

La Mondotte 2002

Revue de presse Press review 2002 **★★★(★)**

Four stars for the Left Bank only – three stars for the Right Bank. Another vintage saved by a dramatic improvement in the weather in early September

While the later-ripening Cabernets on the Left Bank took full advantage of the 11th-hour weather improvement, the change came too late for many old Merlot vineyards on the Right Bank. After showing well when first in bottle, many wines have now closed up, so it is hard to write about them at the moment. Look out for Pichon-Baron, Beychevelle, Fieuzal, Sociando-Mallet, Alter Ego de Palmer, Duhart-Milon, La Tour Haut-Brion, Langoa-Barton, Bahans Haut-Brion, Grand-Puy-Lacoste and Rauzan-Ségla. On the Right Bank, La Mondotte should prove wonderful early drinking and Vieux Château Certan, helped by its Cabernet Franc, did well. This may well be the best-value first growth vintage currently available.

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