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<p>JAMES SUCKLING.COM</p> <p>94-95</p>	<p>“Very long and straight with a beautiful, fine line of ripe and compressed tannins. Medium-to full-bodied and tight and fresh on the finish. Beautiful cabernet sauvignon is driving this one.”</p>
<p>JEB DUNNUCK</p> <p>93-95</p>	<p>“This estate has made leaps and bounds in terms of quality over the past decade, and my money is on the 2018 Château Pédesclaux being the best to date. The 2018 is made from 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, which will spend 16 months in 60% new French oak prior to bottling. Showing notable freshness and elegance as well as medium to full body, seamless tannins, and perfumed notes of blue fruits, spice, violets, and wet stone-like minerality, it offers the purity, precision, and elegance that the estate now delivers as well as the sweet, sunny fruit of the vintage. It will be accessible with just short-term cellaring yet keep for 25+ years or more.”</p>
<p>Decanter</p> <p>93</p>	<p>« These guys have really started to make an impact on Pauillac’s landscape over the past few vintages and do so again here. It’s not quite up to the brilliant delivery of 2016, but this is firm, vibrant, bright and full of promise with tannins that layer up slowly and stealthily then present you with a cheque.</p> <p>There is clear austerity on the attack but then it opens up to show purity and precision of the fruit, with a sweetness to the berries making it seem likely that seven or eight years will be plenty before this is limbered and ready to go.”</p>
<p></p> <p>90-92</p>	<p>“Pédesclaux was purchased in late 2009 by real estate mogul, Jacky Lorenzetti. In addition to the purchase of Pédesclaux and its 26 hectares of vineyards, Lorenzetti was also able to acquire an additional 12 hectares of vineyards planted at 10,000 vines per hectare that sit atop the Milon plateau (their rows are interspersed with those of Mouton and Lafite). The total vineyard acreage in 2018 was 49.7 hectares with an average vine age of 35 years. The soils are typically gravelly atop a clay subsoil. It will spend an estimated 16 months on the lees in barrels, 60% new and 40% second year. The blend is 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, and it has 13.96% alcohol. Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 Pedesclaux comes charging out of the gate with rambunctious baked plums, warm cassis and Morello cherries scents plus hints of spice cake, menthol and fragrant earth. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers mouth-coating black fruits and spicy accents, with a soft, fine-grained frame, finishing long.”</p>



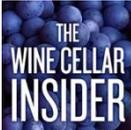
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 <p>89-92</p>	<p>“The 2018 Pédesclaux is a fruity, supple Pauillac, that will drink well upon release. Although not especially complex, the 2018 offers lovely immediacy and plenty of near to medium-term appeal. Succulent dark cherry, plum, chocolate and spice are nicely pushed forward in this decidedly overt Pauillac. The 2018 is 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot. Tasted two times.”</p>
 <p>93-95</p>	<p>“This is the tenth vintage since the estate was purchased by Jacky Lorenzetti, and it is only fair to say it is undergoing a significant evolution. The blend in this vintage is 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, all picked between September 25th and October 12th. This accounts for 60% of the harvest, and it has an alcohol of 13.96% and a pH of 3.8. It begins with a very fine nose of black cherry, damson and black violet, in a very pure style, with a little floral element, but it feels very purposeful and focused. There is a little touch of dark soot too. The palate is fresh, supple, broad and correct, filled with the flavours of black cherry stone, fragrant peony and violets again, with touches of sooty substance like the nose. Underneath it all there lies a finely poised and svelte bed of tannins, giving a charming grip, along with a fresh and vigorous acidity. A very convincing character overall, broad with ripe tannin, tightly knit and correct, which frames the finish very nicely. This is showing very well, and is surely the best wine from Pédesclaux I can recall tasting.”</p>
 <p>89-92</p>	<p>“On the lighter side, but fresh and focused, featuring cassis and bitter cherry notes, lined with subtle iron and floral hints. The finish is tightly focused.”—J.M.</p>
 <p>92-94</p>	<p>“Mint, tobacco, cassis, cocoa, currants and blackberries kick off the aromatics. From there it’s the concentrated, fresh, lively, round, firm, spicy character on the palate and in the finish that matters. The wine blends 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, reaching 13.96% alcohol. Slowly but surely they continue upping their game at Pedesclaux.”</p>
 <p>96-97</p>	<p>« L’un des 3 coups de cœur de Pauillac : La moitié du vignoble étant conduite en agriculture biologique, la campagne a été sous haute surveillance, et au final toute l’expertise de l’équipe est récompensée car c’est un des pauillacs des plus aboutis et des plus complexes. L’habit grenat brille, le bouquet déroule mûre, menthe, violette, cerise confite et noyau. Arômes et saveurs gourmandes en nombre. Signes particuliers ? Des tanins aériens, polis, un ensemble sapide, suave de bout en bout, avec un éclat de poivre blanc en finale. »</p>



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 <p>94</p>	<p>« Ma meilleure note donnée à ce cru en primeur. Couleur sombre, pourpre, intense et belle. Nez très aromatique, fin, fruité, pur, mûr, subtil et noble. Nuances de fruits noirs et vanille. Minutieux en entrée de bouche, ultra fondant au milieu, riche et pourtant aérien, très gracieux, le vin évolue profond et noble dans sa texture et ses arômes. Longue finale impossible à cracher et particulièrement hédoniste. Voilà trois années consécutives que Pedesclaux fait grimper sa note. Bravo!»</p>
<p><i>Yves Beck</i></p> <p>92-94</p>	<p>« Pourpre violacé. Quelle finesse et quelle délicatesse au bouquet ! Il est certes intense mais il se distingue par sa subtilité et son aptitude à faire cohabiter moult sensations olfactives que ce soit au travers de fleurs, d'épices ou de fruits. Attaque fruitée et racée. Pédesclaux a du tempérament, de la puissance et de la fraîcheur grâce à une structure qui confère de la vivacité en fin de bouche. L'expression aromatique n'est pas encore là où elle doit, mais la substance présente et l'élevage se chargeront de régler ceci. De biens belles perspectives. »</p>
 <p>17.5-18.5</p>	<p>« Voici un Pédesclaux impressionnant ! Certainement même le plus impressionnant par la qualité et la définition de son fruit et de ses tanins. Son équilibre est magistral, et sa finale salivante. Etincelant. »</p>



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