

## CHATEAU PRIEURE de BEYZAC BORDEAUX ROUGE 2018/\$23.99



### DESCRIPTION

One of the world's most classic and popular styles of red wine, Bordeaux-inspired blends have spread from their homeland in France to nearly every corner of the New World. Typically based on either Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot and supported by Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot, the best of these are densely hued, fragrant, full of fruit and boast a structure that begs for cellar time. Blends from Bordeaux are generally earthier compared to those from the New World, which tend to be fruit-dominant.

While it claims the same basic landscape as the Medoc—only every so slightly elevated above river level—the Haut Medoc is home to all of the magnificent chateaux of the Left Bank of Bordeaux, creating no lack of beautiful sites to see.

These chateaux, residing over the classed-growth cru in the villages of Margaux, Moulis, Listrac, St-Julien, Pauillac and St. Estephe are within the Haut Medoc appellation. Though within the confines of these villages, any classed-growth chateaux will most certainly claim village or cru status on their wine labels.

Interestingly, some classed-growth cru of the Haut Medoc fall outside of these more famous villages and can certainly be a source of some of the best values in Bordeaux. Deep in color, and concentrated in ripe fruit and tannins, these wines (typically Cabernet Sauvignon-based) often prove the same aging potential of the village classed-growths. Among these, the highest ranked chateaux are Chateau La Lagune and Chateau Cantemerle.

Château Prieuré de Beyzac is the family property of Nadine & Eric Charlassier since 1998. This pretty terroir of 13ha76 is located on a clay-limestone croup neighboring the well-known vineyard of Saint-Estèphe. Consecrated Cru Bourgeois in 2013, then in 2018, the Château has confirmed its rank by the quality of its wines. Eric cultivates his Merlot and

Cabernet Sauvignon on a living and grassy soil, rich in organic matter to produce the best berries.

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This wine is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon.

### **Tasting Notes**

#### **Nose:**

The nose of this Chateau Prieure de Beyzac red is complex with aromas of black fruits and woody and spicy notes.

#### **Palate:**

On the palate, the expression is harmonious and balanced with ripe fruit and a toasted side. Its silky tannins make it the perfect expression of the spirit of the Crus Bourgeois!

#### **Pairing:**

Bordeaux Rouge pairs well with beef, lamb, hard and strong cheeses, roast duck, dark chocolate, rich stews, casseroles, and roasted vegetables.

#### **Winery Website:**

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### **Fun Facts**

The 2018 Prieuré de Beyzac has a really lovely bouquet of perfumed red cherries and wild strawberry and well integrated oak. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, pinpoint acidity and great precision toward the finish. This is one of the outstanding Cru Bourgeois of the vintage. Absolutely superb. –**Vinous Magazine 92 Points**

Sweet red cherry and vanilla nose. It's forward and has energy, tannic weight, freshness and very glossy fruit and oak on the palate. –**Decanter 92 Points**

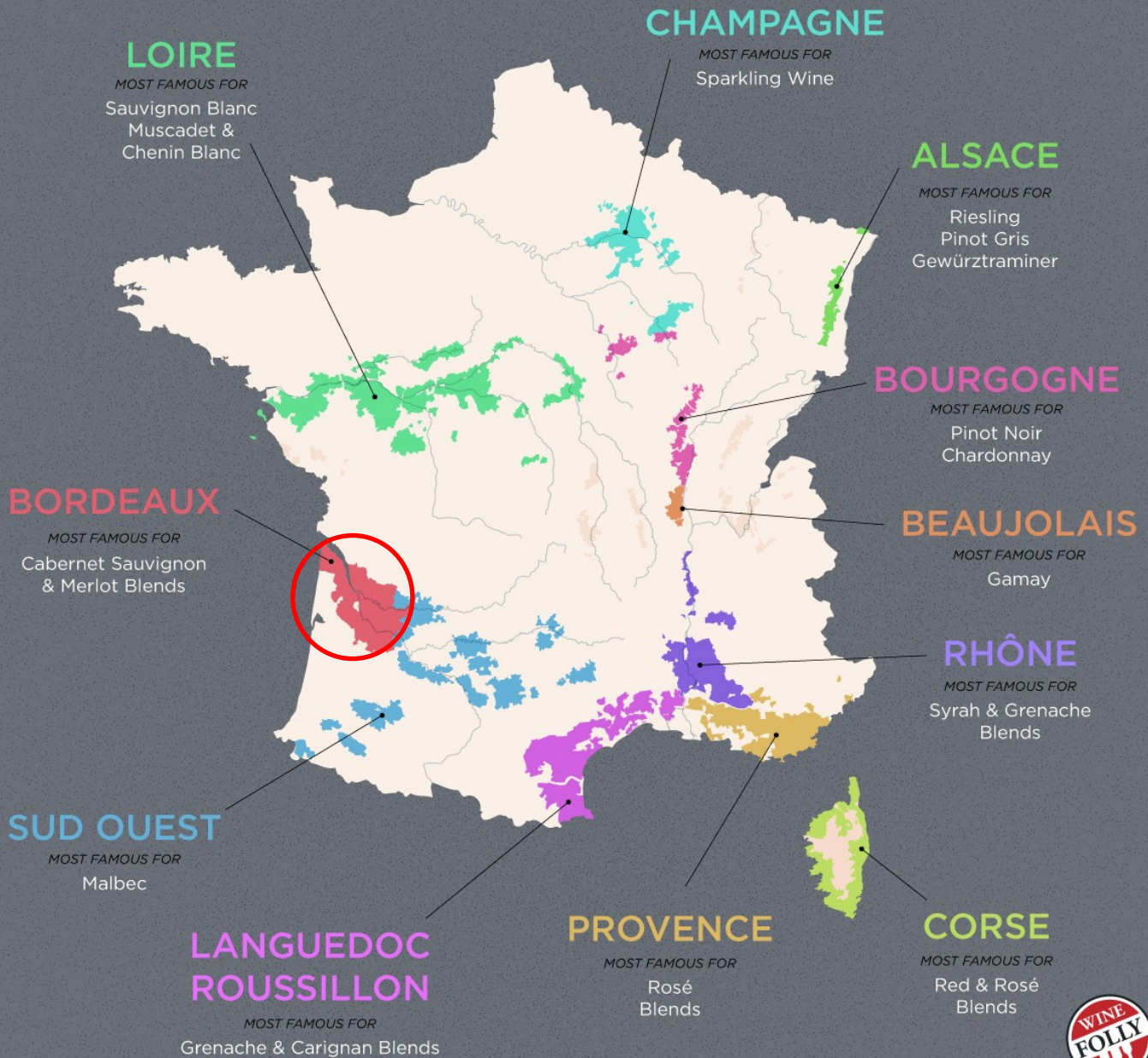
Aromas of stewed blackberries, dried violets, walnuts and dark chocolate. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, chalky tannins. Chewy and structured. Try from 2023. –**James Suckling 91 Points**

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