

Château Potensac

2025



TERROIR

Located on the elevated slopes of Ordonnac, north of Saint-Estèphe, Potensac benefits from a distinctive terroir of clay-gravel hilltops resting on a limestone subsoil, a particularly rare feature in this part of the Médoc. This geological combination promotes drainage, concentration, and natural freshness. The vineyard's relative altitude also allows it to capture the tempering influences of the Gironde estuary to the east and Atlantic Ocean to the west, bringing beneficial freshness and balance to the wines in warm vintages. The old Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc vines, some more than 100 years old, thrive in ideal conditions here to produce well-structured, profound wines with excellent ageing potential.

VINTAGE 2025

The growing season was steady and balanced, marked by early flowering and véraison. The vintage unfolded under warm, dry conditions, particularly in June and August. Rainfall at the beginning of September helped complete the ripening process and supported the final stage of the growing season under favourable conditions. The harvest, the earliest in the estate's history, began on September 12th, with the grapes picked at optimal ripeness. The 2025 vintage stands out as a complete and energetic wine, confirming both the resilience of the vineyard and Potensac's exceptional potential in warm years, where maturity is achieved without excess and balance remains at the heart of the estate's style.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend : 41% Merlot, 37% Cab. Sauvignon, 22% Cab. Franc
Harvest period : september 12th to september 22nd 2025
Alcohol degree : 13,5 % vol. | PH 3,57 | IPT 75



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TASTING NOTES



93-95/100

ALEXANDRE MA

From the very first impression on the nose, the wine is enveloped in a sense of elegance. It brings together a lively, juicy palate and supple tannins with seamless precision, leaving no trace of disjointedness. This is not only a gift of the 2025 vintage, but also a reflection of the winemaker's meticulous craftsmanship. The transparent acidity rises like a beam of light piercing the night sky, stretching the wine's frame while illuminating notes of pomegranate, bayberry, and sour cherry with striking clarity. The 2025 vintage stands as a definitive peak for Château Potensac.

92-93/100

BETTANE & DESSEAUVE

Dense et sérieux, ce médoc revendique un classicisme assumé et une structure bâtie pour la longue garde. Son caractère réservé dans la jeunesse laisse présager une belle évolution en cave.

92/100

DECANTER/GEORGINA HINDLE

Inky blue fruit tones with cola and liquorice. Crisp and grippy with a salty edge to the tannins that takes hold. Very faithful to the terroir, not at all 'hot', this is cool and fresh with a minerality that comes across so clearly. It's lightly presented in terms of texture but still you get depth of fruit and a long finish. But still ripe. Chalky on the finish. Will be nice after ageing.

93/100

FALSTAFF/PETER MOSER

Deep dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, delicate edge brightening. Ripe cherries, delicate plums, fine herbal spice, mineral, fine hint of orange zest. Complex, red berry, fresh structure, ripe tannins, mineral-lemon finish, some nougat in the aftertaste.

93+/100

FINE WINE GUIDE/GIUSEPPE LAURIA

A sturdy, masculine bouquet with dark fruits, cherry, and redcurrants. On



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the compact, tightly woven, and robust palate, the wine reveals juicy and quite seductive dark berry fruit, supported by a firm tannin texture as well as noticeable freshness and astringency. A wine that will require time to mature.

94-95/100

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The polish and integration of fruit and tannins are very impressive, with a caressing texture and a fruity finish. It's balanced and transparent. Brightness shines through.

16.5/20

JANCIS ROBINSON/JAMES LAWTHER

Deep colour. Intense, floral and fragrant. Smooth texture, the tannins fully integrated. Plenty of freshness and grip on the finish. Structure to age a bit. Should be a good buy.

92/100

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Couleur sombre et intense. Nez très aromatique, au fruité mûr. Minutieux en entrée de bouche, avec un gras fin parcourant le palais, le vin fond en bouche et s'étire long, savoureux, certes pour l'instant un brin boisé, cependant, dans l'ensemble je ne l'ai jamais trouvé aussi délicieux. Je suis ravi que Potensac revienne à cette hauteur.

92-94/100

JEB DUNNUCK

A Merlot-forward blend of 41% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 22% Cabernet Franc that's being raised 12 months in 20% new barrels, the 2025 Château Potensac comes from a château that does well in ripe vintages, and this is no exception. Its deep purple hue is followed by a great nose of ripe cherries, currants, sappy tobacco, and graphite. On the palate, it's medium-bodied, with a pure, focused, nicely balanced mouthfeel, good acidity (the pH is 3.57), and ripe, polished tannins. Readers should buy a case or more of this for drinking over the coming 30 years.

88-91/100

LE FIGARO/ELLA LISTER & BEATRICE DELMOTTE



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Les fleurs poudrées et poivrées ouvrent un nez tendre et suave, avant que des notes de fruits sucrés et de bonbons ne prennent le relais. Fraîche et subtile, la bouche est plaisante, avec un fruit aigre-doux et riche, des tanins veloutés et enveloppants.

94-96/100

PAOLO BARACCHINO

92-93/100

RVF/OLIVIER POELS

Particulièrement abouti, ce millésime séduit par son fruit noir franc et juteux. La fraîcheur, maîtrisée, apporte du relief à une structure tannique bien intégrée. L'ensemble, à la fois dynamique et harmonieux, compose un vin savoureux et très séduisant.

94-95/100

TERRE DE VINS/MATHIEU DOUMENGE

Potensac s'affirme sur un profil sérieux, assez droit dans ses bottes, déclinant son profil droit tout en s'avérant plein, juteux, séveux. C'est une belle interprétation du millésime, qui combine la partie charnue, gourmande, avec la structure saillante et crayeuse qui le caractérise. À suivre de près.

91-93+/100

THE DRINKS BUSINESS/COLIN HAY

Really suave and svelte, plump, plush and fresh with impressive density too despite the quite ample frame. Succulent, racy and impressively complex, with the Cabernet Franc bringing lots of freshness, a little cedar and a delicate florality.

92-94/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER/JEFF LEVE

Another in a string of top vintages for Potensac, the core of the wine is marked by its display of black currants, flowers, tobacco, and underbrush. Energetic, crisp, and dark, the wine leaves you with a chewy, savory-edged finish. Drink from 2030-2050.



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91-93/100

THE WINE DOCTOR/CHRIS KISSACK

I like the nose here, showing dark and savoury, with a little piquancy and crystalline character to it. The palate is complex, with perfumed dark berries, currants, incense and vanilla pod, with a lithe energy, the fruit draped over a dense frame of tannins. It comes perfumed with gorse flower and lavender, while the finish feels dense and long. A smart Potensac this year with good potential. It is a blend of 41% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Cabernet Franc, picked at a yield of 28 hl/ha. The harvest was the earliest ever at Potensac, starting on September 12th. The fruit was sorted by tri-optique, the densitometry kit having been sent to Nenin.

89-92/100

THE WINE INDEPENDENT/IVAR BJUNER

Fine and balanced wine with sweet, fruity notes and a peppery, tannic backbone. The wine feels a little singular and would need time to evolve and flesh out. Should be good for mid term drinking though.

92-94/100

THE WINE PALATE/LISA PERROTTI-BROWN

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2025 Potensac swans out with showy notes of wild blueberries, red currant jelly, and lavender oil, opening out to hints of pencil lead and bouquet garni. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers great tension with fine-grained tannins and vibrant red and blue fruit layers, finishing minerally. The blend is 41% Merlot, 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 22% Cabernet Franc. It has a pH of 3.57 and the alcohol is 13.5%. The wine is aging for 12 months in French barriques, 20% new.

91/100

TIM ATKIN/ROD SMITH

91-93/100

VINOUS/ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2025 Potensac has a lot to offer. Dark and savory, the 2025 presents an attractive mélange of strong savory/earthy inflections and dark-fleshed fruit. A burst of floral notes punctuates the finish. The 2025 will need a few



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years in bottle, but it has quite a bit of potential.

91-93/100

VINOUS/NEAL MARTIN

The 2025 Potensac was cropped at 28hl/ha between September 12 and 22. Matured in 20% new oak barrels, this has quite a flaboyant bouquet with layers of black cherry, blueberry and violet, almost Margaux-like in style, with a touch of pencil shavings underneath. The palate is medium-bodied with edgy tannins on the entry, quite powerful, a little sapid, good density and a muscular finish that should be tempered during its élevage plus bottle age. Long-term Potensac.

92/100

VINUM/ADRIAN VAN VELSEN

Tiefdunkel, mit strahlender Beerenfrucht, ein Hauch Zartbitterschokolade, Orangenblüten, steinige Nuancen; am Gaumen saftig, mit feinsten Tanninen und einer beeindruckenden Frische, kompakt, voller Leben und mit langem, salinem Abgang.

91-93/100

WINE ADVOCATE/WILLIAM KELLEY

This estate is always reliable, but I was taken aback by just how good the 2025 Potensac is. A blend of 37% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc and the rest Merlot, from vines averaging over 60 years of age, it offers up aromas of dark berries, crème de cassis and iris, followed by a medium- to full-bodied, layered and concentrated palate with excellent density, high-quality tannins and a long, perfumed finish. The 2025 may well be the best wine ever produced at this estate.

91-92/100

XL-VINS/XAVIER LACOMBE

95-96/100

YVES BECK

Fraîcheur et énergie sont les premiers qualificatifs qui me viennent à l'esprit en dégustant Potensac 2025. Le Merlot et les Cabernets rappellent à quel point ils s'entendent en affichant une symbiose optimale qui favorise autant



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les côtés charmants que vifs et frais. Dense et tonique en attaque, le vin s'illustre par sa vigueur et son tempérament. Ses tannins, charnus et musclés, vont de pair avec le caractère incisif et structurant de l'acidité. Il s'en retrouve harmonieux, précis et salivant. Quelle aptitude impressionnante à si bien combiner énergie, fraîcheur et élégance !



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