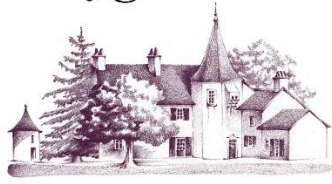


Château Puygueraud



FRANCS - CÔTES DE BORDEAUX
HÉRITIERS GEORGE THIENPONT

2020

Dégustations en bouteille

“Lots of currants and blackberries with violets and dried flowers such as honeysuckle. Medium to full body. Firm and racy tannins, and **a long and focused finish**. Linear. Black earth undertones. Drink after 2027.”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, avril 2023

94/100

« Rendement très faible de 15hl/ha ; les vignes ont été grêlées le 17 avril réduisant la production de 150'000 bouteilles à 50'000 bouteilles. Dans ce contexte plutôt minant, on ne peut que se réjouir de la complexité du bouquet. Celui-ci révèle des nuances marquées par la minéralité et des notes de menthe ainsi que des nuances fruitées. Scénario similaire en bouche où **le vin cumule fraîcheur et friandise**. Les tannins sont élégants, bien intégrés et en phase avec une structure juteuse. Un vin qui affiche du caractère et qui est déjà étonnamment accessible. 2024-2040. »

Yves Beck, Beckustator, décembre 2022

93/100

“**One of the best values out there**, the 2020 Château Puygueraud reveals a beautiful, medium-bodied, elegant profile as well as ample cassis and more blue fruits, some violet, truffle, and floral notes, soft tannins, and outstanding length. **It's a gem of a wine** to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years, if not a decade.”

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, mars 2023

92/100

« Un nez fragile, tremblant, de fleurs et de fruits noirs. Très complet en bouche, un ensemble bien intégré et équilibré. **Ce vin a un bel avenir devant lui.** »

Ella Lister, Frédéric Durand-Bazin, Stéphane Reynaud, Le Figaro Vin, mai 2023

« Les 20 meilleurs vins de bordeaux 2020 à moins de 19 € »

92/100

“Spearmint, tobacco leaf, cedar, and red fruits create the perfume. On the palate, the wine offers is core of sweet, ripe, dark red fruits, **freshness, minerality, and ripe tannins with ease**. Drink from 2023-2035.”

Jeff Leve, *The Wine Cellar Insider*, mars 2023

92/100

“Succulent yet fresh, with a lovely bite to the perfumed fruit, with clear liquorice and terroir markers. **Round, energetic and rich, with great texture and weight on the palate**. Elegant and juicy, with a salty stone finish which is still quite highly charged and woody.”

Georgina Hindle, *Decanter*, février 2023

91/100

“Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2020 Puygueraud Rouge features bright, expressive scents of kirsch, black raspberries, and rose oil with touches of black pepper and tree bark. The full-bodied palate delivers mouth-filling, ripe black fruits with **rounded tannins and a refreshing lift on the finish**.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *The Wine Independent*, mars 2023

91/100

“**Concentrated in colour and character**, this has dark berry fruits, a ton of orange peel and oyster shell, juicy on the finish. 15hl/ha yields after hail, a third of the usual harvest.”

Jane Anson, *Inside Bordeaux*, février 2023

91/100

“**The 2020 Puygueraud has developed into a gorgeous wine**. Bright floral and spice notes lend freshness to this fruity, supple Francs Côtes de Bordeaux. This is the first vintage in which a portion of the wine was aged in cask, which has given the 2020 an attractive freshness that I did not sense en primeur. Raspberry jam, white flowers, rose petal and a touch of cinnamon are some of the notes that grace this exquisite Francs Côtes de Bordeaux from Nicolas Thienpont. Tasted two times.”

Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, février 2023

91/100

“You could recognize how mature its grapes were just by smelling the fragrance of Château Puygueraud 2020, which is a combination of cherry and blueberry jam and a light layer of cream. Although this micro-climat has a high percentage of clay, this wine doesn’t have strong tannins as others but displays creamy texture like plasticine on the palate. **It is a highly-recommended Francs Côtes de Bordeaux wine**.”

Alexandre Ma, *AlexandreMa.com*, mars 2023

91/100

“The 2020 Puygueraud has a very satisfying and harmonious nose: blackberry, briary, freshly rolled tobacco and light truffle scents, **nicely focused and composed**. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, as I found in barrel. Quite Left Bank in style with graphite notes towards the finish with a briny aftertaste. **Excellent**.”

Neal Martin, *Vinous*, février 2023

90/100

“Ripe, fresh and with a polished edge, this lets plum, cassis and violet notes play out, backed **by sprinkle of savory and a subtle twinge of chalky minerality on the finish.** Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2025. 4,700 cases made.”

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, février 2023

89/100

Primeurs

“Lots of blackberry and blueberry character with a salty, minerally undertone. Rather spicy with black earth. It’s full and very polished. Really well crafted. **Another excellent Puygueraud.**”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, avril 2021

92-93/100

« Pourpre profond. Que d’intensité dans ce bouquet ! Il révèle son terroir avec beaucoup d’authenticité au travers d’évidentes notes crayeuses, qui laissent néanmoins suffisamment d’espace à l’expression fruitée. Caractère racé et friand en bouche. Le vin a de la tension, une belle expression fruitée et des tannins serrés qui assurent idéalement la tenue du vin. **Une très belle réussite.** »

Yves Beck, yvesbeck.vin, mai 2021

93-94/100

« Touché par la grêle en 2020, Puygueraud a opéré un tri drastique pour aboutir à **un jus tonique, juteux,** sur un fruit légèrement confit, propulsé par une jolie trame crayeuse. Rendements faibles mais résultat de très belle facture, sur une belle identité terroir. »

Mathieu Doumenge, Terre de Vins, mai 2021

93-94/100

« Senteurs florales, de fruits rouges et d’épices se mélangent harmonieusement. **La mise en bouche se fait en douceur,** évoluant vers des notes d’écorce d’orange qui ourlent la finale d’une belle amertume. »

Le Figaro Vin, juin 2021

92/100

“Dark red berries with hints of blue fruit, crushed rocks and cocoa define the nose. On the palate, the wine is fresh, earthy, savory and plummy with spicy undertones in the mineral-driven finish. **Things keep getting better and better every year.**”

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, mai 2021

92/100

“The 2020 Puygueraud is a huge, inky wine. Blackberry jam, graphite, dark chocolate, licorice and espresso infuse it with tons of depth, and yet there is good freshness and plenty of savory intensity that builds into the finish. **In a word: terrific.**”

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, mai 2021

89-91/100

“Sporting a deep purple-black color, the 2020 Puygueraud bursts from the glass with vibrant notions of black cherries, ripe black berries and redcurrant jelly, plus wafts of garrigue, fertile loam and tar. The medium to full-bodied palate possesses **plenty of freshness with a soft texture and bags of juicy black fruits**, finishing earthy.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate, mai 2021

89-91/100

“Small yields here because of the hail in mid April, 15hl/ha, a third of the usual harvest. But what is left behind is so drinkable with such careful placing of the fruit - a good slather of black fruits, **extremely fine and harmonious with good pace as it travels through the palate**. Excellent; slightly closing in on the finish because of tannic build up.”

Jane Anson, Decanter, mai 2021

91/100

“Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Well structured and densely woven nose with distinct dark berry fruit, floral hints, mild spices and very elegant toasting subtle oak. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, juicy fruit, elegant acidity, fine minerality and appetizing. **Wonderful wine well made with very good length, the best Puygueraud ever tasted en primeur.**”

Markus del Monego, mai 2021

92/100

“Another smoking good wine as well as one that will be a terrific value, the 2020 Château Puygueraud reveals a healthy purple hue followed by loads of smoky black and blue fruits, notes of roasted herbs, tobacco leaf, and chocolately oak, a great mid-palate, and medium to full-bodied richness. **It's another one of the awesome wines readers will love**, and it will drink well for upwards of a decade.”

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, mai 2021

90-92/100

“The 2020 Puygueraud presents a nose of earthy, broody black fruit infused with tobacco and cigar humidor; a faint touch of bell pepper surfaces with further aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins and plenty of black fruit laced with tobacco and black pepper that lends it a Left Bank personality. Classic in style, **this is a promising Francs Côtes de Bordeaux**, though one cut from a more restrained cloth compared to recent vintages.”

Neal Martin, Vinous, mai 2021

89-91/100

« Bel éclat de fruits noirs, floral, cassis et mure. Bouche plus juteuse que charnue, du velouté, un petit côté terrien avec de beaux tanins. Un Puygueraud sous forme de « reliques saintes » selon Nicolas Thienpont. Belle vivacité et longueur. Aérien également. **Belle bouteille en devenir.** »

Yohan Castaing, Anthocyanes, mai 2021

90-92+

« Nez mûr qui s'avance sur les fruits noirs, la cerise. **Ensemble chatoyant.** Entrée en bouche souple. Il se développe sur une structure équilibrée avec une nuance épicée sur le tanin en finale. »

Jacques Perrin, Vinifera, juin 2021

90/100

“This latest vintage shows the richly coloured violet-black hue that typifies the 2020s, with a thin and concentrated rim. The aromas also speak clearly of the vintage, with blackcurrant, black cherry and currants, with a floral note of violets as well as a limestone freshness. The palate carries beautifully pure fruit, dark and focused as per the nose, cleanly defined, and set in a medium body with an envelope of finessed tannins. It has good presence through, the limestone origins coming through as it grips the side of the palate. Dark and delineated in the finish, **this is a very fine Puygueraud.**”

Chris Kissack, Wine Doctor, mai 2021

90-92/100

« Le nez est fruité, racé et offre une petite concentration. (...) La bouche est fruitée, tout en fraîcheur/justesse, minérale, équilibrée et offre une jolie définition, de la fraîcheur, de la densité/noirceur (en gourmandise et équilibre), de la rondeur ainsi que de la gourmandise et une richesse justement maîtrisée. (...) Bonne longueur. **Un vin tout en gourmandise.** »

Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche, Vert de vin, mai 2021

92/100

“Dark at centre; vibrant purple at edge; healthy looking; briary and brambly fruit; black cherry; sweet and ripe; very polished and attractive; nice and positive entry; lovely fruit; plenty of black fruit, some chocolate; very sensuous and nicely handled; like this a lot; balance; textured tannins; positive finish. Has vigour and freshness too. **Good stuff. Will offer good value and great intro to the talents of Nicolas and Cyrille Thienpont.** Drink 2023-2032.”

Jeremy Williams, Wine, words and videotape, juin 2021

90-91+/100

En Magnum Bettane + Desseauve, mai 2021

90-91/100

« L'agitation amplifie des arômes de fruits noirs variés (dont la cerise noire), de fines épices avec des notes florales et un élevage net en arrière-plan. La bouche est veloutée, corsée, pleine, avec une chair de bon aloi, et fruitée. La finale est longue, tenue par des tannins restant enrobés, fraîche, éloquente (fruits dominants).»

Daniel Seriot, Journal d'un Passionné de la Rive droite, mai 2021

92-93/100