

1998 Château Sociando Mallet

WHO: Château Sociando-Mallet WHAT: Red Bordeaux blend WHERE: Haut Médoc, France

WHEN: 1998

Just beginning to turn brick-red at the edges, but still tasting young. Secondary floral flavors, violets and dried roses are just starting to come out to play with the pencil lead, blackcurrant, and plums, all with a light background of genuine licorice. After a few hours of air it shows greater depth, with some unsweetened chocolate replacing the licorice. Tannins are soft, balanced with acids, and the finish is midlength. This is drinking very well right now. DH

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