



# Château Dalem

Fronsac

2014

## WINE SPECTATOR – James Moleswoth

**Score: 91** Ripe, with a compact, sleek feel, as the core of black currant, black cherry and plum fruit is tightly focused, sheathed within charcoal, tobacco and bay leaf notes. The finish lets everything meld pleasantly, maintaining good drive. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2018 through 2024.

4,400 cases made.

–JM

## JAMES SUCKLING

**Score: 92** Wonderful blackberries and earth with decadent meat undertones. Full body, very silky tannins and a vivid and linear finish. A beauty. Drink in 2020.

## DECANTER – James Lawther, Steven Spurrier et Jane Anson

**16.5 pts**

Attractive dark fruit notes. Hint of cassis. Lively and fresh on the palate. Good tension. Gentle

handling. Bright, clean finish.

Drink: 2019-2025

Taster: James Lawther MW

## JANCIS ROBINSON

**16+ pts**

Written by Jancis Robinson 14 Apr 2015

Deep purplish crimson. Fragrant with bright dark fruit, just a touch of cedar and a nice dustiness. Unexpectedly supple on the palate, with freshness from both acidity and tannins. Tastes less obviously Merlot than the percentages might suggest. Chewy, honest finish. (JH)

Drink 2019-2026

## JEAN MARC QUARIN

**Note : 15**

## **La Revue du Vin France /Primeur**

A very recommended Fronsac

**15.5 - 16.5** Chateau Dalem

Fronsac: Remarkable aromatic precision around notes of blackberry, spices and licorice. The Attack is full and frank, a dense and savoury mid-palate. Great success

Brigitte Rullier-Loussert took over the management of Chateau Dalem and de la Huste from her father in ( ). Both are located in Fronsac. She integrated an environmentally respectful demarche for both Chateau that is witnessed by her ISO 14001 certification. Located on the clay-limestone slopes (10 Hectares), Dalem is planted with 90% Merlot.

Brigitte Rullier-Loussert stresses the importance of the work in the vines in order to obtain quality grapes whose potential is revealed by classic-style vinifications and careful barrel ageing. Slightly rustic in former years, this cru has made notable progress as of late. The 2014 is brilliant, bursting with fruit and with polished tannins. One not to miss.

Brigitte Rullier-Loussert: She integrated an environmentally respectful demarche on her two domains, La Huste and Dalem.

## **La Revue du Vin France (Guide 2017)**

**Coup de ♥ de l'année**

**Fronsac 2014**

On trouve un très joli fruit dans ce fronsac aux allures crayeuses en bouche. On aime bien son équilibre très fin et son toucher de tanins particulièrement élégant. C'est un vin élaboré dans la finesse, aux contours stylisés.

## **Bettane+Desseauve/Primeur**

Château Dalem, Fronsac, Rouge

**88/100** Élancé, avec de l'élégance, ce vin offre un bon glissant de tannin

## **Bettane et Desseauve (Guide 2017)**

**Note : 15**

Le style énergique mais parfois abrupt s'est assoupli avec bonheur et les vins, sans perdre de leur vigueur, ont beaucoup gagné en raffinement.

## **Antonio Galloni- Vinous Media**

From 2014 Bordeaux: A September Surprise (Feb 2017) by Antonio Galloni

Readers looking for the best of the best will find that and more in this short list of the most impressive wines of 2014.

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**Score : 92**

The 2014 Dalem is soft, fruity and succulent. Ripe red and blue stone fruit, spice and floral notes come alive in a bright, perfumed, midweight Fronsac that delivers the goods. The 2014 is not especially complex, but it is absolutely delicious. I loved it. Drink this supple, juicy Fronsac over the next few years.

Tasted two times.

## **Jeff Leve – The Wine Cellar Insider**

**88-90 Pts**

Spicy, smoky, cocoa dusted plums, with a forward, easy drinking, soft, ripe, spicy, supple berry and licorice filled charm.

## **Yves BECK – yvesbeck.wine**

**89/100** Rouge rubis profond. Bouquet juvénile et complexe alliant l'élevage et le fruit. Graphite, framboise, pruneau et poivre. En bouche l'attaque est élégante, crémeuse et friande. Le vin a du corps et des tannins parfaitement intégrés. Ils sont légèrement granuleux et tiennent bien tête à une structure vive et rafraîchissante. Le fruit ne parvient pas encore à suffisamment se révéler mais il montre le bout de son nez en finale. Il faudra juste un peu patienter. 2018-2019.