

Chateau Semeillan Mazeau 2005

Listrac-Medoc, Bordeaux, France

\$49



In cooler years wines from Bordeaux's hinterland, such as Moulis and Listrac, tend to be under-ripe and therefore lean and green on the palate. However, in warm seasons like 2005, the wines can be fully ripe and very good indeed. Chateau Semeillan falls into this category. An elegant, 50/50 blend of merlot and cabernet, it offers fully ripened berry flavours, cut through with sturdy but round tannins – of an all-pervasive style that we never see in Australian cabernet-merlot blends – and which, indeed, define the "claret" style. (Imported by discovervin.com.au.)

