



DOMAINES DELON

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES
CLOS DU MARQUIS - CHÂTEAU NÉNIN - CHÂTEAU POTENSAC

CHATEAU POTENSAC - 2018

2018

Château Potensac

ASSEMBLAGE / BLEND

Merlot 45 %
Cabernet Sauvignon 36 %
Cabernet Franc 18 %
Petit Verdot 1 %

DATE DE VENDANGE / HARVEST PERIOD

Du 21 septembre au 13 octobre 2018
21st September to 13th October 2018

ANALYSES / LAB ANALYZES

Degré : 14,42%vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,80 gH₂SO₄/l - PH : 3,57 - IPT : 71
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LE MILLÉSIME / VINTAGE 2018

Le Nord du Médoc vécu un hiver globalement pluvieux et doux, puis froid dès mi-Mars, ce qui engendra un débourrement tardif mais homogène, suivi d'un vif développement végétatif. L'été chaud et sec accéléra la maturation des raisins, mais l'alternance de nuits fraîches et de journées chaudes développa la richesse tout en conservant la fraîcheur.

Ce millésime 2018 offre un fruit mûr, très expressif et une trame tannique puissante et particulièrement veloutée. Élégant et opulent, il allie la puissance et le classicisme d'un grand millésime de garde et la gourmandise des millésimes solaires.

The north of the Médoc experienced a generally rainy and mild winter, then becoming cold from mid-March, leading



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to a late but homogeneous budburst, followed by a strong vegetative growth. The hot and dry summer accelerated the ripening of the grapes, the alternation of cool nights and hot days developed their richness while maintaining their freshness.

This 2018 vintage offers a ripe, very expressive fruit and a powerful and particularly velvety tannic structure. Elegant and opulent, it combines the power and classicism of a great vintage to age with the delicacy of solar vintages.

NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES

JAMES SUCKLING

94/100

Fruity nose of blackcurrant and blueberry with sage and vanilla. It's full-bodied with firm tannins. Savory and juicy with pleasant acidity. Compact and long. Racy. 45% merlot, 36% cabernet sauvignon, 18% cabernet franc and 1% petit verdot. Try after 2023.

(January 2021)

JEB DUNNUCK

93/100

The Grand Vin 2018 Château Potensac (...) sports a deeper purple, almost opaque hue to go with lots of ripe black cherry and currant-like fruits intermixed with notes of toasty oak, tobacco, graphite, and earth. Richer and more concentrated than the Chapelle de Potensac release, with full-bodied richness and building tannins, it's going to benefit from a solid 5-7 years of bottle age and keep for 15+. (March 2021)

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

92/100

The ripe nose exudes fresh, juicy, sweet fruit, cedar, smoke, spice and tobacco notes. Full-bodied with ripe, soft, round tannins and finish filled with sweet, ripe, fresh red berries that linger with flavor. For Potensac this is forward, so you will be able to enjoy this within a few years. This is the finest wine made in the history of Potensac. (...).

(March 2021)



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THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

91/100

(...). Richly coloured, the aromatics feature cherry and raspberry fruits, with a little perfume, and an impressive clarity for the appellation. It is no less convincing on the palate, showing a nicely defined and slightly sinewy substance, with a touch of floral pot pourri to the dark and curranty fruit here. Ripe tannins, modest acidity and a little length mean this is a Médoc which should enjoy wide appeal. (April 2021)

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

91/100

Plush plum in colour, with a depth to the body that starts from the first sip. A clear step up from the second wine, as I have found in many Médocs in the vintage. Raspberry and blueberry fruits which then deepen out to the classic black fruit notes of Potensac. Bottled in mid-April, ageing in barrel was kept to 14 months to avoid any over-extraction, because alcohol levels are pretty high. 1% Petit Verdot completes the blend. (November 2020)

THE WINE CHRONICLES / PANOS KAKAVIATOS

92+/100

The wine shows much depth and density, and even if I found myself thinking about the 2016 and its greater freshness, this is an excellent 2018 vintage for one of the best AOC Médoc wines money can buy, with veritable elegance. Less than usual 14 months aging, to avoid getting too much oak tannin, explained director Pierre Graffeuille. Actually in 2016, about two months longer aging in the oak. (November 2020)

YVES BECK

93/100



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Quel superbe bouquet marqué par la fraîcheur variétale et les baies noires. Notes de mûres, d'eucalyptus et de réglisse. Cette fraîcheur est également omniprésente au palais, dès l'attaque. Le vin est juteux, fruité et doté d'une structure tannique serrée mais parfaitement intégrée. Très bel équilibre entre les tannins et la tension de la structure acide. Cette dernière soutient d'ailleurs idéalement l'expression gustative jusqu'en fin de bouche. Finale fruitée, juteuse et persistante. Un grand Potensac !
2023-2040.

(Décembre 2020)

CHRYSTER BYKLUM

90-92/100

Ruby. Scented, dark fruity, anise, blueberries, liquorice, ripe nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, anise, blueberries, some spices, dark fruity, detailed, long. (April 2019)

JANCIS ROBINSON / JULIA HARDING

17/20

(...). Inky core with purple rim. Such beautifully pure black fruit. Such fine texture and so juicy and lively. Absolutely delicious and fresh with no heaviness and no sense of the alcohol. Low pH because of the terroir, says Pierre Graffeuille. They picked the Merlot early and spread out the picking for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Silky finesse and freshness. Lovely wine with a red-fruited brightness and persistence. Drink 2023-2030.

(April 2019)

WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI BROWN

90-92/100

(...). Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it rolls effortlessly out of the glass with bright, fresh red and black plums, crushed blackcurrants and bay leaves with hints of cracked pepper and damp soil. Full-bodied, rich and laden



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with red and black fruit layers, it has a plush frame of rounded tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing long. (April 2019)

BETTANE & DESSEAUME

16/20

Vrai Médoc, classique, sur le cèdre, précis, exemplaire.

MATTHEW JUKES

17,5+/20

Rather ravishing and approachable with serious length and also superb red fruit and balance. The nose is beautiful, harmonious and rich and moreish. It is possible to drink this wine early but I have a suspicion that it will greatly repay those who decide to cellar it.

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

16-16,5/20

Un rapport qualité/prix à ne pas laisser passer. Le vin est historiquement constitué, avec une concentration magnifique et beaucoup de volume.

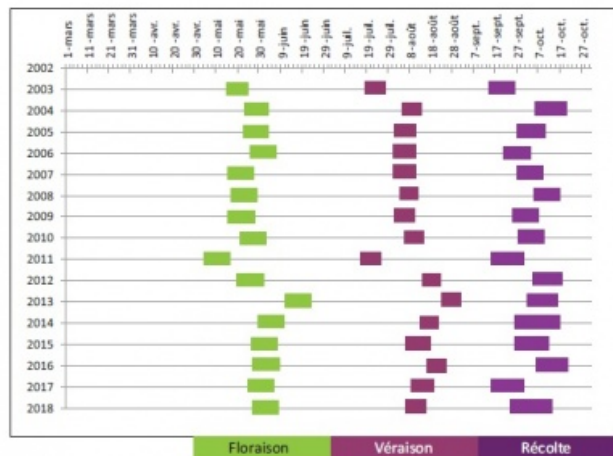


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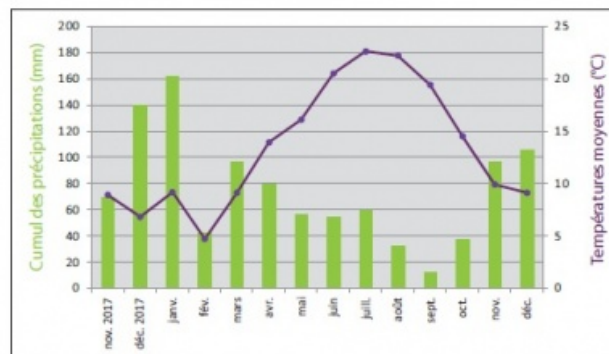
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Stades phénologiques / Phenological cycle



Pluviométrie et températures en 2018 / Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2018



Comparatif des températures et précipitations sur la période végétative : du 1er mars au 31 octobre / Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October

