



2010 Primeurs – Tasting Notes

Chateau Gazin Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 93-95

Big, powerful dense 2010, boasts an opaque purple edge with loads of black currant and kirsch like fruit intermixed with licorice, caramel and toasty oak.

6/8 years cellaring will keep for 30 years or more.

Chateau Duhart Milon Pauillac 4th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 94-96*

A classic Pauillac, 73% Cabernet Sauvignon and 27% Merlot. Creme de cassis, licorice, tobacco leaf and forest floor. Stunning density as well as intensity.

5/7 years cellaring. 25/30 year wine.

Chateau Du Tertre Margaux 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 87-89

Dark ruby colour as well as attractive cranberry, black cherry and berry fruit intermixed with cedar and licorice characteristics. Well made though not very exciting.

Drink over the next 12-15 years.

Chateau Chasse Spleen Moulis Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 88-90

Good effort, tannic, medium to full-bodied with good minerality, zesty acidity, freshness and blue and black fruits.

Drink well for 15 years.

Chateau Giscours Margaux 3rd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 92-95

Opaque purple colour, notes of licorice, black truffles, sweet blackberry and cassis fruit. Full bodied and exceptionally opulent, fat and round.

2/3 years cellaring then drink for 25-30 years.

Chateau Sociando Mallet Haut Medoc

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

Classic 2010 displays everything one expects from this over-achieving Haut Medoc. Dense purple colour, aromas of blackberries, graphite and crushed rock. Stunning concentration.

Should last for 20-30 years.

Chateau Lafon Rochet St. Estephe 4th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Perhaps proprietor Basile Tesseron's finest Lafon Rochet to date. Inky, blue, purple colour with a bouquet of spring flowers and blackberry liqueur. Terrific structure, ripe tannins and voluminous. 4/5 years cellaring then drink for 20+ years.

Chateau Gloria St Julien

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

A sensational effort. Perhaps the finest since 1982 although the 2009 is also a contender. Purple, inky colour, opulent blackcurrents and jammy cherries. Serious tannins and full bodied. 2/3 years cellaring and keep for at least 2 decades.

Chateau Franc Mayne St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 90-92

Opaque ruby purple colour, notes of herbs, earth, black currants and sweet cherries. Full bodied mouthfeel and long finish suggest it will drink well for 12-15 years.

Chateau Gruaud Larose St Julien 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Best Gruaud Larose since the 2000 and 1990. Full bodied, dense and powerful with stunning purity. It will require 5-8 years cellaring and will keep for at least 30 years.

*Les Pagodes de Cos St Estephe**2nd Label Cos d'Estournal St Estephe*

ROBERT PARKER 90-93

Plump and fat, concentration of black fruits as well as outstanding intensity, purity and texture. This beauty should drink well for 10-15 years.

Chateau Grand Mayne St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 89-91+

Terrific colour and an impressive attack of blueberries, boysenberries and earth. Harsh tannins on the finish, may easier to evaluate further down the line.

Chateau La Tour Figiac St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 88-90

Outstanding black raspberry, blueberry, earth and acacia flower like characteristics. Soft tannins, medium bodied mouthfeel and less massive than most 2010's.

Should be drinking early and fine for 10 years.

Chateau Phelan Segur St Estephe

ROBERT PARKER 89-91

Dense purple colour, sweet notes of boysenberries and raspberries. Pure, deep, classic St. Estephe with supple personality and robust tannins.

Cellar for 2/3 years. Drink it over 12-15 years.

Chateau Prieure-Lichine Margaux 4th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Wonderful projected aromatics of blue, red and black fruits, licorice, flowers and subtle oak. Silky tannins, no hard edges and well integrated tannins and alcohol. Impressive Margaux.

2-5 years of cellaring. Plus 25 years of drinking.

Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste Pauillac 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 93-96

Fabulous. Dense purple colour, notes of crème de cassis, blueberries and blackberries. Full bodied, multilayered and lots of tannin.

Cellar for 10 years. Drink over the following three decades.

Chateau Bellevue St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

An opulent, full bodied St. Emilion displaying sweeter tannins than normal. This impressively endowed pure wine is capable of lasting 20-25 years.

Chateau Gazin-Rocquencourt Pessac-Leognan

ROBERT PARKER 88-90

Elegant, spicy notes of roasted herbs, blackcurrants, scorched earth and charcoal. Medium to full bodied, ripe and attractively textured. Should drink well for 10-12 years.

Chateau La Dominique St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Notes of licorice, roasted herbs, truffles, black raspberries and blueberry liqueur. Full bodied and unctuously textured with sweet tannin as well as good freshness and precision.

77% Merlot and 23% Cabernet Franc. Will drink well for 15-20 years.

Chateau L'Evangile Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 96-98

A marvellous effort! Massive levels of black raspberries, Asian plum sauce, truffles and cassis.

Remarkably fresh with a weighty richness. Should drink well young and last for 30 years.

Chateau Rauzan Segla Margaux 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Dense purple, with hints of menthol, blueberry, black currant and sweet, earthy notes. Full bodied and displays terrific purity and overall precision. Tannin levels are high but balanced with impressive levels of concentration.

Cellar for 5-10 years then drink over the next 30+ years.

Chateau Talbot St Julien 4th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

Classic Talbot. Sweet up-front fruit. Dense plum/ruby/purple hue with sweet boysenberry, black currant, cherry, smoke and licorice aromas and flavours.

Will age effortlessly for 15+ years.

Chateau Nenin Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 90-92

This could turn out to be one of the best wines made from this estate. Full-bodied, deep plum/purple colour. Boysenberry, black currant and cherry notes.

Will drink well for 15 or more years.

Chateau Beychevelle St Julien 4th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 90-92

Classic Beychevelle style with high tannins and a more restrained structure. Elegant and medium bodied. Red and black currant fruits with a hint of damp earth. 7/8 years cellaring. Should keep for 25-30 years.

Chateau Lynch Bages Pauillac 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 95-97

This huge wine boasts an inky/purple colour, notes of crème de cassis, smoke, graphite and spring flowers. Monstrous, great Lynch Bages!

4-5 years cellaring. Drink for the next 30-40 year

Clos L'Englise Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 92-95

80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Full bodied, dense purple colour, jammy boysenberries, black currants, oak, truffles and caramel. Fresh acids and tremendous precision.

Enjoy over the next 15-20 years.

Chateau Clinet Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 95-98

A spectacular success. This wine possesses great intensity, a multidimensional mouthfeel, stunning glycerine and richness, wonderful freshness and precision. This massive Pomerol will age for at least 30-35 years.

Croix de Beaucaillou St Julien 2nd Label of Ducru Beaucaillou

ROBERT PARKER 90-92

Opulently textured, fleshy wine that is dense and outstanding. Possibly better than many of the Ducru Beaucaillou's produced in the 70's.

Will drink well for 10-15 years.

Chateau Beausejour-Duffau St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 96-100

One of the most profound wines of the vintage. Remarkable nose of blueberries, blackberries, crushed chalk, acacia flowers, licorice and truffles. Full bodied power and amazing texture.

Should last 30-35 years.

Chateau Leoville Barton St Julien 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 91-93+

One of the biggest, most backward wines of this vintage. Highly extracted, masculine, muscular, dense purple, painful tannin levels, good acidity and massive mouthfeel.

Forget about this wine for a decade then drink for 30+ years.

Domaine de Chevalier Pessac-Leognan Grand Cru Classe de Graves

ROBERT PARKER 91-93+

Inky/blue/purple colour. Elegant aromas. Thick, rich, tannic and backward, this wine will require patience. 7-10 years of cellaring and another 30-40 years drinking.

Chateau Malartic Lagraviere Pessac-Leognan Grand Cru Classe de Graves

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

A beautiful wine from proprietor Alexandre Bonnet. Dense purple colour followed by aromas of vanilla, smoked herbs, tobacco leaf, black currants and blackberries. Rich and elegant.

Will be drinking well in 3-4 years and will evolve for 20-25 years.

Chateau Haut Bailly Grand Cru Classe de Graves

ROBERT PARKER 88-90

An attractive, elegant, mid-weight wine with polished tannins as well as a restrained style.

Drink over the next 10-15 years.

Chateau Smith-Haut-Lafitte Grand Cru Classe de Graves

ROBERT PARKER 95-97

A remarkable performance! Full bodied classic Graves. Extraordinary nose of graphite, blackberries, cassis, licorice, smoke and camphor. Fabulous texture, stunning purity and formidable intensity.

Anticipated maturity 2015-2035.

Chateau Brane Cantenac Margaux 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 93-96

An exceptional wine from Henri Lurton. Layered, rich and concentrated, this impressively constructed, seamless Margaux has plenty of tannin buried under the extravagant fruit and glycerine. Rich, pure and authoritative. Drinking for 25-30+ years.

Chateau Lafite Rothschild Pauillac 1st Growth

ROBERT PARKER 98-100

Extraordinary dense colour, unctuous texture and sweet black currant fruit intermixed with graphite, charcoal and truffle notes. Ideally, it should be cellared for 10-15 years and drunk for the following 50+ years.

Carruades de Lafite Pauillac 2nd wine of Lafite

ROBERT PARKER 91-94

Notes of charcoal, black currants, sweet cherries, licorice, herbs and cedar are all present in this full-bodied, opulent, stunning second wine.

Drinkable upon release and should last for 20 years or more.

Chateau D'Issan Margaux 3rd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 94-96

Superb job! Notes of violets, blue and black fruits, a striking minerality, excellent purity, texture and length. Medium to well bodied, sweet, with well intergrated tannins. It should drink well in 5/6 years and last 25-30 years.

Chateau Lascombes Margaux 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 94-97

May turn out to be the greatest Lascombes ever made! Massive fruit, great mid-palate and stunning definition due to good acids and modest Ph. A brilliant effort. 5/6 years cellaring. Will keep for 30 years.

Chateau Clos Fourtet St Emilion Grand Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 95-97

One of the great wines of Bordeaux. Full bodied and opulent with more tannin and glycerine than the massive 2009. A huge effort undoubtedly capable of lasting 30+ years.

Chateau Leoville Poyferre St Julien 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 95-98

One of the prodigious wines of the vintage. Massive concentration, moderately high tannins, abundant glycerine, an unctuous texture, remarkably fresh acids and wonderful precision. 5/6 years cellaring and will last 30-35 years.

Chateau Pape Clement Pessac-Leognan Cru Classe

ROBERT PARKER 93-95+

A sensational wine! Elegant, medium to full bodied, sweet tannins as well as a long finish. Drinking from a early age and will keep for 20-25 years.

Chateau d'Angludet Margaux Crus Bourgeois

ROBERT PARKER 89-91

Sweet tannin, lush fruit and loads of glycerine suggest this lovely Margaux will drink well during it's first 12-15 years of life.

La Lagune Ludon Medoc 3rd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 93-96

Superb effort and great value. Full bodied and pure, it retains both elegance and precision as well as a long long finish. Suppleness of the tannins and stunning opulence suggest it will drink beautifully for 25+ years.

Latour A Pomerol Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

One of the finest examples of this estate. Dense coloured wine, opulent, rich with lots of licorice, camphor, black currant, earth and spice notes. Tiny yields from small berries. Should drink well for 20 or more years.

Vieux Chateau Certan Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 96-98

The acidity is fresh and lively, deep purple wine, crisp and refined. Tremendous purity. Will drink very well for 20-40 years.

Le Pin Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 96-98

100% Merlot aged in new oak. Very dark colour, tiny yields from small berries. Full bodied, sweet tannins and remarkable thickness. Could be one of the most longest lived Le Pin's. Will mature around 2015-2030+

L'Englise Clinet Pomerol

ROBERT PARKER 96-100

One of Bordeaux's most profound wines. Multi-dimensional, stunning purity. Richness and equilibrium. This is a massive wine that will need 8-10 years cellaring at the minimum and should keep for 40+ years.

La Mission-Haut-Brion Pessac-Leognan Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 98-100

One of the most powerful La Mission's ever produced. Extraordinary precision, freshness and vibrancy despite its massive size. Monumental, full-bodied, rich, this will require a decade of cellaring and should last 40-50 years.

Les Forts de Latour Pauillac – 2nd label of Latour

ROBERT PARKER 92-95

Super concentrated and opulent this pure, deep Forts de Latour should drink well for 25-30 years. It's a great as the 1982 which is still drinking well after nearly 30 years.

Ducru Beaucaillou St Julien 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 96-98+

A truly remarkable wine. Concentrated wine has massive richness, sweet tannins, stunning purity and depth. An absolutely compelling effort that is the essence of Ducru Beaucaillou. Drinking well for 30-40 years.

Leoville Las Cases St Julien 2nd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 95-98

A good 40 to 50 year wine. Forget about it until at least 2020. Backward, layered and multi-dimensional, the wine is stunningly rich, but brooding.

Calon Segur St Estephe 3rd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 92-94+

Full bodied, moderately tannic, pure, fresh and precise, this beauty will require lots of patience from prospective purchasers. Anticipated maturity 2020-20150.

Kirwan Margaux 3rd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 90-93

Masculine, powerful, concentrated, brooding, backward style. Deep purple with notes of graphite, licorice, blackberry and cassis with a boatload of tannin. 7/10 years of cellaring and then drunk over the next 3 decades.

Langoa-Barton St Julien 3rd Growth

ROBERT PARKER 90-92

Oaky, powerful, concentrated, dense with silky well-integrated tannins. However the level of wood and primary nature of the fruit suggest 7/8 years of cellaring and drinking for 30 years.

Saint Pierre St Julien 4th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 95-97+

One of the all time great wines this estate has made yet! The overall impression is one of elegance, freshness and precision. Superstar wine! Should drink well for 30-40 years.

Clerc Milon Pauillac 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

This layered, expansive effort could turn out to be one of the finest this estate has ever made. Give it 3/5 years of cellaring and drink it for 20 years.

Pontet- Canet Pauillac 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 96-100

This is First Growth quality! Another astonishing effort from an obsessive/compulsive proprietor who is doing everything right (Alfred Tesseron). Classic notes of crème de cassis, graphite, subtle smoke and spring flowers. Will require a decade of cellaring and will evolve for 50+ years.

D'Armailhac Pauillac 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 89-92

Pronounced nose of underbush, cedarwood, licorice and black currants. This attractive, elegant, mid-weight Pauillac should be drinkable early in life and last for 15+ years.

Cantemerle Haut Medoc 5th Growth

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

A quintessential elegant style of Bordeaux. Medium bodied with impressive purity. Well proportioned, stylish red that should drink nicely for 15-20 years.

La Vieille Cure Fronsac

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

One of the finest La Vieille Cure's ever made! Lovely texture and purity, medium to full body and superb fruit intensity result in a gorgeous wine that will be drinking early and over the next 5-7 years.

Ausone St Emilion Premier Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 98-100

Unquestionably extraordinary! Magical combination of complexity, substance and nobility. Drinkable in 8 years and will keep for half a century.

Cheval Blanc St Emilion Premier Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 96-98+

With its tannins, good acidity, modest ph this should be an exceptionally long lived wine. Mulberries, black currants, fresh minerals and floral notes jump out of the glass. Drink it over the next 30+years.

Angelus St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 94-96+

Another fabulous wine from proprietor Hubert de Bouard! Long, rich, dense and full bodied with high but well-integrated tannins. This 2010 is a great wine with a future of at least 30 years.

Canon St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 92-94+

Perhaps the finest wine made at this estate since the 1982. Full bodied as well as elegant and precise, this brilliant effort needs 5-8 years cellaring and will drink for over 30 years.

La Gaffeliere St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 91-93

Tell tale elegance that's the hallmark of this estate. Fresh, lively wine which is full, rich and intense yet showing loads of minerality and good acidity. Will shut down after bottling. Drink for 25/30+ years.

Pavie St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 95-98+

Off the charts richness. Opaque purple colour, abundant notes of roasted coffee, blackberries, cassis, full bodied power and sensational density, texture and length. Plus a boatload of tannin. Requires 7-10 years of cellaring and should keep for 30-40 years thereafter.

Valandraud St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 94-96+

A brilliant effort from Jean-Luc Thunevin! This complex, full bodied wine, powerful St Emilion oozes with extract and sweet, well integrated tannins. Should drink well for 20+ years,

La Mondotte St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 96-98+

Full bodied with skyscraper-like mouthfeel, silky tannins and a tremendous finish. It will be drinkable in 3-4 years and evolve for 20-25 years.

Le Dome St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 94-96

80% Cabernet Franc. A magical wine with sweet tannin, medium to full body with notes of incense, camphor, blueberries, blackberries and spring flowers. It's a stunning example of what heights Cabernet Franc can achieve in St Emilion. Plenty of pleasure over the next 10-15 years.

Vieux Chateau Mazeret St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Full bodied, powerful and dense. This wine is no doubt meant for long term cellaring. Forget it for 2/3 years then drink over the following two decades.

Canon La Gaffeliere St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 92-94

Dense, sweet, open-knit black cherry, licorice, insense and cassis aromas soar from the glass. Full bodied, pure and sexy yet larger scale than normal. Beautiful wine! Drinking well for 15 years or more.

Faugeres Cuvee Speciale Peby -St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 94-96

100% Merlot. Crisp acidity, massive tannins, seamless, layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel. Everything comes together in the end. Should drink well for 20-25+ years.

Pavie Decesse St Emilion Grand Cru

ROBERT PARKER 94-96

This is a beautiful, full bodied, opulent, stunningly pure, rich wine that should be drinkable in 5-6 years and last for 30 years.