

The Wine Advocate
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2010 Branon 97

Once again in 2010, notes of mocha, espresso roast, chocolate, creme de cassis and scorched earth soar from this opaque purple-colored wine. It is aged in 100% new oak, but that is hardly noticeable given the wine's sensational richness and extravagant fruit. This wine is classic, full-bodied and intense. It's just a shame that less than 8,000 bottles are usually made. This wine is still backward, but very full, rich, and impressively pure in texture. Give it another 5-8 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 20+ years.

From a small but fabulous jewel of a property owned by the Garcin family, sandwiched between Malartic Lagraviere and Haut-Bailly, this blend of 50% Merlot and the rest equal parts Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon is absolutely sensational. The debut vintage, 2000, continues to show tremendous potential and clearly reveals the high quality terroir Branon possesses.

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CHÂTEAU

BRANON

Pessac-Léognan 2010 - Score: 94

Loaded, with intense bittersweet cocoa, mulled blackberry, steeped fig and warm plum reduction notes, all layered together and pushed by a loamy finish. Dark, deep and intense, showing some serious grip. Best from 2016 through 2030.

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NEAL MARTIN
Tasted November 2012

2010 Chateau Branon 92

Tasted at Chateau Barde Haut in Saint Emilion. A blend of 50% Cabernet Franc/Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot raised entirely in new oak, the Branon has a fragrant, well defined bouquet with blackberry, iodine, vanilla and cedar. There is still some wood to be subsumed but it is very classy and fresh. The palate is medium-bodied with grippy tannins on the entry. It is still quite closed, despite it being opened two hours prior to my arrival, with plenty of spicy black fruit towards the tannic, savoury finish. Very fine, still robust and therefore it will need 5 to 7 years in bottle.



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2010 Branon 96-98

2010: The fruit from this vineyard, planted on a small outcropping of gravel close to both Haut-Bailly and Malartic-Lagraviere, used to be blended with Haut-Bergey until the Garcin family decided it had such an impressive potential that it had to be culled out. A blend of equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, the production is a tiny 6,000-8,000 bottles. The debut vintage, 2000, was one of the superstars of that superlative vintage. The 2010 reveals awesome potential. It offers a dense opaque purple color along with a glorious as well as classic Graves bouquet of smoky barbecue scents, blackberries, cassis, tobacco leaf and plums. Deep, full-bodied and pure with singularity, freshness and precision, this stunning 2010 should be accessible in 2-3 years and last for 2-3 decades



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2010 Chateau Branon 91-93+

A deep purple colour. The nose is very ripe with iodine, macerated black cherries and blueberry with good definition. The palate is fresh on the entry with dense, tannic entry, very closed at the moment, good depth but fine delineation on the finish. Masculine, obdurate but it should blossom after bottling.

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CHÂTEAU BRANON Pessac-Léognan 2010 Score: 92-95

Really juicy and racy, with a great graphite spine supporting the dark linzer torte, boysenberry and blackberry fruit. Very fresh and long, with a tarry note hanging on nicely.



Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

By Ian D'Agata - May/June '11

2010 Chateau Branon Pessac-Leognan 88-91 points

Fully saturated inky-ruby. Sexy aromas of balsamic plum, smoke, sweet spices and wild herbs. Dense, sweet and rich, with the palate showing more vibrancy than the nose suggests. Dark berry flavors are complemented by vanilla, balsamic vinegar and menthol but are currently slightly overwhelmed by smoky oak and cocoa. The wine finishes long but with mounting and rather astringent tannins that detract considerably from its pleasure quotient.

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By James Lawther MW



Chateau Branon, Pessac-Leognan 2010 ***

Lots of tobacco leaf fruit, good robust flavours, depth and terroir. Drink 2014-20. (16 points)

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2010 Bordeaux Barrel Tasting

CHATEAU BRANON PESSAC-LEOGNAN 2010 SCORE 93-94

This has great fruit. So pure and beautiful, with blueberry, currant and raspberries. Full, yet very reserved, with a long, long finish.

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