



Château La Prade

FRANCS CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

2012

“Very dark black cherry. Sweet fruit, just a little malty. Fine, dry mineral texture, stony rather than dry. Again has lively freshness and really juicy finish but there’s also a firmer tannin frame around the fruit.”

Score: 16/20

Jancis Robinson, Avril 2013

“ Merlot (90%), généreux et dense, tannins serrés avec de la chair, très fruits noirs, allonge compacte. ”

Score : 15,5/20

Bettane et Desseauve, Avril 2013

“90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc – A kiss of oak touches dark red berries with an earthy, easy-to-like personality that will make this easy to drink on release.”

Score: 87-88/100

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, Avril 2013

“Features juicy plum and raspberry notes, with a lightly dusty frame. A modest coating of singed vanilla carries through the finish. Has flesh, but time will tell if the grip can be absorbed.”

Score: 87-90/100

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, Avril 2013

“Deep purple-ruby. Ink and graphite complicate blackberry on the nose. Then soft and supple in the mouth, with more inky notes complicating the dark fruit flavors. Finishes saline and moderately long. These vines are located on both a calcaire plateau and nearby loam, clay and calcareous soils, the combination of which allows for greater complexity in the wine.”

Score: 86-89/100

Ian D’Agata, Vinous, Mai 2013

“A sleek version, with damson plum and cherry fruit laced with lightly chalky structure and carrying through a cedar-edged finish. Drink now. 2,200 cases made.”

Score: 87/100

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, Avril 2015

“La Prade est souple et charmeur, un vin à boire sur le fruit. ”

Score : 14,5/20

Le Figaro Vin, Avril 2013

“Smooth and ripe, 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, this is a solid, structured wine. Its juicy acidity is full of potential, giving a ripe character with red berry fruits and a tannic structure to balance. The wine’s fruit gives a fresher feel at the end.”

Score: 86/100

Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast, Janvier 2015

“Raspberry, blueberry and cedar character on the nose and palate. Full to medium body, fine tannins and a clean finish. Long and stylish. Red and white peppers. Better in 2016. ”

Score: 90/100

James Suckling, Février 2015

“Dark cherries, smoke, licorice, tobacco and graphite are all nicely delineated in the 2014 La Prade. Hints of white pepper and rose petal add nuance to a gorgeous wine built on explosive energy. The tannins are firm but also nicely integrated. This is a lovely showing from La Prade and proprietor Nicolas Thienpont. The blend is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc.”

Score: 88-90/100

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, Avril 2015

“Earth, smoke and licorice with fresh plums on the nose, the wine serves up a tasty, smoky, blackberry and earthy finish.”

Score: 88/100

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, Juillet 2015

“The 2012 La Prade is very nicely focused in the glass. Bright red cherry, red currant and raspberry are all very much alive in the glass. There is a good deal of nervous energy and tension from the limestone-rich soils, although today, the 2012 is a bit compact. Still, there is plenty to like and to look forward to. Orange peel and white pepper add attractive aromatic top notes to the finish.”

Score: 89/100

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, Janvier 2016