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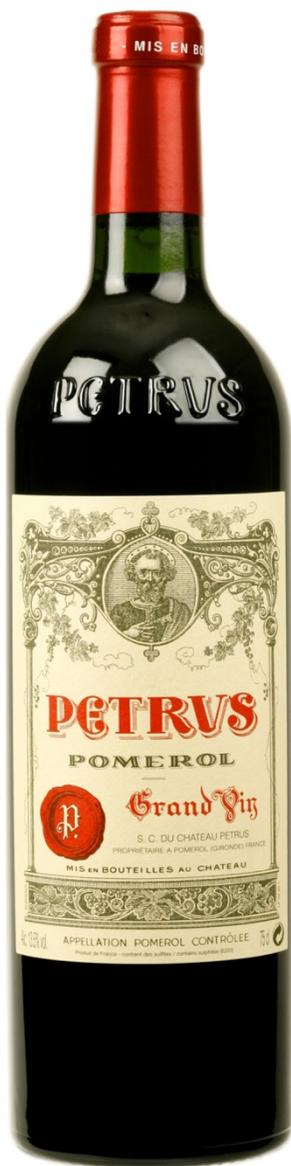
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# 2012 Château Pétrus

100% Merlot

Pétrus is considered to be the most interesting of the Pomerols. In Pomerol there is no classification as in Médoc or Saint-Émilion. But the small surface, 11,50 hectares (9 time smaller than Lafite) of Pétrus makes it rare. Situated on the higher point of Pomerol. The new barrels are washed in order not to mark the wine to much. The grapes are harvested when fully matured for the purity of taste to the detriment of productivity. Pétrus, tremendous soil, is first of all the rendezvous of men in love with wine; Michel Gilet, master of the vines, dreams of nature without chemistry; Francois Veyssiere, cellar master is also collector of fruit trees in danger of extinction; the winemaker, Jean-Claude Berrouet brings his enthusiasm of Basque to Pétrus as well as to Lafleur-Pétrus, La Magdeleine and Trotanoy.



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**92-95 points – Vinous** “Bright, deep ruby. An exotic blueberry scent is complicated by sexy notes of violet, cocoa, coffee and flint. Very rich, dense, supple and sweet on the palate, with noteworthy complexity and precision to the spicy black fruit and floral flavors. Conveys a strong impression of energy on the sweet, very long finish. This wine possesses silky tannins and lovely purity of fruit, but while flattering and easier to taste today than some recent vintages of Petrus at the same stage, it doesn't have the structure of the better vintages. Still, there is no trace of the dilution or of the tough tannins that plague other big names in Pomerol in 2012. One of the five best wines of the vintage.” -- Ian D'Agata

**96 points – Wine Spectator** “This has some serious muscle, with rivets of graphite studding a beam of dense, gravelly grip that holds the core of steeped plum and raspberry notes together. Very long, with superior cut. A graphite note powers through the finish, while the fruit drips on and on. Best from 2018 through 2032.” –

# 2012 Château Trotanoy

90% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Franc

This famous growth, whose soil was too hard to work and thus called “trop anoi” (too annoying) in medieval French, is located on one of the most beautiful parts of the plateau of Pomerol and was purchased in 1953 by Ets. Jean-Pierre MOUEIX. The fascinating soil diversity - half gravel mixed with clay and half deep black clay - with the presence of “machefer” or iron pan in the subsoil brings power and depth as well as complexity to the wine. Château TROTANOY’s vineyard was one of the few not to freeze in 1956 and today, it is comprised of very old vines, the average being close to 35 years. As for other Ets. Jean-Pierre MOUEIX estates, the work done in the vineyard is fastidious - severe pruning in the winter, regular ploughing, crop-thinning, de-leafing, manicuring the clusters in the summer - and allows a perfect ripening of the fruit. The must is vinified in small concrete vats and the young wine matures in 50% new oak barrels for about 18 months.



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**91-93 points – Vinous** “Purple ruby. Intense scents of ripe blackberry, blueberry, violet, and aromatic herbs on the knockout nose. Large-scaled, fat and dense, with harmonious acids providing lift and clarity to the red and black fruit flavors. Finishes very long and smooth, with a repeating peppery herb nuance and insidious sweetness.” --Ian D’Agata

**96 points – Wine Spectator** “This combines serious fruit and grip with a torrent of blackberry, raspberry and boysenberry pâte de fruit notes, liberally laced with smoldering charcoal and tobacco accents. The long, loamy edge drives the finish, along with hints of bay and warm stones, while the fruit pours through. A very serious effort for the vintage. Best from 2018 through 2032. 1,341 cases made.”

–James Molesworth

# 2012 Belair-Monange St. Emilion Grand Cru

80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc

Chateau Bélair-Monange is a Bordeaux wine from the appellation Saint-Émilion, ranked Premier Grand Cru classé B in the Classification of Saint-Émilion wine. The winery is located in the Right Bank of France's Bordeaux wine region in the commune of Saint-Émilion, in the department Gironde. The estate was considered the leading winery of Saint-Émilion for most of the 19th century.



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**90-93 points** – Vinous “Ruby-red. Expressive nose combines red plum, black cherry, mocha, flowers and cinnamon. Sweet and silky on the palate, with lovely inner-mouth complexity to the spicy red and dark fruit flavors. The creamy finish features assertive yet polished tannins that hit the palate very late. This struck me as having a great deal more finesse and charm than usual, perhaps due to the contribution of Magdelaine to the Belair component (Magdelaine was merged with Belair-Monange by owner J. P. Moueix in 2012).—Ian D’Agata

**94 Points** – Winer Spectator “This is marked by a pleasantly firm chalky thread which frames and carries the core of pure damson plum, bitter cherry and red currant fruit. Light floral and alder notes hang in the background, while the minerality stretches everything out on the finish. Refined, restrained, long and should cellar well. Best from 2017 through 2027. 1,506 cases made.” –James Molesworth

## 2012 Château Latour a Pomerol

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

The grapes are hand-harvested and then fermented in temperature controlled concrete vats. The wine is then matured in small oak barrels (50% new) for 18 months. It is bottled unfiltered. Latour á Pomerol produces sumptuous, meaty, concentrated and full-bodied Pomerols that often require at least 10 years of cellaring. In the context of other top class Pomerols, they remain under-priced.



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**89-92 points – Vinous** “Bright red-ruby. Pure blackberry, red cherry, mineral and rose petal aromas on the captivating nose. Then light and lively on the palate, with very refined flavors of red berries, ink and marzipan; bright acidity provides wonderful clarity and cut and really extends the flavors at the back. The smooth yet assertive tannins build slowly on the long finish. A terrific young Latour a Pomerol, but this will need time to develop further charm and softness.” —Ian D’Agata

**93 points – Wine Spectator** “Bay, tobacco and mesquite notes lead the way, with a lush core of fig, boysenberry and plum fruit filling in quickly behind. Serious tobacco, charcoal and loam notes give the finish a hefty feel, but there's purity and polish here, too. Cellar for maximum effect. Best from 2017 through 2027. 1,333 cases made.” –James Molesworth

## 2012 Château Rouget Pomerol

85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc



Known over two centuries, the great wines of Pomerol Rouget Castle takes its name from Rougier, his former land, larger than today. Quoted in reference works (Cox and Ferret) from 1868 for the quality of its wine, the castle has retained its charm as ever: a facade intact covered with ivy, a park visitor welcome the twenty-first century as they host the nineteenth. Owner of Château Rouget since 1992, the family lovingly Labruyere preserves the past as it prepares for the future. Arrived in Bordeaux, it is not new to wine: its head is in fact Jean-Pierre Labruyère, heir to a family long after the Beaujolais vineyards. After the necessary renovation of part of the vineyard, it was attached to the vat room and cellars, now among the best performers in the name. In 1999 they added two acres, purchased from prestigious nearby castles, the vineyards of Château Rouget now extend over 18 hectares. They are aged about thirty years on average, on a clayey soil and gravel, sometimes of clay and silica, and a basement of ferruginous alios. Under the guidance of Michel Rolland, an internationally renowned winemaker, responsible since 1997 for monitoring of the vineyard and wine, and Antoine Ribeiro, Head of the Culture Area, the two grape varieties (85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon) are harvested as late as possible, manually and in small crates to best meet the perfect ripeness of grapes. They are then vinified in wooden vats 50 and 60 hl to refine the selection and value each parcel lot, complemented by stainless steel vats. Toute l'installation est thermo-régulée. All installation is thermo-regulated. The constant concern for quality led to the birth in 1992, a second wine called VIEUX CHÂTEAU DES TEMPLIERS. Round and charming, it is enjoyed younger than Château Rouget, leaving time for the latter to develop leisure complexity, elegance and the famous flavors so typical of Pomerol: truffles, violets and red berries. Without forgetting the "vintage effect" and the little house that give Rouget uniqueness for over two centuries and for a long time.

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**89 points – Wine Spectator** “Offers a dark, fleshy feel, with plum compote and blackberry coulis flavors lined with subtle charcoal and warm fruitcake notes. Gains finesse with air. Drink now through 2019. 2,916 cases made.” –James Molesworth

## 2012 Château Pince

72% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Pince is known and recognized today by amateurs and professionals as the wine from Pomerol of great quality. In 1995, it took the bronze medal at the agricultural show of Paris, then won the gold medal in 2000. Located at the exit east of Libourne, the property of Château Pince is close to Château Némin and opposite Château La Pointe. Its total surface is more than 10 hectares, of which 8,66 hectares are planted in vine. The vineyard is of only one holding and is located on a ground of dark sand largely provided in "iron" which contributes to the richness of the wine.



**86 Points – Wine Advocate** “A straightforward, attractive, pleasant Pomerol, with adequate fruit and a dark ruby/plum color, this 2012 does not offer much complexity, but it is mouth-filling and satisfying. Drink it over the next 10-12 years.” --Robert M. Parker, Jr.

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