

## VINTNERS CLUB

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### TASTING #1,479 - THE PROFOUND VINTAGE 2005 FIRST GROWTH & SECOND GROWTH RED BORDEAUX

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2009

The need for a classification of the best red Bordeaux (Haut-Medoc) wines arose from the [1855 Exposition Universelle de Paris](#). The result was a list of the highest-ranked wines, named the Grands Crus Classés (Great Classified Growths). With thousands of châteaux producing wines in Bordeaux, to earn classification was extremely prestigious, and Classified wines were able to command high prices. The best of the best wines were awarded the highest ranks of First Growth or Second Growth. The 1855 list remained unchanged for over one hundred years until Château Mouton-Rothschild was promoted to First Growth status in 1973.

Having tasted the extraordinary 2005 vintage of all these First Growth and Second Growth wines myself at the châteaux in Bordeaux, and having been extremely impressed with their quality, although shocked by their stratospheric prices, I have selected NINE of the best for a once-in-a-lifetime tasting:

- **Château Brane-Cantenac**
- **Château Ducru-Beaucaillou**
  - **Château Latour**
- **Château Léoville-Las-Cases**
  - **Château Margaux**
  - **Château Montrose**
- **Château Mouton-Rothschild**
- **Château Longueville au Baron de Pichon-Longueville (aka Pichon-Baron)**
  - **Château Cos d'Estournel**

A separate glass is provided for each wine (NINE glasses for 9 wines) allowing us to compare them side-by-side and to experience their evolution as the evening progresses. *Comfortable seating* allows us to enjoy the wines in an atmosphere of elegance.

PRICE - includes 20% gratuity, 9% tax, and corkage charges: \$450/member, \$550/non-member.

TO PAY BY VISA/MASTERCARD: Please fax your information to the Vintners Club at (415) 381-4460.

Due to the limited number of bottles of each of these wines that are available for the tasting, you are encouraged to send us an e-mail, [info@vintnersclub.com](mailto:info@vintnersclub.com), or call (415) 381-4467, to confirm seat-availability. Those persons placed on the waiting list will be notified via e-mail/telephone.

*Deadline to cancel a reservation and be entitled to receive a refund is 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 14.*

VENUE: "Board Room" of *The Carnelian Room*, 51st floor of the Bank of America Building, 555 California Street, San Francisco.

UNDERGROUND PARKING: In the Bank of America building. \$12 for the evening.