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LA CONSEILLANTE



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The Wine Advocate * **97-100/100**

The 2025 La Conseillante is another brilliant wine in the making for this Pomerol reference point. Wafting from the glass with aromas of ripe mulberries and blackberries mingled with hints of violets and truffle, it's medium- to full-bodied, deep and unctuous, with lively acids, ultra-refined tannins and a long, floral finish. It's a blend of 87% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon (from new plantings that already make it into the blend) that attained 13.5% alcohol. Fermentations were capped at 26 degrees Celsius, the coolest ever, to extract selectively, and the entire production is maturing in barriques this year.

Yves Beck * **98-100/100**

Pour la première fois le Cabernet Sauvignon intègre le grand vin à raison de 3 %. Le bouquet ne manque d'ailleurs pas d'afficher de la fraîcheur, mais elle n'est pas que due au Cabernet Sauvignon. C'est l'ensemble qui a de la fraîcheur qui se dessine comme un des fils rouges du millésime. Outre le côté floral, le bouquet révèle des notes de cerises noires et de mûres ainsi qu'une classique touche de fève de cacao. Onctueux en attaque, le vin relate bien l'énergie annoncée par le bouquet. Il est mené par des tannins crémeux et une structure incisive qui plébiscite son tempérament tout en consolidant ses ambitions. C'est un La Conseillante puissant, lumineux, ciselé et guidé par son entrain et par l'application de toute une équipe qui bénéficie de l'énorme travail en profondeur effectué lors des 10 dernières années. Un juste retour des choses, somme toute ! La finale s'illustre par son regain de fruit, de fraîcheur et de tension. L'élevage saura définitivement cautionner l'excellence de ce vin.

The Wine Cellar Insider * **98-100/100**

Violets, lilacs, and chocolate drizzles, followed by plums, black cherries, blue fruits, licorice, smoke, and truffles, create the aromatic profile. On the palate, the wine is pure silk, velvet, and cashmere, perfectly suited to the seemingly endless waves of sweet, bright, plush fruits, with their freshness, elegance, and stunning sense of purity. The finish lingers past the 60-second mark and keeps going long after the wine has gone where it needs to be. One of the keys to the success of the dry 2025 vintage began a few years in advance, with the addition of compost to the vineyards, aiding water retention, helping the fruit gain maturity, and increasing yields. The wine blends 87% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon along with 8% press wine. 13.5% ABV, 3.66 pH. The harvest took place from August 28 to September 17. Yields were 30 hectoliters per hectare. Drink from 2030 to 2065.

Vinous - Antonio Galloni **96-98/100**

The 2025 La Conseillante is shaping up to be magnificent. Rich and luscious in the glass, the 2025 offers up an exotic mélange of inky dark fruit, cloves, new leather, licorice and mocha. This is the first vintage that sees the return of Cabernet Sauvignon, historically a part of the blend from at least 1871 to 1956, when frost devastated many vineyards in Pomerol. The 2025 is impressively deep, but also quite vibrant. I can't wait to see how it ages. It's a superb effort from Technical Director Marielle Cazaux and her team. Cazaux made an immediate impact when she arrived in 2015, starting with a move to lower-intervention farming that was immediately apparent. I will have more to say about that and other related subjects in a separate article we will publish later in the year. Tasted two times.

James Suckling

97-98/100

Complex already, with blackberry, blueberry, currant and mint aromas that follow through to a medium body with firm tannins and a savory, juicy finish with fresh herbs and an almost rose stem undertone. You can feel the grape skins. Very primary. 87% merlot, 10 cabernet franc and 3% cabernet sauvignon.

Jeb Dunnock.

96-98+/100

Brought up all in barrels with no amphora used in this vintage, the 2025 Château La Conseillante is an ultra-classic Conseillante with a very floral perfume of cassis, assorted red and blue fruits, violets, iris, lead pencil shavings, and graphite. It's medium to full-bodied on the palate, with a concentrated yet focused, juicy, lively mouthfeel, beautiful tannins, and a gorgeous finish. Checking in at 13.5% alcohol with a pH of 3.66, this beautiful Conseillante has the purity and balance to offer pleasure early on yet, like most vintages here, will need 7-8 years to hit its prime drinking plateau.

Vinous - Neal Martin

95-97/100

The 2025 La Conseillante was cropped at 30 hl/ha and is matured in 70% new oak barrels, there are no amphoras this year as Marielle Cazaux felt the wine needed the micro-oxygenation. It has a very pure nose with black cherries, blueberry and wild strawberry fruit, just a little Burgundy-like in style. A hint of orange rind loiters in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with filigree tannins, a silver thread of acidity, quite linear and strict on the entry, gentle grip with a dash of black pepper towards the finish. A second glass that happened to have been opened for an hour revealed some of its opulence that will surely be enhanced during the élevage. It will deserve four to five years in bottle but will have a long life ahead and will give a lot of pleasure.

The Drinks Business

98-100/100

Immediately we are the realm of greatness. We have archetypal La Conseillante florality. This is very beautiful – with peony and violet, a little lily of the valley and a little rose petal. The floral notes really wrap themselves around the blueberries drawing out the glorious cedary notes. Haunting in its beauty. Calming. Intimate. I love the parfumeur's essences of violets and rose petals reinforcing those first floral notes as the wine starts to inhale and relax in the glass. This is the first year of the integration of the Cabernet Sauvignon into the final blend and it reinforces the impression of the deep, dark core. Succulent, sumptuous, so gracious and very layered – somewhere between silk and cashmere. This has a lovely, ample frame and is the most bourguignon of the grand plateau Pomerols. Complete, brilliantly poised, and so juicy and fresh. A wine of an incredible harmony. I've not tasted a better La Conseillante and I honestly didn't expect to be writing that in this vintage.

Bettane & Desseauve

98/100

La puissance du millésime a été parfaitement contenue. Fruits noirs mûrs, fleurs et poivre de Sichuan composent un grand vin identitaire, satiné, tendu, profond, d'un raffinement exceptionnel.

RVF

96-97/100

Marielle Cazaux joue la carte de l'élégance et offre clairement une interprétation à part dans le contexte de l'appellation. La Conseillante subjuguée par le raffinement de son aromatique, ses tanins poudrés, précis et intégrés. L'allonge saline souligne une matière aérienne, fondue, et une grande longueur.

Alexandre Ma

98-100/100

Tasting Château La Conseillante 2025 inevitably brings to mind the 2022 vintage. Both shaped by extreme heat and dryness, yet each shows an unexpected vibrancy. Thanks to timely rainfalls, 26 mm on August 20 and 22 mm on August 29, 2025 appears more juicy and agile than 2022, with acidity that cuts through more precisely. Bayberry and black cherry burst one after another on the palate, releasing abundant juice. Notes of licorice, Sichuan pepper, and star anise are interwoven throughout, adding layers of complexity. Then comes the violet, like a lace skirt catching the light, rising and drifting with effortless grace. Even as it expresses such grace and finesse, Château La Conseillante retains a firm structure core beneath the surface, a clear reflection of its gravelly-clay plateau terroir and the defining backbone of top Bordeaux. This is exactly the Pomerol I had hoped to find in 2025. The moment you meet it, you find yourself completely under its spell.

Le Figaro

96-98/100

Profond, intense et sombre, le nez n'est qu'arômes de fruits noirs mûrs (cassis, griotte), framboise, mais surtout ce sont les parfums floraux qui marquent le bouquet tels ceux de la violette et de la pivoine qui évoluent vers les épices, le menthol. Très sévère, la bouche est très flatteuse avec un juteux incroyable. Rondeur et gourmandise fruitées occupent la matière avec une texture argileuse caressante. La fraîcheur s'impose tout au long de la dégustation veloutée de tanins suaves. La crémosité de la finale finit de ravir le palais et le fruit persiste très longtemps.

vvWine

98-100/100

D'un parfum fin, très floral, fascinant, clair et pur comme un ruisseau de montagne, profond, avec un fruit noir envoûtant, des notes de myrtilles, de mûres et des nuances minérales ; d'une grande élégance en bouche, croquant, frais, le fruit est à parfaite maturité, l'acidité soutient l'ensemble, tanins sensationnels, plein de tension, avec une longue finale saline. Une fois de plus, d'une grande noblesse et avec une fraîcheur encore jamais atteinte. (À boire de 2030 à 2070)

Falstaff

100/100

Dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflections, subtle edge brightening. Delicate floral nuances of candied violets, a hint of blackberries and sour cherries, some cloves, a hint of sour cherries and mandarin zest. Juicy, highly elegant, delicate extract sweetness, silky tannins, finesse-rich acidity, harmonious and already so well developed that one would like to start enjoying it immediately, great length, finesse and sure maturity potential. Fascinating.

Weinwisser

100/100

Enchanting bouquet, fresh alpine blueberry, elegant cassis spice, delicate violet perfume. On the second nose, blueberry jelly, rose petals, and mandarin zest. On the energetic palate with a silky texture, tightly woven tannic structure, wonderful extract richness, and a well-defined body. In the concentrated, aromatic, long finish, a full load of blueberries, a refined salty note, and sublime astringency. Pure perfection—it deserves nothing less than the top score. Alongside Trotanoy, the best wine from Pomerol!

Decanter - G. Hindle

97/100

A really assured La Conseillante with exceptional balance and so much pleasure to offer. Fragrant aromas on the nose with floral aspects, violets, some savoury earthy notes, black chocolate, vanilla, cinnamon spice, blood orange and iron. Smooth and sapid with such vibrant energy straight away – quite tight tannins still, firm and streamlined but really delicate and precise. A grip of liquorice and flint on the finish means this ends cool, crisp and spiced. Really nuanced in flavours, a little darker and more complex in aromatics than La Conseillante can sometimes be, yet with such intensity and no heaviness. It would have been easy to make a more muscular wine but this is sleek and so defined. The team applied zinc oxide as sunscreen and used mulching to protect soil humidity. First time including Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend.

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