

The most expensive wines in the world in 2018

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Although Burgundy leads the way by bottle rankings, Bordeaux corners 60% of lots. - crédit photo : CCO Creative Commons

There was no major change in the list of the most expensive wines sold by IdealWine last year. Burgundy cornered the market with 42 of the 50 most expensive wines, the legendary Domaine de la Romanée-Conti stealing the show with 22 of those wines. A bottle of 2005 Romanée-Conti ranked highest, fetching 16,173 euros. Other wines in the classification included six bottles from the Rhone and 2 from Bordeaux.

However, the list changes if lots are factored into the equation: 31 are fine wines from Bordeaux, 17 from Burgundy and 2 from the Rhone. According to IdealWine, the change is due to the fact that fine wines from Bordeaux are not as scarce, making them more likely to be marketed by lot. The website also notes that "unlike the Bordeaux wines on the lists, Burgundy does not necessarily involve very old vintages, as they become scarce as soon as they leave the estate".

The Rhone makes progress

Rhone wines hold 6 of the top 50 places, compared to 2 last year. The increase is due to a single wine: the extremely rare Cathelin label (Hermitage) by Jean-Louis Chave.

Burgundy cornered the market

50 most expensive wines

Rank	Wine name	Auction price	Date of the auction
1	1 Bouteille Romanée-Conti Grand Cru Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2005	16 173,00 €	26/12/18
2	1 Magnum Château Mouton Rothschild 1er Grand Cru Classé 1945	15 808,00 €	12/04/18
3	1 Bouteille Romanée-Conti Grand Cru Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2010	14 835,00 €	26/12/18
4	1 Magnum Vosne-Romanée 1er Cru Cros Parantoux Henri Jayer 1982	14 592,00 €	05/12/18
5	1 Bouteille Romanée-Conti Grand Cru Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2011	14 470,00 €	07/11/18
6	1 Bouteille Romanée-Conti Grand Cru Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 2006	14 227,00 €	17/10/18
7	1 Magnum Montrachet Grand Cru	13 619,00 €	10/10/18

50 most expensive lots

Rank	Lots	Auction price	Date of the auction
1	12 Bouteilles Château Latour 1er Grand Cru Classé 1961	46 816,00 €	24/05/18
2	12 Bouteilles Assortiment 2010 du Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1 Romanée Conti, 2 La Tâche, 2 Richebourg, 3 Romanée Saint-Vivant, 2 Echézeaux, 2 Corton 2010	36 723,00 €	17/01/18
3	16 Bouteilles Caisse Carré d'As 4 Petrus, 4 Margaux, 4 Latour, 4 Haut Brion 2000	26 752,00 €	13/09/18
4	6 Magnums Château Latour 1er Grand Cru Classé 1982	24 928,00 €	14/06/18
5	6 Magnums Château Mouton Rothschild 1er Grand Cru Classé 2000	22 618,00 €	28/11/18
6	12 Bouteilles Château Mouton Rothschild 1er Grand Cru Classé 2000	19 359,00 €	28/11/18
7	12 Bouteilles Château Latour 1er Grand Cru Classé 1982	18 362,00 €	24/05/18