



July 2015

Château Gazin Rocquencourt Red 2005 *Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)*

Vintage

A cold, dry winter was followed by a mild spring and a very dry summer. The relatively low temperatures and cool nights provided conditions that were favourable for the flavour expression of the future wines. Overall, the vintage was characterized by dry weather with a substantial water deficit (300 mm) over the summer period, further reinforcing the year's historically dry nature.

Mild weather enabled a steady growth cycle. Flowering began very early in June in optimal conditions. The climate favoured excellent health, which was further encouraged by some green harvest.

The red grapes began their veraison in early August. A great vintage was in the making. The rain in mid September helped to refine the ripening phase of the red grapes. The harvests took place in very peaceful conditions, with grapes of exceptional quality. As soon as the wines had fermented, it was clear that this was a "Très Grand Millésime"!

Harvest period

Merlot	From 26 september to 5 october 2005
Cabernet-Sauvignon	From 10 october to 20 october 2005

Blend

Cabernet-Sauvignon	65%
Merlot	35%



Technical Data

Total area in red (A.O.C.)	22 hectares
Grape Varieties	55% de Cabernet-Sauvignon 45% de Merlot
Geology	Well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
Average age of vines	30 years old
Density of plantation	Gradually brought 10 000 plants/ hectare
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	45 hl/ha
Harvest	Manual
Vinification	Thermoregulated stainless steel vats
Ageing	Traditional oak barrels: 40% new oak
Ageing period	15 mois
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Dark red colour with beautiful glints of black.

The nose offers good complexity with fresh fruit and an elegant woodiness. Good intensity. On the palate, the attack is lively. The wine develops plenty of volume in the mouth and a delightful smoothness, with very pleasant aromas of red fruit and notes of mocha and dark chocolate. There is a fine overall complexity and intensity, supported by an elegant tannin structure. This superb balance is accompanied by a long, flavourful finish.





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Press Release

Robert Parker.com - June 2015

93 *A brilliant wine from Gazin Rocquencourt, the 2005 has an inky purple color and a classic nose of graphite, black fruits, charcoal and spice. The wine is full-bodied and beautifully textured, with velvety tannin and superb concentration and purity. This is possibly the best Gazin Rocquencourt I have ever tasted. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.*

Christelle Guibert - Mark O'Halleron - Decanter (UK) - December 2009

********* *Expansive ripe and complex nose, with lovely fruit. Fresh, earthy and elegant, with plenty of ripeness and refreshing acidity. From 2013.*

Guide Hachette des Vins 2009 - Septembre 2008

Coup de cœur du Guide Hachette 2008 * (Vin exceptionnel) :** *Ce millésime, qui peut donc être considéré comme le premier de la nouvelle équipe, marque une progression qualitative spectaculaire. D'emblée, sa forte personnalité et son potentiel de garde s'expriment dans la teinte de sa robe, d'un grenat profond et brillant. Cette première impression est amplement confirmée par le bouquet où les arômes de torréfaction et d'épices se conjuguent avec les fruits très mûrs pour composer un ensemble d'une réelle intensité. Souple, dense, bien équilibré et porté par des tanins puissants et savoureux, le palais développe d'élégants arômes de raisin mûr et d'épices jusqu'en finale. Un vin racé qui commencera à se révéler pleinement dans huit ou dix ans*

Gerbelle et Maurange - Les meilleurs vins de France à petits prix 2009 - septembre 2008

Note 17 : *Cette bouteille déjà retenue dans notre dernière édition confirme son excellent niveau. Avec un an de vieillissement supplémentaire, la matière offre toujours une belle tenue en bouche et des tanins fondus dans un style plaisant et ample. Un vin à boire dans l'année avec ses fines notes boisées en finale et ses tanins fondus.*

Guide GaultMillau 2009 - Septembre 2008

Note 16

Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2008

Médaille d'Or

James Suckling - Wine Spectator -Tasting Report 2005 Bordeaux - March 2008

Score 89

Jancis Robinson.com - April 2006

Score 16 : *Delicately exotic black fruits, hint of vanilla and spice oak, very fine-grained tannins, almost silky already. Moderate length. Elegant.*