

Château Pavie Macquin 2019

CSPC# 866065

3x750ml

14.5% alc./vol.

CSPC# 866176

6x750ml

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

78% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

St. Emilion

Classification

Premier Grand Cru Classé B in 2006

Website

<http://www.pavie-macquin.com/pavie-macquin/>

Sustainability

Organic Farming

General Info

Great figure of St. Emilion in the early twentieth century, Albert Macquin left an indelible mark on the estate that was named after him. He is responsible for the use of grafted plant, which has eradicated the ravages of phylloxera. Perfectly situated on the plateau of Saint-Emilion, at an altitude ranging from 75 to 100 meters, the vineyards of Pavie Macquin covers 15 hectares in one piece. Its neighbors are illustrious Pavie south and Troplong Mondot west. The grandchildren of Albert Macquin now owners of the estate have appointed Nicolas Thienpont manager of Pavie Macquin in 1994. He is the advised by Stéphane Derenoncourt, who already took action on the estate several years before. The duo works beautifully. A map of the vineyard has been established to distinguish about nine types of soil, for each of which specific methods of viticulture and winemaking have been edited. Inspired by the principles of biodynamics, they forbid the use of herbicides and are based on the use of biological processes such as compost. Few modern methods are used too, such as micro-oxygenation, which consists of an oxygen supply to certain key stages of winemaking. The aromas of the wine are enhanced. The wines are aged in barrels renewed for 80% during 16 to 20 months. During the ten-year review of the classification of St. Emilion in 2006 Pavie-Macquin was promoted the rank of 1st Grand Cru Classé B, a privilege it shares with only 12 other wines. While this ranking is currently suspended, fans are not wrong: Pavie-Macquin produces powerful and aromatic wine. Very harmonious, they offer velvety tannins and display explosive aromas of black fruits in the mouth. Voluptuous, perfectly balanced and tailored for a long cellaring, they reach their peak within 10 to 12 years after the vintage.

Winemaker

Stéphane Derenoncourt consults.

Vintage

The Winter of 2019 bore the image of the year: a see-saw: January was cold, the warmth was upon us from February until March which provoked a prompt and early budburst. April was very cold, with the threat of frost. This coolness continued all spring. With heavy rainfall at the beginning of June, the flowering was of a mitigated success. July was resplendent with heatwave conditions and ended with a decent thunderstorm. The return of the water permitted the initiation and spreading of the veraison. Even though August was slightly hot during the day, it was cool at night, and we witnessed a record of thermal amplitude between daytime and nocturnal temperatures. On September 22nd, the clouds and rain would reappear. Defined as being radiant, the profile of our wines was marked by cool end-of-the-season conditions, with musts that were expressive, aromatic with a particularly high tannin and anthocyanin potential.

Vineyards

The 15-hectares of vines are located on the Côte Pavie, near the vineyards of Château Pavie, Château Pavie-Decesse and Château Troplong Mondot. There are nine different types of soil, with different variations of limestone and clay. Château Pavie Macquin has vineyards that are planted with 80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. The vines tend to ripen a bit later here, and the grapes are optically sorted before vinification at Château Pavie Macquin.

Harvest

Manual harvests. The harvest took place from 23rd of September to the 11th of October

Vinification

Harvest reception by gravity entirely manual: 4 successive sorting tables, destemming but no crushing. Gravity vatting of whole berries and separate vinification in concrete tanks. Gentle extraction by punching of the cap, at the core of the fermentation. Malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Maturation

16-20 months in barrels. 50% new oak, 50% 1-yr-old oak.



Tasting Notes	Deep and dark; vibrant purple at the edge; little more oak lift here as ever at first; liquorice; but also spices and menthol; beautiful seam sweet blackcurrants and black cherry fruit beneath; chocolate; layer upon layer of fruit here on aeration; characteristically deep; seductive black fruits on the palate; this is another powerful wine to rival the 2016 in style; plenty of fruit but the structure is quite evident too; tannins ripe and oak is nicely woven in at the end; great chew to the tannins and plenty of extract here [but not extracted]. Drink 2025-2045.
Serve with	Chateau Pavie Macquin is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Best paired with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Pavie Macquin is also good when matched with Asian dishes, rich fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta.
Production	5,500 cases made. 66,000 bottles
Cellaring	Drink 2024-2038.
Scores/Awards	<p>95 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p>96+ points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>95-97 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p>97+ points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2022</p> <p>97 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p>98-99 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p>94-96 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p> <p>16.5+ points - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - June 2020</p> <p>97 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p>97 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p> <p>97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p>95-97 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p>95-97 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>93-95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>96+ points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022</p> <p>95-97 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020</p> <p>94 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p>96-98 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>97 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020</p> <p>99 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - September 2021</p> <p>98 points - Vert de Vin - April 2020</p> <p>17-18 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2019</p> <p>18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"This unfurls as seductively as a cashmere scarf, offering black tea and incense notes amidst a lush wave of dark plum, fig and blackberry reduction flavors. The subtle inlay of charcoal, tobacco and sweet bay adds length and detail through the finish. Gorgeous. Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2024 through 2038. 5,500 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2019 Pavie Macquin has turned out very well indeed, unwinding in the glass with aromas of blackcurrants, cherries, burning embers, black truffle and licorice, framed by a deft framing of new oak that's more discreet than was the case even a few vintages back. Full-bodied, layered, and concentrated, it's deep and layered, with a strikingly vibrant core of fruit, powdery, chalky tannins and a long, penetrating, youthfully firm finish. Tasted alongside older vintages, it's clear that the Thienpont team have eased off extraction, which allows the quality of fruit that this fantastic vineyard produces to express itself all the more completely, delivering the finest Pavie Macquin since 1998.</i></p> <p><i>This 15-hectare vineyard, perched on the edge of Saint-Émilion's limestone plateau above Château Pavie, is a labor of love for Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt. It was here, in the 1990s, that they pioneered biodynamic farming, then considered eccentric. And it's here that their viticultural ideas have been put into practice: cover crops, high canopies and higher planting densities are all the order of the day; and the vineyards are gradually being restructured, Cabernet Franc displacing Cabernet Sauvignon and some Merlot (it will augment to around 25% of the blend in the years to come), and Merlot being repositioned to more appropriate locations, generally higher up the slope. In the cellar, winemaking displays more refinement than a decade ago—when pushing the boundaries, one sometimes exceeds them. There's less saignée (tank bleeds) these days, though I wonder if—given the quality of the site and its farming—any are required at all? And extraction is perceptibly gentler, oak better integrated. The result is a perfect storm in the great 2019 vintage, which has delivered the best Pavie-Macquin, to my palate, since the benchmark 1998 that showed the world just what this site could achieve. I</i></p>

Reviews *can't wait to taste the vintages to come."*
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Composed of 78% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2019 Pavie Macquin was harvested from the 23rd of September to the 11th of October. Yields were 47 hectoliters per hectare this year with about 90% of the production going into the grand vin. Deep garnet-purple in color, the wine opens with the most tantalizing perfume of lavender, lilacs, and forest floor, giving way to a core of crushed blackberries, baked plums and blueberry preserves plus wafts of licorice and bay leaves. The full-bodied palate offers layer upon layer of black fruits and earthy nuances, sporting a solid structure of firm, grainy tannins, and tons of freshness, finishing with great length and depth. About 5,500 cases are anticipated to be made."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"A blend of 78% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2019 Pavie Macquin is deep garnet-purple in color. It bursts with expressive blackberries, boysenberries, and ripe plum scents plus hints of dried mint, cast-iron pan, and wood smoke. Full-bodied, rich, and powerful in the mouth, it has amazing tension and velvety tannins, finishing very long."
- LPB, Wine Independent

"Lots of roses and dark fruit, such as blackberries and brambleberries on the nose. Full-bodied, yet tight and poised, with real focus and firmness and seamless tannins that run the length of the wine. Minerality and persistence in a cool way. This is very serious for the vintage and for the cellar. Try after 2025."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Really classy red, offering blueberries, minerals, salt, limestone, and light fresh herbs. It's full-bodied, but so refined. Fine layers of fruit and tannins. It's like millefeuille. The 2018 is more exuberant, but I love the elegance and structure here. Subtle and complex. 78% merlot, 20% cabernet franc and 2% cabernet sauvignon."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"78% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barrel sample. Firm, solid but with drive. Zesty, dark berry and spice nose. Powerful tannins but enveloped by the fruit. Dry and muscular on the finish. Drink 2028 – 2040."
- JL, JancisRobinson.com

"Violet-edged floral attack, hitting you straight up with the full range of concentrated black fruits and spices. Such a great quality wine that stands out from the pack. Full of nuance, just when you think you are done it pushes another flavour into the room. The texture is controlled and precise, with slate edges that slow down its progress through the palate, just all-round excellent terroir, and winemaking. Tasted twice, a week apart, and it's the depth to the palate that really sets it apart, and the mouth-scrape-ingly slow slate finish."
- JA, Decanter.com

"Rich and deep in colour, this is inky damson, layered and luscious in its aromatics, both restrained and generous, performing the limestone magic trick of push and pull, giving and taking. Blackberry, blueberry, and liquorice upfront, with tannins that bristling and muscular but well-honed and discreet. As it softens through the mid palate, the creamy fruits arrive, and you relax for a moment before the limestone grip is turned on again. This will close up soon, as the 2016 has done, but right now is singing with liquorice, black chocolate, blackcurrant, turmeric, spiced black truffles, mandarin peel and slate. Totally lives up to its En Primeur brilliance. 50% new oak. Part of the outstanding vintages series within this vertical."
- JA, Inside Bordeaux

"Full-bodied, concentrated, and loaded with ripe, very ripe, and perfectly ripe red with black fruits, flowers, spice, mocha, and smoke is intoxicating. Long, lush, rich, and supple, there is density along with lift, length, and complexity which makes for an exciting tasting experience. The finish really holds on and expands as it lingers. Drink from 2025-2047."
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

Reviews

“With a dark ruby hue, the wine is filled with fresh flowers, incense, smoke, crushed rock, and piquant dark red fruits. On the palate, the wine is fresh, juicy, sweet, lively, and long. The finish, with its ripe, stony red fruits has good volume and persistence.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2019 Pavie Macquin feels very tight on the nose at first and certainly from my sample bottle, I allowed it 15-20 minutes to open. Eventually it reveals very intense scents of black cherries, cassis and crushed violet, touches of blood orange in the background. The palate has a satin-like texture, almost Vosne-Romanée-like, with extraordinarily pure blue and black fruit. Seamless! There is fine tension on the finish with impressive persistence. This is a seriously good Pavie-Macquin from Nicolas Thienpont and his team.”

- NM, *Vinous*

“The 2019 Pavie Macquin is succulent and racy, as it so often is. Red cherry, pomegranate, menthol, licorice and rose petal are all laced together in this super-expressive, sensual Saint-Émilion. A wine with soft curves and no hard edges, the 2019 is likely to give readers many years of drinking pleasure right out of the gate. The 2019 is pure sensuality in the glass”

- AG, *Vinous*

“The 2019 Château Pavie Macquin comes from a beautiful, cooler terroir located just outside the village of Saint-Émilion. A wine that always demands bottle age, its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a tight, reserved wine with notes of ripe cassis, mulberry, and blackberry fruits as well as notes of spring flowers, sandalwood, and flowers. The purity is truly something, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a rich, layered mid-palate, beautiful tannins, and a great finish. This is a wonderfully complete, nuanced, flawlessly balanced Pavie Macquin that will round into form with just 5-6 years of bottle age yet keep for 2-3 decades.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“While this cooler terroir always yields a more austere wine that requires bottle age, the 2019 Château Pavie Macquin has a wonderful elegance and plushness to its fruit that gives surprisingly upfront appeal. Nevertheless, it has bright acidity, good concentration, and rocking purity of fruit, all pointing toward a good decade before it hits maturity. Dense purple, with lots of cassis, violets, spring flowers, crushed stone, and graphite, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, stunningly polished, silky tannins, and a great, great finish. I'll be a buyer.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep dark ruby, opaque core, violet tints, delicate bright rim. Intense liquorice and candied violets, fine cassis is underlaid, some vanilla and tangerine zest in the background. Complex, taut, mineral texture, ripe tannins, red fruit nuances, salty terroir kiss, fresh and long lasting, shows its class, great future potential.”

- Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is elegant, fine, beautifully racy (marked by the terroir) and offers a fine power (in delicacy) and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, pulpy/juicy blueberry, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of small crushed black fruits, violet, sense of the place as well as fine hints of nutmeg, almond and a very fine hint of zan and an almost orangery hint. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, beautifully defined and offers precision, harmony, finesse, tension as well as a beautiful delicacy of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy Boysen berry, small notes of small juicy/acidulous blue fruits associated with touches of juicy/crunchy strawberry, cornflower, violet as well as fine hints of chocolate, toasted and sweet spices/toasted. Tannins are elegant, racy, fine, and coating. A wine full of delicacy and racy. A beautiful success.”

- Vert de Vin
