



PICHON COMTESSE
RÉSERVE



2023

REVUE DE **PRESSE**
PRESS REVIEW



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– Nicolas GLUMINEAU



LES NOTES - RATINGS

YVES BECK	95-96/100	«A sapid wine, gourmet, imposing, seductive, convincing»
JAMES SUCKLING	94-95/100	«Is is linked from start to the finish»
WINE SPECTATOR / James MOLESWORTH	-	«Deliciously juicy loganberry and blackberry preserve flavors»
WEINWISSER / Tjark WITZGALL	93-95/100	-
VINOUS / Antonio GALLONI	92-94/100	«It's a stellar wine in every way»
JANE ANSON	93/100	«The success of Pichon over recent years extends to its second wine also»
DECANTER	93/100	«Good quality»
WINE ADVOCATE / William KELLEY	91-93/100	«A terrific second wine»
WINE INDEPENDENT / Lisa PERROTTI-BROWN	91-93/100	«The delicate black fruit flavors»
JEB DUNNUCK	91-93/100	«A beautiful second wine»
VINUM	91-93/100	-
WINE CELLAR INSIDER / Jeff LEVE	91-93/100	-
VINOUS / Neal MARTIN	90-92/100	«This a classically styled Réserve»



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ALEXANDRE MA	93-94/100	-
FALSTAFF / Peter MOSER	93/100	«Delicate tannins, fresh and mineral»
THE DRINKS BUSINESS / Colin HAY	92-94/100	«Sumptuous and so impressively Pauillac»
MARKUS DEL MONEGO	92+/100	«Well structured»
PERSWIJN / Ronald de GROOT	16/20	«Zeer Goed»
BERNARD BURTSCHY	95-96/100	-
LA TULIPE ROUGE	95/100	-
VERT DE VIN	93/100	-
LE POINT / Jacques DUPONT & Olivier BOMPAS	15/20	«Un second vin prometteur»



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Château Pichon Lalande's 2023 Bordeaux Throwback

The newest vintage from this elite Pauillac estate is an old-school stunner.

Has there been a more consequential hire in Bordeaux since Roederer Collection president and CEO Frédéric Rouzaud tapped Nicolas Glumineau as general director of Château Pichon Lalande in 2012? Perhaps Thomas Duroux at Palmer, Pierre-Olivier Clouet at Cheval-Blanc or Nicolas Audebert at Canon/Rauzan-Ségla/Berliquet ... but considering what Pichon Lalande has done since Glumineau's arrival, I'd have to give it to Glumineau by a hair. There may be just five classified first-growths in the Médoc, but insiders know that there are more than five hitting the highest possible bar these days—and that Pichon Lalande is among them. With a shift back to a more Pauillac-style wine (Lalande has in the past vacillated between the Pauillac and St.-Julien models) and a fully organic vineyard, this estate is absolutely sizzling right now. Glumineau's attention is also on the Roederer-owned property in St.-Estèphe, Château de Pez, where quality is on the rise.

The 2023 Château Pichon Longueville Lalande Pauillac Réserve de la Comtesse checks in with a 60/30/5/5 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. That's the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon ever for Lalande's second wine, which represent 55 percent of the crop in 2023. It shows deliciously juicy loganberry and blackberry preserve flavors dotted with sweet tobacco and violet notes. There's a flash of apple wood on the finish, but it feels fairly unencumbered.

James MOLESWORTH, le 30 Avril 2024

Yves Beck

95-96/100

5⁰th vintage of the Réserve de la Comtesse! It only takes a fraction of a second to understand the message : terroir, freshness, fruit, even more fruit and especially pleasure! The wine does not rely only on this, on the contrary : the attack is creamy, dense. It opens the way to an identity wine with its own parcels, with a personality even more emphasized than usual. Here are the kind of wines that give even more desire to taste the 1st, so they are good! A sapid wine, gourmet, imposing, seductive, convincing. 2027-2048.

Yves BECK, le 2 Mai 2024



JAMES SUCKLING.COM 

94-95/100

I like the freshness and linear character to this second wine of Pichon Lalande. It's medium-bodied with creamy and polished tannins that are fine at the end. It is linked from start to finish. 60% cabernet sauvignon, 30% merlot, 5% cabernet franc and 5% petit verdot.

James SUCKLING, Avril 2024

Decanter
the world's best wine magazine

93/100

Deep nose - lush, ripe fruit, chocolate, blackcurrants, smells sumptuous and rich but still with an element of graphite and cool minerality on the nose. Streamlined and well defined, lovely energy and focus and all in balance. Fruity with high acidity but not too sharp, not too angular. You can feel the power underneath and the minerality on top but it's got good movement. Not so long, but it's finessed and really easy to approach. If anything it's a bit quiet right now, subtle and elegant, though this has structure and some firmness. Good quality. 12% press wine. Ageing 12 months, 50% new oak and 50% one year. 5% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. 3.67pH. 2029-2040.

Georgina HINDLE, le 8 Avril 2024

Antonio Galloni
vinous
explore all things wine

92-94/100

The 2023 Réserve de la Comtesse is fabulous. This is the first vintage in which Cabernet Sauvignon drives the blend, the result of extensive replanting over the years and vines are now old enough to be used there. Among other things, that means the Réserve is more closely aligned with the Grand Vin in style, starting in the vineyard. Potent and explosive, the 2023 offers up a heady mélange of dark fruit, leather, spice, grilled herbs and lavender. It's a stellar wine in every way. Tasted three times. 2028-2043.

Antonio GALLONI, le 29 Avril 2024

JANE ANSON
INSIDE BORDEAUX

93/100

The success of Pichon over recent years extends to its second wine also, and this delivers waves of cassis bud and red roses on the opening beats, followed up by vibrant raspberry and blackberry fruits, easier drinking than the powerhouse 2022. A vintage that sees 50 years of Pichon Comtesse Réserve (once known, of course, as Réserve de la Comtesse). 55% of the production, more than usual because they were focusing so much on Cabernet for the main wine. Nicolas Glumineau director. 2028-2040.

Jane ANSON, le 15 Avril 2024



91-93/100

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Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2023 Pichon Comtesse Réserve rolls out with evocative notes of ripe black cherries, redcurrant jelly, and boysenberries plus underlying hints of wild sage, wet slate, and damp soil. The medium-bodied palate is so fresh and elegant, with gentle powdery tannins supporting the delicate black fruit flavors, finishing on a lingering mineral note. The blend is 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, and 5% Cabernet Franc. This is a higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon than is typical, a sign of the future since more of this variety is being planted. 2028-2042.

Lisa PERROTTI-BROWN, le 7 Mai 2024

JEB DUNNUCK

91-93/100

The second wine of this great château is the 2023 Pichon Comtesse Réserve, which is based on 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% each of Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc raised in 50% new oak and the rest in once-used oak. Notes of black cherries, currants, smoky tobacco, and graphite give it a real Cabernet Sauvignon character. Medium-bodied and balanced, with ripe tannins, it's a beautiful second wine that will evolve for 15-20 years.

Jeb DUNNUCK, le 8 Mai 2024

A terrific second wine, the 2023 Réserve de la Comtesse wafts from the glass with a pure bouquet of blackcurrants, dark berries, lilac and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, layered and velvety, it's sensual and vibrant, with melting tannins and a deep core of cool fruit framed by polished but present tannins. This blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc marks the 50th anniversary of this second wine's production.

Since joining Pichon Lalande just after the 2012 harvest, Nicolas Glumineau has made a number of changes. In the vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon is increasingly displacing Merlot, and the soils are worked less frequently. Cover crops are employed, canopy management has evolved, with both fruiting canes now trained in the same direction—Glumineau would like to trial pruning "Guyot simple" if Pauillac's cahier de charges (appellation rules) permitted it—and 27 hectares of the estate's 102 are being farmed organically. A new, highly functional winery and cellar equips him with stainless steel tronconic tanks adapted to parcel-by-parcel vinification. Cooperage choices, too, have been refined (some 65% new oak is the order of the day), and the duration of élevage has been extended to 18-19 months in barrel before racking to tank before bottling. The result? Even as Cabernet Sauvignon occupies a more and more important place in the blend, Pichon Lalande has never been more seamless and sensual, exhibiting a rare degree of structural refinement combined with remarkable complexity and depth of flavor.

William KELLEY, le 26 Avril 2024



91-93/100

Cassis, Schwarzkirsche und florale Töne im Duft, straff am Gaumen, zupackend, mit Energie und viel knackiger Frucht, langanhaltend, frisch. (13 Alkohol)

Adrian Van VELSEN, le 2 Mai 2024



92-94/100

The 50th anniversary release with a special commemorative one-off label; 60% Cabernet Sauvignon; 30% Merlot; 5% Petit Verdot; 5% Cabernet Franc; tasted at the property with Florent Genty; 60 per cent of the total production.

Sumptuous and so impressively Pauillac. Dense and compact and yet with the most gracious of tannins once again. Cedary. More cassis than the cherry of the grand vin. Plump and very classically of the appellation, with dark and lighter berry fruits – cassis and blackberry, loganberry and raspberry. A little walnut oil. A wild herbal note too. I love how the fruit profile seems to turn, mid-palate, from berries to cherries. This is wonderful on the finish – all chewy grape skins and cherry skins. The florality is all that is left in the empty glass.

Colin HAY, le 7 Mai 2024



90-92/100

The 2023 Réserve de la Comtesse has a lovely bouquet, discrete initially, then opening with cassis and light violet fruit. It never shouts too loudly at this early stage. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannins on the entry. There's also a stronger graphite element than I have noticed in recent vintages, due to higher percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon (60%). This is a classically styled Réserve. 2027-2037.

Neal MARTIN, le 29 Avril 2024



92+/100

Deep purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Opulent nose with fragrant fruit, mulberries, blackberries and hints of ripe and juicy plums. Well structured with mild spices and discreet toasting. On the palate well structured with a good start, juicy fruit and firm tannins.

Markus DEL MONEGO, le 29 Avril 2024



Le Point

15/20

Nicolas Glumineau, directeur, peut se féliciter du résultat qui doit moins aux conditions du millésime qu'au travail au long cours entrepris dans le vignoble pour le restructurer et l'adapter aux nouvelles données climatiques, en faisant intervenir de plus en plus le cabernet-sauvignon dans les assemblages.

Baies noires, bouche onctueuse, finale serrée, un second vin prometteur. 2027-2045.

Jacques Dupont & Olivier Bompas, le 23 Mai 2024