

CHATEAU
LA CONSEILLANTE

POMEROL



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The Wine Advocate 97-100 / 100

The 2022 La Conseillante is a remarkable wine that has the potential to emerge as one of the wines of the vintage. A blend of 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc, it unfurls in the glass with deep aromas of black raspberries and mulberries mingled with notions of rose petals, violets, orange zest and mint. Medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, it's velvety and enveloping, with a textural attack that segues into a multidimensional mid-palate that's framed by sweet, powdery tannins, concluding with a long, saline finish. Checking in at a very healthy pH of 3.65 and 14% alcohol, it is a beautifully supple, suave wine that retains all this estate's signature elegance but in a slightly deeper-pitched and broader-shouldered format than the profound 2020.

Jeb Dunnuck 98-100 / 100

A wine that has perfection written all over it is the 2022 Chateau La Conseillante, which is 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc that's still resting in 70% new French oak, with a tiny amount in amphora as well. Revealing a vivid purple hue, it offers a perfumed yet incredibly classy, almost discreet bouquet of crème de cassis, spring flowers, red plums, incense, and spice. This terroir never seems to yield the biggest, richest wine in a vintage, yet it's almost unrivaled in its ability to deliver complexity and elegance. Full-bodied on the palate, with ultra-fine tannins, flawless balance, and again, a purity of fruit that's just about off the charts, it's going to offer pleasure with just 4-6 years of bottle age (these usually enter their prime drinking window a decade after a vintage) and have 30-40 years of prime drinking. The 2022 hit 13.9% alcohol with a pH of 3.65.

The Drinks Business 97-99 / 100

La Conseillante, too, is utterly gracious and so completely true to its identity in recent vintages. It has the most gorgeous florality and, as ever, seems the very epitome of plateau Pomerol. I don't think I have tasted a finer vintage. And Vieux Château Certan, too, is simply joyous, a cool, calm tranquil mirror-pool of the purest and most crystalline fresh dark berry fruit that is utterly captivating.

The Wine Independent 98-100/100

A blend of 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 La Conseillante has a pH of 3.65 and is aging in 70% new oak. The yield was 33 hl/ha. It starts off with an opaque purple color, then POW! It explodes from the glass with a spectacular nose of rose oil, star anise, garrigue, and candied violets, giving way to a powerful core of blueberry preserves, juicy black plums, and Morello cherries, plus a waft of Sichuan pepper. The medium to full-bodied palate is bright, vibrant, and impactful, delivering layer upon layer of intense flavors with a super-plush texture and fantastic tension, finishing epically long and wonderfully perfumed. A masterpiece—brava, Marielle!

The Wine Cellar Insider 98-100 / 100

If you ever wondered what a chocolate, violet smells like, check out the perfume here. Dark, almost opaque in color, the wine is pure silk, and velvet on the palate. There is a sense of luxury, as well as approachability here. Viscous, deep, and concentrated, yet, also, light, elegant, sensuous, and multi-faceted, the finish, looks at the 60 second mark, and just keeps on going. This is hedonism at its best. 2022 is at the level of the perfect 2016, if not even better. This is what rock-star wine is all about. La Conseillante lovers should be all over this wine! The wine blends 87% Merlot with 13% Cabernet Franc, with 8% press wine. 14% ABV, 3.65 pH. The harvest took place September 5 - September 20. Yields were 33 hectoliters per hectare. Drink from 2027-2060.

James Suckling 98-99 / 100

This is sensational with extra fine tannins that run the length of the wine. It's medium-bodied with excellent length and so Conseillante in nature. Silky, silky, silky. Creamy texture. Flowers such as violets at the end. Love this. 87% merlot and 13% cabernet franc.

Decanter - G. Hindle 98-100/ 100

A sensational effort in 2022, utterly fabulous and one of my favourites. Smells ripe and potent, an air of opulence and richness, so perfumed and open with soft herbal and spiced elements. This wows on the palate, creamy tannins, rich but silky, so well integrated with cool, wet stone and blue fruit nuances and juicy acidity giving freshness. It manages to give with one hand and take away with the other, a supreme balancing act of providing the sumptuous power and concentration of the vintage but so delicately packaged with layers of energy, brightness and precision. Great movement and direction. Pure Pomerol power and pleasure on offer here, exciting and elegant and really feels like it's not trying too hard. 5-6% press wine. 98-100 points

Yves Beck 98-100 / 100

D'entrée La Conseillante annonce de la complexité, de la subtilité. Certes on lui connaît cela depuis belle lurette, néanmoins La Conseillante tient à souligner que 2022 n'a pas été une souffrance, mais bien plus une évidente résilience, que ce soit au niveau de la plante, du terroir ou des femmes et des hommes qui sont à son écoute pour la mener vers des sphères qualitatives irréprochables. L'attaque est comparable à du velours. Et pourtant, il y a moult éléments, beaucoup de fraîcheur, de puissance, de tonus et d'énergie. Belle harmonie dans ce vin où chaque élément se place avec pertinence, avec précision. C'est en finale que tout se joue, là où La Conseillante parvient à relever le défi de la fraîcheur, de la tension et de la salinité qui n'étaient pas des options en cadeau en 2022. Il a fallu aller les chercher ! Un vin brillant de précision et de saveurs.

Falstaff 98 / 100

Deep dark ruby in colour with an opaque core, purple reflections, and subtle brightening on the rim. On the nose, delicate nuances of fine oak and liquorice, with floral nuances, ripe red cherry, some blackberry, candied orange zest and tobacco nuances. The full-bodied palate is elegant and balanced, with fine acidity, fine berry fruit and a saline mineral finish, the wine seems incredibly light-footed and silky, with great drinking potential. A prime example of this exquisite wine.

Vinous - Neal Martin 97-99 / 100

The 2022 La Conseillante was picked at 33hL/ha between 5 and 20 September and raised in 70% new oak plus 30% in amphorae. There is 13.9% alcohol. This is quite discrete on the nose, just like L'Évangile, only really opening after several minutes. Blackberry, blueberry, hints of iris flower, perhaps more floral than L'Évangile and Cheval Blanc. The palate is medium-bodied with velvety tannins plus a fine bead of acidity. Fresh and focused, this is maybe less concentrated on the mid-palate than expected but that maintains an unerring sense of equilibrium. Tensile and very smooth with an underlying sense of strict like its aforementioned neighbors. A rough decant prizes this Pomerol open and reveals its inner core of mineralité. Anyone spending less than 15 minutes tasting this Pomerol is likely to have totally missed it. Saline both on the finish and aftertaste, Marielle Cazaux has crafted one of the most intellectual La Conseillante wines in recent years.

Vinous - Antonio Galloni 96-98 / 100

The 2022 La Conseillante is simply fabulous and also clearly one of the wines of the year. Rich, racy and enveloping to the core, the 2022 is super-impressive in this tasting. In fact, the 2022 is one of the best recent vintages I can remember tasting. All the elements are so well balanced for a young wine. Readers will find a Pomerol of stature and total class. That's all there is to it. The blend is 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc. Yields were 33 hectoliters per hectare, about normal these days. For readers who appreciate technical data, the balance of 14% alcohol and 3.66pH is an example of what makes the best wines of 2022 so compelling. This is a superb showing from Technical Director Marielle Cazaux and her team.

Bettane & Desseauve 98 / 100

Marielle Cazaux et son équipe ont trouvé le juste équilibre culturel et vinifié avec beaucoup de précision ce 2022 floral, empreint de coquetterie et d'une longueur délicate. Un bouquet magistral de violette, de pivoine et de rose poivrée précède un toucher de tannin aérien prolongé par un cœur de bouche satiné qui relance une finale d'une grande subtilité, dotée d'une persistance aromatique de grande classe.

The Wine Doctor

97 - 99 / 100

The blend in 2022 is 87% Merlot and 13% Cabernet Franc, picked at a yield of 33 hl/ha. This accounts for 95% of the crop, with 5% going into the second wine, Duo. They felt obliged to produce some for regular clients, but the focus was on the grand vin. It has a very convincing nose, dark, savoury and perfumed, with dark chocolate, violets, lavender, with a little dark, black pepper richness. So elegant on the palate, there is nothing corpulent about this, with a core of savoury, taut, delineated dark currant and blackcurrant fruits, saline and sinewy, with a very bright, fresh and bitter grip. It all hangs on a lithe and wiry frame, with a rich wrapping of ripe tannins, very present but nicely integrated, leading to a finish that simmers with ripe, tobacco-laced tannin. Great length too. So complete, supple and seamless, with wonderful saline and dark dimensions, this is a super La Conseillante in the making. The alcohol is 14%, says Marielle

Jane Anson

97 / 100

Deep inky colour, crushed rose petal and peony, such a beautiful wine, with waves of blueberry and cassis fruit, along with liquorice root, lemongrass, slate and saffran, and one of the clear standout successes of Pomerol. 95% 1st wine this year, with just 5% for Duo de La Conseillante. Slow progress through the palate, this has vintage character but leans into it. 70% new oak, 3.65ph. Harvest 5 to 20.

Jean-Marc Quarin

98 / 100

Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez très aromatique, fin, fruité, mûr, subtil et complexe. Minutieux en entrée de bouche, très aromatique au milieu, avec de la classe dans le toucher, du corps, le vin progresse encore en finale, où il s'achève profond, long, sur des nuances de fruits noirs ; le tout avec une grande douceur délicieuse.

Jacques Perrin

98 / 100

Nez hyper raffiné, sur la violette, la rose les épices, le poivre doux, pour une bouche surfine et incroyablement fraîche, vive, hyper raffinée, la jutosité est à son paroxysme, le vin virevolte et flamboie, il est incroyablement savoureux et stylé, grand vin.

Matthew Jukes

20+ / 20

There is a spectacular perfume here, and while it is dominated by massively deep and indulgent black fruit notes, there is an underlying sense of minerality coupled with earth and skin notes that bring an anti-fruit fanfare that is sensational. Everything is perfectly balanced, not least the spectacular waves of ripe fruit. The Merlot berry sizes were not particularly small at La Conseillante, but the Cabernet Franc grapes were tiny, and this Franc element sings loudly and forcefully in this wine. And while this is a very concentrated creation, there is lift, balance, and depth of flavour that seems beguiling and monastically serene. It appears to be approachable already, but this must be an illusion. Either way, the robe of red fruit is both eye-catching and arresting. You cannot fail to notice just how glamorous this wine is, and yet beneath this exterior, there is a steely chassis and a brittle seriousness that will propel this wine forward for decades to come. The graphite notes are rigid (perhaps graphene is a better expression here), and the silky texture is luminous and mirror-like, reflecting all and shining nonetheless. A tiny amount of Duo was made, but I did not taste it, and it will inevitably be a superb effort given the extreme prowess of this Grand Vin. I went back to my glass for one last sip and found even more detail - a millefeuille of exotic spice, florals and cacao appeared atop the wells of dark fruit, and this uniqueness and multi-faceted crystalline structure ensure that this is one of the most spectacular and memorable wines of the vintage.

En Magnum

98 / 100

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Alexandre Ma

97 - 99 / 100

Château La Conseillante, in the hot and arid 2022 vintage, achieves a magical balance through its diverse soils. Consider these figures: a pH of 3.65, total acidity of 3.3, and 14% of alcohol – which of these suggests a warm-year Pomerol? The aromas are crisp and clear, like clouds to reveal the sun, while the palate is rejuvenated as if by a bubbling spring. Juicy, pleasant, with a gentle hint of saltiness hiding behind. In this wine, you can feel both the passion and elegance of Pomerol. It is like Venus emerging from flames, radiating an exuberant beauty and refined grace.

Le Figaro

97 - 99 / 100

Les premiers arômes de fruits noirs et rouges racontent la chaleur du millésime, la gourmandise. Une sensation grisante. Au fil du temps, les facettes se révèlent entre fruits, notes florales et épices pour un bouquet juteux, riche et frémissant, qui picote comme du poivre du Sichuan. La bouche offre un soyeux jamais vu évoluant vers le crayeux, le poudré. Un voyage des sens. La matière langoureuse s'appuie sur un fruit pur, rond, éloquent sans bavardage. Finale salivante, saline et touche délectable de chocolat noir crémeux.

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