

Château Potensac

2020

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 2020

Un millésime compliqué de bout en bout : précoce, humide puis sec, les vignes de ce splendide terroir nécessitèrent un travail permanent pour convertir ces conditions délicates en supplément d'âme. La récolte fut très qualitative même si peu abondante, offrant une maturité de tannins et une trame minérale exceptionnelle. Le Grand Vin du Château Potensac se présente avec aplomb, fort de magistrales concentrations, d'une tension minérale et d'une fraîcheur de fruits noirs mûrs. Certainement un des plus persistants jamais produit à ce stade.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : 44% Merlot 33% Cabernet Sauvignon 22% Cabernet Franc 1% Petit-Verdot

Date de vendange : Du 14 au 30 septembre 2020

Degré : 13,5% vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,54 gH₂SO₄/l - pH : 3,63 - IPT : 76



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



JAMES SUCKLING

93-94/100

This is very balanced and round with lovely softness. Plenty of fruity. Medium body. Lots of salinity and savoriness. Long and delicious. Friendly already. (...). (May 2021)

MATTHEW JUKES

17,5+/20

This was another wine made from particularly tiny berries and it is this concentration of skin to juice that has imbued in this wine so much class and depth of flavour. In addition, the rain which fell in August 'unlocked the potential' for this wine at exactly the correct time as well as refreshing the finish. This is a rare occasion of a Potensac that it both super-ripe and super-fresh and these traits are exactly what I look for in a truly great wine. Clean on the finish and soaked with elemental minerality, the viti-team here made a key decision to pick while the grapes still retained their site-specific DNA. Any riper and they would have lost their Potensac identity and with ancient Cabernet Franc and superbly suave Merlot bringing their respective perfume and tension to the party, this is one of the most refined and resonant Potensacs I have ever tasted. (May 2021)

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

91-93/100

Dark in color, the wine opens with persuasive notes of cedar, creme de cassis, tobacco and forest leaf in the perfume. Full-bodied, ripe, rich and packed with crisp, juicy currants, the wine finishes with a big mouthful of firm, chewy blackberries, currants and a refreshing sprig of mint on the backend. (May 2021)

LE FIGARO VINS

92-94/100

(Avril 2021)

WEINVERSTAND / ULRICH SAUTTER

92-94/100



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22 Prozent Cabernet franc. Verschlossen. Etwas Pfeffer und Harz. Im Mund körnig, griffig, unmittelbar Kalk-mineralisch gekoppelt. Hat eine Großzügigkeit und Griffigkeit, die in dieser Preisklasse absolut ungewöhnlich sind. Dicht, kompakt, aber auch ohne Grüntöne und ohne forciert zu sein. (December 2021)

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

92/100

Top Value. This kicks off at a high intensity and manages to deliver both concentration and freshness. Juicy and easy to approach and will easily last 10 years. Has charm and appeal, and a sappy delivery of cassis and bilberry fruits. Oldest vines on this estate are around 100 years old, helping them withstand the drought. (...). (April 2021)

MARKUS DEL MONEGO (MW)

92/100

Deep purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Very refined nose with blackcurrants and dark berries, hints of vanilla and aromatic herbs, almost floral hints in the background, overall a very persistent yet elegant nose. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins, elegant fruit and juicy finish. A very approachable and pleasant wine with a certain depth. (May 2021)

WINE CHRONICLES / PANOS KAKAVIATOS

92-93+/100

Year in, year out, this is truly an (i)Deal wine, punching above its weight. Older vines here between 30 and 100 years of age, including old Cabernet Franc (...) is juicy and dense and with powerful tannin for structure (...). Aging in 20% new oak, it clocks in at just over 14% alcohol. I am a buyer! (April 2021)

WEINWISSER / TJARK WITZGALL

18/20

(...). Purpur mit opaker Mitte und lila Rand. Intensives Bouquet mit reifen Waldbeeren, dahinter Lakritze und erkalteter Früchtete. Am vielschichtigen Gaumen mit weicher Textur, fein körniges Extrakt, hat viel Druck und trotzdem Struktur, stützendes Tannin. Im gebündelten Finale mit roten und blauen Beeren. Endet mit zartem Grip und deutet sein Lagerpotential an. (May 2021)



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JANCISROBINSON.COM / JAMES LAWTHER (MW)

16,5+/20

Bright and lifted on the nose with floral notes (see the percentage of Cabernet Franc) and more finesse than in the past. Definite sense of energy. Lovely texture on attack and plenty of freshness then drive and persistence. Big tannic frame (...) but fine-grained and subtle. Ageing potential. Should be GV. (April 2021)

TERRE DE VINS / MATHIEU DOUMENGE

93/100

44% de vieux Merlot sur calcaire dominant l'assemblage (...). Belle profondeur du nez, un profil net et ciselé, exprimant des notes fumées. Le dessin du vin est droit et juteux, élégant, sapide, digeste, propulsé par une jolie note crayeuse. Finale désaltérante et persistante. (Avril 2021)

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE / OLIVIER POELS

90-92/100

Le cru est passé de 90 à 65 hectares. Le 2020 est superbe de gourmandise, avec un fruit juteux et délicieux. Un vin aux tanins fondus et soyeux. (Avril 2021)

VINOUS / ANTONIO GALLONI

90-92/100

The 2020 Potensac is quite delicate and finessed, with bright acids that lend a real sense of energy. Expressive floral accents from the Cabernet Franc (a bit elevated in 2020) add aromatic presence to balance things out. Sweet red berry fruit, mint, sage and rose petals linger on the delineated, precise finish. (May 2021)

THE DRINKS BUSINESS / COLIN HAY

This has a nice lift about it and a focussed and precise cassis nose, with just a touch of cedar. There is impressive density and concentration on the mid-palate and a pleasing bite and grip from the fine-grained tannins. Fresh, pure and, as ever, excellent value. (June 2021)

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

90-92/100

(May 2021)

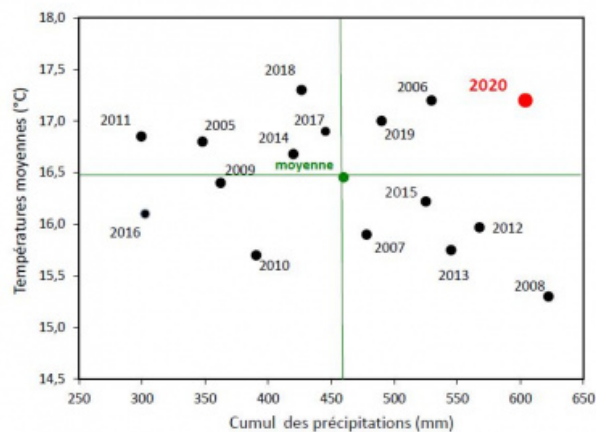


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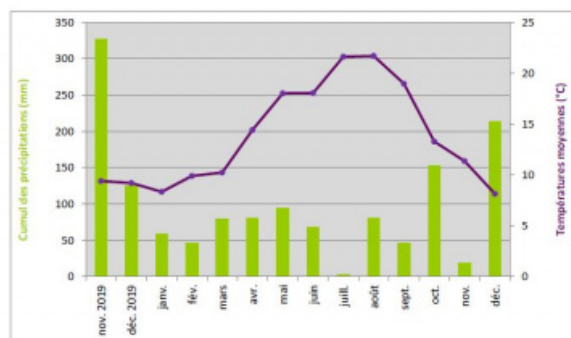
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