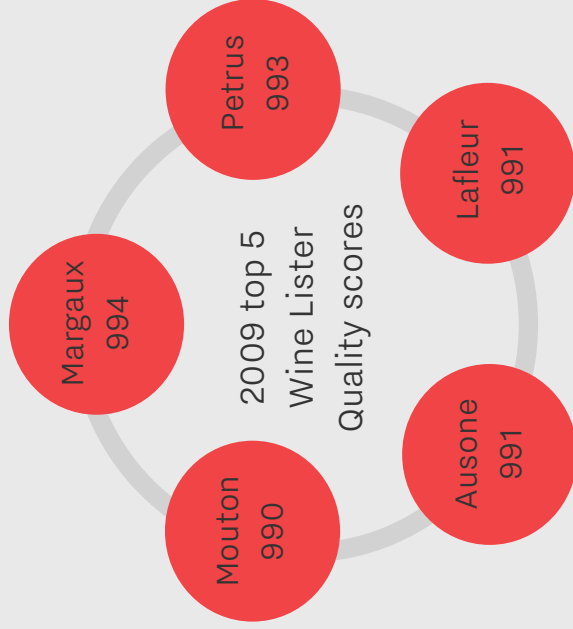
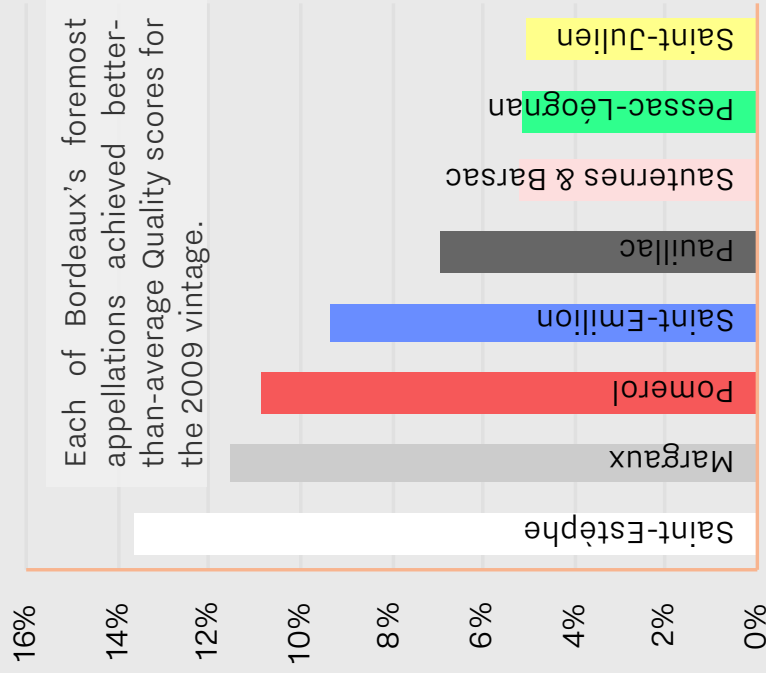


Wine Lister's ground-breaking system consists of three main rating categories: Quality, Brand, and Economics. Each category contains several criteria, carefully selected and weighted, resulting in a holistic assessment of a fine wine's performance – overall and for each vintage. For more detail see www.wine-lister.com/howitworks.



The 2009 vintage was a particularly ripe year, resulting in concentrated and surprisingly alcoholic wines. In terms of Quality, Margaux tops the table shortly followed by two Pomerols, Petrus and Lafleur. Although Sauternes & Barsac achieve the highest overall Quality, none of their wines appear in the top five.

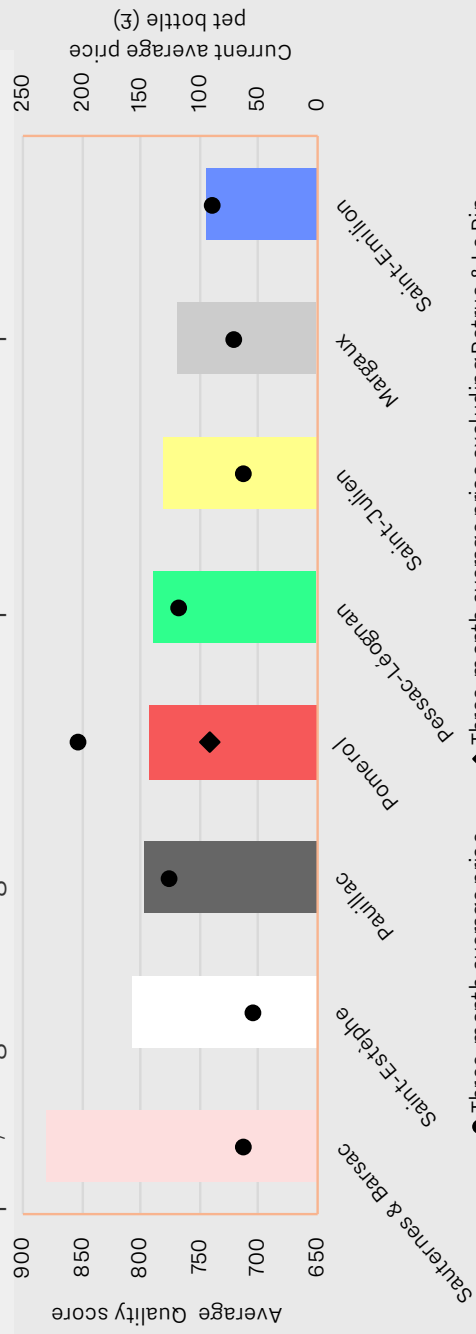
2009 Quality score percentage change from wine-level average



Each of Bordeaux's foremost appellations achieved better-than-average Quality scores for the 2009 vintage.

2009 Quality score vs average market price

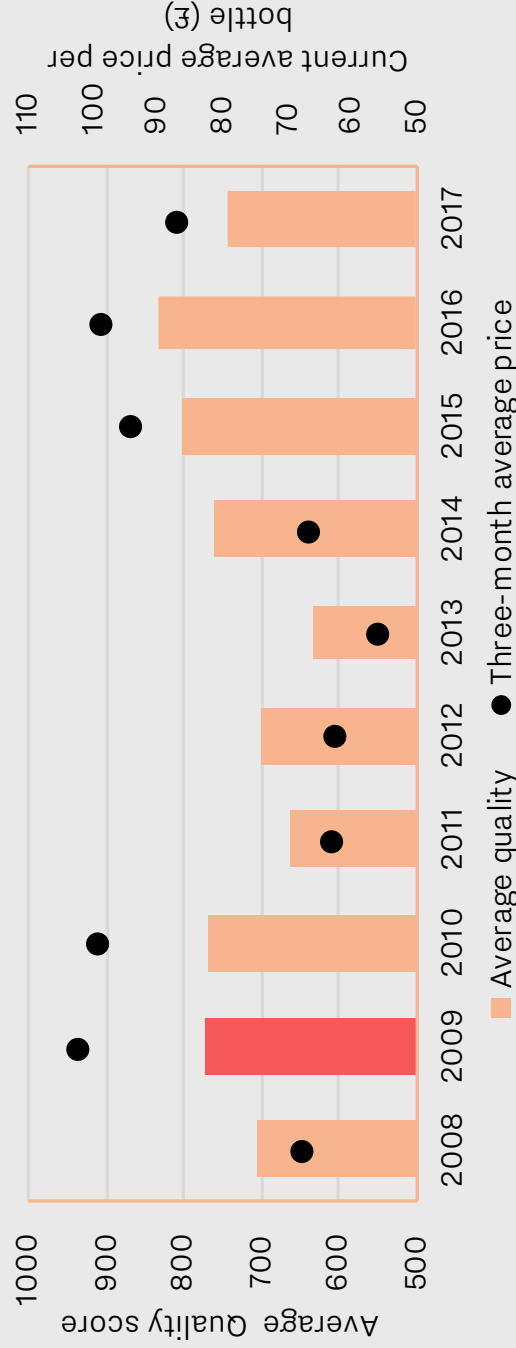
While Sauternes & Barsac achieves the highest regional quality, its average market price is the second-lowest of all appellations, beating only Saint-Estèphe. Across red wine appellations, quality is homogenous with a maximum difference of just 62 points between average regional Quality scores. Pomerol 2009s achieve the highest average market price, though excluding Petrus and Le Pin proves Pauillac the price front-runner.



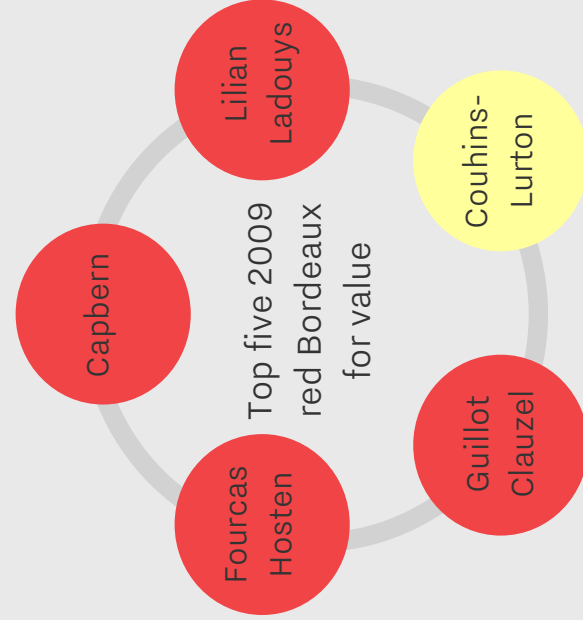
● Three-month average price ◆ Three-month average price excluding Petrus & Le Pin

Average Quality score by vintage vs average market price

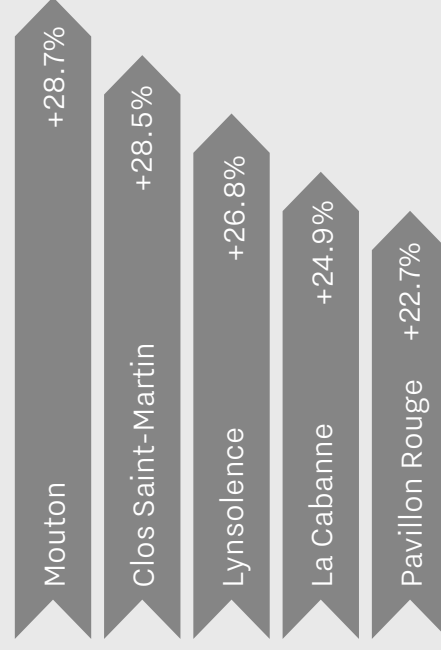
With such an iconic reputation among vinous spheres, it is interesting to note that the quality of Bordeaux 2009 sits just above the 2010, but under the 2015 and 2016. While one of the best-quality back vintages of the last 11 years, 2009 prices are the highest, with an average price of £102 per bottle in-bond (or 33% higher than the average price of all other vintages shown below combined). As has seemed so often the case in Wine Lister's Bordeaux analysis, the 2014 vintage still appears to present exceptional value.



Given the high prices of 2009, it is not surprising to find that all wines presenting the best value in this high-quality vintage lie outside of classified growths. The five wines below range in price from £17 - £29 per bottle in-bond.



TOP 5 LONG-TERM PRICE PERFORMANCE



While Mouton and Pavillon Rouge show good long-term price growth and have strong Brand scores, the three other top-performing wines are lesser-known, smaller in production level, lower priced, and earn lower Quality scores. Mouton aside, the picture painted reflects the search for value due to the higher release prices for the majority of classified growths in 2009.