



PICHON COMTESSE  
RÉSERVE

| 2018

REVUE DE  
PRESSE

“ Nous inscrivons 2018 dans la lignée des millésimes  
que nous chérissons (1989, 2010, 2016)... ” -  
Nicolas GLUMINEAU

PRESS  
REVIEW

“ The 2018 is on a par with the vintages that we  
cherish (1989, 2010, 2016)... ”,  
- Nicolas GLUMINEAU





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## LES NOTES - RATINGS

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YVES BECK	94-95 / 100	<i>“Un grand vin avec un beau potentiel”</i>
JAMES SUCKLING	93-94 / 100	<i>“A rich and dense second wine...”</i>
THE WINE ADVOCATE	92-94+ / 100	<i>“Very impressive”</i>
DECANTER	93 / 100	<i>“This is one to look out for in 2018”</i>
WINE SPECTATOR	90-93 / 100	
THE WINE DOCTOR	92-94 / 100	<i>“This is a beautifully expressive second wine”</i>
JEB DUNNUCK	92-94 / 100	<i>“Another rock star of a second wine that taste more like a Grand Vin”</i>
ANTHOCYANES	92-94 / 100	
JEFF LEVE	90-92 / 100	<i>“Classified Growth in quality...”</i>
ANTONIO GALLONI	89-92 / 100	<i>“Pliant, creamy and inviting, the Reserve is attractive...”</i>
MARKUS DEL MONEGO	92 / 100	“
WEINWISSER	18 / 20	
MATTHEW JUKES	17+ / 20	
WEINGABRIEL	17 / 20	
JEAN MARC QUARIN	16.5 / 20	<i>“...parfumé et suave...”</i>



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## REVUE DE PRESSE – *PRESS REVIEW*

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**Yves BECK**

*19 Avril 2019*

**94-95/100**

Chaque grappe de Réserve de la Comtesse doit pouvoir aller dans le 1er vin. Robe pourpre violacé. L'identité de Pauillac se révèle en une fraction de seconde au nez. Mais pas seulement Pauillac, et c'est bien là le point essentiel, c'est la Comtesse ! Beaucoup de fruits et de minéralité au nez, accompagnés d'une agréable fraîcheur. Attaque friande, juteuse et fruitée. Au palais, le vin se révèle lentement, à l'image de ses tannins qui sont parfaitement intégrés et qui gagnent en puissance au fil du palais. Belle intensité aromatique, idéalement soutenue par la structure. Finale fruitée persistante. Un grand vin avec un beau potentiel. 2024-2038

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**James SUCKLING**

*11 Avril 2019*

**93-94/100 PTS**

A rich and dense second wine of Pichon Lalande with a full body, round and juicy tannins and a fruit-driven finish. Chewy, too.

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**Lisa PERROTTI**

Bordeaux : 2018 En Primeur

*24 Avril 2019*

**92-94+ /100 PTS**

Most of the plots that were planted since 2011 have gone into this. This second wine represents 41% of the crop. A blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc, the very deep purple-black colored 2018 Reserve de la Comtesse opens slowly to offers glimpses and dusty soil, Sichuan pepper, garrigue and tobacco over a core of warm black cherries, cassis and blackberry pie plus a waft of crushed rocks. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with juicy black fruits and loads of earth/mineral nuances, finishing with lovely freshness and a quiet intensity. Very impressive.



# Decanter

Jane ANSON

04 Avril 2019

**93/100 PTS**

As with the first wine of Comtesse, this is one to look out for in 2018. It's seductive but with a minerality and pull through the palate joined by plush raspberry and damson fruits – so much depth but also so pretty. As the tannins close in the finish is a little tighter than the mid-palate and when you return to it after tasting the first wine the fruit flavours have been joined by liquorice and touches of woodsmoke, it's delicious. The split is 50/50 between first and second wine in 2018, with over 90% of the total production used. 1% Cabernet Franc makes up the blend. 9% press wine. 3.85pH, 87IPT.



Chris KISSACK

Bordeaux 2018: Pauillac

11 Avril 2019

**92-94/100 PTS**

The second wine is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc, with an alcohol level of 14%. This is a beautifully expressive second wine, fresh, with pure black cherry fruit, damsons and violet creams. The palate is bright and cool, charming and polished, with a textured substance at first, leading into a midpalate full of dark creamed fruits, blackcurrant, damson and black cherry, with a long and sweet texture. The freshness, purity and lift is undeniable, the texture sinewy and cool but with substance, and it has a little grip too, with some finely polished tannins. A delicious poise and freshness in the end, with a long and energetic finish. A great second wine.

# JEB DUNNUCK

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1<sup>er</sup> Mai 2019

**92-94/100 PTS**

Starting with the second wine of the estate, the 2018 Réserve De Comtesse checks as a blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, and the rest Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. It's another rock star of a second wine that taste more like a grand vin with its terrific perfume of crème de cassis, blackberry, graphite, high-class tobacco, and earth. It's deep, medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, and has serious length.



## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

**Jeff LEVE**

2018 Pauillac, Tasting notes, Reviews, Scores,

*17 Avril 2019*

### 90-92/100 PTS

Classified Growth in quality with layers of ripe, sweet, lush fruits, Pauillac character, espresso, spice and green olives along with the backbone to age. Buy this beauty and drink it while waiting for the Grand Vin to mature.

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## Antonio Galloni vinous explore all things wine

**Antonio GALLONI**

2018 Bordeaux

*3 Mai 2019*

### 89-92/100 PTS

The 2018 Réserve de la Comtesse is a very pretty second wine from Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande. Pliant, creamy and inviting, the Réserve is attractive, but also a bit laid back relative to recent vintages in which the Réserve was perhaps a more serious, structured wine. The Réserve is built around a core of younger vine's fruit. The more accessible style is most likely explained by the natural heterogeneity of the vintage itself. The blend is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot and 1% Cabernet Franc. Tasted four times.

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## WEINWISSER

**Tjark WITZGALL & Guiseppe LAURIA**

Bordeaux 2018 : Ein extremes Jahr mit grossem Happy End

*N° 04-05/2019*

### 18/20 PTS

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc. Granat mit violetter Rand. Verführerisches Veilchenparfüm, dahinter Heidelbeeren, Kokos und rote Grütze. Am kräftigen Gaumen mit seidenen Tanninen und sützendem Tanningerüst, gutter Zug und genial Frische. Im aromatischen Finale mit viel schwarzbeeriger Frucht, dunklen Edelhölzern, tabakiger Würze und etwas Graphit. Hier gibt es nichts zu meckern, wie wird da wohl der Gran Vin schmecken ? 2025-2038

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## Jean Marc QUARIN

Carnet n°89 – Les Bordeaux 2018 dégustés en primeur

*Avril 2019*

### 16.5/20 PTS

Couleur rouge sombre, intense et belle. Nez moyennement aromatique, au fruité mûr. Ample à l'attaque, gras au développement, parfumé et suave, avec du corps, le vin gagne de l'intérêt en finale, avec une touche distinguée dans la saveur et une très bonne enveloppe tannique. Assemblage : 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 14° - Ph : 3.85 – IPT : 87. 2026-2038

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