

CHATEAU PAVIE MACQUIN 2007

SAINT EMILION PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSE

Les argiles de Pavie Macquin ont joué leur rôle dans ce millésime. Le vin est renforcé par une matière profonde et complète alliant concentration et grande fraîcheur de fruit. Les tanins droits, francs, racés sculptent une finale éclatante. Le potentiel de ce vin est indiscutable, dans un registre profond et de grande longueur. Il honore son titre de Premier grand cru classé.

La Revue du Vin de France (mai 08)

18-19/20

Tasted twice during the *primeurs* week, the second sample was the more convincing of the two. It has plenty of exuberantly rich, super-ripe expressive fruit, with aromas of liquorice and pure plum and blackberry. Fresh on entry, supple in style, with a high level of extract, but this is well covered by the texture of the wine and doesn't appear to be excessive. A creamy midpalate, overall integrated and stylish. This is certainly seems less overdone than the 2005 and I like it. Very good potential.

TheWinedoctor.com (April 08)

16-17+/20

This is currently one of the most exciting estates in Bordeaux, producing wines that combine incredible richness with real Saint Emilion terroir character. Rightfully promoted to Premier Grand Cru Classé status in 2006 this biodynamically-farmed estate has made another highly impressive wine in 2007. The nose is brilliant: elegant, rich and complex with dark chocolate notes; the creamy, supple palate boasts ripe tannins while the black and red fruit builds slowly to an unbelievable long, pure finish. With immense breeding, this is another testament to the magic being worked here by Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt.

Berry Brothers and Rudd (April 08)

16/20

Très race et délicat, le vin confirme son nouveau statut non par sa puissance mais par sa distinction d'arômes, de tanin et de chair. Très pur et ultra distingué.

L'Express Hors Series (juillet/aout 08)

17,5-18/20

La belle matière dense se cache derrière un corps harmonieux et racé.

Le Journal du Dimanche (22 juin 08)

91-92/100

Dicht ; fruchtig, reif, endet voll und lang, körniges Tannin, vielleicht eine Spur su feurig und zu extraktreich, auf Kosten der Eleganz.

16,25/20

Recently promoted to 1er Cru status, this vineyard is run biodynamically and the wines made with adroit skill by Nicolas Thienpont. This is really in demand these days and the allocation sells quickly. Lovely density to the 2007, more muscular than some, full and impressive.

Drink 2012-2020

Averys of Bristol (May 08)

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate (April 08)

92-94/100

Couleur pourpre et intense. Nez moyennement aromatique. Bouche douce, caressante, et aromatique en milieu de bouche. Finale plus tendue, toujours fruitée aux tanins enrobées. Longueur normale.

Jean-Marc Quarin, Carnets de dégustations No 55 (mai 08)

16,25/20

Stéphane Derenoncourt produces a wine here that Robert Parker describes as "The Lafleur of Saint Emilion". The 2007 has impressive concentration with plenty of dark black fruit and hints of roast coffee and vanilla. Big and chewy on the palate but has some lift and balance too.

Farr Vintners (May 08)

15,5+/20

Gorgeous nose of fruit purity, mulberries, minerals and wet earth. Voluptuous black fruit and spice throughout with good concentration and structure. Very nicely managed. Elegant and concentrated.

Albany Vintners

90-93/100

Ripe and plump on the nose, the 2007 is powerful and fleshy with fine, but slightly drying tannins. In addition to its round, polished fruit, it displays overt spicy new oak flavours. Despite its seeming approachability, it will benefit from a few more years ageing to show its true potential.

Goedhuis & Company (May 08)

88-91/100

This has a low pH of 3.35 and is imbued with a ripe, slightly jammy nose with raspberry and plum. The palate is full bodied with good acidity cutting through those thick black fruits. Very primal on the tannic finish, difficult to ascertain at the moment but it certainly has stuffing. Tasted April 2008.

Neal Martin, erobertparker.com (May 08)

89-91/100

Deep colour. Slightly austere but intense, dark berry fruit aroma. Palate shows a depth of firm, fresh, layered fruit with liquorish and blackcurrant notes. Terroir highlighted with a chalky, mineral finish. Solid and harmonious. Drink 2015-2025. 17.5/20

Decanter.com (April 08)

★★★★

This has good concentration for the vintage, with lots of mineral, berry, currant and flowers. I like this a lot.

James Suckling, winespectator.com (March 08)

88-91/100

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Tast No. 48, Bettane et Desseauve (avr 08)

17,5-18/20

Belle réussite, style enrobe aromatiquement, rondeur de beaux merlots, bonne maturité. Plus droit en milieu de bouche sans être sévère, car les tanins sont admirablement arrondis, charpente relevée par une bonne acidité par rapport à d'autres millésimes du vin. Plutôt corsé mais fin, finale de grande qualité, longue, ample et séduisante.

Olivier Collin, www.thewineaddict.com (mai 08)

92-93/100

De robe sombre, le nez est peu intense avec des nuances de violette. L'attaque est dense, avec une grosse matière, le milieu de bouche est dense et long avec un beau fond, la finale manque un peu densité, mais elle est belle.

Gault Millau (juin/juillet 08)

16-16,5/20

Exceptionally deep crimson. Minerals – charcoal? – on the nose. Very, unusually, sweet and rich and round and seductive. A great sweet spread of gentle fruit on the front palate. Not aggressive at all. Quite a feat in 2007! Lively. Real vitality here. Again it finishes a bit suddenly but there is lots of pleasure to be had here. Big and bloody and flattering on the front palate, then it tightens up quite considerably and shows a little bit of astringency and quite marked acidity. More vivacity than many even though in the context of all vintages it's a little bit dull. Drink 2012-2016

Jancis Robinson, www.jancisrobinson.com (April 08)

16,5/20

Creamy, opulent nose, with a rich, ripe glossy black fruit seductiveness. On the palate this has wonderful fruit: really ripe, velvety and mouth-filling, with coffee and vanilla adding plump weight, and a firm edge to very chocolaty tannins. Good acidity to balance makes this a very appealing and one of the most delicious drinking wines of the vintage.

Tom Cannavan, www.winepages.com (April 08)

91/100

Bright red-ruby. Black cherry, violet, licorice and minerals on the nose; Sweet on entry, then juicy and firm in the middle, with dense black fruit flavours showing excellent energy for the year. The pH of 3.65 is relatively low for St. Emilion 2007 but high by the standards of this property. Finishes with building, oak-powered tannins and excellent verve for the year. This vineyard was harvested in just four days during the second week of October.

Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar (May/June 08)

90-92/100

Dunkles rubinrot. Nase sehr complex mit dunkler Frucht und vielfältigen Gewürznoten, etwas exotisch. Am Gaumen schöne Fülle, dichte reife und weiche Frucht, schöne Süsse, opulent Nachhaltig und lang in Abgang mit Nougat und Grenache.

www.degustation.de (avr 08)

89-91/100

Réglisse, épicée, bouche puissante, dense, tannique, un peu severe, tendue, carré, riche puissant, peu fondu, un peu d'un bloc. Un vin qui ne se goûte pas au mieux aujourd'hui mai qui a un potentiel.

Le Point (mai 08)

16,5/20

