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[Bordeaux En Primeur 2018 | Head start with Angelus](#)

First week of April involved intense En Primeur tasting among wine critics and international trade, followed by a two-month stretch of critic reviews and scores for individual chateau output. Often, chateaux will release their en primeur prices shortly after release of critic reviews and scores. To everyone's surprise, **Chateau Angelus released en primeur prices in mid April, way before its colleagues**; and ahead of the release of critic reviews and scores.

Certainly a move of confidence, that is soon validated by extremely positive comments and ratings from Wine Advocate Bordeaux critic Lisa Perrotti-Brown, James Suckling and the like. **Released lower than both their 2016 and 2017 ex-negociant prices**, Angelus 2018 en primeur pricing strategy reflects Angelus' new owner Stephanie de Bouard-Rivoal to restrain speculative purchase of her wines; rather, she opts to offer Angelus at a price point better suited for an intent of drinking than investing.

Overall, how is Bordeaux vintage 2018? Institute of Oenology at the University of Bordeaux commented vintage 2018 as one that evolved from "initial fears" to "guarded optimism", which eventually blossomed into one of "real enthusiasm". The key factor behind such evolution is rainfall level, among all things else. Vintage 2018 began with an extremely wet March (wettest March among past 10 years); and the stretch of rain continued until June. A very wet Spring sparked "initial fears". Very sunny and dry summer turned fear into enthusiasm. Exceptional sunny and dry, virtually rain-free September was the cherry on top. [Click here for WineWorld's team Full Vintage Commentary on Bordeaux vintage 2018.](#)

Today, WineWorld launches its Bordeaux En Primeur 2018 campaign featuring **Chateau Angelus, its second wine Carillon de l'Angelus; and two gems from Lalande de Pomerol**. Let's get things "Right" on, En Primeur 2018!



2018 Bordeaux En Primeur

En Primeur 2018	AOC	WA	JS	WS	EUR	~HKD €1:\$9
Chateau Angelus	St Emilion Grand Cru	97/100	99/100	95/98	€ 274	~\$ 2,466
Carillon de l'Angelus	St Emilion Grand Cru	92/94	94/95	90/93	€ 84.5	~\$ 761
Plus de la Fleur de Bouard	Lalande de Pomerol	89/91+	93/94	-	€ 78	~\$ 702
Fleur de Bouard	Lalande de Pomerol	-	92/93	88/91	€ 21.5	~\$ 194

Angelus 2018 | St Emilion Grand Cru

EUR € 274 (~HK\$ 2,466) / btl

Wine Advocate 97/100:

"This year we have slightly less Cabernet Franc in the blend because we are only using the oldest vines, planted by my grandfather, as a tribute," Stéphanie de Boüard-Rivoal said. "These are 60- to 80-year-old Cabernet Franc vines." From 2018, 10% of the entire Angéus crop will be aged in large oak foudres. "These produce tighter, more perfumed, brighter wines from less oxygen exposure," Stéphanie commented. The 2018 Angéus is blended of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc, to be aged 18-22 months in barriques, 100% new, plus two new foudres. Deep garnet-purple in color, it slips slowly, sensuously out of the glass with beautiful black raspberries, kirsch, warm plums and red roses scents, building in intensity to reveal chocolate-covered cherries, raspberry coulis, black tea, woodsmoke and powdered cinnamon notions with a waft of black olives and charcuterie. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers a wonderfully profound, multilayered, seamless experience of red and black fruits intertwined with earth, spice and floral notions and framed by exquisitely ripe, satiny tannins, finishing with amazing freshness and length. Incredibly, finely, expertly, seamlessly knit. Stunning. - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

James Suckling 99/100:

"This shows beautiful sensibility of generous fruit and soft and velvety tannins with an undertone of chocolate and cedar. Full-bodied, pure and supple with a direct delivery of vibrant fruit and real terroir expression. Savory at the end with hazelnut and crunchy-seed flavors. Reality check here. Incredible fruit quality."

Wine Spectator 95/98:

Very gutsy in feel, with lots of tobacco leaf, loam and espresso notes swirling around a core of steeped black currant and warm fig fruit flavors. The muscular finish is a jumble right now, but there's ample acidity coiled within. A wine that clearly wants to stand out from the pack. - James Molesworth

Carillon de l'Angelus 2018 | St Emilion Grand Cru

EUR € 84.5 (~HK\$ 761) / btl

Wine Advocate 92/94:

A blend of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2018 Le Carillon d'Angéus comes bounding out of the glass with bold notes of crushed blackberries, black raspberries and wild blueberries plus hints of spice box, damp soil, smoked meats and fallen leaves plus a waft of menthol. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers mouth-coating black and blue fruits with firm, rounded tannins and lovely freshness, finishing long and earthy. - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

James Suckling 94/95:

"This is a really together second wine of Angelus with a tight and focused center palate of blackberries and hints of chocolate and hazelnuts. Firm and very fine tannins and a long and persistent finish."

Plus de la Fleur de Bouard 2018 | Lalande de Pomerol

EUR € 78 (~HK\$ 702) / btl

James Suckling 93/94:

This is always an impressive selection of old vines that delivers depth and authenticity. Full and layered with fantastic fruit and polished tannins. Mushroom and bark undertones. Dense and energetic.

Fleur de Bouard 2018 | Lalande de Pomerol

EUR € 21.5 (~HK\$ 194) / bt1

James Suckling 92/93:

This is very compact and tight with fantastic density that is really compressed. It gives a really creamy texture to the tannins and the blackberry, blueberry and walnut undertones.

Wine Spectator 88/91:

A friendly, floral-accented style, with a rounded core of cherry and cassis flavors. A light mineral accent peeks in at the end. - James Molesworth

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