

# Château Gazin 2019

CSPC# 866085

750mlx6

14.0% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

88.5% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.5% Cabernet Franc

**Appellation**

Pomerol

**Classification**

Bordeaux AOC (*Appellation d'origine contrôlée*)

**Website**

<http://www.gazin.com/en/>

**General Info**

The Pomerol vineyard developed from the 12th century up to the French Revolution of 1789 around the Commanderie of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, Rhodes, and Malta. The present day, Château Gazin, which was once a village in the 18th century, is located on the site of the hospital built by the Knights to host the pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostella.

The logo for Chateau Gazin was inspired by an ancient connection to Knights of the Templars. Not only is the logo for Chateau Gazin old, so is the property. It dates all the way back to 1772 when the Pomerol vineyards were purchased by Antoine Feuilhade. Over the years, Chateau Gazin was sold and resold to numerous owners before it was bought by the current owners, the Bailliencourt family.

The estate's Bordeaux wine vineyards are large for the Pomerol appellation. They are 64.2 acres. The vineyards are in one single parcel, which is also unusual for Pomerol.

The terroir is clay with gravel. Gazin is situated on the Pomerol plateau.

Chateau Gazin has good neighbors. They share borders with Petrus and L'Evangile! In fact, in 1969, Chateau Gazin sold 12.5 acres to Petrus. While the sale helped the cash starved property, the loss of those vines reduced the quality of Chateau Gazin.

Further exacerbating the loss of quality was when the estate switched to machine harvesting in 1979, coupled with an increase in yields. Both practices have been discontinued today.

**Winemaker**

Michel Obert

**Vintage**

With the 2019 vintage, the Pomerol winegrowing region - and that of Chateau Gazin in particular - has had another great year. (We already know that the 2020 vintage will also be an excellent year, but let's not get ahead of ourselves and concentrate on our 2019). A dry winter. No freezing on the clay and gravel plateau of Pomerol where the vines grow. A cool and rainy spring caused a few issues in controlling mildew with organic phytosanitary products and organic controls. Even flowering of the vine, ending on 2 June. A very dry, hot summer. Removal of bunches on young vines affected by excessive heat (to avoid prune flavours and dry, rustic tannins). The clay also performed its role in preserving the freshness of the harvest and avoiding ripeness blockages caused by the heat. Only 11 days of rain between mid-June and the end of September! Manual harvesting was carried out once the grapes were ripe on each plot to avoid an increase in alcohol levels and preserve the freshness of the grapes.

**Vineyards**

The terroir at Château Gazin consists of Gunzian gravel on the surface and a subsoil of blue and green clay with iron oxides (iron residues). As is characteristic of great terroirs, these clays (smectites) ensure that the vines have a reasonably stable supply of water. Château GAZIN's terroir essentially consists of the clay-gravel subsoil of the Pomerol plateau. The vineyard is planted with 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. The average age of the vines is 35 years. The vines are planted with a density of 5,500 to 7,000 per hectare. HVE Level 3 certification.

**Harvest**

This vintage was harvested on 12-25 September for the merlot and 3-7 October for the cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon grapes.

**Vinification/  
Maturation**

Our 2019 vintage, for which vinification was carried out without sulphur, produced 90,000 bottles with a yield of 43hl per hectare. The wine is made up of 88.5% merlot, 7% cabernet sauvignon and 4.5% cabernet franc with 14.8 ABV. The alcohol does not dominate and the wood from the maturing casks blends in perfectly (50% new barrels used for the grand vin).

**Tasting Notes**

This vintage is full-bodied and smooth with a long finish. Its supple, rounded tannins give it elegance and good complexity, which will be enhanced over time. The wine will reach maturity in around ten years. Kept in the right conditions, it will then be able to be enjoyed for around twenty years.



**Serve with** Chateau Gazin is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift.

Chateau Gazin is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Gazin is also good with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.

**Cellaring** Drink 2024-2040

**Scores/Awards** **94 points** - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022  
**91-93 points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020  
**94+ points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2022  
**95 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022  
**95-96 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020  
**93 points** - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020  
**93 points** - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022  
**94 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022  
**92-94 points** - Farr Vintners - May 2020  
**95 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022  
**95-97 points** - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020  
**91-93 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020  
**94 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022  
**94-96 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020  
**94 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020  
**92+ points** - Thomas Parker MW - March 2022  
**96 points** - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020  
**95-96 points** - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020  
**93 points** - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020  
**94-95 points** - Vert de Vin (score only) - April 2020  
**17.5 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020

**Reviews** *"The 2019 Gazin is a fleshy, dramatic wine that wafts from the glass with aromas of ripe berry fruit mingled with subtle hints of truffle and violets, its new oak already entirely integrated. Medium to full-bodied, velvety, and seamless, it's broad and textural, with lively acids, powdery tannins, and fine length on the finish."*  
- WK, Wine Advocate

*"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2019 Gazin has fragrant notions of rose oil and lilacs over a core of prunes and Christmas cake plus hints of cumin seed. Full-bodied, it has firm grainy tannins and bold freshness supporting the generous fruit, finishing on a lingering, exotic spice note."*  
- LPB, Wine Advocate

*"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Gazin sashays out of the glass with pretty black cherries, kirsch and raspberry pie scents followed by hints of wilted roses, aniseed and damp soil. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has lovely restraint with loads of earth and mineral nuances taking center stage, framed by rounded tannins and soft acidity, finishing long and savory. 2024 – 2040."*  
- LPB, Wine Independent

*"A perfumed nose of mulberries, plums, chocolate orange and cloves. Hints of toffee, too. Medium-to full-bodied with firm, ripe tannins. Caressing, velvety, and rich core of dark fruit. So supple and polished. Drink after 2024."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"A tight, focused red with blackberry and blueberry character, as well as chocolate. It's full and compact with soft, silky tannins and a flavorful finish. Harmonious."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"For Gazin this is pretty creamy at this early stage, with blackberry and soft vanilla bean spice, impressively gourmet for an estate that is often one of the most austere and buttoned up Pomerols during En Primeur. The walls and floor of the tannins are still very much there, suggesting there is long life ahead. Thoroughly enjoyable. A yield of 44hl/ha."*  
- JA, Decanter.com

- Reviews** *“The showy nose kicks off with a beautiful display of flowers, red cherries, red plums, cocoa, and wet earth. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, elegant, and fresh with loads of ripe, sweet, plums, energy, and a liberal dose of chocolate in the finish. Drink from 2024-2045.”*  
- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)
- “Vibrant ruby in colour with bright and fresh aromatics of red plums and cherries on the nose. Fine and lifted on the palate, this is fresh, crunchy, and sappy. Juicy red fruits and accents of sweet spices linger through to a fine and chalky finish.”*  
- Farr Vintners
- “The 2019 Gazin has a convincing, perfumed nose of beautifully defined red fruit, light estuarine aromas, touches of crushed stone and even a hint of fig. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy red fruit. There is very good depth and substance here, and veins of dark chocolate and allspice toward the finish. The only minor quibble is that it needs a little more finesse. But it is a superb Gazin and a great Pomerol.”*  
- NM, Vinous
- “The 2019 Gazin is tightly wound at first and needs coaxing from the glass. Broody dark berry fruit, truffle and smoke eventually emerge, flanked by a discrete marine influence. The palate is very promising with saturated tannins that belie the structure of this Pomerol. The freshness is very impressive, lighting up the senses. The finish is imbued with wonderful tension and traces of iron on the aftertaste. Quintessentially Gazin, this is a superb wine.”*  
- NM, Vinous
- “The 2019 Gazin is succulent, racy and forward. Super-ripe red cherry, kirsch, cedar, and new leather are all laced together here. Deceptive in its mid-weight feel, the 2019 is racy and forward, with plenty of the vintage's radiance on display. Best of all, the 2019 should drink well right out of the gate.”*  
- AG, Vinous
- “While the 2019 Château Gazin isn't going to match the 2018, it's an elegant, solid Pomerol delivering spicy red and black cherry fruits, notes of cedary herbs and flowers, medium-bodied richness, silky yet building tannins, and a great finish. This elegant, nicely structured, balanced beauty will benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age and keep for 15-20 years. Best after 2025.”*  
- Jeb Dunnuck
- “I'm not sure it's going to match the 2018, but it's certainly not far off and has a wonderful mix of freshness, richness, and complexity that's the hallmark of this great vintage. Lots of ripe red and black fruits, tobacco, mocha, and spring flower notes all emerge from the glass, and it's beautifully balanced, building nicely with time in the glass, and just has everything in the right places. This gorgeous Pomerol in the making will be accessible in its youth and drink brilliantly for 15-20 years.”*  
- Jeb Dunnuck
- “Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, subtle lightening of the edges. Dark cherry fruit decorated with fine precious wood, some nougat, tobacco spice. Medium complexity, red berry nuances, fresh structure, fine tannins, a hint of lemon on the finish, red cherries, mineral aftertaste.”*  
- Falstaff Magazine
- “Bright ruby colour. The nose is tight and hard to judge at this stage, but underneath there seems good intensity of both red and black fruit. The palate is rich in creamy cherry fruit, propped up by firm tannins. The fruit pushes through, bringing the rounder texture that you might expect from a Pomerol. Still, this is quite awkward at this stage and warrants some patience before opening. Pithy and long.”*  
- Tom Parker MW
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