

JAMES MOLESWORTH'S TOP-SCORING 2014 BORDEAUX

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WINE	SCORE	PRICE	WINE	SCORE	PRICE
REDS / LEFT BANK					
CHÂTEAU LATOUR Pauillac 2014	97	\$NA	CHÂTEAU LE PIN Pomerol 2014	97	\$1,800
Shows terrific cut and drive, with a chiseled graphite note backed by a core of pure cassis and blackberry preserves.			Offers a remarkable display of fruit—raspberry, blackberry and boysenberry, both steeped and fresh, all gliding through seamlessly.		
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan 2014	96	\$323	LA MONDOTTE St.-Emilion 2014	96	\$149
Remarkably supple, with warm tar, singed juniper, plum reduction and cassis notes that are perfectly melded together.			A stunningly pure expression of currant, raspberry and plum fruit over a live wire of minerality, showing remarkable definition.		
CHÂTEAU MOUTON-ROTHSCHILD Pauillac 2014	96	\$338	CHÂTEAU PAVIE St.-Emilion 2014	96	\$245
Delivers a very large core of pure, unadorned cassis, supported by a riveting iron spine. A prodigious display of power and cut.			This nearly gushes with boysenberry, açai berry and blackberry confiture notes that are harnessed by fine chalky minerality.		
CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU St.-Julien 2014	95	\$110	VIEUX CHÂTEAU CERTAN Pomerol 2014	96	\$167
Opulent, with layers of warm fig, boysenberry and blackberry confiture that are kept going by a terrific graphite note.			Gorgeous, with a core of remarkably pure blackberry, raspberry and black currant fruit. There's some coiled up energy here too.		
CHÂTEAU LAFITE ROTHSCHILD Pauillac 2014	95	\$425	CHÂTEAU ANGÉLUS St.-Emilion 2014	95	\$247
Reserved now, but the core of cassis, bitter plum and raspberry coulis is pure and energetic. Very focused, with serious depth.			A terrific expression of the muscular, loamy style, with a dense core of warm blackberry, black currant and fig paste flavors.		
CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES St.-Julien 2014	95	\$135	CHÂTEAU BÉLAIR-MONANGE St.-Emilion 2014	95	\$130
Densely packed, with cassis, steeped plum and blackberry coulis notes. Very pure, giving this a long, sleek and racy feel.			Quite lively, with lots of bouncy, mouthfilling loganberry, blackberry and blueberry paste flavors entwined with brambly grip.		
CHÂTEAU MARGAUX Margaux 2014	95	\$350	CHÂTEAU CANON-LA GAFFELIÈRE St.-Emilion 2014	95	\$61
Flavors of warm fig bread, plum compote and black currant preserves are carried by silky but substantial structure in this solidly packed red.			This cuts a wide swath, offering mouthwatering tobacco and warm ganache notes, with fig, blackberry and black currant preserves.		
CHÂTEAU MONTROSE St.-Estèphe 2014	95	\$124	CLOS FOURTET St.-Emilion 2014	95	\$74
Seriously built, with a core of currant paste and bitter plum fruit inlaid with tobacco, bay leaf and smoldering charcoal notes.			Sleek and lean, showing distilled currant and raspberry fruit that races from start to finish, with a riveting chalky spine.		
CHÂTEAU COS-D'ESTOURNEL St.-Estèphe 2014	94	\$117	PÉTRUS Pomerol 2014	95	\$1,764
Intense, with that rare combination of density and precision, offering luscious loganberry, blackberry and black currant fruit.			Offers a serious core of fruit, with lush, fleshy layers of blackberry, fig and black currant confiture pushed by charcoal and tobacco.		
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAILLY Pessac-Léognan 2014	94	\$62	CHÂTEAU TROTANOY Pomerol 2014	95	\$208
This shows admirable density for the vintage, with a strong loamy echo amid the core of dark currant, fig and plum compote flavors.			Dense, with a loamy edge that runs its full length while the core of crushed plum, fig and blackberry fruit plays out slowly.		
CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON St.-Julien 2014	94	\$65	CHÂTEAU VALANDRAUD St.-Emilion 2014	95	\$118
This has lots of muscle, but stays lean and long, with a very solid core of cassis, blueberry confiture and plum sauce flavors.			This delivers a gorgeous display of fruit, with boysenberry, raspberry and blackberry coulis notes that are fresh and racy.		
CHÂTEAU LYNCH BAGES Pauillac 2014	94	\$88	CHÂTEAU BEAUSÉJOUR DUFFAU-LAGAROSSE St.-Emilion 2014	94	\$78
Shows plum cake and melted licorice hints, with a core of cassis and blackberry confiture in reserve. Very polished and integrated.			Full of muscular graphite and tobacco notes, holding sway for now over the core of mulled fig and warm black currant sauce.		
CHÂTEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan 2014	94	\$200	CHÂTEAU CANON St.-Emilion 2014	94	\$59
Still fleshy and compact, with layers of dark fig, black currant paste and blackberry reduction. Its range and density set it apart.			A very fresh, pure style, with floral and black tea notes followed by a beam of red currant, plum and raspberry coulis.		
CHÂTEAU PALMER Margaux 2014	94	\$217	CHÂTEAU L'ÉGLISE CLINET Pomerol 2014	94	\$182
This has a very fresh and energetic feel, with lots of bramble-edged grip pushing the raspberry, plum and cherry coulis flavors.			A big ball of raspberry confiture is underscored by a beam of graphite.		
CHÂTEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE LALANDE Pauillac 2014	94	\$97	CHÂTEAU FIGEAC St.-Emilion 2014	94	\$87
Very solid, with cassis bush and sweet tobacco notes adding texture to the crushed raspberry, blackberry and plum fruit flavors.			Shows cocoa and espresso edges along the core of dark currant and fig fruit, with lots of loamy depth on the finish.		
CHÂTEAU SMITH-HAUT-LAFITTE Pessac-Léognan 2014	94	\$67	CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR-PÉTRUS Pomerol 2014	94	\$125
This has a generous feel, showing ripe fig, boysenberry and blueberry compote fruit flavors, with a terrific graphite underpinning.			This has heft, offering dark plum, fig and blackberry compote flavors.		
REDS / RIGHT BANK			CHÂTEAU PAVIE MACQUIN St.-Emilion 2014	94	\$59
CHÂTEAU CHEVAL-BLANC St.-Emilion 2014	97	\$485	Plum, boysenberry and raspberry fruit is very aromatic in this version.		
This has dreamy aromatics already, with a core of dense but very, very supple currant, fig and blackberry preserves flavors.			CHÂTEAU PAVIE-DECESSE St.-Emilion 2014	94	\$109
			Shows lots of flash and panache, with layer upon layer of fig and dark berry notes, yet this remains a very serious wine.		
			CHÂTEAU TROPLONG MONDOT St.-Emilion 2014	94	\$83
			Very solidly built, with heft to the core of dark berry flavors.		

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DRY WHITES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan White 2014 This towering white has a startling range of flavors, with a gorgeous combination of richness and raciness. Its purity is stunning.	97	\$826
CHÂTEAU MARGAUX Bordeaux Pavillon Blanc 2014 Very chiseled in feel, this glistens with verbena and tarragon notes, followed by lemon pith and yellow apple core flavors.	95	\$144
CHÂTEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan White 2014 An intriguing flash of mint gives way to white peach, tangerine, dried pineapple and singed macadamia nut notes in this rich white.	95	\$667
DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Pessac-Léognan White 2014 Gorgeous, with lemon chiffon, white peach, yellow plum and apple fruit that has weight and cut, with serious depth on the finish.	94	\$85
CHÂTEAU PAPE CLÉMENT Pessac-Léognan White 2014 Quite showy, with a broad and creamy feel, offering warm lemon pound cake, tangerine cream, white ginger and wet straw notes.	94	\$127
CHÂTEAU SMITH-HAUT-LAFITTE Pessac-Léognan White 2014 Long and almost lush in feel, with creamed peach and yellow apple fruit taking the lead, this also shows lift and cut.	94	\$84
CHÂTEAU VALANDRAUD Bordeaux White 2014 Gorgeous, with warm shortbread, Meyer lemon meringue, macadamia nut, mirabelle and mineral notes all woven seamlessly together.	94	\$48
DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Bordeaux White Clos des Lunes Lune d'Argent 2014 This delivers a pure blast of just-baked shortbread, along with racy yellow apple, fennel, mirabelle and white peach flavors.	93	\$16

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CHÂTEAU DOISY DAËNE Bordeaux White 2014 Shows lovely tension, with strong fleur de sel and thyme notes that drive white peach, fennel and verbena flavors along.	93	\$20
CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM Bordeaux White Y 2014 Offers a gorgeous whiff of toast, with alluring shortbread, lemon curd and white peach flavors. Rounded and creamy overall.	93	\$135
CHÂTEAU CHEVAL-BLANC Bordeaux White Le Petit Cheval 2014 This white has a lovely feel, with a light shortbread frame around a core of white peach, honeysuckle and quinine notes.	92	\$120
DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Bordeaux White Clos des Lunes Lune Blanche 2014 Meringue, tangerine and honeysuckle notes show a light heather honey hint. The more opulent back end should take over in the cellar.	92	\$14
CHÂTEAU COS-D'ESTOURNEL Bordeaux White 2014 Mouthwatering from the start, with a vibrant quinine note followed by salted butter, lemon pith and talc notes.	92	\$76
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan White La Clarté de Haut-Brion 2014 Gorgeous, with toasted macadamia nut, warm brioche, creamed mirabelle, Jonagold apple, lemon chiffon and tangerine notes.	92	\$85
CHÂTEAU LYNCH BAGES Bordeaux White 2014 Piercing and racy in feel now, with Key lime and Meyer lemon flavors turning fuller on the finish with honeysuckle and peach notes.	92	\$44

BARSAC & SAUTERNES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM Sauternes 2014 A stunner, sporting tropical mango and papaya notes that glide along beautifully. Features amazing mouthfeel, creamy yet tense.	98	\$359
CHÂTEAU CLIMENS Barsac 2014 This is really, really packed, with piecrust, dried pineapple, warm marmalade, singed almond, glazed peach and apricot flavors.	97	\$66
CHÂTEAU DOISY DAËNE Barsac L'Extravagant 2014 Richly rendered with pineapple, tangerine and nectarine gelée notes carried by a racy streak of orange zest. Shows terrific focus.	97	\$175 375ml
CHÂTEAU COUTET Barsac 2014 Features the vivid, racy side of Barsac, with pineapple, yellow apple, green plum and white ginger notes that have lovely energy.	96	\$37
CHÂTEAU DOISY DAËNE Barsac 2014 Shows a lot of power for Barsac, offering creamed pineapple, yellow apple and ginger notes that have ample weight but move gracefully.	95	\$36
CHÂTEAU DOISY-VÉDRINES Barsac 2014 Glazed pear, fig and apple notes lead to dried orange peel, maple and almond hints, showing cut and drive. Should age beautifully.	95	\$35
CHÂTEAU GUIRAUD Sauternes 2014 Not shy, with unctuous dried apricot, peach and tangerine fruit flavors augmented with ginger, bitter orange and almond notes.	95	\$44

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CHÂTEAU LAFAURIE-PEYRAGUEY Sauternes 2014 Lovely mango and papaya notes have a creamy feel, while glazed pear and peach notes add range. A very pretty style.	94	\$49
CHÂTEAU DE MYRAT Barsac 2014 On the exotic side, showing dried pineapple, candied orange peel, glazed fig and apricot notes, with a marmalade-fueled finish.	93	\$26
CHÂTEAU SIGALAS RABAUD Sauternes 2014 Tropical in feel, with mango and guava notes holding sway, backed by a chorus of nectarine, tangerine and bitter almond hints.	93	\$42
CHÂTEAU SUDUIRAUT Sauternes 2014 On the flamboyant side, with mango and guava flavors out front, followed by creamed pear and fig hints and a lush finish.	93	\$59
CHÂTEAU LA TOUR BLANCHE Sauternes 2014 Rich for sure, but this wins on brightness, range and purity, with dried yellow apple, star fruit, white peach and mango flavors.	93	\$38
CLOS HAUT-PEYRAGUEY Sauternes 2014 On the fresher side, with honeysuckle and orange blossom notes leading to more typical glazed peach, creamed apple and plum notes.	92	\$33

JAMES MOLESWORTH’S 2014 BORDEAUX SMART BUYS

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CHÂTEAU MALESCOT-ST.-EXUPÉRY Margaux 2014	93	\$45
Very suave and alluring, with black tea notes weaving around a core of gently steeped red and black currant and plum fruit flavors.		
CHÂTEAU CANTENAC-BROWN Margaux 2014	91	\$39
Fleshy in feel but restrained in profile, as the plum, blackberry and black currant confiture notes glide in easily.		
CHÂTEAU D’ARMAILHAC Pauillac 2014	91	\$36
Fresh and pure, but not shy on depth, offering an ample core of cassis and blackberry puree flavors, with a fine chalky minerality.		
CHÂTEAU GISCOURS Margaux 2014	91	\$41
Shows a caressing feel, with black tea and incense notes to the lightly macerated plum, blackberry and black currant fruit flavors.		
CHÂTEAU GLORIA St.-Julien 2014	91	\$30
A grippy style, with a nice rugged edge to the copious brambly tannins that push the core of plum and blackberry reduction along.		
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BERGEY Pessac-Léognan 2014	91	\$23
A solid, grippy-edged style, offering a core of steeped plum and blackberry fruit laced with tar and roasted apple wood notes.		
CHÂTEAU MALARTIC-LAGRAVIÈRE Pessac-Léognan 2014	91	\$38
Very solid, with a core of dark plum, blackberry and fig preserves held in check by tarry grip. Needs time to meld fully.		
CHÂTEAU MARQUIS D’ALESME BECKER Margaux 2014	91	\$33
This delivers a fleshy blast of warm plum and blackberry preserves flavors, inlaid judiciously with a singed alder note.		
CHÂTEAU MEYNEY St.-Estèphe 2014	91	\$24
Shows good tension, with a singed iron note running from start to finish, wrapped in dark plum and red currant fruit.		
CHÂTEAU PHÉLAN SÉGUR St.-Estèphe 2014	91	\$35
Pure and expressive, with a lovely beam of cassis gilded with lilac, pebble and tobacco. Shows textbook typicity for the AOC.		
CHÂTEAU ST.-PIERRE St.-Julien 2014	91	\$45
Stylish up front, with singed vanilla and sandalwood notes framing the core of lightly mulled plum and raspberry fruit.		
CLOS DU MARQUIS St.-Julien 2014	91	\$42
Pure and vibrant, with a lovely stream of plum, cassis and blackberry confiture notes, laced with licorice snap and violet hints.		
CLOS MARSALETTE Pessac-Léognan 2014	91	\$27
Shows length, refinement and purity, with lively pepper and bay leaf streaks amid the core of cherry and red currant fruit.		
CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY Pauillac 2014	90	\$38
A light <i>sous-bois</i> note leads off, followed by a core of steeped plum and blackberry fruit. Fleshes out steadily.		
CHÂTEAU CANTEMERLE Haut-Médoc 2014	90	\$26
Bright and racy, this offers red currant and plum fruit lined with a lively tang of iron that streaks through the finish.		
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAGES LIBÉRAL Pauillac 2014	90	\$33
Hefty in feel, with a hint of bay leaf streaking through before the core of red and black currant preserves takes over.		
CHÂTEAU LAFON-ROCHET St.-Estèphe 2014	90	\$33
Delivers a direct beam of red and black currant fruit mixed with a note of blood orange, picking up tobacco and warm stone accents.		
CHÂTEAU ORMES DE PEZ St.-Estèphe 2014	90	\$25
Lively, with pomegranate, blood orange and bitter cherry flavors, flecked with savory notes and backed by a pebbly finish.		

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CHÂTEAU TOUR DES TERMES St.-Estèphe 2014	90	\$30
Shows lovely purity, with a bright streak of cassis accented by savory, wet pebble and lilac notes, with a fresh-edged finish.		
REDS / RIGHT BANK		
CHÂTEAU LA VIEILLE CURE Fronsac 2014	92	\$30
Ripe and structured, sporting a vivid core of cassis and plum, with fine-grained structure and light anise, bay leaf and chalk notes.		
CHÂTEAU FONPLÉGADE St.-Emilion 2014	91	\$35
Features succulent steeped plum and blackberry flavors inlaid with ganache and licorice snap, all knit well through the finish.		
CHÂTEAU LES GRANDES MURAILLES St.-Emilion 2014	91	\$38
A solid red, offering a core of juicy plum and raspberry preserves notes, with a lively licorice streak and judicious toast.		
CHÂTEAU MONTLANDRIE Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2014	91	\$18
Ripe and forward, with a bold core of anise and cassis flavors carried by a well-embedded graphite spine.		
CHÂTEAU NÉNIN Pomerol 2014	91	\$39
This has grip, along with ample flesh balanced by bright acidity, showing flavors of plum, raspberry and cherry preserves.		
VIEUX CHÂTEAU CERTAN Pomerol La Gravette de Certan 2014	91	\$48
This is lovely, with light mint, star anise and black tea notes weaving in and out of a stream of raspberry confiture.		
CHÂTEAU BOURGNEUF Pomerol 2014	90	\$32
Solidly juicy, with plum and blackberry confiture flavors that stay persistent, carried by singed apple wood and charcoal hints.		
CHÂTEAU JOANIN BÉCOT Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux 2014	90	\$25
Sleek, with damson plum and cassis notes that show a floral edge, with savory and iron hints. Offers lovely purity and freshness.		
CHÂTEAU LA PRADE Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2014	90	\$15
A brambly edge lends this a distinctive mouthfeel, while bitter cherry, plum and blackberry fruit streams through.		
CHÂTEAU LAROQUE St.-Emilion 2014	90	\$25
This sports a brambly streak amid the bright raspberry and boysenberry compote flavors, with fresh star anise and black tea details.		
DRY WHITES		
CHÂTEAU DOISY DAËNE Bordeaux White 2014	93	\$20
There’s lovely tension to this, with fleur de sel and thyme notes that drive the white peach, fennel and verbena flavors along.		
DOMAINE DE CHEVALIER Bordeaux White Clos des Lunes Lune d’Argent 2014	93	\$16
This delivers a pure blast of just-baked shortbread, along with racy yellow apple, fennel, mirabelle plum and white peach flavors.		
CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX Pessac-Léognan White 2014	91	\$40
A ripe and friendly style, showing creamed gooseberry and white peach flavors, with lemon curd notes and a whiff of shortbread.		
CHÂTEAU GUIRAUD Bordeaux White Le G 2014	91	\$20
A live-wire version, with thyme and verbena notes leading off, followed by pure lemon zest and white peach accents.		
CHÂTEAU OLIVIER Pessac-Léognan White 2014	91	\$27
Very engaging, with vibrant flavors of shortbread, lemon curd, white peach and gooseberry, showing richness and zip.		
CHÂTEAU LES CHARMES-GODARD Francs Côtes de Bordeaux White 2014	90	\$17
There’s lots of zip here, with lemon pulp and sel gris notes imparting a chiseled edge. Pure and delightful.		