



Primeurs 2022

97-100/100 “This inky hued beauty offers that rare mix of power and elegance and offers ample cassis and assorted blue fruits, full-bodied richness, an opulent, concentrated, yet flawlessly balanced mouthfeel, velvety tannins, and plenty of classic Saint-Julien violets, espresso roast, and crushed stone-like minerality. Despite its incredible concentration and depth, it stays beautifully balanced. In a region that seems to only talk about finesse and elegance, it's a relief to still have producers such as this producing powerful, intense, singular wines. Hats off to the Cuvelier family and their team.”

Jeb Dunnuck - 10/05/2023

19,5/20 “Well, I have never tasted a wine like '22 Poyferré before because this is an absolute gem of a wine. This astonishing wine is a pinpoint accurate combination of power, fruit integrity, carefully controlled concentration, vital freshness and an immensely long finish. This is already a legendary Poyferré, and it is only half-made. I expect the rest of its élevage to bring even more composure and distinction. This wine completely blows me away as every element I look for in a great wine is here, and the assembly is precision personified.”

Matthew Jukes – 15/05/2023

99/100 “Couleur sombre, intense, pourpre et belle. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur et subtil. Touche crémeuse à l'agitation. Bouche toute en minutie fondante, avec de l'éclat dans le goût, un corps moelleux, d'une profondeur supérieure à d'habitude. Complexe, énergique, le vin évolue sur une puissance bien contrôlée, sur une grande finale à la tannicité noble. C'est tellement troublant.”

Jean-Marc Quarin - 16/04/2023

97-99/100 “Deeply colored, the floral display in the nose gets even better as you encounter black cherries, currants, licorice, tobacco leaf, cassis, and an array of spices. The palate provides layers of silky, fresh, pure, deep red berries. The wine is dense, concentrated, sweet, ripe, fresh, and polished. There is a wonderful sense of purity in the fruit. Effortless to taste, and even easier to drink, the wine exudes sensuality, and complexity from start to finish.”

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider - 04/05/2023

19/20 “Dichtes, samtenees, tiefgründiges, komplexes Bouquet, schwarzer Cassis, Korinthen, dunkle Edelhölzer, Trüffel, Minze, Feuerstein. Kraftvoller, vielschichtiger, samtener Gaumen mit kräftiger, schwarzer Frucht, viel feinem Tannin, muskulöser, eleganter Struktur, vielfältiger, kräftiger, dunkler Aromatik, sehr langer, aromatischer Abgang mit vielen Rückaromen.”

Wine Gabriel, Rene Gabriel – 16/05/2023

98/100 “Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Intense and concentrated yet elegant nose with refined fruit reminiscent of blackcurrants, black cherries, plums and elderberries. Opulent style with mild spices, vanilla, excellent toasting and subtle, well integrated oak. Velvety character on the palate with impressing tannin structure, well balanced with excellent fruit and fine spiciness. Excellent length with a multi-layered finish. A truly energetic Léoville Poyferré with freshness and tension.”

Markus Del Monego – 23/04/2023

97-98/100 “Voilà un vin impressionnant, sanguin et ample. Il libère des arômes de fruits noirs et rouges avec intensité et enrobe le palais. Persistant et chaleureux, il termine sur des notes mentholées fraîches.”

La RVF - 05/09/2023

96-98/100 “There is a beautiful perfume on the nose, with a dark and precisely defined fruit profile, black plum and scented cherry, with inky veins of cocoa bean, tobacco and soot. as well as perfumed notes of verbena, lavender and peach. The palate shows superb harmony, initially caressing the palate with glossy black and perfumed fruits, intertwined with the same floral notes seen on the nose, and it retains control of the palate through the middle, keeping the subframe of finely grained tannins hidden from view, even though you can sense them, draped with dark chocolate and smouldering tobacco, through the curtain of fruit. This is stunningly good, with dark, savoury, tobacco-infused fruits running through to the finish. An excellent result, with a long simmering grip of ripe tannins. Top.”

Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor - 08/05/2023

96-98/100 “Très invitant de par sa pluralité et son charme, le bouquet de Poyferré révèle des parfums de sureau, de réglisse et de graphite ainsi qu'une touche de lavande. En bouche le vin surprend par sa délicatesse et son tempérament, respectivement par la symbiose qui en résulte. Le vin me semble prudent et conquérant à la fois. On relèvera également la symbiose entre la tension de la structure acide avec des tannins puissants est convaincante. J'y vois une forme de sagesse. Tout s'installe lentement, le côté crémeux assure une certaine ampleur tandis que les tannins se révèlent sans éclat mais avec vigueur.”

Yves Beck, Beckustator – 17/04/2023

96-97/100 “Riche et frais, Poyferré arbore sa signature habituelle, sur une concentration parfaitement équilibrée, la menthe tonnifiant le fruit noir. Une belle démonstration d'amplitude et de définition dans la texture, tous les curseurs sont mis assez haut avec une intégration parfaite des tannins, une arrête acide qui canalise la jutosité, une certaine vibration sanguine. Très réussi.”

Terre de Vins - 09/05/2023

18/20 “Fruits noirs, pain, bouche souple, onctueuse, tanins veloutés ; droit, plein, finale serrée, juteuse. Très bon potentiel.”

Jacques Dupont, Le Point – 25/05/2023

96-98/100 “Robe soutenue avec un nez intense, sur le cèdre, la réglisse, les fruits noirs. Très bel ensemble, juteux, ascendant, énergique et fin à la fois. Belle finale stylée.”

Jacques Perrin, 1000 Plateaux – 17/05/2023

96-97/100 “A very solid LP with black berry, blackcurrant, crushed stone and lavender character. Full and really well structured with a linear length to it. Focused and so polished. Thoughtful.”

James Suckling - 19/04/2023

97/100 “Deep dark ruby, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Nuances of ripe plums, fine herbal spice, tobacco, a hint of nougat. Elegant, juicy, ripe cherries, fresh structure, discreet fruit accompanied by a mineral, citrus touch on the finish, versatile.”

Falstaff – 12/05/2023

96/100 “Another excellent showcase for this estate run by Sara Lecompte Cuvelier. Supple, lively, fresh and round, a nice controlled core of red and black fruit - blackcurrants, cherries and violets with juicy acidity and lean tannins that are fine and well integrated. This feels powerful and concentrated no doubt but the strength comes underneath the fruit and acidity, like a creeping tiger waiting to pounce. Lovely frame and execution, feels on the more opulent and potent side but the acidity and tannin definition is brilliant and this has a really drinkable and moreish quality.”

Georgina Hindle, Decanter – 17/05/2023

96/100 “Dense and succulent fruit and tannins, beautifully powerful, with fresh acidities, beautifully spicy with notes of black cherries, fresh figs, eucalyptus, rosemary, rose petals and cassis. Muscular tannins shot through with salted caramel sweetness, lifted by saffron and slate. Accomplished, impressive.”

Jane Anson – 17/04/2023

94-96/100 “The 2022 Léoville Poyferré is unctuous, deep and super-expressive, but not at all over-done. There's tremendous energy driving through a core of red/purplish fruit. Deceptively medium in body, the 2022 is a potent, statuesque Léoville-Poyferré that will offer many years of exceptional drinking.”

Antonio Galloni - 09/05/2023

94-96/100 “It is quintessentially LP on the nose, with those extravagant and sensual black and blueberry fruit, intermingling with crushed violet and iris. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, very harmonious and focused, perhaps more linear than expected with a velvety-smooth finish. This is a very classy, sophisticated Saint-Julien that may well rest at the top of my banded score once in bottle.”

Neal Martin – 16/05/2023

94-95/100 “In the 2022 vintage, Château Léoville Poyferré masterfully achieved a harmonious palate, owing to its delicate maceration process. For a winery renowned for its opulent style, it is an impressive feat to create a fluid and potent structure, and they made it. Since 2019, I have noticed that Château Léoville Poyferré possesses the ability to unveil its "smile" even in its youth, a characteristic that is remarkably evident in the 2022 vintage. In my estimation, this particular year is akin to a sumptuous 100% dark chocolate mousse cake with a wine-infused cherry core. If only the finish could present a more vivacious fruitiness, and the tannins were further refined, it would be truly outstanding.”

Alexandre Ma – 16/05/2023