

2017 CHÂTEAU SÉRAPHINE

Review Summary



94 pts/TOP 100 WINE DISCOVERIES 2020 “Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2017 Séraphine comes bounding out of the glass with bold, youthful notes of baked black plums, boysenberries and chocolate-covered cherries with hints of pencil lead, cast iron pan, clove oil and new leather plus a pinch of black truffles. Medium-bodied, the palate has ethereal weight yet a lot of intensity, delivering mouth-coating black fruits and plush tannins, finishing long and earthy with a mineral-tinged skip in its step. This is a very impressive Pomerol from this challenging vintage, but sadly, because of the frosts, less than 100 cases were made this year. Expecting great things in the future from this producer, this is a Château to watch!”

Lisa Perotti-Brown
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
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92 pts “This is the first vintage of Château Séraphine, bought by Martin Krajewski in April 2016 (although he didn’t take ownership of the vineyard until after the harvest). The rich damson fruit immediately has a density to it, fresh but tingling on the palate - an extremely strong start here in a difficult year. The beauty is upfront, as we see again how hard it was to maintain the density over the entire palate in 2017, but the tannins have that succulence that Pomerol does so well.”

Jane Anson
Decanter
April 8, 2018

89 - 91 pts “The 2017 Séraphine is the first vintage from proprietor Martin Krajewski who purchased Château Montbrun in 2016 and renamed it thus. “It was hard to know what we were going to get,” remarked his daughter and winemaker Charlotte Krajewski. Fortunately they escaped frost damage. The property comes with two parcels, one located on a gravel ridge close to Mazeyres and the other close to La Pointe, combined they make 2.2-hectares. It was picked from 16 September until the end of the month and it is matured in 50% new oak using partial fermentation in barrel. The parcel of Cabernet Franc has been replanted half with Merlot and half with Cabernet Franc. It has a clean and pure bouquet with attractive red and blue fruit with an underlying floral/violet scent that gains intensity with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied, quite plump in style, rounded in texture with soft silky tannin, laden with black cherry, raspberry and hints of dark chocolate towards the delineated finish. This is a very commendable debut for Martin Krajewski’s property, the latest and welcome addition to the Pomerol firmament.”

Neal Martin
Vinous
May 15, 2018