

CHATEAU FONPLEGADE PRIMEURS 2019



James Suckling

95-96/100

A very ripe and juicy red with lots of pure crushed berries, from raspberries to strawberries. It's full-bodied with round, soft tannins and a long, creamy-textured finish. The purity of fruit is exceptional. From biodynamically farmed grapes.



94-96/100

The 2019 Fonplegade is fabulous. Rich, deep and expansive on the palate, the 2019 possesses tremendous depth and resonance in every dimension. Inky dark fruit, chocolate, licorice, spice, new leather and dried flowers all build in a sumptuous, ripe, dense wine. The 2019 is exotically rich, yet not at all overdone. In 2019 Fonplegade is a real standout. This estate, owned by Denise and Stephen Adams, and now farmed biodynamically, is very clearly on the rise.



92-94/100

My sample of 2019 Fonplégade came direct from the property. There is a lot going on aromatically with high-toned black cherries intermingling with incense, kirsch and desiccated orange peel aromas. Fortunately it manages to maintain both focus and delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins that lend this Saint-Émilion a corpulence that belies the structure that becomes tangible on the light grippy, quite spicy finish. This is a very well crafted Fonplégade, less ostentatious than previous vintages and all the better for it.



Lisa Perrotti-Brown

93-95/100

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Fonplegade charges out of the gate with bold scents of crushed black cherries, mulberries, blueberry pie and violets with hints of dark chocolate, black olives and cast-iron pan with a waft of woodsmoke. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a solid structure of firm, finely grained tannins and tons of freshness supporting the densely packed, muscular black fruits, finishing long and energetic

JEB DUNNUCK

93-95/100

The 2019 Château Fonplegade showed brilliantly and I suspect will be one of the top vintages from this estate. Gorgeous black raspberry, spiced cherries, dried herbs, chocolate, and a touch of flowers all define the bouquet, followed by a full-bodied red with an elegant, seamless texture, silky tannins, and a great finish. It's going to benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age and drink beautifully for 10-15 years. Tasted twice.

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94-96/100

The blend here is 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc, the ratio really driven by the vineyard, as the owners Stephen and Denise Adams are slowly increasing the percentage of Cabernet Franc planted here. The alcohol is 14.5%. A fabulously dark colour, a rich, plum-violet-black hue in the glass. It has a wonderfully expressive nose, smoky and savoury, with crushed limestone fragrance, tense black cherry, scented black plum, violets and tobacco. A poised and polished style follows on the palate, very broad and harmonious, with lots of sweet black fruits at its heart, peppered and spicy, laced with tobacco, black bean, liquorice and violets, with tightly knit tannins which has a fresh limestone feel to them. Richly structured, fresh and bright, with a long, precise and grippy finish. This has great potential, and we are starting I think to see some of the terroir's true potential expressed here. Well done.



94-95/100

On lui trouve un supplément d'énergie et de croquant. Le nez fin, sur un panier de fruits frais, des senteurs florales fraîches donnant de l'allant. Le jus est tonique et désaltérant, sur les fruits juteux avec de très jolis tanins, belle mâche savoureuse et soyeuse.



Jane Anson

94/100

Silky, rich, juicy blueberry and raspberry fruits, this is good quality and will age. It's less immediately voluptuous than the 2018, acidity seems a little higher, giving elegance and balance, with a mint leaf edge that gives a lovely cooling finish from an estate that is going from strength to strength. A yield of 35hl/ha. Drinking Window 2027 – 2040



Yohan Castaing

93-95/100

Vif, énergique, notes de mures, de fruits frais, de fleurs. A la fois tendu et juteux, très beaux arômes en bouche sur le fruit et une finale élancée et ciselée. Finale aérienne. Superbe vin. Surement l'un des plus beaux Fonplégade jamais réalisé. Très représentatif de son terroir.



93/100

Tiefdunkles Rubingranat, opaker Kern, violette Reflexe, zarte Randaufhellung. Feine Edelholzwürze, dunkles Waldbeerkonfit, tabakige Nuancen, einladendes Bukett. Saftig, reife Kirschen, gut integrierte Tannine, mineralisch im Abgang, gute Balance und Länge, verspricht gutes Entwicklungspotenzial.

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Jeff Leve

93-95/100

Black raspberries, plums, flowers, smoke, crushed rocks, vanilla and stones open the nose. On the palate, you find silky tannins, sweet red, polished, soft, ripe fruits that express purity over power. Medium-bodied and finesse in style, give this 6-8 years in the cellar before opening a bottle to allow for more nuances to develop. The wine was made from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc and reached 14.5% alcohol. The harvest took place September 20 to October 5.



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Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche

94/100

Le nez est élégant, aromatique et offre de la puissance ainsi que de l'intensité (en finesse). On y retrouve des notes de mûre sauvage, de cassis pulpeux/juteux et plus légèrement de framboise écrasée associées à des touches de violette/lilas, de prune noire juteuse ainsi qu'à des pointes de poivre noir, de muscade, de cacao et à de discrètes pointes d'encens. La bouche est fruitée, élégante, racée et offre de la jutosité, de la gourmandise, une fine trame acidulée, de la finesse, une fine tension ainsi que de la fraîcheur. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de cassis pulpeux/juteux, de framboise pulpeuse/juteuse et plus légèrement de petites baies rouges croquantes/acidulées associées à des touches de prune acidulée ainsi qu'à des pointes de fèves de tonka, de tabac blond frais et à de très fines pointes d'épices. Les tannins sont élégants et bien menés. Bonne longueur.

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Aus Liebe zum Wein. Seit 127 Jahren.

Hans Martin Gesellmann

18/20

90% Merlot – 10% Cabernet Franc

Elegantes Bouquet, Waldhimbeeren, Kräuter, Johannisbeeren, zart Heidelbeeren, Toast. Gute Dichte, saftig, fein adstringierend, elegante Säure, Himbeeren, Brombeeren, gute Struktur, zart Kakao, Preiselbeeren im Finish, gute Länge. 2027-2042

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Yves Beck

93-95/100

Rouge grenat dense aux reflets violets. Beaucoup de finesse et de subtilité dans ce bouquet. Le bouquet révèle des notes fruitées et épicées mais également minérales avec des nuances crayeuses. Caractère crémeux et friand en bouche. Le vin est précis, linéaire et parfaitement soutenu par sa structure, tandis que les tannins assurent l'ampleur et la densité. Finale fruitée, légèrement saline et persistante. 2024-2042

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Markus del Monego

94/100

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Initially slightly closed, the nose opens up well, displaying an aroma reminiscent of dark chocolate and cocoa, ripe berries and plums, elegant oak. On the palate well structured with firm yet ripe tannins, juicy fruit and hints of roasting flavour and mild spices well made with convincing length.

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Jean-Marc Quarin

16,25/20

Couleur sombre et intense. Superbe nez fin, fruité, pur, subtil, que je n'ai jamais vu aussi floral. Délicat en entrée de bouche et extrêmement aromatique au milieu, le vin évolue noble sur un toucher très raffiné, avec beaucoup de goût, vers une finale tout en douceur, aux arômes plutôt complexes. Bravo!
Assemblage: 90 % merlot, 10 % cabernet franc
