

CHATEAU  
DE  
**PITRAY**

## Vintage 2018

WINE ADVOCATE : 90-92

Deep garnet-purple in colour, the 2018 Pitray features bright, expressive wild blueberries, black raspberries, and warm plums scents with hints of spice cake and potpourri. Full-bodied, the palate is laden with juicy blue and black fruits, framed by plush tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with beautiful purity.

## Vintage 2017

DECANTER, 90

75% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec. Dark chocolate edging, this is subtle but has very nicely worked fruits and the tannins are tamed but present. Good value, well assembled wine that has a lot to offer. Drink 2019-2026

## Vintage 2016

WINE ENTHUSIAST : 91

A concentrated wine from the Pitray family, who fought in the American Revolution, this has bold tannins and the potential for rich fruit. A powerful wine, it shows plenty of spice as well as ripe black-currant flavors and acidity. Drink from 2022.

James Suckling : 92

Aromas of glossy, spicy oak and plush, ripe dark plums with hazelnuts and tarry nuances, too. The flavoryful palate delivers in assertive and bold style with a juicy and intense surge of fruit, holding long into the finish. Try from 2022.

WINE ADVOCATE – Neal Martin – 90

JANCIS ROBINSON

Madame 2016 : 16,5

Cabernet 2016 : 16

## Vintage 2015

WINE ADVOCATE – Neal Martin – 89-91

**Pitray 2015: 89-91** The 2015 Château de Pitray has a well-defined, precise bouquet with blackberry and crushed strawberry fruit, the oak is nicely integrated. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, not much

depth here, but very well-balanced with a silky smooth finish. This comes highly recommended, since it is usually well-priced.

WINE ENTHUSIAST – Roger Voss – 90

### **Best Buy**

This ripe, fruity wine has soft tannins and a generous, warm character that makes it already drinkable. Better, however, to wait until its full potential is realized, from 2019.

JANCIS ROBINSON

**Madame Château de Pitray** : The top cuvée from this admirable property : 75% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec. Notably dark, purplish Crimson. Already rather well integrated nose (from a sample take 10 days ago and sent across the Channel). Very spicy. Pretty dry finish but obviously appetising and velvety. *Drink 2020-2026*

**Cabernet Franc Château de Pitray** : Unusual to see a grape variety on a Bordeaux label. Dark crimson with purple notes. Very fresh and floral on the nose. Mouth-filling fruit with great seduction and really delicate taffetas tannins. Lovely stuff ! Really lush and lovely combination of ripeness and freshness. Cabernet Franc here seems much riper than most Loire examples. Maybe just a little inkiness on the end but thoroughly admirable. **GOOD VALUE.** *Drink 2018-2023*

## **Vintage 2014**

Guide Hachette 2018 : 2\*

A drop of Malbec complements Merlot (75%) and Cabernet Franc in this sumptuous 2014. The nose is delicate and complex with blackberry, blackcurrant, morello cherry, spice and blond tobacco aromas. The mouth has no reason to be envious with volume, velvety tannins, well-matured wood and length. A

WINE ADVOCATE – Neal Martin – 87-89

The Château de Pitray 2014 has a slightly muddled nose at the moment—some good fruit here but it just needs aligning. The palate is more promising with chunky black fruit, cedar and tobacco with a firm, structured finish. Good potential, but it will need a couple years in bottle.

CONCOURS DE LYON 2017 : GOLD MEDAL

Wine Spectator : 88

Guide Dusser Gerber 2017: Gold medal

## Vintage 2012

WINE ADVOCATE – Robert Parker – 85-87

One of the largest estates in Castillon, Pitray has been a long-time favorite of this publication. The 2012 reveals tasty, herbaceously-tinged black cherry and black currant fruit along with hints of damp earth and underbrush. Medium-bodied and soft, it is best drunk over the next 5-6 years.

WINE ENTHUSIAST – Roger Voss – 90

A selection from the best grapes and parcels, this is a dense, firm wine with both great tannins and dark fruits. Acidity gives a lift to the dry core of the wine and brings out the black currant fruits. Wood aging is still showing, so the wine needs time. Drink from 2017.

DECANTER : 16.25 (87) Recommended by Berry Bros

Dark chocolate and cappuccino, but manages to stay light and perky, this is a good wine, lots to enjoy. The owner is Alix de Pitray, the latest in 600 years of winemaking in the same family, and the property is rightly seen as one of the most reliable names in Castillon. 13%abv. Drink 2015-2019.

## Vintage 2011

WINE ADVOCATE – Robert Parker – 86-88

An attractive, mid-weight, stylish, elegant effort, the 2011 Pitray offers plenty of sweet, cedary, black currant and loamy soil characteristics. From one of the most consistent Castillon producers, it should provide pleasure over the next 6-8 year

CONCOURS DE BORDEAUX 2014 : golden medal

WINE ENTHUSIAST – Roger Voss –

The Cabernet Franc in the blend gives an attractive perfumed character. Spice and pepper go with ripe black plum fruit flavors. It's dense and concentrated, the tannins prominent at this stage. Drink from 2017.

## Vintage 2010

WINE ADVOCATE – Robert Parker – 87-88

This recently resurrected estate has fashioned a 2010 offering abundant notes of black cherries, black currants and licorice with a hint of barrique in the background. It is a medium-bodied, richly fruit Cotes de Castillon to drink during its first 4-5 years of life.

WINE ENTHUSIAST - Roger Voss - 90

Concentrated with a strongly tannic élément that is balanced by ripe fruits. It makes for a well-structured, impressive wine that also has a fruity élément. Age for 4-5 years.

SAKURA 2014 Japan Women's wine competition : Double Gold medal

## Vintage 2009

WINE ADVOCATE – Robert Parker – 87-89

My introduction to this wine was the excellent 1982, and the 2009 is probably the finest Pitray yet made. Its deep ruby/purple colour is accompanied by copious aromas of crushed rocks, red and black currants, and a hint of kirsch. Medium-bodied and loaded with fruit with impressive glycerine and lushness, it offers a lot of flavour for its humble appellation and price point.

A reliable estate that has always made very good wine, this classic Castillon displays notes of Christmas fruitcake, cedar wood and roasted herbs along with black currants and cherries. The wine has very good intensity, low acidity and a heady finish. Drink it over the next decade.

## Vintage 2008

WINE ADVOCATE – Robert Parker –

**Pitray Madame 2008 : 87-89**

This old, historic estate of Castillon appears to have been resurrected now that the consultant is Jean-Michel Ferrandz. In the past, these wines were well-made, but light and fruity. The 2008 Madame is another animal altogether. Dense ruby/purple-colored with sweet notes of creme de cassis, and smoky oak, medium to full body, good acids, and beautiful ripeness, it should drink nicely for 5-7 years.

Le Point

**Madame de Château Pitray 2008:** Very good Blackberry jam, plum, full mouth, caramel, black fruits, rich, full, nearly too powerful.

CONCOURS DE BORDEAUX 2011 : silver medal

## Vintage 2007

Guide Hachette: **Château de Pitray 2007**

The same family has owned the same family since the XIVth. century, which is certainly unique in Bordeaux vineyard. It is really worth visiting the site as well as tasting this 2007 wine, which offers a pleasant bouquet of crystallized cherries, undergrowth and toasted notes. After a smooth attack, the mouth is getting full and round and shows fines tannins. An elegant wine to be drunk or laid down for a while.

## Vintage 2006

CONCOURS DE BRUXELLES 2008

Château de Pitray, Cuvée Madame 2006: gold medal

CONCOURS DE BORDEAUX 2009

Château de Pitray, Cuvée Madame 2006: golden medal

## Vintage 2005

CONCOURS DE BRUXELLES 2007

Château de Pitray, Cuvée Madame 2005: gold medal