

March 2009-Gismondi on Wine
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90/100 Chateau Lasségue 2004

Big licorice, tobacco, spicy, peppery, orange, saddle leather, meaty, coffee, savoury, chocolate, mineral aromas. Round, dry, rich and supple but has some youthful, tight tannins. Black olive, licorice, coffee, vanilla, carrot, orange, plum, black cherry and resin flavours with a peppery, clove finish. Good acidity, length and potential, needs 5-7 years.

91/100 Chateau Lasségue 2005

Very spicy, licorice, plum jam, coriander, black olive, orange, floral, vanilla, savoury, peppery, cherry aromas. Rich, round, full, vibrant palate with good acidity and concentration and grainy but supple tannins. Vanilla, chocolate, orange, black olive, peppery, licorice, clove, spicy, meaty, savoury flavours with bright plum and cherry fruit. Long, full and intense, has very good aging potential, keep for 7-15 years.

89/100 Chateau Vignot 2004

Spicy, floral, vanilla, tobacco leaf, black olive, peppery, cherry, cranberry aromas. Round, supple, dry, smooth palate with good concentration. Very spicy, clove, licorice, vanilla, meaty, tobacco, cranberry, cherry jam, carrot top, black olive flavours with a touch of orange peel on the finish. Good finesse and acidity, needs 3-5 years to fully integrate. Solid value from St. Émilien.

91/100 Chateau Vignot 2005

Coffee, chocolate, spicy, meaty, saddle leather, vanilla, black cherry, plum, tobacco, floral and licorice aromas. Rich, round, full palate with fresh acidity, some youthful, grainy tannin but good finesse. Orange, black cherry, licorice, vanilla, plum, chocolate, spicy, clove flavours. Good length but tight with great acidity and fresh fruit characters. Needs 5-7 years but will drink well before with its fruit intensity.