

The Huntsworth Guide to En Primeur

If you are thinking about buying some En Primeur wine from the Huntsworth Wine Co. or have already purchased some En Primeur wine from us and have any questions about storage, availability, delivery or anything else then you may find your answer below in the Huntsworth Guide to En Primeur.

What is En Primeur?

En Primeur wine, simply put, is wine that is bought whilst it is still in barrel in the châteaux. The wine has yet to be bottled and shipped to the UK and the price is established by the producers and not intermediaries, which means it is often possible to purchase it at a much lower price than you would find on the shelf later on down the line.

Is it good value for money?

As a rule En Primeur is cheaper than the same case would be in a shop however the price you will pay does not include import duty and VAT. When the wine is shipped to the UK, or other final destination, the relevant duty and import fees (currently £25 per case for the UK plus VAT) will be owed. Aside from that, and with a small amount of luck, you can sit back and watch as the wine you bought for the original price increases in bottle price on the shelf.

Is there a limit to how much I can buy?

As with all things a Chateau cannot produce a limitless amount of wine, as such they limit their allocations to specific customers such as the Huntsworth Wine Co. It is then down to us to allocate the wines accordingly. Often we are able to get hold of large amounts of specific wines En Primeur but with more sought after wines it is worth noting your interest as soon as possible.

When will I get my En Primeur wine?

Depending on how long the producer decides the wine should sit in the barrel it usually takes at least 18 months from initial allocation before En Primeur wines are ready to ship. When this happens we will ship the wines to our storage facility and inform all our En Primeur customers that the wine is available.

Do I need to pay duty/taxes/fees when the wine is imported?

When the wine is shipped to our storage facility is as stored as wine 'In Bond' until duty and VAT have been paid. You can leave your wine in storage for as long as you like for a small storage fee, you will only have to pay duty and VAT once either when you get the wine delivered or earlier if you should decide to do so. If you have requested/ arranged for your En Primeur wine to be shipped elsewhere then national import fees may apply.

Where is my En Primeur wine kept?

It normally takes the chateau 18 months or more from when it is made available to buy to when the wine is bottled and ready to ship. After this time we will inform our En Primeur customers that the wines are available and, unless otherwise arranged, the wines are then shipped to our UK storage facility. You can

keep your En Primeur at our storage facility for as long as you want for a small annual fee and, when you are ready, you can simply pay the duty and VAT and have the wine delivered to wherever you choose.

Is my En Primeur wine safe?

Until it is made available for delivery all wines are stored both in barrels and, then, in bottles at the Chateau. After this stage, for a small annual fee, we can keep wines at our storage facility in Wiltshire either 'in Bond' or 'Duty Paid' depending on whether you have taken the decision to pay duty and VAT early. Our storage facility is fully climate controlled and all wines are insured.