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“**Tasting like a Grand Cru Classé from Saint-Emilion**, the 2022 Château Alcée hails from the cooler Castillon region on the Right Bank and is 100% Merlot aged in one-third new French oak. This beauty offers a vivid purple hue as well as a beautiful perfume of black raspberries, cassis, graphite, and toasted spices. With a real sense of minerality, medium to full body, ripe tannins, and a great finish, **it’s one of those wines that tastes like it costs three times the price.**”  
Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com), mai 2023

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« **Joliment parfumé, sur un léger côté sanguin, il s’avance sur un profil traçant, aiguisé et tranchant** comme une lame de poignard. Le vin a un côté à la fois sérieux et sensuel... C’est en l’état très signé par sa minéralité, un soutien crayeux qui vient tapisser la bouche et conférer une certaine énergie. La sanguinité de l’ensemble vient tendre le vin, lui apporter allonge et salivation. »  
Mathieu Doumenge, *Terre de Vins*, mai 2023

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« Il y a de l’épaisseur et une matière subtile dotée d’un toucher de tannin crémeux et une suite pulpeuse irrésistible qui va loin dans les caudalies. **Coup de coeur.** »  
Bettane & Desseauve, *En Magnum*, mai 2023

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“Flowers, powdered-chocolate, black plums, cherries and a hint of spearmint open the perfume. **The wine is rich, lush, full and polished on the palate**, with layers of sweet, ripe, juicy plums and dark chocolate with intensity and freshness to the fruits on the mid-palate and in the finish. The wine was produced from 100% Merlot. Drink from 2025-2037.”  
Jeff Leve, *The Wine Cellar Insider*, mai 2023

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The 2022 Alcée was picked at 22hL/ha between 14 and 22 September without Cabernet Franc in the blend. Now, the limestone terroir comes through brilliantly here - you can just smell that rock percolating through the black fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with a saline entry, fresh and very well balanced, certainly **one of the more intellectual Right Bank wines in this vintage**. Perhaps not a wine destined to garner mass appeal, instead, a 2022 for «Castillon diehards».  
Neal Martin, *Vinous*, mai 2023

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“Dark berries with blackberry and brambleberry character, as well as dusty tannins. Crunchy. Medium body. **Fine tannins. Salty.** Pure merlot.”  
James Suckling, [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com), avril 2023

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“Château Alcée 2022 (En Primeurs) is already so delicious, just imagine how amazing it will taste once bottled! The fragrances of sour cherry, blood orange, and Da Hong Pao tea are distinct and refreshing, with a delightful acidity that lingers in the air. The finely powdered tannins complement the juicy texture perfectly, while the pH level enhanced by the natural clay-limestone soil adds an extra level of freshness. **It’s an absolute pleasure to indulge in this high-value wine, making it a great addition to any wine bar collection!**”

Alexandre Ma, AlexandreMa.com, mai 2023

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“The 2022 Alcee, 100% Merlot, is deep garnet-purple in color. After some coaxing, fragrant notes of baked black plums, Morello cherries, and fertile loam emerge, with touches of lavender and black pepper. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating black fruits with **loads of savory sparks and velvety tannins, finishing with a refreshing lift.**”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent, mai 2023

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“Floral and super scented on the nose with perfume and bright purple fruits on the nose. **Smooth, supple, succulent and tangy - so much energy and life.** There’s still a mineral, stony, sleekness that keeps the tannin definition firm and focused but the quality of the fruit and easy juiciness is so appealing. Ends with tension and bite reminding you this is serious, but this has nice appealing elements. Round joyful and well made - a sweet hit on the mid-palate surrounded by liquorice, clove, aniseed and pencil lead. Calm, controlled, and well worked with a vibrant freshness and fruit purity that is so compelling and appetising. Excellent definition and tension, graceful, refined and totally moreish. Still tannic but this **will be such a beautiful wine.**”

Georgina Hindle, Decanter, mai 2023

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“Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Refined nose with intense fruit, well concentrated yet balanced, mulberries, elderberries and blackberries, with damson in the background. Hints of mild spices, subtle oak and a whiff of chocolate. **Great freshness in the finish.**”

Markus del Monego, mai 2023

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« **Alcée révèle la délicatesse du merlot mais également la fraîcheur du plateau calcaire sur argiles rouges.** Ainsi, il affiche des nuances de menthe poivrée et de baies noires. En bouche l’attaque est crayeuse et légèrement saline. Le vin a du pep, une certaine ampleur et des tannins encore quelque peu serrés, probablement impressionnés par le tempérament de la structure acide. Cette dernière assure non seulement la fraîcheur mais également les arrières en soulignant le potentiel de Castillon. Un vin qui doit encore gagner en définition quant à l’expression aromatique. 2026-2037 »

Yves Beck, Beckustator, mai 2023

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« Jolie approche sur les fruits rouges et la framboise qui craque sous la dent. Bouche ciselée, précise, avec **une belle ligne élancée et beaucoup de finesse.** »

Jacques Perrin, Vinifera, mai 2023

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“Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, purple reflections, delicate rim brightening. Black notes of blackberries and liquorice, subtle touch of noble wood, tobacco nuances. Complex, substantial, fine black cherries, integrated, ripe tannins, shows good length, nougat in the finish, has maturity and certain ageing potential.”  
Peter Moser, Falstaff, mai 2023

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“**The 2022 Alcée is fabulous. Bright, racy and beautifully perfumed, the 2022 is impressive.** Red cherry fruit, blood orange, mint, cinnamon, mocha and a touch of sweet oak build effortlessly. Readers will find a sumptuous, plummy red that will drink beautifully out of the gate. Notable. In 2022 the blend is 100% Merlot, as the young vines of Cabernet Franc struggled through the heat and drought. Tasted three times.”  
Antonio Galloni, Vinous, mai 2023

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« **Délicieux vin abouti**, d'une haute concentration, sombre comme de l'encre. Il conjugue à la fois le velouté de texture et une sensation minérale insistante. **Voilà le vin qui donne envie de boire du bordeaux !** »  
Alexis Goujard, La Revue du Vin de France, mai 2023

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“The tannins here are very present from the first moment, you feel their power but they are tempered by a juicy, vertical feel through the palate, and a ton of concentrated black cherry and damson fruit. 25% new oak for ageing alongside larger 400l oak casks. Tasted twice, **good quality and one to look out for.** No Cabernet Franc in the blend this year because they are young vines and they suffered in the drought, with an overall yield of just 22hl/h yield. 3ha estate owned by Nicolas Thienpont since 2011, Nicolas and Cyrille Thienpont winemakers, Julien Lavenu consultant.”  
Jane Anson, Inside Bordeaux, mai 2023

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« L'olfaction est expressive , avec des arômes de fruits noirs écrasés (cerises tardives et mûres) d'épice douces et de violettes. **La bouche est charnue et veloutée, d'une élégante énergie** et dense dans un milieu de bouche fruité. La finale est longue, affirmée, fraîche et très aromatique. »  
Daniel Seriot, Journal d'un Passionné de la Rive droite, mai 2023

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“Thrilling notes of crème de cassis, violet, and blueberry introduce the 2022 Alcée, a medium to **full-bodied, fleshy and supple wine** that's firm and youthfully tannic on the finish. It will likely blossom with élevage.”  
Yohan Castaing, The Wine Advocate, avril 2023

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“[...] A recognisably dark, slightly brooding Castillon nose here, with sweeter notes of red cherry, rose petal and dark chocolate coming to the fore. A firmly composed, limestone-shaped palate, with a rich and firm grip of precisely honed limestone tannins, wrapping up the palate in a velvety fashion, before a solid grip at the end. **This has fine structure and should develop well.** The alcohol is 14.5%.”  
Chris Kissack, The Wine Doctor, mai 2023