

## CHÂTEAU CARBONNIEUX ROUGE 2020 – NOTES

95/100 James Suckling - "Blackcurrants, raspberries, crushed stone, bark, and dark mushroom. Licorice, too. Full-bodied with chewy tannins that are minerally and intense. Tangy undertone with plenty going on. Very structured. Solid wine from this estate. Best after 2027."

94/100 Vinous - "The 2020 Carbonnieux is a dark, brooding beauty. Black cherry, gravel, incense, tobacco, smoke, mocha and cured meats build as this deep, layered Pessac-Léognan shows off its considerable personality. I would give the tannins a few years to soften. The mix of fruit richness and energy is compelling."

94/100 Jeb Dunnuck - "From a region that excelled in 2020, the 2020 Château Carbonnieux sports a deep purple hue to go with a killer bouquet of ripe blackcurrants, leafy tobacco, scorched earth, and graphite. It's rich, concentrated, and medium to full-bodied on the palate, with a beautiful mid-palate as well as building, ripe tannins. This stunning effort warrants 3-4 years of bottle age and will evolve for 10-15 years in cold cellars."

93/100 Decanter - "This delivers a lovely streamlined, mineral-edged palate full of blackcurrant, plum and black cherry fruit. It's quite potent in that you get heat on the mid-palate, suggesting high alcohol which detracts a little from the overall enjoyment and makes this a little severe. But there is nice freshness and summery red berry fruits and herbal accents underneath so give this time."

93/100 Wine Enthusiast - "A ripe wine, full of smooth berry fruits. They are backed by tannins and structure that will allow this wine to mature. Owned by the Perrin family of Château Carbonnieux, the wine is going to develop well. Drink from 2025. (Cellar Selection)"

93/100 Wine Spectator - "Solidly built, this seems to soak up the vintage's heat, turning it around in the form of a broad swath of steeped black currant and blackberry paste flavors supported by warm tar and smoldering tobacco. Shows a nice singed cedar frame, with a lingering note of warm paving stone on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Best from 2025 through 2035. 12,000 cases made, 3,000 cases imported."

92/100 Robert Parker's Wine Advocate - "The 2020 Carbonnieux has turned out nicely, like its white counterpart, exhibiting aromas of plums, cassis and cherries mingled with hints of pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, rich and gourmand, with powdery tannins and a succulent core of fruit, it's an elegant effort from this large Pessac estate."