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featuring
TOP BORDEAUX
wines that are
beginning to drink well now:

from a California collector and
longtime wine enthusiast

The gentleman built a collection over many
years of wines that he loves to drink, and his
tastes are reflected in the following selection
by the wines of Haut Brion, Margaux,
Grand Puy Lacoste, Pavie and more.

All wines in this offer were purchased
on release and stored professionally;
provenance is perfect.



Chateau Margaux 1996

8 bottles available

\$650 per bottle

The wine is beginning to hint a bit at its secondary layers, as the bouquet is deep and classic, with dark fruits, tobacco, black truffles and gravelly earth. Full-bodied, deep and intense; quite powerful. Very long finish; a legendary vintage in the making.

Chateau Margaux's history dates back to the 12th century, as it was called "La Mothe de Margaux". By the late 17th century, the estate occupied 265 hectares of undivided land, a third of which was dedicated to vines, and so began a legacy that has spanned through generations and established the great Chateau Margaux as a wine of excellence.

The style of Chateau Margaux is perfectly elegant, with an unmistakable purity of fruit and finesse. The complex *terroir* of the vineyards is mostly gravel, with some clay and limestone in the soil. The property has light subsoil, which brings forward the refined characteristics of Merlot to compliment the backbone, depth and body provided by Cabernet Sauvignon.

The wines are well known to evolve and improve with time in the cellar, and over the years will develop incredible finesse and aromatic complexity.



CHATEAU MARGAUX

Vins rouges classes du Depart de la Gironde



Crûs

Communes

Propriétaires

Premiers Crûs

Chateau Lafite	Pauillac	Sir Samuel Scott Baronet
Chateau Margaux	Margaux	Aquado
Chateau Latour	Pauillac	de Beaumont
		de Contivron
		de Fiers
Haut Brion	Pessac (bravo)	Eugene Lavier

Seconds Crûs

Mcoutan	Pauillac	Comte de Rothschild
Roujan	Margaux	Comtesse de Castelpers
		Viguerie
		Marquis de las Cases
		Baron de Lorfere
		Barton
Vivens Durfort	Margaux	de Luysegus
		de Belthouan
Jean Laroze	St Julien	Baron Sarget
		de Boisgerard
Lascombe	Margaux	Mademoiselle Flue
Brand	Cantenac	Baron de Brame
Fichon Longueville	Pauillac	Baron de Fichon Longueville
Ducou Beaucaillon	St Julien	Ducou - Ravex
Cos Destournel	St. Estephe	Martigns
Mcoutrose		Dumoulin



Haut Brion 1996

12 bottles available

\$435 per bottle

The 1996 is a classic Haut Brion - one of the most powerful vintages of the last fifty years; a superb wine that will soon reward patience. Black cherries, truffles, tobacco and gravel are found in this full-bodied, deep and very intense wine.

5 stars.

Haut Brion is the only chateau outside of the Medoc to be considered a First Growth, and included in the 1855 Classification. It was during Georges Delmas' ownership, who arrived at Haut Brion in 1921, that the property went through extensive improvements in both the vineyard and cellar.

The chateau is planted to 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, and 18% Cabernet Franc. The wine is extraordinary, and at its best displays the classic Graves character of cassis, earth, currant fruit, and cigar-box.

The wine is both strong and powerful, with enormous depth, length, and richness. It's masculine, rather than silky. There is no other Bordeaux wine like it - the complex aromatics are unique; an incredibly refined and elegant style; never heavy or out of balance.

Haut Brion represents everything there is to love in Bordeaux wines - unique soil, class, and refinement.

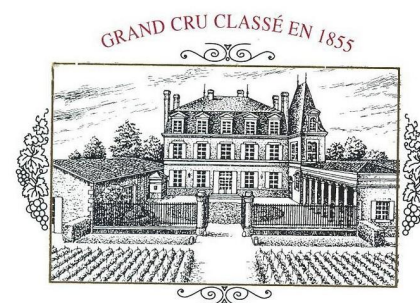


HAUT BRION

The history of Grand Puy Lacoste goes back to the 16th century – the ancient term “puy” (meaning “hillock, small height”); with a *terroir* similar to that of the Medoc’s first growths; filled with large pebbles and stones in the soil.

The property has always been owned by the same family and passed from one generation to the next in a direct line through marriage until 1920. François-Xavier Borie has directed the estate since its acquisition in 1978, benefiting greatly from the experience of working beside his father, and has raised Grand Puy Lacoste to the level of a great Pauillac.

Located at the western edge of the appellation, the estate includes fifty-five hectares planted to 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, with an average vine age of 38 years. The wine is a classic style of Pauillac – full-bodied and concentrated in its youth; built for long-term aging in the cellar.



CHÂTEAU
GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE

Pauillac

APPELLATION PAUILLAC CONTRÔLÉE



Grand Puy Lacoste 1996

19 bottles available

\$135 per bottle

Very impressive, with perfumed aromas of black cherries, cassis, tobacco leaf, roasted coffee and violets. Elegant and refined on the palate, with wonderful texture and style; the tannins and acidity show through and there is plenty of perfumed character as there is on the nose. Structure and grip, with fine persistence. A superb wine that will go for many more years in the cellar and at its peak will be truly remarkable.



GRAND PUY LACOSTE

Born in 1877 to a rural peasant family recently moved to Bordeaux, Jean-Charles Cazes was a banker that began to invest in local vineyards. Soon after he had purchased Les Ormes de Pez in 1934, he moved in at Lynch Bages and took on the responsibility for making the wine. Five years later he purchased the estate from his landlord, and he set about rescuing the dilapidated facilities and neglected vineyards

Jean-Michel Cazes, who pursued a career as an engineer and had settled in Paris, returned to Lynch Bages to assist his father 1973. He is due much credit for the recent success at the chateau, significantly improving the quality during his tenure. Today the vineyards total ninety hectares, divided between three major plots and planted to 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.

Lynch Bages is an archetypal Pauillac. The wine can be soft and approachable when young, but also ages very well, and in the best vintages can mature and improve for 30+ years.



Lynch Bages 1998

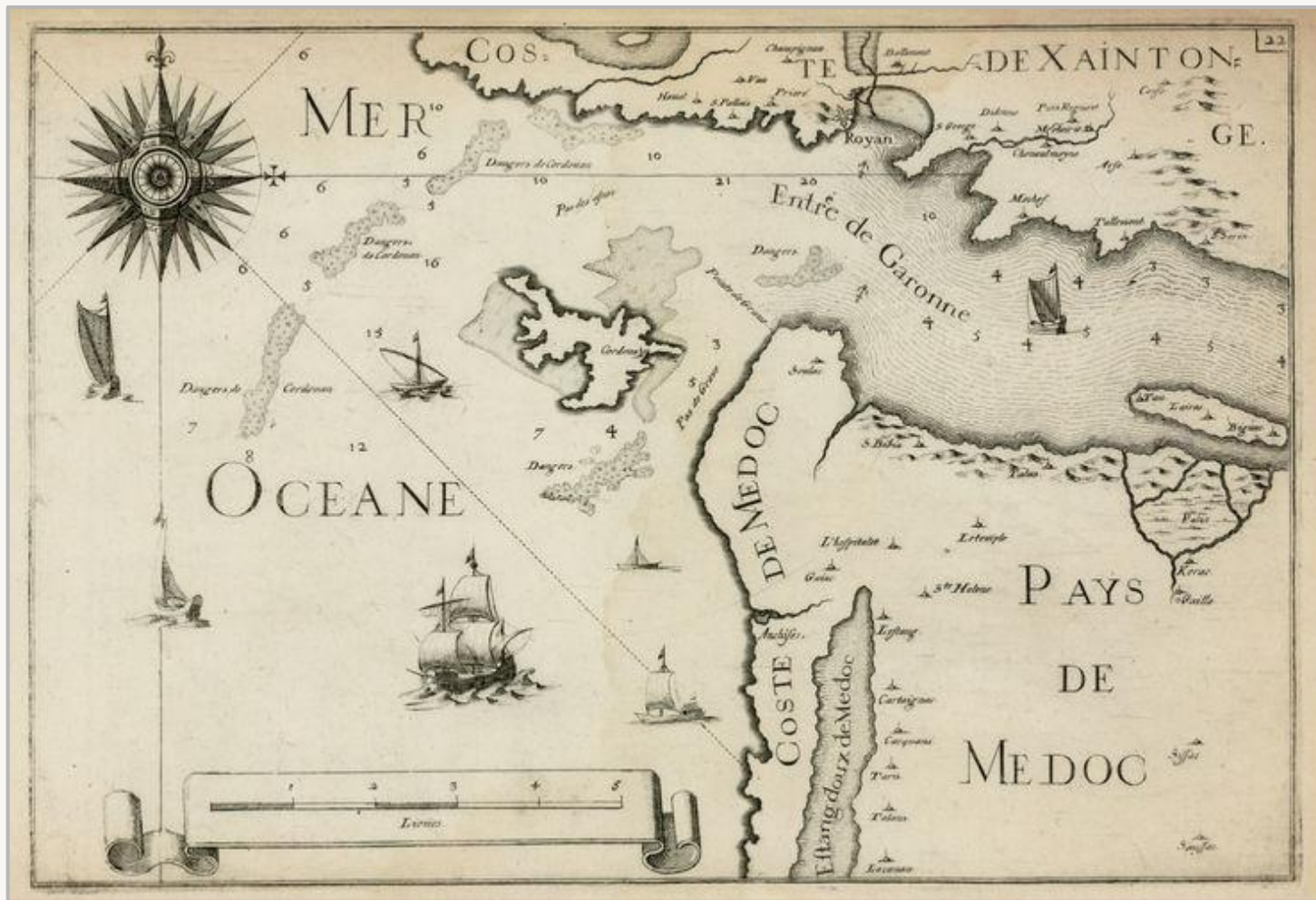
12 bottles available

\$135 per bottle

Complex and vibrant nose includes aromas of dark berries, coffee, fresh herbs, cigar smoke and a fine base of dark soil tones. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very long, with great complexity and balance. The tannins are well integrated on the impressively long and refined finish. This is a classic example of Lynch Bages, and should continue to age and improve for several years.

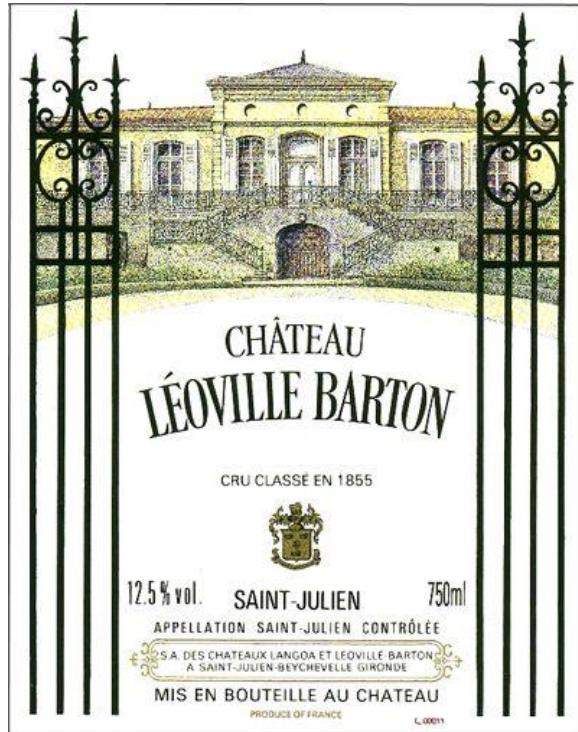


LYNCH BAGES



The lower Gironde River, from Bordeaux to Mortagne-sur-Gironde, from Christophe Tassin's *Carte generale de toutes les costes de France*, published in Paris in 1634.

Tassin's atlas is the first set of charts to focus exclusively on the coast of France, and the earliest sea atlas published in France.



Leoville Barton 1996

26 bottles available

\$135 per bottle

The wine is still young, but brimming with promise, and really does start to blossom a bit with some extended aeration. The bouquet is deep and classic, with dark berries, tobacco, and a touch of mint. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied and complex, with great focus and grip, ripe and seamless tannins, and outstanding length on the finish.

The history of the Barton family in Bordeaux can be traced back to 1722, when Irishman Thomas Barton first established his wine trading company in the city. His grandson, Hugh Barton, was a notable figure in the family history and in the Bordeaux wine trade as well. With his partner Daniel Guestier, he founded one of the region's best known and long-lived merchant businesses, Barton & Guestier.

During the early 19th century, Hugh worked to consolidate the family's position in Bordeaux, starting in 1821 with the purchase of Langoa Barton. Within a few years he had also acquired a portion of the great Leoville estate, which had been broken up following the departure of the Marquis de la Cases, and so Leoville Barton was born.

Today, there are forty-seven hectares of vineyards at Leoville Barton, lying close to the Gironde, on top of gravelly soils and deep clay. The vines are 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc, reflecting the classic Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated wine. There are a significant proportion of old vines, another important influence on quality.

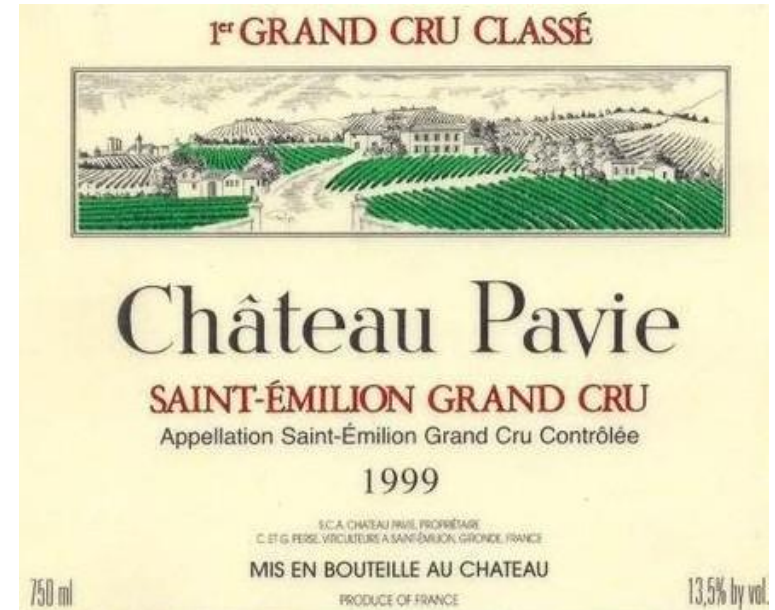


LEOVILLE BARTON

With over 35 hectares of vineyards, Chateau Pavie is the largest St. Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classe. For many years, Pavie was owned and run by Jean-Paul Valette. In 1998, when Gerard Perse purchased the property, the estate and modern winemaking as it was done in Bordeaux were forever changed.

Perse implemented pruning and selection processes that lowered the yield by almost 60%. Oenologist Michel Rolland led the chateau to make changes in Pavie's vinification process. The wine is now made based on his expert advice.

Pavie produces harmonious St. Emilions that display an elegant bouquet, with great depth of fruit on the palate. Under the ownership of Perse, the wine has become richer, and more intense. These vintage 1998 and 1999 are beginning to drink perfectly right now.



Pavie 1998

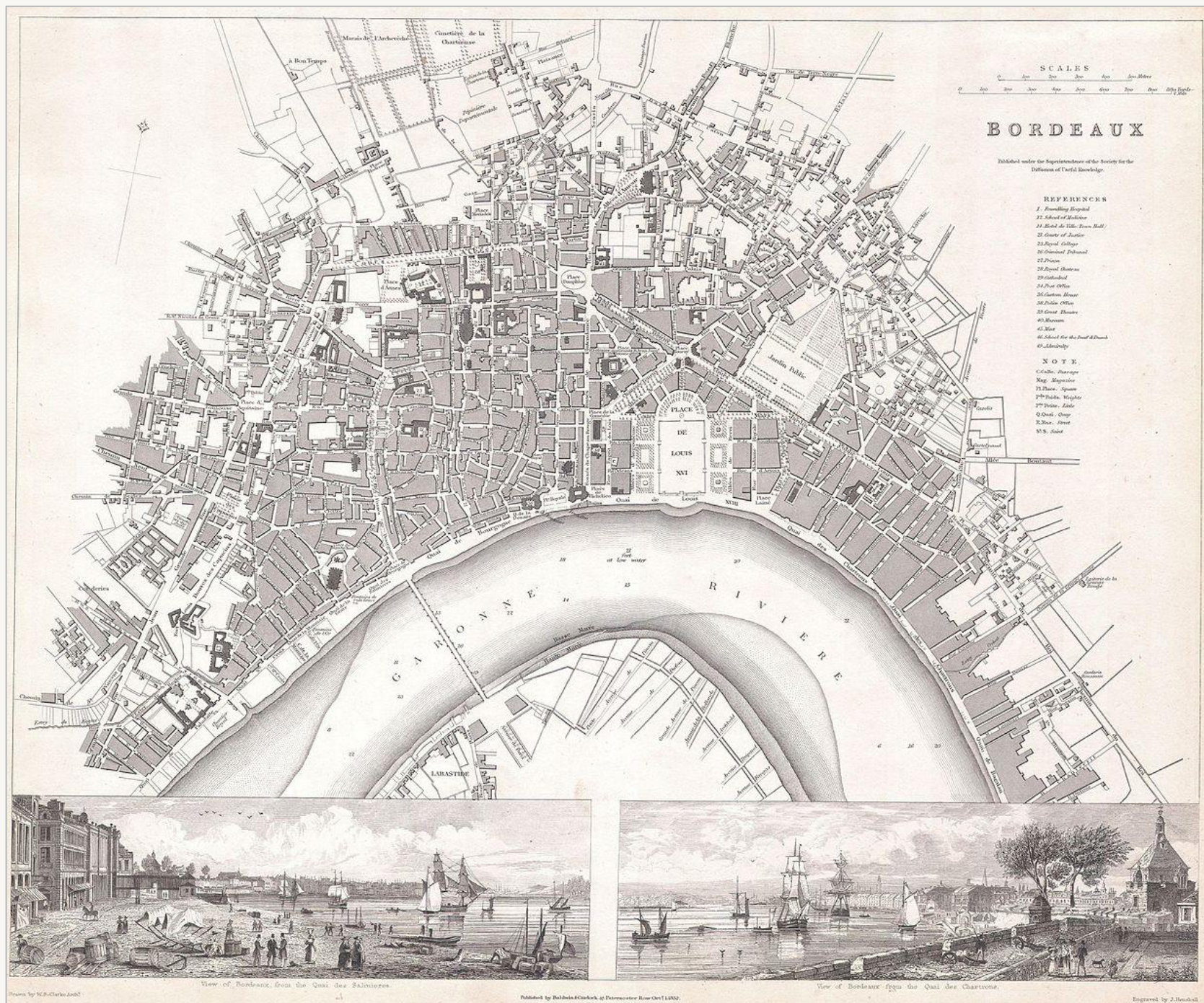
21 bottles available
\$220 per bottle

Deep and complex aromas of blackberry, violet and aromatic herbs. Suave and silky; pure red fruit and dark berry; minerals and floral perfume. A great, extremely elegant wine, it has improved considerably with bottle age.

Pavie 1999

12 bottles available
\$215 per bottle

Precise aromas of blackberry, espresso, and licorice. Youthful on the palate, with great energy and verve. Tactile, chewy persistence. An outstanding vintage for Pavie, and drinking perfectly.



Map of Bordeaux, 1832. The Restoration was a time of Bordeaux for commercial renaissance, literature and art.



PAVIE

**D'Yquem 1995**

12 bottles available

\$240 per bottle

Complex and classic nose of toasted coconut, oranges, honey, butter, fresh apricot and vanillin oak. Full-bodied and deep, but also quite crisp and focused. A lovely bottle

Chateau d'Yquem is the world's greatest sweet wine, and has been so dating back to the middle ages, when the estate was owned by the King of England. The property is beautifully placed at the highest hilltop in Sauternes, and the 113 hectare vineyard is planted with 80% Semillon and 20% Sauvignon Blanc.

D'Yquem is made without any compromises and consideration whatsoever about production costs. Here, we have the king of Sauternes and Barsac, world's most expensive and most demanded dessert wine, which has an enormous aging potential (50 years+). At its best, this wine possesses a purely exceptional botrytis, enormous concentration and a nuanced richness.

The wine is very opulent when young, and possesses aromas of honey, vanilla, flowers, apricot, white peaches, and oranges. As it ages, the wine takes on a deeper orange copper hue and begins to show scents of caramel and honeyed tropical fruits.



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