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93-94+

WILLIAM KELLEY

Having tasted the 2021 Branaire-Ducru six times over the course of a month and a half, I feel confident in saying that it is a beautiful wine that numbers among the vintage's real successes. Offering up aromas of raspberry coulis and red cherries mingled with notions of rose petals, cigar box and spices, it's medium to full-bodied, ample and seamless, with a layered core of fruit, lively acids and beautifully powdery tannins.

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JAMES SUCKLING.COM

94-95

A very pretty wine, showing blackberry and blackcurrant aromas with crushed stone. Medium to full body with layers of fine-grained tannins. Bright and refined. Lots of dark fruit at the end. Solid weight.

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Antonio Galloni
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93-95

ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2021 Branaire-Ducru is sleek, elegant and nuanced. There is more Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc in the blend than in the 2018-2020 period, when the Merlots were especially successful. As a result, the aromatics are absolutely alluring, but the wine is much less forthcoming on the palate. At 12.9% alcohol, the 2021 is a classically austere Branaire that looks like it will need quite a bit of time to blossom. It is undoubtedly a very pretty wine, even if not fully expressive at this stage. Dark cherry, plum, chocolate, leather and rose petal linger. Tasted three times.

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Decanter

94

GEORGINA HINDLE

Purple and pink flowers on the nose, sweet strawberries and cherries and some milk chocolate notes. Delicate and poised on the palate, this has an air of elegance and refinement from the first sip, the sleek tannins giving support and a fine grip while the herbal Cabernet and Petit Verdot touches give spice, bright summer berry fruit and tension. This has a good core and persistence of flavour that doesn't let up, not weighty of particularly dense, but well defined and focussed. Stylish and glamorous in the best way while being understated - a difficult feat in 2021. Totally moreish and just so well constructed and delivered. A top wine! You get energy and precision here but it's the understated character I like so much, it just grows and grows quietly and then leaves you with the lingering impression of the beauty of St-Julien.

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Terre de Vins

94-95

Une jolie pureté de fruit se signale d'emblée sur ce Branaire 2021, qui se confirme bien en bouche. La matière est souple et digeste, très bien articulée sur une matière juste à point, saillante et traçante. Encore une fois, un vin sans exubérance, mais d'un très bel équilibre dans le style du millésime.

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JEAN-MARC  **UARIN**

92

Belle couleur sombre. Nez très aromatique, au fruité mûr, subtil et même parfumé. Délicat en entrée de bouche, très fruité au milieu, avec un relief tannique présent cette année, mais nuancé, le vin évolue savoureux, long et sèveux, sur une finale très aromatique.

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matthewjukes

I8

I am so impressed with how each of the finest estates seems to have nailed both the essence of their "house style" and also their location so perfectly in 2021. And so Branaire follows this theme with a lusty, densely-packed, daringly structured wine with just a little more oomph than many. It manages to carry this trick off in spite of the 13% alcohol, and while there is intensity here, there is no unwanted astringency, just tense, refreshing tannin. This is consummate winemaking from a first-class Château.

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

92-94

Flowers and black raspberries with black and red currants open the wine in the nose. The wine is medium-bodied, fresh, sweet, juicy, and pure. Classic in style, this is going to be approachable early, so you will be able to enjoy all the ripe, elegant, cherries, plums, and peppery currants without a long wait. Yet, the wine will age for 2 decades or more easily. The wine is a blend of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 6.5% Cabernet Franc and 5.5% Petit Verdot, 13% ABV, 3.68 pH. The harvest took place September 24, finishing October 14. The yields were low at 32 hectoliters per hectare and from there, roughly 60% of the harvest was placed into the Grand Vin.

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Le Point

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Fruits rouges, mentholé, note agrumes, bouche pleine, dense, marquée un peu par l'élevage en cours, veloutée, tanins enrobés, bonne longueur, masse tannique assez imposante.

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Viv Beck

93-95

C'est la finesse qui marque le bouquet de Branaire Ducru, ce qui n'est pas vraiment nouveau en soi. Agréable fraîcheur et bel éclat de fruit au travers de notes de framboises et de cerises suivies de nuances florales et d'une touche épicée. En bouche le vin se distingue par sa fraîcheur et son côté linéaire. Parfaitement équilibré, il est doté de tannins structurants qui sont de bon augure dans le contexte d'une acidité tendue, la symbiose en résultant est convaincante. Quelle belle réussite, la finesse ça paie, tôt ou tard !

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Anthocyanes

93-95

Très gourmand avec de belles notes de cassis, de fruits noirs frais, de violette et de raisins frais, le bouquet de Branaire-Ducru 2021 est frais et élégant. En bouche, le boisé est élégamment présent et possède des notes d'épices et une structure plus droite que d'habitude. Très belle acidité qui vient tendre l'ensemble. Des tanins structurants en finale mais une réelle élégance d'ensemble. Voici une belle réussite dans un millésime parfois délicat pour le Médoc.

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MÖVENPICK
WEIN

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Filigran rotbeeriges Bouquet, Schattenmorelle, Himbeergelée, ein Hauch Thymian und zartes Veilchenparfüm. Am mittleren Gaumen weiche Textur, stützende Rasse, fein nervig, körniges Extrakt und asketischer Körper. Im gebündelten Finale Preiselbeersaft, Tabakblatt und fein sandige Adstringenz. Hat bewusst einen klassischen Weg gewählt und kann noch zulegen.

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ALEXANDRE MA MAI 2022

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92-93

La bouche est droite, mais sans le velouté habituel du cru. Le vin termine sur des notes serrées. L'élevage devrait lui apporter davantage de moelleux

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falstaff

91

Opaque ruby core, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Fine aromas of blackberry fruit, fresh black cherries, hints of cassis and wood spices. A fresh and juicy palate with red cherries, integrated tannins and a touch of minerality on the finish, has good ageing potential.

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WEIN GABRIEL

Florales, süsses Bouquet, Cassis, Kirschen, Zwetschgen, heller Tabak. Mittelkräftiger, feiner Gaumen mit süsser Frucht, gutem Tannin, fein kerniger Struktur, würziger Aromatik, frischer Abgang.

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92

Fruits noirs, touche de réglisse, bouche vive, pleine de jus, maturité fraîche du fruit, l'échantillon est un peu fragile mais on parvient à saisir le discours de ce vin qui dans ce millésime a décidé de jouer la carte du fruit. Ceci dit, il pourrait se garnir encore à l'élevage pour monter en régime.

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BETTANE & DESSEAUME MAI 2022

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91-93

NEAL MARTIN

It has quite an intense, dare I say precocious bouquet of bold brambly red fruit that eventually settles in the glass and turns darker. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit and a touch of black pepper and tobacco. Quite a marine-influenced Saint-Julien, it fans out gradually toward the finish and exerts a gentle grip. Though not quite reaching the heights of recent vintages, it represents a true articulation of the growing season and of Branaire-Ducru itself.

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Open and aromatic on the nose with savoury and dark-fruit notes. Supple and fleshy on the palate. Lacks a bit of density but there's a structure well in place. Competent rather than stirring.

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89-91

The nose feels classically bright and sweet, filled with the scents of cranberry and raspberry fruits, touched with a little thread of leafy rosemary and sage. The palate is a little subsumed by a confident application of oak at the moment, although it clearly possesses a supple, polished and lightly bodied texture, along with a modest grip from delicately extracted tannins. This feels lightly grained, charming and infused with warm and perfumed oak, before it reveals a core of grippy tannin running into the finish.

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