

BERGERAC 2007

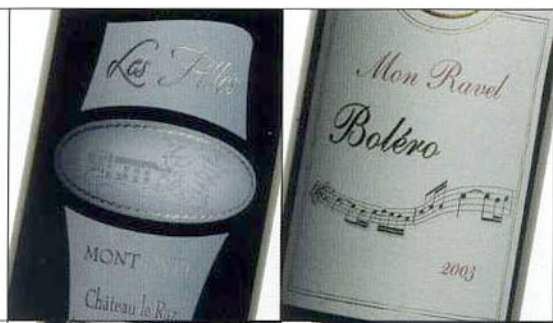
a Decanter guide in association with Wines of Bergerac

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CHATEAU LE RAZ, LES FILLES, MONTRAVEL ROUGE 2003 ★★★★★

There's nothing brooding about this wine – from the warm red colour, to the flattering nose, to the soft summer fruits on the palate, mixed with honey and acacia. Lovely. Up to 2015. **£7.80; Elx**



CHATEAU MASBUREL, BOLERO, MONTRAVEL ROUGE 2003 ★★★★★

Great depth of colour and an attractive blackberry, bracken nose. Good mint, fresh afterglow and rounded tannins. Up to 2013. **£15; SSV**

CHATEAU MOULIN CARESSE, CUVÉE CENT POUR 100, MONTRAVEL ROUGE 2003 ★★★★★

An attractively fresh, restrained nose. And what a gorgeous palate – no hard edges, some minerality, rich blueberry, vanilla and creamy overtones. Up to 2015. **£9; AWG**

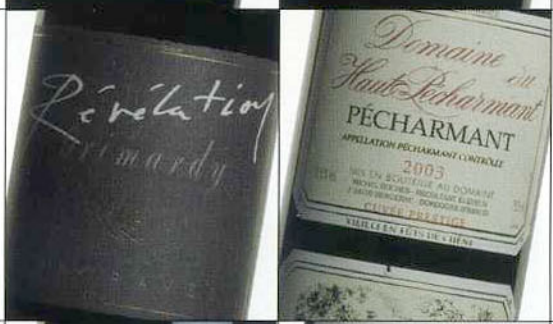


CHATEAU TOUR DES GENDRES, LA GLOIRE DE MON PÈRE, COTES DE BERGERAC ROUGE 2005 ★★★★★

All kinds of hidden depths here, but it's still very much closed on the palate. Still, l'il wait... 2010–20. **£10.09 (2004); CPy**

DOMAINE DE GRIMARDY, REVELATION, MONTRAVEL ROUGE 2003 ★★★★★

Attractive nose of cedar, liquorice, black fruits. Sweet and silky on the palate. Perhaps a touch overblown, but generous and warm, with a minty overtone. 2010–15. **N/A UK; +33 5 53 57 96 78**



DOMAINE DE HAUT PECHARMANT, PECHARMANT, CUVÉE PRESTIGE 2003 ★★★★★

A lovely mix of violets, red fruits and oak on the nose. On the palate, it holds you in a vice-like grip with an excellent acidity and structure. **N/A UK; + 33 5 53 57 29 50**

L'ADAGIO DES EYSSARDS, BERGERAC ROUGE 2003 ★★★★★

This is 90% Merlot, with a solid and reassuring colour, and notes of fig and damson on the nose. New oak is in evidence, but it has plenty of structure, with serious layers of fruit. 2008–18. **£11.79 (2001); Flg**



VIN DE BOB, BERGERAC ROUGE 2003 ★★★★★

Bob Adler has been at Château Bellevue sur Vallée since 2002, planting at 7,000 vines per hectare at one of the highest points of the region. It translates here into a thick fruity nose with deft minerality to balance out the flavours. **£12; F&R**

CHATEAU CORBIAC, PECHARMANT 2004 ★★★

Inky black fruits, and a round, open nose full of damsons and black cherries. Again, the tannins are far from ready, but very good structure and evident fruit. I'd like to retaste in three years. 2010–20. **£11.99 (2003); Cdn**



CHATEAU DE TIREGAND, GRAND MILLESIME, PECHARMANT 2002 ★★★

This special cuvée, with 60% Merlot is inky purple, with decadent layers of chocolate and coffee on the nose. Good structure and rich damson flavours, but lacks a little rounding out. 2010–18. **£14.25; Tan**

CHATEAU DE TIREGAND, PECHARMANT 2004 ★★★

The entry-level wine from the same estate has more promise at the price. A lovely round, reflective purple colour, and the nose needs a little coaxing, but give it a swirl and it lets out a whoop of fruit. 2008–15. **£7.95; Tan**



CHATEAU DU BLOY, SIRIUS, BERGERAC ROUGE 2003 ★★★

This mix of Merlot and Cabernets has a steady claret colour, with quite high alcohol on the nose. A good complex, flavour – with chocolate and damsons taking centre stage. Unfiltered. **N/A UK; + 33 5 53 22 47 87**