

## ■ Château Certan de May 2023 - Press Review

*Pomerol*

**JAMES SUCKLING**

**94-95 pts** - *James Suckling*

«A juicy and fresh red with good depth of fruit, showing pretty plum and blackberry, as well as bark and mushroom. It's medium- to full-bodied with chewy tannins that are already integrated and polished.»

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**94 pts** - *Markus Del Monego*

« Deep purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Aromatic nose with excellent fruit, ripe plums, blackberries and hints of sloe. Well integrated toasting and subtle oak, fine oriental spices in the background. On the palate well structured with ripe and juicy fruit quotinf the nose, ripe tannins, very convincing length. »



**93 - 94 pts** - *Alexandre Ma*

« The 2023 vintage of Château Certan de May exudes a magical aroma of longan fruit, slightly different from what I remember. Aromas of rose tea, orange peel, cloves, and violets unfold layer by layer with the rhythm of the swirling glass, allowing the elegance of Cabernet Franc and the sweetness of Merlot to be clearly expressed. A touch of metallic powdery tannin in the finish brings a unique texture, adding depth while maintaining balance and tenderness. »

**JANE ANSON**  
INSIDE BORDEAUX

**93 pts** - *Jane Anson*

« Medium to full intensity in the colour, fragrant spices of grilled cumin and turmeric, with sage alongside cassis and bilberry fruit, overall dark and concentrated in feel, with crushed mint leaf. Enjoyables. »

**Decanter**

**93 pts** - *Georgina Hindle*

« Fragrant and expressive, lots of perfumed elements. Smooth and agile, there's a nice energy and focus to this with pure blackcurrant and cherry fruit, high acidity, and a real sense of life. Lots of upfront, buzzy fruit but it's also a touch lean and straight offering some austerity right now. Nicely focussed though with a cool lift on the finish. »

**JEAN-MARC QUARIN**

**93 pts** - *Jean-Marc Quarin*

« Couleur sombre, intense et vive. Nez aromatique, au fruité mûr. Minutieux dès son entrée en bouche, savoureux au milieu, avec de la tenue, le vin évolue un peu nerveux dans la persistance. Longueur normale. »

## JEB DUNNUCK

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### 91-93+ pts - *Jeb Dunnuck*

« Deep ruby/purple-hued, the 2023 Château Certan De May has a darker, more floral, herbal character (no doubt due to the high Cabernet content) as well as beautiful aromatics of cassis, spring flowers, graphite, and chalky minerality. It's medium-bodied, has nicely integrated oak, the pure, juicy, elegant style of the vintage, and a great finish. A more inward, focused, serious 2023, I's going to benefit from a touch of bottle age, although, like just about all the 2023s, it will still offer plenty of pleasure in its youth. »

### 91-93+ pts - *Colin Hay*

« Coming after Latour à Pomerol, this is, as it always will be and should be, a little more austere, a little less svelte and seductive, but no less impressive. There's more depth, there's a different kind of minerality – a little more ferrous than rocky – and the extra Cabernet brings almost a left-bank quality to this that I have noted before. Interestingly, the oak is more prominent here, bringing sweet spicy notes. Black pepper too. But there's a radiant natural sweetness too. Red and darker berry fruits, quite a tight frame, densely charged with fruit – and, again, that ferrous note, a little tinderbox too. This needs time, the considerable tannins are fine-grained but very prominent on the finish, almost shading a little to the dry side. Always tricky to assess en primeur – hence the equivocating addition of a '+' (the benefit of the doubt and my sense that this will reveal more of itself in time)! »

### 90-93 pts - *Antonio Galloni*

« The 2023 Certan de May is a potent, dense wine that shows the more opulent side of the year. Ripe, dark-toned fruit, licorice, cloves, mocha and new leather are all amplified in this decidedly overt Pomerol. It will be interesting to see how this comes together with élevage. The oak is a bit strong today, but it works with the wine's style. This is promising.»