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31/03/2017 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 91 / 100



The 2014 Brown, now in bottle, is building on the promise it showed in barrel. It has a ripe and generous bouquet with upfront cedar-infused black fruit. This property is always a little feisty in its youth and this 2014 is no different, though it needs 3-4 years to fully assimilate the new oak. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, delicious black fruit laced with tobacco and spices, gently fanning out towards the finish that offers commendable substance and length. A Pessac-Léognan property that I feel is undervalued in the marketplace, this 2014 Château Brown comes recommended and should drink well for 15-20 years.

16/02/2017 JAMES SUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 91 / 100



Quite a savory wine in which the cassis and cranberry fruit rather sit in the background, but the tannins are moderate in this context, and that makes the wine very approachable. Better in two years but already delicious.

23/01/2017 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 92 / 100



Very solid, with a core of gently steeped black currant and plum fruit that shows ample depth, while notes of bay, loam and bramble run underneath. A loamy edge echoes longest, thanks to well-embedded acidity. Best from 2019 through 2028. 6,500 cases made.—J.M.

21/05/2015 LE POINT (JACQUES DUPONT) : 15 / 20



Fruits rouges, tendre, savoureux, boisé un peu collant en l'état, très bon fond de vin, dans un style très fin, gourmand.

11/05/2015 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 91-93 / 100



A dark, explosive wine, the 2014 Brown hits the palate with tons of intensity and breadth. Black fruit, smoke, mint, leather and tobacco wrap around the huge, structured finish in a wine that brings together intense fruit with an equally imposing sense of structure. Consulting winemaker Frédéric Massie continues to do impressive work at Brown, a historic estate in Pessac-Léognan that seems to be on the rise. There is a lot to like and look forward to. The blend is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 5% Petit Verdot.

05/05/2015 THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 88-89 / 100



Licorice, smoke and sweet blackberry scents open the perfume. This wine is soft, forward, medium-bodied, approachable and finishes with a blast of ripe, black cherries. 88-89 Pts

30/04/2015 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 90-92 / 100



The Château Brown 2014 is bestowed with red rather than black fruit on the nose with violet and iodine scents rendering this quite Margaux-like in style. The palate is medium-bodied with soft ripe tannin, good acidity, plush in the mouth with quite a soft, lightly spiced finish that has just the right amount of dryness to beg another sip. Good effort. This should drink well for at least a decade.

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22/04/2015 JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 15,5 / 20



Lively crimson. Very juicy even if not that intense. Correct with the freshness of 2014. But just a little lean underneath. A shortage of terroir quality rather than effort, presumably. Drink 2018-2025

17/04/2015 DECANTER.COM (JANE ANSON) : 16,75 / 20



One of the warmer terroirs in the appellation, getting closer to the city, favours the red wines produced here over the whites. As owner Jean-Christophe Mau has now sold Château Preuillac up in the Médoc, all of his attention is focused on this lovely often great value property. This is contemporary in style, high powered extraction, just about managed to keep those tannins astringent rather than bitter, but it is walking the line. Good Pessac typicity in terms of balance of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes, with a touch of Petit Verdot that gives, when combined with the oak ageing, high octane cassis and liquorice. Good freshness on finish, polished. Drink: 2023-2035 (89)

10/04/2015 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 90-91 / 100



A solid red with dark berry, chocolate and spice character. Full body, chewy finish.

07/04/2015 TIMATKIN.COM (TIM ATKIN MW) : 91 / 100



01/04/2015 WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 91 / 20



90-92. Barrel Sample. This château in the middle of Bordeaux suburbs is now on good form, producing a wine that is firm and structured, with dark tannins and ample acidity. — R.V. (3/30/2015)

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Very racy, with delicious raspberry coulis and red licorice notes that are already stretched out. The finish picks up spice, bramble and sweet toast details.

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02/05/2016 **DECANTER.COM (JANE ANSON) : 92 / 100**



Silky but taut tannins – a superb example from this château. Vanilla bean oak spice and no trace of dryness; elegance and balance with a sexy flourish. Medium drinking, great pleasure. 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot. 2023-2036

30/04/2016 **THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 88-90 / 100**



Fresh, ripe, soft fruits, medium-bodied and refined on the palate, this wine could definitely improve once it's in the bottle.

26/04/2016 **JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 17 /**



Bordeaux 2015 - Pessac-Léognan and Graves reds | Articles | JancisRobinson.com Dark crimson. Very heady, opulent nose. Quite a charmer! Very sweet and seamless with just a tiny bit of greenness on the end but this should please many. GV? Drink 2023-2033

20/04/2016 **TIMATKIN.COM (TIM ATKIN MW) : 91 / 100**



05/04/2016 **JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 92-93 / 100**



Blackberry, stone, blueberry and citrus rind aromas and flavors. Full body, chewy tannins and a long finish. Solid young wine.

03/04/2016 **WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 88-91 / 100**



Light and fresh, featuring gentle cassis bush and bay accents amid a core of cherry and raspberry fruit. A little shy on depth but pretty, with a silky finish. —J.M.

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The 2015 Château Brown has an opulent bouquet with sensual red cherries, crushed strawberry and raspberry preserve aromas. The oak here is nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine thread of acidity, and impressive weight and body in the body. It needs to develop a little more nuance and complexity on the finish, yet it is harmonious and feels lithe. A seductive Château Brown for sure, one that will give at least a decade of pleasure and will probably be more approachable than some of its peers. Drink 2019-2033