



2005 Chateau Lassegue, St. Emilion Grand Cru, France

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Ten Best Wines From 2014



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It is probably safe to say that I drink more wine than the average person; it's part of my job (of all the darn luck) to open countless bottles of wine and compare and contrast them. Unfortunately, I do taste a lot of uninspired plonk. This annual column celebrates those wines that made me do a double take; the wines that I kept coming back to over the course of a tasting. They aren't necessarily perfect, they just wowed me—in a sea of choices, these wines made an impression. A few of the selections made the list because of their value for the buck, delivering a terrific varietal example at terrific price. All of these wines are drinkable now, but many have the potential to age for several years, if not decades. I live for the moment, so I suggest “Carpe Vinum”—drink ‘em now. Note—they are not listed in any specific order.

2005 Chateau Lassegue, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru, (FR)—2005 vintage, one of the finest vintages in Bordeaux history, but most of the vintage has already been sold. Not winemaker Pierre Seillan's. He held onto his wine all this time because he felt it needed time to develop more. If you missed the Super Vintage Boat, sigh no more...Chateau Lassegue is here.