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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

94-96

The 2025 Branaire-Ducru is a compelling wine in the making, revealing an open, refined bouquet of cassis, mulberries, spices, flowers and pencil lead, with its new oak largely remaining in the background. Medium- to full-bodied, it's sapid and perfumed, built around a seamless, layered core of fruit framed by finely grained, velvety tannins and concluding with a long, fresh and precise finish. Matured in 65% new oak, this blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot and 6% Cabernet Franc captures the estate's signature style—polished, balanced and texturally refined—while clearly reflecting the brightness and freshness of the vintage.

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Vinum
EUROPAS WEINMAGAZIN

93-95

The nose is still marked by its aging, with pronounced blackcurrant aromas, hints of cola, mint, and sour cherries; the palate is soft, slightly creamy, and seductively approachable, with firm tannins, juicy acidity, and good length. It will be a pleasure to drink at every stage of its life. (Drink from 2032 to 2058)

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JAMES SUCKLING.COM **96-97**

Voluptuous dark fruit, cedar and a touch of tar on the nose. Medium- to full-bodied with an expressive yet concentrated profile, a precise structure and fine-grained, high-quality tannins. Chiseled and balanced...

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Decanter **95**

Tasted by: Georgina Hindle

Drinking Window: 2032 - 2050

Blackcurrant, raspberry leaf, liquorice and wet stones on the nose. Smooth and supple with nice clarity. A little tight at the moment but great clarity and purity with blueberries and wet stones. So much minerality. Succulent and mouthwatering, this is generosity and friendliness in a glass built on a really crushed stone mineral base. 3.65pH. A yield of 33hl/ha. 6% Petit Verdot completes the blend.

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Yves Beck

95-96

Que de finesse et de fraîcheur dans le bouquet de Branaire 2025 avec des parfums de violettes, de cannelle et de myrtilles complétés par une touche de graphite. L'attaque annonce un cheminement velouté le long duquel le vin est mené par des tannins puissants qui favorisent autant la vigueur que la précision et la fraîcheur. Un vin sapide, harmonieux et persistant. Belle réussite.

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Antonio Galloni
VINOUS

94-96

Tasted by: Antonio Galloni

The 2025 Branaire-Ducru is a powerful wine with a darker fruit profile than most years. Dark blue/purplish fruit, lavender, cloves and licorice open first. Floral overtones and brisk acids reappear to perk up the close. A clean, vibrant finish rounds out in style. This is such a gorgeous and expressive wine. The 2025 is quite simply a fabulous Branaire.

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

95-97

Flowers, licorice, cherries, smoke, mocha, currants, cedar, and tobacco fill the aromatic profile. The palate is medium-bodied, energetic, soft, polished, and refined. There is good concentration. Texturally, the wine feels elegant on your palate. There is freshness, giving the wine a vibrancy, making it effortless to drink. The sweetness in the fruits, paired with spice, mocha, espresso, and crushed stones, tastes and feels great. The finish starts off strong and keeps on going. 2025 is clearly in competition as one of the best vintages ever produced at Branaire Ducru. The purity here truly makes an impression. You can enjoy this with pleasure quite early in its life and count on at least 20 more years of enjoyment. The wine blends 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, and 6% Petit Verdot. 13% ABV. The harvest took place September 4 - September 22, making this the earliest end to a harvest in the history of the estate. Yields 33 hectoliters per hectare. Drink from 2029-206

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Terre de Vins 94-95

Un premier nez très lumineux, sur la groseille et le cassis frais, pour ce Branaire solaire. L'attaque est digeste, sans concentration démesurée, l'accessibilité et la buvabilité ont été priorisées sur ce millésime et c'est très agréable. Une boule de fruits rouges !

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bettane + desseauve 94-95

Dense, raffiné et complet, il figure parmi les plus belles réussites récentes du cru. Une bouteille à ne surtout pas manquer.

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BERNARD
BURTSCHY
Ph.D.
LA RIGUEUR DU MATHÉMATICIEN ET L'EXPERTISE DES TERROIRS

94-96

La robe est grenat sombre avec des arômes de cassis et de cerise. L'attaque est souple et charmante, le vin possède beaucoup d'élégance avec de la fraîcheur et une jolie finale de cerise.

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drinks
business

93-95

Charming, if a little closed aromatically, with a hint of hazelnut and assorted red and darker berry fruits the first to show. There's a hint of iris too. On the palate this is caressing, soft and silky and it unfurls reassuringly slowly. The fruit has a gentle natural sweetness to it. This is an undemonstrative but beautifully balanced wine. Stylish and quite sleek in this vintage.

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CHÂTEAU BRANAIRE-DUCRU 2025

SCHWEIZERISCHE
WEINZEITUNG 18/20
Aus Liebe zum Wein. Seit 132 Jahren.

Charmantes ditches Bouquet, Kakao, rote Kirschen, Cassis, heller Tabak, zart Kardamom. Gute Dichte, saftig, präserter, freiner, süsser Gerbstoff, feiner Ker, elegante Säure, schmeichelnde dichte reife rot-biss schwarzbeerige Frucht, Johannisbeeren Waldbeeren, getrocknete Zitronenmelisse, zart Nougat im Finish, gute Länge. 2035-2055.

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falstaff 94

Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflections, delicate rim brightening.

Delicately floral black forest berry confit, a hint of blackberries and cherries, inviting bouquet. Complex, fine extract sweetness, delicate hints of spices, fine tannins, fresh acidity, an elegant food companion with secure ageing potential.

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JEAN-MARC QUARIN

CRITIQUE INDÉPENDANT DES VINS DE BORDEAUX
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96

Couleur noire, aux reflets pourpres. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur et subtil. Fond d'épices et de fruits rouges et noirs. Ultra délicat en entrée de bouche, avec un port aérien et pourtant dense, le vin s'allonge, respire en milieu de bouche tout en appuyant discrètement sur des tanins au grain fin. C'est royal, ciselé, profond et incrachable.

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FÉRET

— l'esprit du vin depuis 1812 —

17/20

La robe est sombre comme l'encre, avec des reflets encore jeunes. Le nez s'ouvre sur des notes fraîches et parfumées de cerise croquante, de violette et d'agrumes. Viennent ensuite de légères touches sanguines et quelques nuances de tabac blond. En bouche, le vin est enveloppant, avec une attaque ample et souple. Le vin conserve fraîcheur et longueur. Le tanin, de noble facture, s'intègre parfaitement et accompagne une finale longue et juteuse.

G.D.

Un boisé subtil sur des notes florales. L'attaque en bouche est d'une agréable fraîcheur pleine de fruits rouges. Un vin sans disparité, les tanins sont juste présents avec une acidité complice qui rend la texture aérienne. Un vin élégant plutôt fondu avec une finale quelque peu éthérée.

E.K.

Couleur assez profonde, reflets grenat. Nez discret, légères notes de fruits rouges. Bouche fraîche à l'attaque, très croquante, tanin fin et concentré, texture élégante, bonne longueur.

B.G.

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Antonio Galloni
vinOUS

93-95

Tasted by: Neal Martin

The 2025 Branaire-Ducru was cropped at 33hl/ha, which is not too low in the context of the growing season, but the smallest since 1991. Picking was from September 4 with the early Merlots and finished September 22. The Merlot on clay soils was deemed high quality and therefore comprises a slightly higher percentage of the blend. It is aged in 60% new and 40% one-year old barrels. This has a flattering bouquet with black plum and strawberry fruit, and a noticeable though agreeable powdered chocolate/mocha note at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with silky smooth tannins, a fine bead of acidity, and hints of mocha and mint merging with black fruit. The finish is quite linear and understated, keeping within the style of the château. Very classy, this will give a lot of pleasure without too much cellaring. 13.2% alcohol.

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