

# Fugue de NENIN 2020



## TERROIR

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Fugue de Nénin is made from vines rooted in clay-sandy soils, which lend the wine an earlier-drinking style, along with fruit from young vines on the Pomerol plateau. In the context of the Pomerol appellation, where it is rare for an estate to exceed 10 hectares, Château Nénin represents a major surface: up to 32 hectares of vines in production. Consequently, its terroir includes all the diversity of soils that characterise Pomerol. It is mainly made up of Oligocene deposits covered with gravelly alluvial formations of the Dordogne; siliceous clays and gravels, quartz, granites, iron dross as well as basalt pebbles.

## VINTAGE 2020

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The year 2020 began with a lot of difficulties, with a wet and mild winter's exit, followed by a capricious spring that could not tolerate approximation. Although rain and temperatures initiated a historic precociousness, water reserves were sufficient to get through the long summer season without the vines suffering, and the grapes ripened in splendid weather. Warm days and cool nights alternated until the grapes were carefully harvested to ensure homogeneous ripeness, with no compromise. The Fugue de Nénin 2020 is a very suave Pomerol, in which the fruity roundness is enhanced by a very nice straight forward freshness. A very nice balance based on lusciousness.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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Blend : 90% Merlot 10% Cabernet Franc

Harvest period : From 10th to 22nd September 2020

Alcohol: 14.10 % - Total Acidity: 3.11 gH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l - pH: 3.63 - IPT: 72



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## TASTING NOTES

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**93/100**

**JAMES SUCKLING**

Very aromatic with sliced-mushroom, berry, and dark-bark aromas and flavors. Dark chocolate, too. Medium-bodied with integrated tannins and a savory finish. Structured, yet balanced second wine of Nenin. 90% merlot and 10% cabernet franc.

**92-93/100**

**LIN LIU (MW)**

A light version of Pomerol, expressing a fresh and herbaceous version of a region known for power and intensity. An overall balanced wine with quite ripe tannins, with some interesting orange peel aromatics. A wine for early appreciation. Drinking window: 2022-2028. (April 2021)

**91-93/100**

**JEB DUNNUCK**

The second wine of Château Nenin, the 2020 Fugue de Nenin checks in (...). It offers a dense purple/plum color as well as solid aromatics of ripe black cherries, currants, chocolate, and leafy herbs. Rich and medium to full-bodied, with plenty of mid-palate depth, this concentrated, powerful second wine will keep for 15 years. (May 2021)

**91-93/100**

**B WINE ART / CHRISTER BYKLUM**

Ruby. Blackberries, blueberries, vanilla, spices, faintly floral nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, dark fruits, anise, spices, soft texture, liquorice, detailed, lovely energy behind it, fruit driven and long. A very serious Fugue. (...). (May 2021)

**17+/20**

**MATTHEW JUKES**

Fresh, sexy, ripe and crammed full of fruit, it is the mulberry and plum freshness which I particularly like and this silky exuberance is matched with super-attractive acidity, too. While there are tannins here, then melt unobtrusively into the fruit chassis and so while it is delicious right now, this



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is an age-worthy wine, too. Buoyant, balanced and classy, 2020 Fugue deserves to be featured on every serious restaurant list around, doing the job of ushering keen palates to Pomerol without asking punters to spend over the odds. (May 2021)

**92+/100**

**TERRE DE VINS / MATHIEU DOUMENGE**

Touche florale, noyau de cerise, joli croquant sur un profil fin et digeste. (Avril 2021)

**90-92/100**

**ANTHOCYANES / YOHAN CASTAING**

Gourmand, très floral avec des notes de fruits noirs. Un léger côté réducteur. Légèrement sucré en bouche avec du moelleux, de la fraîcheur et de beaux tanins veloutés. Très frais. (Avril 2021)

**17/20**

**WEINWISSENER / TJARK WITZGALL**

Sattes Purpur mit opaker Mitte und lila Rand. Intensives Waldbeerbouquet, dahinter Fliedernoten und Veilchen. Am Gaumen mit weicher Textur, fein sandiges Extrakt und mittlerer Gaumen. Im aromatischen Finale mit viel Dichte und Kraft, blaue Beeren, Kirschfrucht und Lakritze. So gut wie noch nie! Es werden 10 % Amphoren verwendet. (May 2021)

**89-91/100**

**WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI-BROWN**

(...) Deep purple-black colored, it sashays out of the glass with open-knit, showy scents of fresh black cherries, black raspberries and plum preserves, plus hints of allspice, potpourri and dusty soil. The medium-bodied palate is soft, juicy and refreshing, delivering loads of spicy sparks on the finish. (May 2021)

**89-91/100**

**THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE**

Bright, fresh, juicy, lifted and fruity, the wine focuses on its core of lifted, sweet, ripe red fruits, savory herbs and flowers. Drink this with pleasure while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop. (May 2021)



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JANCISROBINSON.COM / JAMES LAWTHER (MW)

Juicy and expressive with gourmand fruit and a meaty, savoury edge. Supple tannins give it early accessibility. Maintains freshness but there is a glow of alcohol on the finish. (April 2021)

**91/100**

MARKUS DEL MONEGO (MW)

Deep purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Aromatic and powerful nose with ripe plums and black cherries, discreet spiciness and hints of elegant toasting aroma in the background. On the palate well structured and balanced with juicy character, appetizing freshness, pleasant fruit and convincing length. (May 2021)

**90-92/100**

THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

(May 2021)

**90/100**

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

Deep violet colour, the fruit is kept in play by low temperature fermentation and careful extraction showcasing the seductive, silky aspect of Pomerol. Crayon and slate, set against berry fruits. (...). (April 2021)

**90/100**

LE FIGARO VIN

Un nez épicé et plein de vie, aux notes de fruits rouges, éclatant et séducteur. Un vin qui a la bouche de son nez, où l'on retrouve cette fraîcheur, ce croquant, et cette acidité qui laisse toutefois transparaître un beau potentiel de gourmandise. (Avril 2021)

**89-90/100**

BECKUSTATOR / YVES BECK

Bouquet fruité et frais, de bonne intensité. Caractère friand, élégant et équilibré en bouche. Belle harmonie entre les tannins et la fraîcheur de la structure acide. Un vin gourmand, invitant, que l'on pourra déjà savourer dans sa jeunesse mais qui dispose d'un bon potentiel de garde. 2022-2030. (Avril 2021)



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88-90/100

VINOUS / ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2020 Fugue de Nénin is an absolutely delicious second wine. Juicy dark cherry, plum, mocha, spice, new leather and licorice all flesh out in this succulent Pomerol. Best of all, the 2020 will drink well upon release. It's a real charmer, that much is obvious. (May 2021)

88-90/100

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

The 2020 Fugue de Nénin comes from vines located off the plateau. (...) It has an open-knit, appealing bouquet of black cherries, wild strawberries and light saline/marine scents. The palate is medium-bodied with quite angular tannins on the entry but fine acidity; that fresh marine influence dictates the finish. Moderate length. Give this a couple of years in bottle and then drink over the next 15'20 years. (May 2021)

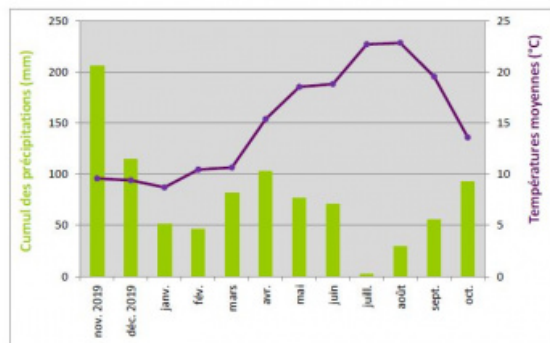
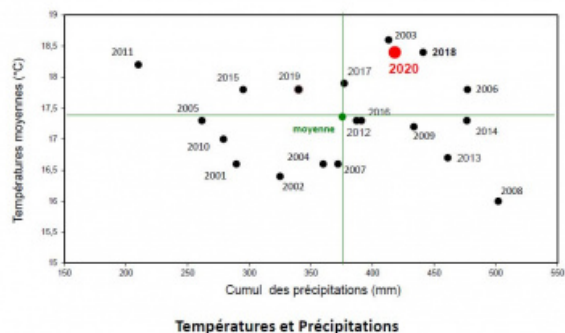


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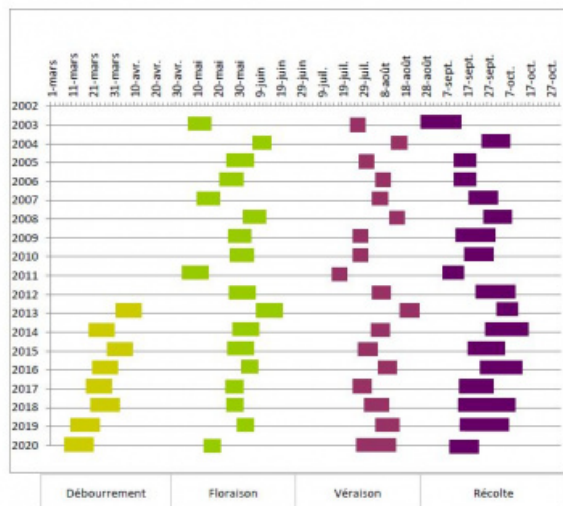
# Suive de NENIN 2020

Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October

/ Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2020



Phenological cycle



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