



2012 CHAPTER 24 LAST CHAPTER

Review Summary



96 pts/100 BEST WINES OF THE YEAR “The Last Chapter is the tête de cuvée from Chapter 24, a project between Mark Tarlov and Louis Michel Liger-Belair, with Mikey Etzel making the wine. From multiple vineyard sources representing both volcanic and sedimentary soils, this wine’s initial scents of ripe black cherry and plum hint at the palate’s potential richness. And yet the wine isn’t so much rich as mouthfilling. A saturating and delicious presence that mimics richness, this bursts with exuberant fruit on the finish, then quietly recedes. This wine feels in every sense complete—calm and placid, with a succulence gently occupying every corner of the mouth.”

Patrick Comiskey, Wine & Spirits Magazine
April 2015

94 pts “Vivid ruby-red. Heady, exotically perfumed aromas of dark berry liqueur, cherry-cola, Asian spices and potpourri. Densely packed yet lithe, offering palate-staining red and dark berry and spiced flavors that gains sweetness and vivacity with air. Distinctly fresh and supple on the gently tannic, incisive finish, which leaves notes of allspice and candied flowers behind.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

93 pts “This ripe red dances deftly over refined tannins to deliver currant and blackberry fruit in spades, glinting with hot stone and meat notes as the finish lingers.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
June 2014

90 pts “The 2012 Last Chapter comes from two sedimentary and two volcanic sites that are selected by Louis-Michel Liger-Belair conducting a blind tasting of different parcels. Matured in 75% new oak, the wood is neatly carried by the well-defined dark cherry, briary and sous-bois bouquet that feels very natural. The palate is medium-bodied and here, unlike the aromatics, the wood comes through quite strongly and layers mocha notes across the black plum and raspberry fruit, slightly obfuscating the nuances underneath. This is a delicious Pinot Noir.”

Neal Martin, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
March 2015