

CHATEAU
LA CONSEILLANTE
POMEROL



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The Wine Advocate

98-100 / 100

One of the great wines of the vintage, and one that can rival its 2022 counterpart, the 2023 La Conseillante wafts from the glass with a strikingly floral bouquet of violets, lilac, raspberries, exotic spices, candied orange, pipe tobacco and rose petals. Medium to full-bodied, supple and fleshy, its textural attack segues into a layered and enveloping core of pure, vibrant fruit framed by sweet tannins and concluding with a long, precise finish. It's a blend of 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc, some 30% of which is maturing in amphorae. Harvest began on September 7, lasting until October 2, block by block.

The Wine Cellar Insider

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Violets, black raspberries, spice, chocolate, truffle, and black cherries begin the perfume. The palate is where the wine shines, with its vibrant display of black with red fruits. The striking purity, elegance, and textures, silky tannins, and length leave quite an impression. The adage, "Patience is a virtue" is the key the success this year, as they needed to wait for the desired level of phenolic maturity. The wine blends 88% Merlot with 12% Cabernet Franc. 7.5% press wine. 14% ABV, 3.68 pH. The harvest took place September 7 - October 2. Drink from 2029-2060.

Yves Beck

97-99 / 100

D'entrée La Conseillante annonce de la complexité, de la subtilité. Certes on lui connaît cela depuis belle lurette, néanmoins La Conseillante tient à souligner que 2022 n'a pas été une souffrance, mais bien plus une évidente résilience, que ce soit au niveau de la plante, du terroir ou des femmes et des hommes qui sont à son écoute pour la mener vers des sphères qualitatives irréprochables. L'attaque est comparable à du velours. Et pourtant, il y a moult éléments, beaucoup de fraîcheur, de puissance, de tonus et d'énergie. Belle harmonie dans ce vin où chaque élément se place avec pertinence, avec précision. C'est en finale que tout se joue, là où La Conseillante parvient à relever le défi de la fraîcheur, de la tension et de la salinité qui n'étaient pas des options en cadeau en 2022. Il a fallu aller les chercher ! Un vin brillant de précision et de saveurs.

The Wine Independent

97-99/100

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2023 La Conseillante pounces from the glass with playful scents of Morello cherries, wild blueberries, and juicy plums leading to fragrant suggestions of violets, dark chocolate, rosebud tea, and star anise. The medium-bodied palate is wonderfully elegant and graceful, with super-sleek kitten-soft tannins and spectacular tension that delivers an electric feel, although the finish purrs. 85% of this year's crop went in to the First Wine, a blend of 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc with pH 3.68.

The Drinks Business

97-99 / 100

So beautifully redolent and expressive of La Conseillante - it could only be from here. This is a vintage in which the top Pomerols are profoundly terroir-accented, but none is more terroir-accented than La Conseillante. Walnuts. Blueberries. Violets. Irises. Cornflower. Black cherry. A little rose petal. Tasted after an intense rain shower, this is perhaps a little more closed than it would otherwise be, but that seems only to underline the utterly gracious aromatics. In the mouth, this is fleshy - rare in the vintage - and incredibly so. And with a lovely natural freshness. Fabulous intensity, great amplitude and so plush and full and rich on the palate. Many wines in this vintage have little up-flows, eddies and up-currants of delicate freshness; this has big Atlantic breakers of pulsating freshness. Sumptuous and succulent, ultra fresh and pure on the finish. This is lush, plush, sexy Pomerol with a great plume at the finish. The heart and soul of the plateau.

James Suckling

97-98 / 100

Wow. What beauty, elegance and length in this young wine, with medium body and vivid, bright acidity that gives energy and greater length. The tannins are extremely fine-grained, with an endless, silky texture. Another al-dente wine with brilliance. Goes on for minutes. 88% merlot and 12% cabernet franc.

Decanter - G. Hindle

98 / 100

A clear stand out in 2023. Dark chocolate, bitter toast, blackcurrant, deep, dark and rich tones on the nose. This has both a vibrancy and a richness, a sense of Pomerol opulence, and a coolness on the nose. Supple and energetic, this has movement and weight, juicy with a touch of creaminess. Smooth and sophisticated but still with a hit of acidity on the back palate that lifts and raises the expression the whole way through. Great stuff, sleek, mineral - very saline with licks of wet stone, graphite and liquorice giving slightly bitter edges, but I love the construction. Serious but also fun. Sleek, not rich and fleshy at all, but there's a thick silkiness to it, nothing harsh, nothing austere or too tart. Really excellent, sweet strawberry, crunchy cranberry and powdery strawberry - lots of brightness and powderiness so you get texture and tension. Another stellar wine from La Conseillante. Buzzy and tangy, maintaining flavour and focus also with great drinkability on offer. A vintage to age. 7.5% press wine.

The Wine Doctor

96-98 / 100

The blend is 88% Merlot, and 12% Cabernet Franc, from 12 hectares of vines, picked at a yield of 43 hl/ha. The Merlot was picked from September 7th starting with young vines on gravel, through to the 20th, and the Cabernet Franc on October 2nd. A very fresh, harmonious and rather swish style on the nose, with dried blackcurrants, blackberries, roses and violets, with a touch of dark chocolate. It displays lovely harmony at the start of the palate, with succulent dark fruits, holding up nicely though the middle, showing savoury and fresh, with a medium body, and a fine-grained backbone of tannins which shapes and guides the fruit through to the finish. Wonderful midpalate drive, with fresh substance, plenty of delicious grip but more significantly it feels bright and alive, through to a finish riven with grippy tannin and fresh acidity. A delicious and perfumed La Conseillante which should develop well. The alcohol is about 14%.

Vinous - Neal Martin

96-98 / 100

The 2023 La Conseillante was picked from September 7, with the final Cabernet Franc brought in on October 2 at 43hL/ha. There were just six days of picking over 3.5 weeks. Matured in 70% new oak, it has a very well-defined bouquet with black cherries, wild strawberries, touches of violet and a hint of crushed stone. The palate is medium-bodied with a captivating, edgy opening. Just slightly granular in texture thanks to the tannin structure, it's very harmonious and poised, with a sophisticated, mineral-driven finish. This is an exceptional La Conseillante from Marielle Cazaux and her team. It will rank alongside the 2022 even if it is very different stylistically.

Vinous - Antonio Galloni

95-97 / 100

The 2023 La Conseillante is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. Medium in body and silky, with exceptional balance, the 2023 impresses from start to finish. Crushed flowers, lavender, spice, mocha and tobacco are some of the many nuances that emerge over time. More than anything else, the 2023 impresses with its balance and total class. It's a wine that marries the elegance of La Conseillante with a bit more mid-palate resonance and sustain through the finish than some recent vintages. Yields were 43 hectoliters per hectare. Élevage consists of 70% new oak, 27% used barrels and 3% amphora. Tasted two times.

Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 / 100

From yields of 43 hectoliters per hectare, the 2023 Château La Conseillante checks in as a blend of 88% Merlot and 12% Cabernet Franc that was brought up in 70% new French oak, with 3% in amphora. This deep purple-hued beauty offers up a classic Conseillante nose of red and blue fruits, spring flowers, violets, and spice box, and it's such a great example of the complexity and elegance this estate delivers today. Medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, and elegant, it has plenty of tannins, integrated acidity, and a gorgeous finish. This utterly classic, floral Conseillante will need 5-7 years to hit maturity and have 30 years of longevity. The 2023 hit 14% alcohol with a pH of 3.68.

Jane Anson

97 / 100

A punch of floral aromatics sets the scene for this gorgeous wine, and this is a brilliant La Conseillante with textured powerful depths to the blueberry and blackberry fruit, laced with cocoa bean and espresso, and a fame of juicy tannins on the giving structure and lift. Easily among the most successful wines of Pomerol in the vintage. Started picking September 7 and finished October 2. 3.6ph. 3% of amphora, 43hl/h yield. 70% aged in new oak. Marielle Cazeaux director.

Falstaff

95 / 100

Dark ruby, purple reflections, brightening on the edge. Black forest berries, blackberries, a touch of fine oak, tobacco spice, hint of liquorice and candied violets. Juicy, elegant, cherries, good freshness, ripe, integrated tannins, a hint of dark nougat, harmonious and long-lasting, mineral finish, good length, certain ageing potential; very typical appellation character.

Bettane & Desseauve

97 / 100

L'un des vins les plus raffinés du millésime sur cette rive. Nez ouvert sur la violette, la bouche déroule un tannin satiné qui prend de l'intensité au fil de l'ouverture. Finale saline et florale qui monte, Pomerol de très haut vol.

Terre de Vins

98-99/100

En 2023, La Conseillante s'approche du Graal. Avec sa dimension aérienne, ascensionnelle, c'est un nuage suspendu de fruit noir et de violette qui se décline. Sa sensualité coutumière est au rendez-vous avec sa chair crémeuse, enrobée dès l'attaque, savoureuse, mûre à point, mais gainée, escortée d'une très fine définition de tanins soutenue par une magnifique fraîcheur réglissée. Quelle mâche ! Sa silhouette tubulaire, hyper galbée, s'étire de façon athlétique jusqu'à la finale subtilement zestée, telle un point d'exclamation. C'est un pur délice, plein de suavité, de tonicité et d'allonge.

Alexandre Ma

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C'est un très grand millésime de Pomerol. Parmi les derniers millésimes produits, j'ai une vraie préférence pour 2023. C'est un 2005 mais en mieux, car nous avons une meilleure gestion technique qu'à l'époque ! », estime Marielle Cazeaux, la directrice technique du cru. Cet engouement est compréhensible tant le fruit est brillant et la chair satinée. La vinification douce laisse transparaître les détails du parcellaire et la délicatesse des tanins. On perçoit une légère hétérogénéité bienvenue dans le fruit, donnant beaucoup de complexité et d'harmonie à l'ensemble. 2023 deviendra sûrement un grand classique de La Conseillante. Une merveille !

Le Figaro

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Une brassée de fleurs (pivoine, iris, violette) et de fruit noirs (cassis), aux notes pures d'encre et de graphite et une petite touche de poivre noir, composent un nez hédoniste, charmeur, riche et mûr. La bouche est remarquablement juteuse, elle vous enveloppe dans une somptueuse écharpe en cachemire doux, ou l'étreinte voluptueuse de Sophia Loren. Les fruits sont caressants, vibrants, succulents, pleins, avec des tanins satinés qui vous guide vers la délicieuse mâche de la longue finale saline. Un raffinement absolu avec de la puissance, de la matière et un alcool parfaitement maîtrisé.

Vinum

99/100

Clair et pur comme toujours, c'est de l'élégance pure, un parfum sensationnel, floral, fruité noir. La bouche droite et compacte, comme des tanins taillés dans la pierre, est vive, énergique et d'une excellente longueur. Une Conseillante classique qui vieillira excellemment.

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