



PUY ARNAUD

Vineyard

Grand Vin 2019

AOC Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux



Average age of vines

30 years old

Grape varieties

70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards

Plot on a clay-limestone plateau. The vineyard is managed as both organic (AB label) and biodynamic (Demeter, Biodyvin labels).

Harvest

By hand, from the 16th to the 25th of September.

Vinification method

Transfer of whole grapes by gravity into wood and cement vats. Cold, pre fermentation maceration is achieved under inert gas. Then, natural fermentation at low temperature (25° C max).

Ageing

Ageing of 1/3 in barrels (15% in new wood), 1/3 in Demi-muids and 1/3 in amphoras for 6 months, then blending in uncoated cement vats for 3 months.

No fining.

SO₂ total: 77 mg/L Alcohol: 14°

Bottling

27,250 bottles on the 16th and 17th of July 2020.

For information about the other vintages, please contact the team.

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Vintage 2019

Antonio Galloni - Vinous

The 2019 Clos Puy Arnaud is dazzling. I can't remember a recent Clos Puy Arnaud with this much density. What a wine! **92-94/100**

Jane Anson - Decanter

Always a benchmark wine for me in terms of success of a vintage, and this is promising from the start. Extremely good quality, you're going to want to get on board. **93/100**

Yves Beck

Belle intensité fruitée en finale. Un vin sapide captivant, invitant et prometteur. 2024-2037. **93-94/100. Meilleure note des Côtes de Castillon 2019**

Nice, fruity intensity on the finish. A captivating, inviting and promising sapid wine. 2024-2037. **93-94/100. Best rating of Côtes de Castillon 2019**

Chris Kissack - The Wine Doctor

From Thierry Valette, and his long-time biodynamic vineyard, this displays a fabulously dark and concentrated crimson-black hue in the glass. The grip and energy of the vintage perhaps more prominent than anything else, with a long grip of tannins. This has real charm and distinction. **92-94/100**

Bernard Burtschy - Le Figaro

Issue d'un vignoble mené en biodynamie depuis des lustres, la robe est grenat sombre avec de beaux arômes de fruits noirs. **92-93/100**

Coming from a vineyard managed as biodynamic ages ago, the hue is dark garnet with nice aromas of black berries. **92-93/100**

James Suckling

Serious new wine for me from this appellation. **92-93/100**

Markus del Monego

Lingering fruit in the finish, good length with mouth-watering character. **91/100**

Jeannie Cho Lee - Master of Wine Hong Kong

Vibrant, sweet, and seductive with a lingering finish. **90/100**

Vintage 2017

Antonio Galloni - Vinous

The 2017 Clos Puy Arnaud is absolutely gorgeous. **91/100**

Vintage 2016

Le Guide RVF des meilleurs vins de France 2021

On entre dans le bouquet du Clos Puy Arnaud 2016 comme dans un tunnel de sensations particulières : il faut s'arrêter sur la qualité des tanins profonds, sensibles, mûrs. Le toucher de bouche est très velouté, avec une ambiance épicée. La finale un peu janséniste laisse envisager à ce vin un avenir lointain.

Chais d'œuvre - Manuel Peyrondet (meilleur sommelier de France en 2008)

J'ai été bluffé par l'énergie dégagée, la minéralité, l'évolution dans le verre et le terrible goût de « reviens-y » proposé... Pour fêter, dans quelques années, le nouveau style des grands vins bordelais. Des Bordeaux comme ça, j'en rêvais la nuit !

I was bluffed by the energy released, the minerality, the evolution in the glass and incredible "come-back-to-me" taste proposed... To celebrate, in a few years, the new style of Bordeaux Grands Vins. A Bordeaux like that, I dreamt of it at night!

Vinous - Antonio Galloni

The 2016 Clos Puy Arnaud is a fabulous wine. Clos Puy Arnaud is one of the classiest wines of the vintage. Don't miss it. **94/100**

Decanter

Beautifully vibrant in a succulent style delivering perfectly poised, juicy ripe blackberry and raspberry fruit that tiptoes along the palate. A wine to make you smile and which absolutely delivers. **95/100**

Yves Beck

Robe pourpre dense. Beaucoup de finesse et de fraîcheur au nez. Agréables notes de violettes et d'épices. Bravo à Thierry Valette et son équipe. **92/100**

Deep purple hue. Lot of precision and freshness in the nose. Gentle violet and spices notes. Congratulation to Thierry Valette and its team. **92/100.**

Vintage 2015

La Revue du vin de France (juin 2016)

Etincelant grâce à la netteté de son fruit et à la sincérité du vin en bouche. C'est généreux, ouvert, tout en étant très élégant.

Shining because of the precision of its fruit and the sincerity of the wine in the mouth. It's generous, open, with elegance.

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator

This has a lovely swath of cassis, plum and cherry preserve flavors flowing forth, lined with gentle tea, apple wood and anise hints. **92/100**

Antonio Galloni - Vinous

The 2015 Clos Puy Arnaud is pliant, supple, and absolutely engaging. **90/100**

Jane Anson - Decanter Magazine and monthly wine column contributor in the HKG South China Morning Post

Clean fruits, and a juicy finish, finessed damson and black cherry fruits. **93/100**

Vintage 2014

Olivier Poussier (meilleur sommelier du Monde en 2000)

Nez magnifique, pur, frais, exhalant de beaux parfums de fruits noirs et d'épices, il porte la marque inconditionnelle du grand vin. Un coup de cœur unanime, salué d'un **19/20** du Comité de dégustation.

Terrific nose, pure, fresh, exalting beautiful parfums of black berries and spices, it bears the unconditional of the "Grand Vin". An unanimous crush, awarded with a **19/20** from the tasting committee.

Andreas Larsson - Tasted

Good freshness all along, modern fruit and good purity with a long fresh finish, nice potential combining modernity and elegance. **93/100**

Antonio Galloni - Vinous

The 2014 Clos Puy Arnaud is terrific. Clos Puy Arnaud is one of the sleepers of the vintage. **92/100**

Pierrick Jégu - L'Express

La preuve formidable qu'intensité peut rimer avec justesse et équilibre.

The wonderful proof that intensity could pair with precision and balance.

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast

Here, Thierry Valette offers a delicious juicy wine with fine tannins and ripe red fruits. **91/100**

Neal Martin - The Wine Advocate

The 2014 Clos Puy Arnaud has a ripe and pure bouquet with black cherries, iodine and violet aromas that do not hold back. This is a cut above its peers and comes recommended. **90/100**