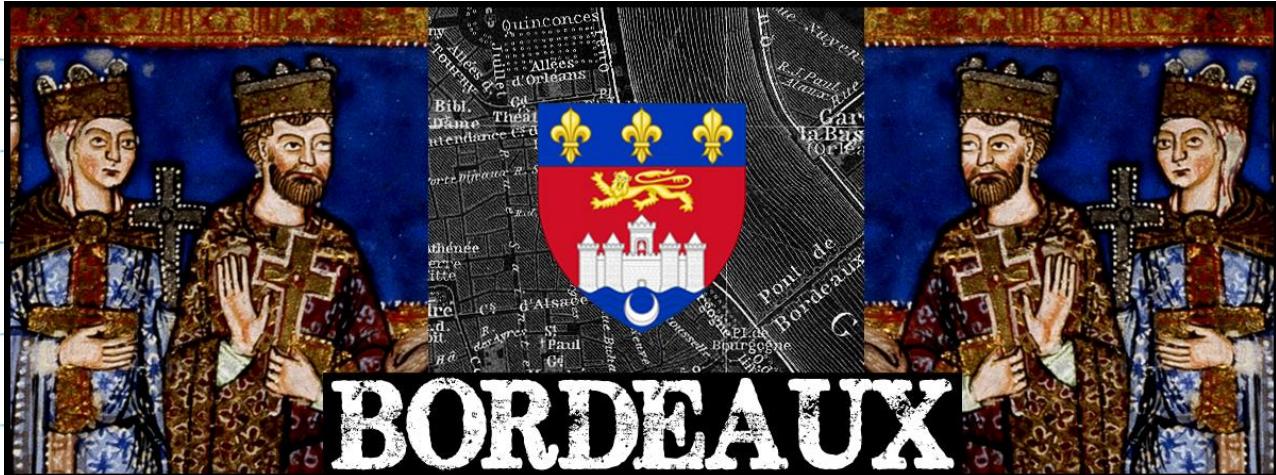
- 53% cabernet sauvignon, 38% merlot, 7% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot

Château Lafon-Rochet, 4th Growth, 1975, Saint-Estèphe

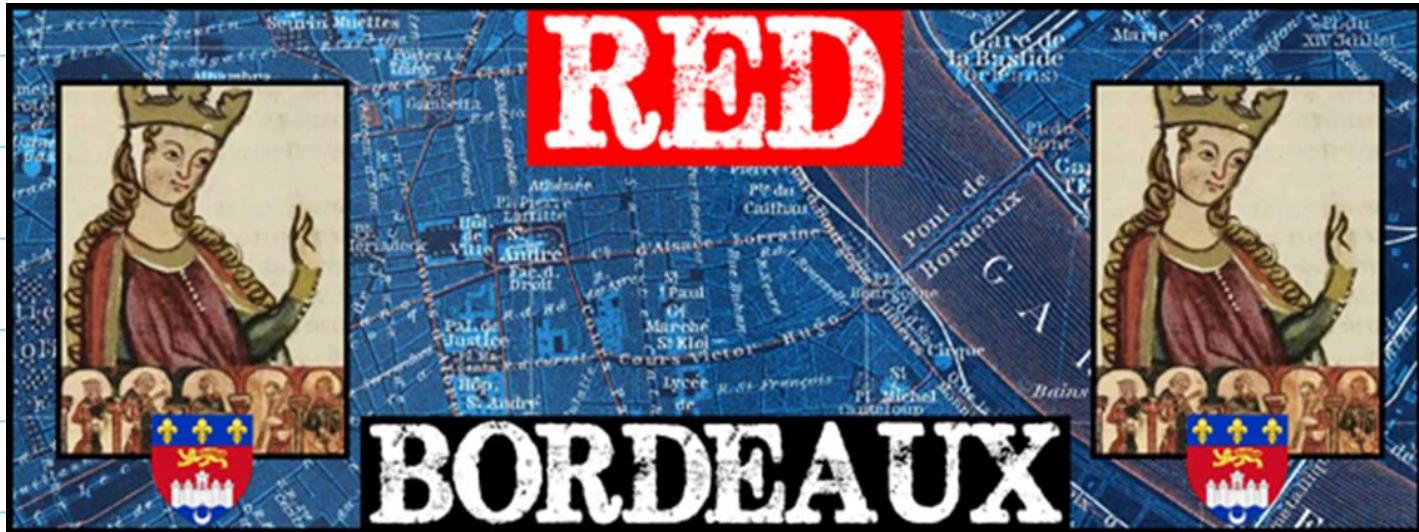
355.

- 67% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, 6% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot

*1975 is considered a very good year, primarily because it followed some pretty stinky years ('71-'74) / very good tannin... hopefully some fruit remains from behind that wall of tannin



Château Haut-Batailley, 5th Growth, 2012, Pauillac	155.
-71% cabernet sauvignon, 29% merlot	
Château Mouton Rothschild, 1st Growth, 2004, Pauillac	1620.
-77% cabernet sauvignon, 11% merlot, 10% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot	
Château Latour, 1st Growth, 1989, Pauillac	1750.
-70% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, 3% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot	
Château Mouton Rothschild, 1st Growth, 1982, Pauillac	3750.
-77% cabernet sauvignon, 11% merlot, 10% cabernet franc, 2% petit verdot	
*1982 was initially dismissed as a California vintage, with lower acidities and very, very opulent fruit...ultimately, it presaged the future. The vintage also ushered in, on a global scale, the most powerful critic of all time, in any field...that critic changed our wine world	
Château Gloria, 2016, Saint-Julien	159.
-65% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, 5% cabernet franc, 5% petit verdot	
Château Branaire-Ducru, 2014, Saint-Julien	205.
-65% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot, 2% cabernet franc, 6% petit verdot	
Château Leoville-Las-Cases, 2nd Growth, 1983, Saint-Julien	815.
-65% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot, 12% cabernet franc, 3% petit verdot	
Château Giscours, 3rd Growth, 2016, Margaux	191.
-60% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot, 5% cabernet franc, 3% petit verdot	
Château Giscours, La Sirène de Giscours, 2015, Margaux	106.
-60% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 10% cabernet franc	
Château Margaux, Margaux du Château Margaux*, 2015, Margaux	198.
-88% cabernet sauvignon, 12% merlot	
*this bottling began its life as a third wine for the estate...the finest grapes, from the bestest & oldest parcels / barrels went into the Grand Vin (see the 1983 below), then the next selection went into the second wine, Pavillon Rouge...what remained ended up here. BUT, in the grand vintage of 2009, a number of vineyards have achieved a maturity that, while still not up to speed for the 1 st & 2 nd wines, did deserve more than just a generic label. Thus was born the Margaux du Château Margaux..maybe it can be considered a grand village vin!	
Château Durfort-Vivens, 2nd Growth, 2015, Margaux	234.
-65% cabernet sauvignon, 23% merlot, 12% cabernet franc	
Château Brane-Cantenac, Baron de Brane, 2012, Margaux	104.
-60% cabernet sauvignon, 33% merlot, 7% cabernet franc	
Château Lascombes, 2nd Growth, 2004, Margaux	410.
-45% cabernet sauvignon, 50% merlot, 5% petit verdot	
Château Margaux, 1st Growth, 1983, Margaux	1900.
-75% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot, 5% cabernet franc & petit verdot	
Château Palmer, 3rd Growth, 1982, Margaux	1450.
-47% cabernet sauvignon, 47% merlot, 6% petit Verdot	



	117.
Château Massereau, 2013, Graves	
-45% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot, 10% red stem merlot, 15% cabernet franc, 10% petit verdot	
Château Haut-Bailly, "HB", 2019, Pessac-Léognan	79.
-55% cabernet sauvignon, 45% merlot	
Château Haut-Bailly, "II", 2019, Pessac-Léognan	105.
-40% cabernet sauvignon, 60% merlot	
Château Haut-Bailly, Grand Cru Classé, 2014, Pessac-Léognan	270.
-66% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot	
Château Latour-Martillac, 2016, Pessac-Léognan	108.
-55% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 5% petit verdot	
Château La Louviere, 2015, Pessac-Léognan --3000ml aka DOUBLE MAGNUM--	512.
-64% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, 3% petit verdot	
Château Haut-Brion, 1st Growth, 2004, Pessac-Léognan	1350.
-45% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot, 18% cabernet franc	
Château Olivier, Cru Classé, 1989, Pessac-Léognan	297.
-45% cabernet sauvignon, 50% merlot, 5% cabernet franc	
Château Pape-Clément, Cru Classé, 1988, Pessac-Léognan	725.
-60% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot	
Château Haut-Brion, 1st Growth, 1985, Pessac-Léognan	1700.
-45% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot, 18% cabernet franc	
Château Le Grand Moulin, 2019, Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux	57.
-80% merlot, 15% cabernet sauvignon, 5% malbec	
Château Le Rey, Les Argileuses, 2021, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux	60.
-80% merlot, 20% cabernet franc,	
Château de Belcier, 2010, Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux	69.
-20% cabernet franc, 80% merlot	
Closerie du Pelan, 2004, Francs Côtes de Bordeaux	145.
-75% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot, 5% petit verdot	

PLEASE NOTE ALL %'S OF GRAPES REFERENCE THE PLANTED ACREAGE OF THAT GRAPE AT THE CHÂTEAU AND NOT THE EXACT BLEND IN THE SPECIFIC WINE. TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, I NEED MY PRIEST'S HELP AND HE IS STILL BUSY FORGIVING ALL MY SINS.



Château Tour Bayard, 2019, Montagne-Saint-Émilion	72.
-80% merlot, 20% cabernet franc	
Château Grand Corbin-Despagne, Petit Corbin-Despagne, 2016, Saint-Émilion	76.
-80% merlot, 20% cabernet franc	
Château Grand Corbin-Despagne, Grand Cru Classé, 2016, Saint-Émilion	114.
-80% merlot, 20% cabernet franc	
Château Dassault, Grand Cru Classé, 2014, Saint-Émilion	120.
-70% merlot, 23% cabernet franc, 7% cabernet sauvignon	
Château Beauséjour Héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse, Grand Cru Classé, 2014, Saint-Émilion	265.
-95% merlot, 5% cabernet franc	
Château Figeac, 1er Grand Cru Classé, 2004, Saint-Émilion --3000ml aka DOUBLE MAGNUM--	1750.
-30% merlot, 35% cabernet sauvignon, 35% cabernet franc	
Château Canon, Grand Cru Classé, 2001, Saint-Émilion --1500ml aka MAGNUM--	888.
-75% merlot, 25% cabernet franc	
Château Ausone, 1er Grand Cru Classé (A), 1990, Saint-Émilion	1800.
-55% cabernet franc, 45% merlot	
Château Vrai Canon Bouché, 2014, Canon Fronsac	81.
-60% merlot, 40% cabernet franc	
Château La Vieille Cure, 2007, Fronsac --1500ml aka MAGNUM--	264.
-87% merlot, 10% cabernet franc, 3% cabernet sauvignon	
François et Guillaume Thienpont, L'Etoile, 2018, Lalande de Pomerol	100.
-75% merlot, 25% cabernet franc	
Château Gazin, 2016, Pomerol	256.
-87% merlot, 5% cabernet sauvignon, 8% cabernet franc	
Château de Sales, 2014, Pomerol	89.
-74% merlot, 20% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc	
Château Clinet, 2010, Pomerol	585.
-90% merlot, 9% cabernet sauvignon, 1% cabernet franc	
Château La Conseillante, 2010, Pomerol	780.
-80% merlot, 20% cabernet franc	
Château Lafleur, 2007, Pomerol	1650.
-50% merlot, 50% cabernet franc	
Château Beauregard, 2005, Pomerol	270.
-70% merlot, 30% cabernet franc	
Château L'Evangile, 1985, Pomerol	844.
-70% merlot, 30% cabernet franc	