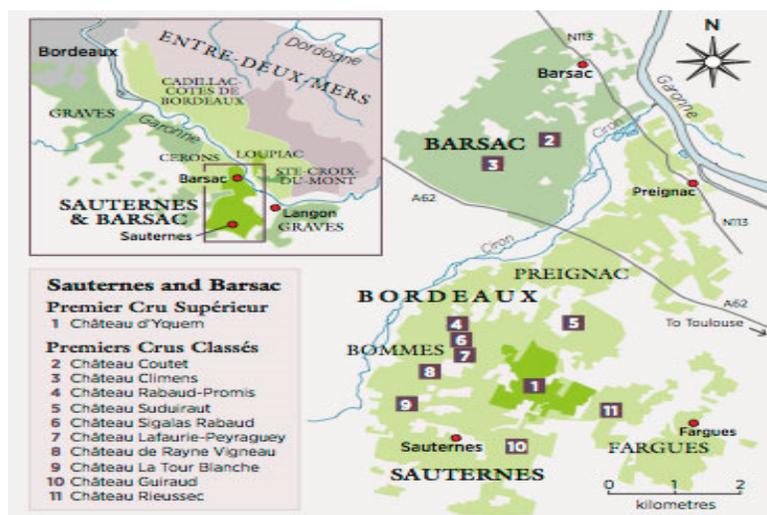




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*Condition of Sale* : all the wines on this list have excellent provenance, and all have, at some time, been tasted and found to be in good condition. However many of the older Australian wines, and most of the European wines, have a cork closure which has a degree of risk attached in terms of cork taint etc. Our policy on these rarer and more expensive wines is that we must have payment at the time of ordering, and while we will carefully inspect the bottle prior to opening, upon such payment, all risk attached to the condition of the wine passes to the buyer.

**"Sauternes, the products of arduous labor, meticulous care & the luck of the vintage, were venerated as an ultimate pleasure. Their place on the table was evidence of great good fortune & perhaps a heightened perception of the sweetness of life." Eric Asimov, NY Times**



The Sauternais region is located 40km southeast of the city of Bordeaux, in the southern end of the Graves wine district in south west France. Generally all the sweet wines made there are referred to as 'Sauternes', but in fact there are five different and distinctive communes: Sauternes, Barsac, Preignac, Bommès and Fargues.

Just like the Médoc, the Sauternes region is subjected to the same highly variable maritime climate, and so **vintages are all-important** because sauternes needs the famous noble rot – a fungus (*Botrytis cinerea*) that awakens only under specific weather conditions. Specifically, the key is the famous mist arising from the cool water of the Garonne River mixing with the warmer water from its tributary, the Ciron. *Botrytis* effectively shrivels the grape, meaning each vine often produces only 2 or 3 glasses of wine a year. However this concentration of the grape juice results in a powerful, intensely rich, succulent & immensely satisfying wine.

### GREAT VINTAGES IN SAUTERNES

**2010** : Discreet and ageworthy wines with high acidity, but very well balanced. Excellent richness, with lovely elegance, and drinking beautifully now.

**2009** : Rich, decadent & opulent. Tremendous conditions have made fantastically rich and concentrated examples, with plenty of complexity and promise. Many among the best Sauternes ever made.

**2007** : Outstanding vintage that combines richness and purity with balance and breed. Exceptional freshness too.

**2005** : Everything came together beautifully in 2005, and in terms of power and elegance, the vintage may well become one of Sauternes' most classic.

**2003** : From the best estates come ripe, powerful, concentrated sweet wines with excellent botrytis expression and aging potential.

**1996** : A very high quality vintage with rich and concentrated wines. Outstanding wines from the top producers which will last for decades.

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### 1980 Chateau Filhot (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)

**\$325**

**Wine Spectator** : " *Pretty aromas of lemon rind, honey and flowers. Very rich, dark and concentrated, full- to medium-bodied, medium sweet, with lots of toasted coconut, honey and ripe apricot and quince flavours.* " Ready to drink - the higher proportion of sauvignon blanc holding it together well. Rich and delicious. It would be wonderful with Pâté at the beginning of a meal.

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### 1980 Chateau Rieussec (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)

**\$325**

**DJM** : owned by Lafite, it borders Fargues and Sauternes, and adjoins Château d'Yquem. Covering 93 hectares, Sémillon, dominates (90%), followed by Sauvignon (7%) and Muscadelle (3%). Fully mature, it is deeply coloured, and beautifully rich and balanced with a clean finish. Lovely old wine.

WF



### 1983 Chateau Rieussec (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)

**\$275**

**Wine Spectator** : *Nectar-like if a bit on the sweet side, impressively complex, concentrated and focused. Deep gold, big, sweet and rich, with gobs of concentrated fig, brown sugar, butterscotch and oak flavor. A knockout. \*Top Wines of 1988\* Rating : 94 Points* (NB : owned by Lafite, it adjoins d'Yquem)

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### 1996 Chateau d'Yquem (1er cru superieur, Sauternes)

**\$700**

**Robert Parker 2003** : " *Light gold with a tight but promising nose of roasted hazelnuts intermixed with creme brulee, vanilla beans, honey, orange marmalade, and peaches, this medium to full-bodied offering reveals loads of power in its restrained, measured personality. There is admirable acidity, weight, texture, and purity in this impeccably made Yquem. Drink 2012-2060 . Rating : 95 Points* "

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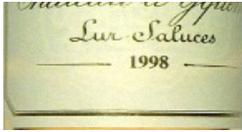


### 1998 Chateau d'Yquem (1er cru superieur, Sauternes)

**\$650**

**Derek Smedley MW** : " *Although there is a lot of sweet fruit on the nose there are lovely peachy, orange blossom fragrances. Crème Brulée, candied peel and honey give voluptuous* "

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richness on the mid palate with peach and apricot at the back. Sensuous and lush yet enough freshness to bring out a hint of botrytis and give a stylish elegance to the finish. Drink 2011-35. **Rating : 97 Points**"

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**2003 Chateau d'Yquem (1er cru superieur, Sauternes)**

**\$550**

**James Suckling :** "A massive Yquem, this has a dense palate that is almost chewy like a red. Full and very sweet, with notes of dried apricot, pineapple, and papaya on the palate. Long, with a vanilla-coconut tart finish. What a wine, voluptuous, sexy, and luscious. 147 grams of RS. Pull the cork after 2015. **Rating : 98 Points**"

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**2003 Chateau Rieussec (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$155**

**James Suckling :** "So rich and powerful with so much dried apricots and citrus aromas and flavors. Caramel and toffee. Full and very sweet. Amazing. **Rating : 97 Points** "

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**2003 Chateau Sigalas-Rabaud (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$125**

**Wine Spectator :** "Pure lemon curd and apricot jam with honey and syrup on the nose. Full-bodied, thick and rich. Medium-sweet. Not the most in botrytis, but I love the density and richness of the wine. Best after 2008 and then to 2025 or longer. **Rating : 92 Points**"

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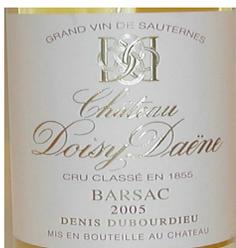
**2004 Chateau d'Yquem (1er cru superieur, Sauternes)**

**\$520**

**James Suckling Wine Spectator :** "Picked with six waves of picking over seven weeks and twenty-five working days. Shows wonderful aromas of pineapples, apples and lemons with loads of botrytis. Full-bodied, but incredibly refined and long. Superfresh and racy. Fabulous. This has an incredible purity and brightness. Like a perfectly cut diamond. **Rating : 95 to 100 points**

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**2005 Chateau Doisy-Daene (1st grand Cru Classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$110**

**Oz Clark :** " Delicious rich, balanced wine, honeyed, but streaked with lemon and with a round, waxy texture. Made from Semillon, it is rich, powerful and bursting with tropical fruit flavours, but has that lovely Barsac freshness."

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**2005 Chateau de Rayne-Vigneau (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$155**

**Wine Enthusiast :** "While this wine is not powerful, it has elegance to go with the ripe fruit, fresh honey, lemon flavors and a core of dense dryness. With this vintage, Rayne

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Vigneau seems to be back where its vineyard, next to Yquem, suggests it should be . **Rating : 92 Points**"

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**2005 Chateau Rieussec (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$190**

**Robert Parker :** "The palate is clean and fresh with vibrant acidity, real tension here with marmalade, lemon curd, apricot and cold stone. Wonderful acidity is interwoven throughout this Sauternes that demonstrates real race and sophistication. Great breeding and energy. Do not overlook this gem . **Rating : 96 Points "**

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**2005 Chateau Suduiraut (1st grand Cru Classe, commune of Preignac, Sauternes)**

**\$175**

**Wine Enthusiast :** "Bright gold. Perfectly balanced. Not sweet, and yet explosively sweet with flavors of fresh nectarine, scents of jasmine and honeysuckle. The sweetness pours out of the freshness, so it's impossible to taste them apart. Glorious . Perhaps the best 2005 . **Rating : 97 Points "**

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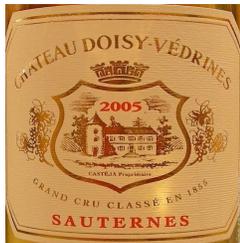
**2006 Chateau Guiraud (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$130**

**Cellar Tracker March 2016 :** "Still too young but otherwise an impressive wine that it's hard to find anything to quibble with. Great acidity, bouquet and beautiful and rich on the palate. " **Rating : 94 Points**

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**2007 Chateau Doisy-Vedrine (2me cru classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$110**

**BB&R :** " It is exceptionally elegant and well-balanced. The nose is marked by intense, icy-cool tropical citrus while the rich yet fresh palate has wonderfully pure, sweet creamy pineapple fruit, plenty of botrytis and fine balancing acidity. The finish is incredibly long and precise. Made from 95% Sémillon and 5% Sauvignon Blanc, this is a magically sensual Sauternes ." **Rating : 93 Points (Parker)**

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**2007 Chateau de Rayne-Vigneau (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$110**

**Neil Martin, Wine Advocate :** "This has blossomed gloriously in bottle. It has a rich, decadent bouquet with wild heather honey, orange peel and a touch of lime. The palate is very well-balanced with immense purity and brilliant tension. The acidity is pitch perfect here, with wonderful poise towards the finish and hints of elderflower on the aftertaste. This has class from start to finish and should age with panache. **Rating : 95 Points"**

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**2009 Chateau Cantegril (commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$125**

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**\$85**

e-Robert Parker April 2010 : "This has a lifted, voluminous nose. Very primal, developing scents of white flower with aeration. The palate is vibrant and really packs a



punch on the entry. Overly citrus orange peel notes inflect the honeyed fruit, taut and precise towards the finish. If the aromatics develop in barrel, this will be excellent". **Rating 89-91+**

BCR



**2009 Chateau Coutet (Premier Cru Classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$130**

**Jeannie Cho Lee :** "This is a full, rich Sauternes with amazing sweetness. Marmalade, honey, ripe apricots. It is full-bodied, ripe, intensely sweet with firm acidity that prevents it from being cloying. A great, sweet wine which will benefit from keeping for many years in one's cellar. **Rating : 93 Points "**

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**2009 Chateau Raymond Lafon (Sauternes)**

**\$95**

**Wine Spectator :** "Rich and intense, with dried pineapple, candied lemon peel and heather honey notes, followed by spice, crème brûlée and lemon meringue. The long, pure finish has great power and precision. Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Best from 2013 through 2030 . **Rating - 93 Points "**

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**2009 Chateau Suduiraut (1st grand Cru Classe, commune of Preignac, Sauternes)**

**\$145**

**Robert Parker "** The 2009 is one of the greatest wines ever produced from the estate ... it possesses an unerring sense of completeness and composure that is irresistible. Bravo! Drink now-2050 ."

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" Intensely perfumed and lifted on the nose, the palate is a tour de force of apricots and bold honey notes all supported by a structured line of acid that will leave the wine in good stead for long term ageing. A delight in every sense."

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**2010 Chateau Coutet (Premier Cru Classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$140**

**Decanter Magazine :** "An incredible mix of sauterne tropical fruits with a wonderful line of crushed nuts & minerals. A persistent, long finish. Amazing. " **Rating : 95 Points**

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**2010 Chateau Doisy-Daene (1st grand Cru Classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$110**

**James Suckling Feb 2013 :** "Elegant nose with sweet white peach, strawberry and vanilla. Medium sweet on the palate with a lovely pure fruit and fine texture. This Barsac is super charming and well balanced. Very spicy on the finish showing wonderful botrytis intensity. Drink now or hold. **Rating : 95 Points"**

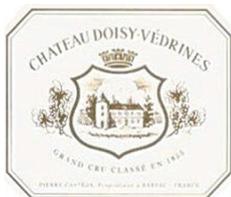
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**2010 Chateau Doisy-Vedrine (2me cru classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$110**

**BBR :** "Exceptionally elegant and well-balanced. A nose of intense, icy-cool tropical citrus while the rich yet fresh palate has wonderfully pure, sweet creamy pineapple fruit, plenty of botrytis and fine balancing acidity. Incredibly long and precise. Made from 95% Sémillon and 5% Sauvignon Blanc, this is a magically sensual Sauternes "

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**2010 Chateau de Myrat (2me Cru Classe, commune of Barsac, Sauternes)**

**\$145**

**Wine Enthusiast :** "Hugely aromatic, a wine that manages to combine freshness, lightness and density. It is deliciously fresh, then offering a fine, ripe, dried fruit aftertaste."

**Rating : 94 Points "**

BCR



**2010 Chateau Filhot (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$125**

**Roger Voss "Wine Enthusiast" :** "Apricots and smooth honey come through strongly in this beautiful wine. It has a rich, mellifluous texture, and accents of sweet spice are lifted by a shot of lemon zest. Drink from 2017. **Rating : 92 Points "**

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**2010 Chateau Lafaurie-Peyraguey (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$135**

**Parker :** "Tightly wound scents of dried honey, tropical fruit quince and melted butter. The oak is well integrated. The palate is well-balanced on the entry, the viscous fruit neatly offset by the crisp line of acidity that keeps the finish taut and linear. This is a stylish Sauternes full of breeding and class. **Rating : 92 Points "**

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**2010 Chateau de Rayne-Vigneau (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$145**

**Wine Spectator :** "Cuts a bold profile, with a strikingly bright pineapple note coursing throughout, while tangerine chiffon, toasted coconut, green plum and heather honey notes quickly fill in behind. Long and racy through the finish, with ample power. Best from 2015 through 2030. **Rating : 94 Points "**

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**2010 Chateau Rieussec (1st grand Cru Classe, Sauternes)**

**\$190**

**Parker :** " A contender for the finest Sauternes of the vintage. It has a pure and lifted bouquet with ripe peach, nectarine, ginger and honey. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, perfectly judged acidity and convincing harmony. This is a sophisticated Sauternes with superb mineralite and outstanding persistency. I pinned this as "Yquem" . Drink 2016-2035. **Rating - 96 Points "**

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**2010 Chateau Suduiraut (1st grand Cru Classe, commune of Preignac, Sauternes)**

**\$150**

**Robert Parker :** " Has a comparatively rich, botrytized bouquet with dried honey, pineapple and a touch of Seville orange marmalade, with exquisite definition and focus. The palate is well-balanced, with a viscous texture and a good level of botrytis, demonstrating fine minerality and tautness. Dried mango, quince and spice all interlace the focused finish, which is long in the mouth. A superb follow-up to the sensational 2009. **Rating : 96 Points "**

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