

CLOS DU CLOCHER

2012

LE GUIDE DES MEILLEURS VINS DE France EDITION 2018 – La Revue du Vin de France, Parution Eté 2017 & SUPPLEMENT Edition 2017/2018, Septembre 2017 : 15,50

Le 2012 est un vin suave, qui commence à se livrer et à se développer des nuances épicées et de sous-bois, avec un fruit toujours présent. L'élevage est bien fondu Rond et velouté. 2018-2028

DECANTER – June 2016: 90

Subdued nose but good depth of fruit. Lovely relief on the palate, which is sweet and opulent but with a line of freshness that runs right through, Smooth tannins finish with firmness and length. Good balance. Drink 2017-2027 Alc 14,5%

JEAN-MARC QUARIN – Chronique 201, 19 février 2016: 16,5

Superbe vin truffé et crémeux, au corps fondant, soyeux et très aromatique, s'achevant noble et délicieux en finale.
2020 – 2040.

VINOUS MEDIA- Antonio GALLONI - January 2016: 92

The 2012 Clos du Clocher is racy, open-knit and super expressive. Sweet floral aromatics meld into a core of red-fleshed fruit as the 2012 shows off its inviting, sensual personality. This is a gorgeous Pomerol to drink over the next decade or so. The 2012 has been terrific on the several occasions I have tasted it so far. Michel Rolland consults to the Bourotte and Audy families.

THE WINE ADVOCATE - Robert & Jr. Parker, Avril 2015: 92

There is always speculation that this great terroir belonging to the Audy family could do even better, but this 2012, a blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc, achieved a rather remarkable 14.5% natural alcohol. Inky ruby/purple, the wine offers up notes of licorice, damp earth, blue and black fruits, high levels of glycerin and opulence, and a full-bodied mouthfeel. This wine is impressive, and may be one of the Clos du Clocher cuvées that lives up to its great terroir and potential. It is a beauty and still somewhat under the radar. Drink it over the next 15-20 years

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - April 2013: 92

Coffee bean and a melange of fresh juicy plums open to a sweet mouthful of fresh black raspberries, while cocoa, spice and cherry liqueur add up to a delicious, well-priced Pomerol.

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THE WINE JOURNAL - Neal Martin, April 2013: 90-92

Jean-Baptiste Bourotte is improving this Pomerol cru year by year. The Clos du Clocher has a very fine, floral, precise bouquet with blackcurrant, briary and a touch of cedar that is very focused. The palate is medium-bodied with plenty of blackberry and raspberry fruit. There is noticeable new wood to be absorbed, but here I feel there is the substance and concentration to soak it up. The acidity is well judged and this should turn on to be one of the longer lasting Pomerols. Tasted April 2013.

JAMES SUCKLING - April 2013: 90-91

A wine with a solid core of fruit for the vintage with full body, chewy tannins and a long finish. Shows depth for the vintage.

WINE ENTHUSIAST - April 2013: 89-91

Intensely ripe fruit countered with powerful tannins yields a wine that's generous in texture and richness. The palate is bold with spice and lush fruit, highlighted by delicious acidity.

JANE ANSON - April 2013: 89-90

Firm, rich, fleshy, generously fruited nose. Good freshness on the attack, and some build in mid palate, with a touch of minty freshness. 70% merlot, 30% cabernet franc – it may be that the cabernet franc didn't do as well as usual, as this is a little short on the finish. Recommended-Highly Recommended. Drink 2017-2027

PAPERBLOG.FR - Daniel Sériot, April 2013: 89-91

Des fruits associés à l'élevage sont perceptibles à tous les stades de la dégustation. Le vin est frais, un peu vif, assez bien centré, avec des tannins fermes, d'une bonne allonge, mais la prise de bois nuit à son équilibre.

BETTANE ET DESSEAUVÉ - May 2013: 16,5-17

Du volume et un tannin persistant de belle ampleur. A ce stade, ce vin a plus de charme que lors des millésimes précédentes, et il a toujours un bon potentiel qui permettra de retrouver ce vin au-delà de dix ans.

GAULT & MILLAU - May 2013: 15,5

Un vin sur des notes florales et fruitées. Une certaine rondeur en début de bouche qui évolue rapidement sur des tannins un peu francs qui ne demandent qu'à s'arrondir avec l'élevage... à suivre.

VINUM - June 2013: 17,75

Einmal mehr ungemein stilvoll, dicht, Tannin von grosser Rasse, kein Gramm Übergewicht an Alkohol, blumig-fruchtiges Finale; herevorrager Wein, bleibt sich selber treu.