



Château La Prade

FRANCS CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

2017

“Owned by Nicolas Thienpont, La Prade’s seven hectares, located at the top of the limestone plateau close to Francs in the Côtes de Franc and the highest in altitude there, saw no frost this year. A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the 2017 La Prade has pretty scents of warm black plums, black forest cake and lilacs with touches of cigar box and cinnamon. The palate is medium to full-bodied with great concentration and depth, supported by a firm frame of ripe, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long. Very impressive!”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate, Avril 2018

Score: 90-92+/100

“A brightness and beauty with blackberries, earth and hints of salt. Medium body, grainy tannins and a solid direction.”

Score: 90-91/100

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, Mars 2018

“Incredibly floral, with ripe cherry, mineral, tobacco and spice aromas and flavors, the 2017 Château La Prade comes from a slightly warmer terroir of limestone soils. It’s rounded and supple on the palate, with terrific fruit, a balanced texture, and ripe tannin. I suspect it will drink nicely right out of the gate. First produced in 2000, this wine comes from clay and limestone soils of the Saint-Cibard commune and is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. It was harvested between the 27th of September and the 3rd of October. 1,750 cases.”

Score: 88-90/100

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, Avril 2018

“90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc. Almost half the vines were frosted. Sweeter smelling than the Puygueraud just tasted. More red fruit. Smooth and rounded. Lively and with a fine and just mildly chewy texture.”

Score: 16/20

Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com

“Bright and fresh, with breezy cherry and cassis notes and light floral and chalk hints on the finish.”

Score: 87-90/100

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator

« Un nez un peu plus fermé que Puygueraud, son cousin, épices et graphite. Tension et précision du fruit, tanins précis et sur l'allonge. Une finale fraîche et aérienne. Un vin qui ne s'exprime pas dans l'épate mais dans la précision. Malgré une baisse de 40 à 50% de la récolte due au gel, c'est un très beau La Prade. »

Score: 90-92/100

Yohan Castaing, Anthocyanes

“The 2017 La Prade was spared frost damage this year and was picked between 27 September and 3 October. It has a little more volume and intensity than Nicolas Thienpont's other Francs Côtes de Bordeaux, Puygueraud. Hints of iris develop with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with dark berry fruit, slightly rigid tannin, a surprisingly masculine La Prade considering it is a majority Merlot with a linear finish, though it should gain some flesh by the end of its élevage.”

Score: 88-90/100

Neal Martin, Vinous

“Fresh with polished tannins and a sweet, fruity quality in the round finish, this wine will be delicious for at least a decade or longer. If you are seeking value Bordeaux and you're not familiar with La Prade -- get to know this wine, which is made from 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Sadly, due to the frost, there is 50% less of the normal volume produced here this year.”

Score: 88-90/100

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider

« La propriété de Nicolas Thienpont a été épargnée par le fameux gel du mois d'avril. Dans le verre, on retrouve un vin profond et sévère, se démarquant de ses confrères de l'appellation. On apprécie sa fraîcheur acidulée en finale. »

Score : 14-15/20

Pierre Citerne, La Revue du vin de France

« Nez précis, pur. Il se distingue par sa trame parfaitement ajustée, son caractère ascendant, sa finale longue et stylée, au tanin croquant, d'une très belle tenue. Une belle réussite. »

Score: 91/100

Jacques Perrin, Vinifera

“Nice healthy colour; ripe fruit; has strength; nicely ripe; quite round and full on the palate; attractive; good finish.”

Score: 88-90+/100

Jeremy Williams, Wine, Words and Videotape, Juin 2018

“Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black core Aromatic nose reminiscent of dark berries, e.g. blackberries, dark cherries in the background. On the palate sweet and juicy fruit, ripe tannins, elegant and fresh with good length.”

Score: 89/100

Markus del Monego