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- Because the wines are selected, first and foremost, for their good value for money whatever their price bracket.
- Because the best wines in each price range tend to disappear from the market first, just as the early bird catches the worm. Less expensive wines seldom appear again; the more expensive may reappear in the auction room but at higher prices - someone else having matured them. Why not do your own maturing and anything you don't drink can be sold and the high prices achieved can be used to finance future drinking.
- Because payment in two stages, is kinder on the pocket.

(Ideal drinking dates are shown in brackets after each wine)

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We are aware that some wine numbers are missing - this is due to Bordeaux prices being released later than anticipated.

Cover: Chateau Pontet-Canet, Pauillac, Cinqüèmes Crus



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A balanced view

Everybody is talking about the 2009 Clarets. The best are incredibly rich, well-structured and with a lovely support of fruit acidity, although in quite a different style to the fresh, easy-going 2005's. We had the advantage, as usual, of tasting three weeks after the bun-fight when Bordeaux showed its new wines to the world in general and the journalists in particular. As the malo-lactic fermentation was late this year in many wines, this was a great advantage as they were significantly easier to read by the time that we arrived. On the way back we had the traditional discussion of which year this most resembled and attention was focused on the great '9's of the 20th century. Even Robin Don was too young to remember the 1929's at this stage but was tasting *en primeur* when the 1959 vintage came onto the market, while we all had happy recollections of the 1989's. It's curious how these patterns emerge!

Despite the quality potential of the year, we were extremely glad that all three of Hicks & Don's Masters of Wine went on this trip. As usual we were looking at the Petit Château, Cru Bourgeois and Minor Cru Classé level, where wines offer value for money but, by the same token, are not subject to the extravagant investment of the well-known names. Amongst these wines it certainly took our combined experience to find those that we believed to live up to the high praise lavished upon the vintage by all and sundry. We did, indeed, fill our offer with them but do not assume that you can buy any old 2009 with impunity. With significant alcohols and the tannins at the highest levels ever recorded, balance was everything - in short a vintage where rigorous assessment by highly experienced tasters was absolutely vital. Even if you have never done it before, buy your Petits Châteaux and Crus Bourgeois *en primeur* from the Hicks & Don selection because that is the way you can be absolutely sure that you will enjoy the exceptional high-points of this Jekyll and Hyde of a vintage!

£ per 12 x 75cl bottles Ex Cellars

- 1. Château Tour de Luchey, Bordeaux** **£44.00**
This property was a new discovery for us, having recently had a good deal of investment put into the wine-making. It is a nicely balanced middleweight of considerable character and purity of flavour. (2013-2016)
- 2. Château David Beaulieu, Bordeaux** **£47.00**
Château David Beaulieu displayed an unusually scented nose for the vintage and this was the harbinger of considerable charm and ripe appeal on the palate. Given its firm frame of tannin it has the potential to age very successfully. (2014-2018)
- 3. Château Thuillac, Côtes de Bourg** **£49.00**
We regularly pick out Thuillac for its old fashioned honesty and vigour, so typical of the wines of the Côtes de Bourg. It promises to develop in the easy-drinking and characterful style which will appeal to previous purchasers. (2013-2016)
- 4. Château Lamanieu, Graves** **£53.00**
Easy on the pocket and on the palate, we home in on this supple charmer year after year. With fragrance on the nose and light and shade bringing out the best in the fruit, it will delight the many followers of this little treasure. (2013-2016)
- 5. Château Galot la Chapelle, Côtes de Castillon** **£58.00**
A property situated on the same limestone ridge as parts of St Emilion, Galot La Chapelle does, nevertheless, have the pungent robustness of a Castillon. With firm tannin and a long grapey finish it will, with time, become a wine of decided character. (2014-2018)
- 6. Château l'Escadre, 1ères Côtes de Blaye** **£59.00**
L'Escadre is unusual in having 10% Malbec planted in the vineyard, a variety that ripened especially well in the heat of 2009. This has made for a bold, muscular Blaye with great concentration and a rich, lingering finish. (2014-2018)
- 7. Château Argadens, Bordeaux** **£64.00**
A soft, rounded, style of claret with close knit, ripe tannins and mouth-filling fruit. We have recently been selling mature vintages from this Château and found them to have developed in a most attractive manner. (2012-2015)

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- 8. Château Rocher Calon, Montagne St Emilion** **£68.00**
Certainly a favourite amongst those Hicks & Don customers who are now enjoying mature vintages of Rocher Calon. With an unusually fresh nose for the vintage and satisfyingly grapey length, the Cabernet Franc lingers on and on. (2014-2018)
- 9. Château de Brondeau, Bordeaux** **£69.00**
This property lies just across the Dordogne from the town of Libourne and we have watched its steady improvement over recent years. In 2009 it came up trumps; a very complete wine with expansive fruit and great promise. (2012-2016)
- 10. Vieux Château Landon, Cru Bourgeois, Médoc** **£88.00**
This Médoc has a clear cut, positive feel to it with a light touch, excellent balance and grapey intensity. Red fruits come through strongly on the palate and this freshness will help to keep the wine at its peak for many years. (2016-2022)
- 11. Château Pierrefitte, Lalande de Pomerol** **£95.00**
We have listed Pierrefitte many times before, due to the particularly lovely fruitiness on the nose and a supple, well balanced palate with fragrant Merlot on the finish. It particularly stands out for its feminine purity. (2013-2016)
- 13. Château La Tour St Bonnet, Cru Bourgeois, Médoc** **£99.00**
An especially successful wine from an area which thrived in 2009. This La Tour St Bonnet has deep fleshy fruit and a very ripe Cabernet Sauvignon flavour with soft acidity. Beneath all this texture is a well-constructed backbone of tannin. (2015-2020)
- 14. Château La Rose Tremière, Lalande de Pomerol** **£99.00**
This little known Lalande de Pomerol has a knack of seizing the moment in the great vintages. It has a lovely purity of flavour, a rich middle of ripe Merlot and a long, scented finish. Don't rush into it, there is a backbone of tannin in there, but the end result will be well worth waiting for. Go long is our advice! (2014-2020)
- 15. Château du Courlat, Lussac St Emilion** **£99.00**
Here is a typically restrained and soundly constructed Lussac with a well balanced, ripe flavour and plenty of fruit behind it. Monsieur Bourotte is a genius at coming up with just the right result at this price level. (2014-2018)

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- 16. Chateau Fourcas Dupré, Cru Bourgeois, Listrac** **£108.00**
 Uncharacteristically fleshy for a Listrac, the wine-maker has captured the virtues of the vintage while keeping the components which will allow the wine to develop with age. In Fourcas Dupré you can look forward to a very appealing dinner-party wine. (2015-2020)
- 17. Château La Croix de Jauge, St Emilion** **£109.00**
 Like Clos René, this wine comes from sandy soil and is made in a way which brings out the very best of the vineyard's natural charm. Juicy and expansive in the mouth, it has well balanced fruit acidity and mild, ripe tannins. Deliciously early developing. (2013-2016)
- 19. Château La Tour de By, Cru Bourgeois, Médoc** **£117.00**
 With its favoured site right on the river, the best address on the Rive Gauche, La Tour de By has a great reputation of long-lived wines of power and concentration. In 2009 you can add charm to that list of virtues, the clear-cut flavour of ripe Cabernet Sauvignon positively singing in the mouth. (2015-2020)
- 20. Château les Hauts Conseillants, Lalande de Pomerol** **£119.00**
 Where Pierrefitte is feminine, Hauts Conseillants is distinctively muscular with its compact Merlot nose and thought provoking nature. There are many 2009's in this mould but this one has the extra velours to give it long-term appeal. (2015-2020)
- 21. Château Grand Pey Lescours, Grand Cru St Emilion** **£129.00**
 We have picked out this very sound dinner-party claret in the past for its amenable nature and full, smooth flavour. It offers good value for money in a distinctly old-fashioned and un-flashy style. (2014-2018)
- 22. Château Tour de Bessan, Margaux** **£137.00**
 We have homed in on this Chateau before and, in 2009, it offers classic Margaux virtues of scented fruit and supple flavour when so many others from the commune simply seem to have too much stuffing. If you love the delicacy of Margaux as much as we do, this is a wine to buy! (2016-2022)
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- 23. Château Lillian-Ladouys Cru Bourgeois, St Estèphe** **£138.00**
 Another notable success from the gifted hand of Monsieur Mulliez, Lilian Ladouys was a much talked about wine during our visit. With real elegance and a beautifully crafted flavour it has to be one of the outstanding 2009's of the parish. (2016-2022)
- 24. Clos Jaugueyron, Cru Bourgeois, Haut Médoc** **£143.00**
 Here is a wine with a deliciously scented, succulent flavour of ripe Cabernet Sauvignon. The tannins too, are unusually soft and open-grained, in short a touch of the New World combined with the distinctive elegance of the Médoc. (2015-2020)
- 26. Château La Rouselle, Fronsac** **£145.00**
 This is a wine with high class and close-knit, rounded fruit. A sound concentration which we most enjoyed. (2015-2020)
- 27. Château Barrabaque, Cuvée Prestige, Fronsac** **£155.00**
 A particularly nicely judged wine, balanced, refined and with a good volume of fruit backed by high quality oak. The grapey flavour on the finish lingers very well and promises the sort of wine that has created such interest in Fronsac in recent years. (2015-2020)
- 28. Château La Tour de Mons, Cru Bourgeois, Margaux** **£160.00**
 La Tour de Mons 2009 displays a stylish well defined combination of oak and fruit but needs time to lose some tannin. The wines of this property always carry a distinctive flavour of its *terroir* and everything is in place for it to develop handsomely. (2017-2022)
- 29. Lacoste Borie, Pauillac** **£174.00**
 The second wine of Château Grand Puy Lacoste has beautifully elegant Pauillac fruit and the same firmness of style. 70% of the wine is Cabernet Sauvignon and in a year when this variety was so successful Lacoste Borie offers excellent value for money. (2016-2020)

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29a Blason d'Issan, Margaux

£175.00

Being the second wine of Château d'Issan, Blason displays the same intense concentration of a crop severely diminished by hail. With its lovely Margaux purity of flavour and balanced tannins, this is a wine of real class. 2014-2018

30. Château Maucaillou, Moulis

£187.00

A big, rich wine for a Moulis, with a fine volume of Cabernet and a powerful frame. This property has been on the up for a number of years now and it is hardly surprising that they have turned in such a mouthful in 2009! (2019-2030)

31. Les Fiefs de Lagrange, St Julien

£193.00

Lagrange have made an absolute stormer in 2009 and this ripe, fresh middleweight with its clear-cut, elegant flavour is a good deal more than just a second wine. Underneath the fruit, there is a backbone of tannin which needs time to resolve itself. (2016-2022)

32. Château L'Enclos, Pomerol

£198.00

Quite a refined wine with very pure flavour and a firm backbone. In a year when Pomerols seem to be faring particularly well, this will make a very elegant and well-mannered glass of Claret. (2020-2035)

33. Château Fonbadet, Cru Bourgeois, Pauillac

£220.00

Always a front runner among the Crus Bourgeois, Fonbadet has a cedary Pauillac nose and a classic Pauillac flavour to match. There is plenty of succulent concentration over the firm frame and from this will develop a claret of real presence. (2019-2030)

34. Clos René, Pomerol

£220.00

We loved the purity and sweet, unforced obvious charm of this ripe, silky middleweight. Clos René is on soil that does not give big and obvious wines, this supremely natural product of its *terroir* promises unalloyed pleasure. (2015-2020)

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36. Château Chasse Spleen, Moulis

£230.00

A rich and bold wine with a smooth roundness which has many devotees. This is a gutsy effort whilst being very elegant on the finish. (2017-2028)

37. Château Berliquet, Grand Cru Classé, St Emilion

£235.00

Every inch a 2009 both in the character of the vintage and the contemporary style of the wine-making. Berliquet has a classy, concentrated character of plums and an elegant, compact frame. Altogether a very mouth-filling St Emilion. (2017-2025)

38. Château Bonalgue, Pomerol

£240.00

The stellar consultant Michel Rolland has brought unerring consistency to Bonalgue and the 2009, with its volume of ripe fruit and an enticing hint of smoky oak, fulfils all our expectations. Altogether a wine of the times. (2017-2023)

40. Château St Georges 'Côte Pavie,' Grand Cru Classé, St Emilion

£250.00

Definitely an exceptionally good wine amongst the Saint Emilions and a new one for our list. Refinement runs right through this supple, essentially feminine wine with its copious fruit and classy flavour. (2016-2022)

41. Château Branas Grand Poujeaux, Moulis

£255.00

Moulis, which lies just north of Margaux, is a commune with great potential but the leading wines have become rather expensive. Branas Grand Poujeaux is on the way up at present, so seize the opportunity to impress your dinner guests in 5 years from now. (2015-2020)

41a Château La Pointe, Pomerol

£277.00

We were informed that the blend consists of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. This explains why this stunning Pomerol showed us lots of plum and damson fruit in the tasting room. Jamie MacKenzie-Charrington will certainly be adding this to his own cellar. (2020-2035)

41b Château Gloria, Cru Bourgeois, St Julien

£297.00

A full, rich style of St Julien from this consistently over-performing Château. The 2009 shows definite spice character with dense black fruit flavours and velvety tannins. (2015-2027)

Classed Growths

42. Château Croizet Bages, 5me Cru Classé, Pauillac £213.00

In recent years this relatively modest 5th Growth has really begun to stretch its wings. 2009 sees a wine with a rich fruity nose, good definition, stylish Pauillac concentration and fine acidity. In short, everything is there for a very good outcome. (2020-2032)

43. Château Pedesclaux, 5me Cru Classé, Pauillac £228.00

There have been some stunning successes at this property in recent vintages and this is another. Cedary, concentrated and with lovely fruit acidity, the ripe velours of Cabernet Sauvignon is backed by the quality of flavour that makes Pauillac a world-famous name. Despite all the recent acclaim, Pedesclaux remains a bargain! (2019-2030)

44. Château La Tour Carnet, 5me Cru Classé, Haut Medoc £240.00

Since Bernard Magrez, the man who put Pape Clement firmly back on the map, has owned this property the investment has begun to pay off handsomely. On its way back to its 4th growth status, but not yet at that price level. (2019-2030)

45. Château Lynch Moussas, 5me Cru Classé, Pauillac £243.00

This property is owned by Emile Casteja who also owns Chateau Batailley. A lot of regeneration has been undertaken at this property and the efforts are now coming to fruition. We believe there to be more Merlot in this blend which will see the wine reach maturity earlier than one would have thought for a Pauillac. (2018-2025)

46. Château Ferrière, 3me Cru Classé, Margaux £274.00

The smallest vineyard of the 1855 classification, situated in the heart of the appellation between Chateaux Palmer and Margaux. Full colour with a ripe, attractive nose and good flavour. A vigorous, powerful, pungent, lingering finish. A property which doesn't believe in using too much oak. (2019-2030)

48. Château Marquis de Terme, 5me Cru Classé, Margaux £275.00

A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot and 6% Petit Verdot. This wine has a fabulous structure with firm uplifting tannins. There is a distinct black cherry fruit flavour with great acidity. All in all a fine and individual effort. (2019-2030)

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