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2010 Top-Scoring Red Bordeaux

Tasting notes and scores for the potentially classic wines

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Editor's note: *Wine Spectator's* James Molesworth is in Bordeaux to taste the 2010 vintage from barrel to determine the quality and character of the young wines, in order to inform wine lovers who may be considering buying them *en primeur*, or as futures.

While spending a few weeks in the region, Molesworth visits numerous châteaux, interviews many vintners and evaluates hundreds of wines, some at the châteaux and most in blind tastings organized by *Wine Spectator* at independent locations. We will be updating these lists regularly with reviews from his latest tastings.

As these are unfinished wines, they are scored in four-point ranges (e.g., 89–92 points) to indicate that the ratings are still preliminary. When the wines are released in bottle, they will be reviewed with their peers in blind tastings and given a final score.

CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE Pauillac 2010 Score: 92-95

Juicy and still a bit compact, but with red currant, blackberry and roasted vanilla flavors. Shows the racy style of the vintage, with a solid core of fruit for balance. The pure, lengthy finish has nice polish, and this is rock-solid, with a flash of coffee at the end. —*J.M.*