



VINTAGES NOTABLE WINES 2007

2005 BORDEAUX FUTURES

Pomerol

2005 BORDEAUX: “During my March tasting trip, there were days when I had the same excitement/jubilation that I remember experiencing when I tasted the 1982s...for Margaux, Graves, Pomerol, and St.-Emilion, **this is a singular vintage of compelling greatness.** Moreover, most of these wines will also possess 25-30 years of longevity. I have never tasted so many extraordinarily rich, concentrated, massive wines so high in tannin and extract, yet with such precision, definition, and freshness. **It is clearly a singular vintage that should evolve into one of the great vintages of Bordeaux.** This is not the worst of all times to buy Bordeaux, but quite the contrary ... it is the best of times to be purchasing Bordeaux and to be a wine lover.” --Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

VINTAGES is offering the following three estates from POMEROL, Bordeaux for purchase as FUTURES. Payment in advance is required. Purchase is for 12-bottle cases only.

2005 CHATEAU CLINET Pomerol \$1,500/case of 12 (96 pts.)

“The most profound Clinet since the prodigies produced by the late Jean-Michel Arcaute in 1989 and 1990, the 2005 boasts a fabulous nose of blueberries, violets, truffles, subtle wood, and cold steel. Inky/purple-hued, full-bodied, and multilayered with adequate acidity, this exceptionally well-endowed, pure effort is a tour de force in winemaking. Although it is high in tannin, there is so much fruit and glycerin that it should be drinkable in 4-6 years, and keep for three decades.” —Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

2005 CHATEAU L'EVANGILE Pomerol \$3,100/case of 12 (95 pts.)

“The finest l'Evangile since the 2000 and 1998 (the chateau's staff believes it will eclipse those two vintages), the 2005 is a blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc produced from yields of 39 hectoliters per hectare. A saturated purple color is accompanied by sweet aromas of blackberries, mocha, camphor, and hints of licorice as well as spice. Finely etched tannins provide considerable support and definition to this full-bodied, opulent Pomerol. It easily conceals its lofty tannin and sizeable alcohol (13.2%). Undeniably a top effort from one of Pomerol's finest terroirs, it should be at its peak between 2010-2030.” —Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*

2005 CHATEAU LE GAY Pomerol \$1,750/case of 12 (96 pts.)

“The 2005 is unquestionably the finest Le Gay since 1982, 1975, and perhaps even 1947. Kudos to consulting winemaker Michel Rolland and the estate's relatively new proprietor, Catherine Pere-Verge, for pushing the envelope to this level. Reminiscent of an old style Le Gay or Lafleur, it boasts an inky/blue/purple color as well as an exquisite perfume of raspberry and blueberry liqueur intermixed with flowers, kirsch, licorice, and earth. This dense, powerful, concentrated, full-bodied yet well-balanced and symmetrical Pomerol possesses a boatload of tannin, but it is largely concealed by the lofty alcohol, glycerin, and extract. A brilliant effort, it represents a new reference point for Le Gay. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2035.” —Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*