



CHATEAU FOURCAS HOSTEN

Vintage 2019



Rich structure with coated tannins



A warm vintage, a dense and concentrated structure, a low yield, conjunction of three events in the vineyard: an early budbreak, two episodes of frost on April 13 and May 5 and 6 on 4.5 ha, a storm on June 10 in full bloom that will generate coulure. Then summer conditions settled from mid-June, with four episodes of rain (20mm each) until September. On our terroirs, vines experienced water stress, but no over-stress: even if the water did not always go very deep, the vine had it exactly at the moment it needed it, continuing to be fed, to produce small, very concentrated and very aromatic grapes. As a result, a perfect maturity reveals a charming and elegant profile.

Grape harvest dates (17 days)

- Merlot: from September 25th to October 8th
- Cabernet Sauvignon: from September 30th to October 11th
- Petit Verdot: October 9th
- Cabernet Franc: October 9th

Blending

- 50 % Cabernet Sauvignon
- 48 % Merlot
- 1 % Petit Verdot
- 1 % Cabernet Franc

Yield

27 hl/ha

Ageing 12 months in French oak barrels

- 43 % new barrels
- 28 % one-year barrels
- 29 % two-year barrels

Production

100,000 bottles

Bottling date at the château

From 20 to 22 April 2021

Alcoholic degree

13% Vol.

UNDER CONVERSION TO ORGANIC: Y-2



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Press Review

JAMES SUCKLING.COM 

James Suckling – December 2021 / **Score : 93/100**

Very pretty plum, light spice and dried-flower character on the nose, following through to a medium body with creamy and refined tannins. Bright acidity at the end. This only needs a few years to come together and deliver a beautiful glass. Try after 2023.

vinous

Vinous – Neal Martin – February 2022 / **Score : 91/100**

The 2019 Fourcas Hosten offers plenty of juicy ripe red berry fruit on the nose, which is more forward than 2019 Clarke. Red plum and mulberry develop with aeration, along with a touch of black currant pastilles and even a light confit scent. The palate is medium-bodied with a grippy entry, a slightly granular texture and a fine bead of acidity, though at the moment it feels a little hemmed in on the finish. I suspect that this may close down in bottle, but it has the substance to age well. Also, at 13.3% on the label, this is one of the lower-alcohol left bank wines.

Jancis Robinson.com

Jancis Robinson - Julia Harding - December 2021 / **Score : 16,5++/20**

Black almost to the rim. Savoury and dark on the nose. Rocky and dark. Strict but fine-grained tannins, more chalky than thick. This has great fruit at the core and needs time for the tannins to allow the fruit to be more central. Big, dark, demanding for now.

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

The Wine Advocate – L. Perrotti-Brown – July 2020 / **Score : 89-91/100**

Supporting a deep garnet-purple color, [it] opens with cedary/oak-inspired scents, giving way to a core of baked black cherries, dried mulberries and warm cassis plus suggestions of spice cake, menthol and clove oil. Medium-bodied, the palate truly packs a punch of black fruit preserves, supported by firm, grainy tannins [...], finishing long and spicy.

Decanter

Decanter – Jane Anson – June 2020 / **Score : 91/100**

Sleek well-presented blueberry and blackberry fruits with a clear sense of lift and juice that runs through the palate. This is a successful Lustrac where the tannins gather slowly together on the finish closing things down but with clear potential for future ageing.

LE FIGARO

Le Figaro – Valérie Faust – June 2020 / **Score : 17/20**

Enrobée dans un cocon moelleux de petits fruits noirs, la bouche harmonieuse, de belle profondeur, déploie énergie, fraîcheur et tanins tendres.

LA REVUE DU
vin
DE FRANCE

La RVF – September 2020 / **Score : 16,5-17/20**

Il possède un charme indéniable, construit sur une jolie finesse et un fruité net et gourmand. Un vin qui privilégie l'élégance et la souplesse.

**bettane +
desseauve**

Bettane+desseauve – July 2020 / **Score : 93/100**

Le plus complet dans son équilibre corps, bouquet et tannin jamais produit par le cru à ce stade. A acheter sans réserve pour son étonnant rapport qualité prix et ses capacités de garde dignes de très bons crus classés.

Yves Beck

Yves Beck – June 2020 / **Score : 90-92/100**

Bouquet agréable, de bonne intensité, révélant son élevage mais également des notes fruitées et épicées telles que griottes, cannelle et réglisse. Nuances minérales en attaque. Le vin affiche un caractère juteux et tandis que ses tannins sont légèrement granuleux et confèrent du corps. [Il] a une certaine ampleur et est doté d'une structure racée qui assure bien les arrières.

Terre de Vins

Terre de Vins – June 2020 / **Score : 94-95/100**

Nez de prune et de cuir, avec une signature cabernet très mûr. Attaque ronde et suave avec une belle maturité, matière aérienne, étirée, entourée de tanins plutôt fins mais bien présents. L'ensemble est un peu torréfié.

TASTED

Tasted - Andreas Larsson – November 2021 / **Score : 91/100**

Inky dark purple colour and hue. Puer and intense aromas with some stony notes, ripe cherry, cassis and fine oak underneath. Dense and structured, still youthful but well-assembled with ripe and refreshing tannin, crunchy dark fruit flavours and a long vigorous finish.