

Château Pavie Macquin 2000

CSPC# 759363

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc

Appellation

St. Emilion

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 owner 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 wine is 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.

Vineyards

There are 15 hectares of vineyards, planted to 80 % Merlot, 18 % Cabernet Franc and 2 % Cabernet Sauvignon. Average vine age is 35 years

Vinification/

Maturation

No crushing of grapes. Gentle extraction by punching-down. Temperature-controlled tanks. Malolactic fermentation in barrel. Stirring of lees after malolactic fermentation. Reductive aging on lees: first racking after 6 to 10 months (before summer), second racking one year later before bottling. Aged 16-20 months in 80% new and 20% 1 yr old barrels.

Tasting Notes

Strong aromas of crème de cassis and glycerin (fading after a few minutes), followed by hints of pepper and menthol. Fine fruity attack, but the finish is a little bit alcoholic for my taste. A slight imbalance which I think ought to dissipate as this 2000 Pavie Macquin evolves.

Production

50,000 bottles made

Cellaring

Drink 2007-2024

Scores/Awards

92 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2003
89-91 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2001
95+ points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #189 - June 2010
95 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #146 - April 2003
93-95 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #139 - February 2002
92-94 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #134 - April 2001
93 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - July 2011
92 points - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - May/June 2003
17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - no review
17.5 points - Decanter.com - November 8, 2010
96 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 1, 2010
93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 5, 2010
95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - July 1, 2008



Scores/Awards **93 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - no review
16.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - April 2011 - no review
17 points - La Revue du Vin France - no review
2 stars - Le Guide Hachette des Vins - 2004

Reviews *"Complex aromas of crushed ripe fruit, with mineral and tobacco undertones. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, long finish. Tight and muscular. Very fine indeed. Best after 2010. 4,165 cases made."*
- JS, Wine Spectator

"This is a solid, fruity wine, with very good fruit and a racy finish. Well done. Score range: 89-91."
- JS, Wine Spectator

"A beautiful crushed rock/liqueur of minerality characterizes this inky/purple-hued St.-Emilion. Tannic, with lots of pure black raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with a notion of charcoal as well as the aforementioned rocky/powdered stone component, this long-distance runner requires another 5-6 years of cellaring. It should age easily through 2030+."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"A wine of great density, concentration, and intensity, the opaque blue/purple 2000 Pavie Macquin needs considerable aeration, but with decanting the prodigious bouquet of graphite, camphor, blackberry, blueberry, mineral, coffee, and smoky oak finally makes an appearance. Persuasive, expansive, full-bodied, and muscular, this enormously endowed, rich wine looks set for a long life, at least three decades. A terrific effort that rivals the compelling 1998. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2025."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"The 2000's sensational black/purple color is reminiscent of vintage port. Graphite, blackberry, blueberry, mineral, and smoky oak characteristics cut a deep, persuasive swath across the palate. Full-bodied, pure, loaded, and extremely harmonious for a wine of such massive size, it will be drinkable between 2007-2025. This 37.5-acre vineyard situated on pure limestone soils is planted with 70% Merlot, 25%."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"The old vine intensity, back strapping, super-concentrated, highly-extracted style with an abundance of fruit, body, and tannin, combine to produce a noteworthy candidate for extended cellaring. Production from the estate's 36 acres (planted with 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon) averages 4,000 cases.

Not a wine for hedonists seeking immediate gratification, the 2000 Pavie-Macquin requires 8-10 years of cellaring. A black/purple color is followed by gorgeously pure aromas of black raspberries, blackberries, cherries, liquid minerals, truffles, and Asian spices. Fleshy, ripe, glycerin-imbued flavors hit the palate with a crescendo, but the tannin kicks in in the 40+ second finish. The wine is full-bodied and high in tannin, but balanced by sumptuous levels of fruit, glycerin, and extract. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2030."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"The 2000 Pavie-Macquin has a high-toned bouquet with black cherries, cassis and a very slight acetic notes that is a little distracting. Still, the palate is full-bodied and loaded with glycerol lending it a very modern sheen, sumptuous heady dark fruits with a very sweet, seductive finish. Not my style of Saint Emilion, but well crafted and should not be approached for several years. Tasted November 2010."
- NM, Wine Journal

"Medium ruby-red. Super ripe, inviting aromas of raspberry, game, coffee and woodsmoke. Fat, lush and mellow, with rich raspberry, game and truffle flavors. This boasts a velvety, utterly seamless texture, with perfectly integrated acids giving the wine shape. Really expands in the mouth, displaying the volume and generosity of the vintage's best examples. Finishes with big but lush tannins and lingering sweet fruit."
- ST, International Wine Cellar

"Thick and sweet. Very flattering. Great balance. 17/20 points"
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

Reviews *“Savoury-sweet, vegetal notes. Super-ripe and burnished. Rich, chocolate sweetness, textured and opulent. One for the cheese course. Drink from 2010.”*

- Decanter.com

“This has morphed into a decadent, sultry wine. The complex perfume is intoxicating. Deep, full bodied and concentrated. Pure silk, velvet and lush, ripe fruit coat your palate. This Bordeaux wine is packed with polished, ripe dark berries, licorice, spice and minerals. Still young, over the last year, this has really started to come around.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“With its blackberry, dark cherry, fennel and mineral filled perfume was rich, round and full bodied. The wine needs at least another 5 years to develop and express all its character.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Caramel, licorice, fresh herbs, jammy blackberry and plum liqueur with hints of mint. Rich, sexy, concentrated, but in a more classic style of sex appeal. Dense layers of ripe, spicy black fruit with hints of Persian Mulberries and cherry fill your palate. The long finish builds and continues for over forty seconds.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com
