

## BORDEAUX, BOURGOGNES, AND VINS ORDINAIRES.

"There are very few dinner-givers who cannot offer their guests veritable "Chateau-d'Yquem obtained as a favour after some fashion which ought to leave "no doubt of its authenticity. It would be curious to trace the real paternity of "a good deal of this wine. The whole vintage of 1868 Chateau-d'Yquem was "sold this month, and purchased by one firm for (it is stated) the sum of £5,500. "Including all the four qualities derived from the four successive selections of "grape, its quantity did not exceed 138 hogsheads. Nevertheless there will "probably be but few wine merchants who will not in the course of a little time "be able to offer indefinite quantities of wine under this title. Real Chateau- "d'Yquem of the most noted vintages is of course extremely rare, and as much "as £4 a bottle has been given in Bordeaux for 1847 wine by the trade. Occa- "sional reflection on the facts and figures connected with the production of the "most noted vineyards would perhaps sober the enthusiasm of ordinary buyers, "and in the end save their purse. No other false worship has perhaps been "more costly to our wealthy classes than the idolatry of spurious brands."— *Pall Mall Gazette*.

The labelling of common cheap Wines with the names of celebrated growths, such as "Lafite," "Chateau Morgeaux," "St. Julien," &c., is commonly practised in Canada and cannot be too strongly condemned. Wines so labelled are offered here at much lower prices than they could be purchased for at the vineyards whose name they bear; and all that can be certainly known of them is that they are *not* what they profess to be.

The south of France produces abundance of excellent Clarets, known there simply as *Vins Ordinaires*, and this name we use as their true designation. In the southern provinces these wines are commonly used mixed with water, when they form one of the most wholesome and refreshing of beverages.

### CLARETS.

**VIN D'ORDINAIRE DU MIDI** (White label.) A cheap, wholesome Wine, such as is found at all the table d'Hotes in the South of France ... \$2 50 per doz.

**VIN D'ORDINAIRE DU MIDI** (Brown label.) Richer and fuller bodied than the foregoing, more like the Bourgognes ... 3 50 "

**VIN D'ORDINAIRE, CONTE DE LANSADE.** An excellent clean Wine of the Bordeaux Class 3 00 "

**JONQUIERES.** A stout, full bodied Wine, deep color, fine flavour and bouquet ... 4 00 "  
The same in half litre bottles, holding a full pint ... 3 60 "

This and the *Vin d'Ordinaire* last mentioned are both from Jonquieres, the estate of the Count de Lansade, the former being produced on the lower ground, and the latter upon the uplands, where, owing to some difference in the soil, the quality and bouquet is always in the greatest perfection.