

Colin Hay's standout wines from Bordeaux 2024

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In a podcast this week with *Patrick Schmitt MW*, *db* Bordeaux correspondent Colin Hay picked out his standout wines from the 2024 harvest – including some surprises.



Château Rocheyron produced a stand-out wine in St Emilion.

Pointing out that the vintage is [a steep-sided pyramid in terms of quality](#), with great wine at the top, but a base of lesser quality due to challenging vintage conditions, he gave *db* a snapshot of who excelled in 2024.

Indeed, before revealing his picks from Bordeaux in 2024, he said that the vintage “should really go down as a success story – there were a horrible set of vineyard conditions producing uneven results, but among them are wines of extraordinary quality.”

On the Right Bank, beginning with Pomerol, he said that it wasn't a surprise to say that “Lafleur and Le Pin were for me the two star wines.”

But “there were surprises, if not for me, but for others” when Hay moved the spotlight to St Emilion. **Rocheyron** – the château co-owned by Peter Sisseck, who is best known as the person behind Spanish fine wine brand Pingus, was Hay's star in this appellation.

That is, “alongside Bélair-Monange” he said, adding, “I think those are my two picks there, just ahead of Cheval Blanc and Figeac, both of which are utterly wonderful.”

Summing up he said, “There are lots of great wines,” before stating, “And they are not a cheaper version of something that would be better in a better vintage, these are just as good as the great wines from these estates in any recent vintage.”