

CHÂTEAU  
CANTENAC BROWN

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Vintage 2022

VINOUS– May 2023- 94-96 pts

*Neal MARTIN*

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The 2022 Cantenac Brown has an elegant nose, showing pure black cherry, wild strawberry, blackcurrant pastilles and cedar aromas. I appreciate the *minéralité* here. The palate is medium-bodied with supple but firm tannins, nicely structured. There's a crescendo of fruit toward the mineral-driven finish. Cohesive and full of character, this is another superb Margaux from an estate in the ascendant under winemaker José Sanfins.

DECANTER – May 2023 - 96pts

*Georgie HINDLE*

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Juicy and lively, cool and crisp with concentrated but cool tannins that give the structure and density. It's massy, full, upfront, but retains a charm in that nothing is harsh or austere or too spiced. It's full but there's something very captivating about this, has excitement and vibrancy and will be totally delicious and moreish when the time is right. Lovely acidity, beautiful red fruits, crisp and tense yet layered and ripe, mineral too. Gives you the emotion !

VERT DE VIN – Mai 2023 – 96 pts

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Le nez est frais, poivré, intense, profond et offre de l'élégance, de l'intensité, une jolie finesse, de la concentration en justesse ainsi qu'un joli grain fin et intense. Un très joli côté velouté frais et puissant. Un très joli côté épice/fleuri. On y retrouve des notes de poivre frais, de bâton de réglisse frais et plus légèrement de cerise Bigarreau fraîche associées à des touches de poivre, de graphite ainsi qu'à des pointes de cassis sauvage, à une pointe de prune violette pulpeuse ainsi qu'à de fines pointes de lys, d'iode, de violette et de muscade. La bouche est fruitée et offre de la minéralité, une jolie jutosité/acidulé du fruit, du pulpeux, une certaine droiture, un joli velouté, un petit côté infusion, de la justesse ainsi qu'une jolie structure tannique mais tout en finesse. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de mûre juteuse/pulpeuse, de cassis éclatant et plus légèrement de cerise Bigarreau éclatante associées à des touches de violette, de camphre, de toasté ainsi qu'à une discrète pointe de torréfaction et à une subtile pointe de noisette toastée/vanillée. Un joli vin racé, une « force tranquille. »

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THE WINE ADVOCATE  
May 2023 - 94-96 pts  
*William Kelley*

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A few years ago, this estate purchased 22 additional hectares in the heart of the plateau of Margaux, including old vine Cabernet Sauvignon that is now making an appreciable contribution to the blend, and that helps to explain why the 2022 Cantenac Brown is so good. Unwinding in the glass with notes of dark berries, plums, charcoal, pencil shavings and violets, it's medium to full-bodied, rich and elegantly muscular, with a layered core, refined tannins and a penetrating finish. The finest wine that José Sanfins has produced to date, the 2022 only improved during the several weeks I spend in Bordeaux.

Jane ANSON – May 2023 - 95pts

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A real golden patch for the Cantenac Brown team, with ever increasing confidence in extraction and expression, plenty of floral edges with inky plum and a vibrant violet rim. Things are pretty intense, with aromatics that are highly charged, with fresh acidities, intense violet and plum, good quality, rich and ripped texture. This is a good quality wine with heavy tannin imprint on the finish, and decades ahead of it. Fingerprints of the vintage, delivered with deft precision

TASTING BOOK – May 2023 –  
96 pts  
*Markus del Monego*

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Intense purple colour with violet hue and black core. Sophisticated nose with ripe fruit, blackcurrants, blackberries, mulberries and cherries. Floral hints in the background. Complemented by fine toasting, vanilla and mild spices. On the palate excellent structure and aromatic depth, charming freshness, lush fruit and spicy character. A wine with very good tension and excellent length.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER –  
May 2023 – 95 pts  
*Jeff LEVE*

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Deeply colored, the wine shows off its violets, lilacs, licorice, black cherry, and currant character with a single swirl. On the palate, the wine is rich, lush, polished, creamy, and loaded with black, red and blue fruits. There is length, opulence, and layers of ripe, sweet, pit fruits that linger

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Yves BECK – Avril 2023 – 96 - 98pts

Cantenac Brown se distingue par une exceptionnelle pluralité et par sa subtilité. D'une rare précision, le bouquet ne favorise aucun élément en particulier, il les laisse tous briller, tant au niveau fruité ou épicé qu'au niveau de la fraîcheur et de l'élevage. La logique affichée par le bouquet est parfaitement assumée et reprise par le palais. Ce dernier brille de son harmonie, de ses tannins fins et puissants et d'une acidité structurante qui assure la fraîcheur de la finale tandis qu'une fine amertume assure la persistance de la finale. Un vin qui se distingue par sa finesse, sa pertinence et qui a choisi une évidente voie axée sur l'élégance et la précision. Quelle magnifique réussite.

LA REVUE DES VINS DE FRANCE  
Mai 2023 - 94-96 pts

Le cru gagne en profondeur et en définition avec ce 2022 exemplaire et ciselé. La matière affiche une grande précision, taillée au cordeau. Le fruit brille d'une grande justesse en bouche.

Alexandre MA – May 2023 –  
95 - 97 pts

Diverging slightly from its fresh and juicy style, Château Cantenac Brown 2022 revealed its profound unfathomable power from the very beginning. The intense aroma of hawthorn cake and blackcurrant overwhelmed me as soon as I took a whiff. With 70% new oak and mature tannins, the wine boasts a fortress-like structure, filling the palate with graphite and metallic iron notes. However, just when I thought it would continue to gain a strength, a familiar refreshing sensation approached : a medley of clove flowers, longan, rhubarb jam, and pine resin tantalized my taste buds. As Château Cantenac Brown prepares to vinify in a brand-new wine cellar next year, let us consider this vintage a fond farewell kiss.

LE POINT  
Juin 2023 – 18/20 pts

Notes de baies noires, bouche ronde, moelleuse, réglisse ; long, dense, fin.