

CLOS MARSALETTE

PESSAC-LEOGNAN

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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 206 – April 2013

90 - 92

The 2012 reveals plenty of Christmas fruitcake notes intermixed with a hint of roasted herbs, sweet, jammy black currant and black cherry fruit, and a touch of background oak in an exuberant, quasi-opulent style with outstanding intensity, richness and blossoming complexity. It is an impressive example of a Pessac-Leognan, one of the stronger appellations in the 2012 vintage. Drink it over the next 8-10 years. A brilliant effort from proprietor Stephan von Neipperg, Clos Marsalette is not far from Latour Martillac and Smith Haut Lafitte, two famous estates in Pessac-Leognan.

Wine Spectator – April 2013

Clos Marsalette Rouge

90 - 93

A bright tobacco leaf and savory note up front is followed by sleek black cherry, plum and blackberry fruit that has melded nicely. Long, alder-tinged finish has lovely minerality. Distinctive. —*J.M.*

Decanter – April 2013

Clos Marsalette Rouge

16.5 / 20 pts

Lots of fleshy fruit from surprisingly ripe Cabernet Sauvignon that brings natural tannins and grip. (Steven Spurrier)

Clos Marsalette Blanc

16.75/20 pts

Yellow-green, a full and fleshy Semillon/Sauvignon blend with good depth. (Steven Spurrier)

Bettane & Desseauve – Avril 2013

Clos Marsalette Rouge

16

Nez de caractère et très exubérant, fruits rouges mûrs, notes fumées, épicées, violette, cacao, bouche superbe, tout aussi aromatique que le nez, avec une trame savoureuse, une grande allonge et de la fraîcheur. Beaucoup de personnalité, grande buvabilité et équilibre irrécusable.



Vignobles Comtes von Neipperg