

The Wine Advocate
Robert Parker, issue 188, Apr 2010

Château Branon 2009 96-98+

Having just had the 2000 Branon, which performed unbelievably well, this is definitely a wine for connoisseurs to seek out. The problem is that just under 500 cases were made, all from relatively old vines planted in the early sixties. This blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc is from a parcel of the Branon vineyard sandwiched between Haut-Bailly and Malartic Lagraviere in the heart of Leognan. The 2009 reveals smoky, earthy, barbecue notes intermixed with creme de cassis, blackberry liqueur, charcoal, and graphite. This hugely concentrated, intense, dense, full-bodied powerhouse possesses silky tannins, plenty of glycerin, an over the top, extravagantly rich mouthfeel, and a finish that lasts nearly 60 seconds. A potential legend in the making, this wine should drink well for 30+ years.

Wine Journal - Neal Martin
e.RobertParker.com – April 2010

2009 Chateau Branon 91-93
Tasted at Clos l'Eglise. This has a ripe black cherry, briary, redcurrant tinged bouquet with very fine definition and clarity. The palate is medium-bodied but with firm tannins, quite robust, a broad-shouldered, quite powerful Branon that grip the palate, earthy tones towards the weighty finish. Excellent. Tasted April 2010.

WineSpectator.com
James Suckling,
Posted: March 25, 2010 Updated: April 9, 2010

2009 Top-Scoring Red Bordeaux

CHATEAU BRANON Pessac-Léognan 2009 Score: 92-95
Love the nose on this, with blackberry, licorice and stone. Full-bodied, with supersilky and ultrafine tannins. This wine goes on and on.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine
Cellar
Bordeaux 2009: The Best Ever?
By Ian D'Agata – Issue 150 - May/Jun 10

The Best 2009s of Graves/Pessac-Léognan
2009 Chateau Branon Pessac-Leognan 91-94
Ruby-red. Captivating strawberry and violet aromas speak of the cabernet franc component, but there is also a noticeable and clever use of new oak here. Dense, supple and luscious in the mouth. with rich flavors of red cherrv. red berries and vanilla that last and last. Finishes

with light peppery and mineral qualities. This big, showy wine has the balance to avoid coming across as exaggerated, even if some purists might object to the amount of new oak lavished on it. This extremely well-made wine should age effortlessly.

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JancisRobinson.com
2nd Apr 2010 by Jancis Robinson

Château Branon 2009 – Pessac-Léognan 15.5Very
dark but lustrous. Toasty and intense. Tarry. Excessively aggressive on the palate and some hints of damp cat fur. Not really much fun on the palate at the moment! Drying finish.

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DECANTER.COM
Steven Spurrier, April 2010

Chateau Branon, Pessac-Leognan 2009
Black red, big smoky Havana tobacco nose, full and with quite grippy Cabernet fruit, but good structure and will age well. Drink 2014-20. (16-plus points)

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WEINWISSER
René Gabriel
DIE BESTEN BORDEAUX 2009

Weine mit 18 oder 17 Punkten 2009 Branon Graves/Pessac-Léognan

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Bordeaux Primeurs 2009 Live
www.quarin.com
Septième rapport (12 avril 2010)

BRANON Pessac-Léognan 16,75 – 17
Couleur rouge sombre, intense et belle. Nez aromatique, puissant, épicé, marqué par les fruits noirs, comme dans les grands Médocs du millésime. Jolie entrée en bouche pulpeuse et fondante, à la saveur très fruitée. Le vin se développe sur un beau toucher, avec du goût, des tannins enrobés, une sensation générale de noblesse et une très belle finale sèveuse, au grain de tannin fin.

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LA REVUE DU VIN DE France
Jérôme Baudoin, Philippe Maurange,
Olivier Poels, Alaric de Portal, Raoul
Salama - N°542 – juin 2010

Pessac-Léognan - Grandes Réussites

CHATEAU
Vin riche, s'affirmant dans un style concentré et puissant.

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