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## **2023 Bordeaux: A Vintage Good to Very Good in Quality with a Few Outstanding Wines**

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## 2023 Bordeaux: An Introduction

Our team of seven spent the week of April 22nd visiting and tasting the top Chateaux during the En Primeur Week. We tasted most wines several times in order to give us a broad and knowledgeable insight into the vintage and its wines.

This was my 38th Campaign and it seems like no vintage is ever the same and it is difficult to make comparisons.

To fully understand the growing season please click on the attached link to access a report produced by the Institute of Vine and Wine Sciences Bordeaux University Enology Research Unit. ([available in full here](#))

2023 Red Bordeaux is a good to very good vintage with a few outstanding wines. The wines have a lower alcohol level than recent previous vintages which is very welcome indeed. The reds are very approachable and can be enjoyed young but will certainly age gracefully. The wines have great freshness and balance with good acidity with the top wines displaying that rich mid palate sweet ripe fruit.

Normally when assessing a new vintage there usually is a particular commune that stands out and critics will comment as such, but for our team we found the quality was even throughout.

The dry whites are one of the best vintages I have tasted. Displaying all the characteristics of a great white Bordeaux. There is plenty to choose from at all price levels.

Finally, this is an extremely good vintage for Sauternes showing great balance and power with the requisite amount of botrytis. This is certainly a vintage to take note of, especially as the prices should be quite reasonable.

Having spoken with many owners and Negotiants the pricing of 2023 will most certainly be lower than 2022 and given the quality of the vintage there should be some bargains to be had.

Andy Lench-Bordeaux Wine Locators/Chateau Carignan



BARON PHILIPPE DE ROTHSCHILD

## Dégustation Primeurs

Château Mouton Rothschild

Château Clerc Milon

Château d'Armailhac

Château Coutet



### Wines of the Vintage:

- Margaux
- Cheval Blanc
- Vieux Château Certan
- Pavie Macquin
- Canon
- Rauzan-Ségla
- Léoville Poyferré
- Les Carmes Haut-Brion
- Pichon Lalande
- Montrose

### Over-Achievers:

- Grand-Puy-Lacoste
- Léoville Barton
- Haut-Batailley
- Croix de Labrie
- Brane-Cantenac
- Cos d'Estournel Blanc
- Beychevelle
- La Gaffeliere
- Beausejour
- Pontet-Canet





### Value Drinkers:

- Les Griffons Pichon Baron
- Moulin Riche
- Croix de Beau-Séjour
- La Dame de Montrose
- Sansonnet
- Saint-Pierre
- Suduiraut VV Blanc
- Rouget
- Langoa Barton
- Lacoste-Borie



Andy Lench with Alister, Matthew and Martin at Chateau Pavie

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Please visit our 2023 Bordeaux EP landing page for our full list of 2023 Bordeaux updated daily as wines are released: [grandvinwinemERCHANTS.co.uk/en-primeur](https://grandvinwinemERCHANTS.co.uk/en-primeur)

**Thank you for your interest in 2023 Futures, and we look forward to supporting your pursuit of the world's finest wines with this remarkable vintage of Bordeaux!**

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The GVWM Team