

DOMAINES HENRI MARTIN

CHÂTEAU GLORIA

Saint-Julien

PRESS REVIEW

2005 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 90/100

« A big-time sleeper of the vintages, this St-Julien reveals notes of tapenade, spice box, cedar, sweet black cherries, and black currants. An opulent texture, terrific fruit, medium to full body, and abundant concentration suggest this stunning Gloria will provide plenty of pleasure over the next 15 years.»

◆ Wine Spectator - 89-91/100

« This shows a lovely silky texture and ripe fruit ranging from plums to chocolate to toasted oak. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, rich finish. Juicy young red. »

◆ Decanter - **** - 16,5/20

« Concentrated red berry fruit, fresh acidity and firm tannins hold it together... »

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 16,5/20

« At the heart of the Saint-Julien vineyards, on soils adjoining the leading "crus classes", Gloria is their equal. 2005 has aromatic breeding, wonderfully fine tannins and a smooth texture. »

◆ Revue du Vin de France - ****

« Gloria is astonishingly consistent and has produced a successful 2005 that is not far off the legendary 1961. »

◆ Guide Hachette des Vins - *** (an exceptional wine)

« A splendid dark red colour with purple tints, this 2005 has wonderfully aromas, offering an explosive ripe fruit bouquet with subtle notes of oak and toast. These impressions are confirmed on the palate, along with intense, plump tannins... »

◆ GaultMillau - 18/20

« ... red berry sweet, cherry and blackcurrant aromas, with a hint of cedar, spices and paprika. Concentrated... A wine to be laid down for many years. »

General or Economic Press

◆ Le Figaro Magazine TV - Wine of the month

« The 2005 vintage has a dark, dense colour edged with garnet, and a ripe red berry nose. The smooth suave attack gradually develops towards well-controlled power. With its plump tannins, elegance and roundness, château Gloria 2005 has all the qualities of a great wine... »

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◆ Le Point - 16/20

« Dark berries, fleshy tannins and plenty of red berries tending towards redcurrant jelly... »

◆ Les Echos - 18/20

« Gloria has produced a magnificent vintage. The wine is superbly full-bodied and smooth, with great length. Excellent value as a young wine. »

◆ Paris Match

« not classified, but deserves to be »

Lovely attack, vanilla-flavoured, smooth and delicious... Notes of leather, spices and cedar... Lovely dark berries... Well rounded, with a liquorice finish... A charming, great Saint-Julien. »

2006 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 90/100

Outstanding potential

« As I wrote last year, this sensational sleeper of the vintage is not far off the place of Gloria's brilliant 2005. Sweet cedary, cigar box, roasted herb, and black currant fruit aromas are followed by a lush, full-bodied, textured, concentrated wine. A steal in today's marketplace, this is a gorgeous St-Julien to enjoy now and over the next 15+ years. Good value.»

◆ Wine Spectator - 90/100

« Offers blackberry and black licorice on the nose, turning to light jam. Full-bodied, with lovely, silky tannins and a long, caressing finish. Beautiful and refined... »

◆ Decanter - **** - 17/20

« Deep colour, fine fragrant fruit, lovely extraction of St-Julien fruit with fleshy/earthy overtones, a touch of violets, pure and long. »

◆ Vinum - 15/20

« Dense, fleshy, full-bodied, with velvety, in the finale roughened tannin through the wood. »

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 16/20

« Well-rounded, harmonious, precise in the expression of the fruit, smooth tannins, obviously classically made... »

◆ GaultMillau - 16/20

« The wine has a lovely intense colour. The bouquet opens quickly on a fine, mature structure. Fine and silky on the palate, supported by more vigorous tannins. »

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2007 Vintage

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◆ Wine Advocate - 87-89/100

◆ Wine Spectator - 87-88/100

◆ Vinum - 15,5/20

« *Elegant, fruity Gloria with fine-grained tannin and vanilla-berry-finale.* »

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 15,5/20

« *A lovey red berry bouquet, a well-made wine, a classic example of the appellation...* »

◆ Revue du Vin de France - 15-16/20

A very well-made wine

« *A typical Saint-Julien, Gloria 2007 is classic in its form and even racy. A clean attack on a fruity structure, with a well-constructed middle. This is a delightful, highly approachable wine...* »

General or Economic Press

◆ Figaro Magazine - Bernard Burtschy - 88-89/100

« *Very chocolate and blackcurrant. A smooth wine with strong mocha tastes, mellow and delightful.* »

◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 15/20

« *Floral, red berries, with a smooth, velvety attack...* »

2008 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - 90-93/100

◆ Wine Spectator - 87-90/100

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 15,5/20

« *Quite powerful, deep, well supported by the alcohol content, ... Gloria is velvety and pleasingly sappy...* »

◆ Revue du Vin de France - 16,5/20

« *A delightfully intense, juicy, fresh fruit nose. Hearty, crisp and beautifully rounded, with promising length.* »

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◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 16/20

« ... dark berries, soft, elegant, smooth, very fruity... »

2009 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 93/100

« Gloria has long been one of the most popular wines in America, but I do not believe they have ever made better wines than they have over the last decade, and the 2009 is one of their finest. While this estate is not a classified growth, it certainly performs like one in 2009. A dense ruby/purple color is accompanied by an expressive, flamboyant bouquet of black fruits, Christmas spices, licorice and roasted Provençal herbs. Fuller-bodied, more concentrated and than most vintages with soft tannins, its low acidity and a sumptuous, plump style remind me of a modern day version of the 1982 (which is fully mature but still in great shape). The 2009 Gloria is very smart purchase for those looking to maximize their buying power. In fact, this may be the value of the vintage. »

◆ Vinum - 16/20

« Good length, thick, perfectly crafted, velvety and polished tannin. The finest Gloria tasting to this day. 2016 to 2025. »

◆ Revue du Vin de France - 16,5-17,5/20

« Made with 61% Cabernet-Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and the same proportion of Petit Verdot, the 2009 is dense and firm with imposing, but mellow, tannins. Great volume, meaty, with plenty of flesh.»

General or Economic Press

◆ Figaro Magazine - Bernard Burtschy - 90-92/100

« Dark colour. Smooth on the palate with pleasing fruit, elegant. »

◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 16,5/20

« Dark berries, violets, cherries, plenty of fruit on the palate, sucrosity, well rounded, sugared strawberries, fresh Cabernet, unctuous, caressing... »

2010 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 91-93/100

« A sensational effort, the 2010 Gloria may turn out to be finest wine they have made since 1982, although the 2009 is a serious contender for that honor as well. A bigger than life as well as more backward than normal offering, the 2010 exhibits an inky/purple color along, with an opulent display of black currants, jammy cherries, licorice, cedar and roasted herbs. Some serious tannin gives the wine grip, but this is a full-bodied, big, thick, well-

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proportioned, super-endowed Gloria that will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring and keep for two decades. »

◆ **Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 17-18/20**

« Violet aromas, very fleshy, magnificent volume on the palate, harmonious, creamy, a real fruit bomb, as the Americans say, and the most engaging of the recent Gloria vintages.»

◆ **Revue du Vin de France - 17-18/20**

« An expressive, open nose with fruit and spice aromas. Very elegant and well structured on the palate. A Saint-Julien that combines finesse and density. A charming wine.»

General or Economic Press

◆ **Le Figaro - 15,5/20**

« Dark colour. Red berry nose, fresh. Smooth and pleasing on the palate, quite fresh, density, good depth, lovely spicy finish. »

◆ **Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 16,5/20**

« Red roses, fresh, fine on the palate, hints of spices, well structured, quite vigorous tannins, long, persistent, tight. »