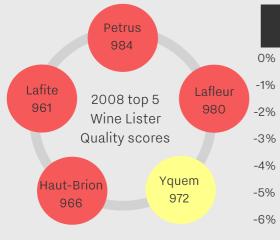
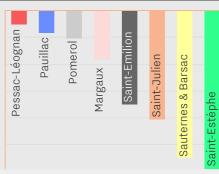
This overview is based on the analysis of 108 of Bordeaux's most prestigious crus. We have looked at quality and long-term price performance to see which wines and appellations excelled or underperformed in the context of the vintage and also compared to their usual performance across all vintages.



2008 Quality score percentage change from wine-level average



2008 was cool for a Bordeaux vintage across the board. The top two wines for quality, Petrus and Lafleur, hail from Pomerol. The appellation also achieved the best average Quality scores overall.

Though the threat of mildew hung over Bordeaux after a rainy floraison, no appellation was significantly adversely affected in quality terms, particularly in comparison to more recent difficult vintages, such as the 2013, in which the worst hit appellations experienced Quality scores 25% below average.

2008 Quality score vs long-term price performance

Despite appearing at the bottom of Quality rankings, Saint-Estèphe and Margaux have seen good long-term price gains, with average compound annual growth rates (CAGR) of 5.7% and 6.5% respectively. In contrast, Saint-Emilion has not managed to buck the trend of correlation between quality and long-term price performance, Quality scores 3.5% below appellation average and a CAGR of 2.0%.

