

CH LA GAFFELIERE 2022

REVIEWS

97 - ROBERT PARKER

The 2022 La Gaffelière, one of the finest wines I've encountered at this address, is a blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc. Crafted primarily from the prime hillside vineyards beneath Ausone, this wine exudes violet, dark berries, licorice, cherries and smoke, with subtly integrated oak influences. It's medium to full-bodied, deep and powerful, with a multidimensional, fleshy core of fruit and youthful yet powdery tannins framed by a tense, energetic mid-palate, typical of the limestone soils. Concluding with a long, saline and complex finish that marries tension and charming to pleasing effect, it was matured for 19 months in 50% new barrels.

96 WINE SPECTATOR

This offers a pretty captivating display of boysenberry and blackberry puree flavors liberally infused with violet, iris and ink details, while a racy graphite spine provides remarkable length through the well-cut finish. There's some high gloss toast, but the fruit is in clear command. A real head-turner. Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

97 JAMES SUCKLING

This shows crushed stones, chalk, salt and blueberries. Violets. Medium- to full-bodied, it's firm and crunchy with lovely and precise tannins that are long and focused. 60% merlot and 40% cabernet franc. 10% whole-bunch fermentation.

17,5 - JANCIS ROBINSON

60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample.

Reserved red- and dark-fruit aroma with a chalky freshness. Supple fruit but builds on the palate, the tannins firm but refined. Long and persistent. Structured for ageing. (JL)

99 – VINOUS

The 2022 La Gaffelière is fantastic, but it has also closed down considerably post-bottling. Supremely elegant and perfumed, the 2022 is an absolutely stunning wine. Blood orange, pomegranate, spice, white pepper, dried herbs and all sorts of floral overtones soar from the glass. The Franc is so impressive here. I don't expect this magical Saint-Émilion to be ready any time soon. Today, it is a wine of dazzling complexity and purity for the cellar.

99 - JEB DUNNUCK

The 2022 Château La Gaffelière comes from a mix of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc that's from 22 hectares of classic Saint-Emilion limestone soils. The élevage spanned 19 months in just 50% new French oak. Its deep ruby/plum hue is followed by a stunning nose of ripe red and black fruits, spring flowers, spicy wood, and crushed stone-like minerality. With flawless balance, a pure, full-bodied, seamless mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish, it's the finest vintage of this cuvée I've tasted and will most likely warrant a perfect rating in a decade. This is pure Saint-Emilion brilliance! Give bottles 4-6 years, count yourself lucky, and enjoy over the following 20-30 years.

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MA — A. Ma

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FIGARO — E. Lister / B. Delamotte

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RVF — A. Gougeard

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QUARIN — JM. Quarin

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TERRE DE VINS — M. Doumenge

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DECANTER — G. Hindle

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