



*Notes de dégustation La Fleur de Boüard
Millésime 2011*

JAMES SUCKLING : 91-92/100

Very polished with blueberry and blackberry character on the palate. Soft and velvety tannins. Juicy finish. Bright acidity.

WINE ADVOCATE : 90/100

The 2011 La Fleur de Bouard is a rich, full-bodied, ripe, heady, satisfying effort. Big, chewy and delicious, it showcases super-ripe Merlot picked late from small yields. In a relatively short period of time, Hubert de Bouard has created a reference point for how great Lalande de Pomerol can be. When tasted 10-15 years after the vintage, de Bouards wines consistently prove his conviction that he is sitting on a special terroir, even though this appellation is a humble one compared to his nearby neighbors, Pomerol and St.-Emilion.

VERT DE VIN : 89-90/100

Le nez révèle des arômes chauds, de fraise, de cerise, de fruits noirs et d'épices chaudes associées à des notes très toastées ainsi qu'à de légères notes de sous-bois et de truffe. La bouche est soyeuse, suave, assez riche, lisse, fruitée, grasse, harmonieuse et équilibrée. Bonne matière en bouche. En bouche on retrouve des notes de mûre et de cerise associées à une pointe de prune et de fraise. Une petite trame fruitée/acide mène la dégustation. Les tannins sont très fins et élégants. Bonne longueur en bouche.

JEAN-MARC QUARIN : 89/100

Couleur sombre et intense. Nez moyennement intense, fruité, avec une touche d'encens. Bouche moelleuse, savoureuse et très agréable tout en ayant un profil plus simple en finale. Longueur moyenne.

JANCIS ROBINSON : 16/20

Very thick and sweet and with some freshness. Well sculpted with some floral notes. Pretty flattering for the price though a bit dry on the end.

WINE DOCTOR : 15,5/20

A good colour here. Expressive fruit character on the nose, some dark cherry, a little fruit-skin density to it. This initial impression is followed by seams of dark fruit on what is a nicely polished palate, showing good concentration and broad substance. Despite its obvious weight it feels correct, balanced, with supple fruit and gentle structure. This feels really convincing in the context of the vintage, and would stand up well to many other 2011s I have tasted. It has fine purity, a bright wine, but clearly one with good concentration. In the finish, a fine cherry-fruit purity and a streak of spicy, tannin-tinged backbone.

VINOUS : 88-90/100

Inky purple. Deep aromas of cassis, cocoa, violet and vanilla. Smooth, rich and dense; with lovely precision to the floral and cocoa flavors. Finishes smooth, with a persistent blackberry note and captivating juiciness. Finishes with copious, mounting tannins but remains smooth and balanced on the long, creamy finish. Excellent.