

JN WINE

*Bordeaux*  
EN PRIMEUR 2022



# Bordeaux En Primeur 2022

Our annual visit and tastings in Bordeaux took place during the last week of April. It was our 40th year starting with the 1982 vintage, a pretty good place to start. We tasted some 600 wines over the course of the week and many of the most important properties have been tasted twice and even three times.

We are confident that our offering will include the best of the vintage. However, quantities will be reduced by at least 15% on last year with yields in some case around 20 hectolitres per hectare. We will also be conscious of pricing and won't support excessive price increases. As always, we will allocate the top wines as fairly as possible.

This vintage has wines of enormous style and charm. Some are for the longer term, but all should age gracefully as they grow up.

**With that being said, I have always modelled myself on fine Bordeaux...**

**Yours in wine,**

*James Milnes*

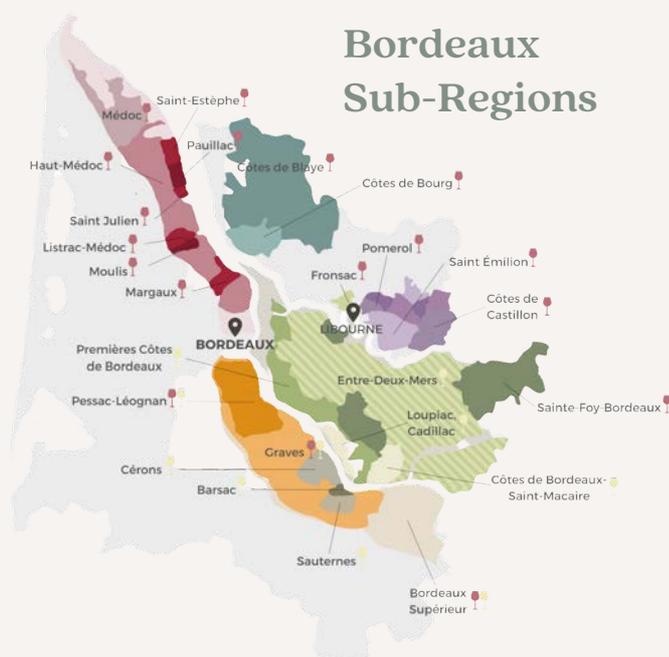


# The Vintage

The critics have already given a big thumbs up with very high scores, but they have been quite diverse in their opinion which makes for a more interesting debate. We have identified our top wines and are happy to share our thoughts with you as we release around four to six properties as they come on the market. We will also have some good value picks which won't break the bank and give pleasure in the shorter term while affording an opportunity to those putting a toe in the primeur market for the first time.

# The Weather

One of the hottest years on record, the terrible fires in the region were a testament to that. The winter was relatively mild with decent rainfall throughout the spring. Three heatwaves in summer with temperatures around 30°C and pushing 40°C and no rain. The vintage was early, around mid August for the whites and mid to the end of September for the reds.



## Côtes de Bourg



**Château Roc De Cambes 2022, 75cl**

**Case 6**  
£330.00 / €396.00

**Critics Score**  
92-94 WK

### Tasting Notes:

"Mingling aromas of sweet cherries and cassis with notions of licorice, espresso roast and spices, the 2022 Roc de Cambes is medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated."

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)



**Domaine De Cambes 2022, 75cl**

**Case 6**  
£230.00 / €270.00

**Critics Score**  
90-92 WK

### Tasting Notes:

"Aromas of dark berries, berries, espresso roast and toasty oak, the 2022 Domaine de Cambes is medium to full-bodied, fleshy and concentrated, with a sweet core of fruit and saline finish."

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)

# Côtes de Castillon



## Château Alcée 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£152.00 / €173.00

### Critics Score

92 – 93 JS



## Domaine de L'Aurage 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£260.00 / €299.00

### Critics Score

92–94 JL

### Tasting Notes:

“Dark berries with blackberry and brambleberry character, as well as dusty tannins. Crunchy. Medium body. Fine tannins. Salty. Pure merlot.”

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com), (April 2023)

### Tasting Notes:

“Licorice, black fruit, espresso and chocolate on the nose. The wine is loaded with layers of lusciously-textured, black plums, chocolate, licorice and supple, creamy tannins.”

Jeff Leve, *The Wine Cellar Insider* (May 2023)

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# Haut-Médoc



## Château Sénéjac 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£143.00 / €165.00

### Critics Score

93–94 JS

### Tasting Notes:

“Very attractive, crunchy dark fruit with medium to full body and spiced, chocolatey character. Firm and structured with velvety tannins and a lingering finish. Plenty of currant and hazelnut character.”

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)

# Margaux



## Château Rauzan-Ségla 2022, 75cl

**Case 12**

£1,010.00 / €1,176.00

**Critics Score**

97-98 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"The freshness and clarity of the fruit is really something with black currants and cherries. Brilliant. Full-bodied, layered and round with polished tannins. I like the intensity and focus with such precision and gorgeousness. Is this the 2016 plus more?"

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com (April 2023)



## Château Kirwan 2022

**Case 12, 75cl**

£447.00 / €518.00

**Case 6, 150cl**

£458.00 / €532.00

**Critics Score**

90-92 WK

### Tasting Notes:

"A blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and the balance Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, the 2022 Kirwan exhibits aromas of dark berries, cassis, sweet spices, pencil shavings and creamy new oak, followed by a medium to full-bodied, rich and fleshy palate that's unusually lively for the vintage."

William Kelley, Wine Advocate (May 2023)



## Château Branaire-Ducru 2022, 75cl

**Case 12**

£475.00 / €555.00

**Critics Score**

97-98 JD

### Tasting Notes:

"In addition, it has a sense of freshness and purity that keeps you coming back to the glass. It's clearly the finest wine I've tasted from this château, which going forward merits serious attention."

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com (May 2023)

**SOLD OUT**

# Pauillac



## Château Lynch Bages 2022

### Case 12

£1,270.00 / €1,460.00

### Critics Score

98-99 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"Wow. Blackcurrants, blueberries, blackberries and flowers. Full-bodied with beautifully integrated tannins that melt into the wine. Persistent and precise. A fantastic wine for the cellar."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



## Château Echo de Lynch Bages 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£400.00 / €460.00

### Critics Score

93-94 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"Crushed stone and lead pencil with blackcurrants. Full-bodied. Chewy and flavorful. Structured. Baby Lynch. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 31% merlot and 5% cabernet franc."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



**Château Mouton  
Rothschild 'Le Petit  
Mouton' 2022, 75cl**

**Case 12**

£1,098.00 / €1,272.00

**Critics Score**

95-96 JS

**Tasting Notes:**

"The Petit Mouton is more and more structured and intense. It's made for the cellar. Full to medium body. Lively and intense. Solid. 71% cabernet sauvignon, 19% merlot, 7% cabernet franc, and 3% petit verdot."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



**Château Pontet Canet  
2022, 75cl**

**Case 12**

£1,078.00 / €1,260.00

**Critics Score**

99-100 JS

**Tasting Notes:**

"What a finish on this Pontet-Canet. So much energy and brightness. It's full-bodied yet so tight and focused with superb fruit and transparency. It is racy and fine with super fine texture. It's like crushed cabernet sauvignon with cassis, tobacco and cigar box. Licorice and spices. Freshness of the seed."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



**Château Pichon  
Longueville, Réserve de  
la Comtesse 2022, 75cl**

**Case 12**

£432.00 / €504.00

**Critics Score**

91-93 WK

**Tasting Notes:**

"Like a number of second wines from the best classified growths, the 2022 Réserve de la Comtesse shares much of the personality of the grand vin this year, delivering aromas of blackberries, violets and exotic spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy palate with a rich core of fruit framed by powdery tannins."

William Kelley, [The Wine Advocate](https://www.thewineadvocate.com) (April 2023)



**Château Duhart-Milon  
2022, 75cl**

**Case 6**

£378.00 / €432.00

**Critics Score**

95-96 JS



**Tasting Notes:**

"Very Pauillac in its blackcurrant, dark chocolate and walnut husk character. Full bodied yet compacted. Wet earth, mushroom, earth, black tobacco. Fine and intense tannins. Fresh and complex. 78% cabernet sauvignon and 22% merlot."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)

# CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE

Cinquième Grand Cru Classé 1855



## Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£715.00 / €823.00

### Critics Score

95 - 97 WK

### Tasting Notes:

"The 2022 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is a brilliant classic in the making, wafting from the glass with aromas of dark berries, violets and pencil shavings, followed by a medium to a full-bodied, layered and concentrated palate that exhibits beautiful structural refinement and purity of fruit."

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)



## Château Grand-Puy Lacoste Variation Presentation Case 2022

### Case 12

£765.00 / €878.00

### Critics Score

95-97 WK

The exclusive wooden case contains:

4 x 75cl Bottles  
2 x 150cl Magnums  
& A double magnum (300cl) of  
Chateau Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2022.



This is a great opportunity to purchase the "variation on a theme" case, specially assembled by the Borie family for the 2022 vintage.

The case equates to a normal 12x75cl bottle format, but in a range of sizes to allow you to choose the perfect size of bottle from your cellar to fit your occasion.

# Pessac Leognan



## Chateau Haut-Bailly, Haut-Bailly II 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£360.00 / €415.00

### Critics Score

94-95 JS

**SOLD OUT**

### Tasting Notes:

"Lovely mocha, chocolate hazelnut and dark berry character with orange peel undertones. Full and very polished with ultra-fine tannins and a persistent and focused finish."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



## Château Le Clarence de Haut-Brion 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£792.00 / €924.00

### Critics Score

92-94 JD

### Tasting Notes:

"Medium to full-bodied richness, a ripe, layered, textured profile, beautiful tannins, and classic notes of darker currants, cherries, smoked tobacco, and scorched earth. An outstanding wine."

Jeb Dubbuck, [Jebdunnuck.com](https://www.jebdunnuck.com) (April 2023)

# Pomerol



## Château La Pointe 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£408.00 / €468.00

### Critics Score

95-96 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"Lovely balance to this wine and you see polished tannins with ovaltine and hazelnut character. Medium body. Juicy. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



## Vieux Château Certan 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£1,650.00 / €1,935.00

### Critics Score

98-99 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"The freshness and dynamic sense to the wine is so surprising. Minerally and salty. It's full yet racy. Black ink and oyster shell. Excellent length."

James Sucking, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)

# Saint-Émilion



## Château Canon 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£720.00 / €840.00

### Critics Score

99-100 WK

### Tasting Notes:

"Wafting from the glass with aromas of dark berries, wild plums and cherries mingled with hints of bay leaf, spices and violets, it's full-bodied, layered and multidimensional, with huge levels of concentration and beautifully refined tannins."

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)



## L'If 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£798.00 / €930.00

### Critics Score

98 - 99 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"Gorgeous and very fine tannins with a fine velvet texture and wonderful berry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium bodied with round and balanced tannins with serenity and a crunchy finish. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc."

James Suckling, jameessuckling.com (April 2023)



## Château Larcis Ducasse 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£867.00 / €1,008.00

### Critics Score

98-99 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"This is really precise with a lazer-guided fine tannin structure throughout the wine, and juicy and electric texture. It's so refined and polished. Endless. Wonderful young wine with a terrific future."

James Suckling, jameessuckling.com (April 2023)



## Château Pavie- Macquin 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£809.00 / €940.00

### Critics Score

96-98+ JD

### Tasting Notes:

"80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, and a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon, it reveals an inky purple hue as well as a stunning bouquet of pure cassis, liquid black raspberries, truffle, scorched earth, and graphite. Full-bodied, concentrated, and massive on the palate."

Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com (May 2023)



## **Château Le Tertre- Rôteboeuf 2022, 75cl**

### **Case 6**

£990.00 / €1,158.00

### **Critics Score**

96–99 JD

#### **Tasting Notes:**

“The 2022 Château Tertre Roteboeuf reveals a dense purple hue to go with a kaleidoscopic array of cassis, blueberries, cherries, acacia flowers, violets, and orange blossom. Always exotic, singular, and overflowing with character, the 2022 looks to be no exception and is full-bodied, with a layered, beautiful tannins, and a great finish.”

Jeb Dunnuck, jebdunnuck.com (May 2023)



## **Château Berliquet 2022, 75cl**

### **Case 12**

£549.00 / €630.00

### **Critics Score**

94–95 WK

#### **Tasting Notes:**

“The 2022 Berliquet is brilliant, bursting with aromas of plums, wild berries and lilac, followed by a medium to full-bodied, concentrated and vibrant palate that’s deep and mineral. It’s likely to be another of the vintage’s more attractive en primeur proportions. This estate just goes from strength to strength!”

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)



## **Château Laroque 2022, 75cl**

### **Case 12**

£293.00 / €336.00

### **Critics Score**

93 – 95 WK

#### **Tasting Notes:**

“Gorgeous and very fine tannins with a fine velvet texture and wonderful berry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium bodied with round and balanced tannins with serenity and a crunchy finish. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc.”

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)



## **Château Fonbel 2022, 75cl**

### **Case 12**

£180.00 / €202.00

### **Critics Score**

92 – 93 JS

#### **Tasting Notes:**

“80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, and a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon, it reveals an inky purple hue as well as a stunning bouquet of pure cassis, liquid black raspberries, truffle, scorched earth, and graphite. Full-bodied, concentrated, and massive on the palate.”

James Suckling, jamesuckling.com (April 2023)

# Saint-Estèphe



## Château Montrose 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£875.00 / €1,008.00

### Critics Score

99 – 100 WK

#### Tasting Notes:

“Unwinding in the glass with aromas of dark berries, cassis, violets, iris, pencil lead and cigar wrapper, it’s full-bodied, deep and authoritative, its velvety attack segueing into a layered, elegantly muscular core that’s framed by supple, powdery tannins.”

William Kelley, The Wine Advocate (April 2023)



## La Dame de Montrose 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£378.00 / €435.00

### Critics Score

94–95 JS

#### Tasting Notes:

“Wonderful freshness and brightness to this with currants and red berries, as well as chocolate and hints of coffee. Full and layered with round tannins and a fresh and vivid finish. Lemon rind underneath it all. From organically grown grapes.”

James Sucking, jamesuckling.com (April 2023)



## Château Tronquoy 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£235.00 / €265.00

### Critics Score

92–93 JS

#### Tasting Notes:

“Gorgeous and very fine tannins with a fine velvet texture and wonderful berry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium bodied with round and balanced tannins with serenity and a crunchy finish. 80% merlot and 20% cabernet franc.”

James Sucking, jamesuckling.com (April 2023)



## Château Calon-Ségur 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£610.00 / €714.00

### Critics Score

95–96 JS

#### Tasting Notes:

“A very juicy red with redcurrant and creme de cassis as well as hints of nutmeg and cloves. It’s full and polished with very pretty tannins that show length and focus.”

James Sucking, jamesuckling.com (April 2023)

# Saint-Julien



## Château Gloria 2022

**Case 6, 75cl**

£189.00 / €218.00

**Case 3, 150cl**

£198.00 / €229.00

**Case 1, 300cl**

£165.00 / €190.00

### Critics Score

94-96 NM

### Tasting Notes:

"The 2022 Gloria was picked from 12-26 September and matured in 40% new oak, slightly less than the Saint-Pierre. It has a perfumed, floral nose with crushed violet infusing the black cherry and blueberry fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with sumptuous tannins that belie the structure underneath. With pure fruit and well-judged acidity, this 2022 is sensual with a persistent and lightly spiced finish. Superb. 94-96 Points."

Neal Martin, Vinous.com (May 2023)



## Château Lagrange 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£474.00 / €555.00

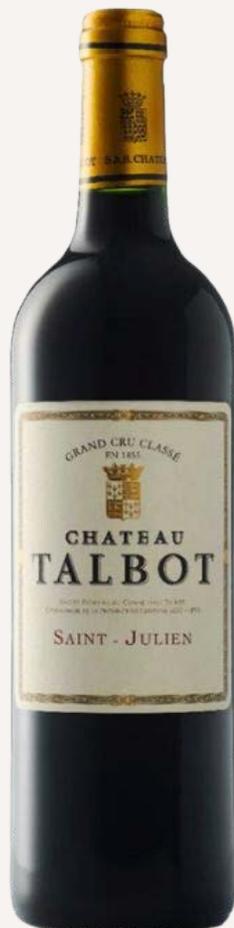
### Critics Score

95–97 NM

### Tasting Notes:

“The 2022 Lagrange has an almost clinical bouquet, with very well defined blackberry and blueberry fruit, graphite and crushed stone. The palate is extremely pure with cashmere tannins, black cherry fruit infused by blood orange, lightly spiced, hints of white pepper toward a very concentrated, fine-boned finish. This will require several years in bottle, but it will be worth waiting for. A serious and very able Lagrange that should not be under-estimated. Drinking window 2029–2055.”

Neal Martin, Vinous (May 2023)



## Château Talbot 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£578.00 / €672.00

### Critics Score

93–95 WK

### Tasting Notes:

“It has a fragrant bouquet, well-defined with black cherries, cassis, iris and touches of brown spice. The palate is well balanced with fine weight and depth, the 13% vin de presse landing backbone. Detailed and focused, it has the same mineral spine as Gruaud-Larose nearby. Quite long and lively with a tingle of white and black pepper on the finish. This is a delicious Talbot, but it is the one Saint-Julien that needs a little more depth in the middle. Nevertheless, it should age for many, many years and appeal to those seeking classicism in this vintage. 2027–2060.”

William Kelley, Wine Advocate (April 2023)



## Château Léoville Barton 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£780.00 / €890.00

### Critics Score

95–96 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"Very polished and poised with blackberry and blueberry character. Medium body with tight and focused tannin tension. Lively finish. Harmonious for the vintage."

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



## Château Léoville Las Cases 'Petit Lion de Léoville Las Cases' 2022, 75cl

### Case 12

£655.00 / €768.00

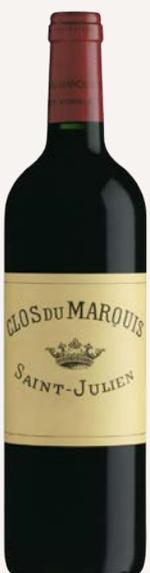
### Critics Score

92–93 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"A juicy and layered red with blackberry and black cherry character. Full and rich. Crunchy. Fine texture, but lots of tannins. 55.5% cabernet sauvignon, 38.5% merlot and 6% cabernet franc."

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



## Château Léoville Las Cases Clos du Marquis 2022, 75cl

### Case 6

£365.00 / 426.00

### Critics Score

95–96 JS

### Tasting Notes:

"Structured and fluffy with a blanket of fine tannins. Full-bodied yet agile and floating. Juicy at the end. Excellent finish. Lots of lead pencil and crushed stone at the end. 45.5% merlot, 44.5% cabernet sauvignon and 10% cabernet franc."

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)



## Sauternes

### Château Suduiraut 2022



**Case 6, 75cl**

£290.00 / €410.30

**Case 12, 37.5cl (half bottle)**

£290.00 / €330.00

**Critics Score**

98-99 JS

#### Tasting Notes:

"Wow. This is incredibly concentrated with such depth and power. Dried oranges. Full-bodied with some phenolic tension that frames the wine perfectly. Dried apricots and peaches. Incredible richness and freshness. Spicy and flavourful. Tastes more like a BA from Germany! 100% semillon."

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)

### Château La Tour Blanche 2022, 37.5cl (half bottle)



**Case 12**

£235.00 / €270.00

**Critics Score**

91-92 JS

#### Tasting Notes:

"A layered Sauternes with phenolic seriousness and lovely sweetness. Light spiciness at the finish."

James Suckling, [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com) (April 2023)

# HOW TO ORDER

To reserve an allocation please visit the JN website:

[www.jnwine.com](http://www.jnwine.com)

Some key points about En Primeur:

En Primeur is the process of buying wine before it's bottled and released onto the market. Wines can only be purchased by the case as supplied by the winery and should be delivered in the first half of 2025.

En Primeur prices exclude VAT & duty but do include shipping from the winery to our bonded warehouse in Belfast and then onwards to your door within NI or ROI.

Onward delivery of duty paid wines to address in GB mainland is currently £10.95 for 1 case and £7.95 per case thereafter.

Onward delivery to other bonded warehouses in GB mainland is charged at the pallet rate.

Please contact us for a quotation.

VAT & duty become payable once the wine is withdrawn from a bonded warehouse. Once you are ready to receive delivery, VAT duty will then be payable.



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