

Château Potensac

2019



TERROIR

Le vignoble du Château Potensac se situe sur l'un des points culminants du nord du Médoc et s'étend essentiellement sur un sous-sol calcaire recouvert de croupes argilo-graveleuses avec une forte proportion de graves, un terroir se rapprochant de l'appellation de Saint-Estèphe. Conduit par la famille Delon (Léoville Las Cases) depuis la nuit des temps, ce cru réputé englobe des parcelles de Cabernet Sauvignon et de Cabernet Franc plantées il y a plus de 75 ans, produisant des raisins parfaitement mûrs et sains.

MILLÉSIME 2019

Après un hiver humide, le printemps fut frais et de plus en plus sec, suivi par un été chaud ponctué d'averses plus on se rapprochait de la période des vendanges. Un millésime compliqué en somme, où l'attention dut être permanente afin de récolter de splendides Merlots et des Cabernets d'une grand noblesse. Le vin du Château Potensac présente un assemblage classique, et reste dense et raffiné sans jamais se départir d'une magnifique tension minérale.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : Merlot 47% Cabernet Sauvignon 36% Cabernet Franc 16% Petit Verdot 1%

Date de vendange : Du 21 septembre au 9 octobre 2019

Degré : 14,05%vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,64 gH₂SO₄/l - PH : 3,54 - IPT : 74



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



94/100

JAMES SUCKLING

Bright, with crushed-stone and floral character on the nose. Medium body with a firm core, expanding through the palate. Vivid and bright. Lots of good energy. Crushed-stone and lightly chalky character at the end. Needs two or three years to come around. (February 2022)

91/100

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

The 2019 Potensac has a very similar nose to the sample that was dispatched to my home last year, but it is more backward by comparison, taking time to unfurl in the glass. The palate is well balanced, with sappy red fruit and a slight chalkiness toward the finish. Classic Haut-Médoc in style, this should drink well for 15 years or more. (February 2022)

92-94/100

WEINVERSTAND / ULRICH SAUTTER

Vor Ort verkostet. (...). Sehr floral im Duft, Veilchen. Im Mund mit Saftigkeit und einem körnigen, gutmütigen Gerbstoff, fleischig, feste Säure, Lakritz-Aromen, Grüntee, feiner Nerv, aus einem Guss in Stoffigkeit und Frucht und Säure, und dazu noch mineralisch! Hoch attraktiver Wein für die mittlere Reifedauer. (December 2021)

88/100

WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

Fresh and pure, with cassis and cherry puree notes streaming through, carried by light iron and floral accents through the unadorned finish. (...). Drink now through 2030. (January 2022)

93/100

AMA / ALEXANDRE MA

Potensac 2019 is an elegant Médoc wine with incredible clarity. The body is slender; the aromas are fragrant. Behind the crisp cranberries and red plums, this wine reveals a sense of tea stalk-like freshness and streaming acidity; I think the clay and limestone sub-soils play an essential role in this



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hot and dry vintage. The silky tannins and salty mineral notes spread on the palate with an endless finish. I am fully looking forward to its performance after bottle aging. (November 2021)

93/100

BECKUSTATOR / YVES BECK

La Chapelle l'affichait déjà, le grand vin ne peut que confirmer : la fraîcheur est l'énergie, la source d'inspiration de 2019 à Potensac ! Intenses notes de framboises. En bouche le vin affiche une attaque friande. Elle est rapidement relayée par le caractère vif de la structure et par des tannins serrés. Un vin prometteur qui a besoin d'un peu de temps en cave. Il faudra boire le Chapelle en patientant...une perspective réjouissante...et quelle belle réussite ! 2025-2043. (Décembre 2021)

92/100

JANEANSON.COM

Here the raspberry and redcurrant fruits that were present in La Chapelle have filled out and deepened, with a luscious richness through the mid palate. There are still plenty of Médoc tannins showing tension and layering, and you need to give it time to open in the glass. A little tense and nervy right now but good quality - (...). (October 2021)

92-94/100

ANTHOCYANES / YOHAN CASTAING

Bouquet floral, fruits noirs, épices, une fraîcheur réglisse. Absolument magnifique. Très beaux tanins, superbe tension, de la droiture, finale aérienne et élégante. Un des plus élégants jamais produits. Potensac est l'une des plus belles affaires dans l'appellation Médoc. (...). (Mai 2020)

17/20

JANCISROBINSON.COM / JAMES LAWTHER

Less exuberant and more classic than the 2018. Vibrant and fresh with an energetic feel. Nose bright and lifted. Good depth of ripe fruit. Firmly structured, the tannins grainy but honed. Persistent. (June 2020)

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WEINWISSER / TJARK WITZGALL

Purpur mit rubinroten Reflexen. Eine volle Ladung schwarzer



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Johannisbeeren, dahinter viel Veilchen und Rosenholz. Am fülligen Gaumen mit engmaschigem Körper, nerviger Rasse und softer Textur. Im gebündelten Finale Pflaumenhaut, Wacholder und zarte Adstringenz. (June 2020)

91-93/100

JEB DUNNUCK

The 2019 Château Potensac showed beautifully, and this will be a wine to buy in multiples or a case. Deep purple-colored with beautiful currant and black cherry fruit, it's medium-bodied, has a plush, sexy texture, sweet tannins, and lots of classic cedar and tobacco notes. It's going to drink well for 15 years or so. (June 2020)

91/100

THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

(...) I get delicate red cherry on the nose, with a hint of rose petal, an attractive and polished style, with good purity of fruit. Texturally correct on the palate, touching medium-bodied, with a quite firm structure beneath it, built upon a rich core of tightly knit tannins. The midpalate holds up well though, and the finish is washed with structure. A rather understated Potensac this year, despite 14.05% alcohol (presumably with 14% on the label). (December 2021)

91-93/100

VWINE.CH / ADRIAN VAN VELSEN

Was für ein Duft, herrlich komplex, tiefgründig, nobel, schwarze Johannisbeeren, Kirschen, Pflaumen, Zimtwürze. Im Gaumen straff, konzentriert, mittlerer bis kräftiger Körper, markantes Tanningerüst, die Gerbstoffe sind von sehr guter Qualität, das hat Druck, Zug, Kraft und Eleganz, dazu kommt eine herrliche Säurestruktur, die das Kraftbündel frisch hält und die knackige Frucht in einen langen Abgang trägt. Da soll mir einer noch sagen, dass Bordeaux teuer sein soll. Ein hervorragender Potensac, der den bereits sehr guten 2018er übertrumpft. 2026-2040. (June 2020)

92/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

Elegance and classicism, really feel that you are in good hands in a great claret property. The fruit is ripe and yet fresh, there are quite a lot of tannins



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that come in on the finish, along with an earthy unfusiness. This is enjoyable, it's closed and should remain so for the next three to four years. The 2018 will give more immediate pleasure, but this will amply reward just a little more patience. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend. (May 2020)

90-92/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

Mint, cedar, leaf and herbal aromatics combine to produce a structured, firm, crisp bite of cassis, blackberry and stone on the nose and palate, creates a wine with freshness, fruit, with a true Medocain character. (...). (June 2020)

90-92+/100

WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI BROWN

The 2019 Potensac is a blend of 47% Merlot, 36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot, harvested from the 21st of September to the 9th of October. The alcohol came in at 14.05% with a pH of 3.54 and an IPT of 74. It is aging in French oak barriques, 34% new. With a deep purple-black color, the nose hits the ground running with lively scents of black raspberries, warm cassis and redcurrant jelly plus suggestions of garrigue, tilled soil, unsmoked cigars and pencil shavings. The medium to full-bodied palate is positively invigorating, offering bags of crunchy black and red berry flavors and a racy line of freshness, framed by approachable, grainy tannins and finishing with a skip in its step. In a word: FUN! (June 2020)

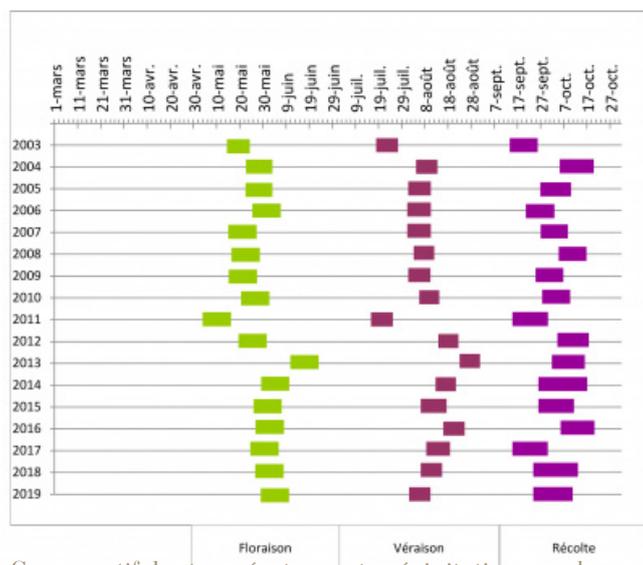


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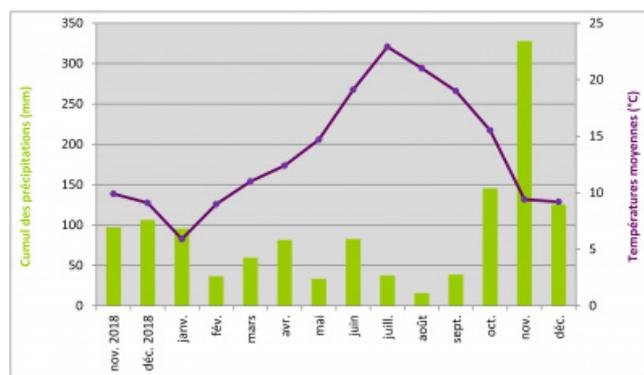
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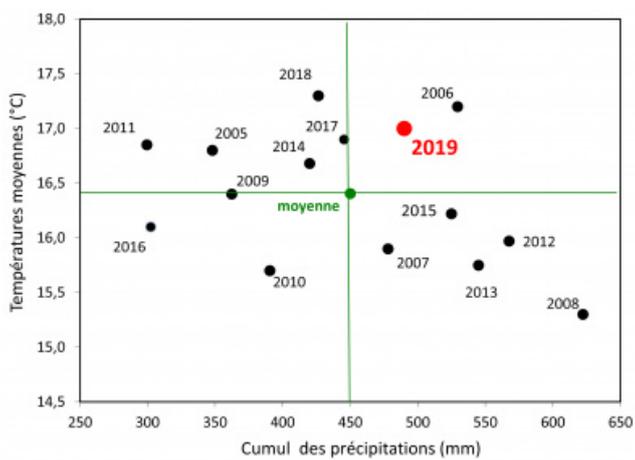
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Températures et Précipitations

