

Brane-Cantenac 2ième grand cru classé 2018 – Margaux

Tasting notes

96 points Wine Enthusiast

“ This is now performing as one of the top Margaux estates. Their latest release shows structure, elegant black fruits and rich tannins. Densely textured and vibrantly fruity, the wine has a fine future. Drink from 2027. *Cellar Selection* (RV) ” (3/2021)

95 points Decanter

“ Deep and generous blackberry fruits and rich chocolate, there is good balance here with depth and interest and a ton of flavour. Really good stuff, with juice and a drive forward through the palate. (JA) ” (11/2020)

95 points Jeb Dunnuck

“ A quintessential Margaux as well as one of the finest wines I've tasted from this estate, the 2018 Château Brane-Cantenac is based on 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, all aged in 70% new French oak. Beautiful cassis and mulberry fruits as well as notes of leafy tobacco, spice, cedarwood, and spring flowers emerge from the glass. Medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, and elegant, it has loads of fruit, a seamless texture, and a good spine of acidity. Give bottles 4-5 years and enjoy over the following 30 years or more. 95+ ” (3/2021)

95 points James Suckling

“ Aromas of mushroom, meat, bark and iodine with blackberries and blackcurrants, following through to a full body with firm, creamy tannins that give structure and form to the wine. Tight on the finish. Long and persistent with presence. Drink after 2025. ” (3/2021)

95 points Vinous

“ The 2018 Brane-Cantenac opens with a super-classic bouquet of dried herbs, pencil shavings, licorice and mint. Medium in body and wonderfully nuanced, Brane-Cantenac marries the natural richness of the year with a classic structural feel. This is one of the most elegant, restrained 2018s readers will come across. I loved it. (AG) ” (3/2021)

93 points Wine Advocate

“ The 2018 Brane-Cantenac is medium to deep garnet-purple in color, leaping from the glass with vibrant notes of kirsch, black raspberries and warm cassis, plus suggestions of roses, forest floor and cinnamon stick with a waft of cedar chest. The medium-bodied palate is wonderfully elegant and refreshing, weighing in at just 13.5% alcohol, while not scrimping on the interplay of red and black fruits. It has lovely soft tannins and a long, perfumed finish. Impressive! (LPB) 93+ ” (3/2021)

Jancis Robinson

“ Classic fragrance, violets and fresh blackcurrants. Lovely nose. Silky entry, with a rush of fresh cassis fruit and vibrant acidity in tandem on the palate. Svelte but intense, retaining all the freshness of great Bordeaux while exhibiting hints of the solar vintage in the ripeness of fruit. Long and fine with subtle spices lingering on the finish. Lots to enjoy here. 17++/20 points (TP) ” (10/2020)