

Bordeaux Oxygene Wine Tasting 2018



Date : Thursday, May 31, 2018
 Time : 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 Venue : Galerie Ora-Ora
 No. of Attendees : 60
 Wines Tasted : Lafon Rochet 2011, 2014
 Larrivaux 2011, 2015
 Marsau 2011, 2015
 Mont Perat 2012, 2015
 Girolate 2012, 2014
 Beau Sejour Becot 2006, 2015
 Joanin Becot 2013, 2014
 Grand Mayne 2011, 2015
 Clos du Clocher 2006, 2015
 Clos Floridene Rouge 2013, 2015
 Reynon Rouge 2014, 2015
 Haura 2013, 2015

Our thoughts:

A great evening of Asian contemporary arts and Bordeaux's young bloods. This time we have



hosted our tasting event at the very stylish Galerie Ora-Ora. Galerie Ora-Ora is an Asian contemporary fine art gallery specializing in Contemporary Ink, sculptures, and the discovery of emerging talents. Our speakers, Bordeaux Oxygene is a group of talented second generation, young wine producers who travels around the world to promote their wines in style. The young winemakers who took part that evening were Thibault Despagne (Girolate and Mont Perat), Basile Tesseron (Lafon Rochet), Julien Barthe (Beau Sejour Becot and Joanin Becot), Jean Baptiste

Bourotte (Clos du Clocher), Bérangère Tesseron (Larrivaux), Mathieu Chadronnier (Marsau), Jean Antoine Nony (Grand Mayne), and Jean Jacques Dubourdieu (Floridene Rouge, Reynon Rouge and Haura). Two vintages of each wine were featured, for our guests to compare differences between vintages. Julien Barthe's Beau Sejour Becot / Joanin Becot, Thibault Despagne's Girolate / Mont Perat and Jean Antoine Nony's Grand Mayne were almost instant winners with crowd pleasing results. Apart from these three, Jean Baptiste Bourotte's Clos du Clocher, Bérangère Tesseron's Larrivaux and Mathieu Chadronnier's Marsau were also quite impressive. They may not be as approachable as the first three but they will definitely develop into serious wines with proper cellaring. Basile Tesseron's Lafon Rochet and Jean Jacques Dubourdieu's Floridene Rouge, Reynon Rouge and Haura were the ones that took the longest to break open from their restrained characteristic. Once opened, they will be just as gorgeous as others.



Lafon Rochet 2011

"A well-made sleeper of the vintage, Lafon Rochet's 2011 exhibits a dense ruby/plum color in addition to sweet cassis, earth and spice notes, medium body, excellent depth and light to moderate tannin. It should drink nicely for a decade or more."

87 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (212), April 2014

Lafon Rochet 2014

"The 2014 Lafon Rochet has a very attractive, slightly floral bouquet with raspberry and crushed strawberry fruit, a touch of rose petals lending this a feminine allure. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, ripe tannins. This feels quite dense in the mouth, a welcome pinch of white pepper and cedar lending complexity to the finish with tart cherries on the aftertaste. This is probably more forward than other Saint Estephe wines, but it should give 15-20 years of pleasure."

90 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, Interim End of March, April 2017

Larrivaux 2011

"An attractive, Graves-like wine, the 2011 Larrivaux reveals smoky, earthy and berry fruit notes, medium body and soft tannin. It is a well-made Haut-Medoc that should drink well for 3-4 years."

86 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (212), April 2014

Larrivaux 2015

"The LARRIVAUX 2015 is an blend of 41%Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Cabernet Franc and 10% Petit Verdot. It has a lovely roundness and impressive depth of fruit on the nose : layers of vanilla tinged blackberry and raspberry. The palate is medium-bodied with quite "thick" tannin on the entry, that Petit Verdot adding a seasoning to the blend- white Pepper, a touch of spice. It is a bold LARRIVAUX with plenty of substance that may need 3-4 years in bottle."

88 – 90 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate

Marsau 2011

"Wow. This is really well structured with beautiful berry, dark-chocolate, mineral and spice character. It's full and tannic but polished and reserved. Excellent. Better in 2016."

91 points, James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, February 2014

Marsau 2015

"There is good weight here: furry textured tannin, but appreciable freshness and a sense of elegance on the finish. Give this 2-3 years in bottle and you will have a fine Francs - Côtes de Bordeaux on your hands."

89 – 91 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate



Mont Perat 2012

“From the well-known Despagne family (purveyors of many good value wines), this 2012 has an excellent dark ruby/purple color and performs well above its humble pedigree. It is generous, soft, silky textured and richly fruity. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.”

87 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (218), April 2015

Mont Perat 2015

“The medium garnet-purple colored 2015 Mont-Perat gives up blackberry pie and wild blueberries on the nose with an undercurrent of chocolate box and anise. The medium-bodied mouth is taut, firm and chewy with compelling restraint and an earthy finish.”

88 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (218), February 2018

Girolate 2012

“A consistent over-performer from the Despagne family, the 2012 Girolate is made from 100% Merlot and is barrel-fermented, which is labor-intensive as well as costly. A big, chocolaty fruit bomb, it offers abundant notes of berries, mocha, white chocolate and smoky, spicy oak. It is a delicious, hedonistic, round, generously endowed effort with low acidity. Drink it over the next 3-5 years.”

88 – 90 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (206), April 2013

Girolate 2014

“The 2014 Girolate has a simple but clean, blackberry and boysenberry bouquet tinged with potpourri and a smear of dark chocolate. The palate is medium-bodied with supple red berry fruit, the oak neatly integrated with a silky smooth finish that glides down the throat. I appreciate the harmony of this Girolate, one of those bottles that begs you back for more.”

88 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, Interim End of March, April 2017

Beau Sejour Becot 2006

“Tasted blind at Farr Vintners' 2006 tasting, the 2006 Château Beausejour-Bécot did not fire on all cylinders as I was expecting. The nose is vibrant with dark berry, blackberry and strawberry preserve, well defined and generous with faint smoky notes developing. The palate is medium-bodied, spicy on the entry with moderate weight, fleshy but just attenuating slightly towards the finish. It has an easy-going sensibility that surprised me, though I suspect that with decanting this would gain more substance. Tasted April 2016.”

90 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, Interim May, 2016



Beau Sejour Becot 2015

"The 2015 Beau-Sejour Becot is composed of 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 85% new and 15% one-year-old French oak for 17 months. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the nose opens with blackberries, black cherries and crushed black plums with touches of spice box, lavender and cedar. Medium to full-bodied, it's rich, velvety and decadent in the mouth with a firm backbone and long, spicy finish. Yum!"

95 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate, Interim Mid February, 2018

Joanin Becot 2013

"Not surprisingly, proprietress Juliette Becot has turned in a solid performance in 2013. Its dark ruby color is followed by lots of black cherry and currant fruit, medium body, and more texture and length than most of its peers. Enjoy it over the next 3-4 years."

85 – 87 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (214), August 2014

Joanin Becot 2014

"The 2014 Joanin Becot has an elegant bouquet with red cherries, bergamot and cassis aromas, a touch of cedar developing with time. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin and a silky smooth texture; it is less chewy than it showed out of barrel. No, it is not a deep Saint Emilion, but there is ample tension and great persistence in the mouth. This is just a delicious Joanin Becot."

90 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, Interim March, 2017

Grand Mayne 2011

"Another excellent to outstanding effort from the Nony family, the 2011 Grand-Mayne offers up beautifully sweet raspberry and blueberry fruit intermixed with crushed rock-like notes as well as a jammy character (unusual in this vintage). Medium to full-bodied with a complete mouthfeel and sweet, but moderate tannins, this beauty can be enjoyed in several years or cellared for 12-15."

91 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (212), April 2014

Grand Mayne 2015

"The 2015 Grand Mayne is medium to deep garnet-purple in color with an earthy nose of damp soil and fungi with a core of red and black plums, black berries and dried herbs. The full-bodied mouth is rich and earthy with a firm structure and plenty of freshness, finishing long."

93 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate, Interim Mid February, 2018



Clos du Clocher 2006

"The 2006 Clos du Clocher does not appear to have moved much since I last tasted Jean-Baptiste's Pomerol cru in 2011. The nose remains a little tight and more primal than I was expecting at ten years of age, those redcurrants and strawberries still dominating the aromatics, impressive intensity, but there is still the overriding impression that this Pomerol requires longer time in bottle. The palate is medium-bodied with plenty of brambly red berry fruit. There is satisfying weight in the mouth and those once rigid tannins have softened in recent years. It just needs to find a little more "flow" on the finish and I think it will...just longer than I would have anticipated! Tasted March 2016."

91 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, Interim May, 2016

Clos du Clocher 2015

"Composed of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc coming mainly from clay soils on the plateau and aged for one year in oak, 65% new, the 2015 Clos du Clocher springs forth with profound notes of crushed blackberries, black cherries and blueberry compote plus touches of iron ore, bouquet garni, beef drippings and black soil. Medium to full-bodied, rich and concentrated in the mouth, it fills the palate with generous black and blue fruits, supported by firm, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with persistent minerally notes."

93 points, Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate, Interim Mid February, 2018

Clos Floridene Rouge 2013

N/A

Clos Floridene Rouge 2015

"Without the kick of its sister estate Ch Haura, this Dubourdieu red still delivers a lot of pleasure. Well-balanced raspberry and black cherry fruit with soft tannins."

88 points, Decanter

Reynon Rouge 2014

N/A



Reynon Rouge 2015

"Fragrant and precise, fresh and finely structured. A satisfying drink with a serious edge at an affordable price."

88 points, Decanter

Haura 2013

86 points, Decanter

Haura 2015

"The 2015 Château Haura has an upfront, bold and generous bouquet with hints of fresh dates infusing the black cherry and dark plum fruit. The palate reins it back in with fine tannin, well-judged acidity and an impressive lattice of tannin. Focused, fresh and vibrant, this is an excellent lesser-known Graves from Denis Dubourdieu that comes highly recommended."

90 - 92 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, April 2016

