

Sommelier Questions

1. Name the 6 main red and 3 main white grapes of Bordeaux

White

Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc, and Muscadelle

Red

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Malbec, and Carmènere

2. What ocean sits of the west coast of France

Atlantic Ocean

3. What river runs through Bordeaux from this ocean?

Gironde River

4. What two rivers does the above river split into as it runs inland?

Garonne River

Dordogne River

5. Name the four main communes on the left bank of Bordeaux

Saint-Estèphe, Pauillac, St. Julien, Margaux

6. What is the traditional size of a Bordeaux barrique? Burgundy?

225L

7. In what year was the classification of the left bank done?

1855

8. Name the Premier Grand Cru Classe Chateaux and communes.

Château Lafite Rothschild, Pauillac
Château Latour, Pauillac
Château Margaux, Margaux
Château Haut-Brion, Graves
Château Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac

9. Which Chateau ascended after the original formation of the classification?

Château Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac

10. What year?

Originally classified as a second growth, the estate was elevated in 1973.

11. Name two second growth chateaux

Château Cos d'Estournel, Saint-Estèphe
Château Montrose, Saint-Estèphe
Château Pichon Longueville Baron, Pauillac
Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac
Château Léoville-Las Cases, Saint-Julien
Château Léoville-Poyferré, Saint-Julien
Château Léoville Barton, Saint-Julien
Château Gruaud-Larose, Saint-Julien
Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Saint-Julien
Château Rauzan-Ségla, Margaux
Château Rauzan-Gassies, Margaux
Château Durfort-Vivens, Margaux
Château Lascombes, Margaux
Château Brane-Cantenac, Cantenac-Margaux (Margaux)

12. Name the AOP of the following Chateaux

- a. Château Cheval-Blanc – St Emilion
- b. Château Carbonnieux - Graves
- c. Château Cos d'Estournel - Saint-Estèphe
- d. Château Lynch-Bages - Pauillac
- e. Château Suduiraut - Sauternes

13. Which of the following are considered high quality vintages

- a. **2005**
- b. 2007
- c. **2010**
- d. **2009**
- e. 2002
- f. **2000**

14. What style of wine is produced in Ceron?

Sweet wines, with minimum 45g/l RS

Grapes may be affected by botrytis and/or passerillage, and must be hand-harvested in successive *tries*.

15. Is red wine permitted to be made in the Entre-Deux-Mers AOP?

No, whites only

16. What does Entre-Deux-Mers translate to?

land between two seas

17. If I was drinking a glass of Sainte-Croix-du-Mont, what would you recommend to eat with it?

This is a dessert wine style that sits opposite the AOP of Sauternes. Grapes have been affected by botrytis, but lack the intensity of Sauternes.

Lighter fruit based desserts are good, but could still handle things like Foie Gras or Bleu d' Auvergne