

Château Nenin 2000

CSPC# 786635

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

65% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

Pomerol

Website

http://www.domaines-delon.com/en/chateau_nenin_histoire.html

General Info

Château Nenin is quite a large property by Pomerol standards and sits located just outside the village of Catusseau on the south western slopes of the highest plateau in Pomerol. The Demay family are thought to have planted vines here in the mid-18th Century, with the Despujol family founding the estate and running it for over 150 years.

Château Nenin also boasts a regal, 19th Century building that would feel right at home on the Left Bank. The château has belonged to the same family since 1840 as the Delon family acquired Nenin from their cousins – the Despujols in 1997. The Delon family also own Châteaux Leoville Las Cases and Potensac.

Vineyards

32 hectares planted with 78% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon on Oligocene deposits covered by Dordogne alluvial gravel formations..

Harvest

The harvest is by hand, as you would expect, with the yields limited to around 30-35 hl/ha in most vintages (although as high as 59 hl/ha in 2004) by early pruning and then green-harvesting. The fruit goes into small baskets to avoid damage and these are then immediately transported to the reception and fermentation areas.

Maturation

In small thermoregulated stainless steel vats. Malolactic fermentation is carried out in tanks in a separate room. Bottling may be preceded by a slight filtration. Maturing 18 months in french oak barrels (20 to 30% new). Winemaking here is traditional, with 30% or less new oak, the wines masculine and structured, with great longevity.

Tasting Notes

It combines power and elegance, complexity and balance, purity and refinement. The nose is very elegant and charming, chocolate. On the palate, very beautiful, silky tannins, light notes truffled. Surging to the front of the Pomerol stakes, Nenin is a winery destined for greatness. The 2000 is 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc with a classic nose of sweet, jammy black fruits, licorice and subtle wood. Copious tannins and a long, structured finish, this wine will require patience. Buy now for your two-year olds twenty-first.

Serve with

Tender braised beef into red wine sauce, tournedos Rossini, game stew or risotto with black truffles.

Production

2,500 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2014-2024

Scores/Awards

- 92 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2003
- 92-94 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2001
- 90 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #189 - June 28, 2010
- 93 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #146 - April 2003
- 90-92 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #139 - February 2002
- 91-93 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #134 - April 2001
- 88-90 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - December 31, 1999
- 89 points** - Stephen Tanzer, ST's International Wine Cellar - score only
- 17 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 4, 2001
- 90 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - October 26, 2016
- 93 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - score only
- 16.5 points** - La Revue du Vin France - score only
- 16 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine - score only



- Reviews** *"It shows a serious amount of subtle aromas and flavors of tobacco, cherry and chocolate character. Full-bodied, with velvety, ripe tannins and a long and caressing finish. Yummy already. Hard to hold back. This is one of the best Nenins I have tasted in decades. Best after 2010. 2,500 cases made."*
- JS, Wine Spectator
- "Very pretty and very fresh. Intense berry and smoke. Very fruity and grapey. Full-bodied, yet sleek and harmonious. Long, silky tannins. Nenin is on the rise. Score range: 92-94"*
- JS, Wine Spectator
- "Full-bodied and powerful, but still tannic, structured, and backward, the 2000 Nenin possesses a dark ruby/plum color as well as a sweet nose of boysenberries, earth, flowers, and truffles. It requires another 4-5 years of bottle age, and should keep for 20 years thereafter. Drink 2014-2024"*
- RP, Wine Advocate
- "This wine has turned out exceptionally well, and to my thinking, is the finest Nenin yet made under the Delon administration. A blend of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc, the opaque purple-colored 2000 boasts corpulent, thick, juicy, jammy black fruits redolent with flavors of blackberries, cherries, and plums. Hints of licorice, truffles, and subtle wood are present as well. There is also tremendous opulence, thickness, and structure. A comparison with the best 1975s from Pomerol could be made, but the 2000 is sweeter and fleshier. It is a brilliant success for Nenin. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2023."*
- RP, Wine Advocate
- "A blend of 65% Merlot and 35% Cabernet Franc (high for Pomerol), the opaque purple-colored 2000 Nenin displays an unevolved but classic nose of sweet, jammy black fruits (primarily cherries and currants), licorice, underbrush, and subtle wood. Full-bodied, with copious amounts of tannin, and a long, structured, well-delineated finish, it will require significant patience. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2025."*
- RP, Wine Advocate
- "A blend of 73% Merlot and 27% Cabernet Franc, and yields of 30 hectoliters per hectare, it is powerful as well as complex. Opaque purple-colored, with a full-bodied, opulent style backed up by high tannin as well as decent acidity, it reveals more cedar and floral notes (because of the high percentage of Cabernet Franc) in its chocolate, blackberry, and cherry-scented bouquet. Gorgeously pure, thick, and rich, it is a candidate for a long life. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2025."*
- RP, Wine Advocate
- "First tasted in September 2003 when it displayed an almost Margaux-like nose and a palate with fine complexity and acidity, though lacking power on the finish. Then at the MW vertical in November 2004. The nose seems to have closed down since last year. But the palate is rich and concentrated with dense black fruits: black truffle and pain grille. Moderate acidity. Quite broody and masculine with dark chocolate on the finish. Lacks a little finesse but fine for those who appreciate a modern style of Pomerol."*
- NM, Wine Journal
- "This seems to be the vintage when the new Delon (Las Cases) ownership and the team really make a difference. Amazingly deep colour and rather hidden nose. Plummy, exotic and headily sweet. Slightly dry finish but very glamorous wine overall. Much more exciting than the 1999."*
- JR, JancisRobinson.com
- "Firm structured style of Pomerol that is presently more exciting on the truffle, cherry, thyme and floral nose, than on the still, tannic, fresh, and slightly stoic palate."*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
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