

VERTICAL TASTING NOTES AND SCORES

Decanter

Château Montus La Tyre

2000 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 2000 is the first labelled vintage of La Tyre, it exhibits aromas of perfectly ripe dark berries, liquorice, graphite and spices, with elegant herbal notes. Medium to full-bodied, opulent but fresh and linear, the palate is rich and layered, with a racy acidity on the finish. This is a stunning wine that can be aged for another 10-15 years. "

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"The 2001 La Tyre is a real expression of an "cold vintage" in Madiran, exhibiting aromas of ash, earth, graphite, dark berries and hot stones. Full-bodied, ample and rich, it possesses racy acids which make it resemble a Cabernet Sauvignon from the Médoc, but with a firmer, more tannic palate. Approachable right now and will drink well for 10-15 years. "

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"The 2002 La Tyre has a delicate, shy bouquet, with spice, earth, herbs and peppery aromas. The bouquet becomes more fresh and elegant with time. It carries a rich, tannic, and full-bodied palate with loads of dark fruits and graphite on the finish. It is a little austere at the moment; another 10 years of cellaring could bring it more grace. "

2005 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"Exhibiting an attractive nose of black fruit complimented by spices, flowers, earth, elegant herbal notes, and an alluring trace of smoke, the 2005 Montus La Tyre shows, in the contemporary style of Madiran, a gentle evolution of style towards a texture both velvety and fleshy. There is a precision and depth on the palate, but also a degree of charm indicating that another decade at least will be necessary before this wine may be fully enjoyed."

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"In the footsteps of the 2005 vintage, la Tyre 2006 shows an 'al dente' freshness with less ripe grapes but a more charming and bright bouquet of dark berries, blueberry, flowers and cherry aromas. Tense and penetrating, the palate is very fresh, with subtle tannins and a perfectly balanced texture. It's a stunning wine that could be given 5-8+ years of cellaring before drinking. "



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2008 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 2008 La Tyre offers a lovely bouquet of menthol, flowers, blackberries, blueberries and liquorice aromas. Perfectly balanced, the palate is fresh and delicate, with an elegant yet profound texture. It's fresher and more incisive than the 2006 La Tyre. I like it today, but will be nice for the next 10-12 years."

2010 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"La Tyre 2010 is a textbook wine for Madiran lovers. It has a sumptuous bouquet of dark berries, cherry, flowers and spices, intertwined with a perfectly integrated oaky frame. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is ample and layered, with huge depth and concentration, racy acids and a long, resonant finish. This gorgeous wine is just beginning to hit its stride. Keep it for 10-15 years."

2014 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 2014 La Tyre sneaks up on you with fresh, elegant, bright aromas of cherry, dark berries and flowers, intertwined with a delicate oaky frame. Juicy, elegant and fresh, the palate is medium to full-bodied with supple tannins and a fleshy texture. This is exceptional, in a challenging vintage in the south-west of France."

2018 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 2018 La Tyre marks an evolution of the style, with a more velvety and fleshier texture with velvety tannins and racy acids. The bouquet, bright and fresh, gradually opens with aeration, and there are touches of blackcurrant, flowers, cherry and iris aromas complemented by gently toasty notes. It will take time (10-20 years) for this racy thoroughbred to hit its stride. Bravo!"



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Château Montus Prestige

1985 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 1985 Montus Prestige, the first vintage ever produced, delivers a superb complexity and an elegant bouquet with ash, graphite, dark cherry and spice aromas with herbal notes. The palate is medium to full-bodied with racy acids, and a tension and freshness concluding with a mineral finish. This is a quintessential Montus that gives drinking pleasure, now and for the next 5-10 years or more."

1988 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"Less expressive and bright than the 1985, Montus Prestige 1988 stands out for its tobacco, smoky and spicy aromas, with a sumptuous yet classic bouquet. This is a remarkable wine, seamless and layered with powdery tannins and depth. Racy acids bring freshness and a saline and penetrating final. It's ideal for enjoying over the next 5-8 years."

1989 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"Despite the solar side of the vintage, the 1989 Montus Prestige offers a fresh and bright bouquet with cedar, graphite, spices, blackcurrant and earthy aromas, with a slightly animal note. The palate is perfectly balanced, with a full-bodied texture and supple, layered tannins. This is an irresistibly charming, elegant Madiran from Alain Brumont which may be consumed in the near future "



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Château Montus Prestige

1990 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 1990 Montus Prestige delivers immense complexity and character, in a sunnier style than the 1989 vintage. Complex and profound, the bouquet is dense with spices, earth, liquorice and perfectly ripe blackberries. Medium to full-bodied, it's deep and elegant, with refined tannins, fine concentration, and a penetrating finish. It will evolve gracefully for 5-10 years."

1991 – by Yohan Castaing – June 1st, 2022

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"The 1991 Montus Prestige is a seriously good wine in the context of the vintage, with a mineral-driven, fruity style and blackberry, liquorice, herbs and cedar aromas. It shows a juicy texture and a medium-bodied, fresh, intense finish. I'd still recommend enjoying it over the coming 3-5 years."

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"A stunning Madiran in every sense, the 2000 Montus Prestige reveals a deep, complex and stonishing bouquet of graphite, liquorice, balsamic and cherry, intertwined with perfectly ripe dark berries. A gorgeously fleshy mouthfeel, brimming with energy, lengthening a finish consolidates its profound substance but also reveals surprising subtlety and delicacy. This vintage joins the ranks of the great ones, and should gain in elegance over time."

