



COMMANDERIE DE BORDEAUX



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BORDEAUX YEAR END SUMMER DINNER

To celebrate the arrival of summer, the team at Maison Vauron welcome us in their spectacular upstairs cellar with a generous taste of traditional French food and great service!



Apéritif on arrival:

Gougères au fromage truffé
Baked savoury choux pastry stuffed with
black truffle cheese

Bourdieu Crémant de Bordeaux Brut 2018

Entrée:

Saumon d'Akaroa mi-cuit, aïoli, haricots verts,
citron & micro salade
Whole side Akaroa salmon 'mi-cuit' (delicately cured)
served cold with aïoli, green beans and micro salad

Château Suduiraut 2018

Plat principal:

Roulade de Porc à la moutarde
Pork belly roulade with duxelles and mustard
velouté, served with seasonal vegetables

Château Bourgneuf 2010

Fromage:

Plateaux de fromage
Roquefort, Ossau-Iraty and Pierre Robert cheeses
served with baguette

Château Blasson d'Issan 2010

Dessert:

Crème brûlée with orange zest

Château Fargues 2008

Digestif:

Chocolate nibbles

Digestif surprise

GLASSWARE PARTNER



Bourdieu Crémant de Bordeaux Brut 2018

Since 1920, the vineyard of the Boudon family has been 27 hectares. It was the grandfather of Patrick Boudon, the current owner, who turned towards organic farming in 1963, at the time a real revolution in the Bordeaux vineyards. In 1970 Patrick Boudon took over the farm and continued this organic production method. The goal was to bring healthy and flawless wines to the consumer's table. Bourdieu Crémant is aged on lees, in the bottle, for 18 months. It has clear, light golden tints and a delicate fine mousse, with a fresh 'liveliness' and aromas of peach, apricot, and flowers. Discreet, yet complex, a very original sparkling wine with 100% Sémillon.



Château de Suduiraut Bordeaux Blanc 2018

Château Suduiraut and Sauternes go back to 1580, producing one of the great Premier Cru Classé sweet wines. Meticulous and uncompromising, with tailored plot selection, grape-by-grape harvesting and fastidious control over the fermentation of each individual barrel. The wine's aging capacity is off the chart. Like many Bordeaux estates, Suduiraut has passed through a number of hands. Losing its way somewhat in the 1940s to 1960s, there has been a distinct return to form under the stewardship of insurance group AXA, who seem to have their fingers in a number of significant Bordeaux pies. With 92 hectares under vine, the wines are deeply opulent and highly collectible. This Bordeaux Blanc is 53% Semillon, 47% Sauvignon Blanc, the beautiful old vines deliver superb breadth and concentration. Very fresh with an opulent edge.



Château Bourgneuf Pomerol 2010

This Right Bank estate is situated in the heart of the prestigious Pomerol appellation, spread over almost 9 hectares in one unique holding. It is, indeed, one of the oldest family-owned properties, having been in the hands of the Vayron family since 1821 and managed by them for eight generations. The vines are well established, with an average age 40 years, and one parcel over 70 years. The varietal mix is 90% Merlot to 10% Cabernet Franc, and the main section – their best terroir – almost exclusively clay. Bourgneuf produces a fairly traditional, lighter style of Pomerol. Its popularity is on the rise, and the neighbours (Châteaux Trotanoy and L'Eglise Clinet) are high-profile. Light in colour, with beefy tannins, the wine is medium bodied, dominated by raspberry and fresh cherry notes, with hints of earth and spice.



Château d'Issan Margaux Blasson d'Issan 2010

Having suffered greatly during both World Wars, Château d'Issan sadly underperformed for decades. Under the Cruse family direction, all this has changed at this pretty, Third Growth property due to serious vineyard replanting and cellar refurbishments. The vines are now reaching maturity and the quality in recent years has been superb. It has shed the angular firmness and replaced it with Margaux style elegance and charm. 2010 Blasson d'Issan has bags of fresh black fruit on the nose and very good intensity. Fresh, crunchy, and focused fruit on the palate; this is a very sexy, classic Margaux with a lovely, long and very well-balanced finish. Emmanuel Cruse and his team are certainly bringing this estate to the Margaux Premier League; it is getting better and better... chapeau! A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot.



Château de Fargues Sauternes 2008

With an impressive, lengthy history under its belt, de Fargues was built in 1306 by Cardinal Raymond Guilhem de Fargues. The estate came into the de Lur family in 1472 and has been owned by the de Lur-Saluces family since 1586. The solid walls of the former fortified château overlook the vines of one of the finest estates in Sauternes. At 170 hectares this is a large estate, however only the magnificent clay-gravel rise next to the old castle is devoted to winegrowing. The grapes are picked with great care in several waves, the wine aged in barrel for three years to produce an expression of deep complexity with magnificent cellaring potential. The de Fargues compares most favourably with d'Yquem, which says it all. It has a very typical de Fargues nose which opens up to reveal a slightly spirituous bouquet with clear honey, pressed flowers, almond, and a distant scent of the sea. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins and outstanding delineation. It is utterly harmonious with a thrilling, edgy finish that expresses the terroir with great clarity. There is an effervescent quality that really takes the 2008 to another level, while the marmalade and white pepper finish is powerful and leaves a lasting impression.