

Christmas Clarets 2025

The Super Six

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A very classy selection of clarets to delight you this Christmas (and beyond). This year, we have selected six from the Médoc, the Left Bank, which historically for Tanners has been a happy hunting ground. The blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, a bit of ageing, and recent exceptional vintages have produced some outstanding wines, and we count these among them. While they are within their 'drinking window', we felt all could last another couple of years if you so wish, depending on how mature you like your claret. Give them a bit of air and sit back to enjoy the best of Bordeaux this Christmas.

Bin No: ZS2470

THE WINES

1. Château Chantemerle, Médoc 2019, 14%

Bin No: CR40719

A 'Cru Bourgeois', the level below the 'Grand Crus', Chantemerle is in the northern Médoc not far from one of our regular listings – Château La Tour de By. Older vines bring more concentration here and this vintage has nice power and concentration, only half is aged in barrel. Quite pretty, smooth and forward, very good value and at its best now.

2. Château du Breuil, Haut-Médoc 2016, 13%

Bin No: CR46516

The sister château of Château Cissac employs all the same winemaking skills and experience to produce this ripe, Merlot-dominated claret from the fabulous 2016 vintage. It is aged in mostly older oak barrels that allow good structure, but the ripeness and concentration of the 2016 vintage shine through. Drink now, allowing it to breathe, and enjoy those more mature notes coming through.

3. Château Belle-Vue, Haut-Médoc 2019, 14%

Bin No: CR40819

This 'Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel' has been on our radar for a while. Just outside Pauillac, it is on a good site that makes very good drinking claret. Usually 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, they use 20% Petit Verdot (not unlike Château Angludet) with 30% Merlot making up the balance. This seems to give it a darker, deeper edge which is very attractive making it an excellent backbone for food (and 2019 was a very good year if you want to age it a bit more!).

4. Origine de Desmirail, Margaux 2016, 13%

Bin No: CR31216

The prettiness of Margaux is a hallmark here in this second wine of Château Desmirail, part of the Lurton family clan of properties. There's lots of quality here, a 60/40 Cabernet/Merlot blend, making a juicy, well-shaped and satisfying mouthful of claret with some good structure. The most complete wine of the six with a lovely finish to it, spot on for drinking now.

5. Château Les Ormes de Pez, Saint-Estèphe 2020, 13%

Bin No: CR34920

A fine property from Saint-Estèphe, we are often impressed by how it holds its own when we taste the new vintages '*en primeur*' in the company of much grander names. This wine has the structure you'd expect, but 2020 gives forward fruit and a lovely, concentrated presence. Still quite youthful but drinking well and will go on for a few years yet.

6. Chapelle de Potensac, Médoc 2016, 13.5%

Bin No: CR49316

Château Potensac is part of the Delon family's portfolio, alongside Léoville Las Cases and Clos de Marquis. Chapelle is the Merlot-dominant second wine which uses the younger fruit. Of note is the ten percent Cabernet Franc which brings a precise, aromatic nose against the slightly 'stony' feel of this property that is north of Saint-Estèphe. Starting to drink well now, it will keep longer too and has a classic, curranty claret feel to it.

SYMBOLS:  vegetarian  vegan  organic  biodynamic

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