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“Creamy depths of colour and flavour, powerful damson and black cherry fruits, **this is utterly compelling and beautifully concentrated**. No question that the tannins are crowding in through the front of the palate, eager to make an impression, but they quickly soften and widen, and in between is air, spice, flowers, **just nuanced and beautiful**. The power of limestone in hot vintages on display. 3.4pH, great stuff from this 14.5ha estate, Nicolas Thienpont director.”

**Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, mai 2023**

97-99

“Dark garnet in color, the wine offers its nose of cherry blossoms, licorice, black fruits, orange rind, olives, and tobacco leaf profile with ease. **The perfect blend of power, elegance, and oceans of fruit, there is a beautiful balance, and harmony here**. The opulent, silky fruits deliver purity, length, and freshness that is close to seamless. The sensations linger on the backend long after the wine has left the glass. The wine blends 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. 14.7% ABV, 3.4 pH. The harvest took place September 14-September 20. Drink from 2027-2055.”

**Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, mai 2023**

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“**Another wine that’s going to flirt with perfection is the 2022 Château Pavie Macquin**, and this might be the finest vintage I’ve ever tasted from this address. A blend of 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, and a splash of Cabernet Sauvignon, it reveals an inky purple hue as well as a stunning bouquet of pure cassis, liquid black raspberries, truffle, scorched earth, and graphite. Full-bodied, concentrated, and massive on the palate, it may be the largest-scaled Pavie Macquin ever produced. But don’t let that scare you off – **it stays flawlessly balanced**, has pure, fine-grained tannins, and a great finish. **I’ll be a buyer.**”

**Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, mai 2023**

96-98+

“The 2022 Pavie Macquin (...) is deep garnet-purple in color. It is quite closed to start off, revealing scents of cedar chest and dried roses before giving way to a fragrant undercurrent of blackberry pie, Morello cherries, and boysenberry preserves, plus suggestions of Indian spices and cast-iron pan. The full-bodied palate is super-taut and muscular, delivering a firm frame of ripe, grainy tannins and **fantastic tension to support all the tightly wound layers, finishing very long and minerally**. Likely to require considerable patience before it hits its stride, it’s a Pavie Macquin for marathon runners, not sprinters.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent, mai 2023**

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« L’énergie matricielle de ce terroir calcaire est un défi à canaliser, mais Nicolas Thienpont et son équipe l’ont une nouvelle fois relevé. Océan de fraîcheur noire, encre de Chine, suavité compacte. **La bouche est explosive et irriguée d’une énergie rebondissante**, avec une verticalité très ancrée, soutenue par une sous-couche mentholée qui donne au vin son assise et sa longueur. »

**Mathieu Doumenge, Terre de Vins, mai 2023**

95-97

“The 2022 Pavie Macquin is a gorgeous wine, not quite as exotic as it can be, which will no doubt please those who find this wine on the richer side within the context of Saint-Émilion. Dark red fruit, chalk, mint, white pepper and spice all race across the palate. Given the small size of the berries and the heat, the winemaking team led by Nicolas Thienpont opted for gentler vinification with fewer punchdowns than the past. The result is **a decidedly linear, vibrant Pavie Macquin that bristles with the chalky, saline energy** that is a signature of this part of Saint-Émilion, but that has not always been present in a wine that in the past has been more about textural opulence. The blend is 80% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Tasted four times.”

**Antonio Galloni, Vinous, mai 2023**

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“Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Noble and well concentrated nose with fine hints of graphite, backed by ripe blackberries and cherries, hints of red berries in the background. Discreet floral hints and elegant gingerbread spices complement the nose. On the palate juicy fruit, damson, black cherries, strawberries, gingerbread spices and hints of dark chocolate. **Great depth and length with wonderful tension and freshness in the finish.**”

**Markus del Monego, mai 2023**

96-98

“**Mastering the art of crafting exceptional wine is no small feat, but maintaining consistent excellence year after year is truly remarkable.** Château Pavie Macquin embodies this very principle, retaining its steadfast character throughout time. The aroma of 2022 is grandiose and sweeping, evoking the sensation of an opulent banquet. Rich notes of dried cherries, blueberry, plums, and black tea entice the nose, accompanied by nuances of Sichuan pepper, toasted pumpkin seeds, and succulent roasted meat. The water-retaining limestone highlands bestow a lush richness upon the wine: its entrance is as smooth as silk, and its finish as resolute as a steel cable. Tasting this wine is akin to observing a gracefully cultivated warhorse, exquisitely balancing the delicate interplay between wildness and cultivation. This wine is the consummate companion for the sage, especially those “warriors” seeking solace after years of battles.”

**Alexandre Ma, AlexandreMa.com, mai 2023**

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“Perfumed and aromatic, smells rich but not too intensely with roses and soft purple flowers. Succulent and really quite crisp and clear, such clarity to the fruit, with both a sharpness of acidity and mineral bite to the tannins. Liquorice, blue fruits, cool chalky tones, You get a sense of the power and structure, it’s wide and full, thick but keeping the freshness and tension with super high acidity giving the mouthwatering nature and a touch of austerity. **Precise and detailed with energy and tension as well as depth and clarity. Great potential.** A yield of 31hl/ha.”

**Georgina Hindle, Decanter, mai 2023**

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« Salinité, notes d’orange sanguine et d’encens donnent le ton aromatique de ce 2022 monumental. **Tout en nuances, il fait résonner sa finale calcaire** et force le respect, par son intensité sans se départir d’une grande élégance. »

**Bettane & Desseauve, En Magnum, mai 2023**

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« **Nez magnifique et sensuel**, avec un fruit exubérant, mais pas surmûri, un côté jus de cerise noire évident et très appétant. Attaque charnue, vineuse et fraîche, bouche enrobée, fraîche, crayeuse, qui s’allonge avec de l’allant. La finale est ferme et corsée. »

**Jacques Perrin, Vinifera, mai 2023**

17,5-18

« Nez frais, framboise, gelée de myrtille, griotte, bouche tendre, délicate, bon végétal, note florale, **tanins fins, soyeux, bien en place**; long, finale relevée, note mentholée. »

**Olivier Bompas, Le Point, mai 2023**

97

“Deep dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, brightening on the rim. Fine wood spice with vanilla and cloves, ripe black berryish fruit, dark cherries, inviting bouquet. **Complex, fresh and juicy, lively structure**, salty minerality, black wild berries, full of finesse and lingers long. A very animating wine, ripe cherries in the aftertaste, certain ageing potential.”

**Peter Moser, Falstaff, mai 2023**

17,5

“Dark crimson to the rim. Spicy and exotic on the nose. Generous but lifted on the palate, the limestone terroir manifest. Powerful but refined tannins. Plenty of punch and persistence but handled with care. **Clearly one for the cellar.**”

**James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com, mai 2023**

95-96

« Plus que jamais, Pavie Macquin assume le contraste de son expression. Derrière une couleur sombre, se dévoile **une matière puissante, d’une intensité confondante, qui se voit canalisée par une force calcaire revigorante.** Une persistance crayeuse longue, particulièrement stimulante. Le temps calmera ses ardeurs. »

**Alexis Goujard, La Revue du Vin de France, mai 2023**

96-97

« Dégusté à quatre reprises, Pavie-Macquin peinait quelque peu à se révéler lors des premières dégustations. Il était pris en otage par le bois, ce qui l'empêchait de s'épanouir. Au fil des dégustations, le vin a gagné en expression et en précision. Aujourd'hui, il révèle des parfums de cerises, de sureau et, finalement, même des nuances de garrigues. Le vin se détend lentement, doucement pour sortir de l'emprise initialement affichée. En bouche, le terroir calcaire se manifeste d'entrée. Il confère un caractère scintillant, vif, juteux. Il est bien évidemment de pair avec **une exceptionnelle énergie qui dynamise littéralement tout le palais**. Les tannins, eux, ne manquent pas d'assumer leur rôle. Ils sont d'une incroyable pertinence et savent s'imposer avec sérénité, sans accroc, avec précision. C'est bien en bouche que Pavie Macquin sait se positionner. A l'image de Larcis Ducasse d'ailleurs. 2029-2052. »  
**Yves Beck, Beckustator, mai 2023**

97-99

« L'olfaction est intense et assez complexe avec des arômes de cerises noires, d'épices douces, puis très florale (roses anciennes et violettes), avec des notes de petites baies noires, et de papier d'Arménie. **La bouche est sphérique et d'une élégante concentration, les tannins tramés serrés sont enrobés par une chair veloutée**, elle est rehaussée par d'éloquents fruits mûrs mais « frais ». La belle acidité dynamise le vin dès le milieu de bouche, et dans une longue finale, puissante (tannins restant enrobés), intense, très aromatique et saline. »  
**Daniel Seriot, Journal d'un Passionné de la Rive droite, mai 2023**