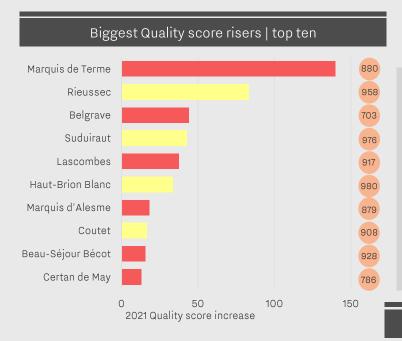
Bordeaux | Walking the tightrope

Part II of Wine Lister's Bordeaux study explores the top quality wines and appellations for the 2021 vintage, as well as assessing the biggest improvers in Quality score since the 2020 releases. We also examine the league of top search rank movers and consider wines that have shown the best short-term price performance over the past year.

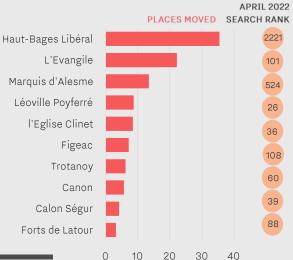
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Several estates made 2021 wines that are up on their 2020 Quality scores, despite an overall qualitative decline across the latest vintage. We present a league of the top Quality score risers alongside each associated 2021 Quality score. Dry whites have performed well this vintage, with Haut-Brion Blanc featured in the top 10, while Sauternes also see successes with Rieussec, Suduiraut, and Coutet. Marquis de Terme shows the greatest improvement of the top 10. See <u>full study</u> for a more comprehensive list of quality improvers.

We explore Bordeaux wines that have seen the greatest rise in search rank over the past year (using monthly search figures from Wine-Searcher, the mostvisited wine website in the world). Haut-Bages Libéral appears in first place, and is joined by several left bank peers – Marquis d'Alesme, Léoville Poyferré, Calon Ségur, and Les Forts de Latour. The five remaining top search rank risers hail from Pomerol or Saint-Emilion, led by L'Evangile in second place. An investigation into average search count for the regions and appellations listed on Wine-Searcher confirms Bordeaux's position as the most renowned wine region in the world.

Greatest search rank movers | top ten



Short-term price performance | top ten Petrus Yquem Batailley Rieussec Rauzan-Ségla Pontet-Canet Pichon Comtesse Léoville Poyferré Langoa Barton Trotanoy 10 15 20 25 Six-month price performance (%)

Short-term price performance measures price gains over the past six months, and therefore offers insight into the market's reaction to previously-released vintage. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Petrus leads the pack with 25% growth. In second and fourth places following a year of marketing communications efforts are sweet whites, Yquem (21%) and Rieussec (18%). Left bank reds otherwise dominate the list of top short-term price performers.