

Château Dalem

NOTES PRESSE - MILLÉSIME 2021

JAMES SUCKLING

Score : **92 - 93**

Blackberry, graphite and black-cherry aromas follow through to a full to medium body, creamy tannins and a juicy finish with blackberry, iron and ink.

VINOUS – NEAL MARTIN

Score : **91 - 93**

The 2021 Dalem, now benefiting from the consulting of Eric Boissenot, has a lovely bouquet, quite refined and poised, featuring blackberry, wild hedgerow and light violet scents. The balanced palate is medium-bodied with pliant tannins and assiduously integrated oak. It fans out generously on the finish. Classy Fronsac.

MARKUS DEL MONEGO

Score : **92**

Dark purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Refined nose with aroma reminiscent of blackberries, black cherries, ripe plums and hints of sloe, elegant spiciness in the background with hints of vanilla and gingerbread. On the palate elegant with ripe tannins, mild acidity, juicy fruit and refined minerality, a real success in a difficult vintage with pleasant length.

JANCIS ROBINSON – ALISTAIR COOPER

Score : **16.5 +**

Cask sample. Roasted coffee and violets, cocoa and crushed blackberries. A rich and rounded palate, nicely structured with firm, detailed tannins and excellent freshness. Not hugely concentrated but very enjoyable and promising. (AC)

B MY BORDEAUX - CHRISTER BYKLUM

Score : **92 - 94**

Ruby. Scented, detailed, blackberries and blueberries nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, blackberries, detailed, energetic, playful and nuanced, beautiful balance, precise and long. Beautiful Dalem. Around 13,5% alcohol, a super elegant Fronsac that shows you what can be achieved here. Finesse and fine tuned, one of the most refined Fronsac's I have encountered. One of the best buys this vintage !

TERRE DE VINS

Score : **91**

La cerise affleure d'emblée au nez, juteuse sur un noyau croquant, escortée d'une note rhubarbe et lilas. Bouche droite, tendue, très directe, campée sur une matière un peu svelte mais tonique et de bon équilibre. Les tannins crissent un peu et la trame acide est prégnante, mais l'ensemble est souple et digeste.

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Score : **16/20 – 90**

Couleur sombre et vive. Nez moyennement intense, au fruité précis. Aromatique. Délicat en entrée de bouche, très aromatique au milieu et surtout très bien construit, le vin s'étire en finale, agréable et parfumé, sans une once de tannin. C'est très bon. Assemblage : 90 % merlot, 10 % cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 13°5 – pH : 3,65. IPT : 78. Dates vendanges : 23 septembre au 12 octobre

ADRIEN VAN VELSEN

Score : **91 - 93**

Rouge rubis clair. Fruit délicat, dominé par le rouge, les framboises, les tons floraux, aucune dominance de bois. Frais et juteux en bouche, léger à moyennement corsé, parfaitement équilibré, avec des tanins fins et une acidité vive, le vin a de la structure, la complexité se termine par une finale persistante, avec un fruit délicat et un piquant délicat. Un Dalem élégant. 2026-2040

BERNARD BURTSCHY

Score : **89 - 90**

FALSTAFF – PETER MOSER

Score : **90**

Strong ruby core, purple reflections, subtle brightening on the rim. Delicate red cherry fruit and fine wild berries on the nose with discreet herbal savouriness with hints of some vanilla and liquorice. Juicy, lean, fine fruit sweetness on the palate with a touch of strawberries and cherries, delicate, ripe tannins, with mineral notes and subtle nougat note on the finish. Drinking well with good ageing potential.

LA REVUE DES VINS DE FRANCE

Score : **90**

Belles notes de fruits et de fleurs au nez. Gorgée de fruit, la bouche affiche un tonus évident.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER – JEFF LEVE

Score : **91-93**

Fresh, soft, bright, and packed with cocoa-dusted, crisp red fruits on the nose. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, crisp and vibrant with ample sweet, dark red fruits in the finish. You can drink this on release. Dalem has been on quite a roll lately, and 2021 is no exception. Drink from 2023-2034.

DECANTER -GEORGINA HINDLE

Score : **90**

Gentle red fruit flavours permeate the palate giving a sense of vibrancy, this has the acidity and mouthwatering aspects but also the frame and structure that gives a push-pull of both life and constriction. I like the texture and the salty stone as well as sour fruit aspects creating real interest on the palate. It's lightly framed but well worked with excellent clarity. A great effort here. Drinking Window 2024 - 2028

IZACK LITWAR (CHRISTERGREATBORDEAUXWINES)

Score : **91 - 92**

Potent, aromatic, redcurrants and raspberries, sappy, fine acidity, polished tannin, discreet oak. Fine structure and lingering finish. Lovely wine.

VINUM

Score : **16/20**

Besonders fruchtig trotz der Ausbauprägung, die gut abgestimmt ist; besitzt Rasse und Saft, Spannkraft und Länge und erfreulich viel Charakter.