

Moët Chandon Brut Impérial NV

Region: Champagne

Scores: R.P. 86

Tasting Note:

The NV Imperial is a straightforward, tasty Champagne made in a easygoing style, with good length and a clean, refreshing finish.



Chateau Joanin Becot 2010

Region: Cotes de Castillon

Scores: R.P. 89

Tasting Note:

Always one of the better wines from his surprisingly value-laden appellation, the Joanin-Becot's 2010 Cotes de Castillon (tipping the scales at 14.5% natural alcohol) has supple, sweet black cherry and blackberry fruit with hints of licorice, underbrush and subtle smoky oak. This round, generous wine, made from 32 hectoliters per hectare, is a final blend of about three-fourths Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc. It can be drunk now or cellared for up to 7-8 years.



Chateau Pellebouc 2009

Region: Bordeaux Superieur

Tasting Note:

A blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon, part of which was raised in oak barrels, creates a wine with sublime balance, ripe fruit and gentle spice notes.



Chateau Rauzan Segla 2008

Region: Margaux

Scores: R.P. 90+

Tasting Note:

The 2008 Rauzan-Segla (62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot) was made from 45% of the production. It is a beautiful wine in this vintage, not nearly as powerful and structured as the 2010, but it has complex notes of sweet red and black fruits, unsmoked cigar tobacco, spice box and a hint of very subtle wood. The complex perfume is followed by a dark ruby/plum-colored wine with beautifully sweet tannins, a silky, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, and a long finish. This outstanding Margaux should drink nicely for 15-20 years.