



DOMAINES DELON

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

CHATEAU POTENSAC - 2020

2020

Château Potensac



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.

A complicated vintage from start to finish: early, wet and then dry, the vines of this splendid terroir required constant work to convert these delicate conditions into extra soul. The harvest was of high quality, even if not very abundant, offering an exceptional maturity of tannins and minerality.

The Grand Vin du Château Potensac stands forward with aplomb, with a masterful concentration, mineral tension and freshness of ripe black fruits. Certainly one of the most persistent ever produced at this stage.

ASSEMBLAGE / BLEND

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

DATE DE VENDANGE / HARVEST PERIOD

Du 14 au 30 septembre 2020

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ANALYSES / LAB ANALYZES

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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES

93-94/100

JAMES SUCKLING

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)

17,5+/20

MATTHEW JUKES

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)

91-93/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

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,



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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)

92-94/100

LE FIGARO VINS

(Avril 2021)

92/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

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)

92/100

MARKUS DEL MONEGO (MW)

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)

92-93+/100

WINE CHRONICLES / PANOS KAKAVIATOS

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)



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WEINWISSER / TJARK WITZGALL

(...). 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)

16,5+/20

JANCISROBINSON.COM / JAMES LAWThER (MW)

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)

93/100

TERRE DE VINS / MATHIEU DOUMENGE

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)

90-92/100

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE / OLIVIER POELS

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)



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90-92/100

VINOUS / ANTONIO GALLONI

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)

90-92/100

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

(May 2021)

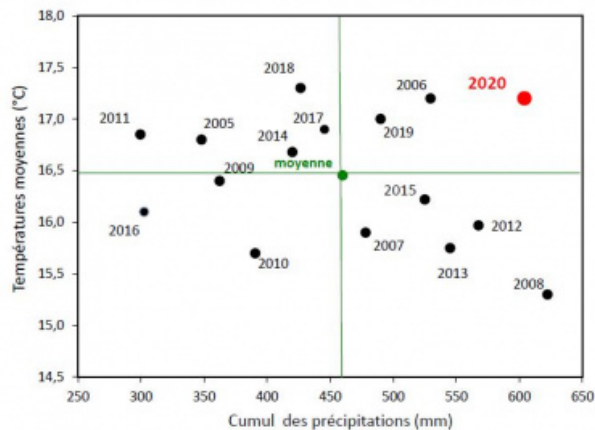


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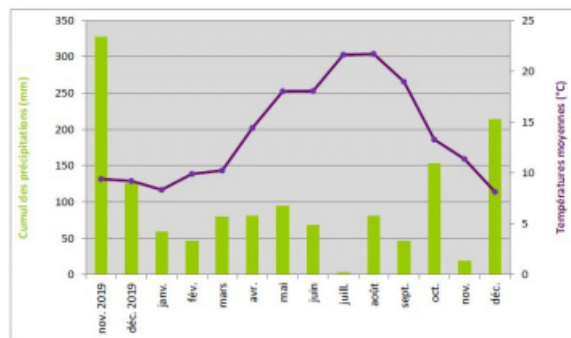
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Comparatif des températures et précipitations sur la période végétative : du 1er mars au 31 octobre / Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October



Températures et Précipitations

Pluviométrie et températures en 2020 / Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2020



Stades phénologiques / Phenological cycle

