



## PICTURE OF THE VINTAGE 2017 IN BORDEAUX

Vintage with a confidential production due to harsh climatic conditions, 2017 is part of a line of harmonious and complete wines, signed by the expertise of the Châteaux.

Our tastings on the left bank allowed us to enjoy balanced wines, supported by a fine tannic frame.

In Saint-Estèphe, Château Montrose signs an obvious success in the appellation, with the Cabernet Sauvignon majority in the assemblage offering a classic wine profile. The Château Cos D'Estournel is remarkable, it combines power and finesse. There are also very nice wines at the Château Phélan Ségur and the Château Calon Ségur.

Several major successes in Pauillac, with the Château Pichon Comtesse, the Château Pichon Baron and the Château Lynch Bages, which offer deep and fleshy wines. Pleasantly surprised by the Château Clerc Milon and the Château D'armailhac, showing access and scent. The wine of the Château Latour is sublime, perhaps the most successful of the Premiers Crus.

On the side of Saint-Julien, the Château Ducru-Beaucaillou impressed us in its precise reading of the vintage, complete, structured and nuanced. The Château Léoville Las Cases with the firmest tannins is a wine with great potential of ageing, its Clos du Marquis is delicious. Château Léoville Barton, Château Léoville Poyferré and Château Gruaud Larose have developed high level wines as well. Château Beychevelle offers a style of mature wine with a slightly wider texture.

Margaux seduced us very much, where the Château Lascombes confirms the high level of its wines over the vintages, to note very beautiful successes at the Château Durfort Vivens, Château Rauzan Ségla and Château Giscours. One of the most successful wines of the appellation is the Château Palmer, depth, intensity, silky texture characterise this high class wine, its Alter Ego is by far one of the best second wines

tasted. Château Margaux has produced a wine between elegance, complexity and freshness, precise and racy.

The right bank appeared to us very homogeneous, with a good overall quality. Saint-Emilion and Pomerol offer wines with more flesh and depth. Safe values such as the Château Cheval Blanc, Château Figeac, Clos Fourtet and Château Troplong Mondot, as well as beautiful surprises for Château Canon, Château Pavie Macquin and Château Soutard. In Pomerol, we preferred the intense fruit of the Château rouget, the density of Château Petit Village and the perfect balance of Château Gazin. Petrus and Vieux Château Certan have still developed extraordinary wines.

For the Graves , the white wines are of a superb balance with tension and freshness. The most accomplished are the Domaine de Chevalier, Château Pape Clément and Château Smith Haut Lafitte. Château Haut-Brion and its close neighbour Château La Mission Haut-Brion dominate the ensemble in white as in red, with deep, rich and powerful wines. We will also have to rely on Domaine de Chevalier and Château Pape Clément.

In Sauternes, the wines are scented, oscillating between exotic fruits and citrus zests. The grapes, harvested grain by grain, gave concentrated and tasty wines. Our preferences go to the Château de Fargues, Château Coutet, Château Rayne Vigneau and Château La Tour Blanche.

Finally, very small volumes will be available for all of these great wines, and we will be delighted to propose you some of them.

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