

ADDENDUM TO THE ULTIMATE LAFITE ROTHSCHILD COLLECTION – PRE-1900 RARITIES –

When the whole world is saturated with young wine, there is something even more irresistible about the collecting and enjoyment of older vintages.

We are especially privileged to offer you the following remarkable wines from Chateau Lafite Rothschild –
1873, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1888 and 1890.

Not only are these wines from the world's leading estate, they come with the nostalgia associated with more than a century of maturity...

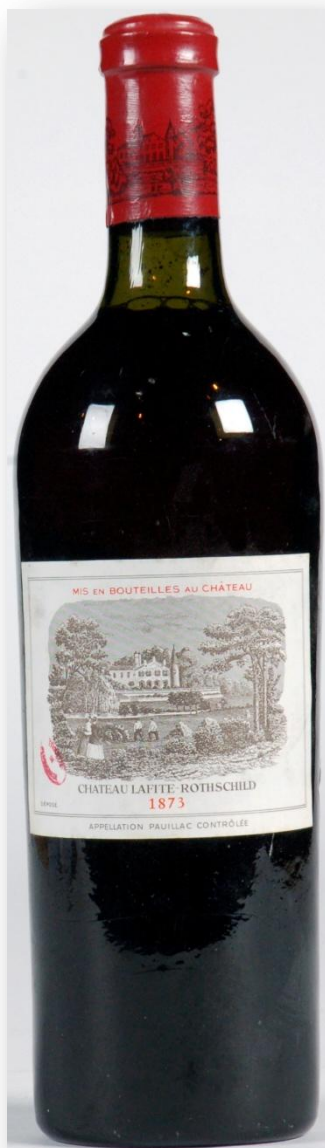


1873 LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

The 1873 bottle was produced only 5 years after Baron James de Rothschild purchased the Lafite estate (classified as First Growth in 1855) and during the 1870s, which were considered the Médoc's “Golden Age.”

Imagine, when these grapes were being grown –

- Spain proclaims itself a republic after the abdication of King Amadeus I.
- The British steamer RMS *Atlantic* sinks off Nova Scotia.
- Jesse James and his gang pull off the first successful train robbery in the American Old West.
- The Heineken Brewery is founded in Amsterdam.
- Rangers F.C. is founded in Glasgow, Scotland.



1873 Bottle



1873 Capsule



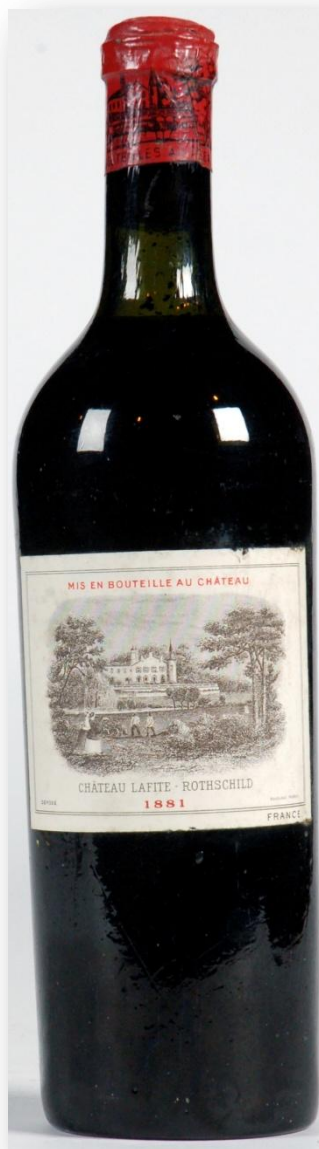
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1881 LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

The 1881 vintage had a hot summer and a late harvest according to Michael Broadbent, who described the 1881 Lafite as still having a, “*lovely colour; gamey nose; some fruit and grip,*” when he sampled a bottle in 1988.

During the spring and harvest of 1881 –

- Tunisia becomes a French protectorate.
- James Garfield, President of the United States is assassinated.
- The Pretoria Convention peace treaty is signed, officially ending the war between the Boers and Britain.
- Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell form the Oriental Telephone Company.



1881 Bottle



1881 Capsule



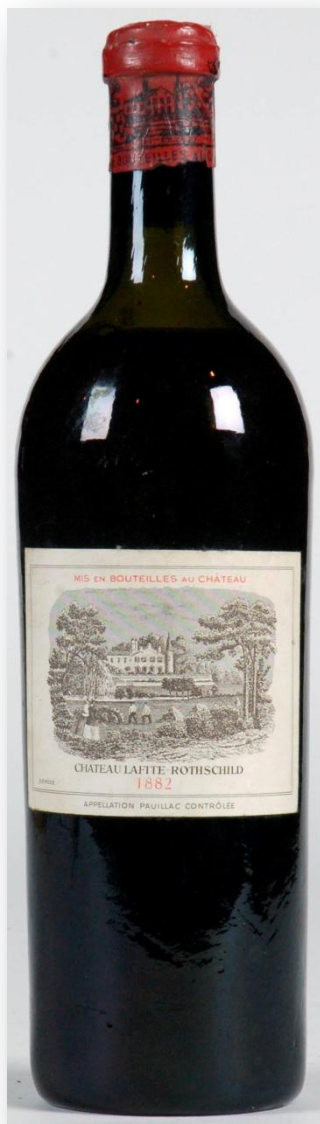
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1882 LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

A difficult time in Bordeaux. Phylloxera was settling in and some vineyards suffered. Despite a reduced crop however, according to Broadbent, “*the wines were elegant...they are rarely seen nowadays.*”

While the chateaux were fighting to save their fruit -

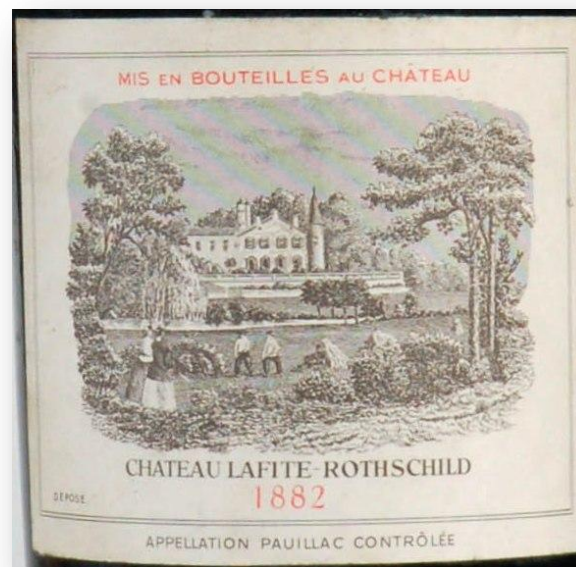
- A failed assassination attempt is made on the life of Queen Victoria.
- The first false teeth are patented.
- The Triple Alliance is formed between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy.
- Standard Oil of New Jersey is established.
- Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* debuts in Moscow.



1882 Bottle



1882 Capsule



1882 Label

1883 LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

Broadbent writes of the 1883 Lafite that, despite a difficult vintage, when he last tasted it in 1988 it still exhibited a “*rather attractive bouquet*”.

This fine specimen was bottled when –

- The Krakatoa volcano erupted in Indonesia, darkening the sky worldwide for several years afterwards. This produced extended and spectacular sunsets for months but also caused average global temperatures to drop by several degrees and created 5 years of chaotic weather patterns.
- Cardiff University was founded in Wales.
- Antoni Gaudi began construction on the Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Barcelona.



1883 Bottle



1883 Capsule



1883 Label

1888 LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

The 1888 was produced in a year described by Broadbent as having, “...a brilliant September...an abundant and good quality vintage, the style and elegance of its wines not unlike the 1887s.” Furthermore, he rated the 1888 Lafite 3*.

As this profound autumn was unfolding -

- Wilhelm II is crowned German Emperor.
- The British Parliament passes an act that permits bicycles on the road, on condition that they are equipped with a bell.
- The first railway in China goes into operation.



1888 Bottle



1888 Capsule



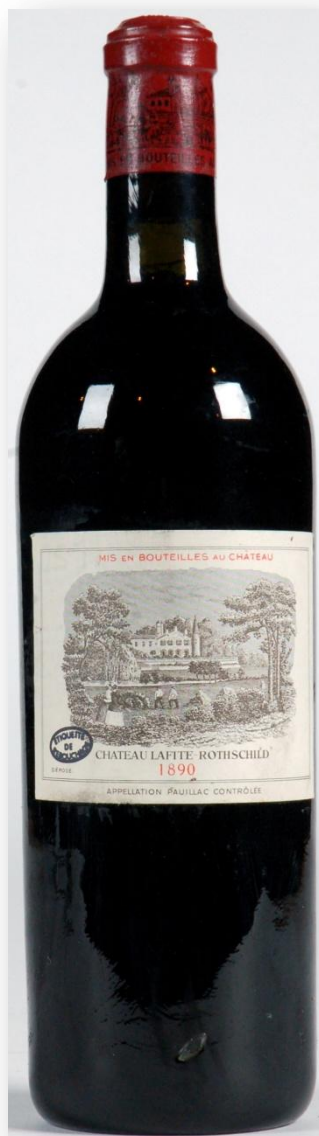
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1890 LAFITE ROTHSCHILD

The 1890 Lafite is described as being, “...*beautiful [in] colour; ripe, exquisite bouquet; rich, positive, attractive.*” Bordeaux from this vintage are generally full-bodied and Broadbent rated the Lafite 3* in 1988.

While this exceptional wine was being produced -

- Luxembourg declares its independence from the Netherlands.
- New Scotland Yard opens.
- *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde is published by Lippincott's magazine.
- *The Sleeping Beauty* (ballet) with music by Tchaikovsky premieres in St. Petersburg.



1890 Bottle



1890 Capsule



1890 Label