



CHÂTEAU PLAIN POINT

FRONSAC 2018

“The timeless classic,,

POWERFUL, ELEGANT AND COMPLEX

A blend of Merlot, an emblematic grape variety of its region, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon, Château Plain Point expresses notes of fruits and spices. The mosaic of terroirs of the estate allows for a wide range of expressions of these grape varieties, resulting in great complexity. The aging in barrels subtly perfects this aromatic bouquet by bringing some toasted notes. The ideal companion for exceptional moments, this wine embodies not only the perfect present but also a safe bet that will delight the most demanding palates.

TERROIR

Blue clay
Asteriated limestone
Clay-limestone
Fronsac molasse

GRAPE VARIETIES

81% Merlot
9% Cabernet franc
8% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Malbec

FERMENTATION

Alcoholic fermentation in concrete and stainless steel thermo-regulated tanks with pump-overs and rack and return.
Macération for 28 days and malolactic fermentation.

HARVEST

Hand-harvested, from September 19 to October 17

AGEING

12 months
50% in French oak barrels (50% new, 50% used for 1 previous vintage)
50% in concrete tank

Alcohol : 15%
pH : 3.55
Production : 233 000 bottles



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JAMES SUCKLING - 93

Pretty aromas of violets, currants, cloves, sandalwood and bark. Pine needles and bitter chocolate, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, chewy tannins and a creamy texture. Deliciously fragrant and concentrated. Try from 2024.

JANE ANSON - 92

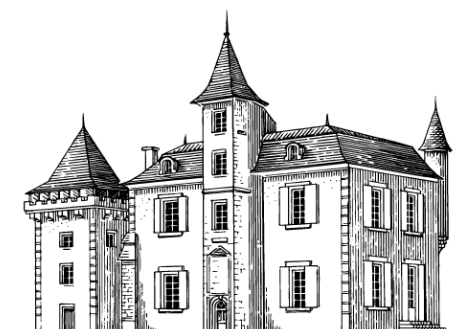
A great vintage for Fronsac, where the limestone soils resisted the dry summer periods, and delivered freshness to balance out the generous fruit structure. This delivers plenty of black fruits, dominated by blackberry and black cherry. Good grip, attractive hints of saline juiciness, draws out through the palate but is unfussy and easy to enjoy. 33% new oak in a mix of 225litre and 400litre sizes. A good start for what is an ambitious new project in Fronsac, as this is the first year including grapes from all the newly acquired plots that have now taken Plain-Point to the largest estate in the appellation. Hubert de Board consultant, 33% new oak.

TOM MULLEN - 94

A layer cake of deep, redolent aromas of cherries, raspberries, plums, dark fruit, treacle and cocoa, with a sliver of eucalyptus and lemon meringue. Michelin star on the nose. A rich river of red fruit with a dark chocolate band in the mouth. Well textured tannins in the mouth and flavors of cassis, prunes, crème de menthe and flakes of bittersweet chocolate. The initial attack is rich cherry, and the finish an After Eight mint.

VERT DE VIN - 91/92

The nose is racy, with controlled power and freshness. There are notes of wild blackberry, blackcurrant and, to a lesser extent, strawberry, combined with a touch of violet plum, as well as fine hints of black tea, grey pepper, racy minerality, fresh liquorice and very discreet hints of spice. The palate is fruity and racy, with juiciness, a fine smoothness, an acidic structure, a little sweetness and a lovely texture. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe blackcurrant, juicy/acidic blackberry and, to a lesser extent, small juicy/fresh berries, combined with a touch of violet, a very fine touch of blackcurrant bud and a discreet hint of nutmeg and spice. The tannins are precise, well-executed and fine. A very discreet hint of good bitterness on the finish. Good length.



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