



CHÂTEAU DESMIRAIL 2018

MARGAUX - 3TH CLASSIFIED GREAT GROWTH

Château Desmirail, Third Grand Cru Classé in 1855, enjoys an exceptional location, on the edge of the famous "Route des Châteaux". Behind a majestic pink marble portal, one can see an elegant 18th century Carthusian monastery and a typical late 19th century Medoc vat room. Jean Desmirail, on the occasion of his marriage to a Miss Rausan, gave his name to the property at the end of the 17th century. In 1914, the estate belonged to Mr. de Mendelssohn, nephew of the great composer but also grandson of the Médoc poet Biarnez. The French State confiscated the property, then sold it at auction to Mr. Michel, an industrialist from the north of France. Denis Lurton, the current successor of Jean Desmirail, took over from his father Lucien in 1992.

Wine making:

2018 has given us a remarkable climate for the production of excellent grapes. This beautiful raw material based on berries filled with sugar and tannins was harvested, briskly, in eleven days. The harvest begins with the Merlot on September 24th, under a shining sun. The climate is perfect for harvesting. However, there is a singularity of the vintage: from time to time exceptional amplitudes, between night and day (around 20 degrees!). The Cabernets Sauvignons are picked from October 1st, after harvesting the Petit Verdot plot. End of the harvest on Friday, October 5th, at the Sainte Fleur, on a beautiful day. Another vintage of excellence in line with the 2016.

Tasting note:

A very great, fresh and powerful vintage! Dark garnet color. Greedy nose with ripe black fruits, plum, blackberry and a light woody taste. A balanced mouth followed by a beautiful length.

Owner : Denis Lurton

Surface: 34 ha

Average Age of the viens: 25 ans

Blending : Cabernet Sauvignon : 40% Merlot : 50% Petit Verdot : 10%

Terroir : Gravel



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95 Revue des Vins de France - Olivier Poels (September 2021) :

Il ne cesse de surprendre, avec une bouche serrée, dense, mais aussi très raffinée et d'une superbe persistance. La longue finale dévoile des tanins très fins.

94 Revue des Vins de France - O. Poels (November 2020) :

Le 2018 possède du volume, une bouche charnue et pleine, il termine toutefois sur des tanins élégants et fondus et confirme son statut de belle révélation du millésime 2018.

93+ 2018 Bordeaux from the bottle - Jeb Dunnuck (January 2021) :

Always a charming, balanced Margaux, the 2018 Château Desmirail reveals a dense purple/plum color to go with a terrific nose of ripe red and blue fruits as well as complex sandalwood, flowery incense, spice, and tobacco. Beautifully textured, medium-bodied, and already complex, it has ripe, silky tannins and just loads of character. I'd be happy to have bottles in the cellar.

17 Vinum - Rolf Bichsel (June 2019) :

Hübsche Eichenwürze in der Nase; von geschmeidiger, gut ausbalancierter, verführerischer Art, gut strukturiert, erfrischend, macht Freude schon in seiner Jugend und kann doch reifen.

Nice oak spices on the nose; sweet, well balanced, attractive, well structured, refreshing, it already brings joy in its youth and yet it can still mature.

91-94 Wine Spectator - James Molesworth (April 2019) :

A sappy, vivid style, with exuberant cassis and blackberry puree flavors leading the way, backed by black licorice and a light mesquite thread at the very end.

90 Bettane & Desseauve (April 2021):

Guide Hachette des Vins 2022 (September 2021) : **

If the bouquet reveals a still marked influence of the maturation, its complexity shows that the personality of this Margaux is not limited to this aspect alone: alongside nuances of caramel and toast, generous notes of ripe red fruits and prunes unfold. The palate confirms its potential. Fresh on the attack, round and full-bodied, it displays a lot of volume and a great balance around powerful but very well controlled tannins.



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