



DOMAINES DELON

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES
CLOS DU MARQUIS - CHÂTEAU NÉNIN - CHÂTEAU POTENSAC

CHATEAU POTENSAC - 2018

2018

Château Potensac



JAMES SUCKLING

93-94/100

The excellence of this lies in the quality of the tannins, which are so polished and refined. Compact and tight. Medium-bodied. Very, very long. Beauty already.
(April the 11th, 2019)

THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

92-94/100

(...). A quite fragrant nose this year, freshly polished, with scents of cherry, plum and violets. It feels beautifully textured on the palate, with lightly creamed fruits, fresh and pure, with supple grip and substance, a tight seam of central tannins and a bright acidity. This is a lovely Potensac, elegantly poised and correct, and a very strong result. In terms of quality it calls to mind the 1996, an old favourite of mine. (...).
(April 2019)

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

91/100

2018 was the warmest season of the last 10 years at Potensac, with just under half the usual rainfall over the summer. The property has produced a great bottle: bright and cheery with vibrant fruit, it's highly enjoyable and approachable. You rarely find such impressive mid-palate focus in the Médoc, and that alone makes this a year worth exploring for the wines at this price level. Drinking Window 2023 - 2034
(Tasted April the 1st 2019).

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WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PEROTTI BROWN

90-92

(...). Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it rolls effortlessly out of the glass with bright, fresh red and black plums, crushed blackcurrants and bay leaves with hints of cracked pepper and damp soil. Full-bodied, rich and laden with red and black fruit layers, it has a plush frame of rounded tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing long. (April 23, 2019)

MATTHEW JUKES

17,5+/20

Rather ravishing and approachable with serious length and also superb red fruit and balance. The nose is beautiful, harmonious and rich and moreish. It is possible to drink this wine early but I have a suspicion that it will greatly repay those who decide to cellar it.

JANCIS ROBINSON.COM / JULIA HARDING

17/20

(...). Inky core with purple rim. Such beautifully pure black fruit. Such fine texture and so juicy and lively. Absolutely delicious and fresh with no heaviness and no sense of the alcohol. Low pH because of the terroir, says Pierre Graffeulle. They picked the Merlot early and spread out the picking for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Silky finesse and freshness. Lovely wine with a red-fruited brightness and persistence. Drink 2023-2030. (JH)

JEFF LEVE

90-92

Tobacco, cedar and smoke are paired with ripe, red berries that have a roundness in them this year. The wine is full-bodied and continues with its classic spirit. But with the 2018, you find more generosity than normal. Still, I would wait at least a decade before opening a bottle. (April 19, 2019)



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YVES BECK

93-94/100

Pourpre violacé. Quelle intensité ! Bouquet marqué par de baies noires... et rouges ! Caractère épicé et frais où je relève des notes d'eucalyptus et de menthe, idéalement agrémentées par une touche poivrée. Mise en bouche compacte et dense. Très belle expression aromatique, parfaitement soutenue par la race de la structure. Les tannins sont puissants, élégants et apparaissent lentement en fin de bouche. Une très belle réussite. 2025-2040 (25.03.2019)

BETTANE & DESSAUVÉ :

92/100

[16/20] Vrai médoc, classique, sur le cèdre, précis, exemplaire.

CHRYSTER BYKLUM

90-92/100

Ruby. Scented, dark fruity, anise, blueberries, liquorice, ripe nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, anise, blueberries, some spices, dark fruity, detailed, long. (April the 12th, 2019)

RVF

16-16,5/20

Un rapport qualité/prix à ne pas laisser passer. Le vin est historiquement constitué, avec une concentration magnifique et beaucoup de volume.

ASSEMBLAGE / BLEND

Merlot 45 %

Cabernet Sauvignon 36 %

Cabernet franc 18 %

Petit Verdot 1 %

DATE DE VENDANGE / HARVEST PERIOD

du 21 septembre au 13 octobre 2018



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21st September to 13th October 2018

ANALYSES / LAB ANALYZES

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LE MILLÉSIME / VINTAGE 2018

Le nord du Médoc vécut un hiver globalement pluvieux et doux, puis froid dès mi-Mars, ce qui engendra un débourrement tardif mais homogène, suivi d'un vif développement végétatif. L'été chaud et sec accéléra la maturation des raisins, mais l'alternance de nuits fraîches et de journées chaudes développa la richesse tout en conservant la fraîcheur.

Ce millésime 2018 offre un fruit mûr, très expressif et une trame tannique puissante et particulièrement veloutée. Élégant et opulent, il allie la puissance et le classicisme d'un grand millésime de garde et la gourmandise des millésimes solaires.

The north of the Médoc experienced a generally rainy and mild winter, then becoming cold from mid-March, leading to a late but homogeneous budburst, followed by a strong vegetative growth. The hot and dry summer accelerated the ripening of the grapes, the alternation of cool nights and hot days developed their richness while maintaining their freshness.

This 2018 vintage offers a ripe, very expressive fruit and a powerful and particularly velvety tannic structure. Elegant and opulent, it combines the power and classicism of a great vintage to age with the delicacy of solar vintages.

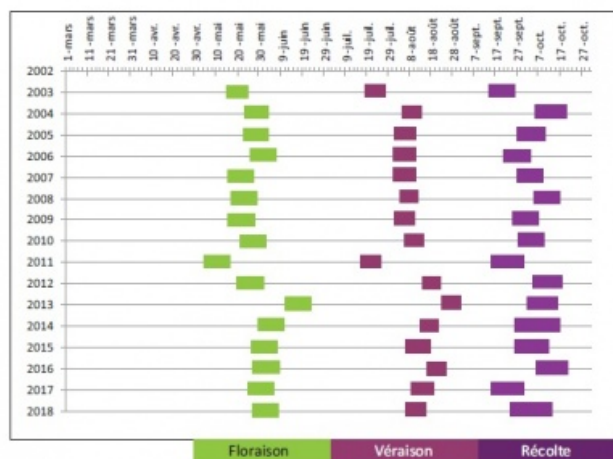


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Stades phénologiques / Phenological cycle



Pluviométrie et températures en 2018 / Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2018



Comparatif des températures et précipitations sur la période végétative : du 1er mars au 31 octobre / Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October

