

CHATEAU PAVIE MACQUIN 2004

SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE

Sweet, intense, plummy, oaky but has purity too; a touch of mint gives finesse. Very rich, fleshy and open, big, ripe tannins, fine acidity, fine potential, plenty of lift and elegance. 4 to 20 years.

Decanter magazine, (Jan 08)



Lovely nose, lots of fruit and a dry pencil-shavings bite – even a bit of spice. Smooth round attack, openly expressive, full, long, really excellent.

Lea and Sandeman Co (April 06)

Dark and opaque with a vibrant purple rim. A certain smooth, custardy quality of oak at first, with sweet, silky black fruit beneath. The palate has round, sweet, and very juicy black cherry and plum fruit that is bold and forward. The pure core of fruit is wrapped in a shiny coating of vanilla, with edgy, tight tannins and drying acidity adding complexity. Smooth and creamy in the finish, this is an attractive and open style and has lovely fruit quality.

Tom Cannavan (April 05)

90/100

Lush, fleshy, perfumed, ripe and supple; real St Emilion fruit, and a very long finish.

The World of Fine Wine, Issue 7, 2005

18/20

Exotic aromas of five spice and clove mixed with toasted oak. Big and full – cellar it a long time.

K&L Wine Merchants (April 06)



Raisin confit, cerise noire et tabac blond. Un joli vin, à la bouche serrée mais harmonieuse et équilibrée, d'une belle densité.

L'Amateur de Bordeaux (avril/mai 2006)

One of the vintage's most impressive offerings, the 2004 Pavie Macquin is a blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon from a bio-dynamically farmed vineyard. It offers an inky/purple as well as a sumptuous perfume of creosote, blackberries, cassis, incense, and a balsamic character. This full-bodied, rich 2004 is one of the most concentrated wines of the vintage with more texture than most. A brilliant effort, it admirably displays the high quality of this estate as well as its noble terroir. A wine for true connoisseurs, it should be at its peak between 2011-2025+.

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (29 April 05)

92-95/100

Remarquable réussite, grande couleur, nez ample, racé, épicé et truffé à souhait, corps complet, longue persistance sur un tannin très racé.

Michel Bettane et Thierry Desseauve, Le Monde Vin (18 juin 05)

17/20

Nez de mûres et d'épices superbe, bouche dans le même esprit. Vin charmeur aux tanins fins, solidement doté mais n'en laissant rien paraître, grand équilibre : du grand art !

La Revue du Vin de France (juin 05)

★★★★★ (★)

The dense purple-hued 2004 Pavie-Macquin possesses huge tannins, superb intensity, and aromas of pen ink intermixed with graphite, truffles, lead pencil, crème de cassis, and incense. Powerful, dense notes are infused with a striking minerality as well as a hint of licorice. This super-concentrated, rich St Emilion is meant for true as well as patient connoisseurs.

Anticipated maturity: 2012-2028

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (30 June 06)

91-93/100

Deep ruby-red. Black cherry, exotic oak spices and mint on the nose, with some suggestions of riper fruits. Sweet, intense and densely packed, with firm underlying structure and a cool-site character giving shape and energy to the flavours of dark cherry, cassis, truffle and violet. Very shapely wine. Finishes with chewy, ripe tannins and sneaky length.

Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar (May/June 07)

91/100

Sweet, intense plummy oak. A touch of mint gives finesse, whiff of espresso. Very rich though no blockbuster, fleshy and open, big ripe tannins, fine acidity. Still tight but fine potential, plenty of lift and elegance, excellent length. 4-20 years.

Decanter Magazine (May 07)

★★★★★

A noble, complex nose of flowers, beef blood, black currants, licorice, and truffles reveals surprising evolution. The full-bodied, powerful wine exhibits stunning concentration, beautiful richness, sweet tannin, and a long finish. A blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon (all from a bio-dynamically farmed vineyard), the 2004 Pavie Macquin is another dazzling success from the brilliant winemaking team of Stéphane Derenoncourt and Nicolas Thienpont.

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate (June 07)

93/100

The hot streak for this chateau seems to have no end, and 2004 carries the torch to 2005 with grace. Raspberry pudding, high toned cherry and cotton candy scents seduce in the sweet perfume of this lovely Pavie Macquin. The focus from attack to finish on this wine is admirable, as pure ganache and crème de cassis float over a bed of sound structure. Cellaring will reward. 94-95 points, drink 2011-2028.

Brad Coello, robertparker.com (June 07)

Voilà incontestablement l'un des plus radieux crus de Saint-Emilion. Sur ce millésime équilibré, il conjugue avec maestria fraîcheur de fruit, matière d'une impressionnante densité et tanins fins et soyeux. A servir dans 10 à 20 ans avec des girolles ou un confit d'oie.

Cuisine et Vins de France (Sept/Oct 06)