

PRESSE 2020

JAMES SUCKLING

Score: 90

Ripe dark fruit with notes of nut shell, licorice and dark earth. Medium-bodied with firm tannins. Juicy with hints of toasted walnut in the finish. 95% merlot and 5% cabernet franc. Drink or hold.

YVES BECK

Score: 92

Tant subtil sur le plan olfactif que gustatif, La Huste 2020 a du caractère. Il le doit à des tannins compacts et précis ainsi qu'à une structure qui assure la fraîcheur et un peu de tension. Un vin harmonieux, bien abouti, que l'on pourra approcher dans sa jeunesse, mais qu'il sera intéressant de suivre dans son évolution. Quelle grande finesse de tannins. Je suis un peu passé à côté durant la dégustation primeurs. Mea culpa! 2024-2037

VINOUS - NEAL MARTIN

Score: 86

The 2020 Château de la Huste still feels just picked a bit tardy on the nose, though the pruney scents have receded during its barrel maturation. It just lacks a bit of tension and energy. The palate is medium-bodied, balanced yet simple compared to its peers and never kicks on towards the finish. Not bad, but nor is it memorable either.

VINOUS - ANTONIO GALLONI

Score: 88

The 2020 de La Huste is soft, open-knit and very easy to like. Crushed raspberry, cedar and flowers lead into the delicate yet expressive finish. The 2020 is simple, but tasty. Drink it over the next few years.

TASTING BOOK - MARKUS DEL MONEGO

Score: 92

Dark purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Aromatic nose with lush fruit reminiscent of blackberries, blackcurrants and ripe plums. In the background subtle oak and hints of chocolate, mild spices and hints of aromatic herbs. On the palate well balanced with ripe tannins, mild acidity creating freshness, pure fruit reminiscent of blackberries and blackcurrants, fine toasting and discreet spiciness, well structured with good length.

WINESPECTATOR

Score: 90

A fresh and unadorned style, this red offers a pure beam of damson plum and floral notes that are carried by fine, chalky minerality through the finish. Reveals a pretty tobacco echo. Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2030.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

Score: 92

The floral bouquet is what you initially notice before moving on to its licorice, tobacco leaf, espresso, and chocolate-covered plum notes. On the palate, the wine is seductive with its silky textures, and opulent nature. In the finish, the wine feels as good on the palate as it tastes. This is in contention for the best vintage of Dalem I have ever tasted. Drink from 2023-2038.