

# Château Pichon Baron 2017

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**Olivier Poels**  
April 27, 2018

**La Revue du Vin de France**

**Il va une fois encore falloir compter avec Pichon Baron.** Le cru propose un 2017 terriblement vibrant, musclé et civilisé. Un vin complet dont la finale mentholée semble interminable et scintille. *L'Avis d'Olivier Poels : Très cher certes, mais il tutoie les meilleurs. Sans conteste au niveau d'un Premier, sans en atteindre le prix.*

95-97/100

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW**  
April 27, 2018

**Robertparker.com**

Pichon-Longueville Baron is deep garnet-purple in color and simply sings of vibrant blackcurrants, black cherries and rose hip notes with nuances of potpourri, incense, licorice and pencil shavings plus touches of cigar box and fertile loam. Medium-bodied, **super intense and possessing stunning poise**, it has very firm, fine-grained tannins and **a beautifully silken texture, with bags of freshness and a very long, perfumed finish.**

94-97/100

**Jeb Dunnuck**  
April 23, 2018

**Jebdunnuck.com**

[...] Pichon-Longueville Baron **will compete with the best of the best in 2017.** Possessing full-bodied notes of ripe blackberry and cassis fruit intermixed with background graphite and oak, it hits the palate with **beautiful purity of fruit, building tannin, and a great, great finish.** Its oak is brilliantly integrated, it has a stacked mid-palate, and again, just incredible purity of fruit. It has the fruit/texture to drink nicely in its youth yet deserves 4-6 years and **will keep for two decades or more.** [...]

95-96/100

**James Suckling**  
April 5, 2018

**JamesSuckling.com**

This is very centered and focused on the mid-palate with beautiful currant, coffee and walnut character. **Full-bodied and superfine. Strong tannins and a long and bright finish.** Lots of blackcurrants and blackberries in the end.

94-96/100

**Roger Voss**  
April 2018

**Wine Enthusiast / Winemag.com**

**This wine has power and plenty of concentration.** Rich fruit bursts out of the glass already, suggesting a wine that will age relatively quickly for this estate. It does have concentration as well as bold fruits that will let the wine mature from 2025.

93-96/100

**Antonio Galloni**  
May 3, 2018

**Vinous.com**

**Pichon Baron is one of the sexiest Pauillacs I tasted in 2017.** Silky, nuanced and finessed to the core, the 2017 hits all the right notes. In the glass, the 2017 possesses striking aromatic presence, vivid flavors, silky tannins and exceptional balance. **In 2017, Pichon Baron is a wine of incomparable elegance and total finesse. I loved it.**

93-95/100

**Neal Martin**  
May 1, 2018

**Vinous.com**

**"[...] Pichon-Baron is fast becoming the First Growth for those who are not bothered whether it says First Growth on the label [...]"**

It has a very sophisticated, pure and quite intense bouquet with black fruit, cedar and potent graphite aromas. This feels very focused and the 80% new oak is seamlessly integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with a smooth entry, very sleek and silky with a gentle grip. **There is a lovely sweetness here**, perhaps less austere than I was anticipating **with a very long, quite spicy finish.** Tasted four times with consistent notes.

92-95/100

**James Molesworth**  
March 30, 2018

**Wine Spectator**

This is nice, with dark plum and blackberry compote flavors that have a fleshy edge, while light bay, tobacco and savory notes add range, combining with the vintage's fresh acidity and bright mineral edge.

18/20

**Rolf Bichsel**  
June 2018

**Vinum World of Bordeaux**

Von absolut klassischer, sehr ausgewogener und stilvoller Art, dicht, maskulin, aber ohne Härte, mit Tiefe und Rasse und von grosser Spannung und Länge, hervorragend.

17,5/20

**Julia Harding MW**  
April 27, 2018

**Jancisrobinson.com**

Very dark with black core and purple rim. Seductively dark fruit and graphite. **Seductive without being flirtatious, rather serious in fact.** Deep with black fruit, not sweet, dry and super-smooth with a dry elegance and restraint. Extremely fine and surprisingly juicy on the finish. **Long and elegant. Firm, compact and delicious.**

17-17,5/20

**Michel Bettane**  
April 25, 2018

**Bettane & Desseuve**

Très classique et homogène, dans sa forme et son soutien tannique, avec **un grand potentiel sur vingt ans.**



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98/100

May 2018

## Terre de Vins

[...] Robe noire, brillante, nez de pâte de fruits noirs et cuir, **la bouche révèle une structure tannique exemplaire de finesse et de densité.** Équilibre de la matière entre chair opulente et fluidité, belle acidité le rendant déjà sapide, ronde d'épices en fin de bouche, mais surtout **une belle minéralité, rare sur l'appellation et le millésime.**

96-98/100

Jeff Leve

April 25, 2018

## The Wine Cellar Insider

[...] Dense, concentrated and full bodied, the wine wraps around your palate with immaculate purity and plush velvety tannins. There is opulence, power, structure, austerity and balance, which lingers in the mouth for nearly 50 seconds. [...]

96-98/100

Yohan Castaing

April 25, 2018

## Anthocyanes.fr / Gault&Millau

Précis et frais, le nez est dédié aux fruits noirs, aux épices. Toucher de bouche cristallin, ciselé, précis avec **des tanins très fins et une précision d'ensemble quasi parfaite.** Aérien et frais en finale. **Un Pichon Baron qui marquera les esprits par sa densité droite, sa précision et son équilibre.** Une parfaite maturité lente. Ramassé "al dente". **Absolument magnifique.**

18,5/20

T. Witzgall et G. Lauria

April 2018

## Weinwisser

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André Kunz

May 7, 2018

## Bdxtotal.com / site web René Gabriel

*En attente publication.*

96/100

Markus del Monego MW

April 24, 2018

## Tastingbook.com

[...] On the palate great balance, excellent length and depth, complex flavor. **A wine rather different on the style than on the quality in comparison to 2016 and 2015.**

95-97/100

Chris Kissack

April 19, 2018

## The Wine Doctor

[...] The palate lifts it all up several notches, with dense and yet refined fruit, full and bright, with savoury structure, very refined tannins providing a silky backbone, with lovely integration of structure and substance. **It is bright, pure, polished, poised and harmonious, such a complete composition, and it is very long too. This is superb, and clearly one of the most striking wines of the left bank.** [...]

95-97/100

Christer Byklum

May 2, 2018

## BmyBordeaux.blogspot.fr

[...] Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, fruity, dark berries, anise, spices, detailed, nuanced, layered, intense, long.

95-96/100

Yves Beck

April 12, 2018

## Yvesbeck.wine

[...] Mise en bouche friande et fruitée. Au palais, le vin se révèle lentement. Il est doté de tannins compacts, légèrement suaves qui gagnent en intensité au fil de la bouche. Belle intensité fruitée. **Un vin convaincant qui révèle sa force avec finesse. Finale persistante.**

95-96/100

Bernard Burtschy

April 26, 2018

## Bernard Burtschy

La robe est noire avec un nez très élégant, fin, avec **beaucoup de classe.** Le vin est dense, serré, fin et droit dans un style svelte et d'une belle longueur, sans sa puissance habituelle, mais plus de fraîcheur.

17,75/20 95-96/100

Jean-Marc Quarin

April 10, 2018

## Quarin.com

[...] Ample à l'attaque, juteux au développement, très fruité, gras en milieu de bouche, le vin évolue savoureux, complet, toujours juteux et profond avec beaucoup de goût. Longue finale noble, suave, aux nuances de fruits, de réglisse et d'encre, **une grande réussite !**

95/100

Jane Anson

April 23, 2018

## Decanter.com

**A wonderfully rich and beautiful wine, intense and concentrated but with real generosity of spirit and huge persistency.** It's in keeping with the more focussed and intensely intellectual style of wine that Pichon Baron has produced over the past few vintages, meaning that the austerity of the year really suits it. [...] **A wine to age, and then some.**

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Jacques Dupont

May 24, 2018

## Le Point

Nez expressif, fruits noirs, riche, épices, bouche dense, tendue [...] bien construit, strict.

