

Notes Presse Millésime 2006

Vin	Millesime	Publication	Note	Format Note	Commentaire
Agassac	2006	Jancis Robinson	14	20	Overripe nose – not appetising. Thick and heavy. Tarry and unpleasant. Really not a nice drink.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry and mineral character, with a hint of cedar. Medium body, fine tannins and a medium finish.
Aiguilhe	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows bright berry and mineral fruit character. Medium-bodied, with firm tannins and a medium finish. Slightly hollow midpalate.
Alter Ego	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Excellent depth of crimson. Very full, fresh, ripe fruity aroma -much more so than Pavillon rouge just tasted in fact. Though a little taut and drily inexpressive on the palate. This is not early maturing as the original Alter Ego mission statement might suggest. Very easy on the finish though. Well made by a gentle hand. Slightly hollow towards the finish. Juicy, sweet crunchy fruit -hint of spice (because of the Petit Verdot?). Just a lack of impact on the back palate.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Spicy and delicious. Shows loads of fruit, with fine tannins and a long finish. Very pretty and juicy.
Angélus	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	A clean wine, with lovely berry and mineral character. Full bodied, with fine tannins and a long , caressing finish. This is extremely well made.
Archange	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Has lots of licorice aromas, with hints of sweet fruit. Medium- to full-bodied, with fresh acidity and a medium finish. Holds together.
Arche	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers maple syrup and honey on the nose and palate, with some spice. Medium-bodied, with medium sweetness and a round, creamy finish.
Armailhac	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	First note : very much lighter purplish crimson than Clerc Milon. Light, very aromatic with a hint of wood shavings and some quite notable ripeness. Warm, round fruit on the front palate - very suavely handled though not at all intense. Lightweight but very well balanced. Pretty wine for early consumption. No greenness jsut a lack of concentration. Rather inky on the finish. Second note (blind) : Mid crimson. Nice aromatic lift. If you had to construct a completely typical middle of the road left bank 2006 this would be it. Not the most exciting and with a little noticeable acidity but very creditable - just a little tiring on the finish. Too green really for comfort on the finish if one is able to look at ot objectively...
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Lovely licorice and currant aromas follow through to a medium- to full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a soft, fruity finish. Nicely done for the vintage.
Armens	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Has berry fruit character and a medium body, but this falls short.

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Ausone	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	This is a solid Ausone, with plenty of blackberry and licorice character. Full and velvety, with a solid core of fruit and medium chewy tannins. Not the 2005, but well done.
Bahans Haut-Brion	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Currants with mineral character. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a light, delicate, fruity finish.
Barde-Haut	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Offers clean berry and licorice character, with a medium body and a medium finish. A bit lean.
Baron de Brane	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Clean and fruity, with plum and cherry character, medium body and a light finish. Fresh. Second wine of Brane-Cantenac.
Batailley	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Dark blackish crimson with some development at the rim already. Sweet tealeaf aromas. Hint of char. Quite mild attack – a bit diffuse. Rather green notes – needs time. Not the most direct fruit – and very astringent and drying on the finish.
Beaumont	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5+	20	Bright crimson with a pale pink rim. Fresh and quite fine though far from intense. Round and sweet on the front palate – very friendly and attractive with bright well balanced fruit. Tarry finish but good positive character.
Beauregard	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Clean, ripe and fruity, with a full body, round tannins and a friendly finish. Nicely done. This is a sensitive wine.
Beau Séjour Bécot	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Medium body, with berry and coffee character, good tannins and a medium finish. Slightly hollow. Could get better in bottle.
Beauséjour Cuvée 1901	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers some berry character, with a hint of mineral and light coffee. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a hollow midpalate.
Beauséjour Duffau-lagarrosse	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very pretty wine. Aromatic, with berry, plum and licorice character. Medium-to-full body, with fine tannins and a soft, silky finish.
Beau Soleil	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium- to full-bodied, with coffee, berry and licorice aromas and flavors and chewy tannins.
Belair	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A little short, but there's some pleasant berry and currant character. Medium-bodied.

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Belgrave	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Extraordinarily deep blackish crimson but with a gentler nose than many of the other Dourthe wines. Good rich fruit that spreads across the palate. Taut dry finish with marked acidity. Certainly thick and focussed even if not gentle to drink. Marked 'freshness'. [blind] Very dark purple right out to the rim – almost black! A hint of rawness on the nose and heavily extracted but very glamorous and opulent – definitely in the modern, slightly awkward-now idiom. Lots of effort here.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Pleasant, medium-bodied red, with bright berry and licorice character. Silky and elegant.
Bellefont Belcier	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	There's some berry and citrus fruit character in this medium-bodied red. Short
Bellegrave	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Displays a very good core of fruit, with velvety tannins and a medium-to-full body. Builds on the palate. This is good for the vintage.
Bellevue	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Delicate and fruity, with berry character, silky tannins and a medium finish. Not overdone. Pleasant.
Belle-Vue	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Rich and lively and covers the palate – very fresh and a bit tough and tart but at least there is refreshment here. Lively. Good balance.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows currant and a hint of tobacco on a medium body, with fine tannins and good fruit on the finish. The tannins are slightly angular.
Bellevue Mondotte	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	This is very long this year. Full-bodied, silky and pretty, with a long finish. Impressive. Very pretty and well made.
Bellisle Mondotte	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Balanced and fruity, with lots of velvety tannins that caress the palate. Full-bodied and seamless. Not full-throttle, but in control.
Berliquet	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows some berry and licorice character, with a medium body and chewy tannins. But turns a bit diluted.
Bernadotte	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Excellent depth of crimson. Pepper and incense on the nose – most interesting! Thick and sweet and very much better than most Haut-Médoc. Real concentration. With the tannins extremely well managed – very glamorous indeed. Bravo! Note of green pepper only on the very very end. [blind] Thick and sweet and rather charming even if the tannins are terribly dry - there is quite impressive ripe fruit here too.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Plenty of good fruit. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Pleasant.

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Beychevelle	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Mid crimson with some development. Simple sweet red wine on the nose rather than Saint-Julien. Certainly well adequate. Mellifluous texture but just not very ambitious or tense. Perfectly fine red bordeaux though a little too sweet and not tannic enough for the top rank.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Soft-textured and fruity, with medium body, good flavors and a medium finish. I was expecting a little more out of this.
Blason d'Issan	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Soft and round with some berry and coffee bean character. Medium- to full-bodied, with soft tannins and a medium finish.
Bon Pasteur	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Soft and round, with a good core of fruit and plenty of clean berry and vanilla character. A little short and hollow. Almost 89-91
Boscq	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Positively black! Very opulent on the nose – not very Saint-Estèphe but potentially rather winning on the nose. Sweet and flashy with almost enough upfront to distract from the very dry, rasping tannins on the finish. Quite a bit of substance. But terribly inky. Very, very dry on the finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Clean-cut, with some pleasant berry and currant character. Medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish.
Bouscaut rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	There's a silky texture to this medium-bodied red, which shows clean fruit and a medium finish.
Boutisse	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Balanced and fruity, with fine tannins and chocolate, berry and cedar character. Refined. Well done.
Boyd Cantenac	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Balanced and silky, with a medium-to-full body, fine tannins and medium finish. Slightly hollow midpalate. Clean.
Branais Ducru	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Very dark crimson with a blackish streak. So glossy. Indistinct and not especially expressive nose. Oddly a bit loose and unfocused on the palate despite the dramatic look. Bit like a cup of tepid tea. Dies a little on the end though a great deal of effort has clearly gone into it. Fruit a bit smashed. Neat but fades.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very solid, with good fruit and a complete core of ripe tannins. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium to full finish. I prefer this to the 2004. Very close to 92-94.
Branas Grand Poujeaux	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Diluted but clean, with berry and light currant character.
Brane Cantenac	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Reasonably deep crimson. Full, meaty, even slightly bloody. Very upfront rather simple sweet fruit and hardly detectable tannin. Certainly could not be accused of an excess of ambition... Bit of a wimp really.

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	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Balanced and pretty, with plum and currant. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium-long finish. All in finesse.
Branon	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows mineral and berry character, with a medium body and a hollow finish.
Brillette	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Blackberry and light licorice. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Just slightly hollow midpalate.
Broustet	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Spicy and clean, with apple and papier-mâché. Medium- to full-bodied, with medium sweetness.
Brown blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with pineapple and mango character. Subtle yet rich, with lively acidity.
Brown rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers a pretty nose of ripe fruit, with hints of wood. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a short finish.
Cabanne	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Offers a good core of ripe fruit, with soft, velvety tannins. Medium- to full-bodied, with very good length. Juicy and well done. I like this better than the 2005.
Cadet Bon	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Has some berry and cherry character, but falls short. Not much to this.
Cadet Piola	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium-bodied, with some berry and herbal character and an astringent finish.
Caillou	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers some rich apple pie and cream character, with a hint of spiciness. Medium-bodied and lightly sweet, but a little short. A bit flat.
Calon Ségur	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5	20	Remarkably deep crimson. Savoury, racy nose with good depth and confidence. Not heavy or rustic – really quite transparent and with almost Lafite-like lift and race. Well done with no greenness and just a little tightening on the finish. Finer than the more solid Montrose. Positively succulent! You might reproach it for being just a little lightweight...
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	A lovely wine with a solid core of fruit, silky tannins and chocolate, berry and light spice character. Long and balanced. Reminds me of the 1995.
Cambon la pelouse	2006	Jancis Robinson	14	20	Mid crimson. Light and mealy and not terribly direct – rather muted and waffley. Very tough.

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Camensac	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Mid to pale crimson. Lively vivacious nose with some richness and certainly quite ripe on the nose though slightly dry, sandy tannins on the finish. Just slightly meagre. Pleasant enough if a little lightweight. Confident.
Canon	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Balanced and fruity, with a lovely silky texture and sweet, ripe fruit. Long and caressing. Refined and harmonious.
Canon la Gaffelière	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	This is really long. Very, very well done. Full-bodied, with silky tannins. Starts off slowly and then runs.
Cantelys	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with mineral and light berry character and a short finish. Clean, but a little thin.
Cantemerle	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Dark crimson with a very fine pale rim. Rather tired, overripe note on the nose – sweet palate and gentle tannins but not the most dynamic of these wines. A little lacking freshness. Quite high astringency.
Cantenac	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Light and hollow, with a hint of lavender and berry and slightly metallic tannins.
Cantenac Brown	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Lustrous crimson. Sweet, slightly jammy nose. Not distinguished. Very green tannins and not much ripe fruit in evidence. Puny. New owner post AXA.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Impressive blackberry and mineral aromas. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a medium finish. A little hollow, but I like it.
Cap de Faugères	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with some berry and mineral character and a good finish. Could use a little more midpalate.
Carbonnieux blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Light, clean and fruity, with apple and honey character. Very lemony.
Carbonnieux rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Fresh and clean, with silky tannins and a medium finish, but a little short and hollow.
Carmes Haut Brion	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Pleasant, with good clean berry and cherry fruit, a medium body and silky tannins.
Carruades de Lafite	2006	Jancis Robinson	16++	20	Mid purple with wide rim. Relatively lightweight, strict nose. Pretty brutal but with a slightly marine note. Very dry and pretty dense, dominated by very fine tannins. Some lift though not as much as usual. A bit chunky and strict. Does taste a bit like offcuts though with Lafite grace. Lift and good integrity. Delicate finish. Very clean. Acidity and greenness not at all in evidence.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Fresh and fruity, with pretty berry and chocolate character. Medium body, soft tannins and a medium, slightly short finish. Second wine of Lafite.

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Certan de May	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Round and velvety, with a good amount of ripe fruit, toasty oak and coffee. Full and caressing. A bit dilute at the end. Almost 89-91.
Chantegrive Cuvée Caroline	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Fruity and spicy, with dried pineapple and peach character. Medium-bodied, with a good finish. This could turn out very, very good.
Chapelle d'Ausone	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows lovely pure fruit, with mineral and berry character, a medium body and fine tannins. Yet this is slight, short and hollow. The second wine of Ausone.
Chapelle de Potensac	2006	Jancis Robinson	14.5	20	Second wine of the northern Médoc outpost of the Delons of Léoville Las Cases. Dense and firm on the nose. Not too rustic on the nose although there's a bit of a green streak on the end of the palate. A bit mean. In fact tough as old boots if I'm honest. Just as well it's eliminated from the grand vin. How many other AC Médoc châteaux have a second wine, I wonder?
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Some currant and berry character. Clean fruit but falls short.
Charmail	2006	Jancis Robinson	14.5	20	Deep crimson. Ripe purple berry flavours. Thick and very chewy – a bit ungainly and the dry tannins overwhelm other elements unfortunately. Dry ink on the finish.
Chasse Spleen	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Not much definition and overbearing greenness of fruit. very austere and rather light fruit. Pinched greentannins on the finish. Light and rather inky. Just a bit more pinched than the other Moulis.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Floral and fruity, with a medium body, refined tannins and a crisp finish. A little austere, but a friendly claret.
Cheval Blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Very rich, showing lots of blackberry and licorice, with just a hint of wood. Full-bodied, with dense but polished tannins. This is subtle. Very, very pretty and elegant. Silky and long. Almost 95-100.
Citran	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Sweet and round and with lots of ripe fruit. Good balance and juiciness. Well done! Lively for early [blind] Mid crimson, not desperately concentrated colour. Low-key but well balanced slightly timid nose. Nothing in excess. Mild, mellifluous, the quite light fruit only just supports the oak – I'd like to have seen little more concentration in this wine though it should make perfectly acceptable lunchtime claret!
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Berry and light currant character, with some fresh herbs. Medium body, chewy tannins and a medium finish.
Clarke	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Very deep crimson. Confident expression of fruit on the nose with some real race. Just a very slightly yeasty/beery note. Lustrous and succulent in the context of Lustrac with the fruit sweetness and intensity managing to distract from some pretty astringent tannins until the very end on the palate. Lots of work has gone into this. Pretty inky for now but I think it will (eventually) get there.

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Clauzet	2006	Jancis Robinson	14.5	20	Spicy but alcohol makes your eyes water - though doesn't smell volatile. Firm grainy tannins. Not enough fruit for the structure. Sour on the finish. (JH)
Clémentin rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows some clean fruit and licorice character, with a light finish. The second wine of Pape Clément.
Clément Pichon	2006	Jancis Robinson	14.5	20	Light, sweet ink. Not too much distinction. Fine if a little sweet and soupy.
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Light and a little astringent, with some peppery currant character.
Clerc Milon	2006	Jancis Robinson	16+	20	Notably deep crimson with a pale rim. Not much nose though it gives the impression of some density underneath. Quite well handled but pretty tough and embryonic – as though this wine got all the press wine. Pretty severe and at this stage ungracious. Obviously more ambitious than the Armailhac from the same, Mouton stable but all structure and no fruit for the moment.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very good amount of plum and chocolate character on the nose and palate. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky tannins. Medium finish. Pretty core of fruit.
Clos de l'Oratoire	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Balanced for the vintage, with vanilla, berry and mineral character. Full and silky. Medium finish. Well done for the vintage.
Clos de Sarpe	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Clean and fruity, but with slightly accentuated acidity. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins. Slightly hollow center palate.
Clos des Jacobins	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows lots of wood right now, but also some clean fruit and coffee character. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium-to-long finish. Needs more of a center palate.
Clos Dubreuil	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium- to full-bodied, with berry and tobacco character, fine tannins and a medium finish.
Clos du Marquis	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Second wine of Léoville Las Cases. Pretty dark crimson. Ripe black fruits with lift on the nose. Very racy. Sweet start, very fine tannins. Slightly green tannins but a definite polish. This year all the Cabernet Franc went into this wine even if most of the constituents for Léoville Las Cases and Clos du Marquis come from different parcels. A bit inky on the finish. Very much an also ran in 2006. One has the sense, because of its greenness, that it has swept up the offcuts. Bit of a skinny little thing.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Wonderful aromas of blackberries, minerals and dried flowers. Full-bodied, with a lovely core of cool fruit. Racy and caressing tannins. Excellent. 13.2 percent Cabernet Franc--more than normal. Better structured than normal, too.

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Clos Fourtet	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very nicely done for the vintage, with a pretty core of mineral, berry fruit and silky tannins. This is long. Wait and see.
Clos Haut Peyraguey	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Has some good pineapple and spice character. Medium- to full-bodied, with clean fruit and dried pineapple character. A little short.
Clos l'Eglise	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows some berry fruit, with hints of mineral, but turns a little lean. Short.
Clos les Lunelles	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows attractive plummy character, with a medium body, fine tannins and a short finish. A bit hollow.
Clos Margalaine	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Some green pepper and smoked cassis. Very, very dense. Almost solid. But tannins are ripe. just too concentrated so that it ends rather bitter. Over-extracted and hot on the finish. Far from typical Margaux, from Thunevin.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry and dried herb character. Tannins are a little austere. Medium, chewy finish.
Clos Puy Arnaud	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows some berry character, with a hint of raisin. Medium-bodied, with soft tannins and a delicate finish.
Clos Saint Martin	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Balanced and fruity, with mineral and licorice character. Medium- to full-bodied, with chewy tannins.
Clos Vieille Eglise	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Velvety, with berry and chocolate character and a good amount of wood. Medium- to full-bodied, this is slightly hollow midpalate.
Clotte (la)	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with blackberry and mineral character, chewy tannins and a medium finish. A bit hollow.
Commanderie	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Ripe black plums, sweet and spicy, even a touch of fruit cake - highly aromatic. Soft (relatively speaking!) and supple. Elegant and well balanced. Excellent freshness and good length. (JH)
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Round and velvety, with a good level of ripe fruit and licorice character. Full and soft-textured, with a medium midpalate. Almost 89-91.
Commanderie de Mazeyres	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Well done for the vintage, with a very good mouthfeel, lots of velvety tannins and a long finish. Balanced.

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Conseillante	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Attractive berry and mineral character. Full-bodied, with a pretty complement of dark chocolate and berry character. Solid core of fruit and ripe tannins, yet balanced. Very ripe fruit here. Serious for the vintage.
Corbin	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	There's some good fruit, but this is a little light and astringent.
Cos d'Estournel	2006	Jancis Robinson	18	20	Very deep, very Cabernet (78%) right out to the rim. Intense – very lively real energy in this wine. Much more solid and more obviously fruity than the more ethereal Lafite next door – but a very fine wine with great balance and zest and a bit of ink on the finish. Glossy, meaty, even slightly salty. Very long-term wine but non-aggressive tannins.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Wonderful aromas of violets and berries, with a mineral undertone. Full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit and tannins. Firm and chewy, tannic and muscular. Midpalate of fruit that builds on the palate. Almost 95-100.
Cos Labory	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5+	20	Dark crimson and slightly smudgy at the rim. Sweet and spicy on the nose. Mild, low-key nose but pretty glossy and true to the hardness of Saint-Estèphe. Racy and a little spindly but with definite character. Firm and sleek and quite dry but noble and sinewy without being too aggressively dry. Quite a bit of breed even if not that dense.
Cote Baleau	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Shows mineral and blackberry character, with silky tannins. Medium-bodied, with a silky finish. Nicely done.
Coufran	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Dark, bright crimson. Tarry, slightly overripe heady black fruits on the nose. A bit of a hole in the middle after lots of extraction. Very dry tannins on the finish – quite painful!
Couhins Lurton	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium- to full-bodied, with firm tannins. But falls away fairly quickly.
Cour d'Argent	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with a good core of fruit, light tannins and a clean finish. Good for this appellation in this vintage.
Couspaude	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium- to full-bodied, with blackberry and light mineral character, silky tannins and a medium finish. Almost 89-91.
Coutet	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Shows lemon and lime character, with hints of spice. Medium- to full-bodied and medium sweet, but a little short. Wait and see. Promises more on the nose than it gives on the palate.
Croix de Beaucaillou	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5++	20	Thick crimson colour. Sweet, mild, well balanced nose. Pretty good and tight. Rather polished and well balanced. Fresh and ripe and the tannins perfectly ripe. Quite a surprise! Very very slightly inky tannins but relatively supple until the very end. Real progress on previous years of this wine. Pretty fine. Congratulations.

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	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Chewy, with good fruit and lots of berry and toasted oak. Medium- to full-bodied, but falls pretty fast. Second wine of Ducru.
Croix Figeac	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with blackberry and toasty oak character, firm, pleasant tannins and a short finish. Balanced. This used to be Château Rocher Bellevue Figeac. Could improve.
Croizet Bages	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Very dark crimson with a developed rim. Light nose with an odd metallic note. Then gentle and easy on the palate – rather enveloping and cosy like a comforter. Sweet start and there's no hiding the slight astringency on the finish but all sculpted to deliver minimum harassment. Quite a bit of life and lift. Just that very slight green streak lets it down. Bit messy finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Very light, with some berry character, but short.
Cruzelles	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows berry and chocolate character, with a medium body and a short finish.
Dame de Montrose	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Dark crimson. Scented and very opulent. Lovely for now. Truly juicy and sweet – black fruits and liquorice. Sweet and easy – just not very concentrated. Succulent start and only a problem on the finish where the tannins start to bite. For early drinking – very well managed. Though pretty tannic and dry on the finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	A little diluted, but some clean berry and tobacco character. Medium-bodied. Slightly angular tannins.
Dassault	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows blackberry and mineral character, with a hint of new oak. Medium-bodied, with chewy tannins and a medium finish. A little austere, but pleasant.
Dauzac	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Very impressive dark crimson, very lustrous. Curious, super-concentrated (?) nose. Unusually deep colour. Difficult to find the fruity core even though there is lots of tannin. Actually not that much acidity. It's all IPT! I find this wine unbalanced an overworked. Hollow. The extra 0.5 is there for those who value colour and tannin above all else. I find it difficult to find the fruit.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Wonderful perfumes, with floral and berry character. Full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit and a long silky-textured finish.
Desmirail	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Good toasty impact and ripe fruit on the nose. Some freshness and life and lift. Pretty chewy tannins though. There's a bit of juice here and I think it will all fall into place though it needs to be left alone for quite a while to let those tannins subside. A certain sweetness.
Doisy-Daene	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Lively and spicy, with tangerine and lemon character. Medium-bodied, with lively acidity and a fruity finish. Balanced, with medium acidity. Almost 89-91.

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Domaine de Chevalier blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Displays excellent concentration and length of lemon, mineral and lime character. Full-bodied, with bright acidity.
Domaine de l'A	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Balanced and fruity, with mineral, berry and cherry character. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a slightly hollow midpalate.
Dôme	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Fresh and clean, with berry and citrus fruit character. Turns a little aggressive with the acidity, but I like the bright fruit.
Domeyne	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Attractive currant and plum character. Medium- to full-bodied, with medium tannins and a medium finish. This is a new château bought in December 2006 by Claire Villars of Haut-Bages-Libéral and Ferrière and her husband, Gonzague Lurton, of Dufort-Vivens. They blended the 2006.
Dominique (la)	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Has some berry and coffee character, with a medium body and good tannins, but this is slightly austere on the finish.
Ducru Beaucaillou	2006	Jancis Robinson	17++	20	Deep crimson. Spicy, finely polished nose. Very glossy, only very slightly inky. Glossy, polished ink. Gentle – tastes as though it has been ripened gently. The tannins are very fine, pretty sandpapery. Very delicate though a little dry on the finish. Not much real fruit weight in the middle. Inky finish. Gouleyant, very fine, very classic indeed. In the true sense of classic rather than 'off vintage'. Will surely appeal mainly to classicists. [See 2005] Rather in the mould of Ch Margaux.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Layered and rich, with lots of licorice and berry character. Turns to currants. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Very serious. Like it a lot. 1996 again. This is almost 95-100.
Du Glana	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Low-key and muted but good freshness and no excess of oak. Light and easy with light oak influence on the finish.
Duhart Milon Rothschild	2006	Jancis Robinson	17+	20	Very dark ruby purple pretty much right out to the rim. Excellent colour depth. Quite tarry nose – some briariness even, which is unusual in 2006. Not desperately expressive on the nose though very nice constitution on the palate. Freshness without too much inkiness – brisk like a scrub. Slightly angular finish but pretty complete up to then.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Really well done, with lots of licorice and fruity character. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long flavorful finish. Close to 92-94.
Dufort Vivens	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Bright, dark crimson. Curious, characterful nose. Quite warm and ripe at first and then the green notes kick in. A little scrawny and rather tired battered fruit. Not fresh enough for this vintage. Weight and concentration though. Heat on the finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Chocolate, with fresh herb and berry qualities. Medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish.

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Du Tertre	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Mid crimson; pale rim. Concentrated fruit but with a green undertow on the nose. Then lovely plump ripe fruit on the palate - almost opulent! And the tannins are extremely skilfully managed. Almost like cracking open a oft berry in the mouth. Some genius mde this wine. Quite exceptional texture and no shortage of fruit. There's certainly acidity, maybe a slightly lack of tannin in fact (don't always complain?) How on earth did that come about? Heavy fining before this sample was presented???
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry fruit, with fine tannins and a medium finish. A little diluted on the midpalate.
Eglise Clinet	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Balanced and harmonious for the vintage. Full-bodied, with a very good core of ripe fruit and velvety tannins. Excellent winemaking by the gifted Denis Durantou.
Evangile	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very silky and caressing on the palate, with a full body and lots of chocolate, coffee and berry character. Refined and elegant, with a long finish. Could use a bit more on the finish.
Fargues	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	This is big, powerful and intense, with loads of ripe fruit and spice character. Full-bodied, racy, very sweet and long. Complex, layered and fantastic, showing ginger spice. Really stands out. Excellent.
Faugères	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	A good core of fruit, with silky tannins and a medium-to-full body. Caressing and balanced. Very nicely done for the vintage.
Ferrière	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Deep, shiny crimson. Rather sumptuous, sweet nose in the, say, Pape Clément mould. good freshness of fruit - very easy 'pleasant' wine with slightly green tannns on the finish. A little inky but certainly a true representative of the vintage. Quite but not excessively light.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A little diluted on the midpalate, with berry and currant character. Medium body and a delicate finish. Clean and caressing.
Feytit Clinet	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Silky and fruity, with a brightness and a medium body. Slightly hollow midpalate, but this is nicely done.
Fieuzal blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Has very serious concentration, with lots of ripe fruit, citrusy acidity and a long finish. Plenty going on. Shows improvement.
Fieuzal rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	A bit diluted, but shows some attractive berry and mineral character. Falls short.
Figeac	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very impressive aromas of blackberry and coffee follow through to medium- to full-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a long finish. This is all in finesse. A tiny bit more on the midpalate would make it 92-94.

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Filhot	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Not completely clean. Shows some papier-mâché, with dried apple and honey character. Short.
Fleur de Bouard	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with good berry and mineral character, clean fruit and a delicate, silky finish.
Fleur de Gay	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	This is rich, with berry and light toasty oak and coffee. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. Slightly hollow, but attractive.
Fleur Petrus	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Offers an extremely pretty nose of cinnamon, crushed berry and milk chocolate. Full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit and a long finish. Very impressive for the vintage.
Fombrauge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Very good for the vintage, with licorice and mineral character. Medium- to full-bodied, with good tannin structure and a medium finish.
Fonbel	2006	Wine Spectator		100	There's a good core of blackberry and prune fruit. Medium-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. A little hollow but good quality.
Fonréaud	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Mid crimson. Light nose - currant bush, but very light. Some light savour and sap emerged, with even a hint of oak. Fills the mouth quite satisfactorily for a Lustrac, though it is certainly in minor key and pretty light and lean.
Fonroque	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Has lots of vanilla and currant character. A little citric, with a medium body and a tart finish. But shows good fruit.
Fontenil	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Has a good core of blackberry and mineral. Medium-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish. Clean and focused for the vintage.
Forts de Latour	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5	20	Mid crimson with a slightly weak rim. Very spicy nose with some real richness. Great life and lift and zest. Lots of energy. Not massively weighty. Tight and very fine tannins. Somehow it gives the impression of alcohol even though it's only 13.25%. Very fine, not too chunky. Quite unusually delicate and fine. Very focussed! Very harmonious but much less galumphing than usual.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very solid, with an excellent core of fruit and chewy tannins, but not too aggressive. Full body. Medium finish. Well done.
Fourcas Dupré	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Mid crimson and sweet and simple on the nose. solid and inexpressive but more oomph than most Lustracs. Inky tannins. Very though on the finish. Ambitious but possible too much press wine or over-extraction? Shame because the raw materials seem relatively impressive. Overworked.

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Franc Mayne	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	This has clean berry and mineral character, with a medium body and a light, silky finish. Diluted midpalate.
Fugue de Nénin	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Soft and fruity, with lovely blackberry and cherry character, a medium body and a fine finish. Falls a little short.
Gaffelière	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with some berry fruit and light vanilla character, but falls short.
Gazin	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Offers some berry and mineral character, with light dried herbs. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish.
Gazin Rocquencourt	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium and simple, with lightly stewed plum and berry character.
Gigault - Cuvée Viva -	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	There's some berry and mineral character, but this is a bit lean. Medium-bodied, with clean fruit.
Giscours	2006	Jancis Robinson	16+	20	Crimson/ruby. Fresh aromatics on the nose. Sweet start, suggestion of tea leaves. Quite compact. Fine tannins which really build on the finish but not much soul. Correct but very introvert for the moment while its stablemate Terre is showing better at this early stage.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Lots of grapey, fruity character, with medium to full body, mineral and berry character. Little lean, but balanced and pretty.
Gloria	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Thick and shiny and pointu – a bit harsh though it is trying desperately to cover this up. A bit gawky. Short.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Lots of rich fruit, with fresh plum, coffee and berry character. Full-bodied, with tannins that build on your palate and follow through. Well structured. The best Gloria in a long time.
Gomerie	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	There's plenty of good fruit, with hints of tobacco and toasty oak. Full-bodied, with soft tannins and a medium finish. Well done for the vintage.
Goulée	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Remarkably deep crimson right out to the rim. Fresh even slightly tart nose. Definite green streak however hard they have worked to modify this. Sleek texture but pretty rasping tannins on the finish – in fine idiom. Very different from previous vintages – lacking the full ripeness and opulence of Goulée to date.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Soft and fruity, with plum and coffee character. Medium-to-full body and a medium finish. Like the texture.
Grand Barrail Lamarzelle Figeac	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium-bodied, with berry fruit character that has a slightly herbal undertone. A little hollow.

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Grand Corbin Despagne	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows berry and mineral character, with a medium body, firm tannins and a short finish.
Grandes Murailles	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a chocolate, berry aftertaste. A little hollow.
Grand Mayne	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Clean, but a little lean, with tobacco, berry and mineral character. Wait and see.
Grand Pontet	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Displays berry and mineral character, with just a hint of cedar. Medium-bodied, with chewy tannins and a medium finish.
Grand Puy Ducasse	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5+	20	Mid to dark crimson. Slightly weak rim. Sweet, relatively simple Ovaltine/Ovomaltine nose. Then meaty, savoury front palate and some slight greenness on the finish. A bit disjointed but it should get there in the end. Pretty chunky and playing the long-term card. Very solid! Pretty uncompromising.
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Pleasant and fruity, but turns slightly hard and austere on the palate.
Grand Puy Lacoste	2006	Jancis Robinson	18	20	No darker than Haut-Batailley. Thick and opulent on the nose. Very sweet and engaging, with lots of fine tannins – something reminiscent of port about this! The tannins are not at all green – very mouth-cleaning. This wine rinses the mouth. Really complete. Very gentle extraction. Much rounder tannins than most other similar wines. Totally charming. Not big but great balance and vivacity, Bravo!
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	A clean young wine, with fine, silky tannins, good focused fruit and a medium-to-long finish. Caressing and refined.
Grands Chênes	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Lift and well put together even if a little brutal. A satisfying bottle from the Bernard Magrez stable. Not desperately ambitious though the tannins are pretty tough on the finish!
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	There's some clean fruit character, but this finishes a bit austere and lean.
Grands Maréchaux	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with currant and mineral character, fine tannins and a light finish. Clean yet hollow.
Graud Larose	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Blackish crimson. Zesty nose with the merest hint of oak. Well put together even if embryonic – super smooth and easy and there is absolutely nothing for anyone to object to even if no-one would go to bed dreaming of this wine. I am churlish to even voice a hint of complaint. Very well done, if slightly bureaucratic.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Velvety and fruity. Lots of mineral and berry character. I would like to see a little more fruit in the center palate, but it's clean and racy. And it should grow in the barrel. Better than the 2005. Close to 92-94.
Guiraud	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Rich and structured, showing honey and spice. Full-bodied, with medium sweetness. Tight, firm and long.

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Gurgue (la)	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Soft and velvety, with plum and mineral character. Full body. Medium finish. A little disjointed now, but shows potential, especially for the vintage.
Haut Bages Averous	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry and vanilla character. Medium body. Lots of wood now. Medium finish. Second wine of Lynch-Bages.
Haut Bages Libéral	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Very dark crimson. Lift, even slight volatility, on the nose. Round, wonderful texture – what a lot of effort has gone into this. Fully ripe fruit. Quite distinguished. [Couldn't help thinking this must be Pichon Longueville.] Super glossy – the opposite of rustic. Positively slides over the palate. Is there quite enough in the middle? It's certainly very distinguished. Just slightly hollow in the middle. [Yet again, HBL shows especially well en primeur...]
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Beautiful nose of ripe blackberry and currant. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Very well done. Impressive.
Haut Batailley	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5	20	Very deep crimson right out to the rim. Very delicate and singing dark red fruit. Not big but quite excessively juicy. Sweet and round with the tannins in very good balance. Crunchy juicy fruit. Well done! Really lively. Not for the very long term and a little fade on the finish but terribly pretty. Beware the drinking dates – to be read with the score. If one were cruel one would call it Pauillac Lite but it should certainly be a pleasure to drink. Well restrained.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Fresh and fruity, with good acidity and a clean berry aftertaste. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Long. Very good for the vintage.
Haut Bergey rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows berry and mineral character, with a medium body, firm tannins and a light finish.
Haut-Brion	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Captivating aromas of coffee, spice, violets and cedar follow through to a full-bodied palate, with refined tannins and a long finish. Lovely refinement for the vintage.
Haut-Brion Blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Shows some lovely honey and apple character, with green apple, melon and mineral. Almost spicy. Full and lively, with a long finish. Very pretty already.
Haut Chaigneau	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Rather thin, with some herbal and berry character.
Haut Gardère	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium-bodied, with slightly stewed fruit character and a light finish. Diluted.
Haut-Maillet	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	There's some berry and currant character, but falls short.

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Haut Marbuzet	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5+	20	Rich toasty cassis, and fresh cassis, quite aromatic. Reasonably elegant but a bit lightweight or lacking fruit in the middle. Second bottle tasted was much richer and fuller, which upped the score from my original 16.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry and currant character, with medium body and firm tannins. Falls a little short, but a pleasant enough wine.
Hosanna	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Very attractive blackberry, olive and spicy oak on the nose and palate. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky, refined tannins and a medium-to-long finish. There's lots going on. This was picked before the rain.
Issan	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Pretty dark crimson. Rich and round and lively. Pretty impressive balance. A little sharp in terms of acidity but good ripe fruit into which a great deal of effort has obviously gone. Thick and quite rich though pretty stolid - a considerable proportion of press wine apparently.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Lots of plummy fruit. Hints of violet follow through to a full body, with chewy tannins and a medium finish. Slightly hollow midpalate, but pretty. Almost 89-91. Let's wait and see
Jardin de Petit Village	2006	Wine Spectator	75-79	100	Pretty light, with some berry and tarragon character. This is short. The second wine of Petit-Village.
Jean de Gué - Cuvée Prestige	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Has some berry and herb character. Medium-bodied, with a short finish.
Jean Faure	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	A medium red, with some berry and light herbal character. Hard to get excited about.
Joanin Bécot	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with fresh berry and a hint of chocolate. Slightly hollow, but tasty.
Kirwan	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	A little volatile but certainly fresh on the nose. Round and sweet and rather charming. Not heavy - positively dances and sings! Dry tannins on the finish but enough fruit density beforehand. Ambitious - pretty dry tannins - I feel this wine is on a knife edge. I think it has enough fruit for tannins but it's very close to being dominated by them. Is this the first post-Rolland vintage or, more probably. The last one in which he played a part?
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Berry and currant character. Full-bodied, with firm tannins and a medium finish. Needs a bit more on the center palate.
Labégorce	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Heavy crimson. Sweet berry aromas but no great intensity. Acidity and greenness are the dominant characteristics. Very skinny and dry - hollow. Note that Labégorce Zédé has been absorbed back into the main estate now.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Pretty plummy. Currant aromas follow through to a full-bodied palate, with chewy tannins and a long persistent finish. Structured. Very well done from this estate.

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Labégorce Zédé	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some good berry and tobacco character in this medium- to full-bodied red, with slightly austere tannins on the finish.
Lafaurie-Peyraguey	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Shows some serious concentration with lots of subtle honey and spice character. Medium- to full bodied, with medium sweetness and a medium finish. Borad-shouldered. Well done. Very ood example of the vintage.
Lafite Rothschild	2006	Jancis Robinson	18.5	20	Less blue than Duhart with mid concentration. Very healthy opulent concentrated crimson. A particular spice to this vintage on the nose. Crisp and racy and beautifully balanced on the palate – possibly the most complete wine so far. Just caresses the palate and only on the finish shows you quite how much (notably ripe) tannin there is underneath. Remarkably compact. Lovely freshness without any greenness or angularity.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Racy and long, with beautiful blackberry and light coffee character and a licorice undertone. Full and racy, with a long, long finish. Structured and powerful, yet builds on the palate. Close to 95-100.
Lafleur	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	Starts off slow, then cascades like a waterfall. Full and superlong, this is structured and racy. Tight and in reserve. A classic beauty for the vintage.
La Fleur	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	This is attractive, with round tannins, a medium body and sweet fruit on the finish.
Lafon Rochet	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Dark crimson. Some rich chocolatey notes on top. Round and easy – even slightly floral – very user-friendly even if not as concentrated as the average Saint-Estèphe 2006 perhaps should be. Clean if slightly light on the finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A bit lean, but some clean berry and currant character. Medium body. Delicate finish.
La Garde Rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with berry and light mineral character and a light finish.
Lagrange	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Black! Black fruits, black liquorice. Good, neat, quite dry fruit but pretty chewy and drying on the finish. Needs quite a time to melt. Very slightly fizzy. Well done – cross between ancient and modern styles if closer to modern. Just slightly hollow. A little bit sweet.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very pretty mineral and black berry aromas. Full-bodied, with a solid core of fruit and a long silky finish. Very good indeed. Almost 92-94.
La Grave	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Has a good core of fruit, with mineral and berry character. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Clean and fresh.

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Lagune	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Dark purplish crimson. Medium weight with slight oak influence on the palate. Very slightly raw notes but good lift and zest. Very juicy. Just not very complex. Confident. Dry tannins but just about in balance. Should be fine in the long run for a zippy easy drink.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Floral and fruity, with medium body, silky tannins and a medium finish. Needs a bit more on the midpalate. Clean.
Lalande Borie	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Deep crimson. Thick and rather brutal – pretty chewy. Stringy finish even if a little sweet at the start. No real concentration in the middle, very very dry end. Sandpaper finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Fruity and round, with a chocolate and light coffee character. Medium- to full-bodied. Clean finish. Tannic too. Needs a little more on the midpalate.
Lamarque	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Dark, bright crimson. Rather simple but appetising black fruit aromas – good ripeness. Glossy, well managed tannins. Very slightly formulaic but it's a good formula! Still embryonic. Slightly dry tannins on the finish. A bit stodgy but competent. Shouldn't disappoint but it needs time.
Lamothe Guignard	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	The nose is a bit green, with lime and light spice. Medium-bodied and medium sweet, with a simple finish. Wait and see. Not crazy about this.
Lanessan	2006	Jancis Robinson	14.5	20	Raw yet toasty notes with very dry tannins. Hard work to drink this! Not the best year to buy wines this low down the pecking order, I fear.
Langoa Barton	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5	20	Very dark crimson. Fresh glossy black cherry aromas. Very well balanced and gracious on the front palate with a nice fragrant dry, racy style. This could easily be Langoa [as indeed it was – I do try not to guess when tasting but this just swamped me with identity]. Very dry finish but not drying. Lift and grace. Just falls away very slightly on the finish. Bone dry – no tart sweetness.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Balanced and refined, with silky tannins and lots of dark chocolate and mineral. Medium- to full-bodied, with a lasting finish. Lovely.
Larcis Ducasse	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Silky, with very fine tannins and a medium-to-long finish. Medium body. Caressing. Balanced and pretty. Lots of floral and berry character.
Laroze	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with berry and citrusy acidity on the palate and a short finish.
Larrivet Haut Brion blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Round and fruity, with good pineapple and honey character. Medium- to full-bodied, with a rich finish.
Larrivet Haut Brion rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	A little green and aggressive, but shows some berry and tobacco character. Wait and see.

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Lascombes	2006	Jancis Robinson	16+	20		sweet and round, quite explosive fruit but quite delicate. Difficult wine to judge. Is there enough intensity here for the very severe dry tannins? I suspect not for the moment - though I realise I am not giving it the benefit of the doubt. Extremely dry finish, though there is some nice fruit.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100		Lots of ripe fruit and coffee on the nose. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a tobacco, berry aftertaste. Slightly austere tannins.
Latour	2006	Jancis Robinson	18.5	20		Very dark crimson right out to rim. Dense with some wild herbs on the nose. Very wild and smooth and racy. Rather musical in the sense that there seem to be many different themes here. Not a hint of rusticity. Delicacy actually with masses of very very fine tannins. Great finesse as well as intensity. But very embryonic even though this is the final assemblage. Very very dry – very bright fruit. Strong herbs yet polish too. Very slightly raw and angular yet lifted lively.
	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100		Very long. Wonderful licorice, berry and currant character. Full and silky, beautiful and pure. This is really distinguished. Feminine but strong. Classic Bordeaux style.
Latour à Pomerol	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100		Displays some berry and chocolate character. Full-bodied, but with a slightly hollow center palate. Long and chewy, with good tannins for the vintage.
Latour Martillac blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100		A bit tart, but with some good lemon and lime character. Medium-bodied, with a bright, fruity finish.
Latour Martillac rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100		Displays berry and mineral character, with a medium body and silky finish. But slightly diluted.
Le Gay	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100		Fresh and fruity, with plum and berry character. Medium-bodied, with light tannins and a fresh finish. Delicate.
Léoville Barton	2006	Jancis Robinson	18	20		Very dark crimson. Sturdy, tobacco leaf, savoury, some leather and then some ripeness and richness. Lots there, lots to draw you in and no excess of dryness even though it is pretty dry – Léoville Barton? Very energetic and even quite electric in terms of its impact on the palate. Seems to fade on the finish and then revives and completes the tasting experience.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100		Very balanced and pretty, with violet and currant. Full and silky. Gorgeous. Harmonious.
Léoville Las Cases	2006	Jancis Robinson	18	20		The glass already feels weightier than Clos du Marquis! Very deep purple right out to rim. Big, big difference between this and Clos du Marquis on the nose – completely different. Rather opulent even. Rich and very fine and intense and certainly pulling out all the stops! There's finesse here. Even Las Cases is not trying to be big and tough this year. Trying for suppleness and fully ripe fruit. Very lively and fine tannins. Amazing nose even though not that much alcohol. Very neat long finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100		Fabulous aromas of mineral, currant and blackberry. Full and supersilky, with a long finish. Very fine tannins, even though there are loads of them. Long and round. Reminiscent of the excellent 1996 Las Cases, but better.

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Léoville Poyferré	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Lovely deep, dark crimson. Sweet and ripe on the nose – something of woodland about this on the nose. Definite vegetal freshness. Hint of molasses and a slightly green, fine note on the finish. Bit of a ballerina – leaner than some though very fine tannin management. Bravo! More elegant than usual.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Solid core of fruit. Full-bodied, with big, chewy, slightly austere tannins. Lots of currant, mineral and blackberry on the finish. A little more on the midpalate would push it up a notch.
Les Gravières	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers attractive mineral and berry character, with hints of licorice. Medium- to full-bodied, with a medium finish.
Lilian Ladouys	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5+	20	Intensely beefy on the nose, rich and savoury, then surprisingly delicate on the palate. Smooth fresh and nicely balanced fresh black fruit. Tannins a touch dry on the finish at the moment. (JH)
Loudenne	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Some nice berry and currant here, but a bit thin on the palate.
Loudenne Blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Thick and simple, with pineapple and lemon peel character.
Louvière rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Displays some fruit, but this is a little green, citric and bitter. Medium-bodied, with a light finish.
Lucia	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Balanced and silky, with good fruit, fine tannins and a medium-to-long finish that's caressing. Not pushed.
Lussac	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Simple but good, with light berry and mineral character and silky tannins.
Lusseau	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A pleasing wine, with sweet fruit character, a medium body and a light finish. Not pushed. Almost 89-91.
Lynch Bages	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Blackish crimson with a purple rim. Superripe black fruit and warm mocha aromas though not especially intense and overall a bit inky. Dense yet fresh and aromatic on the mid palate and a long dry finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Shows very good concentration of currant and berry fruit. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, fruity finish. Solid core of everything.
Lynch Moussas	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Gentle sweetness on the nose, though quite simple. Disappointingly flat in the middle as if it were corked? But second sample no better.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Really attractive, with a pretty core of ripe fruit, coffee and spice character. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long caressing finish. Very well done. Almost 92-94.

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Lynsolence	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A little light on the finish, but this shows some clean berry and tobacco character. Well-made, with firm tannins.
Magdelaine	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	A pleasant, medium-bodied wine, with caressing tannins and a medium finish. Silky, with good berry and chocolate character. A little more midpalate would be nice.
Magrez Fombrauge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Displays plenty of coffee and berry character. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Needs a bit more midpalate.
Malartic Lagravière blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A tangy white, with slightly tart acidity, but also some very good lemon and honey character. A little simple.
Malartic Lagravière rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers decent fruit, with berry and earth character. Medium-bodied, with a short finish. Has some balance.
Malescasse	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Looks quite casual and evolved. Lift and scented. But much more relaxed than most – and pretty far along the development path. Soft and round before the pretty dry tannins kick in. Not for the long term but a very pretty drink.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Pleasant and fruity, with fine tannins and a juicy, fruity palate. Friendly wine.
Malescot Saint Exupery	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Relatively light crimson with a pale rim. Warm and toasty - sweet and easy. Slightly chocolatey - could this be Cantenac Brown? [No!] Easy peasy without being desperately refreshing or exciting. Very competent drink though.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Lots of blackberry and spice character, with chocolate undertones. Full-bodied, with lovely fine tannins and a long finish. A textbook claret, with refinement yet power. Love the touch of sweet fruit on the end. Almost Burgundian. Lovely and pretty.
Malle	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Shows fresh pineapple on the nose, with hints of melon. Medium- to full-bodied and medium sweet, with a spicy, honey finish.
Margaux	2006	Jancis Robinson	18++	20	Mid crimson. SO much riper and more appetising and fuller than the Pavillon rouge on the nose! Pretty complete already with lovely balance and lift, though the acidity is certainly notable, even if the tannins are wonderfully mellow. Very polite and unforced. Dancing-reminds Paul Pontallier of 1996 with a little less density but just as much charm. Very Margaux. This is the Cabernet of Margaux (not of Pauillac NB...) Graceful though only for certain palates. Follows through. Great line, as the Australians would say. Quite distinctive and much much more delicate than the early vintages of Margaux from the new regime here in the 1980s. Very fresh and elegant-quite a gamble in a way. Very, very fine tannins. Bone dry. Will always be in elegant idiom.

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	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	Very powerful and rich. Fantastic. Full, silky and structured. Yet layered and rich, with loads of mineral, violet and coffee character. Incredible. So much finesse in the nose. What a wine. Similar to the 1995, which received 100 points.
Marojallia	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Smoky and so dense there is little aroma at the moment but hints of ripe black fruit and some cassis leaf. Like its stablemate Clos Margalaine, very rich, very firm but a caricature of Margaux. Given the density and power of firm tannins in the middle it finishes surprinsigly fresh however.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry and mineral character, with a medium body and fine tannins. Chewy but stylish, with a medium finish. Almost 89-91.
Marquis d'Alesme Becker	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Shows lots of richness, with plenty of fruit and round, silky tannins. Full body. Long finish. Impressive.
Marquis de Terme	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	deep crimson and lots of fresh juice. Nice wine and definitely superior to the bottom layer of Margaux. Good mouthfeel and lively acidity with very fine tannins. Not absolutely thrilling but well made. Very neat finish. Should have quite a long active life. For the moment a little dry on the finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Some pleasant berry and currant character but rather light and short. Turns bitter.
Marsau	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Has some decent berry and oak character. Medium-bodied. A bit hollow.
Maucaillou	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Good crimson with a weak rim. Hint of volatility. Sweet start but then fresh and only slightly austere and inky. Light, quite delicate and racy-sort of in the same idiom at Ch Margaux but with very much less stuffing. Good courageous attempt though. Delicate with tannins there. Could make useful lunchtime claret?! Freshness is the dominant characteristic. This should be oe of the better value buys.
Mauriane	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium-bodied, with some plum and mineral character. A bit lean.
Mazeyres	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Has some berry and chocolate character, but turns a bit diluted.
Meyney	2006	Jancis Robinson	16+	20	Bright, vibrant crimson and fresh, rather over the top sweet nose with plenty of oak-derived mocha and spice. Then real palate pinching finish. Definitely stern at the moment but may just have enough fruit to come through.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very attractive, with lots of blackberry and currant character. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. Impressive. Very close to the 2005.

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Mission Haut Brion	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	This is so perfumed and pretty. Classy and elegant on the nose, with currant, light vanilla and a hint of lilac. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins and a long, long finish. All in finesse. Very impressive for the vintage; could be the wine of the vintage.
Monbousquet	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	A solid wine, with chocolate, fruit and vanilla character. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins, but a little chewy. Stylish for the vintage.
Monbousquet blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very fresh and fruity, with lovely grapefruit and lemon character. Full-bodied, with a bright finish. This is two-thirds Sauvignon Blanc and one-third Sauvignon Gris. Why drink Loire?
Monbrison	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Fresh fruit on the nose but very slightly stale too. Very fine tannins. A little spindly but fine. Just no ingredient X. Mild and well mannered - though it could do with a little more lift and freshness of fruit.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry, mineral and fruit character, with slightly austere tannins. Medium- to full-bodied. Medium finish.
Mondotte	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	A rich wine, with plenty of blackberry and plum character. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Needs a little bit more on the midpalate. Could move up to 92-94.
Montrose	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5	20	Very dark crimson. Not that much nose but great sweetness on the palate. Then and only then the dryness of Saint-Estèphe. Not sure there is quite the focus of Montrose in its best vintages in the 21st century but presumably the team, under Jean-Bernard Delmas' direction, will get there. A little moue and soft for Montrose. Slightly inky on the finish. Not quite the weight required for this amount of dryness. I feel. Surely an interim vintage. IPT 80. There is freshness and vivacity. Energy.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Starts off silky and refined. Medium- to full-bodied, with a fine finish, but needs a little more on the midpalate. Attractive spice and currant character.
Moulinet Lasserre	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Full and soft, with plenty of sweet, ripe fruit for the vintage. Medium-bodied, with chewy tannins and a good finish. Almost 89-91.
Moulin Saint-Georges	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Lots of raspberry and blackberry character, with mineral undertones. Full-bodied and chewy, with slightly sharp tannins, but an interesting style. —J.S.
Mouton Rothschild	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5++	20	Very dark purple but with quite a pale rim. Not very expressive on the nose at the moment – seems if anything a bit weedy. Very strict, bone dry, treading a very fine line between elegance and meagreness. They're obviously playing the finesse card but the finish is very dry and drying indeed. This is very Cabernet, but has remarkably little weight. I think for a great wine to be this light it also has to have a bit more aromatic expression and allure but this may well develop.

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	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	Gorgeous aromas of currant, raspberry and mineral. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins. Long and caressing, building on the palate. Very pretty, very elegant. Subtle and seductive. This could be better than 2005. Wait and see.
Myrat	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	There's honey and apple character, but this is very limey. Medium-bodied and medium sweet, with tangerine. A lively wine.
Nairac	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Displays attractive honey and dried pineapple character. Medium- to full-bodied, with medium sweetness and a spicy finish. Another sample I had was still must. But I think this has potential. Could be 89-91.
Nénin	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Shows pretty soft tannins, with ripe fruit. Full, round and fruity on the finish. Balanced and refined.
Olivier blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with honey and lemony character and tart acidity. Wait and see how this comes around.
Olivier rouge	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with some berry and light herb character. A bit astringent on the finish.
Ormes de Pez	2006	Jancis Robinson	15.5	20	Dark crimson with a slightly weak rim. Heady, gamey, not quite pure on the nose. Rather tired fruit – no directness, a bit heavy and lacking definition. More freshness, please – not a common complaint in 2006.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Bright currant and berry character follows through to a medium body, with silky tannins and a medium finish.
Pagodes de Cos	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some good fruit, with spice, berry and mineral character. Medium- to full-bodied. Refined tannins. Slightly bitter.
Palmer	2006	Jancis Robinson	18	20	Very, very deep crimson. Very intense and nervy - impressive on the nose - but more obviously big and fruity than the more delicate Ch. Margaux. Probably a wise decision to choose another track. Slightly charred and smoky. Round and fresh and very beguiling. Real lift and only the slightest hint of inkiness on the finish. Bravo! Very fine tannins - very suave and polished with good density while still being Margaux. Very sweet. Hints of modern idiom but very gentle. Super silky texture. Sinewy - but polished sinews!
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Gorgeous nose, with violet, currant and berry, and a vanilla undertone. Full-bodied, with a solid core of ripe fruit and supersilky tannins. Long and rich. Wonderful wine. Love the balance. Almost 95-100.
Pavie	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	Full-bodied yet balanced and silky. Solid and rich, but not aggressive. Long and beautiful, with pure fruit. Less muscular than typical Pavie, but seductive. A beauty.
Pavie Decesse	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Solid core of fruit, with silky tannins. Full-bodied and chewy. Slightly hollow midpalate, but stylish and long. Very clean. Almost 92-94.

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Pavie Macquin	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	This is very, very good, with silky tannins, full body and a long finish. All in balance and rich. Floral, with lots of berry character. Very pretty wine.
Pavillon blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Shows lovely lemon and pineapple character, with hints of lime. Full and rich, with lively acidity and a long finish. Half the harvest was lost to frost, so there was a very small yield of 12 hectoliters, instead of the average 25.
Pavillon rouge	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Mid to light crimson. highly aromatic. Very lifted and fragrant. Relatively light and even a bit skinny. Nervy and a little bit green even. Only medium weight. Light dry sandy tannins. Pretty fast fade on the finish. Seems to me a relatively weak Pavillon rouge.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Very fruity, mineral and raspberry character. Full and silky, with fine tannins. Slightly hollow midpalate. Yet long and sweet fruit and firm tannins.
Péby Faugères	2006	Wine International	89-91	100	Plummy and chocolaty, with a full body, medium chewy tannins and a long finish. Solid.
Pensées de Lafleur	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A racy second wine, showing some good blackberry and dark chocolate character. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long finish. A little hollow midpalate. Could improve.
Petit Cheval	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Refined and silky, with attractive tobacco and coffee character and a hint of berry. Medium-bodied, this is a tiny bit bitter on the finish, but really good.
Petit Mouton	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Crimson with quite a pale rim. Some absolutely top quality oak here on the nose and quite a bit of ripe flavour though not the most intense fruit. Lovely opulence and gentle texture on the mid palate – definite inkiness on the finish but wonderfully soothing on the palate up to then. Only light to mid weight but much plusher than Armailhac, for instance. Austerity on the very very end but hugely flattering and carefully made up to that point. Presumably this went into barrel relatively early?
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some decent fruit, but turns a little herbal, with plum skin character. Medium body. Light finish. Second wine of Mouton.
Petit Village	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Light and fruity, with some currant and mineral character and a short finish. A bit diluted, but clean.
Petrus	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	Displays a solid core of fruit, with spice and cherry. Builds on the palate, with silky-textured tannins and a long finish. Seamless. This was picked before the rain.
Pey la Tour Réserve	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	There's some berry to this, but it's light and diluted, with slightly astringent tannins and acidity.

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Pez	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Plenty of clean fruit, with blackberry and currant. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh finish.
Phélan Ségur	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Blackish crimson. Not much nose but very fresh and inky and very Saint-Estèphe. Lots of dry tannin on the finish – pretty merciless and obdurate but very correct. Good energy and integration. Requires application to appreciate but this is what the wine should taste like this year! Well done.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Aromas and flavors of blackberry and lightly toasted oak. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. Clean.
Pibran	2006	Jancis Robinson	16+	20	Dark purple. Blueish. A bit thin and taut but more ripe than some. A little bit skinny but svelte and velvety – quite suave tannins. Round with a very dry, inky finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Serious concentration of fruit, with currant, plum and mineral character. Full body, silky tannins and a long finish. Well done.
Pichon Baron	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5++	20	Thick and dense colour. Scented, sleek, dry, compact. Bit of mulberry. Very high IPT at 83 but it doesn't taste like it. Masses of inky stuff but pretty mellow too – fine and silky texture. Well done because there is freshness too. Very slightly dry on the finish – certainly not voluptuous but actually quite supple. No greenness.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Loads of ripe fruit on the nose. Full-bodied, with soft tannins that are ripe and round. Long finish. Almost 92-94.
Pichon Comtesse	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5+	20	No Petit Verdot in the blend, unusually. A little weak at the rim. Otherwise dense crimson. Slight brûlée note on the nose and then a bit angular. Very chewy and muscular. A bit awkward really with some slightly green notes. Lots of chew and bite. Not graceful, not sure this vintage suits this property. A bit skinny.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Lively, with lots of plum, blackberry and licorice character. Full, round and velvety. Lacks a tiny bit in the midpalate, but nicely done for the vintage.
Pierdon	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Light and oaky, with some rather lean black fruit. Short.
Pin	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	This has a lovely sweetness of fruit on the palate. Full, silky and flavorful, with chocolate, berry and vanilla character. Medium long on the finish. A beauty.
Plus de la Fleur de Bouard	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers attractive flavors of chocolate, berry and coffee. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish.
Pointe	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Very well made for the vintage, with lots of berry, currant and light toasty oak. Full-bodied, with a good core of fruit and a good finish.

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Pontet Canet	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Dark, blackish crimson. Very dark. Something a bit strange on the nose. Vegetation plus molasses. Not totally compact or together. A bit soft and messy on the finish. Pretty dry and inky on the finish and lacking real concentration too – diffuse. Julia's note, with a score of 16+: Rich spicy fruit with hints of aromatic violets. Lovely purity. Disappointingly dry and a bit tough on the finish after the nose promised so much, but maybe it will soften (hence the plus)? (JH)
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Big and rich, with lots of round and velvety tannins. Full-bodied and very ripe, with a long flavorful finish. A beauty. Voluptuous for the vintage, with lots of currant and berry character.
Potensac	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Pretty dark crimson. Dense, woodsmoke nose then very sweet fruit hits the palate – pretty impressive in the context of other AC Médoc. Slightly supple with reasonable, if slightly inky, fruit intensity. Very competent though not thrilling and not really a vintage you have to have of Potensac.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Very attractive mineral, berry and violet character that follows through to a medium- to full-bodied palate, with firm tannins and a medium finish. A little hollow on the midpalate, but very pleasing.
Pouget	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some mineral and currant character. Medium body and a light finish. Short.
Poujeaux	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	fresh, rather jazzy fruit on the nose, and some oak. Ripe blackcurrants - a little raw and very chewy but fine tannins, which do rather swamp the fruit. Straightforward. In another, riper vintage this formula would be very appetising and successful.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Lots of smoke, berry and spice character on the nose. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. Slightly aggressive in the end. But should come around.
Pressac	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows good fruit, with mineral and blackberry character. Medium-bodied, with chewy tannins. A little tough.
Prieuré-Lichine	2006	Jancis Robinson	17.5	20	Briary and full and sleek and with a great mouthful of fresh fruit which completely disguises the fine tannins until the very, very end. Bravo! Real complete wine that expresses the vintage and commune. Graceful. Very clean. Whisks over the palate - and actually you could probably drink this over a very long period and enjoy it.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Silky, with mineral and currant character, medium body and a fresh finish. Long and caressing. Well done.
Prieurs de la Commanderie	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	The tannins are a bit aggressive, with slightly tart acidity. Medium-bodied, with a medium finish.
Quinault L'Enclos	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium-bodied, with some berry and light herb character, but falls short.
Rabaud Promis	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Fresh and clean, with lemon and honey character. Medium-bodied, with medium sweetness and a lively finish. Refined and balanced. A little simple.

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Rauzan Gassies	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Very dark crimson. Rather sharp and very obviously fruity. A bit stodgy at the moment - lots of press wine? Very chewy and a bit of hole on the mid palate. Definitely hollow. Pretty green tannins - not comfortable!
Rauzan Ségla	2006	Jancis Robinson	17++	20	Slightly light crimson. Competent reasonably sleek though it's difficult to see real soul and personality. Big and bold and bloody with substantial tannins. Maybe just embryonic, but very stolid. Dry finish. Hard work! Though there is some succulence in the middle. just inexpressive for now would be my guess. Good texture.
	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Lovely fresh aromas of currant and blackberry. Full-bodied, with succulent fruit and lovely finesse and length. Gorgeous.
Raymond Lafon	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Shows lovely balance and elegance, with a full body, medium sweetness and a long, spicy, botrytis aftertaste.
Rayne Vigneau	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Offers some lime and earth character. Medium-bodied, with medium sweetness, but this is slightly disjointed. Short. Not sure about this.
Réserve de la Comtesse	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Very dark crimson. Rather mild nose with a little purple ink and great sweetness on the finish, but also chewy and angular. Yes, quite light and feminine but it could do with a bit more weight, I think. I actually found the Haut-Médoc Ch Bernadotte - tasted immediately before it - more impressive in context. Just slightly scrawny on the finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Good fruit, with licorice and berry character. Medium-bodied, with a slightly hollow midpalate, but it's refined.
Reysson Réserve	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Very dark, like all the Dourthe wines tasted. Sweeter, more obviously ripe with black fruits than many Haut-Médoc. Ripe start but then pretty severe and lacking weight in the mid palate. Drying tannins on the finish with notable acidity. Very dry tincture!
	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Some currant and fresh herb character. Medium body. Bit short on the finish. Almost 85-88.
Rieussec	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	This is big, rich and long. Still tastes like must. Hard to taste, but should be fantastic. I love the richness and spice.
Rol Valentin	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Pretty and well made, with a lovely core of fruit and silky tannins. All in balance for the vintage. Almost 92-94.
Rouget	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Aromas of olive and berry follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with round tannins and a short finish. Clean, but needs a bit more on the palate.

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Saintayme	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	A balanced red, with raspberry and chocolate character, full body and a silky finish. Solid core of fruit here. Well done. From Denis Durantou of L'Église Clinet.
Sainte Colombe	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A fresh wine, with mineral and berry character. Medium- to light-bodied, with a simple finish.
Saint-Pierre	2006	Jancis Robinson	16+	20	Richer than the Gloria with breadth of ripe fruit. Very chewy on the finish but serious and savoury.
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Full-bodied, with firm, slightly austere and chewy tannins. Medium finish.
Sanctus	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Impressive concentration for the vintage, but a little hollow and chewy. Medium- to full-bodied, with a medium finish.
Sarget de Gruaud Larose	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A little short, but some decent and clean fruit. Mineral and blackberry character.
Senejac	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Dense and sweet and just a little bit inky. A bit astringent, so not that much fun to drink. Correct but a bit severe. Not overdone.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A layered young wine, with currant and berry character. Medium-to-full body, velvety tannins and a medium finish.
Sergue (Ia)	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	This is good for the vintage and the appellation, with soft tannins, a medium body and clean flavors.
Serilhan	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Pleasant berry and currant aromas and flavors, with medium body, fine tannins and a medium finish.
Sigalas Rabaud	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Lemony and fresh, with hints of dried fruit and spice. Medium-bodied and lightly sweet, with a medium finish.
Siran	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Very, very deep crimson. Round and ripe and black fruited. Rather cool. Soe freshness of fruit. Pretty inky tannins. Mild-certainly some ripe fruit notes and then very fine tannins. Maybe just a bit too bureaucratic to light my fire. Well made certainly. Modest. This one slightly wrings its hands and bows whereas some of us want something a little more confident and bostful perhaps. Certainly enough fruit to compensate for the (substantial) greenish tannins.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A cool wine, with currant and mineral character, medium body and a medium finish. Slightly angular tannins.
Smith-Haut-Lafitte blanc	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Rich, round and layered, with good acidity, but also lots of ripe fruit, from honey to pineapple.

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Sociando-Mallet	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Sweet and admirably open and simple. Dry start and pretty dry throughout with less fruit intensity than usual. Can't see this being wine of the vintage... but there is good freshness.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Lots of fresh currant and berry character. Full-bodied, with very bright acidity and slightly astringent tannins. Wait and see.
Soutard	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows some berry and light spice character. This is medium-bodied, but falls short.
Suduiraut	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	A balanced young Sauternes, with pineapple and spice character. Medium- to full-bodied, with good acidity and a long finish. Medium sweet. Very spicy in the end. Pretty.
Talbot	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Dark crimson. Tobacco leaf notes on the nose – rather drying tannins on the finish. A little bit pinched. Far from opulent!
	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Very perfumed, with violet and currant character. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. Juicy young wine. Impressive.
Tertre Daugay	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Shows some berry and cherry character, with a medium body, silky tannins and a medium finish. A bit diluted.
Teyssier	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Medium-bodied, with berry and mineral character and a firm finish. Hollow but clean.
Tour Blanche	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Shows excellent richness, with honey and syrup character. Full-bodied. Very sweet, spicy and long. Big and rich, but leaves the palate fresh. An excellent wine. Almost 95-100.
Tour Carnet	2006	Jancis Robinson	17	20	Dramatically dark and glossy. Heady, even quite sumptuous though with a hint of green too! Very mellow palate impact – really very glamorous with lots of ambition. A lot of effort has gone into this wine, which is almost holding its breath at the moment, so anxious is it to make an impression. Full marks for effort. A certain sweetness on the front palate and then lots of dry tannin but there is something in between.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Some berry and mineral character. Medium-bodied, with firm tannins and a short finish.
Tour de By	2006	Jancis Robinson	15	20	Mid crimson. Mild even slightly malty nose. Round and quite respectable satin texture though without great ripeness of fruit in the middle. Perfectly acceptable within the context of the vintage though a bit pallid in flavour and intensity. Rather green tannins on the finish.
Tourelles de Longueville	2006	Jancis Robinson	16.5	20	Mid berry purple. Slightly lean and green though VERY refreshing with good suave tannin management – sleek and a bit light and for early drinking. A little slight.

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	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Aromas and flavors of blackberry and currant bush follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Pretty good second wine for this vintage.
Trianon	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	A little herbaceous, but with some good currant and berry character. Medium-bodied, with a medium finish.
Tronquoy Lalande	2006	Jancis Robinson	16	20	Very good deep crimson. Thick and dense and quite spiky. Still a little rustic with lots of chewy tannins for the future. Just a bit gawky still although many people say Tronquoy has the best terroir of Saint-Estèphe. Pretty inky finish.
	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Pretty, with soft, silky tannins, medium body and a medium finish. Very pleasing already.
Troplong Mondot	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	Beautiful, with licorice and coffee character and hints of ripe fruit. Full and velvety, with lots going on. Almost 92-94.
Trotanoy	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	Shows beautiful sweet fruit. Full, velvet, long and layered, with lots of character, yet remains succulent and refreshing.
Trottevieille	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with berry and currant character, chewy tannins and a slightly hollow midpalate.
Valandraud	2006	Wine Spectator	89-91	100	There's some good fruit, with hints of violet and mineral. Medium- to full-bodied, with a medium finish.
Vieux Château Certan	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	This has a beautiful core of berry, coffee and chocolate fruit. Full yet very balanced, with a velvety mouthfeel and a long, long finish. Extremely well made, with everything in proportion. Makes you want to drink it now. I haven't found many wines like this. 75 percent Merlot and 25 percent Cabernet Franc.
Villa Bel Air	2006	Wine Spectator	80-84	100	Berry and light leafy character. Medium-bodied, with medium tannins and a light finish.
Virginie de Valandraud	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Medium-bodied, with some berry and mineral character, silky tannins and a medium-to-long finish. Grows on you. Well done for a second wine.
Vrai Canon Bouche	2006	Wine Spectator	85-88	100	Shows some berry and mineral character, with a medium body. A little loosely knit.
Y d'Yquem	2006	Wine Spectator	92-94	100	Has lovely vanilla and tropical fruit character. Full, rich and long, yet elegant and racy, with dried pineapple and white peach. Gorgeous. This is two-thirds Sauvignon and one-third Semillon.

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Yquem	2006	Wine Spectator	95-100	100	This is very long and intense. Really impressive. Full and very sweet, yet racy and fresh, with spicy botrytis character. Fantastic.