

Château Canon La Gaffelière 1998

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Vignobles Comtes von Neipperg

Frankreich

Nach jüngsten Schätzungen des französischen Landwirtschaftsministeriums liegt die Erntemenge bei ungefähr 52 Millionen Hektoliter. Dies entspricht einer Einbuße von rund 6 Prozent im Vergleich zum vergangenen Jahr.

Peter Balzerowik, Verkaufsleiter beim renommierten Importeur WeinArt im Rheingau, rechnet mit einem guten Ergebnis für **Saint-Emilion** und **Pomerol**: »Die Winzer haben ihre Merlot- und Cabernet-Sauvignon-Trauben in diesen Gebieten rechtzeitig vorm großen Regen geerntet. Im **Médoc** blieben die Trauben hingegen zu lange hängen. Das Resultat dürfte hier weniger gut ausfallen.«

Für Stephan Graf Neippberg von Château Canon-la-Gaffelière in Saint-Emilion ist der 98er »der größte Jahrgang seit 1990. Der heiße Sommer brachte sehr reife Trauben, der Regen konnte ihnen letztendlich nichts mehr anhaben, da die Vegetation abgeschlossen war. Bei einem durchschnittlichen Ertrag von 32 Hektoliter pro Hektar bringt uns der neue Jahrgang sehr dichte, volle und komplexe Weine mit einer sehr intensiven Farbe und reifen, vollen Tanninen. Der 98er wird einfach ein Super-Wein.«

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PREIS-LEISTUNGS-VERHÄLTNIS

SPITZENWEINE ZU GUTEN PREISEN

■ Die 14 Weine mit einem **sehr guten Preis-Leistungs-Verhältnis**, nach der Rangliste geordnet, sind folgende:

- **Haut-Condissas**
- **Beauregard**
- **Grand Mayne**
- **Berliquet**
- **Clos de l'Oratoire**
- **Monbousquet**
- **La Tour Figeac**
- **Pavie-Decesse**
- **Domaine de Chevalier**
- **Pichon-Longue-**

ville Baron

- **Smith Haut-Lafitte**
- **Clos Fourtet**
- **Canon-la-Gaffelière**
- **Poujeaux**

■ Die 19 Weine mit **gutem Preis-Leistungs-Verhältnis**, nach der Rangliste geordnet, heißen:

- **Rollan de By**
- **Le Bon Pasteur**
- **Pavie-Macquin**
- **Lagrange**

Phélan Ségur

- **du Tertre**
- **Camensac**
- **Marquis de Terme**
- **Haut-Marbuzet**
- **Pavie**
- **Larrivet-Haut-Brion**
- **Talbot**
- **Léoville Poyferré**
- **Citran**
- **Pape Clément**
- **Branaire-Ducru**
- **Langoa-Barton**
- **Canon**
- **Haut-Bailly**

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CHATEAU CANON
LA GAFFELLIERE 1998

55% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc,
5% Cabernet Sauvignon.
Stéphan Von Neipperg est homme
de mesure: fier des Merlot de la
Mondotte mais pas aux prix de
dévaloriser les Cabernet Franc de
Canon La Gaffelière. Car enfin, si
La Mondotte est un luxe qu'il a pu
offrir aux vignobles Neipperg, la
restauration du vignoble de Canon
La Gaffelière a été une tout autre
affaire: comprendre son terroir en
profondeur, au propre et au figuré,
et lui redonner vu lui ont demandé
force et conviction. Force de
changer le quotidien et conviction
de ne pas faire cela inutilement.
Mais l'homme a l'esprit fin et l'intelligence aiguisee. Il a fait de
Canon La Gaffelière un des vins
les plus puissants et massifs de
Saint-Emilion. Si puissant que son
vin passe médiatiquement moins
"Saint-Emilion" que tant de vins
qui "merlotte".

Mais La Mondotte.... ?

Nez à peine ouvert, laissant transparaître un fruit de belle maturité, liqueur de cassis, grenade, pointe menthol, mêlée à un doux bois, pain chaud, fumé, épice.

Attaque franche et opulente – évolution pleine, ne manquant pas de coffre, mais sans vulgarité aucune, au contraire, la colonne est droite et la matière s'enroule, le fruit se donne – très belle tenue – bonne longueur – finale sévère mais pas séchante, franche et encore bien boisée. Vin cylindrique et ramassé d'amont en aval – beau potentiel, grande classe.

A attendre, amateur de vin jeune s'abstenir.

FABIAN BARNED

IN VINO VERITAS n°85 - MARS 2002.jpg

Chateau Canon-la-Gaffeliere
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Менее чем за шесть лет Стефан фон Нейпберг вернул этому великолепному замку тот статус, который Canon-la-Gaffeliere имел в 1950-е годы. Для этого но-

Мерло – 55%, каберне-фран – 40%, каберне-совиньон – 5%.
В среднем производится 65 000 бутылок в год.
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вому владельцу понадобилось привлечь весь арсенал современной энотехники и значительные финансовые ресурсы. Мало какой виноградник в Бордо подвергается столь тщательному и столь же бескомпромиссному уходу. Жерва объема, приносящая ради качества продукта, обясняет ту вкусовую и ароматическую концентрацию вина, которую все отмечают как неоспоримое достоинство Canon-la-Gaffeliere. Теплая почва подиожных холмов идеально подходит для сорта каберне-фран, который придает вину тонкость танинной структуры. Во многих случаях это вино уже превзошло уровень первых Cru Classe Сент-Эмильона. Руководящий винификацией последних миллизовм энолог Стефан Деронкур сейчас экспериментирует с выдержкой вина в дубовых бочках на осадке, что должно сделать вкус вина еще более полным.

Вина: все урожаи после 1988-го имеют высшее качество.

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1999	CANON LA GAFFELIERE	ST. EMILION	(\$48.00)	(91-93)
1998	CANON LA GAFFELIERE	ST. EMILION	(\$60.00)	93
Since 1988, this has been one of St.-Emilion's star performers, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Comte de Neipperg.		maturity: 2004-2022.		
1998: This saturated purple-colored 1998 offers sumptuous aromas of prunes, blueberries, overripe black cherries, chocolate, coffee, and spicy new oak. Full-bodied, opulent, and expressive, this flamboyant/ostentatious effort is crammed with glycerin and extract. The tannin is sweet in this accessible, multilayered 1998. Anticipated				1999: Another terrific effort, this opaque blue/purple-colored 1999 offers notes of melted asphalt, espresso, chocolate, blackberries, prunes, Asian spices, and new oak. Sexy, with slightly less complexity than the 1998, but lower acidity, and a plumper, fatter, more hedonistic style, it can be drunk upon its release and over the following 14-15 years.

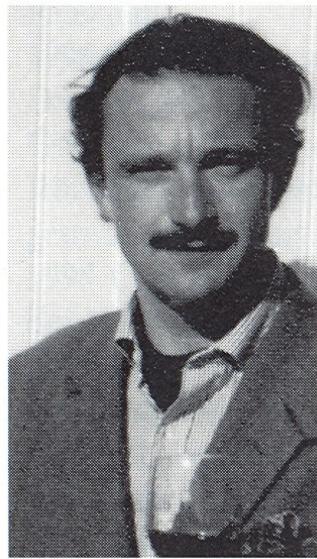
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CHÂTEAU CANON -LA-GAFFELIÈRE *(*)**

Très expressif au nez, sur des parfums de myrtille, de vanille et de réglisse, c'est un vin très rectiligne en bouche, avec une attaque franche, un milieu de bouche de bonne structure tanique très civilisée et une finale en tonalité parfaite. Une grande persistance en haut de palais signe son caractère racé.

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1998 Canon-la-Gaffelière: Extrem tiefe Farbe, Violett-Schwarz. In der Nase sehr verschlossenes, aber kompaktes Bouquet, Rauchtöne, schöner, reifer Ausdruck von würzigem, aber auch fruchtbringendem Cabernet Franc, sanft hölzern durch den Einsatz der neuen Holzcuvières, die Tiefgründigkeit des



Weines überwiegt. Im Gaumen extrem saftig, feinstgliedrig, fast schon gebundene Tannin-textur, völlig harmonisch und elegant, langes Rückaroma. Einer der allerfeinsten und zugleich grössten Weine, die **Stephan von Neipperg** je gemacht hat; den nachdegustierten 97er Canon-la-Gaffelière haben wir gleichzeitig von 18 auf ebenfalls 19 Punkte aufgewertet. **19/20 2003 – 2013**

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THE TOP 100		
2001		
1	ITALY	96
	Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia 1998 (\$110)	
2	FRANCE	98
	Château Cheval-Blanc St.-Emilion 1998 (\$190)	
3	CALIFORNIA	95
	Viader Napa Valley 1998 (\$65)	
4	ITALY	96
	Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Grandi Annate Riserva 1997 (\$40)	
5	FRANCE	95
	Château Canon-La Gaffelière St.-Emilion 1998 (\$52)	
6	ITALY	95
	Antinori Bolgheri Superiore Guado al Tasso 1998 (\$65)	
7	ITALY	95
	Pio Cesare Barolo 1997 (\$58)	
8	FRANCE	93
	Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage 1999 (\$19)	
9	FRANCE	94
	Château Smith-Haut-Lafitte Pessac-Léognan 1998 (\$36)	
10	FRANCE	93
	E. Guigal Côte-Rôtie Brune et Blonde 1998 (\$38)	

JAMES SUCKLING'S TOP-SCORING 1998 BORDEAUX

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WINE	SCORE	PRICE	WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CHÂTEAU LE PIN Pomerol 1998	100	\$615	CHÂTEAU LA MISSION-HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan 1998	95	\$108
Rich, wild and exotic. Dark ruby color, with decadent aromas of aged game, wild fruits and grilled meat. Full-bodied, with big, velvety tannins. Goes on and on.			Tight and muscular. Very floral on the nose, with gorgeous berry and cherry. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, fresh and fruity finish.		
CHÂTEAU CHEVAL-BLANC St.-Emilion 1998	98	\$190	VIEUX-CHÂTEAU-CERTAN Pomerol 1998	95	\$152
Subtle, complex and refined, with aromas of cherry, licorice, mineral, berry and other sweet, ripe fruit. Full-bodied, compacted, with fine, silky tannins. Long finish.			Powerful and wonderfully toned. Lovely mineral, berry and violet aromas with hints of new oak. Full-bodied, with big yet silky tannins and a long finish.		
CHÂTEAU L'EVANGILE Pomerol 1998	98	\$143	CHÂTEAU AUSONE St.-Emilion 1998	94	\$200
Captivating aromas of wild raspberry, cherry, mineral and grilled meat. Full-bodied, with huge, silky tannins, a long, caressing finish. Wonderful proportions.			Plenty of mineral and berry character with hints of smoke. Full-bodied, with big, chewy tannins and a long, long finish. Massive.		
CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS Pomerol 1998	98	\$550	CLOS DE L'ORATOIRE St.-Emilion 1998	94	\$37
High-toned nose, with violet, floral, berry and toasted oak character. Full-bodied, with an incredible backbone of super-polished tannins. Satisfying finish.			Blockbuster. Black in color, with strong grape, toasted oak and dark chocolate aromas. Full-bodied, with big, velvety tannins and a long finish.		
CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION Pessac-Léognan 1998	97	\$193	CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR-GAY Pomerol 1998	94	\$86
Classy and rich, with vanilla, raspberry and chocolate aromas. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long aftertaste of berry, grape and vanilla. Elegant and powerful.			Exotic aromas of spice, meat and game, with lots of ripe berry. Full-bodied, with soft, ripe tannins, a long finish. On the level of the stupendous '90.		
CHÂTEAU L'ÉGLISE CLINET Pomerol 1998	96	\$197	CHÂTEAU LA FLEUR-PÉTRUS Pomerol 1998	94	\$77
Rich and thick, yet refined and precise. Crushed raspberry and berry character. Full-bodied, with loads of fruit, fine tannins and an extremely long finish.			Big wine, classic in style, with loads of berry and Indian spices, hints of mineral and flowers. Full-bodied, with full tannins and lots of fruit.		
CHÂTEAU LAFLEUR Pomerol 1998	96	\$200	CHÂTEAU LATOUR À POMEROL Pomerol 1998	94	\$81
Fascinating aromas of berry, chocolate, smoke and dried herb. Full-bodied, with incredibly well-integrated tannins, a fine texture and a finish that lasts for minutes.			Tar berry and dry stone aromas, with wet earth. Full-bodied, thick and chewy, with velvety tannins. Big and rustic. Textbook Latour à Pomerol.		
CHÂTEAU LA MONDOTE St.-Emilion 1998	96	\$332	CHÂTEAU ROL VALENTIN St.-Emilion 1998	94	\$77
Extremely well-constructed. Black in color, massively grapey, with mineral, menthol and toasted oak. Full-bodied, with big, velvety tannins and a long, grapey finish.			Breathtaking. Very dark color. Loads of cinnamon, berry and currant aromas. Full-bodied, with big, velvety tannins and a lengthy finish. Well-crafted.		
CHÂTEAU TROTANOY Pomerol 1998	96	\$207	CHÂTEAU SMITH-HAUT-LAFITTE Pessac-Léognan 1998	94	\$36
Subtle and harmonious, with berry, tobacco and vanilla character. Full-bodied, with masses of polished, fine tannins. Long finish of milk chocolate and berry.			Intense aromas of wet earth, stone and berries. Full-bodied, with super-well-integrated tannins and long finish. Well-made.		
CHÂTEAU CANON-LA GAFFELIÈRE St.-Emilion 1998	95	\$52	CHÂTEAU DE VALANDRAUD St.-Emilion 1998	94	\$284
Wonderful aromas of ripe fruit, Indian spices and mineral. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a plush, caressing structure. Fine and fabulous.			Exotic, a bit rough now, but quite likable. Intense aromas of tobacco, mineral, cedar, ripe fruit. Lots of toasted oak. Full-bodied, with big tannins, lots of fruit, a chewy finish.		

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JAMES SUCKLING

A Right Bank Year to Rediscover

I am always on the look out for quality 1998 Bordeaux. I love their rich, opulent character, their round tannins and long, decadent finishes. It is one of my favorite recent vintages from France's premier wine region.

If you are scratching your head, you have forgotten that 1998 was a split vintage for Bordeaux. I rated it at 95 points for the Right Bank regions of St.-Emilion and Pomerol. Pessac-Léognan also excelled. (I gave the Left Bank just 88 points.)

I remember writing in early 1999 following an extensive tasting of the 1998 wines in bottle that "If Bordeaux were only the regions of Pomerol and St.-Emilion, their 1998 vintage would be one of the greatest ever.... They have everything from ultraregional fruit; aromas and flavors to copious, opulent tannins. They are classic wines for long-term aging."

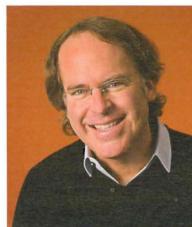
This is still true. I tasted more than 100 1998s in blind tastings in Bordeaux late last year, and the wines showed as they did from the beginning, or even better: I gave 16 wines scores of 95 points or more; 15 of these were Right Bank wines. The top performers were Le Pin (100 points) and Pétrus (99).

Overall, I rated four dozen St.-Emilions and Pomerols 90 points or more. (An alphabetical list of all the wines tasted for this report is available at www.winespectator.com/063009.)

Other top-rated wines in the tasting included La Mondotte (98), Cheval-Blanc (98), Lafleur (98), l'Eglise Clivet (97), Trotanoy (97), Haut-Brion (97), l'Evangile (97), La Mission-Haut-Brion (96), Pape Clement (White 96) and Haut-Brion White (96).

I scored only one Médoc wine 95 points—first-growth Latife Rothschild—and only a handful of other Left Bank wines were outstanding in my tasting.

It all makes sense. The 1998 vintage was hot and sunny for most of the growing season. But in late September, rain began. I still remember the headline on an Oct. 4, 1998, story in Bordeaux's daily newspaper Sud Ouest: it read "Take Cover! Too Much Water in the Grapes."



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Wine estates in such areas as St.-Emilion, Pomerol and Pessac-Léognan finished harvesting their grapes by Sept. 29. Right Bank wines are made with earlier-ripening varieties such as Merlot and Cabernet Franc. So, they made excellent reds in 1998.

The difference in picking can be as much as two weeks between the Merlot of the Right Bank and the Cabernet Sauvignon of the northern Médoc. So essentially, the more Cabernet Sauvignon a wine estate had in its vineyard, the more diluted or unripe the final bottles could be in 1998. Most producers in regions such as Margaux, St.-Julien, Pauillac and St.-Estèphe had to leave them in between rain showers. This is why many of the Left Bank 1998s are slightly diluted, hollow or太平 (flat).

But, boy, are the右岸 (Right Bank) reds beautiful. The St.-Emilions and Pomerols are classic wines, with all the structure and richness one could hope for. Right Bank vintners and wine collectors have often compared the 1998 to the legendary 1959—another year when Left Bank estates failed but Right ones triumphed—and I think they are correct.

Moreover, many of the 1998s are excellent values, selling for less than their counterparts in more famous vintages such as 2000 or 2005. For example, the classic-quality 1998 l'Eglise Clivet averaged \$190 a bottle at auctions in the fourth quarter of 2008, a bottle of the 2000 traded for \$275. The 2005 was initially released at \$382.

Many lesser-known 1998 Pomerols and St.-Emilions sold at auction in late 2008 for between \$40 and \$75 a bottle, and they are fantastic buys. Examples include Canon-La Gaffelière (94, \$73), Gauges (93, \$41), Clos de l'Oratoire (92, \$57) and Le Bon Pasteur (93, \$42).

The best 1998s will age well for decades to come. In fact, most of them will need another two or three years of bottle age to become truly attractive to drink. I would recommend waiting until 2011 or 2012 to try them, although you could enjoy them sooner if you decant them a couple of hours before serving. (Wines that scored in the low 90s or below, however, should be consumed over the next few years.)

With 1998 in mind, it's good not to follow the pack on Bordeaux vintages. And if you love Right Bank wines, rediscover a 1998 Pomerol or St.-Emilion and see for yourself.

European bureau chief James Suckling is Wine Spectator's lead taster on the wines of Bordeaux.

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Stephan von Neipperg

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CHATEAU CANON-
LA GAFFELIERE
St.-Emilion 1998 • 95 / \$52
BORDEAUX

Purchased by the von Neipperg family in 1971, this St.-Emilion *grand cru classé* has excelled in the last decade under the direction of Stephan von Neipperg. Located just south of the town of St.-Emilion, its vineyards are planted to Merlot (55 percent), Cabernet Franc (40 percent) and Cabernet Sauvignon. From a three-time Top 100 winery, the '98 equals the classic 1990 and 1995 vintages made by this estate. 4,580 cases made.

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1998 \$52 Wonderful aromas of ripe fruit, Indian spices and mineral. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a plush structure that caresses every inch of the palate. Really fine and fabulous. Best ever from this estate. Best after 2010. 4,580 cases made.—J.S. (1/31/01)

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**圣艾美浓 2005 & 2000年份
品酒与晚宴**

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Saint-Emilion TASTING - 2005 & 2000 VINTAGES AND EXCLUSIVE DINNER IN SINGAPORE ON 20 MAY 2006

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Guy-Petris LUGNAC
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