

Notes to aid understanding

The following 200 pages contain our selection of the most important Bordeaux estates from A to Z. Here are some hints on how to read and understand the profiles:

- 1 Area of origin (AOC / AOP) of the wine listed.
- 2 Name of the estate: (†) indicates old names or recently defunct estates.
- 3 Official classification category and year of classification. As Crus Bourgeois classifications must be earned annually, this designation is given in brackets for estates which have historically held the classification, even if they no longer do so. Pomerol and Fronsac do not have any official classifications.
- 4 Personal subjective rating, not evaluating absolute quality so much as its significance from a historical, wine technique and taste perspective, taken as an average of the last five to ten years. Half a star indicates a rising trend.

- ★☆☆☆☆ Reliable wine.
- ★★☆☆☆ Good wine recommended in its category.
- ★★★☆☆ Very good wine, in line with its status and classification.
- ★★★★☆ Great wine, one of the best in the world.
- ★★★★★ Outstanding wine promising a unique tasting experience.

5 A brief history, from the foundation of the estate to the current owners. This information has been sourced from the estate particulars, further researched to the best of our knowledge and belief, checked whenever possible and supplemented with information from recognised standard works and archive documents.

- 6 A personal and deliberately subjective description of the wine including style, special characteristics, notes on storage life, special vintages etc.
- 7 Facts about the estate in our possession at the time of printing.

Production: average value which can vary significantly from year to year. Under *top vintages* I have only listed years for which I have found my personal scores or notes (with two or three exceptions).

Price: lowest price in euros at which the 2012 vintage (2011) of the wine could be purchased from reputable specialist dealers in early 2016, which should be viewed as a starting price and an indicator of scale. Prices vary significantly according to vintage, age and supplier and can be several times higher than what is listed here, which is why we chose to base them on an underrated vintage.

1 Area of origin**2 Name of the estate****3** Grand Cru Classé since XXXX**4** ★★★★★☆

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7 Facts & figures:

Vineyard area: XX hectares | Production: XXX,XXX bottles
 Top vintages: XXXX, XXXX, XXXX, XXXX, XXXX, XXXX,
 Price: from XX | Second wine: XXXXXXXXXXX XXXXX XXXX

Name of the estate

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