



Grand Cru Classé en 1855

CHATEAU D'ISSAN
MARGAUX

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

94 - 96

The 2018 D'Issan is composed of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, aging in 50% new and 50% second year barrels for an estimated 18 months. With 13,97% alcohol and a deep garnet-purple color, it features baked berries, warm cherries and cassis with spice box and fragrant earth plus tea hints. Medium to full-bodied, it has a great core of muscular fruit with firm, fine-grained tannins, with nice freshness, finishing layered with mineral notions.

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95 - 96

The cashmere texture of the tannins is wonderful in this. They are ripe and precise. Dense at the same time, giving a slow drive and a long finish. Full-bodied with dark and pretty fruit. Persistent finish.

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92 - 95

An explosive, dense wine, the 2018 d'Issan possesses off the charts richness and fabulous intensity. A rush of blue/black fruit, chocolate, smoke, spice, leather and tobacco builds in a potent Margaux endowed with tremendous concentration and pure, unbridled power. The 2018 is an unusually brooding, somber d'Issan that is likely to require a number of years to be at its best. Today, it is compelling, even in the early going. Tasted four times.

JEB DUNNUCK

93 - 95

I was only able to taste the 2018 Château d'Issan once, but it showed beautifully, with a full-bodied, plump, sexy style as well as classic notes of cassis, fresh plums, licorice, and high-class cigar tobacco. Based on 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot that will see 18 months in 50% new oak, from a scant 53% selection of the total production, it's a brilliant, incredibly sexy Margaux that's already hard to resist, yet will keep for 2-3 decades.

Decanter

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This is a vibrant ruby colour, with floral aromatics that are even more evident on the nose here than with the second wine, Blason. This is not always the case during En Primeur tastings, when it's the second wines that tend to be a little more open, but it's a feature of the 2018 vintage. This is a brilliant Issan with richness and poise joined by a delicate acidity that pulls the fruit along. The tannins are deceptive, as they are supple and appealing, but the density and power builds over the palate and clearly indicates long ageing. A wine that feels like it's rooted in its appellation. 50% new oak. 40hl/ha yield, with 53% of production going into this wine, higher than in both 2017 and 2016. Eric Boissenot consults.

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60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot. 50% new barrels. Barrel sample. Deep core and cherry rim, not quite as black-hearted as most Bordeaux 2018s. Intense ripe cassis that is pure Cabernet. Nicely savoury too. Chewy and quite oaky on the palate, the tannins thickened by the oak but very smooth. Dense and still fresh. Very good.



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Avec un choix d'extraction modérée afin de préserver la délicatesse des tanins, ce 2018 joue sur du velours, mais avec un admirable fond de bouche et de la tension en finale. Un vin très complet.



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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

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Cherry blossoms, smoke, forest floor, licorice and blackberry aromas open the wine. The wine is full-bodied, round, sweet, juicy and just a little bit spicy. You can feel the vitality in the ripe, red plums and black currants which accent the finish. From a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot, the wine reached 13,97% alcohol. The Grand Vin was produced using 53% of the harvest. The picking took place September 24 to October 11.

JEAN-MARC QUARIN
CRITIQUE INDÉPENDANT DES VINS DE BORDEAUX

92

Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez d'intensité moyenne, parfumé. Nuances de fruits frais et mûrs. Note suave. Délicat en entrée de bouche, tendre au développement, très parfumé, le vin évolue aromatique, sur un corps juteux, moelleux et des tannins fins. Stimulation ascendante en fin de bouche. C'est très bon.