



CHATEAU PICHON LONGUEVILLE

COMTESSE DE LALANDE



2021

REVUE DE **PRESSE**  
**PRESS** REVIEW



*“2021 réunit la colère du ciel, l’âme de la terre,  
l’orgueil de la vigne et la volonté des hommes !”*

*“2021 brings together the wrath of heaven, the  
soul of the earth, the glory of the vine and the  
will of man!”*

– Nicolas GLUMINEAU



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## LES NOTES - RATINGS

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VINOUS / Antonio GALLONI	96-98/100	« Don't miss it »
WEINWISSER	19/20	« Im konzentrierten, ewig langen Finale explodiert der Pauillac... »
BETTANE + DESSEAUVE	97/100	-
YVES BECK	96-97/100	« Le vin est ample et doté de tannins précis, puissants »
DECANTER	96/100	« An impressive sensation of density, structure and compactness. Superb »
JEB DUNNUCK	94-96+/100	« It's another incredible success from this team »
THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER	94-96/100	« This is a modern-classically styled vintage for Pichon Lalande »
ALEXANDRE MA	94-96/100	-
THE WINE ADVOCATE	94-95+/100	« Is a terrific wine »
JANE ANSON	95/100	« The signature finesse and elegance »
JAMES SUCKLING	94-95/100	« Firm and polished with a long, intense finish »
VINOUS / Neal MARTIN	93-95/100	« A cerebral proposition for serious Pauillac lovers »
WEINGABRIEL	19/20	-
TERRE DE VINS	96-97/100	« Un très long potentiel de garde et de l'élégance »
ANTHOCYANES	95-97/100	« La sensation de croquer un beau raisin avec de beaux tanins fins. Bravo! »
THE DRINKS BUSINESS	94-96/100	« An impressive sensation of density, structure and compactness. »



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FALSTAFF	94/100	<i>«Structured wine with great ageing potential»</i>
WINE DOCTOR	92-94/100	<i>«It has an open, accessible and attractive style»</i>
B MY BORDEAUX	96-98/100	<i>«Lovely balance and energy to it, long finish»</i>
KEN WIJN MAGAZINE	19/20	-
MATTHEW JUKES	18.5/20	<i>«In 2021 it deserves to have a strong following»</i>
JANCIS ROBINSON	17/20	<i>«Balanced and harmonious»</i>
LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE	93-94/100	<i>«Le vin est droit, séveux, longiligne et très ciselé»</i>
JEAN MARC QUARIN	94/100	<i>«Très bien construit et savoureux»</i>
LE POINT	17/20	<i>«Fruité éclatant, gourmand»</i>
JACQUES PERRIN	95/100	<i>«La fermeté paillacoise et la race du cru apparaît en finale»</i>



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## REVUE DE PRESSE – PRESS REVIEW

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Antonio Galloni  
**vinous**  
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96-98/100

**D**o you want the good news or the bad news first? Let's start with the good. The 2021 Pichon Comtesse is epic and certainly among the great wines of this vintage. Sadly, the coulure and mildew in the first year of organic farming plus dehydration at the end of the growing season took with it fully two thirds of the crop. In other words, there's not much wine to go around. Rich and sumptuous in the glass, yet clocking in at 12.9% alcohol, the 2021 is beautifully layered and totally sensual from the very first taste. Hints of red fruit, flowers, mint, white pepper and dried savory herbs develop with a bit of coaxing. The Cabernet Sauvignon, at 88%, is very high by historical standards. Quite simply, the 2021 is a tour de force from Technical Director Nicolas Glumineau and his team. If there is one wine readers will absolutely jump on en primeur it is Pichon Comtesse. Should the bottled wine turn out as well as this sample, pricing is likely to jump materially because of the tiny production. Don't miss it.

*Antonio GALLONI, le 10 Mai 2022*

## WEINWISSER

19/20

**8** 8 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 2 % Merlot, 10 % Cabernet Franc. 60 % Grand Vin, 15 hl/ha, 12,9 Vol.-%, pH 3,75. Dicht verwobenes Bouquet, betörender Iris-Duft, frischgepflückte Alpenheidelbeere, Schokopastillen, helles Graphit. Im zweiten Ansatz Pauillac at its best: frischer schwarzer Bergpfeffer, edle Cassiswürze, Havanna und getrocknete Rosenblätter. Am vibrierenden Gaumen mit seidiger Textur, alles am richtigen Platz, engmaschiges Tanningerüst, kakaoartig und perfekt geformter Körper. Im konzentrierten, ewig langen Finale explodiert der Pauillac, Waldhimbeere, Graphit und erhabene Adstringenz. Punktet dieses Jahr mit unglaublicher Präzision und Finesse, erinnert Nicolas Glumineau an 1996. 2028-2052 .

*Tjark WITZGALL, le 30 Mai 2022*



*Yves Beck*

96-97/100

**2**021 a été compliqué, de surcroît en première année de conversion vers □ agriculture biologique. La qualité est bien entendu au rendez-vous, mais le rendement est bien maigre avec 15hl/ha, Le bouquet est précis, bien typé, avec des nuances de baies noires, d'eucalyptus, d'iris et de graphite. Le vin est ample et doté de tannins précis, puissants. L'expression aromatique est bien soulignée en fin de bouche et idéalement appuyée par la structure. La finale s'en retrouve intensifiée et étirée. Un Pichon Comtesse qui mettra un peu de baume au coeur des équipes de Pichon qui ont su relever le défi !

*Yves BECK, le 16 Mai 2022*

**Decanter**  
the world's best wine magazine

96/100

**T**his is Cocoa powder, iris notes, pink roses and black fruits - so fragrant - you just want to smell the wines in 2021 for hours. This is a seriously impressive Comtesse and stands out as one of my favourite wines of the vintage with real promise. Power and depth from the get go, tannins are massy, softly fleshy but also provide support and structure, giving layers to the fruit and savoury elements that combine clove, cedar, cola, vanilla and cinnamon with teeth-coating liquorice and graphite too - the soft salinity entering towards the finish. It's concentrated and serious with a tightly knitted core, a consequence of the tiny yields and strict selection as well as the highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend since 2013. I love the terroir signature on show in the glass as well as an overall sense of retaining elegance and finesse. A top buy for me! 3.76pH, 75IPT. 18-19 months ageing. Tasted twice. Drinking Window 2027 - 2045

*Georgina HINDLE, le 1er Avril 2022*



## JEB DUNNUCK

94-96+ /100

One of the gems in the vintage is the 2021 Château Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, a Cabernet Sauvignon-heavy blend that includes 10% Cabernet Franc and just 2% Merlot, aging in 60% new barrel. Yields here were devastated due to mildew and poor flowering, and the final wine comes from a horrific 15 hectoliters per hectare. The final alcohol hit 13%, and it has a healthy pH of 3.69 and an IPT of 75. In addition, a fair bit of press wine was used this year. Regardless of the numbers and technical data, the wine is brilliant and offers a pure, seamless, medium to full-bodied style carrying notes of dark currants, liquid violets, graphite, and chalky minerality. Possessing ultra-fine tannins, beautiful mid-palate depth, and a great finish, it's going to benefit from 7-8 years of bottle age and be a long-lived Pauillac. It's another incredible success from this team.

*Jeb DUNNUCK, le 2 Juin 2022*

## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

94-96/100

With a nice depth of color for the vintage, you find flowers, blackberries, black cherries, tobacco wrapper, cigar box, and spice in the nose. There is a sweetness to the fruit, combined with salinity, soft tannins, and freshness on the palate, finishing with a strong touch of salt that accompanies the peppery, chewy red fruits in the endnote. This is a modern-classically styled vintage for Pichon Lalande. The wine blends 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 2% Merlot. 12.9% ABV. pH 3.75. This is the second-highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in the history of the estate. The harvest took place from September 22 ending October 5. Yields were incredibly low at only 15 hectoliters per hectare, almost 70% below a normal harvest. Drink from 2025-2055.

*Jeff LEVE, le 18 Mai 2022*



JANE ANSON  
INSIDE BORDEAUX

95/100

**C**oncentrated, with mint leaf, black chocolate, cassis and blueberry, spice, and clear tannic hold. This is the highest level of Cabernet Sauvignon in Comtesse since 2013 when it was 100% Cabernet (and 13hl/h yield) and you feel it in the character of the fruit, and the tension through the core. A more serious Comtesse than we have got used to in recent years, without sacrificing the signature finesse and elegance. IPT 76. Tasted twice. Harvest September 22 through to October 6. First year of organic conversion, 60% of production in 1st wine, 15hl/h yield, 3.76ph. 65% new oak for ageing.

*Jane ANSON, le 12 Mai 2022*



94-95+/100

**T**his estate is one of the most dynamic in contemporary Bordeaux, so it's no surprise that the 2021 Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande is a terrific wine—though it's a very atypical blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc and 2% Merlot, cropped at a derisory 15 hectoliters per hectare, hints at what a challenging year this was in the vineyards. Unwinding in the glass with aromas of wild berries, blackcurrants, iris, licorice, black truffles, cigar wrapper and sweet soil tones, it's medium to full-bodied, layered and textural, with beautifully refined tannins, lively acids and a supple but serious profile. It will see 60% new oak and, in all likelihood, a classical élevage of fully 18 months.

*William KELLEY, le 29 Avril 2022*

JAMES SUCKLING.COM 

94-95/100

**T**his is really spicy with peppercorns, cloves and Chinese spices, especially on the finish. Blackcurrants, too. Medium-bodied, firm and polished with a long, intense finish. 88% cabernet sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc and 2% merlot.

*James SUCKLING, le 25 Mai 2022*

Antonio Galloni  
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93-95/100

**T**he 2021 Pichon-Longueville Comtesse de Lalande needs more coaxing from the glass than previous vintages. Blackberry, juniper and iris flower scents reluctantly unfold, though tasting a second glass, I found the nose more forthcoming. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. The Cabernet is in the driving seat, imparting black fruit, a touch of graphite and chimney soot. Edgy, with a structured and quite serious if slightly short finish. A cerebral proposition for serious Pauillac lovers. 2026-2050.

*Neal MARTIN, le 13 Mai 2022*



## B My Bordeaux

96-98/100

**8** 8CS 10CF 2M Ruby. Blackberries, anise, spices, dark fruits, some vanilla, nuanced nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, blackberries, spices, detailed, layered and nuanced, lovely balance and energy to it, long finish. 12,9% alcohol.

*Christer BYKLUM, le 18 Mai 2022*



92-94/100

**I**n 2021 Pichon-Lalande is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, with 2% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, picked at a drastically reduced yield of 15 hl/ha, perhaps a marker of the property's recent shift into organic viticulture? Aromatically it majors in somewhat dried berry fruits, a little dusty in style, with perfumed rose petal, iris, white peach and cherry. The palate is delicately poised, with a more confident middle, showing a nicely formed substance here, underpinned by a ripe grip of tannins. This feels gently polished with medium-bodied presence, but it feels sinewy and lithe rather than soft or yielding. It has an open, accessible and attractive style, with a dry tannic grip, and a fresh and sappy flourish of fruit at the end. An attractive if lighter style of Pichon-Lalande this year, communicating the style of the vintage. The alcohol is 12.9%.

*Chris KISSACK, le 17 Mai 2022*

## the drinks business

94-96/100

**P**auillac; 88% Cabernet Sauvignon; 10% Cabernet Franc; 2% Merlot; 13% alcohol; a final yield, tragically, of just 15 hl/ha; tasted at Pichon Comtesse de Lalande overlooking the river. Lovely violets and cedar wrapped around the black cherry fruit, with subtle cassis notes peaking though. This is quite closed at first, but it opens beautifully in the glass. It has that gloriously sumptuous texture that is the very essence of Pichon Comtesse de Lalande – present really in all recent vintages. It is, as ever, luminous, with lots of finely-pixelated detail and with that lovely sinuous, gliding, glossy crystalline limpid mid-palate. There is also an impressive sensation of density, structure and compactness. Superb, but not quite at the level of the miraculous 2018-2020

*Colin HAY, le 18 Mai 2022*

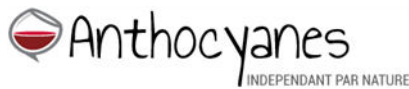
**falstaff**  
GENIESSEN WEIN ESSEN REISEN

94/100

**D**eep almost opaque ruby core, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Elegant wood spice nuances, a touch of nougat, a hint of cardamom and candied orange zest. Complex and substantial palate offering, blackberry nuances, well-integrated, supporting tannins, chocolate notes on the finish. A structured wine with great ageing potential. Stylistically as closed as Latour is rare.

*Peter MOSER, le 13 Mai 2022*





95-97/100

**A**ssemblages réalisés. 15 hl/ha après tri. 12.9% vol. pH : 3,75. Élégant, fruité, iris, réglisse, légèrement racinaire, boisé fondu et touche mentholée pour un bouquet parfaitement mur et délicat. La bouche est longue, juteuse, persistante avec une trame acide très agréable et de très beaux tanins, notamment en finale. Presque aérien, une droiture délicate et la sensation de croquer un beau raisin avec de beaux tanins fins. Bravo !

*Yohan CASTAING, le 6 Mai 2022*



93-94/100

**E**n conversion bio, le château a été victime des affres du millésime. La coulure et le mildiou ont ravagé une partie de la récolte, principalement les merlots, et le rendement final est de 15 hl/h. Le vin est droit, séveux, longiligne et très ciselé, mais avec un petit manque de chair en milieu de bouche. Il s'étire bien.

*Le 3 Mai 2022*



96-97/100

**A**vec son premier nez marqué par l'élevage et les arômes de cabernet sauvignon bien mûrs, on s'attendait à une bouche corsée. Il n'en est rien car le palais combine soyeux, chair fine, fait rare sur l'appellation, une fraîcheur justement dosée allongeant la finale. Un très long potentiel de garde et de l'élégance.

*Sylvie TONNAIRE, le 29 Avril 2022*



94/100

**B**elle couleur sombre et soutenue. Nez très aromatique, fin, fruité et pur. Tendre à l'attaque, juteux en milieu de bouche, le vin caresse le palais, agréable, très bien construit et savoureux. Il s'achève sur une bonne longueur, sans jamais marquer le tannin. Assemblage : 88 % cabernet sauvignon, 10 % cabernet franc, 2 % merlot. Degré d'alcool : 12°9 - pH : 3,75 - IPT : 76. Rendement : 15 hl/ha, soit 70 % de moins que la normale. Le cru a été affecté par la coulure et le mildiou. Pour sa première année de conversion bio, ça a été une grosse épreuve. Dates de vendanges : du 22 septembre au 8 octobre. 2030-2048.

*Jean Marc QUARIN le 28 Avril 2022*



Jancis Robinson  
JancisRobinson.com

17/20

Characteristic elegance but the Pauillac character still evident. Fragrant nose with dark-fruit and floral notes and just a hint of chocolate. Persistent fruit through the mid palate with finely edged tannins. Well structured with good energy and drive, the finish persistent. Balanced and harmonious.

*James LAWTHER, le 13 Mai 2022*

## Le Point

17/20

Les affres d'une météorologie imprévisible et assassine auront mis à l'épreuve nos certitudes, notre persévérance et notre conviction de vouloir convertir Pichon-Comtesse en agriculture biologique », dit joliment Nicolas Glumineau, qui évidemment persévère dans son engagement. 88% cabernet-sauvignon, 10% cabernet franc, 2% merlot. Un très fort taux de cabernet sauvignon cette année (pour mémoire 77% pour le millésime 2020) et cela lui va bien. Des arômes de fruits frais, bouche en prise de bois, fruité éclatant, gourmand, assez long, petits tanins éveillés en finale. 2026-2041.

*Jacques DUPONT & Olivier BOMPAS, le 18 Mai 2022*

matthewjukes

18.5/20

Lalande has made another love story to Cabernet Sauvignon in 2021, and it is thrillingly pure and direct on the nose and palate, and the slender chassis are also riveting. The oak is fairly firm, adding delicious detail to the overall experience. There is a keen edge to this wine that is both refreshing and also uplifting, and it will propel it forwards for thirty or more years with ease. I am falling for Lalandes newfound confidence and flair, and in 2021 it deserves to have a strong following.

*Matthew JUKES, le 18 Mai 2022*

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PLATEAUX  
Le blog de Jacques Perrin

95/100

Très beau nez de ronce, raffiné, floral, caractéristique du cru. Bouche fine et élégante, qui cache bien sa force dans des tanins satinés et enrobés, mais la fermeté pauillaise et la race du cru apparaît en finale. L'élevage pourrait lui profiter et l'étoffer encore. À suivre.

*Jacques PERRIN, le 23 Mai 2022*