

Batailley, Lynch-Moussas & Trotte Vieille Tasting 2019



Date : Monday, November 25, 2019
Time : 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Venue : Hong Kong Wine Vault – Wong Chuk Hang
Wines Tasted : 2015 Chateau Batailley, Pauillac
2005 Chateau Batailley, Pauillac
1989 Chateau Batailley, Pauillac
2015 Chateau Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac
2010 Chateau Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac
2003 Chateau Lynch-Moussas, Pauillac
2015 Chateau Trotte Vieille, Saint Emilion
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Our thoughts:

An enjoyable evening together with Casteja Family to taste and learn the evolution of their wines. We hosted a tasting event for Chateau Batailley, Chateau Lynch-Moussas and Chateau Trotte Vieille on Monday. We are honored to invite Mr. Philippe Casteja from Casteja Family as a speaker to share the knowledge and stories of their great wines.

Chateau Batailley is Casteja Family's flagship wine in Pauillac. This 5th growth property is one of the oldest estate in the Medoc. Chateau Batailley has been known as producing consistent and classic Pauillac style wine at a fair price. The name of this property

comes from the word battle which took place in 1453 on the vineyards and the Castle. It was the 100 years war. The name is derived from the battle ("bataille" in French). Chateau Lynch-Moussas are originally the same property with Chateau Lynch Bages until the death of owner Jean-Baptiste Lynch in 1835 when the property got divided. Acquired by Casteja Family in 1919, has been one of the jewels of the family for a century.

Beside left bank, the Casteja Family have a stars on the right bank too. This is Chateau Trotte Vieille. This is one of the Preimer Grand Cru properties in Saint Emilion. The name "Trotte Vieille" is derived from the fact that there lived a lady who was very interested in what was going on in the town of Bordeaux and used thus to walk down to the close-by crossing where the stagecoaches stopped on their way coming from Bordeaux. The people of Saint-Emilion called her "la trotte vieille", the "old trot". This unusual name has been used for the chateau since the 15th century, in honor of the name-giving lady.



Mr. Philippe Casteja

Chateau Batailley -Paillac- **5TH GROWTH GRAND CRU CLASSE**

- One of the oldest estates in the Medoc. Their name is derived from the battle (“bataille”) that took place where the chateau and vineyard are today during the 100-years war in the in 1453.



Chateau Batailley 2015

“The 2015 Batailley is a blend of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot cropped at 48 hl/ha picked between 17-30 September. Matured in around 55-60% new oak, it has a very focused, intense bouquet with blackberry, raspberry, cedar and mineral notes, perhaps a little Margaux-like in style as those violets blossom with time in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, well-judged acidity, a touch of white pepper here lending edginess, gradually building to a very composed and structured finish. This is an excellent Batailley, meliorated by the introduction of a second wine, that continues the upswing in quality over the last six or seven years. I would not be surprised if this settles at the top of my banded score once in bottle.” 93-95 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate

Chateau Batailley 2005

“Tasted at the Batailley vertical tasting at the château, the 2005 Batailley continues to be an excellent Pauillac that I suspect is overshadowed by some of its more illustrious and, let's not forget, more expensive neighbors. Here, it has an effervescent bouquet with vibrant red berry fruit and superb mineralité. This is extremely well focused, with hints of rose petal emerging with time. The palate is medium-bodied with finer tannin than in previous years. I feel there is still some oak to be fully absorbed, so don't be afraid to cellar this 2005 for another four or five years; but, even at this early stage, you can appreciate its precision on the graphite-infused finish.” 93 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate



Chateau Batailley 1989

“The 1989 has gone into a hard, tannic, tough stage that suggests considerable patience will be necessary. The ruby/purple color is sound, and the bouquet of toasty, smoky oak, chocolate, and super-ripe cassis is followed by a medium-bodied, rich, extracted wine with ferocious tannins and good acidity. This is a large-scaled, more traditionally-styled wine that will need at least a decade of bottle age.” 87 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate



Chateau Lynch-Moussas -Pauillac-

5TH GROWTH GRAND CRU CLASSE

- The Irishman John Lynch acquired the estate together with the vineyards of what is today the neighbouring Chateau Lynch-Bages and had the chateau built in the 18th century.



Chateau Lynch-Moussas 2015

*"The 2015 Lynch Moussas is a blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot cropped at 44 hl/ha between 17 September and 1 October. It has a very controlled bouquet at first with tightly wound raspberry and wild strawberry fruit, the oak nicely integrated and some lovely undergrowth aromas surfacing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, the acidity well judged, leading to a spice-tinged finish that lingers long in the mouth. It is a very fine follow-up to the 2014 last year, with a freshness and class that I did not find conveyed ten years ago." **92-94 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate***

Chateau Lynch-Moussas 2010

*“The 2010 is a strong effort and one of their best wines in a generation or more. Some toasty oak seems relatively strong, but not excessive. Deep ruby/purple, notes of black fruits as well as red currants, fig and plum are all present. The wine has a good bit of flesh, fat, but then shuts down in the finish, with moderately high tannins. By all counts, this is an excellent Pauillac that just needs a few years of cellaring to resolve some of its oak and tannin, but has the potential to be outstanding if given sufficient bottle age. It should last for two decades.” **89+ points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate***



Chateau Lynch-Moussas 2003

*“Lynch-Moussas is a long-forgotten, underperforming Pauillac that seems to be making a few noises about improving its image among consumers. This is a pleasant, easygoing, seductive style of wine that does not really have much stuffing, but what is there is nice. Deep ruby/purple, medium-bodied, with sweet, soft, plummy black currant fruit and a hint of flowers, cedar, and spice box, this attractive wine should age nicely for 10-12 years and be accessible in its youth.” **88 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate***



Chateau Trotte Vieille -Saint Emilion- **PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSE**

- One of the oldest estates in Saint-Emilion and has some of the oldest vines of Bordeaux as some of these are pre-Phylloxera and thus more than 140 years old.



Chateau Trotte Vieille 2015

*"The 2015 Trottevieille is blend of 49% Merlot, 49% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon picked between 28 September and 9 October matured in 100% new oak. It has a very intense bouquet, tightly wound with red and black fruit, hints of truffle coming through with aeration and then it appears to calm down and achieve a wonderful level of definition. The palate is medium-bodied with superb clarity. It feels supple in the mouth, extremely pure and soaking up the new oak with ease. It has a lively orange sorbet and red fruit-driven finish that is silky smooth in texture, thanks to the fineness of the tannin. Cellar this for 5-8 years minimum and then revel in this ascendant Saint Emilion for the next three or four decades." **94-96 points, Neal Martin, Wine Advocate***



Chateau Trotte Vieille 2005

“Owned by the Castéja family, Trottevieille has one parcel of some of the oldest vines in St.-Emilion. Dense purple, the 2005 is better at age 10 than earlier. The wine has beautiful blueberry, plum and blackcurrant fruit, an attractive underlying minerality, medium to full body, sweet tannin, and a long, layered, complex finish.” 93 points, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate

