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## Collection of ‘spectacular’ Bordeaux 1995 and 2000 wines to go under hammer

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French auction house **iDealwine** is offering a collection of 699 bottles of Bordeaux from the ‘legendary’ 2000 and 1995 vintages, which have been valued at over €600,000 (£523,000).



The collection of blue-chip Bordeaux wines comprise 75cl bottles, magnums, and double magnums from some of the best-known names in the region, exclusively from the 1995 and 2000 vintages, many in their original wooden cases, and all from the same private collection.

Top lots include a case of 12 Lafite-Rothschild 2000 (estimate: €13,800), a case of 12 Cheval-Blanc 2000 (estimate: €10,200) and a half-case of L’Evangile 2000 (estimate: €1,860), as well as a rare Carré d’As mixed case of twelve magnums featuring Châteaux Petrus, Latour, Haut-Brion, and Margaux from the 2000 vintage (estimate: €32,000). Six- and twelve-bottle-lots of Petrus, Latour, Haut Brion and Margaux from 2000 will all go under the hammer on 23 November.

The sale comes following the collector’s decision to sell her 18th century property, which has housed her collection of meticulously curated First Growths that she invested in in 2001, as a “future icon” vintage, that was “symbolic due to it being the first wine of the new millennium”, **iDealwine** said.

The wines have been stored in ideal conditions in a vaulted cellar, with bespoke temperature and humidity control.

According to the auction house, the 1995 vintage saw a particularly hot, dry summer that produced perfectly ripe grapes and an abundant harvest. The châteaux was therefore able to select the grapes meticulously and limit yields to optimise concentration. The result was “highly consistent wines, rich, unctuous, and perfectly-balanced” **iDealwine** said. “It was truly an exceptional vintage across all the Bordeaux appellations, but we look to top producers of wines with a high proportion of Merlot – Pomerol and Saint Emilion, of course – for 1995s that are particularly noteworthy.”

The collection also includes many wines from the “spectacular” 2000 vintage, a year where the weather conditions that were particularly conducive to the ripening of Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wines had – and still have – “a deep colour, concentrated fruit on the palate and on the nose, ripe tannins, and a remarkably long finish”.



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