

- **Chateau Pontet Canet Pauillac 2000 - 5th Growth Cru Classé**



### **COLLECTIBLE ITEM**



#### **The History**

One of eighteen Fifth Growth estates, Château Pontet-Canet is located in the northern end of the Pauillac appellation, and has one of the largest production volumes in the region



#### **The Vineyard**

The vineyards date to the early 18th century, and are planted on extremely gravelly, well-draining soil, typical of the best vineyards in Bordeaux. Plantings are predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. Winemaker Alfred Tesseron's philosophy is "to intervene as little as possible and as naturally as possible" in the vineyard. He also refrains from using any chemicals, and whenever possible, follows the most traditional viticultural and cultivation practices available. Château Pontet-Canet wines are very concentrated, yet elegant, and have tremendous aging potential. The estate produces a second wine, Les Hauts de Pontet, as well as an additional red blend called Benjamin de Pontet.



#### **Tasting Notes**

Robert M. Parker Jr. 94+

"... classic nose of incense, charcoal, creme de cassis, and subtle new oak. Full-bodied, powerful, still very tannic, and shockingly backward, this is a big, rich wine that has put on weight and seems to need more time.."

Wine Spectator 93

"Extremely pretty aromas of mineral, blackberry, and raspberry. Full-bodied, with well-integrated tannins and a medium finish. Well-crafted red. The best Pontet-Canet ever. "

Stephen Tanzer 93

Jancis Robinson 17.5

"Racy and rich with a savoury overlay."



#### Awards

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