



**BORDEAUX Primeurs 2018**  
LES CAVES DE TAILLEVENT

## **PICTURE OF THE VINTAGE 2018 IN BORDEAUX**

The vintage 2018 delivers wines with intense and powerful profiles with a great concentration, due to exceptional sunshine during the summer, revealing all the qualities of a great vintage of ageing potential.

The wines of the right bank gave us a great satisfaction, with a homogeneous quality and a very high level of ensemble.

In Pomerol, Vieux Château Certan impressed us with its precise balance and refined tannins, a bouquet reminiscent of violet and fresh fruits. Château La Conseillante offers a charmer wine with a black fruitiness and a richer texture. We really enjoyed the Château Rouget from a very attentive vinification in a generous vintage and the classic and neat style of Château Gazin. Petrus once again elaborated an extraordinary wine that carries it to the top of the appellation.

In Saint-Émilion, the Château Canon offers a refined style of wine, we have noticed a very nice wine at Château Grand Mayne with an accuracy of maturity and mastered tannins. We can count on safe values such as the Clos Fourtet, the Château Figeac and the Château Pavie-Macquin. The Château Cheval Blanc is distinguished by its freshness and elegance. The Château Ausone signs a very high-flying wine, surely one of the most successful and complete of the appellation.

Our tastings on the left bank allowed us to enjoy wines of remarkable maturity, with a generous profile and an assertive tannic frame.

In Saint-Estèphe, Château Calon Ségur has completed the restoration of its facilities and the restructuring of its vineyard, resulting in a harmonious wine combining power and finesse. The Château Cos d'Estournel is an obvious success. We can note very nice wines at Château Phelan Ségur, Les Ormes de Pez and Château Lafon-Rochet as well.

We enjoyed the wines of Pauillac, with Château Pichon Comtesse and Château Pichon Baron with very distinct profiles. Château Lynch-Bages offers a full and fleshy wine, while Château Clerc-Milon and Château Duhart-Milon are very well-kept. The major success lies with Lafite-Rothschild, offering a bright wine and a balance on the wire, with tame tannins. Not surprisingly, Château Latour is just as sublime.

Saint-Julien is also attractive, the Château Léoville Las Cases impressed us as well as the other wines of the property, the Petit Lion and the Clos du Marquis. Château Branaire-Ducru and Château Beychevelle offer wines with a wider style, while Léoville Barton and Léoville Poyferré have a large tannic structure. Château Talbot continues its ascent and offers a wine with a lot of depth.

In Margaux, the wines offer finesse and balance with the duo Château Rauzan-Ségla and Château Rauzan-Gassies. Château Lascombes is distinguished by its richness and the intensity of its perfumes, Château Margaux has produced a refined wine with a slender texture.

As far as the Graves region is concerned, the white wines are rich, perfumed, with a wide texture and will be accessible in their youth. The red wines are deep, powerful and generous. Our preferences go to Château Pape Clément, Chateau Les Carmes Haut Brion in his mastery of a warm vintage, the Domaine de Chevalier has produced a wine of high class. Château Haut-Brion and the Mission Haut-Brion have not failed their reputation.

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