

CHÂTEAU  
*Couhins-Lurton*

PESSAC-LÉOGNAN



EVEN IF COUHINS-LURTON IS ONLY "CRU CLASSÉ" IN WHITE, ANDRÉ LURTON AND HIS TEAM MAKE IT A POINT TO DEVELOP A VERY NOBLE RED WINE. CHÂTEAU COUHINS-LURTON RED HAS A DEEP PURPLE COLOUR AND AN ELEGANT BOUQUET : BLACK FRUITS, CHERRY, TOBACCO, SPICES AND SMOKE NOTES. THE WINE IS AMPLE, POWERFUL AND LONG.

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SURFACE	12,00 hectares
SOIL	Gravel.
GRAFT STOCK	101.14 - 3309C - Riparia
PLANT FOOD	Traditional, limited impact.
PLANT DENSITY	8,500 vines per hectare.
WINE AVERAGE AGE	25 years old
GRAPE VARIETY	Merlot / Cabernet Sauvignon
PRUNING TYPE	Double guyot with debudding
GRAPE HARVEST	By hand
FERMENTATION	In stainless-steel temperature controlled tanks with patented cap-breaking system.
FERMENTATION TEMPERATURE	28 to 30°C
MALOLACTIC	Yes
WINE MATURING	For 12 months in oak barrels (40% new) with racking
WINE MONTAGE	Egg whites
MATURING POTENTIAL	Subject to vintage, expressive after 3 to 5 years, can age 10 to 15 years
CELLAR MASTER	Sébastien RAVILLY

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VINTAGE

2018

APPELLATION

Pessac-Léognan

HARVEST DATE

September 27, 2018

WEATHER

2018 was one of the warmest years since 1900, featuring above-average temperatures, the second hottest summer to date, and abundant sunshine... Heavy rainfall in the first half of the year was followed by persistent, near-record drought conditions. This exceptional summer weather conditions enabled the vegetation to make up for lost time and provide us with grapes of remarkable quality.

GRAPE BLEND

Merlot 100%

OENOLOGIST CONSULTANTS

Michel ROLLAND et Mickaël LAIZET

TASTING

APPEARANCE

Brilliant, clear, intense, and very deep purple colour scattered with almost black highlights.

NOSE

The expressive nose is dominated by delicious notes of black and red fruit (cherry), with delicate oak nuances.

MOUTH

Starts off smooth, becoming round and sweet, making for a particularly enjoyable wine. Black fruit aromas follow through to the palate, accompanied by hints of well-integrated oak, culminating in a lovely fruity finish. All in all, an elegant wine with good ageing potential.

CONSUMPTION PERIOD

2022 - 2031



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## PRESS REVIEW

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### DECANTER

05.05.2020

NOTE: 94,00 / 100

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### JAMES SUCKLING

07.04.2019

NOTE: FROM 92,00 TO 93,00 / 100

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### MARKUS DEL MONEGO

12.12.2020

NOTE: 93,00 / 100

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### THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

MARS 2021

NOTE: 93,00 / 100

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### LE POINT

NOTE: 17,5 / 20

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## COUHINS-LURTON RED 2018

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Gorgeous wine, full of plump damson fruits with salinity on the finish and again a sense of poise that this the estate is delivering far more consistently since 2014. Drinking Window 2024 – 2044. (*Jane Anson*)

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A firm and chewy red with lots of blackberry and salty undertones. Full and flavorful.

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Deep purple colour with violet hue and black core. Initially slightly closed the noses opens up very well displaying ripe fruit, elderberries, sloe and blackberries, black cherries and hints of mulberries, fine toasting aroma and elegant mild spices. On the palate well balanced with rich fruit, ripe tannins, hints of liquorice in the background as well as gingerbread spices. A wine with convincing length.

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With a nice depth of color, the elegant wine delivers ample, soft, sweet, ripe, smoky, refined red fruits on the nose and palate. (*Jeff Leve*)

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Nose of liquorice, frangipane, eucalyptus, elegant, melted, fresh, balanced mouth, fine, delicate tannins, tension on the finish. (*Jacques Dupont et Olivier Bompas*)

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