

# CHÂTEAU CROIX MOUTON 2019

## *Tasting Notes*



### **90/100 JEFF LEVE**

Already accessible, this delicious, medium-bodied crowd-pleaser is going to be great on release. All its soft, round, fruity, earthy, ripe fruits surrounded by licorice, smoke, cocoa with light floral notes will be just perfect for near-term drinking. It is hard to find a better Bordeaux value wine these days.

### **92+p. IZAK LITWAR**

Croix Mouton – one of several estates on Right Bank belonging to Jean-Philippe Janoueix, who's based in Libourne. He owns in addition 20 Mille, La Confession and Cap St. Georges, and stands for running/making wine at Sacre Coeur and La Croix St. Georges.

70 ha, just outside Fronsac appellation and close to Dordogne river, the blend here is 96% Merlot + 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14.2% alcohol, alcoholic fermentation at max. 26/27 degrees C, ageing in 20% oak and rest in vats. Not as powerful as 2018 but more precise and with bigger depth. It's an extremely seductive and attractive effort filled up with perfectly ripe blackberries and sweet tannin. Fine structure and fine fruity, smooth and lingering finish. Probably the best CM ever produced. For the price it'll make a great qpr in this vintage!

### **89-90/100 YVES BECK**

96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Vignoble de 70 ha sur sols argilo-limoneux. L'âge moyen des ceps est de 38 ans. En 2019 la production a atteint 42hl/ha, soit environ 285 000 bouteilles.

Pourpre violacé dense. Ce bouquet est juvénile et se révèle lentement. Il laisse apparaître des notes de cassis, du poivre noir et de la fraîcheur. Caractère fruité et compact en bouche. Les tannins sont bien intégrés et la structure soutient idéalement l'expression aromatique. Un vin sapide et rafraîchissant.

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