



## THE BORDEAUX ILLUSION: Bordeaux v The Rest of The World

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**1. 2020 PIKES VALLEY'S END SAUVIGNON SEMILLON – Clare Valley Australia 4 x £14.95**

*A 'Bordeaux' blend of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Semillon, but Estate grown in Polish Hill in South Australia. Pikes are a small, family winery. The wine shows passion fruit, lychees, limes and tropical fruits. A restrained 12% alcohol.*

**2. 2021 CLOS DES LUNES – LUNE D'ARGENT – Bordeaux AC 4 x £19.99**

*Grapes are grown on a mosaic of 5 terroirs, in the Sauternes district, some 25 miles south of the City of Bordeaux. This wine is a project of Oliver Bernard and his team from Domaine de Chevalier. The wine is a blend of 70% Semillon and 30% Sauvignon Blanc. With citrus and floral notes on the nose, the wine shows a rich and generous palate.*

**3. 2015 CHÂTEAU BELAIR SAINT-GEORGES St-Georges Saint-Émilion AC Bordeaux 4 x £16.99**

*From the super-ripe 2015 vintage this wine is from the small appellation of St-Georges Saint-Émilion. The blend is typical of the district: 80% Merlot and 10% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The winemaker believes in minimal intervention, particularly during the 12 months barrel ageing. Lots of blackberry fruit, richness and complexity.*

**4. 2018 MEINERT MERLOT- Devon Valley – Stellenbosch – South Africa 4 x £19.95**

*It sounds a dichotomy, but Martin Meinert is an unknown legend! The wine is from two Merlot vineyards in the Devon Valley, close to Stellenbosch. It is fermented with natural yeasts, and spends 18 months in barrels. Unusually this wine is a 100% Merlot – it exudes rich bramble and herb notes.*

**5. 2012 CHÂTEAU PANIGON – Cru Bourgeois - Médoc AC - Bordeaux 4 x £14.99**

*A fully mature Left Bank Bordeaux, from the north of the district. A blend of 50% Merlot, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petit Verdot. Now showing the tertiary characteristics from long bottle ageing, but the 'goût de terroir' shines through.*

**6. 2020 RUSTENBERG JOHN X MERRIMAN – STELLENBOSCH – South Africa 4 x £16.99**

*Named after a former owner of this Stellenbosch Estate, this voluptuous wine is a blend of 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 14% Petit Verdot, and 7% Malbec. It spends 20 months in French oak barriques. The wine shows blackcurrant and other dark fruits together with sour cherries, and hints of Havana tobacco.*

Cost of wine	£395.44 (including £20.00) discount
Presenter fee including ex's	£230.00
Total	£625.44