

Wine Advocate # 206 (Apr 2013)
Review by Robert Parker

2012 Branon 92-94

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pessac Leognan, Bordeaux, France
A blend of 50% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2012 boasts a dense blue/purple color along with a sweet perfume of unsmoked cigar tobacco, bay leaf, black currants, plums and licorice. With medium to full body, impressive concentration, ripe, velvety tannins, decent acidity, and only a background note of wood, it can be consumed over the next 10-15 years. Owned by Helene Garcin-Leveque (also the proprietor of the neighboring Haut-Bergey), this small estate possesses an exquisite terroir. Drink 2013 - 2028

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2012 Branon 90-92

Tasted from a barrel sample at en primeur. The Branon is a blend of 50% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon (plus four rows of Malbec.) It has a sophisticated bouquet with clean, ripe cedar and tobacco scented black fruit. The palate is medium-bodied with a salty-tang on the entry. I like the tension here and the poise – a classically styled Branon that does not have the weight of a top vintage, but it is certainly well crafted. Tasted April 2013

WineSpectator.com
James Molesworth – Issue web

2012 Red Bordeaux by Appellation

CHÂTEAU BRANON Pessac-Léognan 2012 Score: 91-94

Pure and polished, with very suave tannins caressing the plum, blackberry and black cherry fruit, while singed spice, melted black licorice and black tea fill in on the finish. This opens steadily in the glass, too, showing superior depth, but also restraint.

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Château Branon Pessac-Léognan 15,5

Tout en puissance contenue : nez complexe, raffiné, au fruit mûr et au boisé fondu, bouche généreuse, charpentée, avec une trame tannique serrée, mûre et une belle allonge.

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Jean-Marc Quarin
Bordeaux Primeurs 2012 Live

Rapport n° 5 (19 avril 2013)
Pessac-Léognan et Graves rouge 2012
BRANON Pessac-Léognan rouge 17 // 94
Quel vin ! Superbe nez parfumé sentant la framboise, l'orange, les agrumes. Pur, beau, rare !
Entrée en bouche finement pulpeuse puis le vin se développe très aromatique pour l'année avec
un toucher noble et beaucoup de goût. À partir du milieu de bouche il s'allonge, prend de la sève
et des tanins fins. Il s'achève riche en nuances et tout à fait délicieux. Degré d'alcool 13°5. PH 3.9.
IPT 80. On va se régaler !

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Stephen Tanzer's Wine International
Wine Cellar
By Ian D'Agata – Issue 168 May/June
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2012 Chateau Branon Pessac-Leognan 87-89 ?
Bright ruby-red with a purple tinge. Blackberry, black pepper, lavender and dark chocolate
on the rich nose. Sweet, concentrated and fairly thick, but with peppery acidity and
menthol notes enlivening the moderately concentrated black fruit flavors. Turns dry and
astringent on the persistent finish, hinting at an underlying green streak. This appears to
have been overextracted, a no-no in such a light vintage. I realize Branon is the most
important wine in the Garcin portfolio, but I find Haut-Bergey, its sister property, to be
much better balanced in 2012.

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VINUM Extra Bordeaux Primeur 2012
Barbara Schroeder - Rolf Bichsel

Château Branon 15,5
Rauchig-würziges Aroma; satt und saftig, von genau richtiger Dichte; erfreulich und
empfehlenswert.
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