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## **1621 - CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2020**

"A Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon blend from Bergerac with a lovely landscape image label by artist Kathryn Maple. Robust, powerful aromas of hickory, gorse, mandarin slices and raspberries. A happy, lively, balanced and sprightly juice in the mouth. Quite the cascade of fresh flavours. Attack a beefy array of cocoa and drop licorice, while the mid palate includes marshmallows and cherries and the finish has a hit of chocolate and pine. Pair with a provolone and Bayon ham croque monsieur or After Eight mints"

**Tom Mullen, 93-94 points (Forbes)**

"1621? Le nom de cette cuvée spéciale, issue de deux parcelles, rappelle que sur ce domaine d'origine monastique, on faisait déjà du vin il y a quatre siècles; Après une macération de 6 semaines, le vin a séjourné 18 mois en barrique puis 6 mois en cuve. Dans le verre, il se montre très sombre, presque opaque, et dévoile un nez précis et complexe, beurré, légèrement mentholé et réglissé. Rond et gourmand en attaque, il monte en puissance, soutenu par une trame de tanins épicés. La longue finale, encore teinté d'amertume, signe un réel potentiel."

**3\* Coup de Cœur (Guide Hachette des vins 2023)**

"Notes of ripe blueberries and blackberries with hints of violets, sweet licorice, bark and wet earth. Full-bodied, polished and silky with notes of crushed stones. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Try from 2025."

**James Suckling, 93 points (jamesuckling.com)**



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## **CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2020**

"Full and deep aromas of red fruit, including strawberries, and florals that include roses. In the mouth, a light, elegant, juicy river of red fruit flavours, and some mocha and mint on the finish. Soft tannins, quiet acidity. Not complex, but satisfying. Well made, well balanced. Pair with oxtail soup or beef stew. Still young."

**Tom Mullen, 93 points (Forbes)**

"Quatres cépages (Merlot 68%) composent ce vin élevé 12 mois en barrique et 6 mois en cuves. Ses atouts? Un nez d'une belle complexité (fruits rouges, notes florales, subtil boisé fondu), une bouche bien construite, puissante, suave, épicée et longue."

**3\* (Guide Hachette des Vins 2023)**

"I loved the 2020 Château Thénac. A rich, velvety, mouth-filling Bergerac offering classy currant and cherry fruits as well notes of tobacco, gravelly earth, and chocolate, it should have a decade (or more) of prime drinking."

**Jeb Dunnuck, 90-92 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

"Le bouquet de Thénac affiche un caractère fruité, floral et crayeux. En bouche je relève de la sucrosité ainsi que des tannins bien intégrés, en phase avec la structure acide. Un vin agréable et équilibré."

**Yves Beck, 90 points (yvesbeck.wines)**

"The 2020 Thénac is a bold, juicy wine packed with dark cherry/plum fruit, tobacco, scorched earth, leather and spice. This exuberant, savory Bergerac is a bit burly, especially in its tannins, but it is also quite distinctive."

**Antonio Galloni, 88-90 points (vinous.com)**

"This is very polished and pretty already with blackberry, blueberry and violet character. Medium body, fine tannins and a racy finish."

**James Suckling, 92- 93 points (jamesuckling.com)**

"Château Thénac red: Dark, purple colour with violet hue and black core. Opulent nose, intense fruit reminiscent of ripe blackcurrants, fresh mulberries and hints of sloe. Distinct oak with fine toasting aroma and hints of cocoa. On the palate ripe tannins, juicy fruit, sweet berries and ripe plums, fine toasting flavour in the background, well balanced with very good length."

**Markus del Monego MW, 92 points (tastingbook.com)**

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## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2019

"This shows lots of structure and richness with blackcurrant, dark chocolate and some hazelnut. It's full-bodied and chewy with lots of fruit and structure. Flavourful finish. Needs time to soften the rough edges. Drink after 2024."

**James Suckling, 93 points (jamesuckling.com)**

"The red 2019 Château Thénac is also noteworthy. Revealing a dense ruby/purple colour as well as a ripe bouquet of spiced currants, tobacco, and earthy, cedary notes, it hits the palate with medium to full body, some chewy yet ripe tannins, and a good finish. It opens up nicely with time in the glass, and my money is on it being an outstanding bottle of wine."

**Jeb Dunnuck, 89-92 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

"The 2019 Thénac is a big, heady wine that offers tons of immediacy. Black cherry, bittersweet chocolate, new leather, licorice, cloves and sweet French oak infuse this unctuous, full-throttle Bordeaux with plenty of richness."

**Antonio Galloni, 87-89 points (vinous.com)**

"Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Opulent and concentrated nose with aroma reminiscent of black cherries, prunes and blackcurrant jam, mild spices and a Port-like opulence in the background. On the palate rich and concentrated with juicy fruit, balmy spices, well structured tannins and fine acidity. A wine with remarkable length."

**Markus Del Monego MW, 92 points (tastingbook.com)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2018

"Les 4 cépages rouges de l'appellation contribuent à l'harmonie de cette cuvée élevée 12 mois en barrique, une goutte de malbec venant compléter le merlot majoritaire (66%) et les deux cabernets. Si le fût apporte ses touches épicées et grillées, il laisse toute sa place au raisin, qui s'épanouit sur des notes de fruits noirs, mûre et cassis en tête. Ce fruité très présent se confirme dans une bouche harmonieuse et longue, à laquelle le merlot apporte sa rondeur et les cabernets leur structure tannique et leur mâche."

**2\* (Guide Hachette des Vins 2021)**

"Aromas of smoked meat, black cherries, green olives, walnut husk and dried herbs on the nose. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, fine-grained tannins. Succulent, savory finish. Drink or hold."

**James Suckling, 91 points (jamesuckling.com)**

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## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2018:

"The 2018 Thénac offers attractive blackberry, raspberry and blueberry on the nose and touches of violet petal emerging with time, all very pretty. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, impressive minéralité and a lively, graphite-fined finish. This is a well-crafted and thoroughly enjoyable Bergerac."

**Neal Martin, 90 points (vinous.com)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2017

"I love the 2017 Château Thénac, a ripe, plum, sexy red that has plenty of oak, yet backs it up with fruit. Black raspberries, cassis, spice, and chocolate note all emerge from this plump, medium to full-bodied beauty that has tons of character."

**Jeb Dunnuck, 90-92 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

"The Thénac 2017 is bold, powerful and super-expressive. Red cherry, game, licorice, tobacco, iron and dried herbs all give the 2017 its distinctly wild, feral personality, and yet all the element are very nicely balanced throughout."

**Antonio Galloni, 88 points (vinous.com)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2016

"Un vin très expressif, fruité, floral et vanillé, à la bouche ample, ronde et suave, soutenue par des tanins bien en place et par un boisé épicé harmonieux."

**1\* (Guide Hachette des Vins 2019)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2015

"Le Merlot et les Cabernets font presque jeu égal dans cette cuvée, qui révèle un magnifique terroir du plateau calcaire. À une robe très profonde répondent un nez intense et fin mêlent les fruits noirs à des touches de noix de muscade et de caramel, puis une bouche puissante, soutenue par des tanins soyeux. Des arômes de fruits confits témoignent de la maturité des raisins, et le bois finement dosé respecte le fruit. Un réel potentiel. 2020-2030"

**3\* (Guide Hachette des Vins 2018)**

"Thénac est l'une des propriétés qui fondent l'histoire du Bergeracois. Le château construit sur les vestiges d'un prieuré est l'un des fleurons de ses collines harmonieuses. Le terroir complexe conduit à l'évolution parfaite du vin qui a pris de 2015 toute la robustesse pour vieillir avec brio."

**Karine Valentin, 90 points (La Revue du vin de France)**

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## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2020

"Somewhat flinty aromas with tropicals that include lime. Fruity and acidic mid palate with limes and gooseberries. Pair with sushi or slightly salty appetizers."

**Tom Mullen, 90-91 points (Forbes)**

"A fresh, layered white with sliced-apple, peach and pear character and hints of pralines. Medium body. Creamy texture. Drink now."

**James Suckling, 91 points (jamesuckling.com)**

"Château Thénac white, bright yellow colour with green hue. Elegant yet expressive nose, fragrant fruit, cloudberries, apricots and hints of pineapple. On the palate well structured with crisp acidity, elegant fruit, discreet minerality and very good length."

**Markus Del Monego MW, 89 points (tastingbook.com)**

"The 2020 Thénac Blanc has a lovely lime and orange cordial bouquet that is very pure and charming. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry, with upfront lime, green apple and light pineapple notes. A touch of spice finishes it off nicely."

**Neal Martin, 87-89 points (vinous.com)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2019

"Aromas of dried pear and apple with some lime and hints of chalk, stone and some grass, following through to a full body with a creamy, layered palate of tangy fruit and a fresh finish. Shows phenolic tension and a soft mouth-feel. Like the contrast. Drink now."

**James Suckling, 92 points (jamesuckling.com)**

"Une base de Sauvignon Blanc (67%) complété par le Sémillon et par un soupçon de Muscadelle pour ce Bergerac blanc ambitieux, fermenté et élevé 8 mois en barrique avec bâtonnages. Si le boisé épicé est très marqué pour l'heure, il laisse percer des notes minérales et fruitées. Le palais est salué pour son équilibre remarquable entre rondeur et acidité et pour le mariage harmonieux du raisin et du merrain. Les amateurs de vins boisés pourront déboucher cette bouteille dès aujourd'hui, les autres gagneront à la garder, car elle devrait encore se bonifier."

**2\* Coup de Cœur (Guide Hachette des vins 2022)**

"This estate makes a terrific white, and the 2019 Château Thénac Blanc has a fresh, lively style in its buttered grapefruit, nectarine, and honeysuckle aromas and flavors. Pure, medium-bodied, with good acidity, drink it over the coming couple of years."

**Jeb Dunnuck, 90-92 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

"This is very minerally and intense with lots of sliced lemon and green-apple character and mineral undertones. Grassy notes. Medium to full body. Fruity finish."

**James Suckling, 90-91 points (jamesuckling.com)**

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## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2019

“Une petite pointe variétale dans le déroulé d'un bouquet sur les fleurs, la touche d'acacia finaude, avec une pointe de muguet signe d'un printemps qui s'annonce. Le palais construit autour du sémillon se dresse à la verticale et finit sur une touche de fruit et une pointe d'amertume qui relève la finale du vin.”

**Karine Valentin, 89 points (La Revue du Vin de France)**

“Bright yellow colour with green hue. Well structured nose with restrained fruit reminiscent of pear and quinces, with discreet hints of citrus fruit and white blossoms in the background. On the palate well balanced with creamy texture yet crisp acidity, ripe fruit and fine toasting aroma in the aftertaster. Well made with good structure and length.”

**Markus Del Monego MW, 90 points (tastingbook.com)**

“From a Bergerac location on which vines have grown from the 12th century, this 67/28/5 blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Muscadelle includes 13.5% alcohol and is extremely reasonably priced. Includes crispy, fragrant aromas of lime, gooseberries, kiwi fruit and mandarins. A hefty and energetic nose—brimming with minerality within a well-structured envelope. In the mouth a flush of robust citric acidity, a cascade of differentiated flavours that include cashews and grapefruit. This is a regal and uplifting wine, brimming with tangy tropicals. Assertive, citric, exuberant. Consider pairing with marinated raw tuna.”

**Tom Mullen (Forbes Magazine)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2018

“Aromas of grapefruit zest, lemon curd, pineapple, flint and cream. Gentle herb notes, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with tangy acidity and a waxy, dense texture. Drink or hold.”

**James Suckling, 92 points (jamesuckling.com)**

“Lots of perfumed pineapple, ripe peach, and lemon notes emerge from the 2018 Château Thénac Blanc, a round, medium to full-bodied white with plenty of fruit, a solid spine of acidity/freshness, and a great finish. It's a solid, richer, food-friendly Bordeaux Blanc with loads to love.”

**Jeb Dunnuck, 90 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

## CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2017

“The 2017 Château Thénac Blanc is made with consulting advice from the team of Hubert de Boüard, and it's impeccably made. Pineapple, citrus blossom, and a touch of spice all flow to a medium-bodied, elegant, beautifully textured and pure white that's going to dish out plenty of pleasure over the coming couple of years.”

**Jeb Dunnuck, 88-90 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

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## **CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2020**

"A brilliant pale yellow colour. The nose is dominated by notes of citrus, white peach and acacia flowers. The palate is well balanced between the wine's fresh acidity and a hint of sweetness. The palate is characterised by notes of apricot and candied fruit. This is a wine to drink now or to keep for several years – it will age beautifully."

### **Château tasting note**

## **CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2018**

"Pale and light gold in colour. The nose is complex with notes of pineapple, mandarin orange and hint of white flowers: honeysuckle and orange blossom. The palate is opulent and luxurious but the sweetness is perfectly enhanced by a nice acidity and a long finish. A wine to drink now or to keep for several years, it will age beautifully. Ideally matched with traditional dishes such as Foie Gras, blue cheeses or with dessert such Crème Brulée or poached pears."

### **Château tasting note**

## **CHÂTEAU THÉNAC 2017**

"Ce pur sémillon de haute volée revêt une magnifique robe jaune vif aux reflets verts. Fruits mûrs et fruits confits, fleur d'acacia et vanille; le nez est expressif et délicat. La bouche se montre dense et riche, mêlant les saveurs de fruits blancs et de pêche jaune, avec une fraîcheur présente de bout en bout qui lui donne beaucoup de nerf, une belle allonge et du potentiel de garde."

### **2\* Coup de Cœur (Guide Hachette des Vins 2019)**

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### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2019**

"Merlot (65%), Cabernet-Sauvignon et Malbec sont mis en œuvre dans ce Bergerac rouge qui bénéficie d'un élevage partiel de 12 mois en barrique. Un vin coloré aux reflets violines de jeunesse, charnu, gras et chaleureux, à l'expression fruitée (fruits rouges confiturés) et boisée (vanille, réglisse). Un fort potentiel pour l'appellation."

**1\* (Guide hachette des Vins 2022)**

### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2018**

"Aromas of blackberries, crushed berries, licorice, cloves and tea leaf. It's medium-to full-bodied with firm, chalky tannins. Enjoyable now, but better in 2022."

**James Suckling, 91 points (jamesuckling.com)**

"The 2018 Fleur De Thénac is a plump, medium to full-bodied, nicely textured red offering ample sweet fruit, light tannins, a round, supple texture, and a good finish. Drink this charming, delicious, easygoing Bergerac over the coming 5-7 years."

**Jeb Dunnuck, 88 points (jebdunnuck.com)**

### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2017**

"The 2017 Fleur de Thénac is a very pretty second wine. Dried rose petal, mint, savoury herb crushed flowers and blood orange add aromatic lift to this very pretty, nuanced Bergerac. The 2017 is very nicely done."

**Antonio Galloni, 88 points (vinous.com)**

### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2016**

"Des notes intenses de cerise et de fraise des bois surgissent du verre sans réserve. On retrouve cette palette fruitée dans une bouche ronde et tendre, aux tanins soyeux et fins, au boisé parfaitement fondu, plus chaleureuse en finale."

**1\* (Guide Hachette des Vins 2019)**

### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2015**

"Du Merlot majoritaire, du cabernet-sauvignon et du malbec, un élevage partiel en barrique. Une robe profonde, un nez complexe et frais, sur les fruits noirs, des tanins puissants et enrobés: un vin déjà harmonieux et apte à la garde. 2020-2025."

**2\* (Guide Hachette des Vins 2018)**



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### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2018**

"Privilégiant le sauvignon complété du sémillon et d'un petit appoint de muscadelle, élevée en cuve, un bergerac sec de belle tenue, finement fruité, à la fois gras et frais."

**(Guide Hachette des Vins 2021)**

"Aromas of green apple, fresh pear, lemongrass and grapefruit zest. It's medium-bodied with bright acidity. Fruity and textured with a medium finish. Drink now."

**James Suckling, 89 points (jamesuckling.com)**

### **FLEUR DE THÉNAC 2017**

"Pale lemon colour in the glass, with real fruit punch ripeness on the nose - pineapple, peach and more zesty lemon fruits. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with clean acid cutting through the riper tropical notes and leaving a floral and lifted impression. Pure and fruit-driven to the finish, this is perfect for drinking over the next 12-18 months."

**Thomas Parker MW, 15,5/20 points (Farr Vintners)**



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