

Real Wines top 40 Bordeaux 2020 buying tips

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	Producer	Appellation	WA	NM	JL	Decan ter	JS	JR	2020 CHF/bt (incl MWST & delivery costs)		Key comments about the wines 2020
1	Beausejour Becot	St Emilion	95-97	92-94	96-98	95	96-97	17+	61.50		"Absolute expression of place with stony, chalky notes superimposed over the berry fruit. Really elegant and <i>digeste</i> . Reinforces the change of style seen since 2017." JR
2	Bellevue	St Emilion	NR	93-95	94-96	94		16+	43.00		"There is a gorgeous sense of purity to the fruit, opulence on the palate and in the finish that really works
3	Beychevelle	St Julien	94-96	NR	95-97		94-95	16	79.80		This could well be the best ever vintage of this wine; "sexy, alluring and impossible to resist!" Antonio Galloni
4	Calon Segur	St Estèphe	95-97	92-94	96-98		95-96	18	110.00	R	This may look expensive vs 2019 but in comparison with its stablemates Cos and Montrose it looks very well priced. "Beautiful, beautiful wine" WA
5	Capbern	St Estèphe (2nd wine Calon Segur)	89-91	88-90	92-94	91	92-93	17	24.90	Value	Always a fantastic second wine, this looks good value again in 2020! PL

6	Croix De Beaucaillou	St Julien (2nd wine Ducru Beaucaillou)	89-91	NR	92-94	95	94-95	NR	43.00		Another delicious second wine which looks really good value this year vs the grand vin. PL
7	Duo de Conseillante	Pomerol	NR	NR	NR			NR	51.00		This second wine gives a taste of this exceptional terroir, sandwiched between Petrus, Evangile and Cheval Blanc, at an affordable price. PL
8	Domaine de Chevalier Rouge	Pessac Léognan	95-97+	93-95	96-98		96-97	17	66.00		One of the undoubted stars of top performing Pessac Leognan AC in this vintage - and half the price of Smith Haut Lafitte!
9	Durfort Vivens	Margaux	NR		NR	94	96-97	17.5	61.00		Since being certified biodynamic in 2016, the quality of this wine goes from strength to strength. The wines are now aged in cement amphorae. Good value for one of the top performing chateaux in AC Margaux this year.
10	Feytit Clinet	Pomerol	94-96	94-96	95-97	94	95-96	NR	66.00		"Lush, long and sensuous, there is a new-found polish to the fruit and tannin giving you much more definition and silky textures than experienced in previous vintages." JL
11	Fonplegade	St Emilion	93-95	91-93	94-96	95	93-94	17	38.50	Value	This rising star in St Emilion is now biodynamic; "Elegant and edgy, silky, soft and mineral driven, the fruits show a beautiful purity, freshness and refinement on the palate" JL

12	Giscours	Margaux	92-94+	93-95	95-97	95	96-97	16.5+	57.00		"Full-bodied, silky, sensuous, rich and vibrant, the layers of black, red and blue velvety, spicy fruits hit everything just right. The sexy finish goes on and on as it lingers and expands." JL
13	Grand Puy Lacoste	Pauillac	91-93	95-97	94-96	95	96-97	17.5	70.50		Always one of my favourite Bordeaux, this family-owned chateau produces great value, classic Pauillac year after year; PL
14	Haut Bages Liberal	Pauillac	NR		NR		95-96	17	37.50	Value	This perfectly-positioned chateau (near Chateau Latour and the Gironde river) is starting to show its real potential since converting to biodynamics. "Pure and precise with plenty of energy and drive" JR
15	Haut Bailly	Pessac Leognan	96-98+	95-97	97-99		99-100	17++	133.50	R	This is not particularly good value this year but 2020 is quite simply one of the great Haut Bailly vintages! If you love the finesse, elegance and purity of this chateau then you will want a few bottles in your cellar!
16	Haut Bailly II (Formerly La Parde de Haut Bailly)	Pessac Leognan	91-93	91-93	91-93	92	95-96	16.5+	37.50		This is one of my favourite second wines each vintage, and in this great vintage for Haut Bailly should be excellent. PL
17	Issan	Margaux	93-95	93-95	94-96	96	97-98	17.5	59.00		"Classic Issan but with more aromatic complexity and a tad more length. Intense, floral with smooth, elegant tannins and balancing freshness. Persistent finish." JR

18	La Lagune	Haut Medoc	92-94	92-94	92-94	93	93-94	16.5	37.70	Value	"The medium-bodied palate delivers tightly wound, bright, crunchy black fruits with plenty of freshness and an approachable, grainy texture, finishing long with loads of earthy and herbal sparks" WA
19	Langoa Barton	St Julien	93-95		93-95		93-94	17	42.00	Value	The little brother of Leoville Barton is a great success in this vintage according to Jancis Robinson; "Promises well for the future while being relatively charming even now."
20	Larcis Ducasse	St Emilion	96-98	94-96	98-100	97	97-98	16++	77.00		"This is on the way to developing into one of the best vintages ever produced by Larcis Ducasse. " JL
21	Leoville Barton	St.Julien	93-95	94-96	95-97		96-97	18	85.00	R	"Utterly charming" and "very fine winemaking indeed. I have to admit I was tempted to swallow this, it was so majestic. I don't remember being as bowled over by a Léoville Barton at this early stage before."
22	Leoville Poyferré	St Julien	95-97	95-97	96-98	96	96-97	17.5+	100.00	R	"wonderfully plush, delivering bags of ripe black fruits with a seamless backbone of acidity, finishing long and spicy." WA
23	Lynch Bages	Pauillac	94-96	94-96	95-97	96	98-99	17++	123.00	R	This is the first vintage to be made in their state of the art new winery, and it is a huge success. Getting ever closer in quality to the First Growths.
24	Malartic Lagravière Rouge	Pessac Léognan	92-94	94-96	94-96	94		17	41.00	Value	

25	Meyney	St Estephe	NR	91-93	92-94	93	93-94	17.5	29.00	Value	"Really very glamorous indeed. Very long and rather splendid on the finish with St-Estèphe's stoniness evident." JR
26	Nenin	Pomerol	94-96	92-94	93-95	93	97-98	17	69.00		"Juicy and textured on the palate, the fruit plush and the tannins velvety and fine-grained. More sensual and Pomerol-esque than in the past." JR
27	Pape Clement Rouge	Pessac Leognan	96-98	95-97	95-97	94	97-98	16.5+	87.00		"The medium to full-bodied palate is tightly coiled with beautiful tension and a firm, finely grained texture locking in the layers of black fruits and minerals, finishing with great length and energy." WA
28	Petit Figeac	St Emilion	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	51.00		Figeac's second wine has improved in quality immensely over the past few years and is now the only way that many of us can afford to drink wines from this wonderful chateau!
29	Phelan Segur	St Estephe	90-92+	93-95	93-95	94	95-96	16	43.80		With their 2020 vintage, this chateau has "reached a high point in the search for precision, complexity, depth and purity" according to chateau owner Veronique Dausse
30	Pichon Baron	Pauillac	95-97	95-97	97-99	96	97-98	18	152.00	R	"Dense, firm and persistent on the palate, a massive tannic frame heightened by acidity. Powerful and brooding. Will definitely need time." JR

31	Les Griffons de Pichon Baron	Pauillac	91-93	92-94	91-93	93	93-94	16.5+	41.00	Value	"this might well be the first Griffons that is just a mere nose behind the Grand Vin, perhaps in part thanks to the contribution of the 8% Petit Verdot. Not to be overlooked" NM
32	Pichon Comtesse Lalande	Pauillac	95-97	96-98	97-99	96	96-98	18	185.00	R	This wine looks expensive in 2020, in particular vs the 2019! But Pichon Lalande seems to reach new peaks of quality with every vintage, and it has been my favourite Pauillac chateau of the last 8 years. "Silky, sexy and sensuous" JL
33	Reserve de la Comtesse	Pauillac (2nd wine Pichon Lalande)	91-93	90-92	92-94	92	93-94	NR	47.00		"Far more expressive than the Grand Vin today, the Réserve is everything a second wine should be." Antonio Galloni
34	Pontet Canet	Pauillac	96-98+	NR	95-97	97	98-99	17	103.00		"This is a singular, fascinating expression of the vintage and highly recommended!" WA
35	Roc de Cambes	Cotes de Bourg	NR	92-94	91-93		NR	16.5	59.00		This "mini-Tertre Roteboeuf" is always ripe, fruit-packed and full bodied, but needs 5 years in bottle before it will show its true potential; PL
36	Saint Pierre	St Julien	94-96	92-94	93-95	94	95-96	16.5	54.00		This reliable chateau in the heart of St Julien quietly produces wines of high quality each vintage at very reasonable prices. PL
37	Siran	Margaux	90-92	92-94	92-94	93		16	29.90	Value	Right next door to Giscours, this excellent value Margaux is a real star again in this vintage! PL

38	Talbot	St Julien	90-92	92-94	92-94	95	94-95	17	55.00	R	"A very good effort from Talbot with velvety tannins in profusion and some winning perfume too. This is doing well under ex-Conseillante Jean-Michel Laporte." JR
39	Tertre Roteboeuf	St Emilion	97-99	93-95	97-99		NR	17	178.00	R	"The medium to full-bodied palate delivers decadently intense, exotic spice and mineral-accented black fruit flavors, supported by velvety tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long and very perfumed." WA
40	Villars	Fronsac	89-91	NR	91-93		NR	NR	14.90	Value	Top value pick in 2020 per The Wine Advocate who say that it is "at the more decadently styled end of the 2020 expressions; this is a good value find for the hedonists!"

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