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BELLE-VUE

2006

HAUT-MEDOC

(\$16.00)

RED

89

This sensational sleeper of the vintage is far better than the more famous "Bellevue" from St.-Emilion that proved so disappointing in 2006. This blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and a whopping 20% Petit Verdot is a lovely, round, pure, deep ruby/purple-

colored effort offering sweet scents of berry fruit, licorice, charcoal, and lead pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, textured, broad, and lush, it could be thought of as a mini-La Lagune. Enjoy it over the next 5-6 years. Good value.

SLEEPERS OF THE VINTAGE

(Where The Price/Quality Ratio Offers Consumers A Reason To Drink)

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| D'Aiguilhe (Côtes de Castillon) | La Dauphine (Fronsac) | Potensac (Médoc) |
| D'Arsac (Médoc) | Egrefore (Bordeaux) | Richelieu (Fronsac) |
| D'Aurilhac (Médoc) | La Fleur de Jaugue (St.-Emilion) | Rolland de By (Médoc) |
| Barrabaque (Canon-Fronsac) | Fonbel (St.-Emilion) | Sainte-Barbe (Bordeaux) |
| Beaulieu Comtes de Tastes (Bordeaux) | Fontenil (Fronsac) | Seguin (Pessac-Léognan) |
| Belle-Vue (Haut-Médoc) | Fougères La Folie (Graves) | La Sérénite (Pessac-Léognan) |
| Bolaire (Bordeaux Supérieur) | Gloria (St.-Julien) | La Thil Comte Clary (Pessac-Léognan) |
| Bouscat-Gargone (Bordeaux Supérieur) | Grand Corbin Despagne (St.-Emilion) | La Tour Carnet (Haut-Médoc) |
| Clos Chaumont (Premières Côtes) | Les Grands Maréchaux (Premières Côtes) | La Tour Figeac (St.-Emilion) |
| Clos Manou (Médoc) | Grée-Laroque (Bordeaux Supérieur) | La Tour Séran (Médoc) |
| Clos Marsalette (Pessac-Léognan) | Jean de Gué (Lalande de Pomerol) | Tronquoy Lalande (St.-Estèphe) |
| Le Conseiller (Bordeaux) | Joanin Bécot (Côtes de Castillon) | La Vieille Cure (Fronsac) |
| La Couspaude (St.-Emilion) | Labegorce-Zédé (Margaux) | Villars (Fronsac) |
| Croix-Mouton (Bordeaux Supérieur) | Méjean (Graves) | Vrai Canon Bouché (Canon-Fronsac) |
| Les Cruzelles (Lalande de Pomerol) | Messile-Aubert (Montagne St.-Emilion) | |
| Dalem (Fronsac) | Moulin-Haut-Laroque (Fronsac) | |
| Daugay (St.-Emilion) | Pipeau (St.-Emilion) | |