



Denis Hervier, Bettane & Desseauve

Du niveau d'un premier cru classé, l'If est l'un des grands Saint-Emilion des primeurs 2024. Son nez est d'une complexité impressionnante, marqué par une combinaison de fruits noirs mûrs (cassis, cerise noire, myrtille) et de notes plus subtiles de fruits rouges frais (framboise, fraise des bois). Des arômes de violette et de rose sauvage apportent une touche florale délicate. À mesure que le vin s'ouvre, des saveurs plus profondes de cèdre, des notes de poivre noir, et une légère touche d'orange sanguine viennent compléter ce bouquet complexe. **La texture est soyeuse, avec beaucoup de pureté et de finesse.** Les tannins sont subtils et parfaitement intégrés. Une sensation de fraîcheur et de pureté saline persiste en fin de bouche. **Une très grande réussite. Coup de cœur ! 95**

Zekun Shuai, JamesSuckling.com

Quite an aromatic wine with appetizing spiciness, white pepper, hibiscus and red berries. Juicy and bright, with a medium body, fine-etched chalky tannins and a long, bright finish. **Very pure fruit with excellent texture** and mid-palate roundness. 85% merlot and 15% cabernet franc. **96-97**

Georgie Hindle, Decanter

Vivid purple colour in the glass, lovely bright rim with aromatic purity, crystalline pink and purple fruits with floral scents. Some nice green aspects and a touch of blue fruit, iodine and saltiness. **Pure and clean,** fruit has such clarity with lively acidity that gives a tang before the expression becomes a little creamy and smooth. A lovely, easy, filling and balanced example with lots of personality and still signature of the limestone soils. Plenty of clean fruit, and liquorice tang. **Really great. Excellent texture,** minty, clove, great freshness and graphite. **Good momentum here. 94**

James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com

Fragrant red-berry fruit with a **chalky edge.** Fine tannins that build through the palate. Lots of freshness with a **clean, saline finish. 16**

Colin Hay, The Drink Business

Tasted with Jacques Thienpont at Le Pin. The Cabernet Franc is very beautiful here. Intense dark berry fruits. Acacia and graphite. A touch of grated chocolate and dark cherry. A little hint of violet too. **This is gracious, full and constructed** around quite a dense but compact lozenge-shaped core of cool dark berry fruits. It's not too ample, accentuating the sense of impact. **The calcaire tannins are very delicate and this is much more lush and plush than most plateau-based wines in the vintage. 92-94**

Antonio Galloni, Vinous

The 2024 L'If is an elegant, sleek wine. Crushed owers, tobacco, cedar, incense, dried herbs and menthol give the 2024 lovely aromatic presence. L'If is light on its feet, with a bit less overt concentration than most years, but there's more than enough persistence to compensate for that, shaping the wine in **a style that favors linear energy over volume.** Tasted two times. **92-94**



Neal Martin, Vinous

This has a **fragrant bouquet**, with mainly red fruit and slate-like scents. The palate is medium-bodied and **balanced, with slightly chalky tannins** and a little esh on the mid-palate. Lightly spiced on the finish, this is a comparatively straightforward L'If compared to previous vintages that will serve as a fine earlier drinking Saint-Emilion. **90-92**

Lisa Perrotti Brown, The Wine Independent

Deep garnet-purple colored. Needs a little shaking to wake up notes of black raspberries & kirsch, followed by hints of dusty soil, dried herbs, and crushed rocks. The light to medium-bodied palate is lively and fresh with zippy red berry flavors and fine-grained tannins, finishing with a fruity lift. **91-93+**

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com

The 2024 Château L'If comes from vines located just beside Troplong Mondot. **This deeper-hued beauty offers terrific aromatics** of ripe black cherries, darker currants, leafy herbs, **and a beautiful sense of minerality**. It's nicely textured, medium-bodied, has a ripe, layered, round mouthfeel, and sweet tannins. It's a beautiful wine in the vintage **that's well worth your time and money**. **91-93**

Jean-Marc Quarrin, Quarin.com

Couleur sombre, intense et pourpre. Beau nez très aromatique, fin, pur, sentant bon les fruits noirs. Immédiatement délicieux dès l'entrée en bouche, très savoureux, avec du goût, de l'équilibre et une présence allongée, le vin glisse sur le palais, long, suave et complexe dans la persistance. **C'est superbe! Une grande réussite du millésime**. **95 - 17,5**

Alexandre Ma, AlexandreMa.com

The rose and peony aromas in L'IF 2024 come as a **delightful surprise**. In a vintage where fruit expression is restrained, the wine does not chase after opulence. Instead, it embraces purity and simplicity, offering a **crystalline fruit profile and a bright, agile palate** that conjure the image of a woodland nymph. The body is not particularly full, but the limestone soil lends **a powdery chalk texture that speaks in a whisper**. Given its graceful form and relatively low pH, I can imagine it evolving with a Burgundy-like elegance in the years to come. **93-95**

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider

Initially you find notes of crushed rocks, before you delve into the flowers, plums, licorice, and salty cherries in the perfume. On the palate, the wine is sweet, juicy, fresh, and expressing a gorgeous sense of purity, lift, energy, and elegance, finishing with sweet, ripe, red plums, and raspberries. Drink from 2028-2042. **92-94**

Markus Del Mondego MW, tastingbook.com

Intense purple colour with violet hue. elegant nose with fragrant fruit, raspberries, ripe plums and slightly floral hints. Subtle oak and hints in the background. On the palate well structured with freshness, fine acidity, hints of ripe berries and blackcurrant spurus in the background. Fine tannins, medium body but with persistent finish. **95**

Peter Moser, Falstaff

Strong ruby, purple reflections, delicate edge brightening. Delicate herbal savouriness, red wild berry fruit, a hint of cranberry, candied orange zest, a hint of currant. Juicy, red berry, delicate extract sweetness, finesse-rich structure, mineral-salty, a delicate food companion. **93**