


Synthèse notes Primeurs Château Lafon-Rochet 2022

<p>Antonio Galloni <small>presents</small> vinous <small>explore all things wine</small></p> <p>95-97</p>	<p>« The 2022 Lafon-Rochet is fabulous. Once again, Lafon-Rochet is the most elegant wine in Saint-Estèphe. There's a bit more richness and mid-palate intensity than in the past, likely a combination of the year and the approach of the new team headed by Technical Director Christophe Congé, who was formerly at Lafite-Rothschild. The 2022 signals a new era for the château that is likely to see a greater focus on selection and a slightly richer style. Even so, the signatures of Lafon-Rochet are evident. It's an exciting time. »</p>
<p><i>Yves Beck</i></p> <p>95-96</p>	<p>« Le bouquet de Lafon Rochet se révèle avec une belle intensité au travers de notes épicées, crayeuses et fruitées. Invitants parfums de mûres et de sureau. En bouche le vin a de l'ampleur, de la puissance. Il est bien tenu par des compacts aux grains fins en phase avec la fraîcheur de la structure. Le vin est harmonieux, sphérique, précis et persistant. Finale légèrement saline, de longue persistance. Une très belle réussite. »</p>
<p></p> <p>94-96</p>	<p>« Château Lafon-Rochet, with its ample clay layers, faced the dry and scorching 2022 vintage with ease. This wine embodies the nobility of Pauillac and the robustness of Saint-Estèphe. Its remarkable concentration is complemented by the clarity of the body, which left me pleasantly surprised. The aromas of violet, cedar, tar, and graphite blend like an orchestration of Wagnerian proportions. In my opinion, this vintage is destined to be a glorious moment for Château Lafon-Rochet, heralding the return of the "Valkyrie". »</p>
<p>Decanter</p> <p>95</p>	<p>« An exceptional wine in 2022. Fresh and fragrant lovely strawberry and red cherry notes on the nose. Smooth and round, generous and deep, a lovely immediate intensity of flavour while keeping a sleek and tense expression. Gorgeous weight in the mouth, supple, and nicely fruited but with density and roundness. Feels really well worked, so defined and detailed, a lovely precision. Nothing feels out of place and it has a very drinkable and approachable quality, still with a dark liquorice and dark chocolate edge and some graphite touches. Extremely complete and well made with control and finesse. Total acidity: 3.35. 3.77pH. »</p>




 <p>95</p>	<p>« Ma meilleure note donnée à ce cru en Primeur 17.5 // 95 Couleur noire, aux reflets pourpres. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur et complexe. Bouche superbe de chair et d'éclat fruité, où le vin se développe complet, gras et profond. Très bonne longueur sans angle tannique. Assemblage : 65 % cabernet sauvignon, 31 % merlot, 4 % cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 14°5 - pH : 3,77. IPT : 83. Rendement : 29 hl/ha. 2034 – 206 »</p>
<p><i>Terre de Vins</i></p> <p>95</p>	<p>« Toujours intéressant avec ses argiles bleues enrobant de douceur la puissance inhérente à l'appellation et au millésime. Très beau bouquet livrant réglisse, prune croquante, framboise et effluves floraux (31% de beaux merlots), les tanins nombreux, frais, fins, ne masquent pas un milieu de bouche onctueux. Déjà gourmand. »</p>
 <p>94-96</p>	<p>« Rich in color, the wine is floral, with pepper, spice, tobacco leaf, currants, and blackberries. Medium-bodied, fresh, soft, ripe, round, and polished, with blackberries, black cherries, chocolate, spice, and cedar nuances. The fruits are fresh, bright, and creamy. Give this just a few years in the bottle and it promise to be even better! The wine was made from blending 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet Franc. 14.5% ABV, 3.77 pH. This is the first vintage with the new owner, Jackie Lorenzetti, and the team of Emmanuel Cruse, fully in charge. Drink from 2025-2045. »</p>
<p>JEB DUNNUCK</p> <p>94-95+</p>	<p>« One of the bigger, more structured wines in Saint-Estèphe, the 2022 Château Lafon-Rochet checks in as 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc. Ripe blackcurrants, smoky blue fruits, scorched earth, and chocolate all define the aromatics, and this concentrated, medium to full-bodied, powerful wine has ample mid-palate depth, ripe yet significant tannins, and a great finish. It's not for the instant gratification crowd and is going to need 7-8 years, if not a decade, of cellaring. It's a beautiful wine though, worthy of purchasing and cellaring. »</p>
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<p>JAMES SUCKLING.COM</p> <p>94-95</p>	<p>« This shows a terrific tannin backbone with blackcurrants and berries. Medium body. Solid fruit. Vivid. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 31% merlot and 4% cabernet franc. »</p>



 94-95	<p>« Premier millésime intégralement vinifié depuis le rachat par la famille Lorenzetti. Le vin est d'une très belle définition, charnu et très équilibré. Un très beau classique de Saint-Estèphe, promis à un bel avenir. »</p>
<p>JANE ANSON <small>INSIDE BORDEAUX</small></p> 93-95	<p>« Baked plum, damson, black pepper, edges of cut herbs and dried rose petals, campfire smoke and soot. This is intense but has an aromatic quality that hugs through the palate, and the tannins are plentiful but well controlled. 50% new oak plus some large oak casks, and 400l barrels; almost 60% 1st wine, down from 70% last year (in a better vintage this year, really an indication of the focus on quality under the new team). Harvest September 12 to 27. Eric Boissenot consultant together with director Christophe Congé, ex Lafite, in his first full vintage. As of 2024 this will be the first Cru Classé in St Estèphe to be certified organic. »</p>
<p>falstaff</p> 94	<p>« Deep dark ruby in colour with an opaque core, purple reflections, and subtle bright ening on the rim. On the nose, aromas of fine herbal spices, black cherry, and blackberry confit. The palate is powerful and taut with good freshness, dark nougat and an accentuated minerality on the finish, with ripe plum and cherry notes on the aftertaste. A textured food wine with the potential for further development. »</p>
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 93-95	<p>« A blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, and 4% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 Lafon-Rochet has a pH of 3.77 and a TPI of 83. It has a deep garnet-purple color and after a bit of shaking it erupts with intense scents of fresh blackcurrants, black raspberries, and kirsch, followed by hints of underbrush, camphor and iron ore. The full-bodied palate is concentrated and yet possesses lovely freshness, featuring ripe, grainy tannins and loads of mineral sparks which lift the ripe black fruit to a long finish. Impressive effort for the first full vintage under the new management ! »</p>
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<p>vinous NEAL MARTIN</p> <p>92-94</p>	<p>« The 2022 Lafon-Rochet was picked from 12 September and over 10 consecutive days at a fairly leisurely pace since the conditions were so clement. After just one day, the juice was already dark red, so the team were prudent with extraction. Quite classic in style, this offers blackberry, light wild strawberry and iris flower scents. Backward at first, it then opens gradually with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannins. I admire the balance and precision of this Lafon-Rochet, real finesse here and quite a "cool" and refined finish that fans out with a sense of confidence and composure. Bon vin. »</p>
<p>bettane + desseave</p> <p>93</p>	<p>« Grande couleur, vin bien équilibré, complexe, d'une texture élégante et maîtrisée, mais n'égalant pas le jour de notre dégustation celle de quelques-uns de ses pairs. Le cru se révèle souvent sa force tranquille en bouteille. »</p>
<p>WINE DOCTOR</p> <p>91-93</p>	<p>« This is the first true vintage from Christophe Congé who took over here after the Lorenzetti purchase. The blend is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, Christophe feeling that the Cabernet Franc worked well on the terroir, and was better for the blend than the Petit Verdot. A dark, focused and sweet sense of concentration on the nose, with layers of sweet dark chocolate, currants, mint and rose petals, the latter elements coming to the fore as part of an attractive, floral bouquet. The palate is immediately glossy and broad, with a rich and polished upper surface, riven with firm, tight-knit and integrated tannins, and a fresh twist of perfumed berry fruits, along with complex layers of dark chocolate, coffee bean, black pepper and black bean. The structure is firm and grippy, appropriate for the vintage, with a long shimmer of ripe, cohesive and tight tannins in the finish. And it is long too. A very good Lafon-Rochet this year, although it does not seem to have moved on from what Basile Tesseron once gave us. Perhaps the new team here need more time to get in the groove. The alcohol is 14.5%. Tasted twice. 91-93/100 »</p>
<p> WINE ADVOCATE</p> <p>90-92</p>	<p>« The inaugural vintage for winemaker Christophe Congé, the 2022 Lafon-Rochet is an ambitiously styled blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc. Offering up aromas of crème de cassis, burning embers and loamy soil, it's medium to full-bodied, broad and velvety, with supple, generously extracted tannins and a rather lavish, demonstrative profile. It's a wine crafted to grab one's attention, but if élevage is kind to it, it may make my score seem conservative. »</p>

