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## Pioneers I

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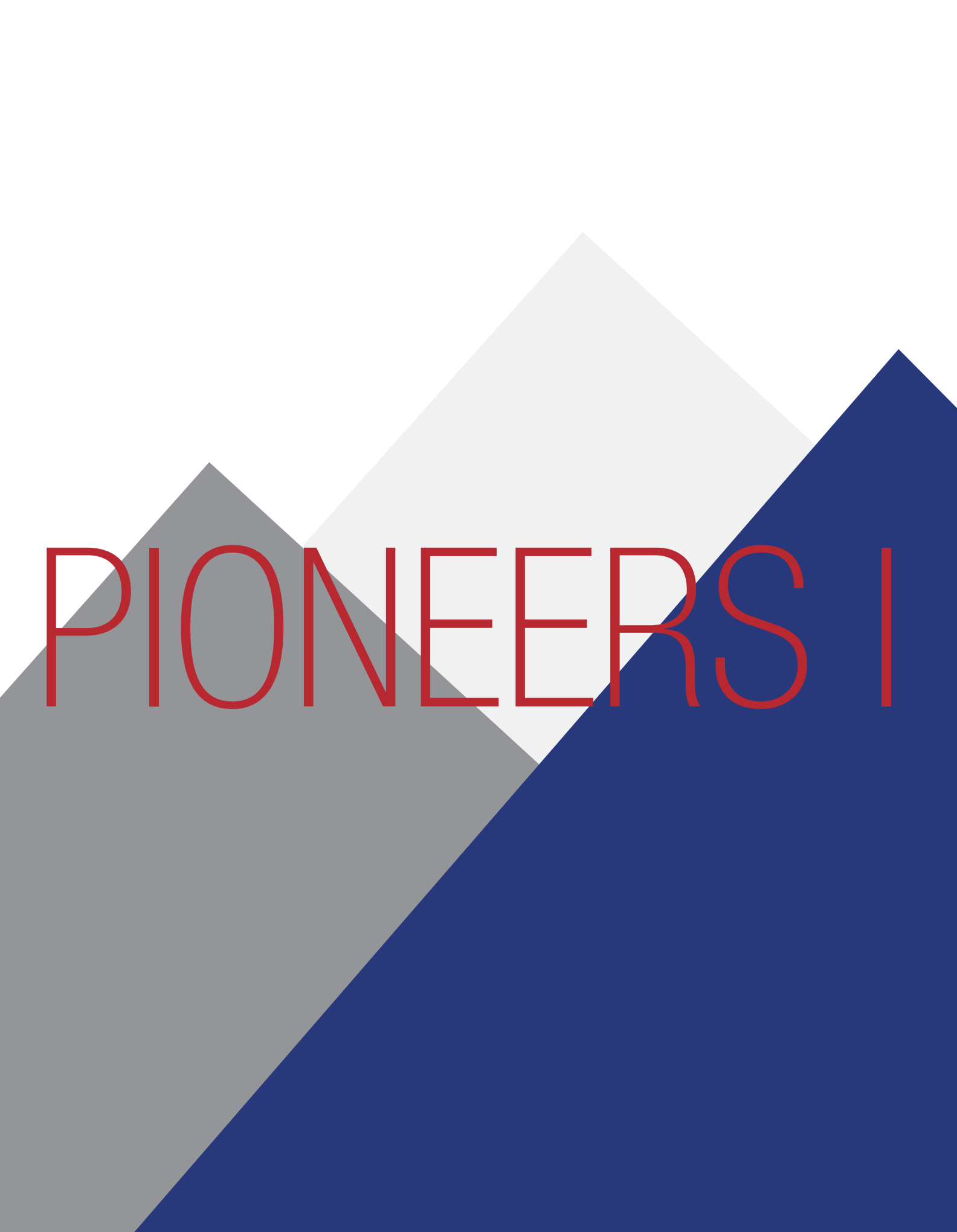
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PIONEERS I

## Pioneers I

How long have I known this consignor? The short answer is: forever. He's been a client of ours since before I worked at Zachys, if you can believe that! His client number predates our current computer system. His collection is one of the greatest I've seen. He is a pioneer in the business world, a man who forged his own path. The Châteaux, Domaines and wineries in this offering were also pioneers—winemakers who stood for quality, and because of this have become icons.

In a year of successful single-owner auctions, from "The Deep," to the cellar of Enoteca Pinchiorri, to the Ruby Collection V, this is a collection after my own heart. A large part of it was purchased directly from Zachys retail. All of the bottles in this offering were stored here, not 75 feet from where I'm writing this letter (but in a much colder part of the building).

The offering, the first part of what I hope will be many in 2021, is strongest in Bordeaux. Case quantity verticals, magnums, half-bottles, for days. This offering of Cheval Blanc alone has to be one of the best ever put into a Zachys auction, with dozens of the legendary 1990 in bottles and magnums. There's full cases of Haut-Brion from 1982, 1989 and 1990, not to mention 2000, 2005, and 2010 if that's more your speed. Three cases of 2000 Latour, three cases of 2000 Lafite, two cases of 2000 Margaux. Need I go on? Ok, just a little bit: don't forget the 1967 Yquem, the Haut-Brion blanc, and the 1989 and 1990 Le Pin.

And if the Bordeaux wasn't enough for you, there is also plenty of DRC including 1990 La Tâche—a three pack of this highly sought-after wine. There's Leroy, Roumier, Coche Dury, and a six-pack of 1999 DRC Montrachet.

In Italy there's an enormous vertical of Masseto, which is something we've become known for here at Zachys, as well as Sassicaia and Solaia. And of course we round it out with Bryant (including a case of the 1997) and Dominus.

With the invention of our Studio Sales this year, I like to think that we've been "Pioneers." In fact, we've always been pioneers in wine auctions, starting decades ago. I hope you agree.

As we close out 2020 on this high note, a heartfelt thank you to all of you, our friends and collectors. Be well this holiday season, and remember: the next auction is right around the corner, so get those lists in today!

Sincerely,



Jeff Zacharia



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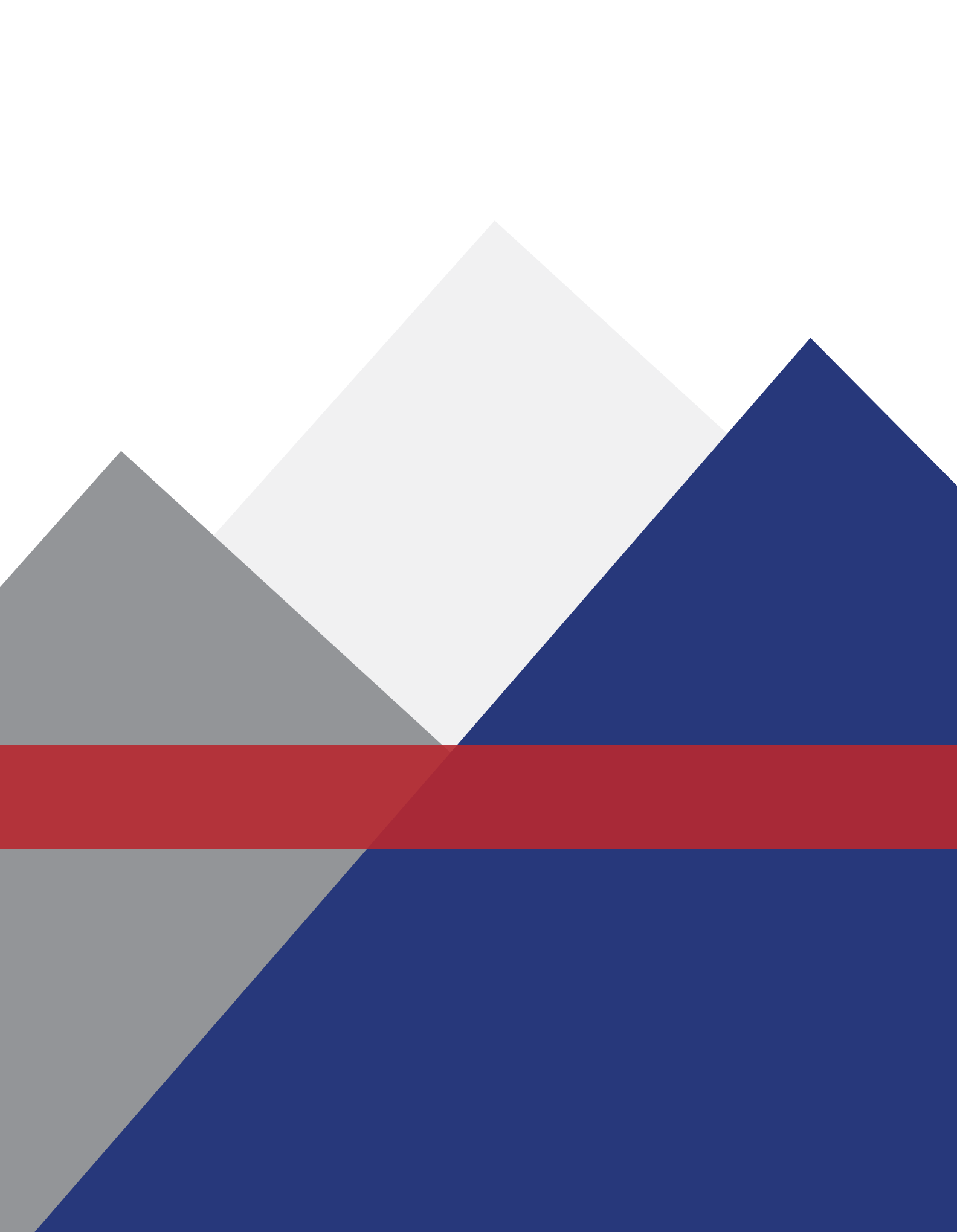
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# SAINT EMILION

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## BORDEAUX

### CHÂTEAU AUSONE

Ausone is named for Ausonius, a fourth century poet and later Consul to Rome who lived in the area, although no proof exists that the current Ausone holdings and Ausonius were connected. What is known is that he owned vineyards in or near Bordeaux, and that since Roman times wine has been made in and around St Emilion.

From the early eighteenth century Ausone was owned by the Cantenat family, eventually passing to a nephew, M. Lafargue. Lafargue is credited with building Ausone's reputation at the time; during his tenure it was considered the finest producer in all of St Emilion. In the early 1890s it passed to Lafargue's niece, Madame Challon, who later married Edouard Dubois. Edouard Dubois-Challon continued the work of Lafargue and by the time of the First World War Ausone was considered the wine of the commune, even greater than Cheval Blanc. This success and reputation enabled Dubois-Challon to acquire neighboring Château Belair in 1916. Alain Vauthier, the current proprietor, is a descendant of the family.

There are two main areas of vineyards in St Emilion, the valley and the slopes. Ausone is in a prime spot on the slopes, a steep plot of 7.3 hectares on a mixture of clay soil and some sandy gravel with a limestone base and subsoil. It is planted with almost fifty percent each of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, plus a few Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Like many of the châteaux on the St Emilion slopes, Ausone's cellars are dug right into the side of the hill. In fact, so much of the hill has been excavated that a couple of years ago a whole acre of the Belair vineyard collapsed.

The wines have a three to four week maceration following fermentation before going into 100 percent new oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and around eighteen to twenty-four months of maturation. The annual production of 2000 cases is then fined with egg whites and bottled without filtration.

#### Château Ausone 1982

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

**Lot 1:** original wood case, twelve bottom neck or better

**Lot 2:** original wood case, nine bottom neck or better, three top shoulder, one wine-stained label

**Lot 3:** original wood case, three bottom neck, eight very top shoulder, one top shoulder

**Lot 4:** original wood case, nine bottom neck, two very top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, one with signs of old seepage

**Lot 5:** two bottom neck, one very top shoulder, three lightly damp-stained labels, one with signs of old seepage

1	12 bottles	US\$4000-6000
2	12 bottles	US\$4000-6000
3	12 bottles	US\$4000-6000
4	12 bottles	US\$4000-6000
5	3 magnums (1.5L)	US\$2000-3000

#### Château Ausone 1985

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*eight bottom neck, two very top shoulder, two top shoulder, one lightly wine-stained label*

"Pure fruit aromas of raspberry and strawberry; full-bodied with fine tannins...92." WS 10/94.

6	12 bottles	US\$3000-4800
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#### Château Ausone 1998

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

"Extremely pure and penetrating, with fruit of steel and a powerful mineral underpinning. Finishes with strong, firm tannins and great persistence...95." IWC 7/02.

7	12 bottles	US\$3800-5500
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#### Château Ausone Trilogy Case

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*3-pack original wood assortment case*

*includes one each of 2000, 2003, 2005*

- 2000 magnum (1)
- 2003 magnum (1)
- 2005 magnum (1)

8	3 magnums (1.5L)	US\$4600-7000
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#### Château Ausone 2013

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*four banded 3-pack original wood cases*

"Probably the wine of the vintage, once again...incredibly dense, attractive wine with sweet tannin, stunning concentration and texture, medium body and a depth that is essentially unreal in a vintage such as this...93-95." WA 8/14.

9	12 bottles	US\$3000-4600
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## CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

Cheval Blanc has a relatively short history compared with the other top-rank châteaux of Bordeaux. As recently as the 1830s it was still a part of Figeac. A portion of that estate was sold to the Ducasse family, then owners of L'Évangile, and by twenty years later, when a Ducasse married a Fourcard-Loussac, the property was already some thirty-one hectares in size. The estate remained with the Fourcard-Loussac family until part of it was sold to Bernard Arnault and his company, LVMH, in 1998. Today, along with Château d'Yquem, it is fully owned by Arnault and managed by the dynamic Pierre Lurton.

Cheval Blanc, across the road from Pomerol, has distinctive soil makeup: about twenty percent sand, forty percent clay and forty percent gravel. In the gravelly and sandy areas the roots have to work hard to stay alive and often reach depths of seven to eight meters, compared with two to three meters in the clay areas.

Today the roughly thirty-seven hectares of vineyards are planted with sixty percent Cabernet Franc and forty percent Merlot. Yields are typically thirty-five hl/ha, and the annual production of 6500 to 7000 cases is bottled after eighteen to twenty-four months in new oak.

### Château Cheval Blanc 1982

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

**Lot 10:** five bottom neck or better, six very top shoulder, one top shoulder, twelve damp-stained labels

**Lot 11:** four bottom neck, four very top shoulder, three top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, two lightly nicked labels, six lightly scuffed labels, four damp-stained labels

"Finishes very long and pure, with a strong peppery note, a lingering coffee nuance, and chewy, mounting tannins. Complex and multilayered, this is a very impressive wine, magically combining fleshy depth and pure aromas and flavors without being overripe or heavy...96." VM 10/11.

10	12 bottles	US\$8000-12000
11	12 bottles	US\$8000-12000

### Château Cheval Blanc 1990

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

**Lots 12-16:** original wood case, twelve bottom neck or better

**Lot 17:** original wood case, six bottom neck

*Parcel: lots 12-16*

"The palate is full-bodied and cloaked in a silky, velvety texture that leaves you a little ga-ga. There is so much fruit ram-packed into the bravura of a finish...98." WA 7/16.

12	12 bottles	US\$8000-12000
13	12 bottles	
14	12 bottles	
15	12 bottles	
16	12 bottles	
17	6 magnums (1.5L)	US\$10000-15000

### Château Cheval Blanc 1998

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 18-20*

"Medium to full-bodied, it fills the mouth with rich, plushly textured fruit and then POW! it hits the mid-palate with an explosion of Chinese five spice and floral perfume sparks, leading to an epically long finish...100." WA 5/18.

18	12 bottles	US\$5500-8500
19	12 bottles	
20	12 bottles	
21	6 magnums (1.5L)	

### Château Cheval Blanc 1999

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

**Lot 26:** one lightly scuffed label

*Parcel: lots 22-25*

"...medium body, extraordinary elegance...seamless beauty of finesse, charm, and concentration...93." WA 4/02.

22	12 bottles	US\$3600-5500
23	12 bottles	
24	12 bottles	
25	12 bottles	
26	6 magnums (1.5L)	US\$3600-5500



Lots 17 & 45-48

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## Château Cheval Blanc 2000

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 27-29*

"A broad wine with compelling purity, a layered texture, and sweet tannin, with hints of coffee and earth in the background...99." WA 7/10.

27	12 bottles	US\$7500-12000
28	12 bottles	
29	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2001

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 30-32*

"I was surprised by how soft, opulent, even voluptuous the 2001 Cheval Blanc performed out of bottle...sweet aromas of cranberries, black currants, menthol, Asian spices, and underbrush...93." WA 6/04.

30	12 bottles	US\$3600-5500
31	12 bottles	
32	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2002

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 33-36*

"Fantastic aromas of black licorice and sweet tobacco change to raspberries and follow through to a full-bodied palate, with lovely silky tannins and a long caressing finish. Multilayered. A Beauty...92." WS 3/05.

33	12 bottles	US\$3600-5500
34	12 bottles	
35	12 bottles	
36	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2003

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 37-40*

37	12 bottles	US\$3400-5000
38	12 bottles	
39	12 bottles	
40	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2004

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 41-44*

"Full-bodied, chewy and long. Extracted, yet turns caressing and velvety in texture...94." WS 3/07.

41	12 bottles	US\$3200-4800
42	12 bottles	
43	12 bottles	
44	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2005

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 45-48*

"The Cheval is of course not one of the bigger, more imposing wines of the night, but it is among the most complete, which makes it the perfect wine to close out an incredible night...100." AG 11/15.

45	12 bottles	US\$7000-11000
46	12 bottles	
47	12 bottles	
48	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2006

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 49-52*

"The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin. It feels wonderfully structured and comes with an insistent grip that coats the mouth. This is backward and almost surly, but you have to stand back and admire the precision...97." WA 5/16.

49	12 bottles	US\$3600-5500
50	12 bottles	
51	12 bottles	
52	12 bottles	



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## Château Cheval Blanc 2007

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 53-56*

"The palate is very intense, superb acidity and what I really like about this year's Cheval is the tension in the wine...Very well defined on the finish -- masculine, almost Cabernet Sauvignon in quality...Great wine...93-95." WA 4/08.

53	12 bottles	US\$3600-5500
54	12 bottles	
55	12 bottles	
56	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2008

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 57-59*

"...a medium to full-bodied wine with deep fruit, admirable purity, and a long, textured finish...93." WA 5/11.

57	12 bottles	US\$3400-5500
58	12 bottles	
59	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2009

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

*Parcel: lots 60 & 61*

"This is so refined, constantly mutating in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, saturated tannin. There is a mixture of red and black fruit, hints of cassis, cardamom and allspice...98." NM 3/19.

60	12 bottles	US\$6000-9000
61	12 bottles	

## Château Cheval Blanc 2010

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

**Lots 62-64:** *two 6-pack original wood cases*

**Lot 65:** *two 3-pack original wood cases*

*Parcel: lots 62-64*

"Full-bodied, big, opulent and built like a brick house, it has super firm tannins and great freshness, packed solid with muscular fruit, finishing very long. Tightly wound and oh-so-youthful, yet perfectly formed and poised to be a blockbuster...100." WA 8/18.

62	12 bottles	US\$7000-10000
63	12 bottles	
64	12 bottles	
65	6 magnums (1.5L)	US\$8000-12000

## Château Cheval Blanc 2011

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

**Lots 66-68:** *two 6-pack original wood cases*

**Lot 69:** *two 6-pack original wood cases, one damaged*

*Parcel: lots 66-68*

"...one of the more plump, opulent and sexy Cheval Blancs...a lush, heady finish. It is a super, complex, evolved Cheval Blanc...95." WA 4/14.

66	12 bottles	US\$4200-6000
67	12 bottles	
68	12 bottles	
69	12 bottles	US\$4200-6000

## Château Cheval Blanc 2012

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

*Parcel: lots 70-73*

"...only showing the barest hints of its ultimate potential. This is a magnificent showing and one of the clear highlights of the year...97." AG 1/16.

70	12 bottles	US\$3400-5000
71	12 bottles	
72	12 bottles	
73	12 bottles	



Lot 65



Lot 121

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## LE PETIT CHEVAL

### **Le Petit Cheval 2000**

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 74-77*

74	12 bottles	US\$1200-1800
75	12 bottles	US\$1200-1800
76	12 bottles	US\$1200-1800
77	12 bottles	US\$1200-1800

### **Le Petit Cheval 2001**

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 78-80*

78	12 bottles	US\$1000-1500
79	12 bottles	
80	12 bottles	

### **Le Petit Cheval 2002**

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 81-84*

81	12 bottles	US\$1000-1500
82	12 bottles	
83	12 bottles	
84	12 bottles	

### **Le Petit Cheval 2003**

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 85-88*

85	12 bottles	US\$1000-1500
86	12 bottles	
87	12 bottles	
88	12 bottles	

### **Le Petit Cheval 2004**

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 89-92*

89	12 bottles	US\$1000-1500
90	12 bottles	
91	12 bottles	
92	12 bottles	

### **Le Petit Cheval 2005**

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 93-96*

93	12 bottles	US\$950-1400
94	12 bottles	
95	12 bottles	
96	12 bottles	

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## Le Petit Cheval 2006

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 97-100*

97	12 bottles	US\$1200-1800
98	12 bottles	
99	12 bottles	
100	12 bottles	

## Le Petit Cheval 2007

*St Emilion  
original wood case  
Parcel: lots 101-104*

101	12 bottles	US\$800-1200
102	12 bottles	
103	12 bottles	
104	12 bottles	

## Le Petit Cheval 2008

*St Emilion  
original wood case*

105	12 bottles	US\$1100-1600
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## Le Petit Cheval 2009

*St Emilion  
two 6-pack original wood cases  
Parcel: lots 106 & 107*

106	12 bottles	US\$1400-2000
107	12 bottles	

## Le Petit Cheval 2010

*St Emilion  
**Lots 108-111:** two 6-pack original wood cases  
**Lot 112:** two 3-pack original wood cases  
Parcel: lots 108-111*

108	12 bottles	US\$1300-1900
109	12 bottles	
110	12 bottles	
111	12 bottles	
112	6 magnums (1.5L)	US\$1400-2000

## Le Petit Cheval 2011

*St Emilion  
two 6-pack original wood cases  
Parcel: lots 113-116*

113	12 bottles	US\$1000-1500
114	12 bottles	
115	12 bottles	
116	12 bottles	

## Le Petit Cheval 2012

*St Emilion  
two 6-pack original wood cases  
Parcel: lots 117-120*

117	12 bottles	US\$1100-1600
118	12 bottles	
119	12 bottles	
120	12 bottles	

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## Château Angélu 1989

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

*twelve bottom neck or better*

"...exceptionally endowed, backward, rich, full-bodied, and crammed with fruit...possesses a huge finish...96." WA 2/97.

121 12 bottles US\$3600-5500

## Château Angélu 2000

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

"The wine has great concentration, a magnificent, full-bodied mouthfeel, stunning purity, and well-integrated acidity, tannin, alcohol and wood. This beauty seems to be in mid-adolescence with at least 25-30 years of life ahead...99." WA 8/15.

122 6 bottles US\$2000-3000

## Château Angélu 2009

*St Emilion, Premier Grand Cru Classé (a)*

*original wood case*

"A candidate for perfection...full-bodied, with a voluptuous texture a magnificent concentration and purity of fruit, a stunning finish...99+." WA 8/15.

123 12 bottles US\$3200-4800

## Château Tertre Roteboeuf 1990

*St Emilion*

*original wood case*

**Lot 124:** *twelve bottom neck or better*

**Lot 125:** *six bottom neck or better, four scuffed labels, one wine-stained label, five torn capsules*

124 12 bottles US\$2000-3000

125 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$2000-3000

## Château Troplong Mondot 2009

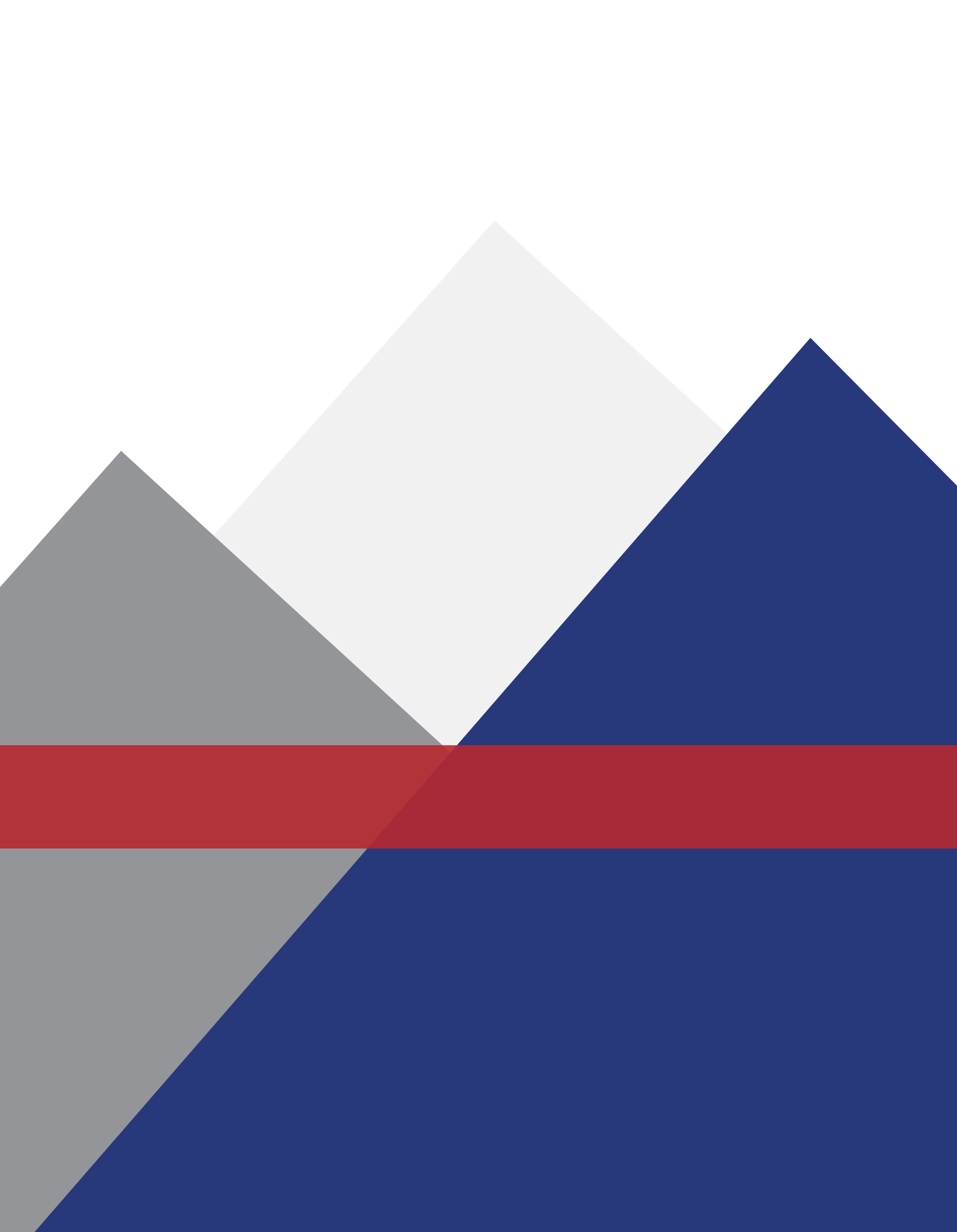
*St Emilion*

*original wood case*

126 12 bottles US\$1200-1800



Lot 125







# POMEROL

LOTS 127-146

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## PÉTRUS

### **Pétras 1982**

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

*eleven bottom neck or better, one top shoulder, twelve damp-stained labels, two lightly deteriorated labels, one lightly protruding cork*

"Full-bodied, silky, firm and fresh. Long. A beauty. One of the best bottles I have ever had...96." WS 6/01.

127 12 bottles US\$30000-46000

### **Pétras 1986**

*Pomerol*

*bottom neck*

"Dark red, with an amber edge. Aromas of chocolate, stewed berries, Merlot and raisins. Full-bodied, velvety and rich. Lovely palate..." WS 6/01.

128 1 bottle US\$1400-2000

### **Pétras 1989**

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

**Lot 129:** *twelve bottom neck or better*

**Lot 130:** *ten bottom neck or better, two very top shoulder, two lightly bin-soiled labels, eight bin-soiled labels*

"Fermented grape juice in its myriad of forms, does not get better than the 1989 Pétras when it is in full flight...100." NM 9/18.

129 12 bottles US\$32000-48000

130 12 bottles US\$32000-48000

### **Pétras 1990**

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

*twelve bottom neck or better, eight lightly damp-stained labels, two lightly torn labels*

"It has a sensual and heartwarming bouquet of mulberry, raspberry, autumn leaves, wild heather and a touch of roasted chestnut...97." NM 9/18.

131 12 bottles US\$32000-48000

### **Château Certan de May 1982**

*Pomerol*

**Lot 132:** *original wood case, five bottom neck or better, six top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, eight glue-stained labels, five bin-soiled labels, one lightly protruding cork*

**Lot 133:** *one bottom neck, one very top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, three glue-stained labels, two lightly wine-stained labels*

"Rich, powerful, and full-bodied, with a thick, unctuous texture, considerable fat and glycerin, and dazzling concentration...It is a modern day classic...98." WA 6/00.

132 12 bottles US\$2000-3000

133 3 magnums (1.5L) US\$1300-1900



Lots 128-131



Lots 134 & 137

# PIONEERS I

## CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR

Originally part of the Le Gay estate, Lafleur is owned by the Robin family, also owners of Le Gay until 2002. Today Lafleur is managed by Jacques Guinaudeau, a cousin of the owners. The vineyard is just 200 meters from Pétrus and although gravelly in appearance, the soils do contain a fair amount of clay. The vines here are fairly old, having largely avoided the 1956 frost, and the yields are low, just twenty-six hl/ha. The grapes are total destemmed, and the wines spend roughly sixteen to twenty months in fifty percent new oak barriques.

This is an extremely rich and heady wine, like liquid velvet, big and muscular when young, but mellowing wonderfully in time. Unfortunately for the many fans of Lafleur, production is a meager 1000 to 1200 cases a year.

### Château Lafleur 1982

*Pomerol*

*one bottom neck, two very top shoulder, four top shoulder, four just below top shoulder, one upper shoulder, twelve lightly glue-stained labels, four damp-stained labels, twelve lightly depressed corks, two with signs of old seepage*

"The palate just delivers everything you could wish for in a mature Pomerol. There is that perfect acidity, astonishing symmetrical structure, the energy and panache, the insistent grip towards the finish and the otherworldly long finish...100." NM 11/18.

134 12 bottles US\$26000-38000

### Château Lafleur 1986

*Pomerol*

*one bottom neck, one very top shoulder, two top shoulder, two just below top shoulder, six heavily glue-stained and heavily damp-stained labels, two lightly depressed corks*

"The fruit seems sweet, and the wine has Lafleur's telltale notes of kirsch liqueur intermixed with raspberries, minerals, flowers, and truffles...92+." WA 12/02.

135 6 bottles US\$2000-3400

### Château Lafleur 1989

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

*three bottom neck or better, three very top shoulder, three top shoulder, three just below top shoulder, twelve lightly glue-stained labels, two lightly torn labels*

"Full-bodied and powerful, with loads of tannins and chunky fruit...97." WS 5/99.

136 12 bottles US\$9000-13000

### Château Lafleur 1990

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

*eight bottom neck or better, three top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, twelve lightly glue-stained labels*

"This wine goes from strength to strength...a young, legendary wine...It is an amazing achievement!...97+." WA 6/09.

137 12 bottles US\$12000-18000

### Château Lafleur 2010

*Pomerol*

*banded original wood case*

"Power mixed with quite brilliant precision, you almost want to laugh at its sheer audacity. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannin; there is immense depth and wonderful cohesion...99." WA 2/17.

138 6 bottles US\$4000-6000

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## Le Pin 1989

*Pomerol*

*two bottom neck, one very top shoulder, two top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, three with tissue paper adhered to labels, six heavily damp-stained labels, six lightly oxidized capsules*

"...reveals a sweet, roasted herb, coconut, and jammy black currant-scented nose with plenty of smoky new oak...this is a fabulous and fascinating wine, as well as one of extraordinary singularity...96." RP 1998.

139 6 bottles US\$13000-20000

## Le Pin 1990

*Pomerol*

*four bottom neck, two very top shoulder*

"...incredible amounts of glycerin as well as velvety tannins. Still tasting like an adolescent, it rocks and rolls across the palate in a glorious manner...98." WA 6/09.

140 6 bottles US\$18000-28000

## Château L'Evangile 1975

*Pomerol*

*five bottom neck or better, one just below top shoulder, six glue-stained labels*

"Powerful and forceful, with rich, jammy fruit buttressed by high tannin, this full-bodied, superbly extracted wine is soft enough to be approachable...96." WA 2/96.

141 6 bottles US\$1800-2800

## Château L'Evangile 1982

*Pomerol*

*three bottom neck, six very top shoulder, one top shoulder, two just below top shoulder, four lightly torn labels, twelve damp-stained labels*

"This opulent, full-bodied Pomerol caresses the palate with layers and layers of glycerin and fruit. The tannin is barely noticeable in this massive, rich, gorgeous effort...98." WA 6/09.

142 12 bottles US\$3400-5000

## Château L'Evangile 2000

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

"Dense, rich, and full-bodied, with an opulence and succulence that are prodigious, the tannins are present but extremely sweet...98." WA 6/10.

143 12 bottles US\$2400-3600

## Château L'Evangile 2005

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

"Full-bodied, with layer upon layer of velvety tannins and chocolate, berry, vanilla and tea flavors. Lasts for minutes. I am blown away by this wine...100." WS 3/08.

144 12 bottles US\$2000-3000

## Vieux Château Certan 2009

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

"...it possesses a viscous texture as well as a freshness and vibrancy that are remarkable given the wine's weight, richness and potential massiveness...99." WA 12/11.

145 12 bottles US\$2600-3800

## Vieux Château Certan 2010

*Pomerol*

*original wood case*

"Full body, with a lovely sweetness of fruit and ripe tannins. It goes to chocolate, hazelnut and spices. Nutmeg too. Sexy and incredible. It has so much depth of fruit and density...100." JS 2/13.

146 12 bottles US\$2400-3600



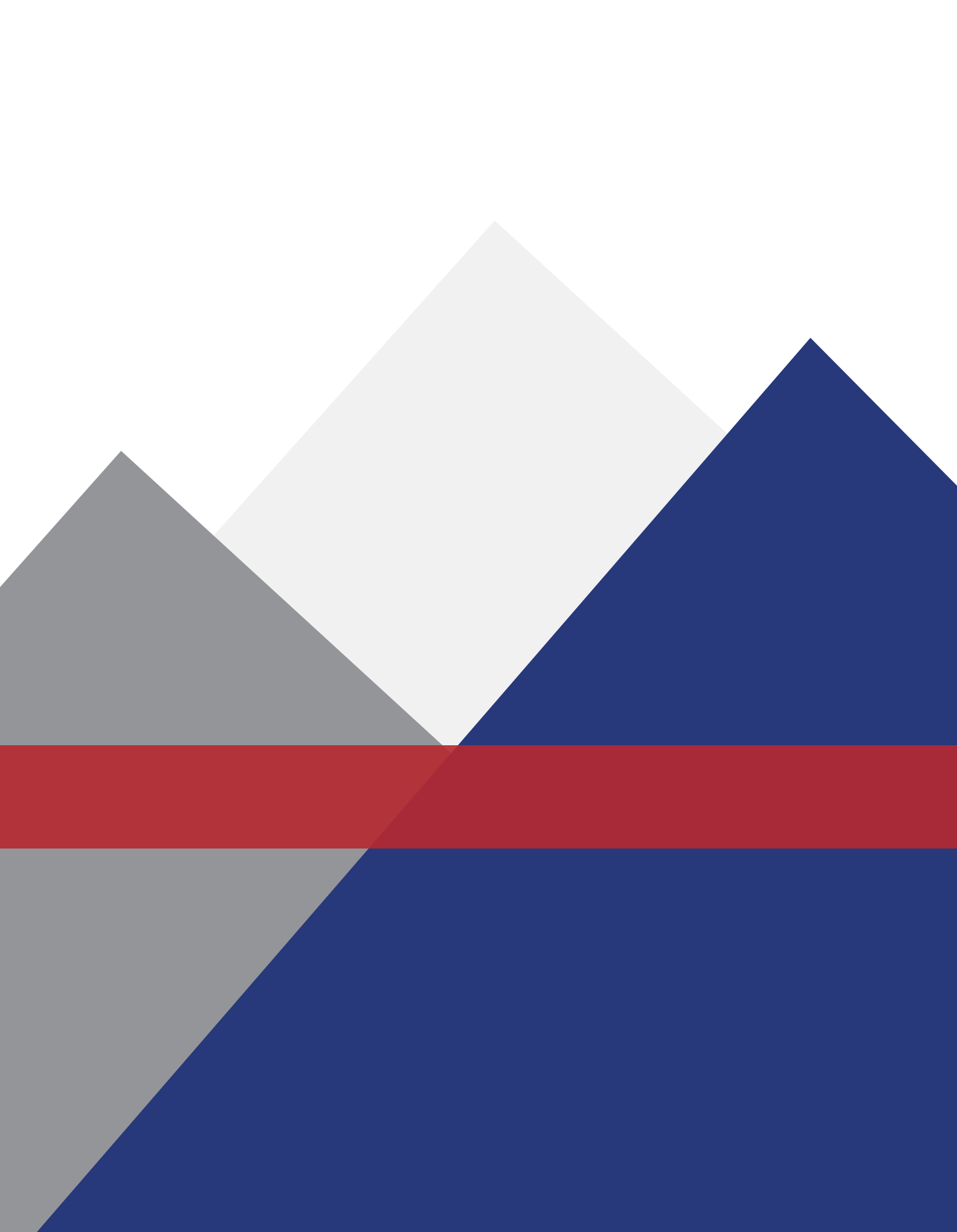
Lots 139 & 140













# SAINT ESTÈPHE

LOTS 147-160

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## Château Calon Ségur 1995

*St Estèphe, Troisième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"It has such purity and power yet it's reserved and beautiful. It's one of the best Calons ever. Lots of currant and berry character and hints of dried spices. It's finally opening up and giving real pleasure now like so many 1995 Bordeaux at the moment...97." JS 5/14.

147 12 bottles US\$1300-1900

## CHÂTEAU COS D'ESTOURNEL

Château Cos d'Estournel is regarded by many as the finest wine within the northern commune of Saint Estèphe and is certainly an aesthete's delight. Driving past the stately Château Lafite Rothschild with its manicured gardens and willow-trees billowing in the wind, you enter a rollercoaster dip which ascends towards a building that appears to have been designed on LSD with its Chinese pagodas and menagerie of creatures: lions, elephants and unicorns sculpted in sandstone that radiates at sunset. Even the large main door is ornately carved with exotic flora and fauna. What is surprising is that this is not even a place of residence: but simply one of the most outrageously decadent chais in the world.

### History

The history of Château Cos d'Estournel is one of the most colourful in Bordeaux and is associated with iconic figures of the nineteenth century.

The word "Cos" derives from Gasconne tongue, meaning "hill of pebbles" whilst its appendage is down to Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel who was born in 1753 and lived to the ripe old age of ninety-one, passing away just two years before his beloved estate was classified as a Second Growth, along with Château Montrose. Louis Gaspard had a penchant for acquiring land, inheriting his first parcel at the tender age of twenty-nine and having acquired a parcel of vines near the village of Cos, he recognized that the terroir was similar to that of Lafite and immediately resolved to create a wine of equal stature. Between 1821 and 1857 he expanded the vineyard piecemeal from twelve to fifty-seven hectares including the best parcel of vines from the neighbouring Château Cos Labory, eventually owning the whole hill.

*Robert Parker, "The Wine Advocate"*

## Château Cos d'Estournel 1982

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*six bottom neck or better, six bin-soiled and damp-stained labels Provenance: The Vault, Zachys 2016*

"Gorgeous aromas of sweet celery (I like celery!!), currants, and blueberries. Rich and warm on the palate, viscous, balanced, with flavors of buttery blackberries. A great showing! Outstanding plus." FH.

148 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$3800-6000

## Château Cos d'Estournel 1990

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*twelve into neck*

"Expansive, round, and sensual, with wonderful purity as well as lushness, this irresistible wine...94." WA 6/09.

149 12 bottles US\$1500-2200

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## Château Cos d'Estournel 1995

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

"...this terrific Cos possesses remarkable intensity, full body, and layers of jammy fruit nicely framed by the wine's new oak...95." WA 2/98.

150 12 bottles US\$1400-2000

## Cos d'Estournel 1996

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

*Parcel: lots 151 & 152*

"Dark-colored...full-bodied...Long, long finish. One of the wines of the vintage...95." WS 1/99.

151 12 bottles US\$1400-2000

152 12 bottles US\$1400-2000

## Château Cos d'Estournel 2003

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

*Provenance: Zachys 2017*

"With extraordinary richness, full-bodied, and remarkable freshness, elegance, and persistence, this is one of the finest wines ever made by this estate...98." WA 4/06.

153 12 bottles US\$1400-2000

## Château Cos d'Estournel 2005

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

*Parcel: lots 154-156*

"A superstar of St.-Estèphe in this vintage, this wine has a dense ruby/purple color, beautiful, sweet cassis and blackcurrant fruit, some floral notes, spice and a touch of oak in a full-bodied, layered, impressive multi-dimensional style...97." WA 6/15.

154 12 bottles US\$1600-2400

155 12 bottles

156 12 bottles

## Château Cos d'Estournel 2009

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

*Provenance: Zachys 2016*

"Full-bodied, rich and opulently fruited in the mouth, it has beautifully plush tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing very long and very spicy...100." WA 3/19.

157 12 bottles US\$2200-3200

## Château Cos d'Estournel 2010

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

*Parcel: lots 158 & 159*

"Full-bodied, the palate is jam-packed...tons of savory accents and a firm backbone of ripe, grainy tannins, finishing very, very long, carrying great freshness...99+." WA 11/18.

158 12 bottles US\$1500-2200

159 12 bottles

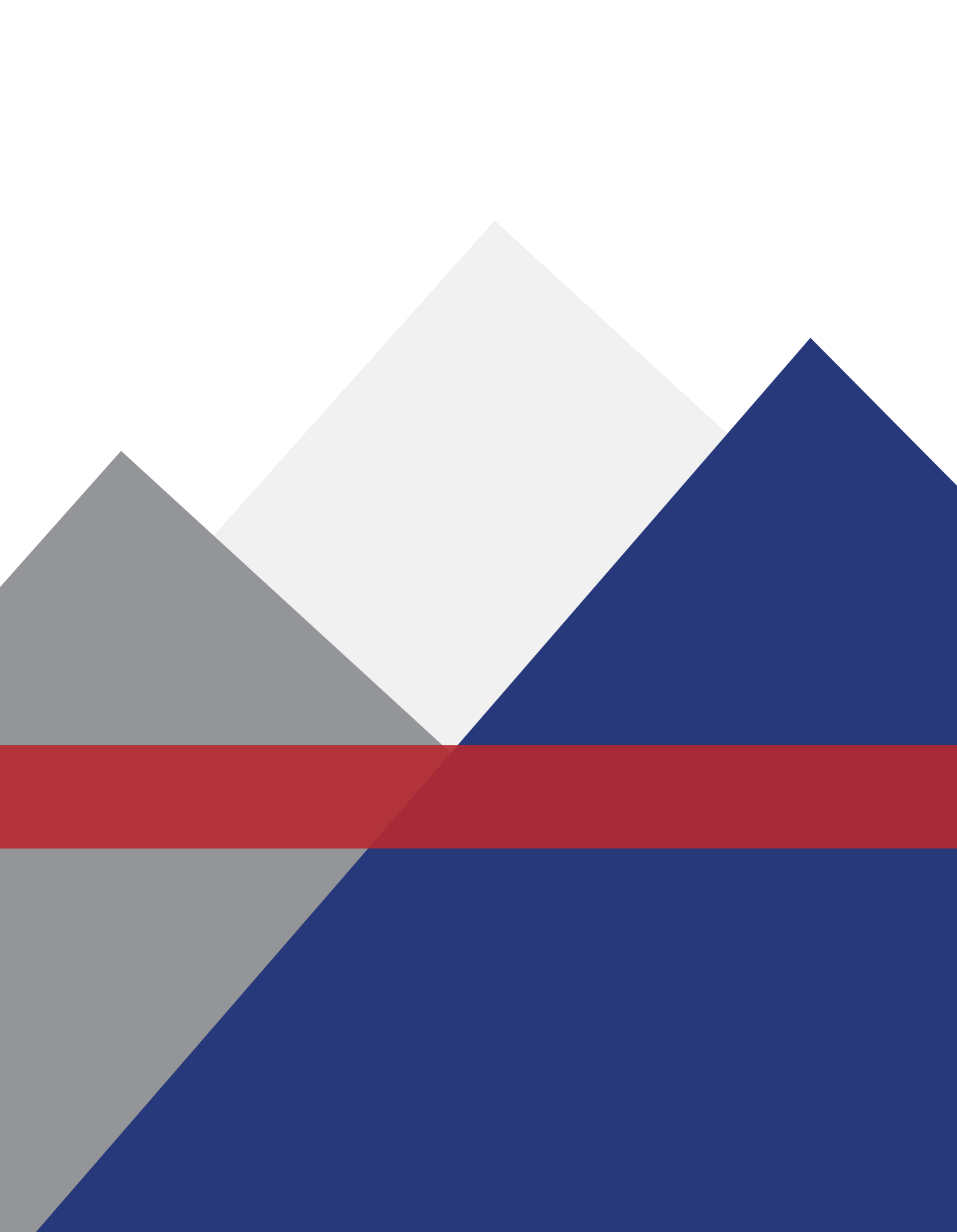
## Château Montrose 1990

*St Estèphe, Deuxième Cru Classé*  
original wood case

*twelve bottom neck or better*

"...absolutely magnificent, broad, savory and mouth-filling. This is one of the all-time modern legends from Bordeaux as well as Château Montrose...100." WA 8/14.

160 12 bottles US\$5500-8000





# PAUILLAC

LOTS 161-202

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## CHÂTEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

In the historic 1855 Bordeaux classification Château Lafite was listed as the #1 first growth! That auspicious title came from a history of quality winemaking with price tag to match; not much has changed. Much like its first growth contemporaries, Château Lafite Rothschild is historic, and has an extensive winemaking history. Its winemaking reputation began in the late 1680s with the Ségur family's expert cultivation in the vineyards. At that time, the Château was still named after its original owner Gombaud de Lafite; it wasn't until 1868 when the estate was sold to James Rothschild that its name changed to its current label of Lafite Rothschild. Since its purchase, the Château has remained in the hands of the Rothschild family. 2018 saw the anniversary of 150 years of Rothschild ownership of the estate. In 2019, the Baron and Sasha de Rothschild partnered with Zachys to auction off over \$7.8m of Lafite, Carruades, l'Evangile, Duhart-Milon and Rieussec from their respective estates. The oldest bottle in the offering was 1868 Lafite, and it realized a price of \$123,500 for 750ml. An imperial of 1959 realized \$160,550.

Château Lafite Rothschild consists of 277 acres planted in the northern edge of the Pauillac appellation with the traditional varietals of Bordeaux's red blends. Here, Cabernet Sauvignon takes center stage with 70% of the vineyard's plantings; Merlot plays a supporting role in the production, constituting another 25% of the plantings. The remaining vineland is split between Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Despite the planting's percentage, Cabernet Sauvignon often makes up 80-95% of the final blend of their flagship grand vin (depending on the vintage). The vineyard also produces a label, Carruades de Lafite, which has more Merlot in the blend; usually that percentage is between 30% and 50%. Both wines are oaked for a bit under two years before bottling. The total production of the estate's grand vin ranges from year to year, but usually falls between 15,000 and 20,000 cases; the estate's second label is produced in comparable quantities.

### **Château Lafite Rothschild 1982**

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*one bottom neck, two very top shoulder, three top shoulder, five just below top shoulder, one upper shoulder, four lightly damp-stained labels, six damp-stained labels*

"This is a denser version of the 1990 that stylistically reminds me of what the young 1959 probably tasted like... The gorgeous aromatics are followed by a full-bodied, plump, rich, fleshy wine with low acidity...97+." WA 6/09.

161 12 bottles US\$18000-28000

### **Château Lafite Rothschild 1986**

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

**Lot 162:** *original wood case, twelve bottom neck or better*

**Lot 163:** *banded original wood case, Provenance: 150 Years at Château Lafite Rothschild 1868-2018, Zachys 2018*

"This finish displays immense purity and refinement, one of the most mineral-driven Lafites that I have encountered, whilst the aftertaste seems to linger for over one minute. It must rank as one of the finest wines from the estate...98." WA 12/16.

162 12 bottles US\$8500-13000

163 12 bottles US\$8500-13000

### **Château Lafite Rothschild 1990**

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*eight bottom neck or better, three very top shoulder, one top shoulder*

"...it boasts gorgeous aromas of cedar, tobacco leaf, cassis, and lead pencil shavings. The explosive aromas are followed by a fleshy, full-bodied wine...96." WA 6/09.

164 12 bottles US\$6000-9000

### **Château Lafite Rothschild 1996**

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

**Lot 165:** *three damp-stained labels*

**Lot 166:** *one wine-stained label, three lightly damp-stained labels, two with signs of old seepage*

"The palate is very well balanced with crisp blackberry and boysenberry fruit, spicier than I recollect, a crescendo of flavors so that it seems understated at first but fans out with a sense of confidence towards the finish...98." WA 10/16.

165 12 bottles US\$8500-13000

166 12 bottles US\$8500-13000





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## Château Lafite Rothschild 2000

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 167-169*

"Youthful in color, the bouquet remains pure and well defined, with trademark black fruit, graphite and cedar, though this particular example exhibited a touch more blue fruit...97." WA 7/18.

167	12 bottles	US\$11000-16000
168	12 bottles	
169	12 bottles	

## Château Lafite Rothschild 2005

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two banded 6-pack original wood cases*

*Parcel: lots 170 & 171*

"The palate is medium-bodied and beautifully balanced, to wit, a sophisticated Pauillac that priorities elegance and poise over intensity of fruit" in keeping with Lafite Rothschild's style...96." WA 7/16.

170	12 bottles	US\$7000-11000
171	12 bottles	

## Château Lafite Rothschild 2010

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two banded original wood cases*

"The palate is medium-bodied with slightly grainy tannins, conveying a sense of symmetry and focus that is second to none...95+." NM 7/18.

172	12 bottles	US\$7000-10000
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## Château Lafite Rothschild 2011

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two banded 6-pack original wood cases*

"Full body with integrated tannins and a juicy, fruity, subtle finish. The texture to this wine is beautiful. Better than I remember from barrel...94." JS 2/14.

173	12 bottles	US\$4800-7500
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# PIONEERS I

## CHÂTEAU LATOUR

Few producers have such a longstanding record of consistent excellence as the famed Château Latour. Nestled in the southeastern corner of its Pauillac appellation, Château Latour has been producing quality wine since the 16th century. Before then though the area had been occupied since the early 1300s with a garrison guarding the local estuary. As part of the fortifications, a tower was built which came to be known as La Tour en Saint-Maubert and over time lent its name to the estate surrounding it. Unfortunately, the estate's namesake tower no longer exists, but its legacy endures as branding for the estate's wines.

Château Latour has been a first growth producer since its recognition in the historic 1855 Bordeaux classification. The estate sits on a practically unchanged, 90-hectare plot, with 78 of those hectares planted to vine. Latour's red blends are Cabernet Sauvignon focused, and as such the Cabernet Sauvignon vines occupy about 75% of the vineyard. The secondary plantings are mostly Merlot vines, which take up another 23% or so of the vineyard; the rest of the vineland is given to Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot plantings. As one might expect, this is roughly the varietal percentage in the Château's blends, especially in their more recent vintages as Cabernet Sauvignon is scaled down and Merlot scaled up.

All in all, the estate produces three wines; all reds, all blends: their grand vin Château Latour, their second label "Les Forts de Latour," and their third label Le Pauillac de Latour. The best and oldest vines are located closest to the Château itself, many of which are over 100 years old; these aged vines are used to make Latour's grand vin. The younger vines on the property are used to make Latour's secondary and tertiary labels. The production levels of each label vary from vintage to vintage. Usually though, the estate will produce ~11,000 cases annually of their grand vin with comparable levels for their other bottlings. Like many of their first growth contemporaries, Château Latour has been scaling down their production levels as they implement stricter requirements for their grand vin fruit.

### Château Latour 1955

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*one upper shoulder, one upper mid shoulder, two lightly scuffed labels, two lightly protruding corks, two torn capsules, one lightly corroded capsule*

"...its extraordinary perfume...seductive. It is full-bodied, with a sweet, intense mid-palate, plenty of power, and decades of life remaining...94." WA 6/00.

174 2 bottles US\$1500-2200

### Château Latour 1982

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two bottom neck, three very top shoulder, six top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, three lightly nicked labels, three lightly damp-stained labels*

"Full-bodied, rich and spicy with bags of fruit and tons of savory fireworks, it finishes with epic persistence...100." WA 2/19.

175 12 bottles US\$12000-18000

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## Château Latour 1990

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

**Lot 177:** original wood case, four bottom neck or better, four very top shoulder, two top shoulder, two just below top shoulder

**Lot 178:** five bottom neck, six very top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, one lightly torn label, three lightly damp-stained labels

**Lot 179:** seven bottom neck or better, three very top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, one upper shoulder, one lightly damp-stained label

"This is one of the more perplexing Latours to evaluate. It has plenty of sweetness as well as a gorgeous, rich fruitiness...95+." WA 6/09.

177	12 bottles	US\$6500-9500
178	12 bottles	US\$6500-9500
179	12 bottles	US\$6500-9500

## Château Latour 1996

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"...full-bodied, concentrated and packed with muscular fruit, with a firm, ripe, grainy backbone and epically long finish...99." WA 2/19.

180	12 bottles	US\$5500-8000
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## Château Latour 2000

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 181-183*

"Broad, savory, and rich, the wine seems to be about 5 years away from full maturity and should drink well for at least 40-50 more years...98." WA 6/10.

181	12 bottles	US\$7000-10000
182	12 bottles	
183	12 bottles	

## Château Latour 2005

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"Medium to full-bodied, firm, grainy and packed with muscular fruit, it has an epically long, savory finish sparked by floral notes...98+." WA 2/19.

184	12 bottles	US\$6500-9500
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## Château Latour 2010

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"Full-bodied, concentrated and oh-so-decadent in the mouth, it has a firm, grainy texture and lovely freshness carrying the rich, opulent fruit to an epically long finish...100." WA 3/20.

185	12 bottles	US\$8000-12000
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Lots 175 & 176



Lot 186

# PIONEERS I

## CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD

The 1855 classification of Bordeaux's left bank wines has endured as a more or less respectable benchmark of quality since its creation over 150 years ago. Since then, only one producer has managed to upgrade itself from the rank of second growth to first growth: Château Mouton Rothschild.

The story of the estate in its current iteration began with Nathaniel de Rothschild's purchase of Brane Mouton in 1853. The name of the estate was changed following its purchase and an extensive series of much-needed renovations were carried out. While the property was already highly-rated, it wasn't deemed to be of first-growth status by the committee's classification in 1855. Baron Phillippe Rothschild thought otherwise, however, when he took over the property in the early 1920s; he made it his mission to earn the Château its rightful status as a first growth and succeeded in 1973.

Château Mouton Rothschild sits in Bordeaux's Pauillac appellation near its northern border. The property totals 222 acres and is planted primarily with Cabernet Sauvignon as per usual for the area. The rest of the estate's vineland is planted to mostly Merlot with small parcels of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, again as per usual for the area. Despite the vineland allotments, the composition of the final blend can vary rather drastically. Cabernet Sauvignon always composes most of the bottle, but the smaller blending pieces of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc may be miniscule or nonexistent depending on the vintage. Mouton Rothschild is considered the most powerful of the first growths, owing to its high percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon and low amounts of its usual blend-mates. Both of the estate's red wines, the grand vin and the Le Petit Mouton, are aged in new French oak barrels for about two years after fermentation. The estate also has 4.5 hectares of white varieties used to make their white Bordeaux blend: Aile d'Argent Blanc, which is a combination of Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, and Muscadelle.

In total, Mouton Rothschild produces around 20,000 cases per year of their grand vin per vintage. Like many of their esteemed Bordeaux contemporaries, the estate has been focusing on stricter selection of the fruit that they use for the flagship wines; shrinking production levels while increasing quality.

### **Château Mouton Rothschild 1961**

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*four just below top shoulder, two upper shoulder, six damp-stained labels, one lightly torn label, six oxidized capsules*

"Full-bodied, rich, and super-intense, this was a profound bottle of 1961 Mouton that would have stood up against the compelling 1959...98." RP 1998.

186

6 bottles

US\$9000-13000

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## Château Mouton Rothschild 1982

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

**Lot 187:** original wood case, two bottom neck, three very top shoulder, four top shoulder, two just below top shoulder, one upper shoulder, eight lightly damp-stained labels, one wine-stained label

**Lot 188:** three bottom neck or better, three very top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, one upper shoulder, five damp-stained labels, one heavily damp-stained label, five heavily torn labels, two oxidized capsules

"The palate remains a blockbuster—full-bodied, rich, opulently accented and unquestionably hedonic, possessing a mid-palate that is jam-packed with notions of red and black fruit preserves...100." WA 10/19.

187	12 bottles	US\$10000-15000
188	8 bottles	US\$6500-10000

## Château Mouton Rothschild 1996

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

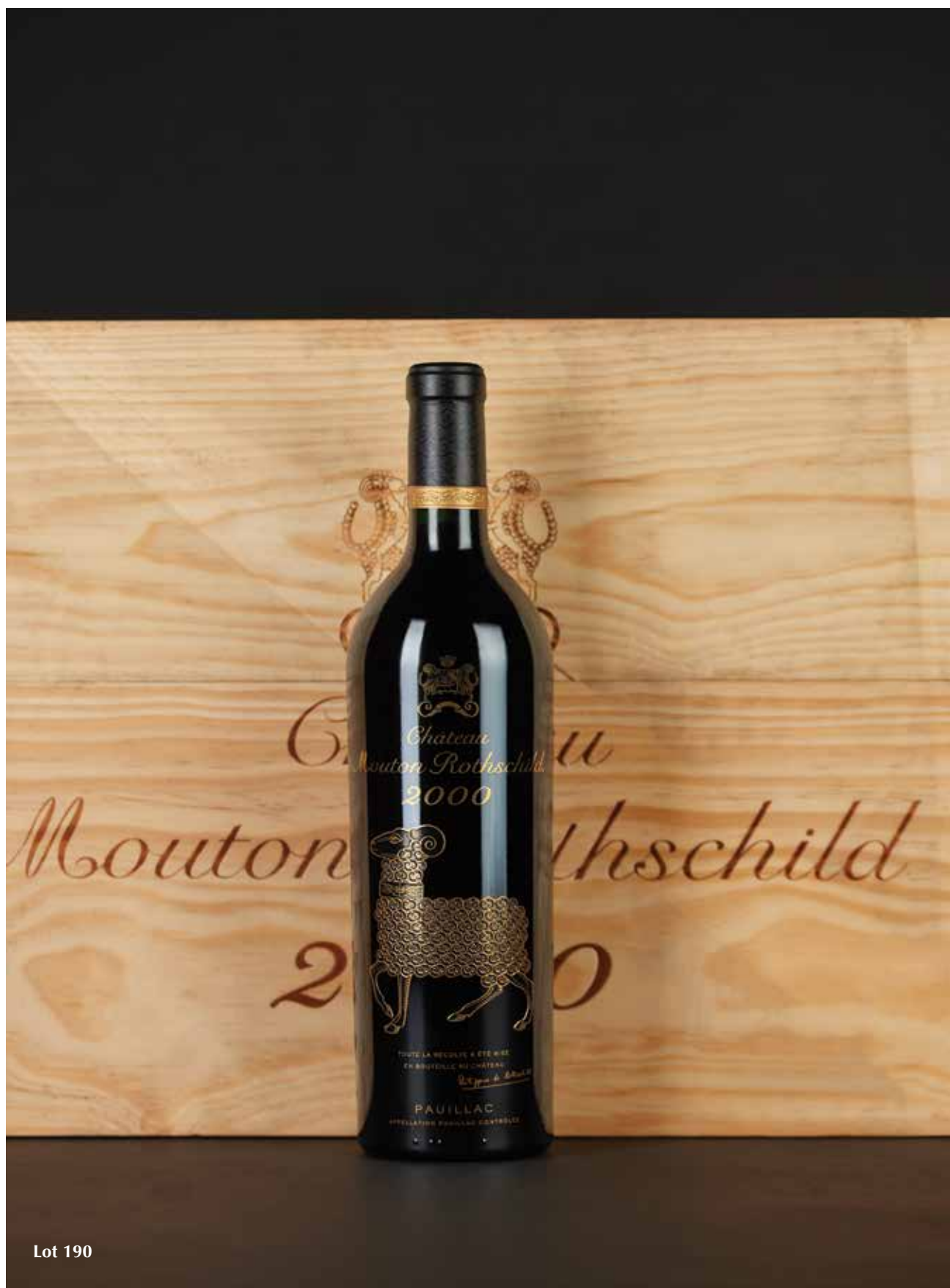
"The full-bodied palate is richly fruited, opulent and oh-so seductive, with bags of youthful black fruit and lovely finely grained tannins, finishing with fantastic freshness and length...97+." WA 10/19.

189	12 bottles	US\$4400-6500
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Lot 190

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## **Château Mouton Rothschild 2000**

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

"This is an incredibly complex and multifaceted wine, and it's drinking deliciously now. This said, I can't help but feel that it is holding something back, that it still has another layer of opulence and seduction to reveal in its tight-knit fruit and solid structure...97+." WA 10/19.

190	12 bottles	US\$16000-24000
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# PIONEERS I

## Château Mouton Rothschild 2005

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 191 & 192*

"It shows superb tannin backbone and polish. Tight and youthful. Just starting to open. Currant and berry undertones with lead pencil are impressive...98." JS 10/15.

191	12 bottles	US\$6000-9000
192	12 bottles	

## Château Mouton Rothschild 2009

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two banded 6-pack original wood cases*

"...high but sweet, velvety tannins, massive body, and fabulous purity as well as length. This could turn out to be a candidate for perfection...99." WA 12/14.

193	12 bottles	US\$5000-7500
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## Château Mouton Rothschild 2010

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*banded original wood case*

"It is in possession of quite breathtaking delineation and precision, a crystalline bouquet with black fruit laced with minerals, potent pencil shaving notes, a touch of cold slate. It is totally entrancing...99." WA 1/17.

194	6 bottles	US\$2400-3800
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## Château Mouton Rothschild 2013

*Pauillac, Premier Cru Classé*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

"A warm and delicious Mouton with light spice, currant, and hints of chocolate. Very subtle and refined. Full to medium body. Seamless tannins that dissolve on the finish. Wonderful length for the vintage...95." JS 2/16.

195	12 bottles	US\$3800-5500
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## CHATEAU PICHON-BARON

### Château Pichon-Baron 1989

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*twelve bottom neck or better*

"Full-bodied and very soft, with round, caressing tannins and a deliciously fresh berry, plum aftertaste...98." WS 5/99.

196	12 bottles	US\$2400-3600
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### Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1986

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*eight bottom neck or better, three very top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, twelve heavily bin-soiled labels*

"It has a classic pencil-lead, cedar-infused nose that rockets from the glass, a subtle floral note developing with time...95." WA 12/16.

197	12 bottles	US\$2000-3000
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# PIONEERS I

## Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1995

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"Exquisite on the palate, this full-bodied, layered, multi-dimensional wine should prove to be one of the vintage's most extraordinary success stories...96." WA 2/98.

198 12 bottles US\$1900-2800

## Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1996

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"I am not sure I possess the vocabulary to describe just how captivating the 1996 is, but I do know this: If I had an opportunity to pick up a few well-stored bottles I would take it in a nanosecond...97+." AG 2/16.

199 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$2200-3200

## Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2000

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"The finish is sleek and glistening as an iron note takes over...95." WS 2016.

200 12 bottles US\$2200-3200

## Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2005

*Pauillac, Deuxième Cru Classé*

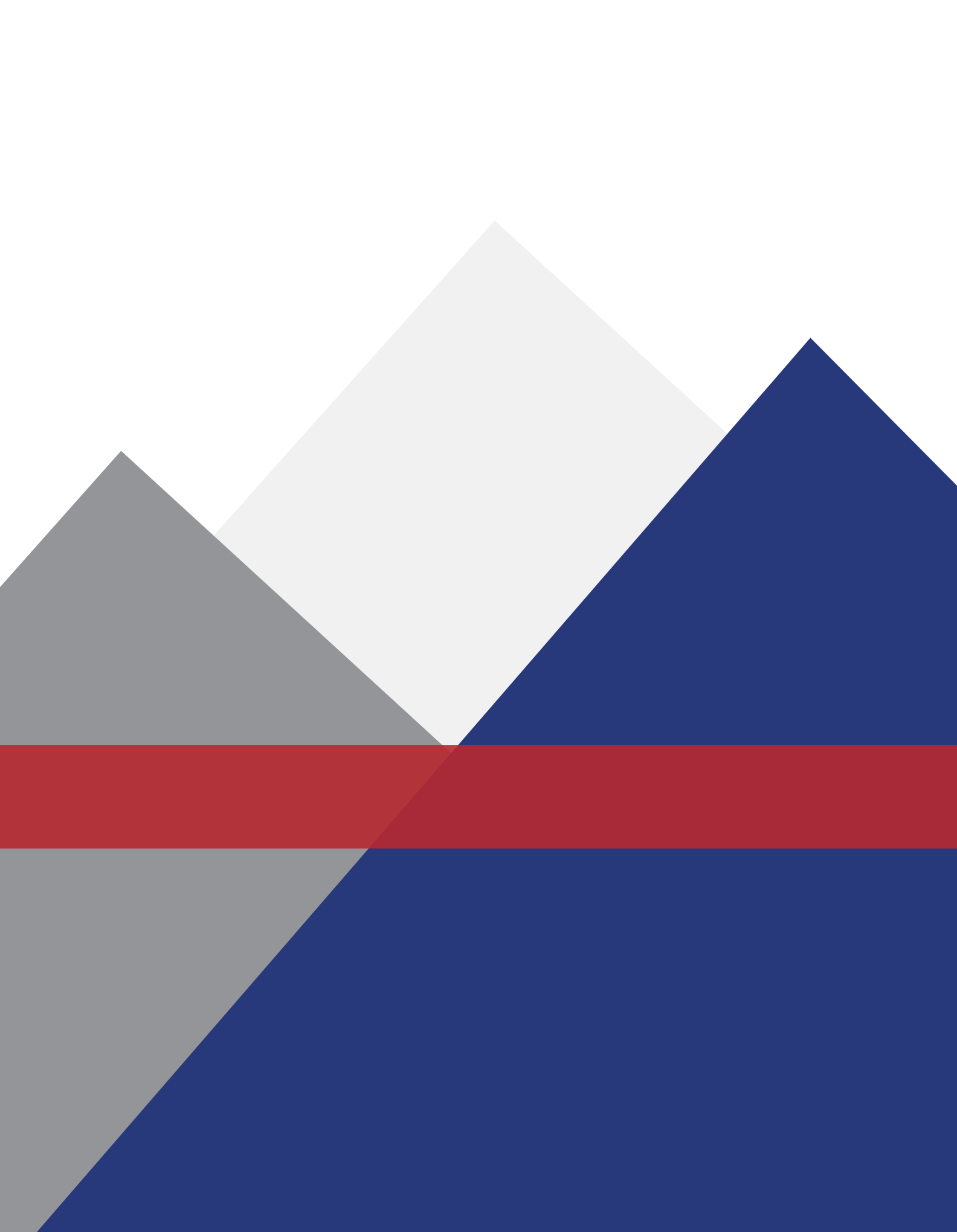
*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 201 & 202*

"Beautiful currant, berry and licorice aromas follow through to a full body, with tar and berry character, fine tannins and a long finish...93." WS 3/08.

201 12 bottles US\$1500-2200

202 12 bottles US\$1500-2200





# SAINT JULIEN

LOTS 203-218

# PIONEERS I

## Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 1995

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

"The greatest Ducru produced this century. Breathtaking aromas...full-bodied and tannic, yet very fine and long in the mouth. This has fabulous structure for aging...97." WS 6/98.

203 12 bottles US\$1300-1900

## Château Ducru-Beaucaillou 2009

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case with damaged lid*

*Provenance: Zachys 2016*

"Full-bodied with a firm frame of grainy tannins and tons of freshness, the muscular fruit completely coats the palate with juicy berry preserves, while the finish is long and savory...100." WA 3/19.

204 12 bottles US\$2600-3800

## CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES

### Château Léoville Las Cases 1982

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

**Lot 205:** twelve very top shoulder, six lightly oxidized capsules, three with signs of old seepage

**Lot 206:** original wood case, twelve very top shoulder, six lightly oxidized capsules

"Rich flavors of bracken, winter vegetables, cherries, and cranberries. On the rich side for LLC!...Outstanding minus." FH.

205 12 bottles US\$3600-5500

206 12 bottles US\$3600-5500

### Château Léoville Las Cases 1986

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

*twelve bottom neck or better*

"You come away with the feeling of having consumed a wine with immense energy, yet with so much more to give over the next three decades...98." WA 12/16.

207 12 bottles US\$3600-5500

### Château Léoville Las Cases 1990

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

**Lot 208:** four bottom neck or better, six very top shoulder, two top shoulder, one lightly torn label, one lightly wine-stained label, one wine-stained label, one with signs of old seepage

**Lot 209:** original wood case, five bottom neck or better, six very top shoulder, one top shoulder

"In the mouth, it is full-bodied, and while technically low in acidity, there is a freshness, delineation, and classicism...96." WA 6/09.

208 12 bottles US\$3000-4600

209 12 bottles US\$3000-4600

## Château Léoville Las Cases 2000

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"What was remarkable was to observe the melioration in the glass, achieving wondrous energy and delineation with time, still improving after a couple of hours. Buy it, cellar it, drink it...98." WA 2/17.

210 12 bottles US\$2400-3600

211 NO LOT

## Château Léoville Las Cases 2005

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"The 2005 offers plenty of the typical Las Cases power, but it is also remarkably nuanced and translucent for a wine of its sheer size. When all is said and done, it is in my top three or four wines of the night...98." AG 11/15.

212 12 bottles US\$2200-3200

## Château Léoville Poyferré 1982

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

**Lot 213:** two bottom neck, seven very top shoulder, three top shoulder

**Lot 214:** two bottom neck, four very top shoulder, five top shoulder, one upper shoulder

"A brilliant effort...a boatload of power, sweet tannins (the sweetest and easiest to taste among the St.-Juliens), and a long finish...95." WA 6/09.

213 12 bottles US\$2200-3200

214 12 bottles US\$2200-3200

## Château Léoville Poyferré 1990

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

**Lot 215:** nine bottom neck or better, two very top shoulder, one top shoulder

**Lot 216:** six bottom neck or better, one with signs of old seepage

**Lot 217:** six bottom neck or better

"Its opaque plum/garnet color is accompanied by a gorgeous bouquet of smoke, charcoal, creme de cassis, and flowers. Fleshy and opulent...97." WA 6/09.

215 12 bottles US\$2200-3200

216 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$2200-3200

217 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$2200-3200

## Château Léoville Poyferré 2000

*St Julien, Deuxième Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

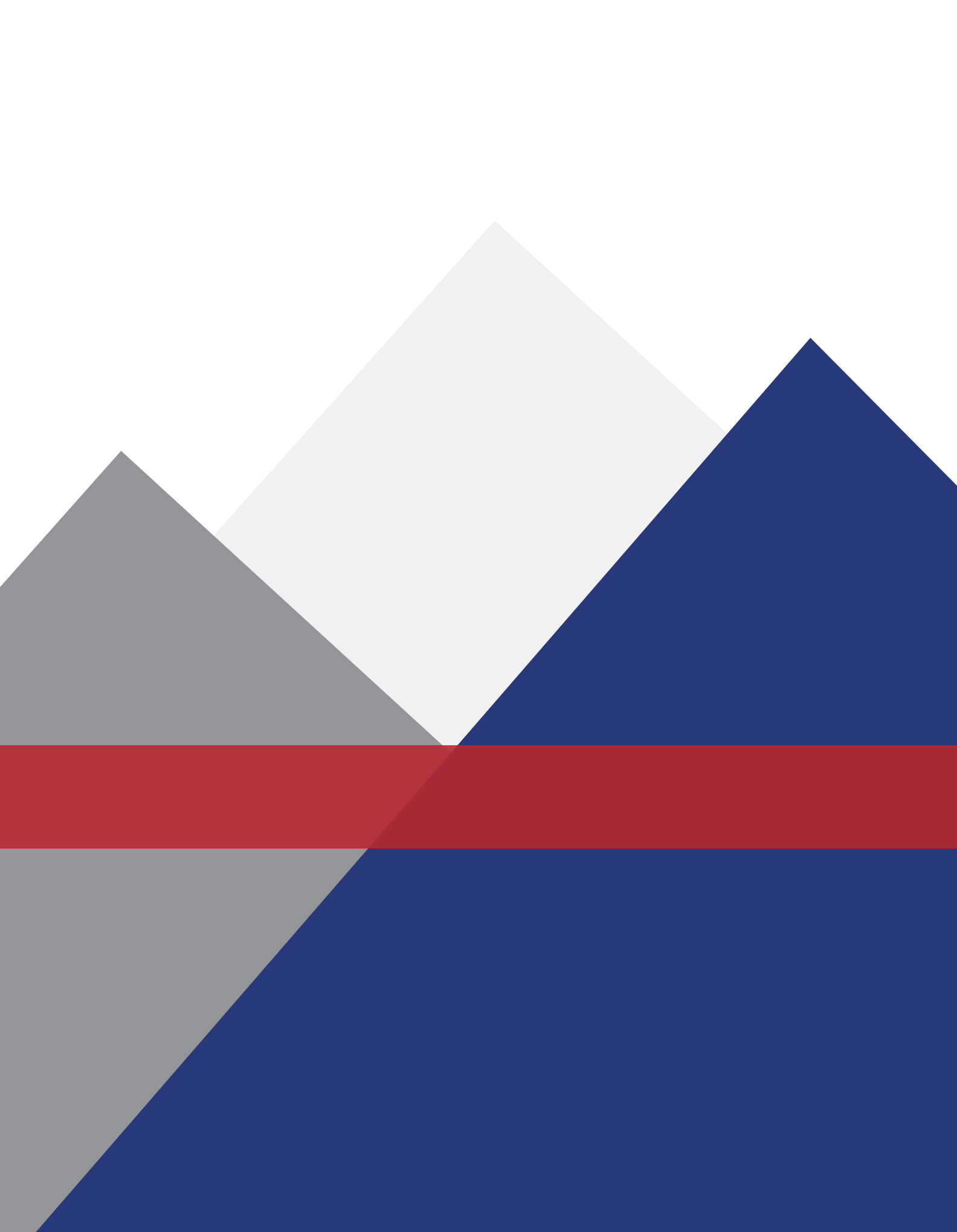
"The plushest, most ostentatious and dramatic of all the Léovilles in 2000, this wine is already sumptuous...97." WA 6/10.

218 12 bottles US\$1400-2000





Lots 216 & 217





# MARGAUX

LOTS 219-233

# PIONEERS I

## CHÂTEAU MARGAUX

Perhaps the grandest of the Bordeaux châteaux, Château Margaux is the epitome of style and refinement. At Château Margaux one has truly arrived at the heart and soul of Bordeaux, the world's most renowned wine region.

For centuries before the French Revolution, the château was owned by the Lestonnac family. The revolution, though, saw the estate's owners beheaded, and when the heirs were unable to pay the costs of running the château, Margaux was put up for auction.

The successful bidder, the Marquis de la Colonilla, demolished the old château, and in 1802 work began on the grand château we know today. The Château was sold several times until it was acquired by the Ginestets, longtime shareholders who finally became sole owners in 1949, with the purchase financed by the sale of their St Emilion property, Clos Fortet. However, First Growth châteaux are expensive to run, and to finance the operations of the estate, the owner sold off the vineyards of Dufort Vivens in the 1960s and transferred Cos d'Estournel to his sister in 1971. Even those moves, though, were not enough, and collapse of the Bordeaux market in the early 1970s forced Ginestet to sell the château in 1976 to Greek supermarket magnate Andre Mentzelopoulos. A serious oenophile, he was also a major shareholder in the French wine firm, Nicolas.

### **Château Margaux 1945**

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*one just below top shoulder, two upper shoulder, three faded, heavily bin-soiled and heavily damp-stained labels, short capsules reveal vintage branded corks, one previously cut capsule reveals fully branded cork*

"A vivacious and fabulously fragrant bottle at the Sveass dinner and showing its magnificent best at both of the Wagner's Margaux tastings in 1997 and 2000..." MB.

219 3 bottles US\$4800-7500

### **Château Margaux 1981**

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*six top shoulder, six just below top shoulder, three lightly scuffed labels, four lightly damp-stained labels, one with signs of old seepage*

"Seriously powerful with fabulous color and mint, cassis and berry aromas and flavors. Has a full body...95." WS 10/94.

220 12 bottles US\$3000-4600



Lot 219

# PIONEERS I

## Château Margaux 1982

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*three bottom neck, two very top shoulder, four top shoulder, two just below top shoulder, one upper shoulder, three heavily scuffed labels, one torn label, six damp-stained labels, one heavily damp-stained label*

"...fragrant and beautifully defined on the nose that on this occasion offered a more conspicuous graphite scent, which lent it a Pauillac-like personality. Allowing the wine to open and aerate, the traits one associates with the property emerge—wilted violets and rose petals...97." NM 10/16.

221 12 bottles US\$6000-9000

## Château Margaux 1985

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*six bottom neck or better*

"Bottled velvet...a glorious, fruity charmer...sweet, full, rich, with perfect fruit and balance...almost beyond description...★★★★." MB 2000.

222 6 bottles US\$2000-3000

## Château Margaux 1986

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*two bottom neck, ten top shoulder, one lightly protruding cork*

"Yet there is wonderful delineation and focus here. If you seek strictness and classicism in a wine, then this is the place to come, plus there is superb mineralite and tension on the ferrous finish...97." WA 12/16.

223 12 bottles US\$4200-6000

## Château Margaux 1990

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*six bottom neck or better, six top shoulder*

"Fleshy and corpulent for Château Margaux, and yet surfeit with breeding and finesse, there are layers of red fruit, kirsch, sage and fig, later tobacco and cloves...100." WA 10/16.

224 12 bottles US\$8000-12000

# PIONEERS I

## Château Margaux 1995

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

**Lot 225:** original wood case, one lightly protruding cork

**Lot 226:** Provenance: Zachys 2017

"The gorgeously long finish is driven by old-school tannins, with the smoldering edge going on and on. A brick house of a Margaux...97." WS 2014.

225	12 bottles	US\$4000-6000
226	6 bottles	US\$2000-3000

## Margaux 1996

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"...a strong contender for wine of the vintage. It offers everything you desire from this First Growth...This is a Margaux that seems to light up the senses...100." WA 10/16.

227	12 bottles	US\$5500-8000
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## Château Margaux 2000

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 228-230*

"There is immense depth and symmetry conveyed by this First Growth, quite masculine for the estate with a gentle but insistent grip. It is a brilliant wine that flirts with perfection...99." WA 2/17.

228	12 bottles	US\$7000-10000
229	12 bottles	
230	12 bottles	

## Château Margaux 2005

*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"No matter how you look at it, the 2005 Margaux is pure magic...99." AG 11/15.

231	12 bottles	US\$5500-8000
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## Château Margaux 2010

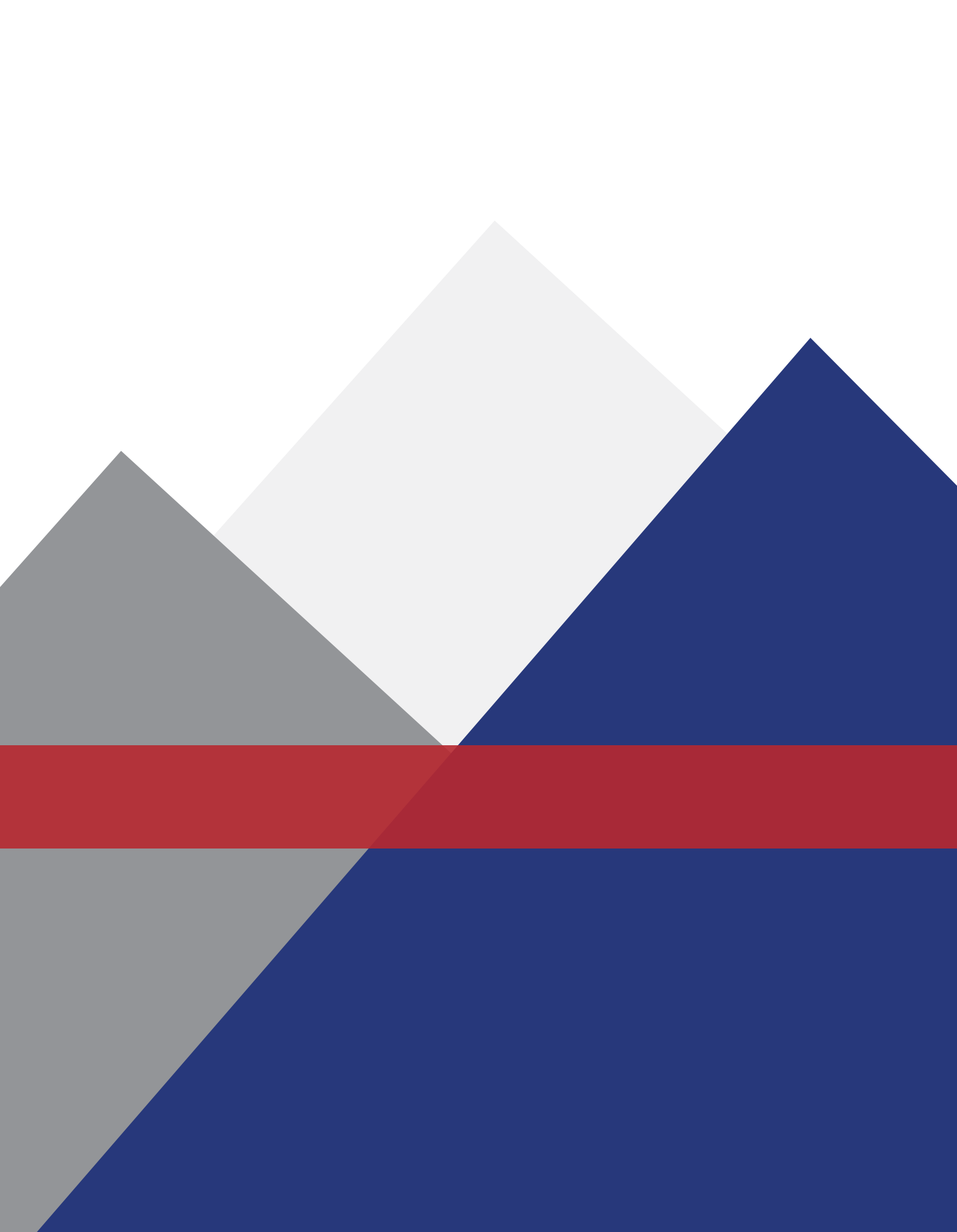
*Margaux, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 232 & 233*

"Hints of mesquite and alder hang subtly in the background, and the structure, evident and massive, has melded wonderfully...98." WS 2014.

232	12 bottles	US\$6000-9000
233	12 bottles	





# PESSAC LÉOGNAN

LOTS 234-248

# PIONEERS I

## CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION

Sitting pretty as one of Bordeaux's finest wineries, Château Haut-Brion continues to deliver to us today just as it did to Thomas Jefferson back in 1787. While historical records show that grape vines were planted in the area as early as 1426, Haut-Brion was officially born in 1533. As such, Haut-Brion is the oldest, continuously working winery in Bordeaux. Its age served it well as it ranked among the first growths in the historic 1855 Bordeaux classification, a ranking it has since maintained. Today, the producer is owned by the Dillon family, who purchased the estate in 1935 and has worked hard to maintain its legacy. Indeed, Zachys held an auction of all wines from the Dillon portfolio in 2017.

The terroir of Château Haut-Brion is one aspect that sets it apart from its peers. The vines are planted on slopes with deep gravel deposits on the surface above sandy clay subsoils. The mineral content of the soil is of note, as there is a wide variety present; this complex minerality ultimately makes it into the wine. As it stands, Merlot comprises the majority of the plantings on the 48-hectare parcel. While other first growth Bordeaux producers have Cabernet Sauvignon lead, Haut-Brion has Merlot take the lead instead. Cabernet Sauvignon thus plays a supporting role with Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, which creates a rounder, softer expression compared to the other first growths. In addition to their flagship red Bordeaux blend, Château Haut-Brion also makes a white blend (albeit on a much smaller scale), Château Haut-Brion Blanc, consisting of almost equal parts Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc.

When it comes to making the wine, Château Haut-Brion uses special double-skinned stainless-steel vats for fermentation. The wine is blended after fermentation, as opposed to after maturation, so as to get the precise estate character of the wine before adding any oak influence on it. Maturation takes place in new, French oak barrels for about two years before bottling and commercial release. Haut-Brion blanc is made in much the same way, only the wine spends only about a year and a half in oak. All in all, the estate produces about 8,000-10,000 cases of their star red wine per year, and that number has been trending downward as the estate focuses on more specific selection of their grapes. Meanwhile, the estate's main white offering has always been a miniscule production by comparison, turning out only 600 cases or so annually.

### Château Haut-Brion 1989

*Pessac Léognan, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*twelve 2cm or better, twelve with importer tags adhered to labels*

"The finish is so effortless and yet it changes constantly in the glass, revealing new facets...It is an awe-inspiring Haut-Brion...100." NM 6/18.

234 12 bottles US\$15000-24000

### Château Haut-Brion 1998

*Pessac Léognan, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"...the palate is wonderfully rich and decadently seductive in its generosity of fruit and velvety texture, offering seamless freshness and finishing with epic length and compelling minerality...99." WA 5/18.

235 12 bottles US\$4000-6000

### Château Haut-Brion 2000

*Pessac Léognan, Premier Cru Classé*

**Lot 236:** *original wood case*

**Lot 237:** *ten heavily wine-stained labels*

"The palate displays heavenly balance, pitch-perfect acidity, perhaps spicier than previous bottles that I have tasted, and what depth and dimension in this outstanding wine...99+." WA 7/16.

236 12 bottles US\$6000-9000

237 10 bottles US\$5000-7500

### Château Haut-Brion 2005

*Pessac Léognan, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 238 & 239*

"One of my wines of the night, the 2005 Haut-Brion is stratospheric. Remarkably vivid and nuanced...a compelling melange of dark flavors laced with the savory/mineral notes that are so typical of Haut-Brion...100." AG 11/15.

238 12 bottles US\$6500-9500

239 12 bottles



Lot 234



Lot 241

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## Château Haut-Brion 2010

*Pessac Léognan, Premier Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"...this wine's finesse, elegant yet noble power and authority come through in a compelling fashion. It is full-bodied, but that's only apparent in the aftertaste, as the wine seems to float across the palate with remarkable sweetness, harmony, and the integration of all its component parts...100." WA 2/13.

240 12 bottles US\$6500-9500

## Château La Mission Haut-Brion 1989

*Pessac Léognan, Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

*twelve bottom neck or better, one lightly scuffed label*

"It has been a compelling, multidimensional effort from barrel, in its infancy, and as it heads into late adolescence. A remarkable tour de force in winemaking, it is one of the all-time profound La Mission-Haut-Brions...100." WA 8/12.

241 12 bottles US\$10000-15000

## Château Haut-Brion Blanc 1999

*Pessac Léognan, Cru Classé*

**Lot 242:** *original wood case, two with signs of old seepage*

**Lot 243:** *damaged original wood case*

"Superbly concentrated and high in glycerine, yet terrific ripe acids give this thick wine excellent clarity of flavor and balance...Explosive finishing fruit. A white Graves with great potential...91-94." IWC 5/00.

242 12 bottles US\$5000-7500

243 12 bottles US\$5000-7500

## Château Haut-Brion Blanc 2000

*Pessac Léognan, Cru Classé*

*original wood case*

"Now at 16 years of age, it has developed an elegant bouquet that feels bright and fresh, touches of honeysuckle and lanolin, just a hint of almond in the background. I appreciate the focus and energy conveyed here...91." NM 2/17.

244 12 bottles US\$4800-7500







Lots 242-244

# PIONEERS I

## Château La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc 2014

*Pessac Léognan, Cru Classé*  
two 6-pack original wood cases

"Rich, but a bitter orange hint streaks through the finish, imparting terrific cut. Still youthfully raw, but there's more than enough energy and depth here for aging...95." WS 3/17.

245 12 bottles US\$3600-5500

## Château La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc 2015

*Pessac Léognan, Cru Classé*  
original wood case

"Rose petals, sandalwood and currants with some plums and fruit tea. Full-bodied, tight and focused. Incredibly straight and minerally. Toned muscles here. Tannic. Traditional and unwavering...100." JS 2/18.

246 12 bottles US\$3200-4800

## Château Laville Haut-Brion 1994

*Graves, Cru Classé*

247 12 bottles US\$1300-1900

## Château Laville Haut-Brion 1998

*Pessac Léognan, Cru Classé*  
two 6-pack original wood cases

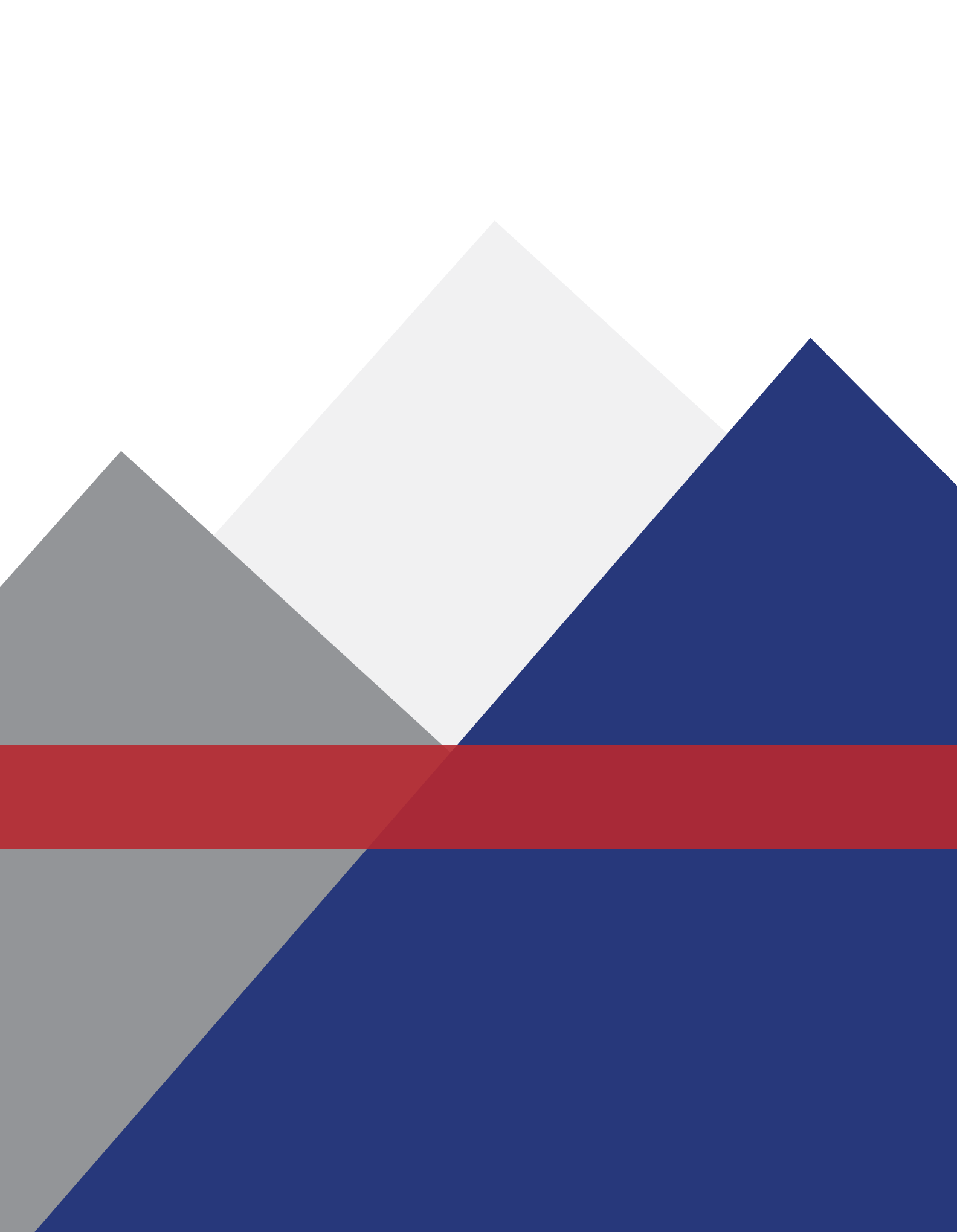
"Full-bodied, with an unctuous texture yet zesty acidity for delineation as well as vibrancy, this majestic, multilayered, young, backward 1998 should age for many decades...95." WA 12/02.

248 12 bottles US\$1500-2200





Lots 245 & 246





# SAUTERNES

LOTS 249-256

# PIONEERS I

## CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM

Few wineries enjoy the same long-standing and hallowed reputation as Château d'Yquem, which has been considered something special since the middle ages. The vineyard has been producing late-harvest wine since at least the late 1500s, and in 1855 that history of winemaking showed. In 1855 the Gironde Chamber of Commerce, at the behest of French Emperor Napoleon III, had the Wine Brokers' Union develop a classification of all the best wine producers of Bordeaux. One of the classifications devised was for the sweet wines of Sauternes and Barsac. The best producers either fell into the "First Growth" or "Second Growth" category but Château d'Yquem ranked so highly that it was put at the top of the chart in its own category: "Premier Cru Supérieur."

So what puts this producer in a class of its own? Well, the vineyard is located in Bordeaux within the Sauternes district, which sits just to the west of the town of Langon. The 290 acres of Semillon (~75%) and Sauvignon Blanc (~25%) vines are perched upon the highest hill in the area, which provides the perfect site for production of the Château's famous dessert wine. The warm, dry topsoil littered with pebbles and gravel sits atop rich clay subsoils, which retain water for the vines. The elevation provides excellent natural drainage in conjunction with the coarse topsoil, to eliminate excess moisture, since the development of botrytis requires just the right of amount of moisture.

For those who may not know, botrytis is short for the fungus strain *Botrytis cinerea*. The fungus is more commonly referred as "Noble Rot" in the winemaking world as it plays a key function in the development of sweet wines like those from the Sauternes region. The spores in this form develop in environments that alternate between moist and dry; too dry a climate - no fungus develops, but too moist a climate - the fungus develops into its destructive grey rot form. The fungus afflicts the grapes while they're still on the vine, feeding on the water within the grapes. The grapes in turn are desiccated and have their sugars and flavor compounds concentrated.

Once individual grapes exhibit the right level of botrytis affliction, they're handpicked by the harvesters and used for the wine. Naturally, the specific requirements of the grapes keep the yield low; to put that in perspective, each vine yields about one glass of wine, compared to what is normally five bottles! Furthermore, if there's a bad harvest, the grapes are anonymously sold off and no wine is made! Assuming all goes well though, the grapes are pressed multiple times and the juice put into new French oak barrels. However, each barrel only holds wine from a specific parcel of the vineyard, from a specific harvesting pass. The wine matures in the barrel for about three years, at which point the Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon are blended into the final product. While d'Yquem's winemaking process is lengthy (and particular), the resulting wine speaks for itself: a golden, honey-like nectar rich with stonefruit, nuttiness, flowers, vanilla and other oak spice aromas.

### Château d'Yquem 1949

*Sauternes, Premier Cru Supérieur*  
top shoulder, faded and lightly torn label, lightly oxidized capsule, lightly protruding cork  
"Tasted 6 October 2017 in New York City. Gorgeous amber orange color. Figs and dates, preserved apricots and tangerines, fabulous depth and brilliant supporting acidity. Ask me to name a vintage for now -- this is the one." FH.  
1 bottle US\$1000-1500

### Château d'Yquem 1967

*Sauternes, Premier Cru Supérieur*  
one bottom neck, four very top shoulder, four top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, five heavily damp-stained labels, one with tape adhered to label, two torn labels, one heavily torn label obscuring vintage, vintage confirmed by embossed and cut capsule revealing fully branded cork, one Nicolas sticker adhered to capsule, four with signs of old seepage  
"The palate is simply electric with citrus and spice-sparked energy, delivering youthfully vibrant notes with a tantalizing floral undercurrent...For Sauternes lovers, a perfectly preserved bottle of this wine is undoubtedly the Holy Grail...99." WA 8/19.

250 10 bottles US\$6000-9500



Lot 249

# PIONEERS I

## Château d'Yquem 1975

*Sauternes, Premier Cru Supérieur*

**Lot 251:** original wood case, four very top shoulder, five top shoulder, three just below top shoulder, three scuffed labels, six lightly damp-stained labels

**Lot 252:** ten just below top shoulder, three lightly damp-stained labels, one heavily damp-stained label, one with tissue paper adhered to label, three lightly protruding corks, one with signs of old seepage

"The palate is pure and detailed with a killer line of acidity, vibrant honeyed fruit and a mellifluous finish that is now fully expressive...simply magnificent...98." WA 6/15.

251	12 bottles	US\$4800-7500
252	10 bottles	US\$4000-6000

## Château d'Yquem 1976

*Sauternes, Premier Cru Supérieur*

**Lot 253:** one bottom neck, four very top shoulder, seven top shoulder, twelve damp-stained labels, one lightly depressed cork, three with signs of old seepage

**Lot 254:** five top shoulder, five just below top shoulder, ten damp-stained labels, two heavily scuffed labels, three lightly depressed corks, two with signs of old seepage

"There is wonderful definition here. The palate is underpinned by nigh on perfect acidity with orange rind, mango, creme brulee and minerals...96." WA 6/16.

253	12 bottles	US\$3600-5500
254	10 bottles	US\$3000-4600

# PIONEERS I

## Château d'Yquem 1989

*Sauternes, Premier Cru Supérieur  
twelve bottom neck or better*

"The palate delivers powerful, wonderfully concentrated notes of dried stone fruits with provocative nutty nuances and a seamless acid backbone...97." WA 8/19.

255

12 bottles

US\$2600-4000

## Château d'Yquem 1996

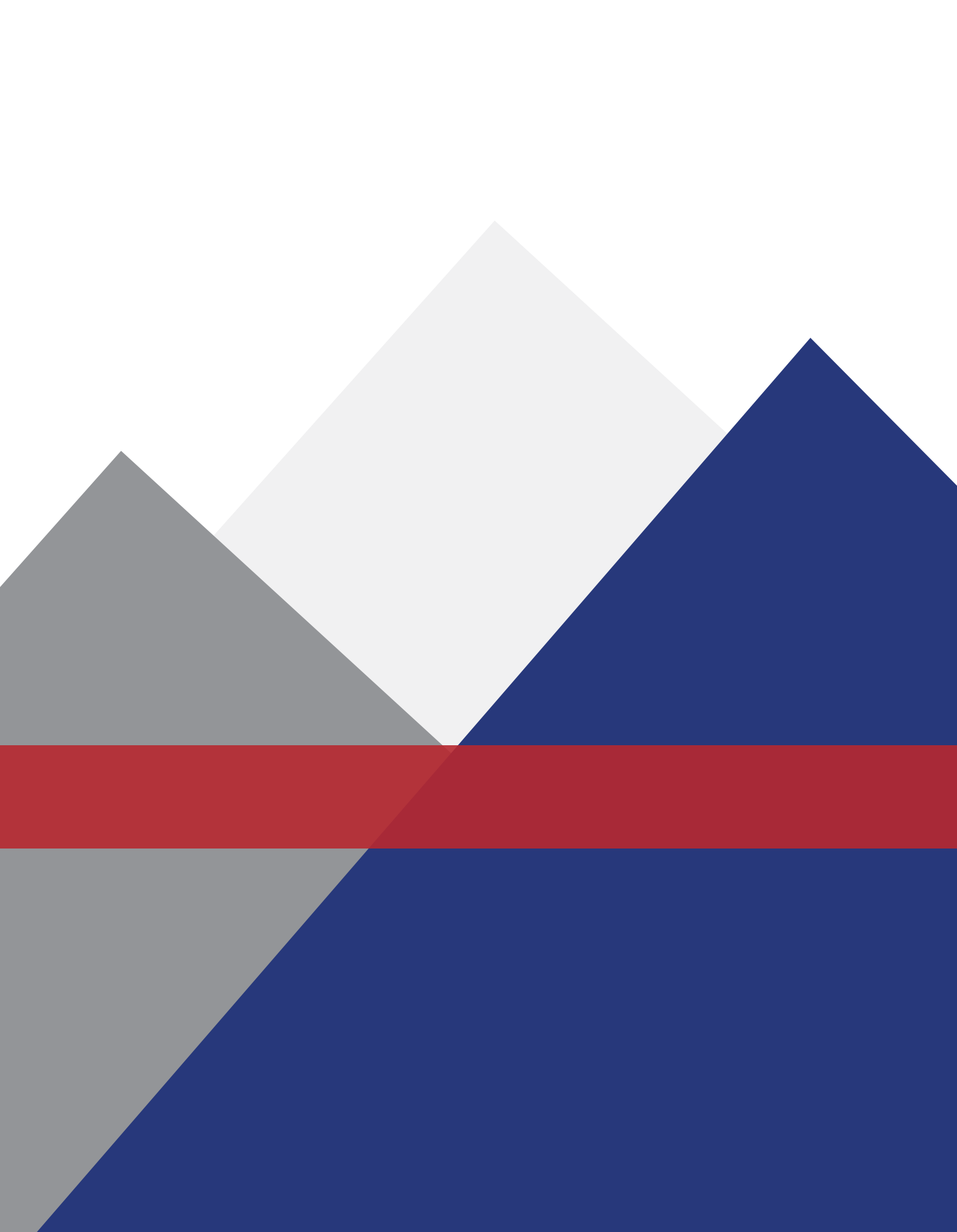
*Sauternes, Premier Cru Supérieur*

"...this medium to full-bodied offering reveals loads of power in its restrained, measured personality. There is admirable acidity, weight, texture, and purity in this impeccably made Yquem...95." WA 4/03.

256

6 bottles

US\$1100-1600







# RED BURGUNDY

LOTS 257-279

# PIONEERS I

## BURGUNDY

### HENRI BOILLLOT

#### Mazis-Chambertin Hospices de Beaune Cuvée

##### Madelaine Collignon Henri Boillot 2000

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*original wood case*

**Lot 257:** three depressed corks, five with signs of old seepage

age  
two lightly scuffed labels, one lightly torn label, four lightly wine-stained labels, three lightly chipped wax capsules, one lightly protruding cork, two protruding corks, three chipped wax capsules partially revealing corks, one with signs of old seepage

*Parcel: lots 258 & 259*

257	12 bottles	US\$1300-1900
258	12 bottles	US\$1300-1900
259	12 bottles	US\$1300-1900
260	6 magnums (1.5L)	US\$1400-2000

#### Mazis-Chambertin Hospices de Beaune Cuvée

##### Madelaine Collignon Henri Boillot 2001

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*original carton*

**Lot 261:** eight with signs of old seepage

**Lot 262:** five with signs of old seepage

"...with extreme richness, concentration, and nuance;

there's a lot going on! It's a big, balanced wine with

excellent grip. Still youthful with modest tannins...94." WA 4/05.

261	12 bottles	US\$1400-2000
262	12 bottles	US\$1400-2000

#### La Romanée Bouchard Père et Fils 1993

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*original wood case*

*Provenance: The Vault, Zachys 2016*

263	3 magnums (1.5L)	US\$4800-7500
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Lot 263



Lot 264

# PIONEERS I

## DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti produces what few would dispute are the world's most collectible wines.

Its pre-eminence is such that the cognoscenti refer to it simply as "The Domaine". If you're just getting into Burgundy, the reverence may seem a bit much, but a look at their vineyard holdings makes their supremacy a bit more understandable.

The jewel in the crown is the vineyard of Romanée-Conti itself. This site, initially called the Clos des Croux, was originally owned by the Benedictine monks of the abbey of Saint-Vivant de Vergy. The monks had received the vineyards from the Duchess of Burgundy Alix de Vergy in 1232. The property was sold by the monks in 1584 and renamed La Romanée in the 17th Century. The vineyard passed through several owners before being purchased by Louis-François de Bourbon in 1760. His status as the cousin of King Louis XV afforded him the title of Prince de Conti, giving rise to the current name of the vineyard.

After the Revolution, Romanée-Conti was sold to raise money for the fledgling Republic, and ended up in the hands of Jules Ouvrard, the son of Napoléon's banker. Upon his death, the heirs sold the vineyard to Jacques-Marie Duvault-Bloch, the ancestor of the de Villaine family, who still own the domaine, in partnership with the Leroy family. In 1911 Edmond Gaudin de Villaine purchased the winery which had originally belonged to the monks of the abbey. He moved the winemaking from Santenay, where Duvault-Bloch had been based, to Vosne-Romanée, near the vineyards, and gave the new winery its current name.

Duvault-Bloch amassed impressive vineyard holdings during his lifetime, including prime parcels in Romanée-Saint-Vivant, Richebourg, Echézeaux, and Grands-Echézeaux, as well as a plot called Les Gaudichots. Gaudichots adjoined a vineyard called La Tâche, which was owned by Count Liger-Belair. Domaine de la Romanée-Conti often sold Gaudichots under the name of La Tâche, much to the irritation of Liger-Belair, who unsuccessfully sued them.

At the death of the Comtesse Liger-Belair in 1931, La Tâche was sold to the Domaine, and the entire site of more than six hectares was then known as La Tâche. Romanée-Conti and La Tâche are both wholly-owned by Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, and are thus referred to in French as "monopoles". These are the two most desirable wines from DRC, although the Richebourg, Romanée-Saint-Vivant, Echézeaux, and Grands-Echézeaux are all made in the same way.

All of the vineyards are farmed according to biodynamic principals, and yields are kept very low. The hand-picked bunches are fermented whole in open-top wooden fermenters before being aged for approximately a year and a half in new casks. In addition to the parcels that they own, DRC leases (since 2009) just over two hectares of Corton from the heirs of the Prince de Mérode family.

While red wines form the bulk of the production at DRC, it would be a mistake to overlook the Montrachet. This white wine is produced from 0.67 hectares of vines in Chassagne-Montrachet. The result is rich and lush, with a luxurious heft on the palate almost recalling the density of their red wines. The Domaine is about to move further into white wine production, since they have recently leased 2.8 hectares of vineyards from Bonneau du Martray and will begin to produce Corton-Charlemagne with the 2019 vintage. In total, they own just over 25.5 hectares of vines and lease another five hectares in Corton, and every drop is a wine lover's dream.

What does all of this history mean for you, the collector? A bottle of DRC is a vinous experience like no other. At Zachys, we often get asked if the wine can justify its price tag. For collectors of DRC, or for those who have tasted it, the answer is almost always yes. For those for whom the wine is a bit more aspirational, a combination of the wine itself, and the history to which you are connected when you pop a cork, is a joint-experience rare in the wine world.

### **Grands Echézeaux Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1995**

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*two 2.5cm, one 3cm, one lightly scuffed label, consecutive bottle numbers*

"...extremely concentrated and sappy full-bodied flavors of impressive richness and length...91." BH 7/06.

264

3 bottles

US\$4200-6000

### **Grands Echézeaux Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1996**

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*two lightly scuffed labels*

"With 90 minutes of air, this becomes superbly elegant and spicy with outstanding precision and detail...94." BH 7/06.

265

6 bottles

US\$9500-14000





Lots 266-269



# PIONEERS I

## La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1990

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*one 2cm, two 2.5cm*

"The flavors are big, rich, refined, classy, penetrating and superbly powerful yet everything is in perfect balance and there is more than sufficient sève to balance off the still considerable tannins...99." BH 4/17.

266 3 bottles US\$11000-18000

## La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1996

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*three lightly scuffed labels, one torn vintage tag, two with signs of old seepage, consecutive bottle numbers*

"On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and complex, with lovely focus and balance, ripe, well-integrated tannins, tangy acids and excellent grip on the very, very long, vibrant and promising finish...95+." JBG 9/18.

267 6 bottles US\$22000-34000

## La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2002

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*four lightly scuffed labels, one nicked label, one heavily wine-stained vintage tag, six with signs of old seepage*

"The broad, expansive and powerful flavors are still on the strict side with a mid-palate of massive depth yet the finish is round, generous, sappy and superbly complex culminating in a finish that lasts for minutes...96." BH 4/18.

268 6 bottles US\$20000-30000

## La Tâche Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2013

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*banded original wood case*

"There is wonderful intensity to the sleek big-bodied flavors that display plenty of punch and authority on the impeccably well-balanced and hugely long and very firmly structured finish...95." BH 1/16.

269 6 bottles US\$14000-22000

## Richebourg Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1995

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*two 2cm or better, one 3cm, three lightly scuffed labels, two with signs of old seepage, consecutive bottle numbers*

"The flavors however are rich and offer excellent detail and are underpinned by dense yet ripe tannins and good extract...93." BH 11/03.

270 3 bottles US\$5000-7500

## Richebourg Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1996

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

**Lot 271:** *one lightly marked label, two lightly scuffed labels*

**Lot 272:** *three lightly scuffed labels, consecutive bottle numbers*

"...rich, sweet and still tight medium full and quite firmly structured flavors that possess a long though slightly edgy and austere finish...92." BH 4/13.

271 3 bottles US\$6000-9000

272 3 bottles US\$6000-9000





Lots 270-272



Lots 273 & 274

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## Richebourg Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1997

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*  
*banded original wood case*  
*Parcel: lots 273 & 274*

"...elegant and refined while transitioning into rich, sweet and full-bodied flavors that possess good muscle and solid if not sensational depth and length...92." BH 1/08.

273	6 bottles	US\$9000-14000
274	6 bottles	US\$9000-14000

## Romanée-St-Vivant Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1985

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*  
*two 2cm or better, one 2.5cm, two 3.5cm, one 4cm, two*  
*lightly scuffed labels, one lightly bin-soiled labels, two*  
*heavily damp-stained labels, three lightly oxidized cap-*  
*sules, two lightly protruding corks*

"Quite complex and classically, even brilliantly spicy on both the nose and the palate...wonderfully tasty and lovely as the flavors display soy, hoisin and anise notes...92." BH 1/04.

275	6 bottles	US\$9000-14000
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## Romanée-St-Vivant Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1996

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

**Lot 277:** consecutive bottle numbers

**Lot 278:** one lightly scuffed label

"Gentle at first, offering rose petal aromas, it turns quite savage and tough on the palate, with loads of fruit cloaked in the very firm tannin structure. The acidity is there, and the length is terrific...95." WS 9/99.

277	3 bottles	US\$4400-7000
278	3 bottles	US\$4400-7000





Lots 275-278

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## MÉO-CAMUZET

Jean-Nicolas Méo of Domaine Méo-Camuzet has just celebrated his twentieth anniversary as a full-time vigneron, having first made wine at the family estate in the 1989 vintage. In many ways his two decades at the head of the domaine have dovetailed neatly with the renaissance that has swept through Burgundy in the same period of time, and it is rather extraordinary to see (particularly in a region so steeped in history) Domaine Méo-Camuzet rise to the very pinnacle of estates in Vosne-Romanée in just two short decades. This meteoric rise is directly reflective of Jean-Nicolas Méo's great talent and passion for the wines of Burgundy, coupled to the superb vineyard holdings that were secured by previous generations of the Méo and Camuzet families and the sagacity of the family to early on hire Henri Jayer to manage many of their vineyards and oversee much of their winemaking prior to Jean-Nicolas taking over the reins of the domaine.

*John Gilman, "View From the Cellar"*

### **Clos de Vougeot Méo-Camuzet 1999**

*Côte de Nuits, Grand Cru*

*two lightly damp-stained labels, four damp-stained labels*

"The flavors too are open, fine and elegant to the point of being almost easy going yet there is no lack of power, richness or concentration. Really quite lovely...90-92." BH 1/01.

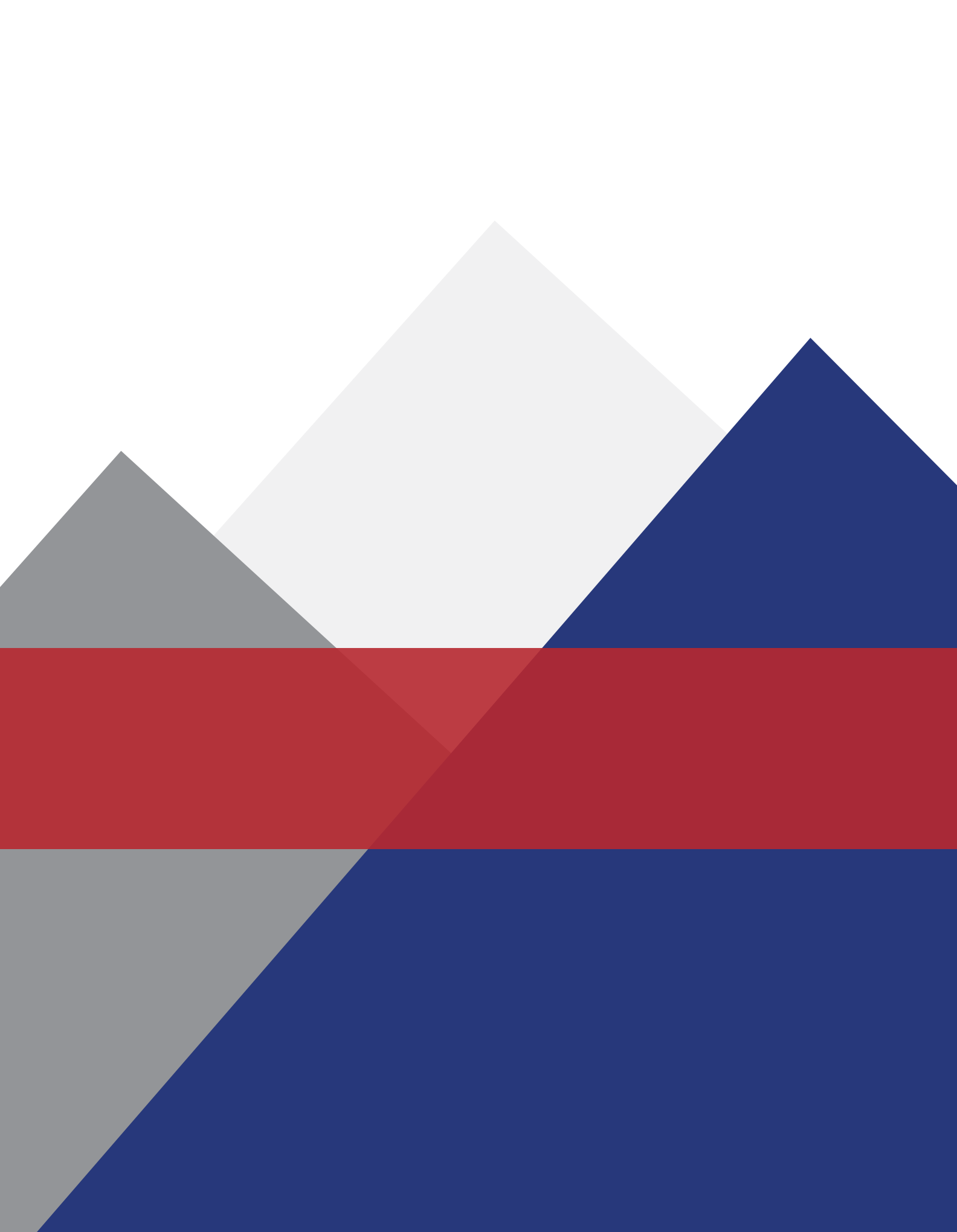
279 6 bottles

US\$2000-3000





Lot 279





# WHITE BURGUNDY & CHAMPAGNE

LOTS 280-302



Lot 287

# PIONEERS I

## WHITE BURGUNDY

### Chevalier-Montrachet Henri Boillot 2000

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*original wood case*

**Lot 280:** two with signs of old seepage

**Lot 281:** three with signs of old seepage

"Layers of spiced apples and poached pears can be found intermingled with minerals throughout this stunner's character as well as in its unbelievably long finish. It is pure, full-flavored, and prodigiously balanced...95-97." WA 12/01.

280	12 bottles	US\$2400-3600
281	12 bottles	US\$2400-3600

### Chevalier-Montrachet Bouchard Père et Fils 1996

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*original wood case*

"Its powerful, vibrant, elegant, and refined flavor profile is composed of layer upon layer of minerals, intertwined with lemon notes that seemingly last forever in its admirable finish...92-94." WA 2/98.

282	12 bottles	US\$1700-2600
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### Corton-Charlemagne Bouchard Père et Fils 2000

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*original wood case*

*Parcel: lots 283 & 284*

283	12 bottles	US\$1000-1500
284	12 bottles	

### Corton-Charlemagne Coche-Dury 1995

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*six lightly bin-soiled labels*

"Brilliant and very intense...super impressive, with a silky texture that's to die for, and all that oakiness will die down given the tight concentration...98." WS 5/98.

285	6 bottles	US\$16000-24000
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### Corton-Charlemagne Coche-Dury 1997

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*five lightly scuffed labels, one torn vintage tag*

"...rich, very ripe and overtly exotic aromas...big-bodied flavors are rich, round, indeed even luscious with fine detail and length, all wrapped in a somewhat edgy finish..." BH 6/12.

286	6 bottles	US\$13000-20000
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### Corton-Charlemagne Coche-Dury 1998

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*three lightly scuffed labels, one with signs of old seepage*

"...ripe, clean and pure on the palate. It blossoms in the glass...94." WS 10/00.

287	4 bottles	US\$9500-15000
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**Meursault Vireuils Vieilles Vignes Domaine et Selection  
Coche-Dury 1999**  
*Côte de Beaune*  
288 4 bottles US\$1200-1800

**Bâtard-Montrachet Marc Colin 2000**  
*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*  
*original carton*  
"Softly fragrant and highly complex notes of mature citrus  
and dried flowers lead to enormous| round and extremely  
rich big-bodied flavors that deliver tremendous mid-palate  
impact and then build in intensity to a superbly long  
back end. It's impressive how such a big wine can remain  
refined and classy and in perfect balance...94." BH 3/10.  
289 12 bottles US\$2400-3600

**Montrachet Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1999**  
*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*  
*includes original wood case*  
*five lightly scuffed labels, one with signs of old seepage,*  
*non-consecutive bottle numbers*  
"Deep, powerful and phenolic in its impression of weight,  
the 1999 is magnificent...97." AG 5/16.  
290 6 bottles US\$28000-40000

**Bienvenues Bâtard-Montrachet Louis Latour 1999**  
*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*  
*original wood case*  
291 12 bottles US\$1200-1800

**Chevalier-Montrachet Les Demoiselles Louis Latour 1996**  
*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*  
*includes original wood case*  
*ten lightly scuffed labels, five lightly protruding corks, three*  
*protruding corks*

292 10 bottles US\$1500-2400

**Chevalier-Montrachet Domaine Leflaive 2008**  
*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*  
*three with Japanese import labels*  
"On the palate, it's full-bodied, satiny and layered, with  
excellent depth at the core, chewy extract and a racy  
spine of acidity, concluding with a pure and penetrating  
finish...95." WA 7/19.  
293 6 bottles US\$2400-3800

**Puligny-Montrachet Les Pucelles Domaine Leflaive 2010**  
*Côte de Beaune, Premier Cru*  
*original wood case*  
294 6 bottles US\$1300-1900

**Puligny-Montrachet Les Pucelles Domaine Leflaive 2012**  
*Côte de Beaune, Premier Cru*  
*original wood case*  
295 6 bottles US\$1100-1600



Lot 290



Lot 296

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## Corton-Charlemagne Georges Roumier 2002

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*Provenance: The Vault, Zachys 2016*

"Bright, fresh and detailed green apple, white pear and toasted almond aromas complement spicy medium full flavors that possess an interesting contrast as they're sweet yet the wonderfully long finish is bone dry...92." BH 10/04.

296 12 bottles US\$4800-7500

## ETIENNE SAUZET

Etienne Sauzet was born in 1903, his family owning but not farming some land in the Cote de Beaune. Etienne however began making wine and over the years the domaine slowly grew in size until it reached about twelve hectares in 1950. Following Etienne's death in 1975 Gerard Boudot took over, and in 2000 Gerard's daughter Emilie took over.

Although they have had their highs and lows this domaine is widely regarded as one of the best. Today the wines are as good as any including their Puligny neighbors, Domaine Leflaive.

## Bâtard-Montrachet Etienne Sauzet 2013

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

"...pure, full-bodied and very racy out of the blocks, with a rock solid core, outstanding focus and grip, beautiful balance and a very long, very energetic and utterly refined finish. Young Bâtard does not get any more elegant than this stellar example...96." JBG 12/14.

297 12 bottles US\$2400-3600

## Chevalier-Montrachet Etienne Sauzet 1998

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*original carton*

"The 1998 Chevalier-Montrachet exhibits acacia blossom and spice aromas. Superbly focused, elegant, and medium-bodied, it is a graceful, feminine wine. Hazelnuts, almonds, minerals, and assorted white flowers can be found in its delicate yet extroverted personality...92." WA 4/00.

298 12 bottles US\$1800-2800

## Montrachet Etienne Sauzet 1998

*Côte de Beaune, Grand Cru*

*original carton*

"...a superb wine. Lovely anise, almond, hazelnut, and mineral aromas lead to a medium to full-bodied, compelling character. This supple, soft, extremely flavorful, and harmonious wine is filled with layers and layers of spiced pears, candied apples, minerals, and toast...94." WA 9/00.

299 12 bottles US\$3600-5500









Lot 297

## CHAMPAGNE

### Dom Pérignon 1990

Champagne

**Lot 300:** two 0.5cm below foil or better

**Lot 301:** six 1cm below foil, two lightly torn labels, two with tissue paper adhered to labels

"Intensely fragrant nose...still remarkably frisky and, in harmony with the crisp backbone of acid, make for a relatively youthful, elegant and exquisitely balanced wine...98."

WA 3/09.

300	12 bottles	US\$2400-3600
301	6 magnums (1.5L)	US\$3600-5500



**Krug 1989**

*Champagne  
original carton  
six into foil*

"...full-bodied, complex and classically transparent  
down to the soil, with lovely attack and good mid-palate  
depth...93." JBG 6/08.

302 6 bottles

US\$2200-3600







# ITALY

LOTS 303-332



Lot 303





# PIONEERS I

## ITALY

### Barolo Villero di Castiglione Falletto Bruno Giacosa 1985

Barolo

six very top shoulder

303 6 bottles US\$2400-3600

### Solaia Antinori 1995

Tuscany

two 6-pack original cartons

"Always a voluptuous and rounded red. Gorgeous black-berry, black currant and lead pencil aromas. Full-bodied, with well integrated, soft tannins. Long, fruity aftertaste." WS 12/98.

304 12 bottles US\$1500-2200

### Solaia Antinori 2016

Tuscany

two 6-pack original wood cases

"...the 2016 Solaia is a wine of extraordinary nuance and finesse...with an eternal finish and mind-blowing beauty...99." AG 8/19.

305 12 bottles US\$2400-3600

### Masseto 1993

Bolgheri

one lightly torn label, one lightly wrinkled label

306 12 bottles US\$4400-6500

### Masseto 1994

Bolgheri

"Superb winemaking. Notable for its dark, inky color, intense cassis and berry aromas, this wine is full-bodied and very silky with a long, long finish. An outstanding Merlot, as usual from this producer...92." WS 9/97

307 12 bottles US\$4600-7000

### Masseto 1997

Tuscany

two 6-pack original wood cases

Parcel: lots 308 & 309

"This is opulent and harmonious in a broad, powerful way, yet with good balancing structure...96." WS 2018.

308 12 bottles US\$5000-7500

309 12 bottles



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## Masseto 2006

*Tuscany*

*includes two 3-pack original wood cases with one missing lid*

*one with signs of old seepage*

*Provenance: Zachys 2016*

"The wine delivers an extra sense of tightness or firmness at the back that serves to stitch together its fleshy richness and general sumptuousness. The personality is sunny, expansive, articulate and sophisticated...100." WA 1/16.

310 12 bottles US\$7500-11000

## Ornellaia 1993

*Bolgheri*

*two 6-pack original cartons*

"...dense ruby/purple-colored wine with copious quantities of chocolatey, berry fruit, obvious evidence of toasty new oak, medium to full body, silky tannin, and a long, rich finish." WA 8/97.

311 12 bottles US\$1100-1600

## Ornellaia 1995

*Bolgheri*

**Lots 312-314:** *original wood case*

**Lot 315:** *four lightly scuffed labels*

*Parcel: lots 312-314*

"...one of my favorite vintages of Ornellaia...Lifted, gracious and remarkably fresh, the 1995 is utterly sublime...95." AG 1/17.

312 12 bottles US\$1300-1900

313 12 bottles

314 12 bottles

315 12 bottles US\$1300-1900

## Ornellaia 2003

*Bolgheri*

*two 6-pack original wood cases*

"...super-ripe, open nose and jammy dark fruit. Ample and warm on the palate...it shows notable freshness along with much persistence, great overall balance and a lingering note of sweetness on the finish...93." WA 2/07.

316 12 bottles US\$1200-1800





Lots 306-310





Lots 317-324



# PIONEERS I

## SASSICAIA

Tenuta San Guido is named after the Saint Guido della Gherardesca who lived during the eleventh century. It is located on the Tyrrhenian coast, between Leghorn and Grosseto, in Maremma an area made famous by Italian Nobel prize winner Giosuè Carducci, and it stretches for 13 km from the sea to the hills. Three are its defining characteristics: the Sassicaia wine, the Razza Dormello-Olgiate thoroughbred studfarm and the Bird Sanctuary Oasi di Bolgheri. They divide the estate between the Oasi on the coast, the horse's training grounds on the plain, and the vineyards planted up to 350 meters on the hills. The latter have been given their own DOC, the DOC Bolgheri Sassicaia, the first, and so far only case in Italy of a DOC contained in one estate. The wedding of Mario Incisa della Rocchetta and Clarice della Gherardesca on October 18th 1930, started it all. They shared a love for thoroughbred horses that made them form a partnership with horse breeder and trainer Federico Tesio. Mario Incisa's love of good wine made him plant Cabernet vines in 1942 for what was to become Sassicaia. Seventeen years later the Oasi of Bolgheri becomes Italy's first Italian private nature preserve. In 1966 it is, with the Oasi of the lake of Burano, the first WWF Wildlife Refuge in Italy.

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### **Sassicaia 1985**

*Bolgheri*

**Lot 317:** original carton, six very top shoulder, two scuffed labels, one wine-stained label, two oxidized capsules, one lightly protruding cork

**Lot 318:** original carton, four bottom neck, two very top shoulder, one lightly scuffed label

**Lot 319:** six very top shoulder, one lightly scuffed label, one lightly damp-stained label

**Lot 320:** four bottom neck, two very top shoulder, two lightly scuffed labels, one lightly wine-stained label

**Lot 321:** two bottom neck, two very top shoulder, one top shoulder, one just below top shoulder, three lightly scuffed labels, three lightly oxidized capsules, two with signs of old seepage, two different importers

**Lot 322:** includes original carton, one bottom neck, four very top shoulder, one lightly nicked label

"In truth, the 1985 Sassicaia does reveal a new perspective onto its perfection each time you have the fortune to taste it. I noticed a layer of bright almond-like sweetness that I don't recall tasting before. The wine seems to be getting younger, not older...100." WA 4/17.

317	6 bottles	US\$8500-13000
318	6 bottles	US\$8500-13000
319	6 bottles	US\$8500-13000
320	6 bottles	US\$8500-13000
321	6 bottles	US\$8500-13000
322	5 bottles	US\$7000-11000

### **Sassicaia 1990**

*Tuscany*

**Lot 323:** two 6-pack original wood cases, eleven bottom neck or better, one very top shoulder, one lightly scuffed label, one torn label, three lightly damp-stained labels, five damp-stained labels, one heavily damp-stained label, one lightly deteriorated label

**Lot 324:** includes one 6-pack original wood case, four bottom neck, five bottom neck or better, two very top shoulder, one top shoulder, two lightly scuffed labels, three lightly damp-stained labels, one heavily damp-stained label "Fairly deep color. Attractive nose is more subtle than flamboyant...Sweet, jammy, elegant, and well-rounded on the palate...nicely balanced with very good structure and matching fruit." WA 4/12.

323	12 bottles	US\$3000-4600
324	12 bottles	US\$3000-4600

# PIONEERS I

## Sassicaia 1995

*Bolgheri*

**Lot 325:** one lightly scuffed label, two with tissue paper adhered to labels

**Lot 326:** original wood case

**Lot 327:** two 6-pack original wood cases

"...knock-out nose of lead pencil, pain grille, minerals, licorice, and black currants...superbly concentrated as well as remarkably pure. It possesses that sweet, rich mid-palate that often distinguishes great wines from merely good wines. The finish lasts for over 30 seconds...92." WA 10/98.

325	12 bottles	US\$1700-2600
326	12 bottles	US\$1700-2600
327	12 bottles	US\$1700-2600

## Sassicaia 2012

*Bolgheri*

two banded 6-pack original wood cases

328	12 bottles	US\$1400-2000
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## Sassicaia 2015

*Bolgheri*

**Lot 329:** two 6-pack original wood cases

**Lot 330:** two 6-pack original wood cases, one banded

"...a tremendous effort that comes together with seamless precision and focus. This is a confident and proud red wine from Tuscany...97." WA 2/18.

329	12 bottles	US\$1800-2800
330	12 bottles	US\$1800-2800

## Brunello di Montalcino Case Basse Soldera 1990

*Montalcino*

eight very top shoulder, eight lightly scuffed labels

"...a magnificent, rich, complex nose...The wine is extremely powerful and full-bodied, with layers of highly concentrated, ripe fruit...98." WA 4/96.

331	8 bottles	US\$7000-11000
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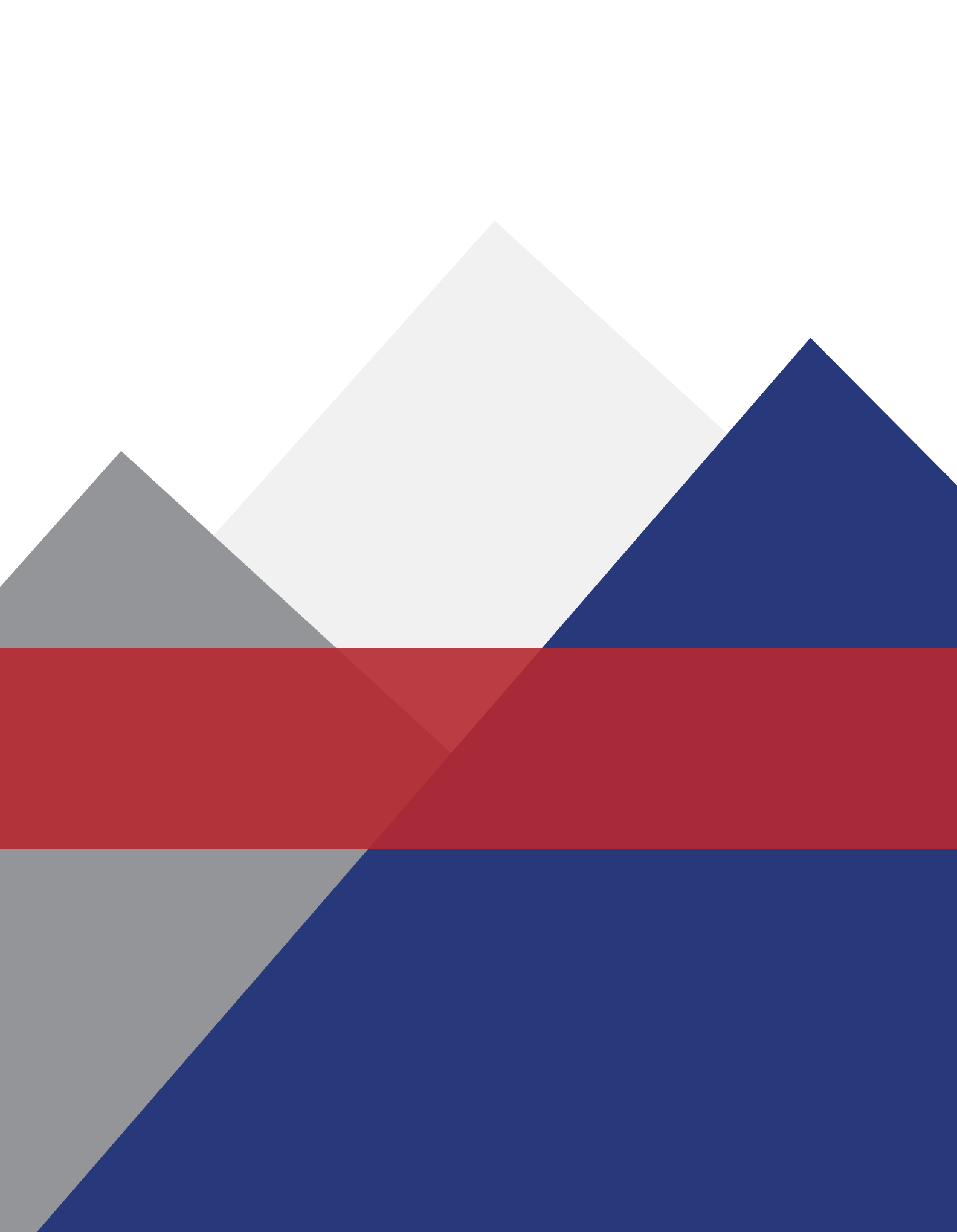
## Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Soldera 1990

*Montalcino*

four very top shoulder, four lightly scuffed labels

"Dark, unctuous and remarkably opulent, the 1990 is like no other wine in the Soldera canon, except possibly the 1983 Riserva. Utterly seamless and voluptuous, the 1990 Riserva is also one of the greatest wines ever made anywhere...100." AG 10/16.

332	4 bottles	US\$5500-9000
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# SPAIN & CALIFORNIA

LOTS 333-342

# PIONEERS I

## SPAIN

### Vega Sicilia Único 1981

*Ribera Del Duero*

*original wood case*

*four bottom neck or better, six very top shoulder, two top shoulder, twelve heavily bin-soiled and heavily damp-stained labels*

"There is a sense of symmetry, the leitmotif of great Único wines. Fresh and vital, this 1981 is a stunning addition to the pantheon of great wines from this estate...96." WA 8/12.

333 12 bottles US\$4600-7000

## CALIFORNIA

### BRYANT FAMILY VINEYARD

The story of Bryant Family Vineyard is a classic American tale of adventure, imagination, and, ultimately, brilliant success. In an April 2000 article Wine Spectator chronicled the founding of this celebrated producer:

In 1985, [Don and Barbara Bryant] bought some property on Pritchard Hill, east of St Helena, to build a home. But Bryant, a wine lover with a collection of 4,000 bottles from France and California, wanted to grow grapes. He made inquiries and was told that the finest nearby vineyard happened to be adjacent to his property. Although the 10-acre site was run-down, it had previously produced outstanding fruit that was used by Chappellet in the 1970s.

The home was never built. After buying the vineyard, Bryant sold the grapes to a producer with the understanding that the wines would have a vineyard designation. Then, Bryant says, he learned that the producer had no intention of honoring their agreement. "I figured if I'm having all the hassles, I might as well make the wine myself," he says.

What makes Bryant stand out from its peers? Robert Parker proposed that a key feature of a great wine is its ability to offer a "singular personality"; that is, a wine's ability to stand far above the norm – in both typical and exceptional vintages – defining itself with its unique aromatic, flavor, and textual qualities. Among classic examples of great wines that exhibit these features, such as 1982 Château Mouton Rothschild and 1996 Château Lafite Rothschild, Parker places Bryant's 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon. In the 1999 edition of Parker's "Wine Buyer's Guide" Bryant Family Vineyard ranked among the very best California producers of Cabernet, Merlot, or Blends, earning a rating of outstanding and five stars.

### Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1994

*Napa Valley*

"Well done, rich and balanced, with tight, dense, chewy tannins...complexity and depth, with subtle flavor nuances and a persistent aftertaste...93." WS 11/04.

334 6 bottles US\$1600-2400  
335 3 magnums (1.5L) US\$1500-2400

### Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1995

*Napa Valley*

"...phenomenal concentration, and virtually perfect balance and equilibrium...99." WA 12/97.

336 6 bottles US\$1500-2400  
337 3 magnums (1.5L) US\$1600-2400



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### **Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1996**

*Napa Valley*

"Beautiful, perfumed aromas, tremendous depth, concentration, complexity and finesse, with layers of currant, cherry and berry flavors enlivened by coffee and cedary oak...100." WS 11/00.

338 6 bottles US\$1800-2800

### **Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1997**

*Napa Valley*

"Nothing is out of balance in this explosively rich, thick, highly-extracted Cabernet. A compelling, historic Cabernet Sauvignon...100." WA 12/00.

339 12 bottles US\$5500-8000

### **Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1998**

*Napa Valley*

"Evolved aromas of smoke, cedar, tapenade, blackberries, creme de cassis, and creosote are followed by a lush, full-bodied, voluptuously-textured 1998 exhibiting superb intensity as well as low acid, sweet, pure flavors...93." WA 12/00.

340 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$1500-2200

### **Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 1999**

*Napa Valley*

*three with signs of old seepage*

"It is as close to a Premier Cru Bordeaux as Bryant may ever achieve. The tannin possesses a structure and astringency reminiscent of a young Bordeaux. The nose offers up scents of melted licorice, smoky barbecue, truffles, earth, blackberries, currants, coffee, graphite, and blueberries...95." WA 8/02.

341 6 magnums (1.5L) US\$2200-3200

### **Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009**

*Napa Valley*

*Provenance: Zachys 2016 and 2017*

"An impeccable sense of refinement and polish rounds out this huge, glorious Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a wine of extraordinary elegance...97." WA 12/12.

342 12 bottles US\$2400-3600

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