

CHÂTEAU LA LOUVIÈRE



Château La Louvière Red 2019

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

Château La Louvière has many fascinating facets. The sumptuous architecture of the chateau building dates from the late 18th century, but winegrowing here goes back more than 700 years. The first vines were planted circa 1310, although modern winemaking dates from the 17th century and was handed down by able monks from the Carthusian monastery in Bordeaux, who had acquired considerable talent as viticulturists and winemakers. The people who produce the wine in the 21st century have inherited these time-honoured methods, adding just the right amount of innovation and modernity to make the utmost of the outstanding terroir. La Louvière's red wine has a dark colour and an elegant bouquet with delicate hints of oak...

THE VINTAGE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

2019 was marked by a fairly mild winter, resulting in early bud break. Spring rainfall was scarce and drought conditions set in in early summer. Rainfall in August provided a welcome relief for winegrowers.

HARVEST

09/18/2019

THE WINE

VARIETALS

Cabernet sauvignon 55%, Merlot 45%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

14 % vol.

TASTING

Colour is a deep red, close to ruby, with occasional hints of purple.

On aeration, the nose, initially shy, gradually reveals all its complexity, with greedy notes of black fruits (blackberry, blueberry), enhanced by a few empyreumatic notes (tar).

On the palate, it is a perfectly balanced wine. Everything blends together harmoniously: well-melted tannins, tasty black fruits (blackberry), a hint of chocolate, a nice volume and a beautiful structure. All these qualities should give it a serious ageing potential. It is a very seductive wine that should be kept for 2 or 3 years to appreciate its elegance.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Roast guinea fowl, pan of mushrooms (ceps, chanterelles), cheese (Roquefort).

SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 18°C

AGEING POTENTIAL

Over 15 years



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THE VINEYARD

TERROIR

Deep gravel

SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

113.66 ac

AGE OF VINES

26 years old

IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double Guyot with debudding.

Grape Harvest: By hand with small deep crates.

THE CELLAR

WINEMAKING

In stainless-steel temperature-controlled tanks with patented cap-breaking system and concrete tanks with pigeage.

AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (40-50 % new) with racking.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

"Extremely aromatic and refreshing with lots of bright blackcurrants, raspberries and some orange peel. It's full, yet reserved, with ultra-fine tannins and a long, energetic finish. Cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Drink after 2025 and beyond."

James Suckling, 15/01/2022

95/100

Decanter

"Lovely aromas, nice freshness with some menthol/eucalyptus notes. Great texture straight away and plump density of fruit. This feels polished and well crafted with precise fruit definition, mouthwatering acidity and also a touch of creaminess. Such a great emphasis on cooling menthol minerality here, the freshly picked mint/eucalyptus flavour lingers long on the tongue, beyond the ripe blackcurrants and black cherries with smooth, rounded and supple tannins. Gloriously rich, deep with supreme freshness and drinkability. Lovely. Drinking Window 2023 - 2039."

Georgie Hindle, Decanter, 01/02/2022

93/100

"A very smoky nose, with plenty of perfumed new oak showing, along with fragrant notes of white chalk and white freesia too. A freshly defined palate ensues, pure and quite elegant, poised, and correct. It shows density, structure and good grip in the end. A fine result for this property."

Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor, 01/03/2022

92/100

Antonio Galloni
vinous
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"The 2019 La Louvière has an impressive bouquet of blackberry, raspberry, cedar and sandalwood scents, full of gusto and fine definition. The oak here is nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied, crisp and taut, with fine tannins and a focused, fresh, classically styled finish that shows finesse and persistence. Superb."

Neal Martin, Vinous, 01/03/2022

93/100



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