



Bordeaux & Bordeaux Supérieur 2010 and 2011

2011, where many of the wines are tasting luscious right now. Depending on your mood, the food you are eating, and the company you are with, you will find a perfect wine for every mood from these two vintages.

Those who want to get to know the wines and winemakers better by visiting Bordeaux itself, should pay a visit to Planet Bordeaux, the home of these wines located 15 minutes from the city centre of Bordeaux. There you'll find a well-stocked boutique, an award-winning wine museum, and regular events from art exhibitions to cookery and wine classes. And the location of Planet Bordeaux makes it a perfect launch for getting out into the towns, villages, and vineyards that surround the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bordeaux. Set alongside the two main rivers of the Dordogne and the Garonne, the winemakers of Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur are ready to offer tastings to visitors, and are happy to spend the time to share their knowledge and passion for the grape.

In the meantime, having tasted through a wide selection of wines, Decanter can recommend the following wines...

doubt by the 5% of Malbec that is found in the Merlot-Cabernet Franc blend. Hand harvesting, oak aged in barrels. 14% alcohol.

Château La France, Cuvée Gallus, AOC Bordeaux Supérieur 2010 16.25 (87)
Recommended

Can buy direct www.chateauafrance.com
A warm, open nose, rich with promises of fruit. And this, although a touch unbalanced through alcohol, does have plenty of promise on the palate also, with good tannins, well structured, black fruits, enjoyable. 50% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc.

Château Regaldo Saint Blancard, AOC Bordeaux Supérieur 2010 16.25 (87)
Recommended

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Lovely, gooseberry and redcurrant, from a blend of 57% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Franc and 7% Cabernet Sauvignon. Fresh, frank, lilted acidity. Like this a lot, it's unforced but cheerful. A fairly hefty 14% alcohol, but well balanced, from hand harvested grapes.

Château Barreire, AOC Bordeaux Supérieur 2010 16.25 (87) Recommended

www.willgestion@wanadoo.fr
A family estate owned by Michel Giron which dates back to the early 18th century, and is located near to Macau in the Médoc. Good, smooth, tasty fruit flavours. Lovely caramel touches, and a soft finish, with well integrated tannins. A pick me up. The only hesitation here is the alcohol, at a full 15%ABV, but overall this is a successful wine. 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot.

Château de Parenchère, Cuvée Raphaël, AOC Bordeaux Supérieur 2010 16.25 (87) Recommended

www.parenchere.com
Again, good quality, lovely rich strands of flavour, some dark chocolate, rich roasted coffee beans. The blend here is 70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc. This is their top cuvée, named after original family owner Raphael Gazaniol, who bought

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Château de Seguin, Cuvée Carl 2010, AOC Bordeaux Supérieur 2010

17pts/20 (90pts/100) Highly recommended
Venus Wines, www.venusplc.com

Top bottling of this reliable chateau, owned by Michael and Gert Carl of Carl Wines. Love the rich loganberry, bilberry nose on this. An autumn walk. The charm of the nose carries through on to the palate, where there is great definition, good length, plenty of oak but well integrated. Very good example of the vintage.

Château Mireheurs, AOC Bordeaux Supérieur 2012 17 (90) Highly recommended

£11.90, Nicoias, www.nicoias.co.uk
Good, rich, deep fruit flavours, that are well defined. Quite a grownup wine, with some

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