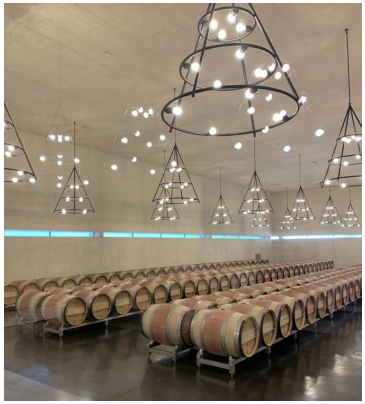

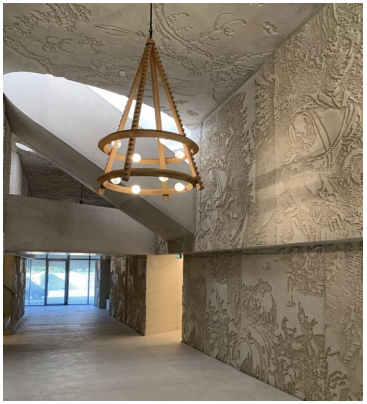

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The wines of Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix 2023

We were ahead of schedule as we pulled up to the gates of Château Bélair-Monange on a beautiful crisp April morning during *en primeur* week, which allowed us a few moments to pause and take in the incredible new winery that the Moueix family has crafted with Swiss architects Herzog & de Meuron. It is impossible to describe the detail that has gone into the design, a cathedral like place of calm, an homage to the great *terroir* that is Bélair-Monange with staircases that take you past views of the spacious and spotless grape reception area, the winery and barrel halls, all so elegant and, whilst impressive in size, so peaceful and awe-inspiring. Our early arrival meant that we could take this in before the conveyor belt of tastings started for Edouard Moueix allowing us to spend time with him to find out his views on the 2023 wines.

For Edouard, the 2023s are not so much an expression of vintage but more of *terroir* with power coming from the clay soils, complexity from the vines planted on gravel and an elegant minerality from the famous limestone soils on which Bélair-Monange is planted. As we explain in our vintage report the growing season was far from straightforward but the Moueix's attention to detail in their own vineyards and those which they oversee meant that they were able to bring in healthy grapes with excellent ripeness and fresh acidities which have made wines that sing from the glass. We tasted a luminous and beautifully expressive Bélair-Monange with Edouard against a backdrop of an unrivalled view from the top of the winery before heading to Libourne to taste the rest of the portfolio with his father, Christian Moueix, and the team. Always charmingly understated, we were thrilled to see that they all had quiet smiles on their faces, and we are not surprised. These are wines that will drink beautifully early on but have an elegant balance which will allow them to age and we know that they will also put a smile on your face.

Châteaux Hosanna, La Fleur Pétrus and Bélair-Monange will be offered at a later date.
Please register your interest with your salesperson.

Saint Emilion

			£ per case in bond
Château Peymouton, St Emilion Grand Cru	2023	12 bottles	£144
89% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon		6 magnums	£154
Château Pindefleurs, St Emilion Grand Cru	2023	12 bottles	£170
90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc		6 magnums	£180
Château La Serre, St Emilion Grand Cru Classé	2023	6 bottles	£220
73% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc		3 magnums	£230

Pomerol

Château Chantalouette, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£170
72% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon		6 magnums	£180
Château Plince, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£240
85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc		6 magnums	£250
Château Moulinet Lasserre, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£250
75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec		6 magnums	£260
Hospitalet de Gazin, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£260
83% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc		6 magnums	£270
Château Lagrange, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£270
100% Merlot		6 magnums	£280
Château Lafleur Gazin, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£310
100% Merlot		6 magnums	£320
Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol	2023	6 bottles	£225
85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc		3 magnums	£235

Tasting Notes

Saint Emilion

			£ per case in bond
Château Peymouton, St Emilion Grand Cru	2023	12 bottles	£144
		6 magnums	£154

31 hectares; 89% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vivid purple, with silky black fruit on the nose, black plums and damsons, bramble fruit too, vanilla infused with a light creamy hint. Ripe black skinned fruits on the palate with a bright, red fruit overtone, wood spice and super fresh, focused and with a lovely energy. The lighter structure will allow for early drinking of this really pretty wine which ends mineral and fresh. Drink 2027-2033

Château Pindefleurs, St Emilion Grand Cru	2023	12 bottles	£170
		6 magnums	£180

17 hectares; 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc; 12 months in barrel, 50% new.

Deep purple with wild black skinned fruit on the nose, damsons, fresh and inviting. Dense black skinned fruit on the palate, more muscular and dense than Peymouton with velvety but present tannins, ripe but also with a lovely mineral note behind before the black fruit grows in intensity on the palate, velvety textured, with refreshing, juicy acidity on the mineral, grilled finish. Very well done. Drink 2028-2038

Château La Serre, St Emilion Grand Cru Classé	2023	6 bottles	£220
		3 magnums	£230

7 hectares, 73% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Franc; 18 months in barrel, 50% new.

Deep purple with gorgeous fresh bramble fruit on the nose, not leafy but ripe, with a lightly wild touch, lovely black skinned fruit too, black plums. Densely fruited on the palate with rich black skinned fruits, black berries, bramble fruit, floral too, violets and red flowers, more black than red, ripe and smooth but then with lovely velvety tannins in support, nice acidity and long, silky finish. The Cabernet Franc really supports the Merlot here and makes for a fresh and intense La Serre. Drink 2029 - 2040

Pomerol

£ per case in bond

Château Chantalouette, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£170
		6 magnums	£180

47.5 hectares; 72% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon; one third aged in barrel, the rest in tank.

Deep ruby with crunchy red berry fruit on the nose, soft red fruit, very focused and pure, with light *crème pâtissière* notes. The ripely fruited palate is more structured than the nose suggests, with wild red fruits, fresh acidity and notes of oak spice, structured with bigger tannins and toasty, grilled red fruits before finishing with a mineral note and fresh acidity to the end. Drink 2027 - 2035

Château Plince, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£240
		6 magnums	£250

8.66 hectares; 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, aged in barrels of which one third are new.

Deep ruby, with spiced red berry fruits on the nose, expressive, floral and bright, with a light creamy note too. Big black fruits on the palate, much denser and much more intense than the nose suggests, spiced and with power behind the fruit, grilled oak and with ripe tannins for structure, there is toast and a mineral note on the mid palate too but the juicy black cherry fruit is generous going to a spiced and structured finish. Delicious. Drink 2028 - 2042

Château Moulinet Lasserre, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£250
		6 magnums	£260

5 hectares; 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 18 months in barrel, 30% new.

Deep and dense to the rim, intense in colour with a nose of grown-up dark fruits, some cedar and spice, creamed, leading to a palate of lovely big juicy dark fruit, a linear ripe tannic structure in keeping with the vintage, and a real step up from the wines tasted beforehand with more density and spice with smooth grilled tannins going to a fine finish. Drink 2029 - 2040

Hospitalet de Gazin, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£260
		6 magnums	£270

26 hectares; 83% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc; 18 months in barrel, 50% new.

Vivid purple, with crunchy berry fruits on the nose, blackcurrant, redcurrant and raspberry. Fresh and bright and with a very red fruited palate, pure, almost like a raspberry cordial before the structure comes through with fresh acidity and ripe but very present tannins and a fresh, juicy finish. A very pretty wine for earlier drinking. Drink 2026 - 2036

			£ per case in bond
Château Lagrange, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£270
		6 magnums	£280

9 hectares; 100% Merlot; aged in barrel, 30% new.

Deep ruby, with smooth, creamed red fruits on the nose, floral and inviting and leading through to lifted, floral, mouth-wateringly ripe red fruits on the palate, plums, red cherries, with a light wild touch enveloped by a luxurious creamy note, a hint of marzipan, with good structure and acidity to balance, the tannins so ripe that you have to look for them, going to a long, toasty finish. Yum! Drink 2028 - 2040

Château Lafleur Gazin, Pomerol	2023	12 bottles	£310
		6 magnums	£320

8.64 hectares; 100% Merlot; 16 months in barrel, 35% new.

Deeper purple black with very pure black fruits on the nose, blackcurrant, black plums and soft black fruit with a creamy hint of oak, ripe and dark. On the palate, deliciously ripe black skinned plums and black cherries and then grilled and toasty behind to complement the fruit. Dense and intense going to a really long finish with ripe tannins supporting the intense fruit. Delicious wine. Drink 2029 - 2042

Château Bourgneuf, Pomerol	2023	6 bottles	£225
		3 magnums	£235

9 hectares; 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc; 14 months in barrel, 35% new.

Deep, intense ruby with a very expressive floral nose of red berry fruits, silky, with notes of violets and red flowers, very attractive from the outset. On the palate, really lovely smooth red fruits, cranberries, raspberries, ripe and creamed, with gorgeous intensity but fresh and floral too, lifted – again the hint of violets – with silky, ripe tannins and balancing juicy acidity going to a crunchy, spiced, long red fruit finish. This received a double 'yum'! Drink 2030 - 2042

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We tasted these wines in Libourne at Ets Jean-Pierre Moueix in April 2023

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