

Aged Bordeaux Tasting
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Pre-Tasting Wines

	Wine Description	My Rank	My Notes	Reviews
A	<u>2004 Villars, Fronsac</u>			<p><u>K&L Notes</u> - From Claire Villar family. Sexy aromas of dark plum and cassis with vanilla and minerals. Fresh and pure in the mouth, with a lively, delicately spicy blackberry flavor. Superb wine from a classic Bordeaux vintage.</p> <p><u>\$12.99 at K&L</u></p>
B	<u>2007 Malescasce, Haut-Medoc</u>			<p><u>Jancis Robinson</u> - Already a bit of evolution on the nose! Sweet, Earl Grey tea character. Mild and with sufficient gentle fruit on the mid palate though pretty chewy on the finish. Pretty low key. (4/2008)</p> <p><u>K&L Notes</u> - Château Malescasce is an historic property ideally situated on gravel soils close to the Gironde River just north of Margaux. While it is true that 2007 will never have the power or authority of the finest vintages of the decade, the best wines display a remarkable ripeness and an admirable richness of texture. These are medium to full-bodied reds with soft tannins that will make great near to medium-term drinking. They are priced appropriately and many, like this 2007 Malescasce, offer exceptional value.</p> <p><u>\$16.99 at K&L</u></p>
C	<u>2001 Coufran, Haut-Médoc</u>			<p><u>Wine Spectator</u> - A pleasant wine with plum and fresh mint character. Medium-bodied, with velvety tannins and a light finish. (JS) (3/2004)</p> <p><u>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> - This is a medium-bodied, elegant wine offering up scents of plums, cherries, and loamy soil. With good sweetness, an attractive flavor profile, low acidity, and ripe tannin, it should provide enjoyment over the next 5-6 years. (RP) (4/2003)</p> <p><u>\$19.99 at K&L</u></p>
D	<u>2004 Moulin-Haut-Laroque, Fronsac</u>			<p><u>90 Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> - A big time sleeper of the vintage from Fronsac, this beauty from proprietor Jean-Noel Herve has hit the bull's eye. A dark ruby/purple color is accompanied by notes of black currants, sweet cherries, crushed rocks, and a distinctive minerality. It is a medium to full-bodied, structured effort with sweet tannin, decent acidity, and oodles of fruit as well as richness. (RP) (6/2007)</p> <p><u>\$24.99 at K&L</u></p>

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E	<u>2007 l'Arrose, St- Emilion</u>	6	7 th	111		<p>89-91 points Robert Parker Wine Spectator - Fantastic Bordeaux - Old and New and 100% Affordable 03/10 K&L's notes - Old school style with lots of ripe fruit. Fresh and lively though light on palate. Ralph * Very pure fruit. Fresh, natural and classy. <u>\$39.99 at K&L</u></p>
F	<u>2002 Le Clementin du Pape Clément, Pessac- Léognan</u>	2	2 nd	95		<p>K&L Notes - The second label of Graves Grand Cru Classé Château Pape Clément, one of the oldest estates in Bordeaux that dates back to the 1200s. This is a great buy from an outstanding vintage. Lots of earth and minerals. Remember that the wines from 2002 are much better on the right bank and in Pessac than in the northern Medoc. Sweet on the palate after one hour open. <u>\$39.99 at K&L</u></p>
G	<u>2006 Cantemerle, Haut-Médoc</u>	1	8 th	121		<p>92 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate - The 2006 Cantemerle was the "surprise package" of the blind tasting at Farr Vintners' horizontal. It has a conservative nose with rosemary and undergrowth scents that open nicely in the glass, but retain a sense of classicism. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannin, lightly spiced red berry fruit, sage and white pepper, quite persistent on the finish, which feels very pure. What an outstanding 2006 Claret - a Cantemerle that punches well above its weight. Tasted April 2016. (NM) (5/2016) 91 points James Suckling - Very attractive with complex aromas and flavors of berry, mushroom and spice. Black truffle too. Full body, chewy tannins and a fresh finish. Very fine. (11/2015) K&L Notes - 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot. At Joanne: Boysenberry nose with spice. Full bodied. Harmonious. Good sweet finish. Lovely wine; better than 2005. At UGC: Elegant style. Complete and round. At the property: Cinnamon spice and some clove hints. Very fine aromas that lead to the palate. Long and deep on palate. High acid, delicious. A sure "sleepers of the vintage" and much better than their 2005! *1/2 Alex Brisoux: Sweet, spicy red fruit, cocoa/tobacco undertone, good structure, elegant long finish, the best young Cantemerle I've ever tasted. And on 01/23/09: As good as it gets for the price. Rich and full, lingering finish. <u>\$44.99 at K&L</u></p>
H	<u>2000 Sarget de Gruaud- Larose, St- Julien</u>	7	6 th	110		<p>91 points Wine Spectator - This château made a classic grand vin and the second wine is outstanding. Very rich and plummy on the nose. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and plenty of fruit on the finish. Serious concentration here. (JS, Web Only-2003) (3/2003) K&L Notes - Cabernet Sauvignon 57%, Merlot 31%, Cabernet Franc 7.5%, Petit Verdot 3% and Malbec 1.5%. <u>\$49.99 at K&L</u></p>

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I	<u>2005 d'Aiguilhe, Côtes de Castillon</u>	4	5 th	110		<p><u>93 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> - From the famous family of Comte de Neipperg, the 2005 D'Aiguilhe is sensational and may be one of the best cuvées I have ever tasted from Neipperg and his Côtes de Castillon estate. This wine has an opaque purple color and loads of Christmas fruitcake, licorice and crushed chalk along with plenty of blackcurrant and blackberry fruit. Full-bodied, rich, still structured and tannic, but super-concentrated, this is an amazing effort in 2005. Give it another several years of bottle age and drink it over the following 20 years. (RP) (6/2015)</p> <p><u>92 points Wine Spectator</u> - Displays gorgeous aromas of vanilla bean, mineral, raspberry and blackberry. Full-bodied, with very round, soft tannins and a long, rich, fruity finish. Beautiful. Best after 2016. (JS) (3/2008)</p> <p><u>K&L Notes</u> - 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Bright and effusive wine with a lovely palate entry. Blackberry juice flavors. Plenty of structure. (Clyde Beffa, K&L Bordeaux buyer)</p> <p><u>\$49.99 at K&L</u></p>
J	<u>2004 Langoa-Barton, St-Julien</u>	8	1 st	84		<p><u>91 points Wine Spectator</u> - Very pretty and perfumed, with plum, vanilla and chocolate aromas. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, caressing finish. Best after 2011. (3/2007)</p> <p><u>90 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> - Another sleeper of the vintage from this somewhat under the radar step-child of Anthony Barton's more famous Leoville Barton, the 2004 Langoa Barton exhibits deep, concentrated, chunky, black currant and cherry fruit intermixed with notions of forest floor and aged beef blood. This impressive, full-bodied, powerful, ageworthy St.-Julien is atypically backward and brooding. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2025+. (6/2007)</p> <p><u>K&L Notes</u> - Spicy cranberry and black cherry aromas and flavor with cola undertones. Very good effort and should be priced correctly. Tasted best at the property.</p> <p><u>\$59.99 at K&L</u></p>
K	<u>1999 La Gaffeliere, St-Emilion</u>	3	3 rd	98		<p><u>Jancis Robinson</u> - Lively, toasty, zesty claret not too far from drinkability. Quite confident and punchy. 17/20 Points (JR) (8/2007)</p> <p><u>Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> - The 1999 is an elegant, finesse-styled, medium-bodied effort revealing lovely strawberry and currant fruit with a hint of sour cherries, a judicious touch of oak, medium body, and excellent purity. It creeps up on the taster in subtle increments. I always laugh when critics of Michel Rolland, the great international oenologist who has done so much to improve wine quality throughout the world, say that his wines all taste the same. Do these ignorant observers realize he is the consultant for this stylish, restrained St.-Emilion? (RP) (8/2002)</p> <p><u>K&L Notes</u> - One of the better value properties in St-Emilion. Fruity and forward, this wine begs to be drunk with a nice piece of prime rib. I will never forget the mind-blowing 1970 vintage from them.</p> <p><u>\$69.99 at K&L</u></p>
L	<u>2004 Malescot-St-Exupéry, Margaux</u>	5	4 th	99		<p><u>92 points James Suckling</u> - This is rich and decadent with truffles and blackberries on the nose that follow through to a full body, with ultra-fine tannins and a polished, pretty finish. Delicious now but will but better in a year or two. (7/2013)</p> <p><u>90-92 points Wine Enthusiast</u> - A fine, perfumed wine which has ripe fruits, flavored with herbs and with fresh acidity. The tannins are dense but not overwhelming, giving a well-balanced wine, already integrated. (RV) (6/2005)</p> <p><u>90 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate</u> - Although one of the appellation's more tannic 2004s, the tannin is beautifully balanced by sweet black currant fruit, spring flower, camphor, and licorice notes. This impeccably well-made, medium-bodied Margaux reveals a lovely integration of acidity, tannin, and wood. Give it 2-3 years of bottle age, and drink it over the following two decades. This estate appears to be performing at a high quality level over recent vintages. (RP) (6/2007)</p> <p><u>\$69.99 at K&L</u></p>