



Bordeaux 2020 En Primeur Round-Up

As we are coming to the end of the Bordeaux 2020 En Primeur campaign we thought it would be timely to highlight some of the star performers at different price points in what is a fantastic vintage.

All wines are priced per case under bond (excluding duty and vat). Delivery into the UK is expected early 2023.

These are just a small selection from our available list of Bordeaux 2020s. If you would like a broader list of what we have available or are searching for any specific Châteaux please email: shane@woodwinters.com

Mauvesin Barton 2020

£130 per 12 under bond

‘The 2020 Mauvesin Barton is silky, gracious and full of charm. Sweet floral aromatics and bright red berry fruit give this mid-weight, understated Moulis tons of immediacy and appeal. Such a pretty wine’. **89-91 Vinous**

Château Potensac 2020

£195 per 12 under bond

‘The 2020 Potensac was picked September 14–30 and matured in 20% new oak. It has a clean, pure black currant and blueberry nose, a little more opulent than usual, but well defined and demonstrating a bit more fruité, which it has occasionally lacked in some vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp acidity, and quite saline on the entry, with touches of black olive infusing the black fruit. A mid-weight with a lively, classically fashioned finish, this is a very commendable Potensac that should give 12–15 years of pleasure, but warrants 3–4 years in a cool, damp cellar. 2025 – 2036’. **90-92 Vinous**

Château Langoa-Barton 2020

£175 per 6 under bond

‘Sporting a deep purple-black colour, the 2020 Langoa Barton needs a little swirling to unlock youthfully muted scents of warm cassis, black cherry preserves and boysenberries, plus hints of menthol, graphite, tilled soil and bouquet garni. The medium-bodied palate is delicately played with impressive freshness delivered by the red berry and herbal sparks within a black-fruit core, with grainy tannins to support, finishing long and invigorating. 2026 – 2050’. **93-95 Wine Advocate**

‘Very pretty blackberry and blueberry character with blackcurrants and mint. It’s medium-to full-bodied with linear, tight tannins that are polished and fine’. **93-94 James Suckling**

Pichon Comtesse Reserve 2020

£199 per 6 under bond

'The 2020 Réserve de la Comtesse is absolutely gorgeous. Far more expressive than the Grand Vin today, the Réserve is everything a second wine should be. Ripe dark cherry, plum, spice, menthol, licorice and tobacco all flesh out in a sumptuous, racy Pauillac that impresses with its alluring personality. This is an especially fine vintage for the Réserve. The 2020 is 47% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot – in other words, a high percentage of PV that undoubtedly marks the blend. Drink: 2026-2040'. **91-93 Vinous**

'Composed of 47% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot, the 2020 Reserve de la Comtesse is redolent of cassis, redcurrant jelly and raspberry coulis, plus suggestions of chocolate box, lilacs and stewed tea, with a waft of unsmoked cigars. The medium-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating, juicy black fruits with a soft texture and seamless freshness, finishing long with a spicy kick. This is a very different style from the grand vin, possessing a more playful, upfront and effortlessly delicious character that truly draws you in! 2024 – 2041'. **91/93 Wine Advocate**

Château Kirwan 2020

£360 per 12 under bond

'Deep garnet-purple coloured, the 2020 Kirwan prances out of the glass with pretty scents of redcurrant jelly, black raspberries and Morello cherries, followed by hints of lavender, black tea and dried Provence herbs, with a touch of tree bark. The medium-bodied palate has fantastic tension and fine-grained tannins framing the tightly wound red fruit and savoury layers, finishing long and refreshing'. **91-93 Wine Advocate**

'The 2020 Kirwan, cropped at 33hl/ha and tank-fed via gravity, undergoes an 18- to 22-month élevage. It offers ripe black currant and raspberry coulis scents on the nose, violets and citrus peel emerging with time. There is a seductiveness to these aromatics. The palate is medium-bodied with a sweet, ripe entry that disguises the backbone, a very silky texture and traces of tobacco and graphite furnishing the opulent finish. One of the more luxuriant Margaux 2020s'. **91-93 Vinous, Neal Martin**

Château Branaire-Ducru

£185 per 16 under bond

'The 2020 Branaire-Ducru is utterly magnificent. A wine of extraordinary depth and dimension, the 2020 possesses tremendous intensity right out of the gate. Inky dark fruit, chocolate, new leather, licorice, cloves and lavender build as into the explosive, palate-staining finish. I don't think I have ever tasted a Branaire quite like this. 2030 - 2050'. **94-96 Vinous**

'A polished, creamy red with blue fruit, such as blackcurrants, and pretty, ripe and fine tannins that fill your mouth'. **93-94 James Suckling**

Château Giscours

£245 per 6 under bond

'Aromas of crushed berries, dried flowers and spices with undertones of ink and iron. Full-bodied with wonderful, fine tannins that are totally embedded in the structure. Endless length and such refinement. Rather ethereal. Another winner from Giscours'. **96-97 James Suckling**

'The 2020 Giscours was picked from September 21 to October 2. The huge difference in quality between the Grand Vin and Deuxième Vin is apparent on the nose of crystal-clear black fruit intermixed with raspberry, crushed stone and light crushed violet aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins, taut and crisp, and quite tensile, leading to a classically styled, sapid finish. This is a classy Giscours with plenty of breeding. Drink 2024-2050'. **93-95 Vinous**

Château Pavie Macquin

£345 per 6 under bond

‘The 2020 Pavie Macquin has an opaque purple-black colour, exploding from the glass with an intoxicating perfume of violets, Ceylon tea, forest floor and eucalyptus over a core of blackberry preserves, Morello cherries and stewed plum, plus wafts of crushed rocks and unsmoked cigars. The medium to full-bodied palate shimmers with energetic red and black fruit layers and loads of floral and earthy sparks, framed by exquisitely ripe, finely grained tannins and amazing tension, finishing with a long-lingering perfume of black fruits. A real head-turner! Drink: 2025 – 2055’. **96-98 Wine Advocate**

‘The 2020 Pavie Macquin is one of the most exotic Saint-Émilions of the year. Inky red fruit, lavender, rose petal, mint, plum and kirsch all open in the glass. Succulent and racy to the core, the 2020 possesses mind-blowing intensity yet remains fresh, vibrant and full of energy. It is one of the most alluring and complete recent vintages I can remember tasting. In a word: dazzling. Drink: 2030 – 2055’ **95-98 Vinous**

Château Grand Puy Lacoste 2020

£300 per 6 under bond

‘The 2020 Grand-Puy-Lacoste has a very refined, almost understated bouquet at first, but it opens in glorious fashion to offer precise blackberry and wild strawberry fruit, crushed stone and wild mint, gaining intensity at its own pace. The palate is beautifully balanced with fine-grained tannins, a keen thread of acidity, layers of intense black fruit and quite a spicy, vibrant and certainly persistent finish. This is a brilliant GPL from the Borie family. Drink 2027-2055’. **95-97 Vinous**

‘This full-bodied red builds on the palate in a fantastic way with tight, compact tannins that grow and grow on the finish. Plenty of blackcurrant and graphite character and a flavourful finish. Same level as the excellent 2016’. **96-97 James Suckling**

Château Pavie St. Emilion Grand Cru 2020

£1,445 per 6 under bond

‘The aromas are already exceptional, showing crushed-stone, limestone and salt character to the dark fruit and bark. It’s full-bodied, yet agile. Floats on the palate, then kicks in with loads of ultra fine tannins. The intensity and verve of this wine promises true greatness’. **99-100 James Suckling**

‘Composed of 50% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Franc and 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2020 Pavie weighs in with an alcohol of 14.82% and a pH of 3.61. It is aging in French oak barriques, 75% new. Opaque purple-black coloured, notes of plum pudding, blueberry pie and dark chocolate-covered cherries charge out of the gate, followed closely by hints of eucalyptus, star anise, unsmoked cigars and fertile loam with a hint of cedar chest. The full-bodied palate is built like a brick house, offering very firm yet wonderfully ripe, velvety tannins and seamless freshness to support the densely laden, muscular black and blue fruits, finishing very long and with loads of mineral-laced layers. As hedonic as it is cerebral this year, it is a beautiful paradox’. **97-99 Wine Advocate**

Chateau de Pez, Saint-Estephe 2020

£120 per six in bond

‘Medium garnet-purple colored, the 2020 de Pez skips out of the glass with lively notes of Bing cherries, fresh blackberries and blackcurrant pastilles, with suggestions of pencil shavings, wild thyme and damp soil. The medium-bodied palate is elegantly styled and refreshing, delivering intense red and black berry layers with loads of herbal sparks and a grainy texture, finishing long and savoury’. **91-93 Wine Advocate**

‘The 2020 de Pez is a wine of somber intensity. Black cherry, scorched earth, gravel, incense, chocolate and dried herbs infuse the 2020 with striking layers of dimension. Powerful. Plush and wonderfully inviting, Pez has so much to offer. Quality continues to improve under the direction of Technical Director Nicolas Glumineau. The 2020 is gorgeous and promising’. **91-94 Vinous**

All offered whilst remaining unsold.

Prices are quoted in bond excluding duty and vat.

Delivery in to the UK is expected from winter of 2021. Onward delivery under bond from our bonded warehouse will be charged at cost.