



Château La Prade

FRANCS CÔTES DE BORDEAUX

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“Juicy and fun, this has a playful edge that’s really enjoyable, a sweet, mouthwatering cherry and blueberry flavour with tannins that are textured like ripe grape skins, fleshy and filling. Plump weight yet this remains still quite direct and focussed. Good energy and persistence with layers and bitter, minty, herbal spice on the finish giving the lingering and lasting impression, but well made. **Really so effortless in the glass, appealing, full, weighty, lovely concentration** - tannic strength but finesse and cool juiciness all the way through. **Great quality and value.**”

Georgina Hindle, Decanter, mai 2023

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“**A hugely consistent, good value property** from the Thienpont family, on soils where limestone is dominant and much closer to the surface than with sibling Puygueraud. Plenty of damson and black cherry fruits, with orange peel, pomegranate, salted cracker and juice. Has depth and clarity, 37hl/h yield, 25% new oak, plus 400l oak casks for ageing. **A buy.**”

Jane Anson, Inside Bordeaux, mai 2023

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“Plenty of fruit with well-integrated tannins. Medium body, bright acidity and **a fresh and bright finish**. Lots of crunchy fruit. Juicy.”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, avril 2023

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“The inky hued 2022 Château La Prade shows the richer, concentrated style of the vintage and has beautiful cassis and darker berry fruits, some spicy background oak, medium to full body, and a seamless, sexy, layered style that’s already hard to resist. **It’s another terrific wine that’s going to shine right out of the gate.**”

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, mai 2023

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“Flowers with an ocean breeze open the nose before you find the black raspberries and touch of spice in the perfume. **Medium-bodied, sweet, fresh and fruity**, with fresh black plums, black raspberries, licorice and cherries from start to finish. With all this fruit, you can enjoy this on release. Made from 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. Drink from 2025-2036.”

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, mai 2023

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«A noter, un très bon Château La Prade, **dense, crémeux et savoureux.** »
Mathieu Doumenge, Terre de Vins, mai 2023

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“For a terroir like Château La Prade, which is late ripening, the 2022 vintage is like “pillow meets doze”. **The cool clay-limestone soil provides it with rare acidity and freshness**, and the palate brings a rare freshness for the vintage. After swirling the glass, the fragrance of violet, crisp and juicy strawberry and cherry permeate the air, and every drop of wine is filled with a strong natural essence, making even someone like me, who can’t handle too much alcohol, want to drink it to the fullest.”
Alexandre Ma, AlexandreMa.com, mai 2023

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«Nuances de cerise et de fruits noirs. Il est charnu, **avec un toucher de bouche élégant et une forme sphérique harmonieuse**, soutenue par un très joli tanin fruité.»
Jacques Perrin, Vinifera, mai 2023

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“Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Expressive nose with dark fruit, plums, black cherries, mulberries and elderberries. Mild spices and fine toasting in the background. On the palate **well structured with sweet fruit and ripe yet firm tannins, well balanced** with convincing length.”
Markus del Monego, mai 2023

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« Le terroir calcaire étire bien le tannin qui a un joli rebond final. **Joli vin.** »
Bettane & Desseauve, En Magnum, mai 2023

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“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2022 La Prade jumps from the glass with bold notions of juicy black plums and boysenberry preserves followed by wafts of cardamom, Sichuan pepper, and lavender. The medium to full-bodied palate has **a plush texture and plenty of freshness supporting the generous fruit, finishing with a spicy kick.** La Prade vineyard is in the Francs Côtes de Bordeaux, mainly on a limestone plateau with parts extending the hillsides. The blend is 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc.”
Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent, mai 2023

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« La Prade mise plus sur la subtilité, comparé à Puygueraud. Le boisé ressort un peu plus, tout en étant accompagné de nuances de réglisse et de cassis. En bouche le vin affiche une agréable sucrosité ainsi qu’une touche crémeuse. **Les tannins sont veloutés, parfaitement intégrés et assurent idéalement les arrières.** Ils sont fins et en phase avec une rafraîchissante tension qui confère de la salinité tout en plébiscitant la longueur de la finale. 2027-2037 »
Yves Beck, Beckustator, mai 2023

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“The 2022 La Prade was picked 14 to 29 September at 37.5 hL/ha. This is quite precise on the nose, with more delicacy than the Puygueraud, yet it needs coaxing and feels tightly wound at the moment. **The palate is very smooth with a powdery texture.** Dark berry fruit laced with graphite, quite fresh on the linear finish. Give this a couple of years once in bottle.”

Neal Martin, *Vinous*, mai 2023

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« Tout s’exprime dans la mesure, aussi bien l’aromatique bien mûre que la bouche charnue. La pulpe et les tanins sont admirablement mariés, sans angulosité. **Il a de belles années devant lui.** »

Alexis Goujard, *La Revue du Vin de France*, mai 2023

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“The 2022 La Prade is packed with inky dark fruit, chocolate, licorice, menthol and cloves. **In 2022, La Prade shows the natural intensity and solar richness of the year in spades.** A kiss of sweet French oak lingers on a sumptuous finish framed by potent tannins. The blend is 85% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc.”

Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, mai 2023

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« L’aération accente des arômes de cerises, de prunes noires, d’épices et de fleurs mauves. **La bouche est élégante, veloutée,** avec un corps bien dessiné, rempli, enrobé avec élégance et fruité. La finale est allongée, fraîche, veloutée, fruitée, finement épicée et florale. »

Daniel Seriot, *Journal d’un Passionné de la Rive droite*, mai 2023

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“The blend here is 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, picked on September 14th, 22nd and 29th. The yield was 37.5 hl/ha this year. The nose has some very precise blackcurrant, violet, currant and crushed limestone. The palate feels surprisingly relaxed, fresh and easy going at first, with a lithe blanket of floral curranty fruits, beneath which there is a slowly emerging core of velvety, dark-chocolate-coated tannins. **This shows very nicely, with lovely ripeness, poise and presence,** those ripe limestone tannins running through into the finish. The alcohol is 14.5%.”

Chris Kissack, *The Wine Doctor*, mai 2023