



September 2013

Château Gazin Rocquencourt Red 2008 **Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)**

Vintage

A surprising vintage! There was considerable concern after the cool, wet summer but a wonderful September completely reversed the situation. Due to the excellent conditions in the Gazin Rocquencourt vineyard, the grapes were able to reach the desired levels of ripeness. The result was incredible densities, also due to the very low yields, which were another feature of the 2008 vintage.

Harvest period

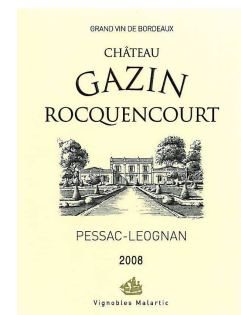
Merlot	From 7 to 22 october 2008
Cabernet-Sauvignon	From 18 to 23 october 2008

Blend

Cabernet-Sauvignon	60 %
Merlot	40 %

Technical Data

Surface A.O.C.	22 hectares with 7 hectares in production
Grape varieties	55% de Cabernet-Sauvignon 45% de Merlot
Géology	Well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
Density of plantation	Gradually brought 10 000 plants/ hectare
Average age of vines	30 years old
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	35 hl/ha
Harvest	Manual
Vinification	Thermoregulated stainless steel vats
Ageing	Traditional oak barrels: 45% new oak
Ageing period	18 months
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis



Tasting

Expressive nose with red and black fruit, pleasant woodiness and freshness, and a delicate smokiness. In the mouth, the attack is clean with good substance, becoming silky, full-bodied and voluptuous, and developing aromas of black fruit, with blackcurrants, spices and an elegant woodiness. Thanks to its well-structured acidity and excellent balance, the overall impression is of voluptuousness and elegance. Long, vigorous finish for this wine that shows great potential and is very much in the spirit of the Domaine.





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Château Gazin Rocquencourt Red 2008 **Press Release**

Revue du Vin de France - Le guide des meilleurs vins de France 2013
16.5

Neil Martin - The Wine Journal - March 2012

88 *Tasted ex-château and single blind in Southwold. The Gazin Rocquencourt 2008 has a sensual bouquet with ripe blackberry, cassis and a touch of liquorice, all with fine delineation. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannins, very fresh and a little hardness towards the shrill finish that should mellow with time. Very fine tension here, but again, it needs patience. Tasted January 2012.*

Guide Gilbert & Gaillard 2012

89: *Robe sombre. Nez de fruits noirs profond avec un arrière-plan boisé évoquant le pain grillé. En bouche une belle matière, un vin puissant avec de la sève, des parfums. Finale tannique mais équilibrée avec des tonalités de fruits rouges mêlés de réglisse.*

Stephen Brook - Decanter - April 2011

Score 15.2* - Wines recommended :** *Well-extracted aroma of opulent blackberry, oak, smoke and spice. Chunky, ripe, broad palate with firm acidity. Barrel influence will soften. Good potential.*

The Great Southwold Tasting - John Avery, Aidan Bell, Bill Blatch, Stephen Browett, Rob Chase, Lindsay Hamilton, Alex Hunt, Tom Jenkins, Alastair Marshall, Neal Martin, Sebastian Payne, Barry Philipps, David Roberts, Jancis Robinson, Mark Savage, Steven Spurrier - January 2011

14.88 *Ce vin nous a présenté une belle couleur extrêmement « jeune et profonde », et, sans avoir peut-être la complexité d'autres, une « bonne trame très traditionnelle Cabernet Sauvignon », toute linéaire à travers tout le vin et courant « adroitement » vers des tannins « serrés mais bien équilibrés », toutefois un vin qui devrait être prêt à boire, dans un style traditionnel, dans les trois ans.*