



# 2009 Bordeaux

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When buying any wine on futures, you must make sure the wine merchant is going to be around when the wine arrives and that they can fill all orders that they have committed. Imbibe is fairly new to Bakersfield, but we have been in the wine and spirits business for more than twenty-five years. We've offered Bordeaux futures for 20+ years and have delivered every case ordered. We thank you for your confidence and we look forward to being your wine and spirits merchant for the next twenty years.

- David and Tamera Dobbs

### 2009 Bordeaux - The fourth Great Vintage of the Century

Leave it to the French. Once again we are hearing about a Bordeaux vintage offered around the world with great hyperbole. How will this vintage stack up to recent benchmarks such as 2005, 2000, 1986, and 1982?

Here are James Suckling's (Wine Spectator) comments on the 2009 vintage:

**"After reviewing nearly 700 wines from 2009, I conclude that Bordeaux did harvest an exceptional vintage. It's rare to find young reds with so much concentration of ripe fruit and powerful tannins, yet that are so beautifully in balance. Overall, I give the 2009 vintage a provisional rating of 97 to 100 for the Left Bank and 95 to 98 for the Right Bank."**

Didier Cuvelier of Chateau Leoville Poyrerre said,

**"A lot of people are making comparisons to the 1982 vintage. I agree to some extent, due to the precocious friendliness of the young wines. But the 2009 are better for the fact they have the same juicy fruit and rich round tannins as the 1982's but are simply much better made."**

Speaking with importers, negociants and wine merchants throughout spring and early summer, we've all predicted that the prices for these wines would be crazy. The demand for Bordeaux is a world demand, and the quantity of wines available for this world market is relatively small.

This is a very fine vintage, but the prices are so outrageous that Imbibe has taken a position only on choice, though many lesser known Chateaus that made outstanding wines at what we think is a fair price.

For your information here are some of the prices of the top chateaus on Futures, wholesale:

- Lafite Rothschild - \$1339.00 per bottle
- Palmer - \$299.00 per bottle
- Latour - \$1339.00 per bottle
- Haut Brion - \$870.00 per bottle
- Mouton Rothschild - \$971.00 per bottle
- Petrus - \$3191.00 per bottle
- Cos D' Estournel - \$291.00 per bottle
- Pichion Lalande - \$175.00 per bottle.

Add 10%, and you can do the math to find the price at which we would offer these wines. In my opinion, they are outrageous - and it is only grape juice after all.

The list below is the complete 2009 Bordeaux Futures Offering of Imbibe Wine and Spirits:



**Château Bellegrave (Pauillac) \$31.99** – Concentrated, with loads of currant and blackberry that turn to mint on the nose. Full-bodied, with polished and velvety tannins. Beautiful finish with licorice and fruit. Really excellent. Score range: 92-95 –*WS (item 3183)*



**Château Côte Montpezat (Côtes de Castillon Cuvée Compotelle) \$21.99** – Beautiful nose of crushed blueberries and raspberries. Full-bodied, with soft and velvety tannins and lots of pretty fruit. Score range: 91-94 –*WS (item 3184)*



**Château Domeyne (St.-Estèphe) \$27.99** – Full-bodied, with plenty of ripe fruit, toasted oak and spices. Long and caressing. A relatively new estate to watch. Score range: 91-94 –*WS (item 3178)*



**Château Fleur-Cardinale (St.-Emilion) \$50.99** – Intense concentration of black chocolate and berry. Full-bodied, with loads of fruit and velvety tannins. The finish is long and juicy. Score range: 92-95 –*WS (item 3185)*



**Château Godeau (St.-Emilion) \$36.99** – Fab nose. Licorice and dark cherries. What a palate. Full body, with super silky tannins and a long, long finish. Seductive juice, polished and gorgeous. This is next to Tertre Roteboeuf. 95 Merlot, 5 percent Cabernet Franc. Score range: 93-96 –*WS (item 3179)*



**SOLD OUT** ~~Château La Croix-De-Gay (Pomerol) \$41.99~~ – One of the finest efforts I have ever tasted from La Croix de Gay, this dark ruby/purple tinged 2009 offers up aromas of crushed raspberries, black cherries, vanillin, truffles, and caramel. Deep, richly fruity, and medium to full-bodied, with more substance and generosity than most vintages possess, the tannins are sweet and the finish is impressive as well as long. There is not a hard edge to be found in this 2009. It should drink well for 15-25 years. Score range: 91-93 –*RP*



**Château La Révérence (St.-Emilion) \$23.99** – Licorice and milk chocolate, with dark berry aromas and flavors. Full and velvety, with lovely fruit. Long and juicy. Very polished. Score range: 91-94 –*WS (item 3187)*



**Château Lilian Ladouys (St.-Estèphe) \$27.99** – Dark color, with a spiced nose of cloves and cardamom. Tar too. Full-bodied, with round and velvety tannins and a rich, fruity aftertaste. Gorgeous young wine. Score range: 92-95 –*WS (item 3180)*



**Château Meyney (St.-Estèphe) \$44.99** – Spicy and beautiful, delivering blackberry and currant character. Full and silky, with beautiful fruit and a long finish. Score range: 92-95 –*WS (Item 3188)*



**Château Mont-Pérat (Premières Côtes de Bordeaux) \$20.99** – From the Despagne family, this is another excellent sleeper of the vintage offering attractive notes of black currants, spice box, earth, and herbs. An opaque ruby/purple-tinged, generous, fleshy wine that flows across the palate with no hard edges, it should drink well for 3-4 years. Score range: 87-88 –*RP (Item 3181)*



**Château Paloumey (Haut-Médoc) \$24.99** – Gorgeous black currant on the nose, with tar and lead pencil. Pauillac-like. Full-bodied, with well-integrated tannins and a long finish. Serious. Score range: 90-93 –*WS (Item 3189)*



**Château Prieuré-Lichine (Margaux) \$67.99** – Complex aromas of mineral, blueberry and currant follow through to a full body, with superfine tannins and a long, long finish. This is exceptional. Best of all time. Score range: 94-97 –*WS (Item 3190)*



**Château Quinault-L'Enclos (St.-Emilion) \$42.99** – Now owned by the proprietors of Cheval Blanc, the 2009 Quinault l'Enclos (composed of 70% Merlot, 20%

Cabernet Franc, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon) exhibits an opaque purple color, notes of licorice, incense, raspberries, and black cherries, medium body, elegant, stylish flavors, and no hint of oak. This is a beautifully made, pure, deep wine that continues to confirm what Dr. Alain Raynaud suspected when he bought this property in 1997. The naysayers all said this terroir was suspect, but that has been proven wrong by the wines that have been produced. This 2009 should drink well for 10-20 years. Score range: 90-92 *–RP (Item 3191)*



**Roc (Côtes de Castillon) \$24.99** – Sweet fruit, with loads of subtle raspberry and blueberry. Full and silky. Excellent finish. Wow. Score range: 91-94 *–WS (Item 3192)*



**Château Vieux-Maillet (Pomerol) \$47.99** – Extremely dark in color, with powerful aromas of blackberry and tar. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, rich finish. Intense and layered. Very well done. Score range: 92-95 *–WS (Item 3182)*



**SOLD OUT** ~~Château Lynch Bages (Pauillac) \$139.99~~ – ~~The nose shows amazing aromas of mint, spices and currant, with underlying licorice and tar. Full bodied, with amazing fruit and a long, long finish. Powerful. Blockbuster, but balanced. So structured. Lynch has not made a wine like this since perhaps 1989 or 1982. Better than Wine of the Year 1985 Lynch. Score range: 96-99 *–WS*~~