

DOMAINES HENRI MARTIN

CHÂTEAU SAINT-PIERRE

Saint-Julien

PRESS REVIEW

2005 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 93/100

« Smart consumers should be checking out this estate whose wines have been superb over recent vintages... it is a classic St-Julien with sensational concentration and intensity... It exhibits plenty of earthy crème de cassis intermixed with notes of forest floor, licorice, and roasted meats. Backward with huge tannin, full body... »

◆ Decanter - **** - 17/20

« Deep velvety red, rich and plummy with a touch of new wood, spicy and lifted with good depth, seductive fruit, firm tannins. »

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 17,5/20

« A dark colour and an extremely noble bouquet with its cedar and berry aromas. Full and deep, with splendidly controlled tannins. This may be the finest Saint-Pierre in history. »

◆ Revue du Vin de France - 17,5/20

« A subtle, mellow "bouquet of delicate fruit and lovely smoky, vanilla and tobacco notes ; delightful, creamy and velvety on the palate, fresh and well-balanced. »

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

« Once again, this wine wins all the votes, firstly for its splendid black colour, secondly for its deep, powerful bouquet of dark berries, spices and toast, and finally for its palate, which combines a full, sappy substance with a solid structure : the sign of a long ageing...»

◆ GaultMillau - 18,5/20

« Great finesse... an inky black colour. The substance, too, is highly concentrated. Lovely blackcurrant, blackberry, cigar box, cherry and wild strawberry aromas when aired, with a hint of toasting and smoke. Smooth and fleshy on the palate... Perfectly balanced. A wine for connoisseurs. »

General or Economic Press

◆ Le Figaro - 93-95/100

« ...This discreet Cru Classé is well worth knowing as it is remarkably refined and dense. »

◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 17/20

« Cherries, red berries, blackberries, tight, soft tannins, a fresh, tight profile like a 2004 but the mouth feel has a bit more fleshiness, breadth and fullness. Persistent red berry flavours. »

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◆ Paris Match -

« A lovely crimson and ruby colour, with oaky, shrubby, graphite, cedar, humus and dark berry aromas. Soft and fleshy, with plenty of finesse and elegance. Its strength is balanced by softness. A cajoling, loving finish that embraces and gives its all, even at this tender age! A wine for pleasure. »

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◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 93/100

« A candidate for one of the finest St-Julien of the vintage... Its deep opaque purple color is accompanied by notes of roasted herbs, charcoal, graphite, and extravagant crème de cassis and licorice. Full-bodied, powerful, deep, and rich with outstanding balance, purity, texture, and length, this stunning 2006 will be very long-lived.»

◆ Wine Spectator - 90/100

« ...This offers blackberry jam, with licorice and floral undertones. Full-bodied and chewy, with slightly austere tannins, but also fleshy and well-structured... »

◆ Decanter - **** - 17/20

« Marvellous density of colour, pure and seductive. Floral, fragrant fruit with flesh and depth. Fine terroir. »

◆ Vinum - 16,5/20

« Seductive, complex aroma; displays thickness and class, freshness and elegance, the tannin are fine-grained and just right; excellent wine. »

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

« The wine's character is more clearly defined than the other fourth wines in the appellation, with a remarkable cedar bouquet and firm, assured tannins, worthy of comparison with the very best... »

◆ Revue du Vins de France - 16,5/20

« A very ripe dark and red berry nose, with hints of oak and toast ; very solid on the palate, with a sound tannin structure, feshiness, fruit and real freshness on the finish... »

◆ GaultMillau - 17,5/20

« A deep, deep purple colour, distinguished, elegant and fine. The fruity substance is ripe and pleasing. The tannins are liquorice... »

General or Economic Press

◆ Journal du Dimanche - 92-93/100

« A very dark colour and fine nose. Dense and racy, with good length and a superb finish. A great wine with delightful fruit. It has found its place amongst the greats. »

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2007 Vintage

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♦ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 90-92/100

♦ Wine Spectator - 87-90/100

♦ Decanter - ****(*) - 17/20

♦ Vinum - 16,5/20

« Nose with peony accents; complex and full of finesse, with freshness and class, long, excellent, as strong as classical tannin. »

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

« ...remarkably full-bodied, with firm tannins... »

♦ Revue du Vin de France - 16-17/20

« Saint-Piere 2007 is precise and well-designed with an upright structure based on the elegance and freshness of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The tannin structure is close to that of the 2005 and is very harmonious. »

♦ GaultMillau - 15-16/20

« Matured in 50% new barrels, it has an impressively intense colour and a very refined blackcurrant nose. Dense and tight on the palate, the wine is very upright, with a lovely substance and a delightful finish. Fine, racy tannins. »

General or Economic Press

♦ Le Monde - Bettane et Desseauve

« This classic Saint-Julien is remarkably full-bodied, with firm tannins... »

♦ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 16/20

« ...lively and tight on the palate, very fruity, good tannins. A classy, dependable wine.»

♦ Journal du Dimanche - 90-91/100

« Dense and tight, very refined : lovely, classy tannins, like the wine in general. »

2008 Vintage

Specialized Press

♦ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 93/100

♦ Wine Spectator - 88-91/100

♦ Decanter - ****(*) - 17,5/20

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◆ Vinum - 16/20

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 17/20

« *Superb colour, distinctive spicy nose, remarkable substance, spicy tannins, tight texture, plenty of assurance and style.* »

◆ Revue du Vins de France - 17,5/20

« *The best Saint-Pierre for the last two decades. Dominated by spice and blackcurrant aromas. Excellent substance with smooth tannins and a delightful structure. Full and charming.* »

◆ GaultMillau - 16/20

« *A very dark colour with an intense blackberry nose. Dense and spicy, great length, splendid finish.* »

General or Economic Press

◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 16,5/20

« *Red berries, silky, well-rounded, fresh, refined tannins, delightfully fruity...* »

◆ Journal du Dimanche - 17/20

◆ Les Echos - 17/20

2009 Vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker - 98/100

« *The all-time greatest wine I have ever tasted from Saint-Pierre, this estate, the smallest of the grand cru classes of St.-Julien, has an opaque purple color and a spectacular nose of subtle charcoal, crème de cassis, blackberry, and incense. Full-bodied, with striking intensity and flamboyantly rich, exuberant flavours bursting with extract, the St. Pierre has no hard edges, but rather massive, incredibly well-endowed blockbuster style, which should prove to be monumental. Give it 6-8 years to take on more definition and calm down, but this is a 30- to 40- year wine. Bravo !* »

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve - 17,5/20

« *The sample gives the feeling of a slightly denser substance than that of Beychevelle or Talbot, with a little more energy in the tannin but less aromatic refinement than in the great Second Classified Growth; this wine will offer excellent value for money as it has style, depth and the vintage's monumental size.* »

◆ Revue du Vin de France - 18/20

« *The best wine made by the estate. It's superbly smooth on the palate, with refined tannins and delightfully fresh, balanced fruit. Delicious!* »

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◆ Figaro Magazine - 93-95/100

« Despite a number of successes in recent years, the wine is far from reaching the level of reputation that it should have. And yet it has much to recommend it : smooth and very harmonious, it offers superb spicy aromas. However far back you go, it's difficult to think of a vintage to compete with it. Dark colour. Discrete nose at first, then red berries. Smooth and harmonious on the palate; pleasing mid-palate and very elegant half-body with a delightfully harmonious finish... The wine is dense, full, long and distinctive. »

◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont – 17,5-18/20 Special favourite

« Dark berry nose, hints of spices and violets, sappy, dense, mellow tannins in mid-palate, a liquorice finish, tight, very fine tannins on the finish. This will be a very elegant wine after maturing. »

2010 vintage

Specialized Press

◆ Wine Advocate - Robert Parker – 95-97 / 100

« A killer trilogy (2008, 2009 and 2010) has been produced by Saint-Pierre and the 2010 is unquestionably one of the all-time great wines this estate has yet made. A candidate for one of the top wines of this remarkable vintage, it offers a thunderball of fruit, extract, glycerine and intensity. Its black/purple color is accompanied by notes of melted licorice, camphor, blackberries, blueberries, crème de cassis and subtle background oak, amazing concentration, unbelievable opulence and intense, but sweet, well-integrated tannins. Moreover, because of lower pH's and higher total acids across the board in 2010, and despite the high alcohols (this wine's alcohol content must be 14.5+%), the overall impression is one of elegance, freshness and precision. This cuvee reminded me somewhat of a St.-Julien version of another of the superstars of the vintage, the 2010 Pichon Longueville Baron. The 2010 Saint-Pierre should drink well for 30-40 years. »

◆ Vinum - 17/20

« Superb tannin – fresh and crisp, sturdy yet polished, beautiful, good length, juicy blackberry finale and perfectly formed sweet complex; superbly successful and highly recommended for long maturity. 2022 to 2040. »

◆ Tast Pro - Bettane et Desseauve – 18/20

« Upright, powerful, more austere than Gloria, firm tannins, more traditional in its construction on the palate, made for laying down. »

◆ Revue du Vin de France – 17,5-18/20

« With its spicy notes, this profound, serious, dense wine has obvious breeding and plenty of reach. A highly-strung wine that will become more full-bodied with time. Very clean with superb balance. The growth at its highest level. »

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◆ Figaro Magazine - 16,5/100

« *Dark colour. Intense nose, lovely spice and blackberry aromas. Dense and velvety on the palate; the mid-palate is very elegant with delightfully fine tannins. The whole is long with a pleasing spice and coffee finish. »*

◆ Le Point - Jacques Dupont - 17,5/20

« *Red colour, cherries, soft, elegant and fine on the palate, plenty of fruit, great length, a very classy wine ! »*