

# Branaire Ducru

**Wine Spectator** www.winespectator.com Score: 89-92

An elegant, floral style of St.-Julien, with violet and lilac notes out front, followed by rooibos tea, red currant and bitter cherry flavors. The long, stony finish has ample acidity and drive. This should develop into a charmer.



Note: 16.5 – 17 / 20

Dans la lignée des millésimes précédents, Branair propose un vin d'une très belle finesse, mais avec de la constitution. La bouche est complète, le fruité acidulé apporte beaucoup de

JEAN-MARC UARIN

fraîcheur.

Note Potentiel : 16 Note plaisir : 16

Quelle réussite ! Couleur sombre et intense. Nez parfumé, fin et floral. Bouche savoureuse dès l'attaque se développant caressante, finement tramée vers une finale fondante à la tannicité distinguée. Belle construction. Longueur normale. C'est très bon.



Note : 16.5 (91/100)

Frais, élégant, racé, type classique de Saint-Julien, devrait parfaitement s'étoffer avec le temps en barrique.

**Decanter**

Score: 17/20 pts

(90/100pts)

Fine deep colour and fine vineyard expression, good depth, balance and class for the future.

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Score: 91-92

A juicy young wine with berry, cherry and currant character. Medium to full body with well-integrated tannins and a juicy finish. Pure and delicious. Very well done.

Neal Martin's

Wine Journal

Score: 86-88

Patrick Maroteaux told me that the older vines did not suffer so much from coulure. I tasted the wines on three occasions, once at the château and twice elsewhere. It has a simple bouquet with light, slightly herbaceous black fruit laced with graphite, not dissimilar to that of Beychevelle. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins. There is just a little coarseness in this Branair Ducru, a little angular at the moment although it has a little more persistency than Beychevelle with the graphite note lending it a Pauillac-like sensibility, though it cuts off very abruptly. This is a decent, honest Branair Ducru made in a classic off-dry style but it desperately needs more substance.