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It is with great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2017/2018 Winter edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue I chose to explore and to taste products from France, Austria, Sicilia, Scotland, Ireland, South Africa and Oregon. It is the result of exhilarating trips, amazing tastings, discoveries and fabulous meetings!

So in the first part of the magazine you will meet great winemakers and spiritsmakers from Oregon, Scotland and Ireland.

In the second part you will discover **Romain Guyot** Wine & Food pairings, a great and promising Chef from Bordeaux. He is the Chef of the famous restaurant Le Gabriel. Chef Guyot created a few recipes especially for VertdeVin to pair with Cognac VS, Cognac VSOP and Cognac XO. These customized creations will tickle your taste buds !

In the third part, you will find a special spot light on Sauternes & Food Pairing. We are all used to tasting Sauternes with foie gras but there are so many other things to discover. The wines of Sauternes offer such diversities of style, of wines that it is easy to match them with many salty and sweet recipes. Test new pairings and discover them to your family and friends. Feel free to think outside the box, you will not be disappointed !

In the fourth part you will find 600 wine & spirits tasting reports (Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Provence, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Loire, South Africa, Sicilia, Austria, Oregon) and some spirits (Whiskies, Gin).

Bordeaux is one of the largest and one of the most renowned wine regions in the world. We believe its reputation not only runs through the names of some very famous châteaux and exceptional winemakers but its wealth is also seen in less famous Châteaux. This diversity is the amazing richness of Bordeaux ! In this magazine you will find presentations of some wines from Pomerol, Lalande-de-Pomerol, Fronsac, Canon-Fronsac, Cadillac Côtes-de-Bordeaux, Sauternes...

Oregon is one of my favorite american wine regions. This state has a great diversity of terroir which is unfortunately often overlooked. There are a lot of different terroirs, possibilities in the same region that gain recognition step by step. In this section you will find reviews presenting not only wines and but also spirits from all the state !

Provence... This region has a great diversity of terroir which is unfortunately often overlooked. Provence is often know for rosé but this region produce also white and red! For this time I choose to introduce to you some red wines from Provence.

Bourgogne white wines are world renowned. We make some of best white wines of the world in this region. So how can we resist the temptation to discover, explore and taste the incredible diversity of Bourgogne white wines.

Sicilia... this name is synonymous of great lifestyle, evasion, epicureanism and of course wine! It's one of the oldest places where making wine in the world

Austria... It's synonymous of great white wines. Some of best Rieslings are from this country. So how I could not resist the temptation to go and to discover the Wachau and Vienna region.

Whiskies... what can I say about this great Spirit. It's one of the oldest and most famous spirits in the world. It's possible to find a Whisky/Whiskey for each time, each occasion, each taste of one's life. To enjoy on the rocks, with a cigar, as an appetitif, in a mix, as a digestif or to pair with a whole meal (yes we can !). In this magazine you will find some great Whiskies, Bourbon, Scotch reviews...



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HYDE DISTILLERY

Legacy of several centuries-old tradition

HYDE (or Hibernia Distillery) is an independent Irish bottler located in Inis Eanáin, County Cork. The distillery (Hyde/Hibernia Distillery) was Established in 2014 by brothers Conor and Alan Hyde. Even if the distillery was recently founded to talk about HYDE Whiskey is to speak about the long drink business history of the Hyde family. In fact they come from a long line of Irish Whiskey Tavern owners, involved in the business for over twelve generations.

The family business started in 1640 with the creation of the famous Taverne «Tinkers Cross», in the West Cork area, where they sold Whiskey and Stout straight from cask for centuries. They operated this Tavern from the 17th century to 1962.

«We are an independent company who's area of expertise is cask management and applying different 'finishes' to each of our whiskeys. We mature Hyde whiskey in primarily Sherry, Rum & Burgundy casks in a warehouse in Cork. Our Whiskey is handcrafted in very small limited edition batches and non-chill filtered for a more original character.»

Where does the name come from?

HYDE is presidential quality Irish whiskey which is named in honour of Ireland's very first president Douglas Hyde, a very inspirational figure who helped to define Ireland's sense of national identity. As an academic he played a fundamental role in cataloguing Ireland's rich cultural history and championing the Irish language.

How big is your production ?

We produce about 75,000 bottles a year.

Why did the creator choose to establish a distillery here ?

The Hyde brothers are Cork natives and our whiskey is matured and 'finished' at our bonded warehouse in Little Island, Cork Harbour, on Ireland's South Western Atlantic Coast. The Cork region is famous for its temperate climate, creating the ideal, stable conditions, with perfect humidity, in which to age Irish whiskey.

Where does the name come from?

I would like to speak about our HYDE No. 5 Burgundy finish. Our Burgundy red wine casks come from the Bur-

gundy region of France from the Côte d'Or vineyards near Dijon, France. Hyde No.5 is finished in French Ex-Burgundy red wine oak casks (228 litres) from the Côte d'Or, which leads to a wonderfully ruby-red colour in the HYDE No.5 Single Grain and notes of red berry fruit, Vanilla, and toasted oak. The taste is a creamy nutty palette entry with notes of sweet custard, apple peel, red berries and orange blossom honey.

The process of double maturation that we propose makes our whiskeys unique and original. We apply specific 'char-ring' levels to our vintage casks in order to create a whiskey taste that is rich in character and truly unique in flavour. Our whiskey is matured in Little Island, Cork Harbour, on Ireland's South Western Atlantic Coast.



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If you have to describe the distillery, in just 3/4 words ?

It's all about the wood...and innovation.

What does Irish Whiskey mean to you?

Irish whiskey provides the discerning whiskey drinker with a fuller, more complex, flavour and a distinctive personality, with a deep and rich dose of history for good measure.

Do you have future plans ?

Hyde can now be found in over 30 international markets. Our future plan is to continue to grow in the fashion we have been and look to see if we can develop any different and unique cask finishes for our whiskey in the future. We are experimenting with a number of other flavours such as Port, Maderia, IPA & Cognac.

Do you have any anecdotes ?

Douglas Hyde (1860-1949), the grand father of the current CEO, was the first president of Ireland from 1938 to 1945, in a difficult historical context...

HYDE Single Malt Irish Whiskey swept the boards at the very prestigious San Francisco World Spirits Competition last year by being named as Best Single Malt Irish whiskey in the world 2016 and by also winning the top Double-Gold Medal for outstanding taste 2016.

(Thank you to Mr. James Kiernan, Sale Manager)

• Hyde Distillery

www.hydewhiskey.ie

BALBLAIR DISTILLERY

One of the oldest distilleries of Scotland

Balblair is one of Scotland's twelve distilleries situated in the Inverness area (north of the Highlands) and more precisely close to the village of Edderton. The distillery was founded in 1790 by John Ross. The distillery stayed in the family until it was purchased in 1894 by Alexander Cowan who made his fortune as a Wine Merchant. He rebuilt the building and modernized all production tools to bring Balblair in the modern time. He was forced, because of difficult economic times, to stop production and close the distillery in 1911.



Even though the distillery was closed the last drop of whisky produced before the World War left the warehouse in 1932. In 1939 the buildings were occupied/commandeered by the army until 1945, may be because the distillery was dry. Balblair distillery stayed closed until 1948 when Robert James « Bertie » Cumming bought the distillery.

During the second part of the 20th century the distillery changed hands several times. In 1996 Balblair Distillery was purchased by the Inver House Distillers Ltd. who already owned local brands as Pulteney, Knockdhu, Speyburn and Balmenach. This group fought the decision to about bears single vintage Scotch Whiskies.

What is the signature of your Whisky?

Balblair's signature style is fruity, fragrant, full bodied and complex. Achieved by not rushing any part of the production process. Slow mashing, long fermentation, slow running stills. High quality casks and matured in traditional dunnage style warehouses i.e Earthen floors, thick stone walls, low roofs and casks stowed 3 high only. Quality is what we are all about – not quantity. The signature notes of our Balblair Whiskies are

fruits, vanilla and spices. Our Whiskies are full bodied and un-peated. These are evident in blind tasting.

Balblair is one of the few distilleries to produce a single vintages. Balblair Whiskies are round, fruity, aromatic and generous/gourmand.

What does Scotch Whisky mean to you?

Scotch Whisky has been my working life for 28 years now. I am very proud to have been involved in producing and sharing a truly wonderful, unique drink.

Scotch is magic for me as it is an unique product and integral to the Scottish employment and economy. To be involved in the creation of

something that is enjoyed the world over makes me immensely proud. I am very lucky to have a job I love and to be working with a great team who take great pride in the place they work and the whisky they make and promote.

If you have to describe the distillery, the spirit of this place in just 3/4 words?

I would say : Beautiful, historic, quality, proud

Where does the name of your distillery come from?

«Balblair» is a Gaelic word for battlefield. It's certainly due to the numerous Viking invasions suffered by the region.

If you have to describe the distillery, the spirit of this place in just 3/4 words?

It is the oldest working distillery in the Highlands. It was established in 1790. We are proud to be a Star of the Ken



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(Thank you to John MacDonald, Balblair Distillery Manager)

• **Balblair Distillery**
www.balblair.com

CASCADE ALCHEMY DISTILLERY

«You might call our story the Central Oregon Dream»

To talk about Cascade Alchemy is to speak about a great friends story! The distillery was created in 2012 by Tyler Fradet. He was quickly joined by Joe Hale and after by James Hale (Joe's brother). The distillery is located in Bend, in Central Oregon.

In January 2013 they launched their first products: Vodka, Apple Pie and Barley Shine. «However it's was just a few cases in the beginning...». Currently they produce annually around 1200/1800 cases divided 6 kind of spirits, 8 products. Even if the dynamic and touristic city of Bend is more know in the United-States for beer there is a great potentiel for spirits. This new industry is growing every year. So, Let's go to meet Tyler and Joe!



it's pure directly from the mountain. It's also really easy to find high quality grain around Bend.

Why do you make spirits? why this choice?

It's true that Bend is more known for beer but we are spirits people. We really have an affinity for the exciting diversity of spirits world. We like to bring quality options with unique flavor profiles at an affordable price. We chose to do our part in our region. Juniper berries grow right outside our distillery. We want to help bring the regular person into the world of craft spirits. To sum up I would say we make spirits because we love them !

«Please don't forget that Life is too short for cheap spirits.»

What allows us to recognize your Bourbon and your Gin in blind tasting?

The bourbon is very approachable, rich in vanilla and caramels and very well balanced. It is more oaky, more smoky more spicy then others in this area. It's more close to a Scotch style than a Bourbon strength style ... may be because we are Scotch fans. Concerning our Gin it's fresh and light. It has a very floral, Juniper berries note and a clean cucumber note. We also produce a barrel aged Gin...

Where does the Cascade Alchemy Distillery name come from?

Cascade comes from the mountain range we live near and Alchemy is because we are turning common elements into liquid gold.

Why did you make the choice to create a distillery there?

First of all, we love Bend ! We grew up here. Both Joe and I (Tyler Fradet) where looking for a change in career and had experience in distilling. The quality of the water is amazing,

If you have to describe the distillery, the spirit of this place in just a few words?

Fun, creative, consistency and classic. If I can add words I would like to say ; unique, and smooth.

Do you have future plans ?

Continued growth, find new markets : States and county. One of our plans is also to bring out more whiskey varieties such as Rey, light American, moon shine... We do have some plans to produce some American Whiskey may be finish in Pinot Noir barrel.

We also really would like to produce limited releases, different finishes and a white whiskey.

(Thank you to Tyler Fradet & Joe Hale)



• **Cascade Alchemy Distillery**

www.cascadealchemy.com

OREGON SPIRIT DISTILLERS

The largest whiskey barrel inventory in the state of Oregon !

Oregon Spirit Distillers is a family operated distillery located in Bend, Central Oregon. It was founded in 2009 by Brad Irwin. The first product was released in 2010. He started distilling because of his passion and curiosity for Whiskey and more generally for the great Spirits world.

Oregon Spirit Distillers is focused on using the best quality Oregon grown grains, using the best possible Oregon water and the a passion for excellence to produce great spirits. « We are proud to have the largest whiskey barrel inventory in the state of Oregon. »

They produce : Oregon Spirit Bourbon, Oregon Spirit Wheat Whiskey, Oregon Spirit Rye Whiskey, Merrylegs Genever, Scribbles Dry Gin and Wild Card Absinthe. « Our total whiskey production this year will be 240 barrels... It's 95% of our total production. »

Why did you make the choice to create a distillery in Bend ?

Bend, Oregon is a beautiful place to live, work and play... and make whiskey. In Central Oregon we have access to fantastic grains and great quality of water. Those are the most important resources for making excellent whiskey.

Why do you make spirits ? Why this choice ?

I love making Whiskey. It took me years of my life to discover the thing that I am truly passionate about and that is making whiskey.

What is your signature/print?

Making great American whiskey is about finding the perfect balance of grain and wood. You need the grain to provide flavor and body. You need the oak to mellow the flavor and provide balance. This is the signature flavor of Oregon Spirit



Distillers.

What does Bourbon represent to you ?

Making Bourbon is looking for the perfect balance between grain and wood. Neither should be too strong. Both should compliment each other. Likewise the grains should be in harmony to produce a long and interesting finish. Corn should be prevalent but not dominant.

If you have to describe your passion for spirits making in 3 words?

Pursuit of Excellence.

Do you have any future plan ?

We are in the process of increasing our whiskey production from 240 barrels per year to 800. This is a large jump in

production. It includes extra shifts for our employees, more grain requirements and extra storage for barrels.

(Thank you to Brad Irwin, owner)



• Oregon Spirit Distillers
www.oregonspiritdistillers.com

THINKING TREE SPIRITS

A young Oregon distillery focused on sustainability

The Thinking Tree is a young and promising Oregon craft distillery located in Eugene close to the famous Heritage Distillery. It was founded by Bryan and Emily Jensen and Kaylon McAlister. They distill only « high quality spirits » from locally grown grain, botanicals, herbs and fruits.

« Our doors opened for business during winter solstice of 2016, shortly before Christmas. Although the creation of this distillery took a few years. Upon leasing the building we dove into the deep waters of the licensure process on a federal, state and local level. In the meantime we spent a year renovating our 100 year old building, refurbishing and repurposing as much material as possible. We built our stills from midcentury farm and dairy equipment we salvaged from scrap yards and hand hammered the copper dome and onion on our pot still. We plumbed and engineered the entire process ourselves using a close loop heating and cooling recovery system outfitted with 2000 length feet of pex tubing filled with glycol that is laid in our floors to radiate heat in our tasting room and distillery. We recycle enough water and waste heat that our energy bills are lower than the average Eugene household. »

How many different spirits do you produce? and the total quantity?

We produce Vodka, Gin and Rum. Soon we will be releasing small batch of Brandy, Absinthe, Pisco, Bourbon and Whiskey.

What can you say about your Gin ?

Our Gin is an English style North West gin. Our gin is floral and complex but incredibly approachable and smooth.

We use a combination of 13 different botanicals in our recipe, including grains of paradise, grapefruit peel, pink peppercorn, rose and coriander to name a few. We distill it using traditional gin baskets and finish it with a cucumber/lemon grass soak.

Our Vodka and Gin are distilled from 100% Willamette Valley sweet red wheat that we acquire from a local farm 25 minutes from our distillery.



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What is your signature ? I mean what allows us to recognize your production in blind tasting conditions ?

The Genius Gin has a complex floral bouquet, cucumber forward. The Main Stage Vodka has a round vanilla mouthfeel created by the sweet red Willamette Valley wheat we distill it from.

The Whiteaker Rum at this point tastes of caramel. Young rum for sure but caramel.

Where does the name come from ?

The name is a celebration of the Pacific Northwest freedom. I mean singing under trees, enjoying life, music, food and our great region.

If you have to describe your passion for spirits making in 3 words?

I would say : Biology, Love and Alchemy.

Do you have a short anecdote about your distillery ?

In every pour, we are proud to share with you the lush bounty of Oregon. Our mission is to inspire and facilitate our community to thrive using environmentally sustainable methods.

(Thank you to Emily Jensen, Owner)

• **Thinking Tree Spirits**

www.thinkingtreespirits.com

SERRA VINEYARDS

« Our wine range is the result of our passion for fruit grown in the Applegate & Rogue Valleys. »

Serra Winery is a young family owned and operated estate located in the Applegate Valley (Southern Oregon). The vineyard was purchased by Scott and Krissa Fernandez in 2008 but the Tasting room opened its doors to visitors in 2013. Currently the winery is extended on an 80-acres estate but only 35 acres are under vine.

Serra Vineyards, sitting on a hillside, boasts one of the most spectacular settings and landscape views on the Applegate Valley. If you come around don't forget to stop and enjoy a glass of wine on one of the nicest patio decks of the area... in front of the mountain !

Where does the name come from?
Serra means a view from a high place in Portuguese. Scott is Portuguese on one side. It's also an homage to Father Junipero Serra who was also arguably the first winemaker on the west coast.

Why is your terroir so special?
Our vines are nearly 30 years old. They were self rooted and dry farmed sitting on a bench-land with an amphitheater setting prone to air flow due to convection of rising and falling daily temperatures. Here we are located on a high plateau called Kubli Bench. Thanks to this plateau we benefit from a beautiful exposure to the sun while being protected by the mountains from the bad weather of the winters. In our soils we have a mixture of clay, loam and decomposed granite soils. So no water is supplied to the grapes other than rain water supplied by Mother Nature.

Why did he make the choice to create a winery in this place?

For several reasons... First of all, God literally designed it (seemingly) to be the perfect place for wine grape growing...come to see our amazing place ! Secondly, they are from California. They discovered this region through a wedding anniversary trip. They stayed for a few days at Schmidt Winery next door from us. Thankfully they discovered the region, the lifestyle, de terroir and the wines. They quickly fell in love with this place and the

spirits of this area. During a walk they went through this square (currently Serra Winery), sat under the oak and began to dream about the creation of a winery... Now it is no longer a dream but a reality !

Thirdly, As I said previously Scott has Portuguese roots. In Portugal there was a strong tradition of home winemaking. The creation of a winery what is therefore of personal importance to him.



What allow us to recognize your wines in blind tasting?

Our wines are full-bodied in mouth feel and offers depthness of flavor complexity, underlying minerality and fleshy, chalky tannins. The notion of ageability is also really important to us. We don't need to re-invent the wheel, just follow the winemaking tradition and believe in our terroir to create great wine.

If you have to describe the winery, the spirit of this place in just 3/4 words?

I would like to say ; Producing excellence for our Region, Community and Family. It's an amazing family team here ! If I can add a couple of words I would say ; terroir, purity, true food friendly wine and vintage expression.

Do you have future plans for the winery ?

Continue to improve our winemaking program until we take golds for everything we produce, every time or we are sold out of everything we make...whichever comes first... and then to improve some more.

Do you have an anecdote?

The first tempranillo we ever produced (2014) took best in class and gold at the two largest wine competitions in the nation after we underestimated the fruit in the field that year by 50%...

We also have specific tree to see... We have a growing oak where 5 oaks grow in one. It's unique !

(Thank you to Liz Wan, Assistant Winemaker)

• Serra Vineyards
www.serravineyard.com

WOOLDRIDGE CREEK WINERY

A friendly, epicurean and eco-friendly place to visit!

Wooldridge Creek is a family owned and operated winery located in the heart of the Applegate River Valley (Southern Oregon). The winery and vineyards are located on a rolling hillside overlooking the river.

Woolridge was created in the 1850s by a family of the same name. At the time it was mainly dedicated to cattle breeding. In 1978 Ted, an airplane pilot and Mary Warrick, working at the Los Angeles Airfield, decided to radically change their lives. They then went in search of a vineyard in California or Oregon. On a family trip they found Woolridge where they decided to settle and create a vineyard. However no wine was produced on the spot, the grapes being sold to neighboring properties. In 2002 they meet Greg Paneitz and his wife Kara Olma who were looking for a vineyard to take over. They decided to create Woolridge Winery together. Today the property extends over 58 acres planted with vines (12 grape varieties). It also hosts a dairy, a delicatessen/charcuterie, a vegetable garden, woods and an animal farm.

Where does the name of the property come from?

Woolridge is the name of the family that created this estate in the 1850s. In their memory we decided not to rename the property.

Why did you choose to create here?

Greg spent a lot of time in the south of France. He studied oenology in Montpellier and worked some time there to train. He studied a lot of maps, regions to find a place with high potential, where everything was to build. During a trip we came across this place we fell in love with this vineyard, its fantastic potential and the lifestyle the region offers.

What makes your land so specific / unique?

It's decomposed granite. He does not let much through, just a little water. It is difficult for the vines to grow here which makes it fight more and in the end gives us better grapes. The exposure of the vineyard as well as the altitude are also differentiating factors.

What is also important is that before this it was a farm mainly dedicated to beef breeding so the soil is healthy.

What is your signature? What allows us to recognize your wines in a tasting?

The balance ! When I was at school in Montpellier I remember a teacher who told me that if we could feel the fruit first

and foremost is that there is error during the winemaking. We must feel above all the fruit and not the sugar, wood, alcohol or other. Everything is in balance, as much at the level of the grape harvests, the degrees of alcohol as at the level of the vinifications or the farms.

For example here we harvest the Gewurztraminer slightly over-mature because I think it's better. As soon as I feel the lychee and slight hints of spices, it's time to harvest. It's a wine that I work in a style, let's say, more feminine. I remember recently tasting our 2008 Gewurztraminer... it's delicious! This wine really marked me.

If you had to describe your passion for wine / for this vineyard in a nutshell, what would you say?

I would say that wine is a genuine product, which requires a long-term vision and is based on the notion of community / sharing.

Here we do what we say. Everything you taste here is done here. Everyone who works here lives in its space, allowing them to have an overview of the valley, its ecosystem and its balance. It is a very beautiful place ! It's a really exciting place and really honest.

Why did you create in one place a vineyard, a dairy and a charcuterie/delicatessen ?

It's a matter of beliefs. Everything is complementary. Polyculture as well as breeding are activities that provide better respect for the environment and are very complementary. It's a big circle! For example, agriculture is used to feed the animals that they use to maintain / fertilize the vines. The garden (flowers and vegetables) serves to preserve the bees. It promotes biodiversity and pollination that better feed animals.

We are passionate about agriculture, local produce and fermentation. Here we ferment meat (charcuterie), milk (creamery), vegetables and of course grapes (wine). We are working just as it was 100 years ago, without electricity, weed killers, chemicals and products imported from outside. We are certified organic agriculture.

It occupies us a lot but all these activities are complementary. Thanks to all this we can offer a unique experience to our visitors... tastings 100% Applegate Valley! It's special, unique but very important for us!

(Thank you to Kara & Greg Paneitz)

• **Wooldridge Creek Winery**
www.wcwinery.com



PLAISANCE RANCH

A gem to discover nestled in the Applegate Valley

Plaisance Ranch is a family operated estate extended across 210 acres. It is located in the heart of the Williams Valley, in the shadow of Greyback Mountain. Plaisance Ranch was created in 1898 as a beef ranch by Joseph Ginét, a french immigrant. He came from the Saint Jean-de-la-Porte (Savoie, France) where his family already made wines for centuries.

In 1890, after being discharged from the French Army he left France with the wish to see the world. A few years latter he settled in Oregon where he created a farm. In 1904 he returned to Savoie in order to bring back to Oregon some grape cuttings with the wish to create a vineyard.

Plaisance Ranch Winery, in its present form, was created in 2000 by Joe Ginét. However it's been a commercial winery since 2006. Nevertheless Joe didn't forget to perpetuate the families other tradition, I mean the beef farming. « We raise USDA Certified Organic grassfed beef cattle.

We don't give any hormones or antibiotics to our cattle ! They only eat natural and healthy food. We want to offer to our customer a safe, healthy and delicious grass fed beef. »

Currently Plaisance Ranch Winery produce 18 differents cuvées (24.000 bottles). They are mainly made with Merlot, Mourvedre, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Mondeuse, Carménère, and Tempranillo.

Where does the name come from ?

When my grandfather came to Jacksonville Or. in 1898, from Savoie, he bought 500 acres and called it Plaisance Orchards. He raised plums, apricots, and of course grapes for wine. »

Why do you produce wine ?

I like wine, I am passionate about wine. I enjoy making wine but also discovering wineries, appellations and wines when I'm travelling. I really enjoy Bandol, Mondeuse from Savoie, Bourgogne wines, the Syrah from Northern Rhône and the right bank of Bordeaux.

I started making wine in the 90's. It was important to me to make wine, it's a part of my cultural heritage... It's the reason why I planted Mondeuse.

Why is your terroir so specific? What is your signature/print?

I think the softness of ripe tannins and the good balance. The exposition of our vineyard is also very important and make the difference between our wines and those of the rest of the valley.

In general I would say that the wines of Plaisance Ranch Winery are all well-built. They are all well balanced, with no problem of maturity (neither too much or not enough) and harmonious. They offer good structure, good roundness, juiciness and not an overly big body. Tannins are structuring, fine, slightly firm and offer softness. So, everything in balance and élégance. For me it's one of the best wineries of the area. For sure, a gem to discover !

If you have to describe your passion for wine in 3 words?

I would say : Balance, patience, variety character and fruit. The attention to detail is also one of my mottos !

Do you have a short anecdote about your winery ?

It's complicated to answer. I really like what I do, to create wines, raising good beef and welcoming people to the winery to show what our Valley can produce. Really it is all about the experience, pleasant people, interesting story, in an interesting setting with good wine !

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"Let's not forget that what we call Terroir is the marvelous
combination of the soil, the weather and men"

Lucas Leclercq - Technical Director at Lafon Rochet

ROMAIN GUYOT

Chef of Le Gabriel



Romain Guyot is a young and talented chef who has made his home in the terroir of Aquitaine, his adopted region. Currently chef of the restaurant Le Gabriel (Gastronomic Restaurant and Bistrot Gourmand) he made his debut among the famous names of French gastronomy.

«I've been passionate about cuisine since I was a kid. Certainly because many members of my family worked in this sector. The idea of becoming a chef came insidiously, naturally with time.

I'm born in Paris but I grew up in Entre-deux-mers (Bordeaux region). Thereafter I returned to Paris to work at Le Bristol Restaurant and L'Apag  Restaurant. Thereafter I returned to Bordeaux to work with Nicolas Frion at Le Gabriel.

What is important for me is to give a spotlight to a product and its producer. I do not want a dish mixing 15 different flavors. That's not what interests me. What I want for each of my dishes is to simply cook local product. For example in the Pigeon dish we highlight the name of the producer and then the pigeon simply accompanied by onions and a delicious juice. I am a Terroir product lover !

My leitmotiv is also to give pleasure and a smile to people. It is also what I like in this job, it's the contact with the customer!»

Le Gabriel is two restaurants in one building. On the one hand, the Gastronomic restaurant for which the Chef imagined an upscale kitchen, produced refined and delicious meals made from seasonal ingredients. Everything is carefully selected and made to give you a wonderful culinary journey. On the other side, the Bistrot Gourmand has a delicate and authentic menu waiting for you to include you in the discovery of the Aquitaine terroir. His goal: Obtaining a Michelin star and brings a smile to customers ?!

Come to Le Gabriel to discover some great meals!

In the following pages you will find a few seasonal culinary creations made to order by the Chef as suggested to accompany Cognac spirits.

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PAIRING

by Romain Guyot

Cognac
VS

**Coing confit,
succès pistache
rafraichi à la fève
de Tonka**

Candied Quince, pistachio Succès
refreshed with Tonka bean ice cream

Enjoy it with a Cognac VS



Cognac
VSOP

**Le pigeon de
Monsieur Duleau :**
le coffre cuit aux sarments de
vigne, les cuisses désossées et
croustillantes, mousseline et confit
d'oignon, jus de pigeon

Monsieur Duleau's pigeon: torso cooked with vine shoots,
the legs boneless and crisp, mousseline and onion confit, pigeon juice

Enjoy it with a Cognac VSOP



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by Romain Guyot



Cognac
XO



Photo BNIC / Andrew Thomas

Lièvre à la Royale, céleri rôti entier au four et jeunes pousses d'herbes

Royal Hare cooked hole with roasted celery and young herbs shoots

Enjoy it with a Cognac XO



Chilled
Cognac
XO

Photo BNIC / Andrew Thomas



Langoustines juste cuites au bouillon épicé, crème acidulée et caviar Oscietra Sturion

Langoustines lightly cooked in spicy broth, sour cream and caviar Oscietra Sturion

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SAUTERNES & FOOD PAIRING

Think outside the box!

Château Coutet

1er Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes à Barsac

«I chose to offer you a Château Coutet, Barsac 2014 with a **Turkey iced with apricot, tarragon butter and caramelized apples**. Combining power and freshness in an explosion of exotic fruits and citrus, the wine brings to this dish a complementarity and an exquisite contrast. The salty fondant of the turkey, the crispness of its skin slightly sweetened by its seasoning will be sublimated by the sweetness and the mineral texture of the Château Coutet 2014. The glaze with apricot and the caramelized apples will echo the fruity aromas present in the wine.»



Photo Château Coutet

Château Rabaud-Promis

1er Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

«We made the choice to offer our Château Rabaud-Promis 2010 with a recipe of **snacked langoustines, zests of combawa, pepper emulsion**.

The pairing here is built on several axes. The flesh of langoustines is melting and dense. It responds to the density of the wine. The freshness of the combawa and pepper respond to the minerality of the wine. The dish is fine, melting and elevated; the wine is fine, complex and greedy. It brings forth a rich combination in the mouth, greedy and a beautiful aromatic richness.»



Photo Tristan Perier

Château Filhot

2ème Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

«I propose to you the Sauternes-salty dish pairing made in 2016 by the FERRANDI students with the Château Filhot 2009 during the contest of the best Wine and Food Pairing:

Lotte à la plancha, virgin sauce, vanilla emulsion, clementines roasted with Sichuan pepper, parsnip purée.»



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SAUTERNES & FOOD

PAIRING

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Château d'Arche

2ème Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

«For a great Sauternes such as Château d'Arche 2009, we suggest the sweetness of **red mullet marinated in candied lemon, white wine vinegar, star anise and liquorice**. The 2009 vintage, with aromas of candied and exotic fruits, with some spicy notes, exudes a great freshness and will be associated with perfection with the delicate and refined meat of red mullet, whose marinade creates the vivacity necessary to subtly contrast with the wine, thus reducing its sweetness. A harmonious harmony, respecting the balance of flavors »



Photo C. Gotrand

Château La Bouade

Sauternes

«We chose to offer Château La Bouade Cuvée Coccinelle 2013 with **oysters hot on the embers, cooked in its juice, shallots and Sauternes**. The freshness and fruity wine will come to magnify this dish of gourmands ... and gourmets! Enjoy hot, with one or two glasses of our Sauternes! «aromas present in the wine.»



Photo Château La Bouade

Château d'Yquem

1er Grand Cru Classé Supérieur de Sauternes

«Yquem 2005, a wine of exceptional elegance and refinement, blossoms perfectly on a **roasted turkey, drizzled with a blend of honey and orange juice, accompanied by mashed sweet potatoes and chestnuts. spicy with cardamom**. The sweetness and scents of candied fruit from the wine are the perfect answer to the crispness of the outside and the mellow interior of the turkey portion. The approach to the texture of the two purées seems obvious, but it should be noted that the slightly tannic consistency of the browning particularly highlights the harmony and finesse of the mouth of Yquem. Finally, the aniseed and lemony aspect of cardamom emphasizes the freshness of the wine, giving the whole of this Wine & Food pairing a great consistency to consume without moderation in these holidays at the end of the year !!!»



Photo G. Ufféras

WHAT DOES WINE

Antoine Medeville Winemaker and oenologist

Wine is for me first of all a long family history since my family has been working in wine for several generations and I have always lived in the vineyards that my grandfather worked and my father put into farming. I fell in when my father made me taste a vintage Château Yquem: it was a revelation for me! It has quickly become a passion that governs all my family life since it forces us to live to the rhythm of the seasons. Behind a bottle of wine, there is first the story of the men and women who produce it, their hard work, with Mother Nature who rules everything and gives us some warnings with hail and frost. In this area, one must be humble because nothing is ever won until the harvest. It is a lot of satisfaction when we manage to overcome all the hazards and produce vintages like 2016 or 2009 and 2010. No vintage is the same, we never get bored. This is all the more true in my job as consulting oenologist that I make as many vinifications in one year as other winemakers in a lifetime.

Wine for me is also a field of experimentation: our ancestors made wine empirically; I chose to study oenology and to have this laboratory of advice to understand the scientific phenomena that preside over the elaboration of a wine and its conservation in time, and thus to be able to make the techniques evolve.

Wine is sharing through the moments of conviviality that it generates and the fierce discussions it can generate. I particularly like to drink wine with my friends, I choose bottles, I open them and I make them taste blind: famous castle bottles and bottles of lesser renown.

Wine is for me a jewel that I keep with much love in my cellar. I have bottles of the birth years of my children and it is a great pleasure to be able to open them with them at major events. My last great emotion is a tasting of Yquem 1929 in parallel with a bottle of Château Boisson 1929 which belonged to my grandfather: I was particularly surprised and very impressed by these two sweet wines, in terms of freshness. They were still very aromatic, with fat and volume, finesse and a lot of elegance. They are enrobed in slight notes of coffee with milk. The cork was intact and had allowed these bottles to keep for almost 90 years. It was a magical moment for me, full of emotion because I had the impression to going back in time.



Jean-Luc Thunevin Winemaker

An incredible destiny, if we look a little bit at what happened since my arrival by chance in Saint-Emilion in 1984 and what followed as successions of miracles. Selling wine at the table made me want to sell it in a shop, which led me to become a merchant, my trade as a trader made me want to make my own wine from my own vineyard. Creation of Valandraud in 1991, the category of garage wine of the beginning which continues by the ranking in 1er cru in 2012 then the answer to your question of what is the wine for me: it is a total recognition.

"It is a total recognition."

To the question «last emotion of tasting? It's rare for me to talk about my wine when I'm asked to talk about a great wine, but that's a bit special. At the time of the creation of Valandraud 2004 a vintage so hard to elaborate on, whose first comments by Parker and its status as en Primeur, made us cry, Murielle and me. And there, this week, and blind tasting at L'Envers du décor, this wine was so good that I said to myself: finally! it was worth the wait!



MEAN TO YOU ?

Nadia Curto
Winemaker



To say what wine is for me is not so simple... it would be easier to ask the opposite and say, paraphrasing the great Italian poet Montale, what it's not and what I don't want it to be.

At first, wine I would like to be not a standardization of tastes, I would like it not to be a perfect result of chemical engineering and denuding technique, I'm not looking for certitude, I don't want the wine to be a coffin for the grapes.

Wine is an expression of love, is life, is joy. For me technical perfection is not the priority but when I drink a wine I would like to savor the life that lives in us. Wine is an energy that emphasizes our feelings.

**"Wine is an expression of love,
is life, is joy. "**

The wine that is made with the heart carries in itself a story every year having a different character in each vintage that is an expression of the weather, the soil, the climate, the fruits and the craftsmanship.

Wine is a surprise and a passion.

I am lucky to be born in a famous area where the Nebbiolo grape yields excellent results simply by accompanying it and for us to carry on this tradition is a beautiful opportunity that makes us proud. But we know that it is «just» a passage ... wine is mainly made from grapes and from the land and the wine like a children will carries on our history in the future.

James P. Leahy
Owner of Marston Family Vineyard

Wine is a personal adventure. As a vintner, wine is a beautifully choreographed script that mother nature neglected to share, allowing us to adapt with creativity and curiosity. As a collector, wine is an exploration of bottled moments in time best shared with friends. I don't believe the best wines have to pair with a white table cloth and a Michelin star to be remembered, rather I often find the most genuine experiences to be unexpected. When the perfume of Sauvignon Blanc transports you

**"A beautifully choreographed
script"**

to a first date, or the richness of Cabernet Sauvignon reminds you of your first promotion, that's when wine transcends taste and creates emotion. And this pursuit is what inspires us to this day.

My last wine emotion ? Once we resumed harvest after the wildfires, we pressed off our first tank of 2017 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and raised a glass with sheer joy, and many laughs. I'll remember that moment forever.



Wines to discover... and savor!

Clos des Jacobins 2010

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, precise and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of undergrowth associated with discreet touches of strawberry jam, chocolate, Bourbon vanilla, cornflower, a subtle hint of cardamom as well as a very discreet of truffle, an imperceptible touch of pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of menthol after aeration. The palate is fruity, beautifully elegant, nicely gourmande and offers a fine juiciness, a nice precision, straightness, juiciness, a good structure, a nice guideline, a beautiful finesse / delicacy, depthness and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, jammy cassis and strawberry associated with a touch of crushed blueberry, chocolate, caramelized oak, a subtle hint of liquorice, vanilla as well as a hint of cardamom and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and good persistence. A good wine !

Price : €€€

Score
17+
Vertde
Vin
**TO
KEEP**
**READY
TO DRINK**



Curto Marco laFoia 2008 - Arborina Barolo

The nose is fruity, gourmand and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, cherry candy and small notes of garrigue, black olive associated with slight hints of crème de cassis, crushed blackberry as well as slight hints of spices, a very discreet hint of violet and a subtle hint of undergrowth/mushroom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful finesse, tension as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, redcurrant cream and small notes of crushed boysenberry associated with a subtle hint of violet, touches of graphite, racy/salin minerality, touches of spices as well as a subtle hint of coffee and bitter dark chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built/ beautiful suavity and gourmandise on the finish. Wonderful persistence!

Price : €€€

Score
17.75
Vertde
Vin
**READY
TO DRINK**



Score
17.5
Vertde
Vin
**READY
TO DRINK**

Gosset Celebris Rosé 2007 - Extra Brut Champagne

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight suavity. It reveals notes of raspberry, strawberry pie and discreet hints of fresh lemon associated with a hint of fresh Granny Smith apple, an imperceptible hint of fresh green lemon as well as a subtle toasted hint and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite melodious and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, a very beautiful finesse, gourmandise, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this Champagne expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh green lemon and fresh Granny Smith apple associated with discreet hints of zests as well as a subtle/very discreet hint of pâtisseries and a subtle hint of brioche. Good length.

Price : €€€€€



Score
16.5+
Vertde
Vin
**READY
TO DRINK**

Disznoko 6 Puttonyos 2002 Tokaji Aszú

The nose is fruity, fresh, intense, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals slight notes of date and fig associated with slight hints of crystallized lemon, candied pear, a discreet hint of peach as well as slight notes of sweet spices, almond and a discreet hint of honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, fine and offers a beautiful acid frame, a good definition, a good freshness, tension, fat as well as a very beautiful straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized mandarin and slight notes of almon, fresh apple, vine peach associated with hints of honey, litchi, sweet spices, a slight hints of zests as well as a very discreet hint of pâtisserie (in the background) and very slight notes of dried apricot. Beautiful aromatic persistence on slight hints of dried apricot, almond and crystallized lemon.

Price : €€€

Quinta da Lapa - Sta Teresa D'Avila Homenagem - Reserva 2013 Tejo

The nose is fruity, structured, elegant and offers concentration as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of cassis jam, fleshy/juicy cherry and strawberry associated with hints of flint, crushed blueberry as well as a subtle toasted hint/smoke and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, racy, elegant, structured, straight, well-built and offers a beautiful mineral frame, deepness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, crushed blueberry and slight notes of cherry, fresh raspberry associated with a subtle hint of toasted oak/cacao as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are supple. A very beautiful wine, gourmand and elegant.

Price : €€

Score
17+
Vertde
Vin
**READY
TO DRINK**



Archery Summit - 2010 Pinot Noir Red Hills Estate Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand, captivating and offers a fine fleshiness and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe cassis and fine touches of plum associated with a hint of licorice, a subtle hint of dried strawberry / cherry as well as discreet hints of wood, tobacco and a subtle / discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, silky and offers a fine acid frame (in the background), a nice racy minerality, tension as well as a beautiful elegance and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/dried strawberry, fleshy/dried blackberry and plum combined with hints of fleshy / juicy raspberry, touches of black cherry, chocolate as well as subtle hints of licorice, mushroom / undergrowth and subtle toasted hints. Tannins are fine, well-built and chewy. Good length.

Price : €€€€

Score
17
Vertde
Vin
**READY
TO DRINK**



Wines to discover... and savor!

Château de Candale 2012

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysenberry and fine notes of cassis combined with a hint of ripe red berries, a subtle hint of black cherry, a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla as well as a subtle hint of flowers and an imperceptible touch of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, a beautiful juiciness, an acid frame, a good guideline, a fine freshness as well as a silky matter and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fresh strawberry and fine notes of juicy berries associated with touches of ripe black cherry, a very discreet touch of blueberry, mint, touches of vanilla, a discreet toasted touch as well as a subtle touch of clove and mocha. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm. There is an imperceptible touch of gray pepper on the finish. There is a discreet hint of cocoa on the aftertaste.

Price : €€

Score
15.75/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



La Réserve de Pierrail Côteaux de la Fonchotte 2014

Bordeaux Supérieur

The nose is fine, fruity, aromatic, elegant, finely gourmand and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, ripe / fresh cassis and fine notes of crushed Gariguette strawberry combined with hints of blueberry, discreet touches of licorice, cornflowers and a touch of caramelized oak, spices, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, nicely balanced, silky, suave and offers gourmandise as well as a very nice minerality and a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and ripe / fresh blueberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, licorice, chocolate, toasted oak as well as a discreet / slight hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and persistence. A good and gourmand wine.

Price : €

Score
16+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Score
16.25+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Jericho Canyon Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a very fine minerality and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of exotic fruits and fine notes of apple associated with subtle touches of crushed peach as well as very subtle hints of flowers and very discreet hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a nice fat (bâtonnage), a nice freshness, a nice definition and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses fine notes of ripe exotic fruits and fine touches of tangerine paste combined with subtle touches of crushed apple, crushed Williams pear and vanilla / woody touches. Good length.

Price : €€

Marston Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Spring Mountain - Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant, racy and offers freshness, complexity and density. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of ripe red fruits (strawberry, raspberry) associated with fine touches of undergrowth / mushroom, forest floor, Tarweed as well as discreet hints of dried tobacco, slightly minty liquorice, oak, spices and a very discreet / imperceptible touch of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is nicely fruity, well-balanced, nicely fresh and offers a fine tension, a nice elegance, a nice grain, a nice harmony, delicacy, a melodious aspect as well as a beautiful, dense, silky and fine matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, juicy blueberry, raspberry and wild strawberry...

(read full review on www.vertdevin.com)

Price : €€€€

Score
17.5/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Roger et Didier Raimbault Côteline 2013

Sancerre

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers a slight richness (in the background) as well as a slight elegance. It reveals notes of lemon and flowers associated with slight notes of green apple, green lemon as well as a very discreet hint of minerality/flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness of the fruit, a beautiful fat, finesse as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon and ripe/juicy mandarin associated with slight hints of juicy apple, ripe/juicy pineapple as well as a discreet hint of apricot, exotic fruits and racy minerality. Beautiful persistence. There is a slight hint of green lemon zests on the persistence.

Price : €

Score
16+/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Aiges Pruniers 2015

Marsannay

The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic and offers a slight juiciness. It reveals notes of ripe peach, wild flowers and slight hints of fresh lemon associated with a subtle hint of fresh pear, crunchy flat peach, aromatic herbs as well as slight touches of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, silky, gourmande and offers fat, a beautiful unctuousness, a beautiful definition, a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, a nice volume, a beautiful freshness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed mirabelle, yellow peach and slight notes of quince associated with touches of pear, apple as well as a very discreet hint of lemon zests (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of butter, vanilla oak and an imperceptible hint of almond on the finish.

Price : €

Score
16.25/20
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

TO
KEEP



Spirits to discover... and savor !

Paul Giraud XO Grande Champagne Premier Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic, rich (but all in finesse) and complexe. It reveals notes of candied mandarin, apricot and more slightly of dried yellow peach associated with hints of caramel, candied lemon as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of licorice (in the background), white flowers, woody hints and a very discreet hint of pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, very well-balanced, relatively fat, suave, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful guideline as well as a richness (but full of finesse). In the mouth this Cognac expresses slight notes of peach in syrup, candied lemon and slight notes of fresh apricot, white flowers associated with a hint of rancio, cigare, spices and a subtle hint of caramel, pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of grilled oak and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. Good length and aromatic persistence. The finish is relatively powerful.

Price : €€€€

Score
17
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



The Dalmore King Alexander III Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, aromatic, complex, elegant and offers a fine unctuousity. It reveals notes of cigar, Sichuan pepper, dried flowers and dried strawberry / cassis combined with subtle hints of dried mandarin zest, dried citrus as well as a hint of peat, cereal, barley and imperceptible hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers suavity, a fine juiciness, a nice / fine unctuousity, a beautiful definition and a beautiful precision. On the palate, this Scotch Whiskey expresses notes of dry white grapes, dried mandarin, subtle hints of cherry / raspberry and subtle touches of fruit in syrup associated with a subtle touch of pâtisseries, cardamom, tobacco as well as a fine hint of peat, almond and a fine grilled hint. Good length and very beautiful persistence.

Price : €€€€€

Score
18+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Big Gin - London Dry Batch 314 - 94 Proof Oregon

The nose is fruity, aromatic, precise and offers a beautiful expression. It reveals notes of mountain flowers, aromatic herbs and fine touches of acidulous apple candy associated with a subtle touch of candied lemon (in the background), minty candy as well as subtle touches of quenette and an discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely-built and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity, straightness, precision as well as a nice finesse and roundness. On the palate this Gin expresses fine notes of apple, mountain flowers, juniper and rocky minerality associated with hints of mint and black pepper as well as a discreet hint of citrus. Good length.

Price : €€

Score
16.75+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Jean Cavé 1967 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fine, elegant, relatively powerful and offers straightness as well as precision. It reveals slight notes of dried grape, hints of dried apricot and a very discreet hint of dried fig associated with slight hints of flowers, spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, discreet hints of caramelization and a subtle mineral hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers freshness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses a subtle hint of date, a hint of toasted oak, caramel as well as a very discreet hint of rancio, peat and a very discreet grilled hint on the aftertaste. Beautiful aromatic persistence.

Price : €€€€€

Score
17.5+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Trois Rivières - Millésime 2006 Single Cask - Fût 23-206 Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, precise and finely gourmand / rich (in the background). It reveals notes of pâtisseries, oak and slight notes of spices associated with touches of white fruits, quince, candied lemon, violet as well as a touch of gray pepper, biscuit, licorice and clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful grain, a fine juiciness, a nice precision / definition as well as a nice guideline. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and white fruits in syrup associated with fine touches of pâtisseries, cedar wood / cardamom, ripe quénette, caramelization / caramelized brown sugar as well as an imperceptible minty hint.

Price : €€€€

Score
16.75+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



Maison La Mauny Signature du Maître de Chais Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is fruity, rich and offers gourmandise and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of Zante currant and dried citrus associated with small notes of white fruit in syrup, cherry, mandarin marmalade, vanilla, slight toasted notes and a subtle hint of white pepper / spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-built / defined, well-balanced and offers elegance, richness, a nice fat, gourmandise and a very fine unctuousity. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of candied lemon, caramelized pear and touches of apple in syrup associated with touches of caramel / pâtisseries, vanilla, a touch of crushed strawberry as well as an imperceptible touch of chocolate, liquorice stick (in the background) and spices. Good length.

Price : €€€

Score
16
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK



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Tesseron – Lot N°29 XO Exception Cognac

Score
18
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fine, fruity, elegant, slightly concentrated and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of candied orange/jam, zests, dried mandarin and peach associated with a hint of mushroom, caramel, a subtle hint of crushed apple as well as slight touches of cedar wood, flowers, spices and an imperceptible hint of pâtisseries (in the background). The palate is fruity, round, unctuous, aerial and offers a nice definition, tension, a beautiful elegance, volume as well as a very beautiful balance. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of jam, jammy white fruits and small notes of candied orange zests associated with a subtle hint of crystallized lemon, sweet spices, quenette, an imperceptible hint of chocolate as well as a subtle hint of cedar wood, cardamom and vanilla/pâtisseries on the finish. Good length.

Price : €€€€€€



Dartigalongue 1893 Bas-Armagnac

Score
19.5+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is relatively powerful and offers a very beautiful finesse as well as nobility. It reveals slight notes of candied orange zests, cedar and hints of candied lemon zests associated with a subtle hint of aged oak/barrel cellar, a slight hint of apricot, Timut pepper, caramel as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (which brings freshness), peat, a slight woody hint, a very discreet/imperceptible hint of roasting and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers deepness, roundness, a beautiful tension, freshness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful delicacy. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses fine notes of candied orange, dried vine peach, caramelization and a slight/discreet hint of candied lemon associated with touches of tobacco/cigar, a woody hint as well as slight touches of tobacco (in the background) and a very discreet hint of dry fruits (in the background). Good length and gourmand persistence with slight hints of cedar, candied orange zests and a discreet hint of leather. Nice persistence.

Price : €€€€€€€



Score
16+
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

Clear Creek Distillery Pear Brandy - 80 Proof Oregon

The nose is fruity, intense, gourmand, aromatic, beautifully built and elegant. It reveals notes of fleshy pear and fine touches of peach associated with a subtle hint of lychee (in the background). The mouth is fruity, nicely gourmande and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine freshness, a nice fat, power, a very nice balance, roundness as well as a nice guideline. On the palate this Brandy expresses notes of fleshy pear and fine hints of peach associated with subtle hints of lychee as well as a subtle hint of rocky minerality and an imperceptible hint of citrus (in the background). Good length.

Price : €€€



Score
16.25
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

Loch Lomond Whiskies Aged 12 years Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is gourmand and offers a slight sensation of sweetness. It reveals notes of Granny apple, fine hints of peach / pear and discreet hints of lemon / orange zest associated with a discreet hint of cigar, cedar wood, cereals as well as discreet hints of toasted oak and with a slight earthy hint. The mouth is fruity, fat, round, a bit aerial and offers tension as well as a fine / nice balance. On the palate, this Whiskey expresses notes of crushed / compoted pear, candied lemon and slight hints of dry apricot / physalis combined with a discreet hint of caramelization, cedar wood, a hint of flowers as well as a subtle hint of smoke, nougatine and gray pepper (discreet). The finish is suave. Good length and nice aromatic persistence.

Price : €€€

Roger Groult Vénérable Calvados Pays d'Auge

Score
17
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cedar and slight touches of crushed yellow peach associated with a hint of ripe/cooked yellow apple, a slight hint of green apple, a woody hint as well as a subtle hint of apple blossom, fresh lemon zests and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, round, slightly unctuous, quite aerial and offers a beautiful balance as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Calvados expresses notes of apple, candied lemon and slight notes of peach/pear associated with a hint of cider as well as a discreet woody hint, gingerbread and a subtle/very discreet hint of apple blossom. Good length.

Price : €€€€



HSE - Rhum Vieux Agricole American Barrel Black Sheriff Martinique

Score
16
Vertde
Vin

READY
TO DRINK

The nose is fine, relatively powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of raisin, dry plum and slight notes of dry lemon / kumquat associated with fine notes of blond tobacco, spices as well as a discreet touch of gray pepper and a discreet note of licorice. The mouth is fine, suave, unctuous, aerial, fat, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this Rum expresses notes of raisin, tarte Tatin and pâtisserie associated with slight notes of quenette, lychee, a discreet touch of citrus (in the background) as well as slight woody notes, spices, cardamom, clove and toasted oak. Good length.

Price : €€€€





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Château des Ferrages Roumery 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of juicy berries and wild strawberries combined with fine notes of garrigue, blueberry, fresh cherry, a hint of spices as well as a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper, flowers and wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, minerality, juiciness, a fine depthness, gourmandise and a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red berries, fleshy wild strawberries and fine notes of Boysenberry combined with slight touches of garrigue, zan, blueberry as well as a subtle touch of black olive and an imperceptible hint of coffee. Tannins are well-built. An easy-drinking wine

Score : 15.25+

Château L'Afrique 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, concentrated, fresh and offers a fine intensity as well as power. It reveals notes of black cherry, strawberry, fresh raspberry and fresh berries combined with slight notes of olive, blackberry, violet, a subtle touch of garrigue / terroir, dark chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background) and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine suavity, tension, straightness as well as a nice density and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, ripe redcurrants and juicy black berries combined with fine touches of ripe raspberry, violet / cornflower, zan as well as a subtle hint of black olive and a discreet hint of spices. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Mas Negrel Cadenet 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fine, aromatic, slightly gourmand and offers a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of fresh blackberry and fleshy strawberry associated with slight notes of ripe cassis, blueberry, a touch of violet as well as small notes of toasted oak, vanilla, chocolate and a very discreet hint of cardamon / tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight, straight and offers a nice mineral frame, suavity, tension, fat as well as a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy strawberry combined with fine notes of fleshy cassis/berries, a hint of cherry as well as small touches of chocolate, wood, vanilla and a subtle hint of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine de la Navicelle – Esprit 2014

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration / intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberries and violets combined with fine notes of cassis, wild strawberry, blueberry, a subtle touch of ripe redcurrants as well as a discreet hint of zan, spices, tea, wood and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, racy and offers a nice suavity, finesse, mineral frame, tension, a good density as well as freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of

fleshy raspberry, fleshy plump as well as subtle touches of wood, spices, a touch of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of coffee (on the persistence). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Bas – Le Temple 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of cassis and flowers associated with small notes of wild strawberry, ripe redcurrant as well as slight notes of licorice, toasted oak, a touch of fresh vanilla and an imperceptible hint gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy, slightly sleek and offers an acid frame, minerality, a fine concentration, a fine suavity / fat as well as a small tension. On the palate, this wine

expresses notes of fleshy Boysenberry and fresh cassis associated with slight notes of wild berries, black cherry, discreet hints of blueberry / violet, zan as well as a subtle hint of spices and tobacco. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and a bit young. Good length. There are a hint of mocha and caramelization on the aftertaste.

Score : 15+

Domaine de la Navicelle La Colle Noire 2013

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand, fine, finely powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, crushed cassis and fleshy strawberries combined with hints of fresh redcurrant, very discreet hints of violet, spices as well as subtle toasted hints oak, mocha and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise, finely gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine suavity, finesse, a fine straightness, a fine freshness, a fine acidity (in the background), precision as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of cherry, subtle

toasted hints oak, chocolate / moka, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and hazelnut. Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of undergrowth on the finish / persistence.

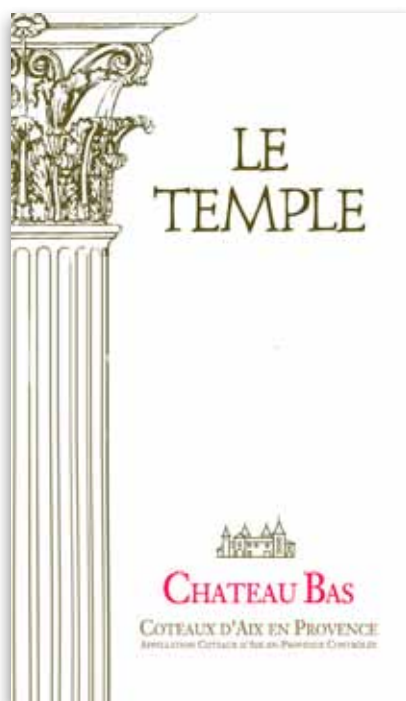
Score : 16.25

Domaine de la Navicelle 2011

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, concentrated and offers richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fine notes of crushed wild red berries combined with a touch of wood, melted chocolate, praline, sweet spices, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of garrigue / olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine tension as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cherry and crushed cassis combined with a fine hint of blueberry, flowers, touches of zan, toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of coffee, a discreet hint of Timut pepper and a very discreet hint of undergrowth / tobacco. Tannins are fine and very discreetly dry. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5



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Château Maïme - Héritage 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is powerful, aromatic and offers a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and fine notes of cherry, blue fruits combined with a discreet hint of licorice and a discreet touch of garrigue and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, fat, a fine acidity, a good structure, freshness and power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, ripe/juicy blackberry and cassis associated with a touch of garrigue, small wild berries, olive, small touches of wood, spices as well as a (very) slight hint of cocoa and salinity on the finish. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Sainte Béatrice - Instant B 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers power. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, cassis and wild berries associated with a hint of cherry, garrigue, toasted oak, minerality / flint, mocha and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise / strict, well-structured and offers a nice freshness, a good definition, straightness, a beautiful acid frame, a certain richness, freshness, a good volume as well as a fine depthness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine touches of garrigue, racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of salinity, small touches of spices, vanilla and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit tight. Good length and good persistence. There is a hint of cocoa on the persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Château Coussin 2015 - Sainte-Victoire

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, very finely tight, finely powerful and offers concentration. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries combined with slight notes of garrigue, olive, red berries, mineral touches as well as hints of wood and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, fat, softness, a fine juiciness, a small freshness as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and cherry associated with a hint of strawberry as well as fine toasted touches oak and a very discreet hint of olive. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Château Sainte-Béatrice Cuvée Vaussière 2014

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise, a fine concentration as well as elegance / straightness. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of crushed redcurrant, crushed raspberry, licorice, hints of flowers, olive, caramelization as well as small touches of chocolate and wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine tension, straightness, a certain finesse, freshness, juiciness as well as a certain finesse and a nice mineral frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberries / berries and small notes of cassis associated with a hint of fleshy strawberry, plum as well as small touches of caramelized oak, cardamom and a touch of vanilla Bourbon. Tannins are fine, a bit chewy and straight. Good length..

Score : 15.75+

Réal 2014

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes

of garrigue / thyme, black olive and cassis associated with hints of blackberry, crushed strawberry / plum as well as a hint of licorice, wood and an imperceptible hint of earth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice straightness, tension, a nice guideline, gourmandise, a nice juiciness, harmony as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with hints of juicy berry, olive, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of dark chocolate / tonka bean and a discreet hint of tobacco. There is a hint of salinity on the finish. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.75

Clos Réal 2014

Côtes de Provence

The nose is complex, a bit tight and offers power. It reveals notes of Cuben pepper, spices and blackberry associated with small notes of wild fruits, crushed fleshy redcurrant, flowers, touches of wood, mocha and a very discreet grilled hint. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, elegant, aerial and offers tension, juiciness, a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, gourmandise, complexity, fluidity and a small incisal side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy black cherry / Bigarreau and juicy/fleshy raspberry associated with a touch of black olive, garrigue as well as a hint of caramelized oak and tonka bean. Tannins are a bit mellow and square. Good length.

Score : 16+

Château Sainte Roseline - Cuvée La Chapelle de Sainte Roseline 2013 - Cru Classé

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fresh, concentrated and offers richness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, garrigue and black olives combined with fine hints of figs, wild strawberries, redcurrant as well as a discreet hint of flowers, licorice, wood and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, straight, precise, silky, finely tight and offers a beautiful straightness, suavity, juiciness, tension, minerality and harmony. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, crushed blackberry and cassis combined with fine touches of redcurrant, violet fig, garrigue, black olive, a subtle hint of black pepper, touches of caramelized oak as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and Bourbon vanilla on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and elegant. A great wine !

Score : 16.75+

Domaine du Clos D'Alari – Grand Clos 2012

Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers power. It reveals notes of crushed wild blackberries, strawberry and garrigue combined with fine notes of cassis, olive and licorice as well as hints spices and a very discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, silky, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine acidity / juiciness (in the background), a good structure, a certain finesse as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberries / berries and fine notes of blackberry combined with a touch of juicy plum, black olive as well as a very discreet touch of garrigue and licorice / cola. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Domaine Souviou – Souviou 2014

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, lilies, rose ...) and fine notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as very discreet touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced,

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nicely fat and offers a nice mineral frame, tension and a good juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy plum and crushed cassis combined with touches of crushed strawberry / redcurrant, touches of caramelized oak as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and cardamom. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. There are a hint of caramelization and a hint of dark chocolate on the raftertaste.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine Souviou Souviou 2013

Côtes de Provence

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and wild berries associated with a hint of red berries, laurel / garrigue, vegetal hints and a very discreet toasted hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a good volume, gourmandise and acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe red berries, fleshy cherry and fleshy blackberry associated with hints of plum, flowers, laurel / garrigue, licorice as well as a slight hint of melted chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are a bit firm.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Souviou Signature RJ 2012

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fine and slightly intense. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and flowers associated with a touch of olive, licorice and an imperceptible hint of wood / cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, juiciness, straightness, a small aerial side, a fine fat and freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and fresh / fleshy raspberry combined with fine touches of cherry / wild berries as well as a hint of olive tree, licorice and an imperceptible hint of wood / vanilla (in the background). Tannins are very slightly dry / firm.

Score : 14.75

Château Maïme - Origine

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity / concentration and a fine minerality. It reveals notes of wild strawberries, crushed redcurrants and wild blackberries combined with fine notes of flowers, garrigue, Sichuan / gray pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of colas (in the background). The palate is nicely fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, suavity, a fine minerality as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed redcurrant, wild strawberries and fine notes of blackberry / plum combined with a touch of cherry, liquorice/colas as well as very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence. The finish is slightly intense/juicy.

Score : 15

Château de Beaupré – Collection du Château 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, structured and offers a fine concentration / intensity. It reveals notes of vanilla/wood, blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of raspberry / blackberry associated with touches of caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of flowers, gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh,

well-managed and offers a small juiciness, a fine suavity, finesse, tension, a good definition, gourmandise, a fine richness as well as a racy mineral and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy berries and fine notes of cassis associated with a hint of colas / licorice, black olive as well as a very discreet hint of minerality / garrigue. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Château des Ferrages – Mon Plaisir 2016

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine concentration and a fine richness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and flowers (violet / cornflower) combined with touches of butter, strawberry, red berries as well as small touches of vanilla / caramelized oak and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, freshness, a slight / discreet acidity (in the background), finesse,

a fine straightness, suavity, harmony and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and fleshy strawberry combined with fine hints of red berries / redcurrants, black olive, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built / elegant. Good length. (2019+)

Score : 16

Figuière – Première 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, concentrated and offers elegance and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, flowers (lilies, cornflower) and wild strawberries associated with a small note of redcurrant, toasted oak as well as a hint of vanilla, a discreet hint of garrigue and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine juiciness, tension, delicacy, a beautiful straightness, harmony, a fine acidity, suavity, a nice freshness, a beautiful definition as well as a nice finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Boysenberry, fleshy raspberry and juicy redcurrants associated with small touches of vanilla/wood, small toasted touches as well as a very discreet hint of Ceylon tea and cardamom. Tannins are fine and a bit chewy. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of colas on the persistence.

Score : 16+

Figuière – Confidentielle.15

Côtes de Provence

The nose is gourmand, a bit tight and offers concentration, power, a beautiful finesse / elegance as well as richness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with a small note of crushed strawberry, black olive, wild berries, garrigue, a touch of cornflower / lily as well as small hints of caramelization, tobacco, chocolate and a discreet hint of Cuban pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, quite subtle and offers a beautiful mineral frame, freshness, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful straightness, an aerial aspect, tension, power as well as a very beautiful, gourmande, silky and fleshy matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy plum and juicy raspberry combined with touches of juicy black cherry, garrigue, black olive as well as a subtle hint of caramelized oak, licorice, chocolate and a discreet hint of tea (on the finish / background). Tannins are elegant and a bit chewy. Good length.

Score : 17+



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Château Real d'Or 2012

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and fine notes of raspberry, crushed blackberry associated with fine touches of licorice / cola, mocha, black olive and a subtle hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a fine minerality, a good structure, a fine juiciness and precision. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and small notes of blueberry combined with touches of fleshy strawberry, wood, mocha as well as a subtle hint of black olive, colas and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15

Clos Gautier – Clos du Château 2013

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers fine juiciness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, crushed blueberry and strawberry associated with touches of garrigue, violet, colas as well as subtle touches of caramelized oak and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a fine juiciness, suavity, elegance, freshness, a small aerial side as well as a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy black cherry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry, colas / licorice, black olive, grilled oak and a subtle hint mocha and cardamom / tobacco. Tannins are slightly chewy. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly powerful.

Score : 16

Monaco – Le Rocher 2014

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers power and concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of black cherry and touches of crushed strawberry combined with a touch of cornflower, licorice, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of laurel as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper and caramelized oak. The mouth is mineral, fruity, juicy, well-balanced, a bit gourmande and offers fluidity, suavity, a fine tension, a fine concentration, freshness as well as a fine straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, crushed cassis and crushed blackberry combined with small touches of crushed / fleshy strawberry, colas, black olives and small toasted touches / caramelized oak and a discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are a bit firm.

Score : 15.25+

Château Roubine – Lion & Dragon 2014

Côtes de Provence – Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant, fruity, finely gourmand and offers power (but full of finesse) as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and slight notes of crushed fleshy strawberry associated with touches of gray pepper, black olive, garrigue, an imperceptible hint of lavender as well as discreet touches of chocolate, spices and liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, elegant, fine, well-balanced and offers delicacy, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition, a fine acid frame (in the background), a silky matter as well as a very slight freshness (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy black cherry and fleshy strawberry associated with touches of blackberry, blueberry, licorice, black olive, caramelized oak as well as a very discreet touch of vanilla and a hint of black pepper on the finish. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 17.75+

Château Roubine – Premium 2014

Côtes de Provence – Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers a fine concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blackberry and garrigue combined with a subtle hint of cherry, crushed / juicy blueberry, as well as discreet hints of mocha, spices, olive and Sichuan pepper and mocha. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, fine, elegant, aerial, suave and offers a good definition, a fine tension, complexity, gourmandise, an acid frame as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / crushed blueberry, fleshy / crushed cherry, small notes of cassis and touches of blackberry associated with a subtle hint of colas, cornflower, black olive, a very discreet hint toasted oak as well as an imperceptible touch of garrigue and vanilla. Tannins are elegant, straight and fine. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 17

Domaine Vigneret 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, concentration and a fine elegance. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and cassis associated with small notes of blueberry, Timut pepper as well as fine touches of black olive, dark chocolate and wood. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, quite silky and offers a good definition, a nice juiciness, dynamism, a fine acid / juicy frame, harmony as well as gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis and juicy blueberry associated with small notes of wild raspberry, fleshy / juicy red berries as well as touches of black olive, licorice, wood and a very discreet hint of tonka bean. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Château Roubine – Inspire 2015

Cru Classé, Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant, straight and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed wild strawberry and slight notes of red berries jam associated with hints of oleander, caramelized oak, sweet spices and a discreet hint of tonka bean (in background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a good definition, a fine acidity, a good guideline, a fine tension and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry combined with a touch of small wild berries, garrigue / olive as well as a hint of vanilla and wood / chocolat. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background) on the retro.

Score : 16+

Clos Gautier - Clos du Château 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, finely tight, racy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, fleshy strawberry and small notes of Boysenberry associated with fine touches of crushed ripe redcurrants, licorice, black olive as well as fine touches of wood and chocolate / tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-built, finely fleshy, a bit gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, finesse, fine suavity, freshness as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, blackberry and fleshy strawberry combined with fine hints of ripe raspberry, fine toasted touches oak, sweet spices, mocha as well as a very discreet hint of black olive and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Estandon – Légende 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, cassis and vanilla associated with touches of ripe red berries as well as fine touches of black olive, cardamom and caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, straightness and fat. On the palate, this

Provence

wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, crushed blackberry and redcurrant jam combined with slight touches of olive / olive, caramelized oak and a hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. The finish offers gourmandise and suavity.

Score : 14.75+

Château Calissanne - Rocher Rouge 2013 Côteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is fruity, finely gourmande and offers power, a fine richness and concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, Bigarreau cherry, blackberry and touches of wild strawberries associated with a touch of blueberry, spices, a discreet hint of garrigue, cocoa as well as a subtle hint of menthol and grilled oak. A discreet hint of vanilla appears after aeration. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine tension, a fine suavity as well as a good grain. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, Bigarreau cherry and small notes of wild black berries combined with fine touches of wild strawberry, licorice, garrigue as well as a subtle hint of mocha and a discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are fine and very slightly grainy / dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Calissanne Les Terres de Provence 2016 Côteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is fruity and finely intense / powerful. It reveals notes of ripe wild redcurrants, wild blackberries and small notes of cassis combined with a touch of garrigue, spices, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, relatively silky and offers a nice mineral frame, a good volume, softness / fluidity as well as fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of fleshy cherry, garrigue as well as a subtle touch of toasted oak, cornflower, black olive and a discreet hint of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+

Premium de Saint-Louis 2015 Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is aromatic, finely gourmand/rich and finely powerful/concentrated. It reveals notes of crème de cassis, blackberry and wild berries combined with small notes of red fruit (redcurrant, raspberry jam) as well as touches of garrigue, vanilla and caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine suavity, a beautiful mineral frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of cherry associated with hints of crushed redcurrant, black fruits jam as well as touches of caramelized oak, black olive, minerality and an imperceptible hint of garrigue / Mediterranean forest floor. Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length. The finish is finely gourmande and offers an imperceptible hint of chocolate.

Score : 15

Moulin de La Roque – Tarente Réserve 2011 Bandol

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe black cherry and wild fleshy berries combined with a touch of crushed raspberry as well as discreet

touches of black olives, zan, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, finely gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine freshness, a good structure, freshness and power. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy black berries and blackberry, combined with fine touches of fleshy raspberry, Bigarreau cherry as well as fine notes of zan, tobacco, tonka bean and woody notes. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15+

Domaine Vigneret 2014 Bandol

The nose is fruity, quite elegant and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, fleshy Gariguet strawberry and slight notes of boysenberry combined with fine touches of blueberry, olive and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice acid frame,

a nice juiciness, minerality, straightness, suavity, power (but well-balanced) and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, jammy redcurrant and slight notes of wild raspberry combined with a touch of blueberry / blackberry, licorice, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices / cardamom and a very discreet touch of gray pepper on the finish. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Minna 2012 Bouches-du-Rhône IGP

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cassis and small notes of garrigue associated with hints of flowers, berries and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine suavity, a fine acidity (in the background) as well as a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and juicy raspberry combined with fine / discreet hints of wild berries, olive / garrigue as well as subtle touches of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of wood. Tannins are well-built.

Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of licorice and caramelization on the aftertaste.

Score : 15

Moulin de la Roque Esprit de Terroirs Marnes Noires 2012 Bandol

The nose is elegant, strict, straight and offers concentration and a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of black olive, crushed / ripe strawberry associated with a fine touch of garrigue, small wild berries, racy minerality as well as very discreet touches of spices and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, sleek, harmonious, suave, tight and offers a nice mineral frame, gourmandise, elegance, a small straightness, freshness and a small tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry, Bigarreau cherry associated with slight / discreet touches of crushed black berries, zan, grilled oak, mocha, a discreet hint black pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of cedar and cardamon on the finish. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length and a beautiful persistence. The persistence is relatively powerful and offers a hint of cocoa.

Score : 16.25



Châteauneuf-du-Pape

WHITE WINE

Domaine Grand Veneur – La Miocène 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, fresh and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of pear, fresh green apple and fine touches of quince associated with a hint of honey, fresh almond, subtle hints of citrus as well as a discreet hint of flowers (hawthorn, honeysuckle) and wood. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a fine acidity, elegance, straightness, an aerial aspect, a racy mineral / schist, fat and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe pear and fine touches of mirabelle, ripe citrus fruits combined with a touch of honey, almond and a subtle hint of wood as well as a discreet hint of pâtisseries on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16+

Domaine Grand Veneur – La Fontaine 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a minerality as well as richness. It reveals notes of mirabelle and ripe yellow peach associated with a hint of crushed pear, honey, minerality, candied lemon as well as a subtle hint of toasted oak, buttered apple and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, unctuous, mineral, elegant and offers an acid frame, a good maturity, freshness, tension and a nice matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed yellow peach and fine notes of jammy apricot, white grapes combined with subtle touches of honey, acacia, schist, toasted oak and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of almond. Good persistence.

Score : 16+

Domaine Giraud – Les Gallimardes 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, mineral, racy and offers finesse as well as freshness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon / quince and crushed apple combined with slight notes of tangerine, compoted white fruits, white flowers (elderberry...), racy minerality as well as a hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely gourmand, unctuous and offers an acid frame, finesse, suavity, tension, a nice definition, freshness, depthness and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, apple and candied quince / apple associated with slight touches of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of acacia honey. Good length.

Score : 16+

Domaine de Fontavin 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, straight and offers freshness as well as a good structure. It reveals notes of flowers honey (hawthorn...), quince and yellow peach associated with subtle touches of jammy apricot, racy minerality / schist, vanilla, subtle toasted touches as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers

a nice acid frame, a nice minerality, a fine unctuousity, a good structure, straightness, a good definition, a racy minerality as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed pear and ripe quince associated with slight touches of crushed apple, candied lemon, vanilla and slight toasted touches. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine de Nalys 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of pear, fresh yellow plum, crunchy vine peach, flint/minerality and slight notes of quince, lime / yuzu zest combined with a subtle hint of vanilla, fresh almond as well as an imperceptible hint of white flowers and zest of mandarin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, nicely done, juicy, gourmand and offers a nice acid frame, straightness, a fine tension, finesse, dynamism as well as a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple / vine peach, fresh Williams pear and yellow plum associated with slight touches of quince/citrus, subtle hints of zest of lime / yuzu as well as discreet touches of almond and wood. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.75+

Comte de Lauze 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, Granny Smith apple and crushed mirabelle combined with slight notes of quince, pear, flowers, racy minerality as well as subtle touches of oak and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a good volume, a good structure, gourmandise, a fine fat as well as a fine tension. On the palate, this wine

expresses notes of ripe Williams pear, apple and quince combined with subtle touches of tangerine zest as well as hints of honey, butter, racy minerality and discreet woody touches.

Score : 15.25

RED WINE

Comte de Lauze 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration / intensity (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed cassis, sour cherry and raspberry, combined with fine touches of ripe / crushed redcurrant, licorice as well as subtle touches of caramelization and melted chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a nice mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandise, a fine juiciness, roundness, fat, a certain finesse, a good guideline and a very slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry / Bigarreau cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with hints of fleshy strawberry, vanilla/wood, licorice as well as a subtle hint of spices.

Score : 15.5+



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Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Domaine Giraud 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of Bigarreau / sour cherry, blackberry and cassis associated with fine touches of garrigue, racy minerality as well as subtle hints of licorice and an imperceptible hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a nice mineral frame, suavity, density, concentration, a good guideline, a good structure, a fine acidity, a fine unctuousity as well as a fine acidity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, crushed blueberry and blackberry combined with slight hints of jammy red fruits, plum, licorice as well as a subtle hint of caramelized wood and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence. The finish is slightly powerful.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine de Fontavin 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, concentrated, slightly powerful and offers density (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed black cherry, crushed cassis and fine notes of blackberry jam combined with small touches of crushed strawberry, toasted oak, vanilla, black olive as well as a subtle hint of grove and mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine suavity, a fine acidity (background), tension, an aerial aspect, density and a good structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of black cherry / crushed Bigarreau cherry and blackberry jam associated with touches of crushed cassis, red fruits, crushed / ripe red berries as well as hints of chocolate, vanilla/wood and a very discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There is a hint of dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Grand Veneur

Les Origines 2015 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose offers freshness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, crushed cassis and hints of cherry associated with a subtle hint of flower, wood, chocolate as well as a hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, slightly powerful and offers tension, a fine suavity, a fine mineral frame, a fine gourmandise as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed black cherry, crushed blackberry and slight notes of blueberry combined with a hint of raspberry, toasted oak, touches of racy minerality as well as discreet touches of black olive, vanilla and spices. Tannins are a bit firm. There are a hint of dark chocolate and a hint of espresso on the persistence. Good length. (2019+)

Score : 16

Domaine de Nalys – Réserve 2013

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic, elegant, relatively gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, blueberry, wild berries and a fine hint of fresh Gariguet strawberry associated with slight / discreet hints of flowers, zan, tobacco, undergrowth, wood and an imperceptible

hint of black / Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, elegant, straight, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, fat, a good definition, gourmandise and fine richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed wild blackberries, wild berries and crunchy / fresh strawberries combined with fine touches of liquorice, flowers, chocolate as well as fine / discreet hints of tobacco, discreet touches of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of caramelization / caramelized brown sugar in the background / on the finish. Tannins are fine and straight. Good length.

Score : 16+

Frédéric Stéhélin

Cuvée Bertrand Stéhélin 2014

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is juicy and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants, juicy blueberry combined with fine notes of blackberry, cornflower, strawberry

as well as a discreet touch of garrigue, black olive, licorice and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, straight, fresh, well-balanced, fat, finely gourmande and offers an aerial aspect, tension as well as a good matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy / ripe red berries and fine notes of crushed strawberry, juicy blueberry combined with a subtle hint of Bigarreau cherry, a discreet hint of plum, licorice, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of mocha and caramelization / vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine de Ferrand 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cherry cream, redcurrant and cassis associated with touches of blueberry, flowers (cornflower,

rose) as well as an imperceptible / very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background), cocoa and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a nice mineral frame, freshness, straightness / tension, fat, fine juiciness as well as richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry jam, crushed raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of blueberry, caramelized oak, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of boxwood on the aftertaste. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

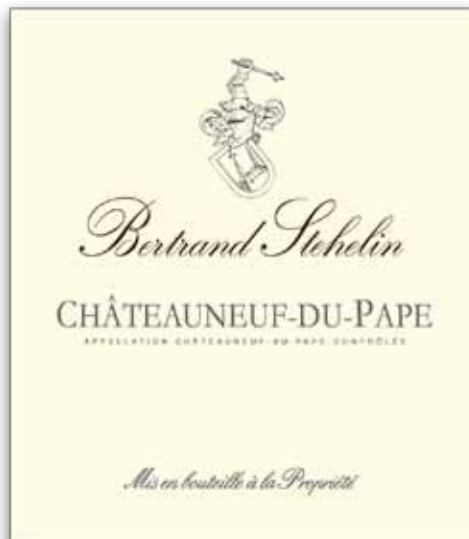
Score : 15.25+

Domaine de Nalys 2015

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic, elegant and quite fine. It reveals notes of cornflower, blueberry and small notes of blackberry, strawberry associated with a touch of garrigue, black olive, subtle hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of wood, cocoa and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fresh, mineral, fruity, fine, nicely balanced, gourmand, silky, elegant and offers juiciness, straightness as well as complexity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed raspberry, fresh strawberry, blueberry and small notes of blackberry combined with fine touches of cornflower / violet and subtle hints of zan, tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of toasted / caramelized oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. The persistence is finely powerful and offers a hint of cocoa. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25



Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Maison Bouachon La Tiare du Pape 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and juicy. It reveals notes of flowers (cornflower, lily) and juicy blueberries combined with slight notes of fleshy raspberry, blackberry as well as discreet touches of black cherry, toasted oak and chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, suave and offers fat as well as a fine tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy redcurrants, juicy raspberry and fine notes of blueberry combined with touches of flowers / cornflower / lily, blackberry as well as discreet touches of licorice, racy / rocky minerality and tobacco. There are a touch of dark chocolate / moka and caramelization on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15+

Caves Saint-Pierre Préférence 2014 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black berries, wild blackberry, fleshy strawberries and small notes of blue fruits combined with a hint of flowers, a discreet hint of thyme as well as fine hint of wood, sweet spices, mocha and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background) after aeration. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine juiciness and suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crushed Gariguet strawberry and fine notes of blueberry combined with fine touches of cornflower, plum, liquorice, fine hints of caramelization, toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of bitter dark chocolate on the finish / aftertaste. Tannins are well-built. Good length. An easy-drinking wine.

Score : 15

Maison Bouachon Dédication 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is aromatic and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, lilies, cornflower and fine notes of redcurrant combined with subtle hints of strawberry, wood as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of garrigue in the background. after aeration). The palate is fruity, nicely juicy, mineral, slightly fleshy and offers a nice acid frame, gourmandise, a small aerial side, a good volume, depthness as well as a very slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant jam, fleshy /crushed raspberry and slight notes of fleshy blueberry / blue fruits combined with a subtle hint of tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of spices and a very discreet hint of bitter dark chocolate on the finish (brings gourmandise). Good length.

Score : 15.75

Alain Jaume - Domaine Grand Veneur Vieilles Vignes 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy, juicy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blueberry, fleshy black cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with fine touches of racy minerality as well as fine touches of

strawberry, olive tree / black olive, cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, a bit tight and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background) as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed blueberry combined with slight notes of crushed red berries, Bigarreau cherry as well as a touch of flowers, licorice, black olive, toasted / caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are fine, a bit firm and young. Good length. A promising wine! (2020+)

Score : 16+

Domaine Tourbillon Vieilles Vignes 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-managed, finely gourmand and offers a beautiful maturity and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, juicy / ripe berries, blueberry and garrigue associated with small notes of wild strawberries, flowers, slight notes of cassis as well as hints of caramelized oak, cocoa, Bourbon vanilla and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, straight, nicely suave, precise, gourmande, finely powerful and offers tension, a fine juiciness, a good definition, a fine concentration, a fine finesse, a mineral frame (racy minerality / terroir) as well as a good structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis, crushed blueberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with touches of wild raspberry, licorice / zan, flowers as well as a subtle hint of olive / garrigue, sweet spices and very discreet woody hints. Good length and beautiful persistence. There are a hint of ripe Biagarreau cherry and a hint of ripe blackberry / cassis on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+



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Cadillac - Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Château Sainte Catherine 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysenberry, cassis and fine notes of fleshy strawberry combined with toasted touches oak and a fine hint of vanilla/wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice acid frame, a fine suavity, a nice juiciness, harmony as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry and juicy cassis combined with fine touches of wild raspberry, fleshy/ripe small red berries and toasted touches oak, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm / dry. There is a slight hint of coffee on the aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Malagar 2015

Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberries and small notes of wild fruit associated with a touch of ripe cherry, wild strawberries as well as fine touches of liquorice, vanilla/wood and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The mouth is fruity, fresh, juicy, mineral, aerial, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, tension, a very slight unctuousity, a nice freshness and a fine suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and cherry, combined with a touch of wild strawberry, wood, dark chocolate / mocha and fine hints of spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm / dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Peybrun – Cuvée Colombe 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and finely concentrated / powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and flowers (cornflower) associated with a hint of blueberry as well as fine hints of sweet spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers a nice juiciness, a nice minerality, an acid frame, a fine suavity as well as a nice definition and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, juicy blackberry, black cherry and fine hints of plum, raspberry associated with toasted touches oak, subtle / discreet touches of dark chocolate, an imperceptible hint of flowers as well as a hint of cardamom and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Perle du Payre 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of grilled oak, cassis and black cherry associated with a hint of crushed strawberry, plum, chocolate, caramelization / crème brûlée and a subtle hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine freshness, a nice mineral frame, suavity and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy red berries combined with fine notes of cassis, raspberry as well as touches of chocolate, grilled oak and caramelization. Tannins are well built, a bit tight and a bit firm. Good length. There is a hint of zan / coffee on the persistence.

Score : 15+

Château La Caussade 2015

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, finely elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, strawberry and slight notes of blackberry combined with discreet touches of spices, Cuban pepper, wood and an imperceptible hint of coffee / mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers

a fine mineral frame, freshness, roundness, ssuavity, a nice definition as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, strawberry and fine notes of blackberry combined with discreet hints of tea, flowers as well as slight hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of licorice (in the background). Tannins are a bit firm. Good length and beautiful persistence. The persistence is gourmande and offers a fine touch of dark chocolate.

Score : 15.25

Château Brethous 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is powerful and offers a freshness as well as intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and fine notes of gray pepper associated with touches of ripe black cherry / raspberry and toasted touches oak and an imperceptible hint of violet (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a nice suavity, delicacy, a nice freshness, a fine minerality as well as a small acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, strawberry, black cherry and a touch of cassis associated with touches of licorice / zan, grilled wood, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of violet. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of saline minerality and licorice / zan on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15

Château Laroche bel Air 2014

Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, Boysenberry and a slight note of cassis bud associated with a hint of crushed raspberry, licorice / zan as well as discreet hints of wood / toasted oak, chocolate and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a fine concentration as well as freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and crushed cassis combined with fine notes of fleshy Gariguet strawberry, ripe cherry and licorice / zan, toasted oak / vanilla, chocolate and a very discreet hint of spices. Tannins are fine and a bit firm / dry. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château de Lestiac 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fine, elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and fine notes of blueberry, cassis associated with a touch of red fruit, caramelized oak, a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice suavity, a nice minerality, a fine juicy frame, a fine acidity, an aerial aspect, a good definition and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry / juicy, cassis and strawberry associated with a note of blueberry as well as subtle touches of Bourbon vanilla, caramelized oak and melted chocolate. Tannins are elegant and a bit firm.

Score : 15.5

Château L'Acanthe de Dudon 2014

Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of crème de cassis associated with touches of ripe red fruit, touches of vanilla/wood, a subtle hint of chocolate and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame (racy minerality), acidity, a fine richness, freshness as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed

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blackberry, crème de cassis and slight notes of blueberry combined with a hint of black cherry, juicy red fruits, fine touches of caramelized wood, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and chocolate. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château de Marsan 2014 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of cassis and fine notes of cassis buds, wild berries combined with slight notes of crushed blackberry as well as a discreet hint of toasted wood, spices and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine minerality, a fine juiciness, fat and a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of blueberry, ripe red fruits as well as touches of licorice, chocolate and a fine hint of cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Laroche Cuvée Elise 2015 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand, finely powerful and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of cassis and black cherry combined with a fine hint of blackberry cream, blueberry as well as hints of fleshy strawberry, touches of liquorice, vanilla wood and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a nice fat, a nice volume, a good definition, depth, richness and a certain finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe fleshy blackberry, blueberry, black cherry and slight notes of raspberry associated with touches of vanilla/wood, licorice and sweet spices. There is a hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château La Cheze 2015 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of wood, licorice associated with an imperceptible hint of spices, a very discreet hint of red fruits (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, finely powerful and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice definition, precision, an aerial aspect as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, black cherry and slight notes of blueberry combined with a hint of fleshy strawberry as well as touches of licorice, toasted wood and a subtle hint of tonka bean. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25

Château Dudon Cuvée Jean Baptiste Dudon 2015 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration and a fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fine notes of redcurrant jam, raspberry associated with toasted hints oak, a very discreet hint of sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom and chocolate. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers minerality, a nice fat, tension, a nice minerality (mineral frame) and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of jam of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of crushed redcurrant associated with touches of licorice, toasted wood as well as a subtle hint of chocolate / cardamom. Tannins are fine and a bit firm / tight. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of coffee on the background / finish. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.25

Château Haut-Rian – Prestige 2014 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, spices and cassis associated with a touch of leather and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of gray pepper and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice fat, a nice freshness, a racy minerality, a nice freshness, an acid frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam and fleshy blackberry combined with slight touches of blueberry, raspberry / wild strawberry as well as touches of licorice and caramelization. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Les Conseillans 2014 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of wild cassis and undergrowth associated with a hint of blackberry, crushed strawberry and a very discreet hint of wood, flowers, spices and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice suavity, freshness and a good structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight hints of crushed strawberry, blueberry associated with touches of chocolate, licorice and an imperceptible hint of cardamom and flowers (in the background). Tannins are fine, a bit firm and slightly dry. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75

Château La Rame La Charmille 2014 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is relatively fresh, relatively aromatic and offers richness. It reveals notes of blackberry associated with fine notes of cassis, undergrowth as well as toasted hints oak, a very discreet hint of caramelization, sweet spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice definition, volume, fat, a nice suavity, a good structure as well as a fine / discreet acidity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and fine notes of raspberry, small ripe / crushed red berries combined with touches of zan / licorice, toasted oak, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Good persistence.

Score : 15+

Château Reynon 2014 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, finely aromatic, well-balanced and offers a fine richness, a beautiful elegance and a very fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry, cassis and strawberry associated with a hint of cornflower, strawberry, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper, caramelization / toasted oak and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, volume, gourmandise, a fine acid frame, a fine straightness, fat, a good «guideline», a fine elegance and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and black cherry combined with a hint of fleshy / crushed blueberry, strawberry, licorice, toasted oak, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Lamothe de Haux Valentine par Valentine 2014 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, finely powerful and offers concentration. It reveals

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notes of wild cassis, blackberry, wild strawberry and flowers associated with touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine definition, a fine suavity, a fine unctuousity, tension, a small aerial side, and a fine concentration. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, cherry and fine touches of wild red berries combined with toasted touches oak, mocha, Zan as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. There is an imperceptible hint of coffee / bitterness on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15.5

Château Cayla 2014

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The nose is aromatic and offers richness, a fine concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and flowers associated with a hint of red fruits as well as touches of chocolate and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a fine acidity, straightness, elegance and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed blueberry and fine touches of raspberry / strawberry associated with touches of dark chocolate, toasted oak / vanilla as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Les Guyonnets – Héritage 2015

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed blackberry and a hint of Sichuan pepper combined with notes of crushed raspberry / strawberry, a subtle hint of violet and a discreet hint of licorice (in the background) and a toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), freshness, roundness, a good definition and a certain finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy cassis combined with slight notes of crushed strawberry, crushed redcurrant as well as touches of licorice, cardamom, toasted oak and a subtle hint of coffee. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Courrèges 2014

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The nose reveals notes of pistil, flowers and subtle touches of blackberry associated with a hint of blueberry, red berries as well as very discreet touches of spices and a imperceptible hint of zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine suavity, a fine acidity and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed cassis combined with fine touches of redcurrant, cherry as well as touches of licorice, woody and a discreet hint of mushroom. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Domaine Les Carmels

Les Vendanges 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine concentration as well as power. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and slight notes of wild raspberry, ripe small red fruits combined with woody touches, fine hints of coffee (in the background), zan as well as subtle hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, soft, elegant, silky and offers a nice acid frame, a good freshness, a good structure, a good definition, delicacy, precision, power / concentration as well as a fine juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of raspberry, ripe / fleshy small berries associated with hints of wood, mocha / co-

coa, coffee and spices. Tannins are fine, very slightly firm as well as slightly young. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Château Montgaillard

Réserve 2014

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy redcurrant, mushroom and prunes associated with slight notes of blackberry, dried red fruits and fine hints of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, juicy, fat and offers a fine acid frame, a fine freshness and a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and crushed strawberry combined with touches of chocolate, caramelization and subtle toasted hints oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a hint of chocolate / caramel on the persistence. The persistence is slightly gourmande.

Score : 14.25

Château Langoiran Cuvée Prestige 2012

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe cherry and blackberry associated with a hint of crushed strawberry, undergrowth, zan as well as a very discreet hint of tea and an imperceptible hint of black pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely fresh and offers minerality, fat, a small dynamism as well as a small acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of cherry, raspberry associated with touches of undergrowth, leather, spices, wood and an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Parcelle 045 – 2015

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberries and wild berries associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, spices, violet / flowers and racy minerality, a touch of Cuben pepper as well as a subtle hint of wood and an imperceptible hint of prose. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers suavity, fat, a fine acid frame and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis and crushed black-



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berry combined with small notes of wild strawberry, crunchy redcurrant as well as toasted touches oak, violet / flowers, spicy hints and at a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are a bit tight. Good persistence. There is an imperceptible touch of Cuban pepper in the background / persistence.

Score : 15+

Château Lagrange 2015 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, a bit tight, finely gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and mocha associated with small notes of wild strawberry, wild raspberry, discreet touches of violet, Sichuan pepper, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization and cedar wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, marked by Cabernet and offers a nice grain, a fine depthness, an acid frame, a fine freshness and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, wild strawberry and juicy cassis combined with toasted hints oak, mocha / tonka bean, caramelization as well as an imperceptible touch of violet and vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. The finish is relatively gourmande.

Score : 15.75

Château de Grand Branet 2016 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a very fine freshness. It reveals notes of blueberry, cornflower / violet and cassis combined with fine touches of wild red berries, undergrowth, wood, a very discreet hint of mocha, Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet / imperceptible touch of tea and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a pretty juicy / acid frame, a fine suavity, straightness, a fine concentration, a good structure and a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of jammy raspberry, crunchy redcurrant and small notes of blackberry associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, wood, racy minerality as well as subtle hints of spices and a very discreet touch of Ceylon tea. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

La Parcelle 045 – 2015 (Black label) Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is concentrated, finely powerful and offers a very fine richness in the background. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed ripe strawberries combined with subtle hints of mocha, pepper and grilled wood. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, minerality, a good definition, a fine juiciness, a fine fat, a good structure as well as a good grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of cherry associated with a hint of fleshy sour cherry/blackberry, toasted oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of pepper and cardamom. Tannins are well-built and velvety. Good length and good persistence. There are a hint of cocoa bean and an imperceptible touch of caramelization on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.25+

Château Lagrange L'Enclos 2015

Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

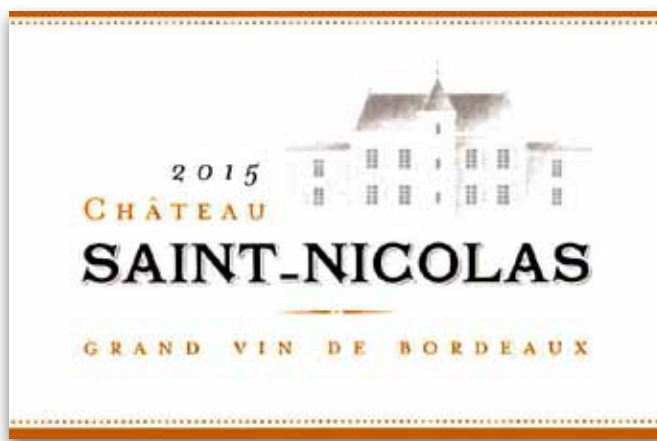
The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite elegant and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, tonka bean and crushed strawberry combined with hints of crushed raspberry, blueberry as well as a hint of violets, caramelized oak and a very subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, velvety, well-built and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, straightness, tension, elegance, a fine freshness, a good definition as well as a nice grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of tonka bean, caramelization and cardamom / spices. Tannins are velvety. Good length.

Score : 16+

Château Saint Nicolas 2015 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers a fine concentration and a good structure. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe pepper and slight notes of licorice combined with a subtle hint of cardamom / spices and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, fat and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with touches of blueberry, raspberry jam, vanilla / caramelized oak, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of spices and flowers (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25



Château de Fontenille 2015 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, finely powerful and offers a fine intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, earth and crushed redcurrant combined with a touch of strawberry, tonka bean / mocha, undergrowth, cardamom and a discreet hint of tea. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, fat, a small austere side as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a touch of raspberry, toasted oak, tonka bean, earth and spices. Tannins are well-built and a bit chewy. Good length.

Score : 15+

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Château Hervé Laroque 2015 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a fine richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, juicy cassis and wild raspberry associated with a discreet hint of colas as well as very discreet hints of spices / oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a fine minerality, elegance, a fine richness, gourmandise, a mineral frame, an acidity (in the background) as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of cherry, wild red berries associated with a hint of zan, grilled oak and an imperceptible hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and aromatic persistence. There is a very discreet hint of saline minerality on the finish.

Score : 16

Château Les Roches de Ferrand 2015 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and slight notes of raspberry, Gariguet strawberry associated with a hint of lilac, a touch of chocolate as well as a discreet touch of gray pepper (in the background) and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, straightness, precision, a nice elegance, a nice richness (but full of finesse), a good dynamism, an acid frame and a minerality racy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, juicy strawberry and touches of juicy blackberry, small berries associated with fine touches of chocolate, spices as well as a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. The persistence offers touches of dark chocolate and juicy fruit. There is a very discreet hint of saline minerality on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.75

Château Moulin Haut Laroque 2015 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, racy minerality and a slightly charming. It reveals notes of blackberry, flowers and slight notes of fresh red fruits associated with a touch of Sichuan pepper, spices, wood / oak and an imperceptible hint of cumin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a good definition, finesse, harmony, a fine freshness, a good structure and a fine richness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and black cherry, combined with touches of fresh/crushed raspberries as well as fine/discreet hints of oak, cola and hints of violet. Tannins are a bit firm and fine. Good length. There are small touches of chocolate on the finish.

Score : 15.5

Château Lambert – Cuvée Barriques 2015 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, ripe cherry and ripe strawberry combined

with touches of spices / pepper, Tonka bean as well as a very discreet hint of wood and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, gourmandise and acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy strawberry and fine touches of juicy berries / redcurrants combined with touches of wood, chocolate as well as very discreet touches of vanilla and licorice (in the background / persistence). Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a fine hint of salinity on the finish.

Score : 15+

Château Richelieu 2015 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers gourmandise as well as richness. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysen blackberry and wild strawberries associated with fine touches of crushed redcurrant, chocolate as well as slight

toasted touches oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank, straight, supple and offers a nice minerality, an acid frame, suavity and a beautiful freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and fleshy / juicy strawberries combined with fine touches of crushed / jammy redcurrant as well as subtle touches of chocolate, vanilla and a very discreet hint of caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and a bit firm / young. Good length and good persistence. There is a hint of dark chocolate and violet on the aftertaste / persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château Haut Lariveau 2015 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, aromatic and a bit 'strict'. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and crushed redcurrant / strawberry combined with touches of colas, Sichuan pepper and vanilla / toasted oak. This wine need to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juicy frame, a fine

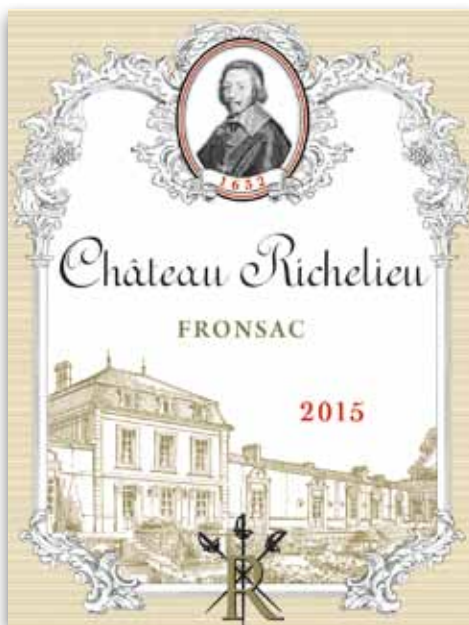
acidity, a subtle suavity, elegance, freshness, a good definition, fine straightness and suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry and redcurrant associated with fine touches of chocolate, licorice as well as a discreet hint of vanilla/oak and caramelization. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5

Château Clos Lague 2015 Fronsac

The nose is spicy. It reveals notes of cassis, juicy berries and spices associated with slight notes of black cherry, wild strawberries and hints of discreet wood, Bourbon vanilla and chocolate (in the background, after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine acid frame, a good definition and a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and cassis associated with touches of wild red fruits as well as a subtle hint of colas and very discreet touches of spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length.

Score : 15



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Château Lambert 2015

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The nose is aromatic and offers a small hardness (from the Cabernet Sauvignon). It reveals notes of blackberry and flowers combined with touches of crushed cassis, black cherry, strawberry and an imperceptible hint of ripe red bell pepper and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, sanguine and offers suavity, a small hardness (from the Cabernet Sauvignon) as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy cassis and slight notes of cherry, strawberry associated with an imperceptible hint of ripe red bell pepper, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well built as well as (very) slightly firm. The finish is very slightly dry.

Score : 15

Château Beau Site de la Tour 2015

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and a bit closed. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of fleshy strawberry combined with discreet touches of wood, licorice and an imperceptible hint of chocolate and pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine acid frame, fat, freshness and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed / juicy black cherry combined with fine touches of raspberry, redcurrant and a discreet hint of dark chocolate, coffee and vanilla / toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château Carlmagnus 2015

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers gourmandise, elegance as well as depthness. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and fleshy strawberry associated with touches of cassis, gray pepper and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine acid frame, a racy minerality, fat, juiciness, a beautiful straightness and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and cassis associated with touches of fleshy Gariguet strawberry, redcurrant, chocolate, wood / caramelization and a subtle / imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). Tannins are fine and firm. Good persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château La Rivière 2015

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, racy and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberries and fresh redcurrant combined with fine touches of flowers, wild / fresh red fruits, racy minerality / flint, and subtle hints of gray peppers / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a nice minerality, a nice roundness / fat, a good definition, gourmandise, a juicy fraile, a beautiful matter and a good guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of fleshy red cherry with a touch of fresh redcurrant, Bourbon vanilla, caramelization, oak as well as an imperceptible hint of mocha / spices (in the background). Tannins are fine-built. Good length and beautiful persistence (a hint of colas).

Score : 16

Château Saint Rémy 2015

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, structured, straight and offers a fine hardness (from Cabernet Sauvignon). It need to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of redcurrant, wild strawberries and juicy cassis combined with a hint

of flowers, ripe bell peppers, discreet notes of spices as well as a very discreet note of Sichuan pepper, grilled oak and an imperceptible hint of coffee (after aeration). The palate is fruity, silky, suave, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a good definition, a fine mineral frame, elegance, straightness and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, ripe redcurrant, cassis and fine touches of blackberry combined with a subtle hint of colas / licorice as well as a touch of mocha and toasted oak. Tannins are well conducted. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Tessendey 2015

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and leather associated with a hint of gray pepper as well as a touch of limestone and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, structured, aerial and offers a nice juiciness, a racy minerality, a fine freshness, an acid frame as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry and cherry associated with slight notes of cassis, black cherry, a hint of licorice / zan as well as a subtle hint of grilled oak and mocha. Tannins are a bit dusty. Good length.

Score : 15

Château La Dauphine 2015

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a richness as well as depthness. It need to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crushed cassis and crushed blackberry and wild strawberries associated with fine touches of redcurrant, licorice as well as subtle hints of caramelization, Sichuan pepper, racy minerality, a very discreet hint of tobacco / clove and very discreet hints spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a nice acid frame, straightness, suppleness, precision, aerial side, a nice definition, a good structure, a slight fat and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and redcurrant associated with hints of black chocolate / mocha and a subtle hint of pepper / spices. Tannins are fine, straight and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16+

Château Dalem 2015

Fronsac

The nose is fine, aromatic, a bit tight and offers richness / concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and wild berries associated with touches of mocha, gray pepper and a very discreet touch of cocoa, woody / vanilla and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a nice acid frame, a fine fat, a nice definition / maturity and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry / juicy, black cherry and Gariguet strawberry combined with a subtle hint of chocolate, flowers / violet as well as fine touches of caramelization. Good length.

Score : 16

Château Haut Carles 2015

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small finesse, richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed strawberry and chocolate combined with touches of ripe redcurrant / raspberry as well as a subtle hint of blossom and wood / vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, a bit tight, silky and offers gourmandise, a fine tension, a fine acid frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant, cherry and touches of blackberry, black cherry combined with discreet toasted touches wood, carameli-



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zation as well as a subtle hint of coffee, vanilla and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of ripe bell pepper (in the background). Tannins are a bit mellow. Good length. Presence of a fine hint of caramelization and dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16

Château Barbey 2015 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, cornflower), fresh strawberry and redcurrant associated with a subtle hint of cassis, a very discreet hint of bell pepper and a subtle toasted hint (in the background). The mouth is fruity, fresh, a bit tight, sanguine / fluid and offers minerality, fat, a good volume as well as an acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of red cherry, redcurrant and blackberry, combined with subtle touches of plum, a hint of ripe bell pepper, subtle touches of flowers, toasted oak as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Puy Guilhem 2015 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant, straight and offers a good structure. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe redcurrant and fleshy strawberry associated with toasted hints, vanilla and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a fine acidity, a nice juicy frame, a good definition, a small aerial side, a beautiful matter, a fine unctuousity and a beautiful elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and touches of crushed strawberry combined with a subtle touch of blueberry, violet as well as fine toasted hints oak / vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit mellow. There is a very subtle hint of melted chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16

Château de Carles 2015 Fronsac

The nose is fresh, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and raspberry associated with a touch of flowers, cherry, racy minerality as well as subtle touches of chocolate, cardamon and vanilla / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a nice definition, tension, fat as well as roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, plum, cassis and touches of raspberry associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, colas, very discreet toasted touches oak / vanilla and an imperceptible hint of cardamon and tobacco. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.75

Château La Valade 2015 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, concentrated, relatively powerful and offers a very slight dusty side. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of plum associated with a subtle touch of red berries as well as discreet touches of wood, spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers juiciness, an acid frame, a beautiful suavity, unctuousity, a nice definition, tension and an aerial as-

pect. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and slight notes of juicy plum associated with touches of fleshy Gariguette strawberry, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Hauchat – La Rose 2015 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of coffee, dark chocolate and blackberry associated with fine notes of Gariguette strawberry, crushed raspberry and fine hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, elegant and offers a nice fat / unctuousity, a beautiful freshness, a fine acid, fat, tension and a nice definition / structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy Gariguette strawberry, blueberry and raspberry asso-

ciated with a very discreet hint of redcurrant, racy minerality, caramelization, mocha and toasted oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. There are a hint of acidity (from red fruits) and a hint chocolate / caramelization on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 15.75+

Château La Brande 2015 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, straight and structured (marked by Cabernet). It reveals notes of cassis, violet and cherry associated with a touch of juicy red berries, fresh raspberry, juicy black berries, toasted, vanilla and a very discreet hint of cardamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a nice acid frame, suavity and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy redcurrant and juicy wild strawberry associated with hints of cherry, vanilla, caramelized oak as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamon and tea on the finish. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Les Trois Seigneurs 2015 Fronsac

The nose is concentrated, a bit tight and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of spices, redcurrant, raspberry and Sichuan pepper associated with small notes of blackberry, cassis, sweet spices and oak / vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, suave, nicely balanced and offers an acidic frame and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy plum associated with small notes of crushed strawberry, crushed redcurrant as well as a subtle hint of raspberry, flowers, sweet spices and toasted oak / vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15

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Château Moulin Pey Labrie 2015 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, aromatic, tight and offers a fine concentration, elegance as well as richness. It reveals notes of cassis, red berries and nice touches of raspberry touches combined with touches of spices, wood as well as a very discreet hint of coffee / cardamon and an imperceptible



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hint of violet / pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a nice fat / suavity, a nice volume and a good matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed cassis, raspberry and ripe redcurrant, combined with fine touches of cardamom, flowers as well as discreet toasted touches oak and a touch of cocoa. Good length. There is a subtle hint of coffee on the aftertaste.

Score : 15+

Château Puy Guilhem 2015

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, straight and offers a fine concentration (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed cassis, Boysenberry and wild strawberries combined with a subtle hint of violet, licorice, toasted oak, vanilla, spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine freshness, a fine acid frame, a beautiful definition, elegance, a beautiful structure, richness, complexity, straightness as well as a slightly velvety matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy plum and fine notes of fleshy Gariguettes, ripe redcurrant associated with touches of chocolate, wood / vanilla and a subtle hint of sweet spices (cardamom, nutmeg ...). Good length.

Score : 16.25

L'Enclos Saint Louis 2015

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, structured and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, violet / flowers and blackberry, combined with a subtle hint of crushed Gariguettes strawberry, raspberry as well as fine touches of sweet spices, toasted oak / vanilla and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a fine juiciness, minerality, a fine fat, a nice freshness, a nice acidity as well as a fine gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, raspberry and fine notes of redcurrant, blackberry combined with a subtle hint of licorice / colas, ripe bell pepper and very discreet touches of sweet spices / vanilla. There is a fine touch of saline minerality on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château Du Gazin 2015

Canon-Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of cassis, cassis bud and fresh / juicy berries combined with fine hints of wild raspberry, crushed ripe redcurrant, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of caramelized oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, roundness, a mineral frame and a fine acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy berries and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of strawberry, slight hints of fresh flowers / blueberry as well as slight toasted hints oak, discreet touches of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of mocha. Good length.

Score : 15

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Château Lambert Cuvée Barriques 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and cassis associated with a touch of blueberry cream, cola, chocolate and a subtle touch of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a fine juiciness, racy minerality, a fine richness and a fine fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes

of ripe red cherry, blackberry, cassis and fine touches of black cherry / raspberry combined with a touch of licorice, toasted oak as well as a subtle touch of tobacco and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. There are an imperceptible hint of mocha and a touch of acidity on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 15.25

Château La Dauphine 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, finely concentrated as well as finely tight. It reveals notes of strawberry, crushed raspberry and fine touches of cherry jam, crushed cassis combined with a hint of blueberry and an imperceptible hint of violet, sweet spices and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity, a fine juiciness, finesse and a fine elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and fleshy Gariguettes strawberry associated with a touch of fleshy red cherry, toasted oak as well as subtle touches of caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence (with a hint of chocolate).

Score : 15.5+

Château Lambert 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, structured and offers concentration and a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry jam and blackberry / cassis combined with slight touches of plum, licorice / cola as well as a subtle toasted hint and mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid texture, juiciness, minerality, a fine straightness and a good structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, blackberry and fine notes of raspberry combined with a hint of plum, toasted oak and fine hints of cola and an imperceptible hint of coffee. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Fontenil 2014

Fronsac

The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wood, sweet spices and cassis associated with a touch of blackberry, raspberry, fresh red berries and subtle touches of chocolate and sweet spices / cardamom. This wine needs to be put in carafe. After aeration there is an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine minerality, a nice juiciness, an acid frame, fat and a fine suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry and toasted touches oak associated with subtle touches of flowers, cassis as well as touches of chocolate / sweet spices on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5

Château Saint Remy 2014

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, very slightly tight and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and fine touches of leather, oak combined with a hint of wild strawberry, wild raspberry and a subtle hint of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite precise, racy and juicy and offers a fine juicy frame, a beautiful definition, a fine suavity, gourmandise and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and touches of cassis associated with subtle touches of crushed blackberry, cola, hints of liquorice and subtle hints of spices / toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good persistence.

Score : 14.75+

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Château La Rivière 2014

Fronsac

The nose is gourmand, well-built and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of redcurrant jam, cherry, raspberry and touches of juicy cassis associated with subtle touches of colas as well as a discreet touch of caramelized oak, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of saline minerality (in the background). The palate is fruity, slightly gourmande and offers freshness, a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, fat, a good definition, precision, finesse as well as a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and fine touches of red cherry, raspberry, toasted oak, licorice associated with a subtle hint of colas, tonka bean (in the background), subtle touches of caramelized oak and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Château Les Roches de Ferrand 2014

Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of wood and tobacco combined with a subtle touch of leather, fleshy strawberry, raspberry and touches of blackberry, flowers and a very discreet tip of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fluid and offers a fine juiciness, a small fat, a good definition, a good volume, dynamism and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackcurrant, black cherry, raspberry and fine touches of strawberry associated with hints of cola as well as very discreet hints of undergrowth and oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Clos du Roy 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant, slightly fleshy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and subtle hints of berry, flowers / violets associated with touches of wild strawberry, subtle touches of chocolate, toasted oak, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of hazelnut and gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a very fine juiciness and suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and fine touches of plum associated with a hint of toasted oak, caramelisation and a subtle / discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built and slightly mellow. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château Carlmagnus 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, a fine elegance, richness and power. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis jam, crushed strawberry and a touch of raspberry combined with a very discreet hint of ripe / crushed plum as well as subtle touches of wood, sweet spices and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame (beautiful minerality), a fine juiciness, a good structure, a fine acidity (in the background), suavity and a fine depthness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed cassis, ripe / crushed wild strawberry and ripe raspberry, combined with fine touches of chocolate, caramelized wood and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built,

firm and slightly cubic. Good length. There is a fine touch of licorice on the aftertaste / persistence.

Score : 15.75

Château Haut Lariveau 2014

Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of crushed strawberries, raspberry jam, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of licorice and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine suavity, a fine acid frame, a fine straightness and suppleness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, juicy strawberry and raspberry combined with fine touches of black cherry, liquorice, a subtle hint of blueberry as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a hint of cardamom on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.75

Château Castagnac 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine structure. It reveals notes of red berries / redcurrant, cherry and a hint of ripe bell pepper combined with subtle touches of cassis, violet as well as a very discreet hint of toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers juiciness, a fine acid frame, freshness and a good structure. The mouth is marked by the Cabernet Sauvignon. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy cassis combined with fine touches of cherry, redcurrant as well as hints of colas, violet / ripe bell pepper and a subtle hint of toasted oak / vanilla woody. Tannins are very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Renard Mondesir 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers concentration. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, cassis, crushed wild strawberry and ripe cherry

combined with a touch of colas, sweet spices, cardamom, caramelized oak as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine juiciness and suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and fine touches of cassis associated with a touch of cherry, licorice, tobacco / cardamom and a subtle hint of spices. Tannins are well-built. There is a subtle hint of vanilla and coconut on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.75+

Château Les Trois Croix 2014

Fronsac

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of black berries, strawberries, crushed raspberries combined with a hint of liquorice, wood, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, nutmeg, violet and a very discreet hint of undergrowth (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande and offers juiciness, a nice freshness / minerality, dynamism, volume, a good definition, fat, a fine unctuousity, a fine ele-



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gance as well as a very fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis and fleshy blackberry associated with touches of ripe red berries as well as hints of wood / vanilla, dark chocolate / tonka bean, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built. An ample, round, fruity and gourmand wine. The finish / persistence is gourmande.

Score : 16+

Château Tessendey 2014

Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of ripe red berries, cassis and small notes of undergrowth / earth associated with subtle hints of violet, zan, spices, chocolate, an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and sanguine and offers a small fluidity, a fine suavity, an acid frame, racy minerality, a fine fat, straightness and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and fine notes of fleshy raspberry, Gariguette strawberry associated with touches of violets, fine touches of undergrowth, spices as well as a very discreet hint of melted chocolate and hazelnut (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

CANON FRONSAC 2014

Château Moulin Pey Labrie 2014

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of strawberry, crushed cassis and chocolate combined with fine touches of redcurrant as well as subtle touches of sweet spices and caramelization. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a great minerality, an acid frame and a fine fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and fine notes of juicy redcurrant combined with a touch of cassis, toasted oak, sweet spices, ripe bell pepper and subtle touches of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Grand Renouil 2014

Canon-Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of cassis associated with fine notes of raspberry, coffee, chocolate, oak and a touch of blackberry. The palate is fruity and offers a fine suavity, a fine juiciness, minerality as well as an acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cassis and redcurrant combined with fine touches of wild strawberry, blackberry, ripe sweet pepper, toasted oak / vanilla and a subtle hint of cardamon / chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Château Canon La Valade 2014

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, juicy wild red berries combined with a hint of raspberry, a vegetal hint as well as a subtle hint

of vanilla / wood and an imperceptible hint of cardamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine racy minerality, an acid frame, a fine intensity, depthness as well as a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, crushed cassis and blackberry combined with a touch of black cherry, chocolate, oak / vanilla as well as a subtle touch of caramelization and an imperceptible vegetal hint (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly mellow. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Canon 2014

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of red berries combined with a touch of leather, wood, spices and a subtle hint of ripe bell pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a nice acid frame, dynamism, a nice definition as well as suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry juice and redcurrant associated with a touch of blackberry, juicy blueberry as well as subtle touches of flowers, ripe pepper, colas and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Mazeris Bellevue 2014

Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration and fine elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, fresh strawberries and fine touches of raspberry combined with touches of juicy blackberry, colas, subtle toasted touches as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe bell pepper and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a fine mineral frame

as well as a fine fat / suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and fine touches of raspberry combined with a touch of juicy berries, colas, subtle toasted touches as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization and blueberry. Tannins are slightly firm. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate on the aftertaste.

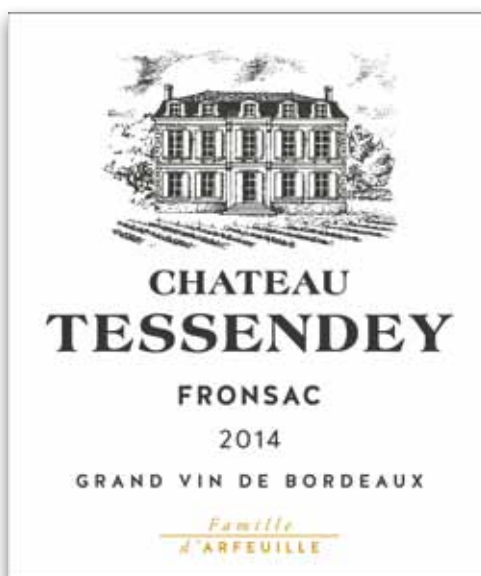
Score : 15

Château Du Gazin 2014

Canon-Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, underbrush and fine hints of cassis combined with a subtle hint of strawberry as well as a very discreet hint of mocha and wood. The mouth is mineral (nice minerality), fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame as well as a small fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and fine touches of raspberry, strawberry associated with a hint of toasted oak, touches of minerality, subtle touches of dark chocolate, coffee as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are slightly mellow. Good length.

Score : 15+



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Fugue de Nénin 2010

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The nose is aromatic, finely powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of redcurrant jam, cassis and fine notes of ripe wild strawberry combined with hints of chocolate, grilled oak, subtle hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of white pepper and cumin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a fine minerality, a nice straightness / tension, a nice freshness as well as a nice, elegant and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry, crushed redcurrant and cassis associated with touches of blackberry, wood as well as fine hints of wild strawberry and a subtle hint of caramelized oak on the finish. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Château Cantelauze 2010

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, aromatic, finely powerful and offers concentration. It reveals fine notes of dark chocolate, blackberry and fine notes of blueberry combined with fine hints of raspberry jam and strawberry Gariguet. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers a beautiful freshness, an acid frame, a nice definition / finesse of the grain, a good definition, straightness as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and fleshy cassis combined with hints of juicy wild strawberry, red berries as well as fine hints of caramelized oak, sweet spices and a subtle hint of cedar wood. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm.

Score : 15.5+

Château Nénin 2010

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, finely powerful and offers harmony. It reveals notes of crushed wild blackberries, crushed cassis and small notes of wild raspberry, crushed redcurrant associated with toasted touches oak, tonka bean as well as subtle hint of spices, oak and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, elegance, straightness, a fine suavity, depthness, a good structure as well as an aerial / strict aspect and a nice grain. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy Boysenberry, cassis, ripe wild strawberries combined with hints of cocoa, raspberry, toasted hints, gray pepper and imperceptible / discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are fine, a bit grainy and offer a beautiful grain. Good length. Beautiful persistence with slight notes of cocoa and coffee.

Score : 16.5+

Château Altimar 2012

Pomerol

The nose is relatively aromatic, concentrated, a bit tight and offers complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy wild berries, ripe blueberry and fine notes of redcurrant jam, Gariguet strawberry associated with a hint of clay (terroir), mushroom / undergrowth as well as slight hints of tonka bean, Ceylon tea, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of pepper (after aeration). The mouth is fruity, gourmande, silky, nicely suave, elegant,

well-balanced and offers fat, tension a beautiful definition, a nice acid frame, harmony, a nice definition, a nice matter as well as a fine racy minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of Boysenberry and ripe blueberries combined with fine notes of fleshy strawberry, hints of ripe berries as well as subtle toasted touches oak, dark chocolate, spices and very discreet hints of gray pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. The persistence and the aftertaste are slightly powerful and offer fine hints of cocoa, espresso as well as a subtle hint of caramelized oak.

Score : 16.25

Fugue Nénin 2012

Pomerol

The nose is fine, concentrated, spicy and finely powerful. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe wild strawberry and fine notes of wild blackberry, fleshy wild berries associated with hints of wood,

violets as well as subtle touches of Sichuan pepper, spices, toasted oak, a hint of grilled oak and an imperceptible hint of espresso (after aeration). The palate is nicely fruity / juicy, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice matter, a fine mineral frame as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed cassis, crushed blueberry and fine notes of juicy red berries, fleshy raspberry combined with touches of concentrated blackberry, toasted oak as well as subtle hints of cocoa, gray pepper and violet. Tannins are fine and well-built. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 15.75

Château Nénin 2012

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand, racy and offers a fine depthness and gourmandise (in the background). It reveals notes of blueberry, crushed Boysenberry and terroir (blue clay) combined with discreet hints of crushed strawberry, redcurrant as well as subtle touches of wood, vanilla, sweet spices, cocoa

and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, elegant, slightly tight, well-built and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a fine acidity, a fine unctuousness, a nice juiciness (finesse) as well as a fine straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blueberry, Boysenberry and slight notes of wild raspberry, fleshy / juicy redcurrant combined with fine touches of grilled oak, coffee, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of mocha and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are well-built. The finish is slightly powerful. Good length. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75+

Château Nénin 2015

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry and cassis associated with fine hints of blackberry, crushed Gariguet strawberry, and subtle hints of ripe redcurrant, discreet hints of wood, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine juiciness, a fine acidity, a fine suavity, a nice matter as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry



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and juicy raspberry combined with fine touches of cassis, blue fruits, zan, tobacco, cardamon, wood / spices as well as a subtle hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and very slightly grainy. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a slight hint of bitter dark chocolate on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.75+

Château Le Bon Pasteur 2015 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, finely powerful and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of coffee, blackberry and crushed wild strawberries combined with hints of mocha / cocoa, wood, blue fruits as well as touches of spices and caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, delicate, gourmande, racy and offers a fine finesse, a fine acid frame, tension, a fine suavity, a fine freshness, beautiful velvety grain, complexity and a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy Boysenberry, fleshy blueberry and fine notes of crunchy Gariguet strawberry associated with fine hints of raspberry, grilled wood, mocha, gray pepper, clay, flowers, spices as well as slight touches of chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm. Good length. There is a hint of coffee and cocoa on the persistence. A beautiful wine! Nice potential. (2020+)

Score : 17.5

Fugue de Nénin 2015 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness and a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry cream and crushed cassis associated with fine hints of cornflower, fleshy strawberry, blueberry as well as a hint of spices / cardamom and a subtle hint of dark chocolate powder. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice acid frame, a racy / clay minerality, precision, gourmandise, harmony, a nice juiciness as well as a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crushed cassis combined with fine touches of fresh strawberry, fine hints of ripe redcurrant and toasted touches oak, cardamom, cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château La Croix 2015 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine juiciness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blueberry, cassis and fine touches of blackberry, strawberry, redcurrant jam associated with a touch of purple flowers, clay, vanilla, caramelized oak, mocha and a very discreet hint of zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness / gourmandise, a fine suavity, an acid frame, minerality, a good structure, a small tension as well as a good definition / expression. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blueberry and juicy Boysenberry combined with slight touches of wild strawberries, red berries as well as hints of licorice, grilled oak and a subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

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Château Perron 2010 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe redcurrant, raspberry and fine touches of cassis combined with a touch of cornflower, hints of spices (nutmeg, gray pepper) as well as a very discreet hint of cocoa and an imperceptible hint of leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine acid frame, minerality as well as fat / suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe redcurrant, ripe wild strawberry and fine touches of cassis combined with a touch of cherry, touches of wood, nutmeg, undergrowth / mushroom as well as a subtle / very discreet hint of caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of salinity (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Perron 2011 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic as well as offers richness and fine concentration. It reveals notes of chocolate, Boysenberry and fleshy strawberry combined with slight notes of cardamom, caramelized oak as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, soft and offers minerality, a nice suavity, a juicy frame and a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and fine notes of raspberry, cassis associated with toasted touches oak, mocha as well as a subtle hint of cardamom, caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of licorice. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

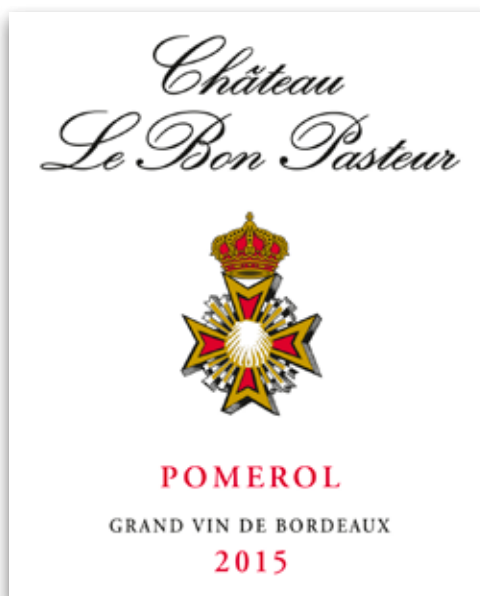
Château Perron 2012 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of spices, blackberry and subtle notes of blueberry, strawberry associated with touches of chocolate, leather and a discreet hint of cornflower and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a fine fat, a fine juiciness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry / juicy cassis, ripe redcurrant and fine notes of strawberry, blackberry associated with a touch of cornflower as well as small hints of leather, wood and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Grand Ormeau 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers a certain richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of chocolate, blueberry, crushed Gariguet strawberry and slight notes of ripe blackberries combined with fine hints of cardamom, vanilla, chocolate, caramelization / praline as well as a touch of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of earth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a nice minerality, suavity, a nice straightness / tension, elegance, precision, freshness, a beautiful silky matter as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy Boysenberries, wild strawberries and touches of blueberry, raspberry, small berries associated with toasted hints / carame-



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lized oak as well as a touch of vanilla, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of crushed cardamon. Tannins are fine, racy and supple. Good persistence, slightly powerful and with an imperceptible hint of coffee.

Score : 16+

Château Les Hauts-Conseillants 2014 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers richness as well as finesse. It reveals notes of Boysenberries, flowers (violet, cornflower), cassis and ripe strawberry associated with a touch of redcurrant jam, melted chocolate as well as a subtle / discreet hint of Lapsang Souchong tea, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, suave, silky, slightly delicate and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, precision, a fine gourmandise and a fine straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and fine touches of ripe redcurrant combined with touches of raspberry, subtle touches of chocolate, caramelised oak, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of oak (in the background) and fine touches of flowers.

Score : 16

Château de Chambrun 2014 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, fleshy and racy. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and crushed strawberry combined with fine touches of blueberry, redcurrant jam and touches of caramelized oak, cardamom, cornflower as well as a subtle hint of chocolate / bean Tonka. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a nice juiciness, tension, a fine gourmandise, freshness and a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, ripe / juicy wild berries and touches of cherry, raspberry associated with hints of caramelization, cardamom, wood as well as a subtle hint of cornflower and chocolate. Tannins are fine, supple and very slightly dry.

Score : 15.5+

Château Moncets 2014 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and offers a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of chocolate, mushrooms / spices and crushed blackberries combined with small notes of crushed strawberry, Sichuan pepper and a subtle caramelized hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a fine suavity, an acid frame, a racy minerality and a good structure. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis and fleshy / juicy strawberry combined with fine notes of ripe/jammy redcurrant as well as a touch of fresh raspberry, slight notes of tonka bean, wood, vanilla and a subtle hint of mushroom. Tannins are chewy. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château Perron - La Fleur 2009 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, ripe cherry and crushed strawberry combined with touches of blackberry, chocolate, wood, hints of spices (nutmeg, Timut pepper, sweet spices) as well as a subtle / discreet hint of coffee, mushroom and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, silky as well as offers a fine suavity, mi-

nerality, fine straightness and a very discreet salinity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis, wild strawberry and a touch of small berries associated with small touches of grilled oak, mocha, spices as well as a discreet hint of mushroom and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Perron 2015 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and fresh strawberry associated with touches of redcurrant, raspberry as well as touches of oak, caramelization / wood, a very discreet hint of cocoa bean, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, fine, silky, slightly powerful and offers a nice suavity, tension, a good structure, freshness,

an acid frame and a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, crushed strawberry and crushed blackberries combined with a subtle touch of cassis, cornflower as well as a hint of toasted oak, zan, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Perron 2014 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose reveals notes of cocoa, spices, undergrowth, crushed cassis, strawberry and raspberry associated with a touch of vanilla, wood and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine acidity (in the background), a good volume as well as a fine fresh frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, blueberry and ripe strawberry, combined with a subtle hint of redcurrant and touches of spices, mocha, tobacco and undergrowth.

Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75

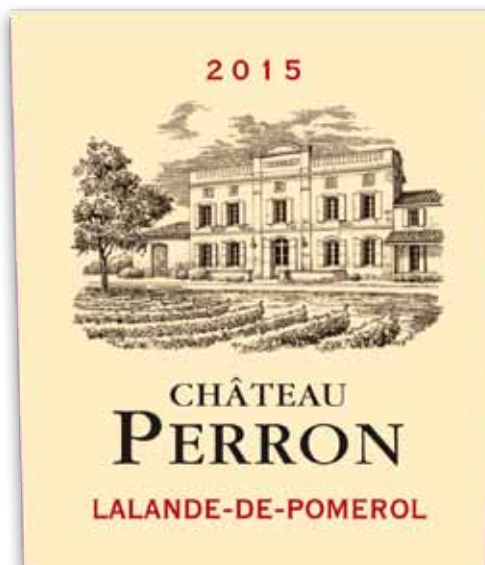
Château Altimar 2012 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of flowers (cornflower, lilies), blackberry and ripe wild berries combined with touches of spices (gray pepper ...) as well as an imperceptible hint of undergrowth and wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine juiciness, freshness, a good definition, a fine suavity, finesse, elegance and a good guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy Boysenberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy raspberry as well as fine touches of wood, mocha, truffle and very discreet touches of spices. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château Altimar 2014 **Lalande-de-Pomerol**

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers richness. It reveals notes of chocolate, crème de cassis, crushed redcurrant and crushed strawberry combined with touches of cardamom, Bourbon vanilla as well as subtle toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity, a fine suavity, a good structure and a fine tension. In the



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mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy redcurrant and juicy raspberry combined with slight touches of juicy blackberry, plum as well as toasted oak, discreet hints of caramelization and a subtle touch of vanilla Bourbon. Tannins are well-built and chewy. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château Altimar 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, quite elegant and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, flowers and blueberries combined with touches of crushed strawberry, ripe / crushed red berries as well as subtle touches of flowers, spices, a slight hint of menthol licorice and a very discreet hint of cardamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a slight juiciness, a fine acid frame, finesse, elegance, a nice definition, a good guideline, a good structure, a fine straightness, a nice gourmandise, a good definition as well as a fine depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry and strawberry associated with touches of redcurrant jam, chocolate, Bourbon vanilla as well as fine hints of of toasted oak / crème brûlée. Tannins are slightly mellow, elegant and discreetly dusty. Beautiful persistence with slight touches of chocolate.

Score : 16

Château Haut Chatain 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness, a nice grain and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed wild strawberries and cassis combined with a subtle hint of redcurrant as well as discreet touches of tonka bean and vanilla/wood. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice suavity, a good definition, a beautiful minerality (mineral frame), a fine acidity (in the background), a nice juiciness / freshness, depthness and a good volume. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, juicy / fresh raspberry and fine notes of cassis combined with a touch of blackberry / plum, toasted touches oak, vanilla and slight touches of chocolate powder. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence (a hint of chocolate and imperceptible hint of coffee).

Score : 15.75

Château Grand Ormeau 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand, well-built and offers a fine intensity, a fine elegance as well as concentration. It reveals notes of chocolate, spices, blueberry jam and crushed strawberry combined with slight notes of flowers, licorice, crushed raspberry, caramelized oak and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine acid frame, a fine freshness, a good structure, straightness and a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis, juicy wild strawberry and fine touches of fleshy redcurrant associated with a hint of fleshy raspberry, caramelized oak, vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of tonka bean and coffee. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly grainy. Good length. The finish is slightly powerful. There are a touch of dark chocolate and a touch of coffee on the persistence. (2019+)

Score : 15.5+

Château Les Hauts-Conseillants 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is relatively aromatic, slightly powerful / concentrated and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of wild cassis, crushed blackberry and fine notes of crushed redcurrant combined with a touch of morello cherry, touches of chocolate powder, blue flowers, caramelized oak as well as subtle touches of cardamon and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, round, silky,

finely powerful and offers suavity, a nice juiciness, a nice definition and a fine freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy red berries and touches of fleshy Gariguet strawberry combined with fine touches of crushed blueberry, toasted oak, caramelization and a subtle touch of vanilla Bourbon. Tannins are well-built. Good length. The persistence is gourmande.

Score : 15.5+

Château La Croix Romane 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose offers notes of blackberry, leather / undergrowth and fine touches of wild fruits, redcurrant associated with discreet hints of caramel, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper, spices and a fine touch of flowers / pistil. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a nice juicy frame, a fine minerality, tension as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, crushed blackberry and small wild berries combined with toasted touches oak, tobacco, undergrowth as well as a subtle mocha and coffee. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Perron – La Fleur 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, concentrated, finely gourmand as well as finely elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, Gariguet strawberry and red berries combined with fine hints of cassis, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine juiciness, fat, tension, a fine straightness, a fine unctuousity and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed black berries and crushed strawberry combined with fine touches of redcurrant, caramelized oak, a subtle hint of licorice / zan, tobacco as well as touches of vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. The finish is gourmande.

Score : 15.25+

Château Haut Chatain 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is slightly rich and offers concentration and a fine power (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and raspberry jam associated with a touch of strawberry, flowers as well as hints of chocolate and caramelization / Praline. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), suavity, freshness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and raspberry jam associated with fine notes of fresh small red fruits, berries, cassis as well as touches of caramelized oak, subtle hints of chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are slightly firm.

Score : 15

Château Vieux Chaigneau 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness / gourmandise. It reveals notes of flowers, pistil and blueberry associated with touches of juicy Gariguet strawberry, cassis and fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a nice suavity, a good definition, a fine gourmandise, an acid fram as well as silkiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, red berries and blackberry associated with fine touches of cassis / cherry, flowers as well as discreet hints of licorice, toasted oak, spices and an imperceptible hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

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Château Guimberteau - Cuvée Tradition 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe berries / cassis, redcurrant and fine touches of cornflower, strawberry, wood combined with slight notes of caramelization, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of undergrowth / earth and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a fine juiciness, an acid frame, suavity, a good structure as well as a fine minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, blueberry and raspberry combined with fine touches of blackberry, wood, caramelisation, zan as well as a subtle hint of flower and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Guimberteau Cuvée Prestige 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry and flowers (cornflower, lilies) combined with slight notes of red berries, crushed raspberry, woody touches, Sichuan pepper and subtle touches of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a nice freshness, a fine juiciness, fat, a nice minerality, an acid frame and a nice definition / juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and juicy berries combined with slight notes of ripe / juicy cherry, fresh / juicy raspberry, toasted touches oak as well as a subtle hint of flowers, caramelization and cardamon. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Château Vieux Chaigneau 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is quite elegant, slightly powerful and offers a fine richness / concentration and a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed berries, strawberry and raspberry combined with fine notes of chocolate, caramelization as well as fine hints of sweet spices and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice juicy / acid frame, a fine freshness, fat, elegance and gourmandise. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine touches of Gariguet strawberry, jammy red berries combined with a touch of blue fruits, touches of caramelized oak, vanilla as well as sweet spices and a subtle hint of praline. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Château Vieux Chevrol 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is straight and offers a fine juiciness, a fine power as well as fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild berries, cassis and fine touches of wild strawberries associated with small notes of spices, gray pepper, flowers and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine suavity, a fine acid frame, a fine concentration, a fine silkiness as well as a fine freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, jammy blueberry and redcurrant jam combined with slight touches of strawberry as well as hints of caramel, toasted oak and a

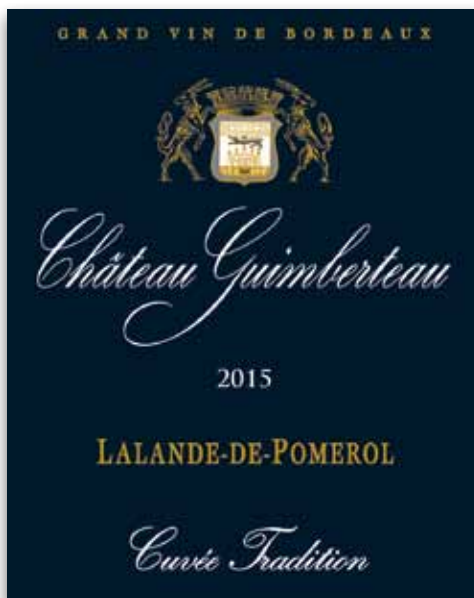
subtle hint of zan / tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Château du Grand Ormeau 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose offers a fine richness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of strawberry, mushroom as well as subtle hints of caramelized oak, spices and a touch of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a nice acid frame, freshness, a small fat, a fine concentration, a fine juiciness as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, ripe redcurrant and slight notes of cassis combined with fine touches of wood, blackberry as well as a discreet hint of flowers and spicy touches.

Score : 14.75+



Fleur des Ormes Cuvée Prestige 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is concentrated, finely tight and offers a fine richness and fine elegance. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and wild strawberry associated with touches of redcurrant, flowers, chocolate, caramelization as well as a subtle / very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-conducted and offers a nice freshness / minerality, a fine acid frame, a nice suavity, tension, a small aerial side and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, blackberry and fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with hints of redcurrant as well as subtle toasted touches oak, spices and mocha. There are a slight hint of espresso and a slight hint of vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Château de Marchesseau 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is finely powerful and offers a fine density. It reveals notes of blackberry, red berries and fine touches of fleshy raspberry / strawberry associated with hints of spices, subtle touches of oak, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper and leather. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a nice roundness, suavity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy berries and juicy redcurrant associated with slight touches of blueberry, blackberry as well as a hint of zan, tobacco, cardamon and wood. Tannins are well conducted and chewy. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Bertineau Saint-Vincent 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration and a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of flowers, cassis and fine hints of strawberry, blackberry combined with fine hints of cardamon, spices, wood and a very discreet hint of tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly juicy and offers a fine acid frame, a good structure, straightness, a good definition, a good gourmandise as well as an ele-

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gant and silky matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis and juicy wild berries combined with slight touches of raspberry, strawberry, chocolate, caramelized oak, cardamom and a touch of vanilla. Tannins are a bit firm and straight. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16

Château du Grand Ormeau 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity, juicy, aromatic and gourmand. It needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, blueberry and strawberry associated with hints of cassis jam, sweet spices, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of mocha and cornflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice juiciness, an acid frame, suavity, a fine elegance, gourmandise, tension and a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy redcurrant, juicy blueberries and wild berries combined with a touch of fresh Gariguet strawberry as well as touches of licorice, toasted oak, dark chocolate and a subtle touch of caramel / cardamom. Tannins are fine and straight. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Château Chatain 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, finely tight / concentrated and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blueberry, cornflower and chocolate combined with touches of redcurrant / raspberry jam as well as subtle touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a nice definition, a nice tension, an aerial aspect, freshness, a nice fat, gourmandise as well as a nice juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant jam and fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with small notes of blackberry, blueberry as well as fine hints of licorice, wood, vanilla and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. (2019+)

Score : 15.5+

Fleurs des Ormes – Cuvée Prestige 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, redcurrant jam and strawberry associated with slight notes of cassis, chocolate, caramelized oak and hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, an acid frame, a nice definition, a good «guideline», a fine straightness as well as a good gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and fine touches of redcurrant jam combined with touches of fresh raspberry, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of caramelization / praline. Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Château La Fleur de Boüard 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine concentration, elegance, complexity and gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and ripe redcurrant, combined with touches of wild strawberries, sour cherry, minerality, grilled oak, cocoa, a subtle touch of pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers freshness, an acid frame,

a small fat, a fine straightness as well as a fine complexity / depthness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed wild blackberry, cassis and fine notes of blueberry, wild strawberries associated with a hint of redcurrant, subtle toasted touches oak, cocoa, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper and flowers. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm / straight. Good length. The persistence is gourmande and offers notes of dark chocolate as well as a hint of caramelization.

Score : 16.5+

Château La Fleur de Boüard 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, finesse, a fine intensity as well as a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and small notes of crushed red fruits combined with a touch of flowers, liquorice as well as subtle hints of tobacco, wood / sweet spices, gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built

and offers a fine minerality, a fine tension, a nice suavity, freshness, a fine depthness, a small fat, a good definition as well as an acid frame (red fruits acidity). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cassis, blackberry and fine touches of ripe red berries combined with a subtle hint of plum, toasted oak as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, zan and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. Tannins are very fine, well-built and currently young. Good length. Beautiful potential (2019+).

Score : 16.25+

Château Belles-Graves 2014 Lalande-de-Pomerol

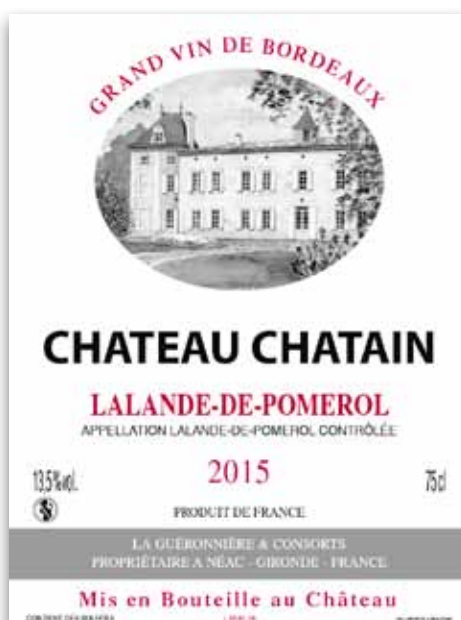
The nose is fruity, racy, aromatic, slightly powerful and offers a fine concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberries, small berries and fine woody touches associated with a subtle hint of pepper, cocoa as well as fine touches of sweet spices and a slight hint of blue flowers. The palate is fruity / aromatic, well-balanced, mineral, finely gourmande and offers a slight / discreet fleshiness (in the background), suavity, a fine tension as well as a fine roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of wild blackberry associated with a subtle hint of juicy berries, discreet toasted touches / caramelized oak as well as a subtle hint of cornflower and zan. Tannins are supple. Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of melted chocolate and a discreet hint of caramel on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.5

Château de Marchesseau 2015 Lalande-de-Pomerol

The nose is concentrated and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and blueberry combined with slight notes of caramelization, toasted oak, chocolate as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of flowers and tea. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a nice acid frame, a nice suavity, a good definition, a good matter as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, plum and juicy redcurrant associated with touches of wild strawberry as well as subtle hints of caramelized oak, chocolate, cardamom and a subtle hint of tea. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. Good potential.

Score : 15.75



Sweet Bordeaux

SAINTE-CROIX-DU-MONT

Château Laurette 2016

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

The nose is relatively fruity and offers freshness as well as concentration. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of lemon zest, yuzu and small notes of leather, green apple associated with touches of beeswax, botrytis and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a fine aerial side, a fine unctuousness, a fine richness as well as a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, green apple, crushed peach and small notes of pineapple in syrup combined with a touch of crushed kumquat, honey as well as a hint of botrytis and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

Score : 14.75

Château de Vertheuil 2014

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

The nose is aromatic, well-balanced, finely gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of honey, crushed pear, candied lemon and small notes of toasted brioche combined with touches of yellow plum in syrup, pineapple in syrup as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, spices and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, roundness, suavity, a fine creaminess as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized apple and pineapple in syrup combined with a touch of quince, crystallized kumquat, toasted brioche, small touches of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of litchi, white flowers and almond. Good length.

Score : 15+

Château Crabitan Bellevue 2012

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The nose is a bit tight and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine freshness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of candied lemon and nutmeg combined with small notes of quince, pear, kumquat and small toasted notes / spices. The palate is fruity and offers a fine minerality, freshness, a fine unctuousness as well as fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and candied Williams pears associated with slight touches of quince, apple and a toasted touch / brioche, spices and nutmeg. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Château La Grave 2011

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

The nose is fresh, quite fruity and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of zest of lemon, nutmeg, kumquat and mandarin with touches of crunchy apple, crunchy pineapple as well as hints of wood, spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, juiciness, fat, a fine richness, freshness as well as a fine unctuousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized apple and small notes of flat peach associated with touches of crunchy pineapple, honey, almond and spices. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Château La Grave

Sentiers d'Automne 2010

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

The nose is aromatic, fluid and offers freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of vanilla, brioche, kumquat and dry apricot purée associated with touches of lemon, honey and a hint of peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, acidity, a fine tension, a fine richness, fluidity, a good volume and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, sweet zest of mandarin and pineapple in syrup associated with small notes of quince, apple as well as a hint of beeswax and brioche. Good length and good persistence (finely gourmande!).

Score : 14.5

Château Bel Air

Prestige 2010

Sainte-Croix-du-Mont

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine concentration / richness. It reveals notes of candied lemon and candied clementine associated with touches of kumquat, yellow peach compote, beeswax, cedar, flowers, nutmeg, almond and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a good mineral frame, a small fat and straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of compoted yellow peach, quince and small notes of candied lemon associated with touches of crushed apple, honey, nutmeg, cardamom as well as an imperceptible hint of tea, dry fruits and caramelization. Good length.

Score : 15

CADILLAC

Château de Birot 2015

Cadillac

The nose is mineral and fruity. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon and green apple combined with small notes of lychee, apple blossom as well as a discreet hint of spices, flint and wood / brioche. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good mineral frame, juiciness, fat and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized tangerine and green apple combined with touches of lychee as well as a very discreet hint of brioche, honey, botrytis and a touch of hazelnut / almond on the aftertaste. Good length.

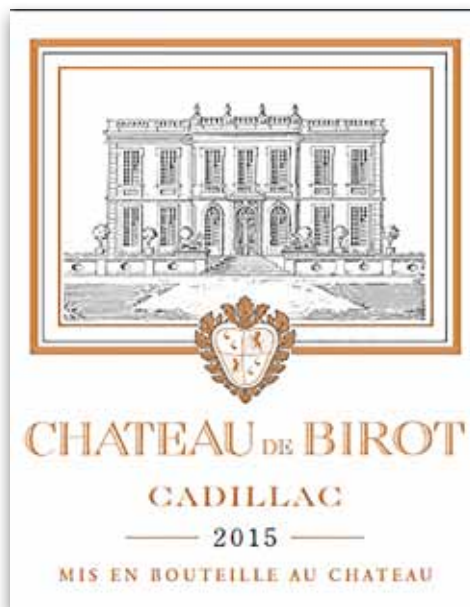
Score : 14

Château Bourdieu - Lagrange 2015

Cadillac

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon and lemon blossom associated with small notes of apple, crystallized tangerine and a touch of jasmine flowers, crushed pear and subtle touches of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and well-built, and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine straightness, a fine suavity, a very fine richness as well as a good freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and crystallized green apple combined with small notes of crunchy pineapple, flowers, minerality, a subtle hint of dry apricot, pear as well as a discreet touch of almond and botrytis. Good length.

Score : 15+



Sweet Bordeaux

Château Garbes-Cabanieu Grains Nobles 2012 Cadillac

The nose is aromatic, finely concentrated /powerful and richness. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, honey / botrytis and nutmeg combined with small notes of candied lemon, vanilla, crushed white fruits, minerality and an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a nice acid frame, minerality, suavity, richness and freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, honey and brioche combined with notes of apple, Williams pear as well as a touch of dried apricot, flint, spices, vanilla and a very discreet hint of almond. Good length.

Score : 15



Score : 15+

Château Lagrange - L'Enclos 2015 Cadillac

The nose is aromatic and offers finesse and fine richness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, honey / botrytis and vanilla combined with fine touches of kumquat, white flowers and white pepper. The palate is fruity, round, well-balanced, racy and offers richness, a good definition, a nice freshness, an acid frame, elegance as well as a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and compoted apple green associated with small notes of vanilla, crushed mirabelle plum, kumquat as well as a touch of crunchy pineapple, honey, brioche and white flowers. Good length and good persistence.

Château Manos 2016 Cadillac

The nose is finely powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of nutmeg, leather and citrus fruits combined with a touch of crunchy pineapple, crunchy peach as well as subtle hints of dry apricot, white pepper and honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, fat, acidity, volume, a small aerial side and a very fine intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized tangerine and dry apricot combined with small notes of crunchy pineapple as well as a hint of green apple and a touch of honey. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Domaine du Vic 2014 Cadillac

The nose is finely fruity and relatively concentrated. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of kumquat, quince, beeswax and crystallized lemon combined with hints of spices, dried apricot and a touch of peach skin and toasted brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, juiciness, freshness as well as a certain straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized apple and honey, brioche, vanilla associated with a touch of dried apricot, dried peach as well as subtle hints of flint and spices / cardamom. Good length.

Score : 14.75



Château Fayau 2011 Cadillac

The nose is aromatic, relatively fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of beeswax, lime zest, leather and spices combined with touches of juicy small yellow fruits as well as a hint of gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of peach flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, suavity, an acid frame as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and crystallized green apple combined with notes of crunchy pineapple, crushed brugnon, a touch of apple blossom as well as a subtle hint of spices, honey and almond. Good length.

Score : 14.75

SAUTERNES / BARSAC

Idée de Rolland 2015 Sauternes

The nose reveals notes of lemon, orange peel and green apple skin combined with small notes of peach as well as a hint of flowers / honeysuckle, crystallized pineapple and a very discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a fine suavity, fluidity and straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied zest

of lemon, crystallized mandarin and touches of green apple associated with subtle touches of flowers, verbena as well as a very discreet hint of brioche. A semi-sweet and easy-drinking wine.

Score : 14.25+

Château Piada 2015 Barsac

The nose is finely concentrated. It reveals fine notes of candied lemon and pineapple in syrup associated with hints of spices, honey, verbena and apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a fine juiciness, richness / fat as well as a good volume. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and honey combined with small notes of apple, crystallized mandarin, flowers / verbena and a touch of dry apricot. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Château Lapinesse - Cuvée

Vieilles Vignes 2015 Sauternes

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with a touch of green peach, verbena, honey and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good juicy frame, a fine minerality, a good guideline and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of kumquat, candied mandarin and

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small notes of compoted peach, quenette, lychee, beeswax / almond and an imperceptible touch of flowers. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Château Lapinesse - Grand Vin 2015

Barsac

The nose is finely concentrated / powerful. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, kumquat and dried orange associated with small notes of quince, candied apple, nutmeg / gingerbread as well as a hint of dry apricot, flowers and honey. The palate is fruity, fat and offers a fine minerality, a fine juiciness, a fine unctuousity, elegance, a fine straightness, power as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized vine peach and small notes of apple associated with touches of lychee / quenette as well as a discreet touch of dry apricot, flint and gingerbread. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Lapinesse 2014

Sauternes

The nose is aromatic, finely concentrated and offers a fine straightness. It reveals notes of zest of yuzu, lemon associated with small notes of peach, quince, spices and touches of crushed pear and verberna / Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral (racy minerality) and offers a nice juicy / acid frame, a fine suavity, a fine straightness as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yuzu zest, flat peach and slight notes of citrus (mandarin, lemon) associated with a touch of quince, verberna / flowers and a very discreet hint of botrytis. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine de Carbonnieu 2013

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of physalis, yellow peach and small notes of candied citrus associated with a hint of kumquat, botrytis, almond as well as a subtle hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, straight and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), elegance, a fine richness, racy minerality, a good definition as well as a small incisive side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied physalis and small peach in syrup, quince / kumquat associated with a hint of verberna / tea as well as a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Château Suduiraut 2013

1er Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers intensity and concentration. It reveals notes of vanilla, candied lemon and pineapple in syrup / roasted pineapple associated with toasted touches oak, peach flowers, nuts, honey and discreet hints of almond / Brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, fine, quite precise and offers a nice density / richness, freshness, a good definition, a nice roundness, a fine unctuousity, a juicy frame, a fine acidity and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vanilla, pear in syrup and candied lemon associated with touches of pineapple in syrup / roasted pineapple, quenette, a subtle touch of mandarin jam, quince as well as fine hints of honey, toasted oak and almond. Good length. A wine to keep !

Score : 17.5

Château Haut-Bergeron 2011

Sauternes

The nose is aromatic, intense, complex, elegant and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of candied lemon, nuts and dried apricot combined with small notes of white fruit in syrup, hazelnut as well as small notes of exotic fruits and spices / nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance, juiciness, a nice mineral frame and richness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied pear and small notes of orange marmalade combined with fine touches of pineapple in syrup, spices and subtle touches of caramelization. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.5

Château Filhot 2015

2ème Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a fine complexity as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of dried orange, flowers, spices, kumquat and peach combined with fine touches of crystallized lemon, honey, apple as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of mirabelle plum, caramelized sugar and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers unctuousity, a fine straightness, a good definition, roundness, a fine acidity, elegance as well as a juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crunchy flat peach and small notes of candied white fruits combined with a touch of floral, citrus, honey and toasted brioche. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Château Bordenave 2010

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, aromatic, well-built and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of orange marmalade, nutmeg and small notes of quince, nuts, honey, flowers associated with touches of almond, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background) and leather. The

palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good mineral frame, a fine juiciness, a fine intensity and freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince, orange marmalade and small notes of physalis associated with a touch of roasted pineapple, ripe / dried yellow fruits, honey and spices (nutmeg, a very discreet hint of cardamom...). Good length.

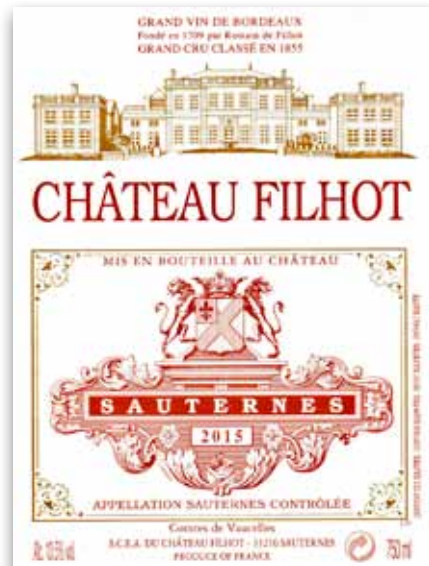
Score : 14.75+

Château La Clotte-Cazalis 2011

Sauternes

The nose is finely powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon / quince and kumquat associated with small notes of spices, nutmeg, lychee and rose. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, very slightly tight, finely unctuous and offers gourmandise, a fine richness, a mineral frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed quince, compoted apple and small notes of candied pear associated with a touch of candied pineapple, lychee, a touch of candied lemon, beeswax / botrytis as well as a hint of orange / kumquat and caramelization. Good length.

Score : 15.25+



Sweet Bordeaux

Château Coutet 2009 1er Cru Classé Sauternes-Barsac Barsac

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine minerality as well as a fine concentration (in the background). It reveals notes of dried lemon, citrus and quince combined with hints of beeswax, dried orange zest, exotic fruitss, nutmeg as well as fine touches of roasted pineapple, oak, spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper in the background (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, complex, racy and offers a fine unctuousity, a fine fat, a certain finesse, a good structure, a fine tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, marmalade and slight notes of dry apricot associated with touches of flat peach in syrup, yellow plum in syrup, candied mandarin zest as well as a touch of physalis, beeswax, gingerbread, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.75+

Château La Bouade 2013 Cuvée Vieilles Vignes Barsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, a fine concentration and elegance. It reveals notes of candied lemon, dried apricot and dried peaches combined with fine touches of exotic fruitss, spices and a discreet hint of nut / physalis. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, racy and offer a good juiciness, a fine acid frame, a small suavity, elegance, gourmandise, an incisive side as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, lemon zest and fine touches of apple, candied flat peach associated with touches of physalis, dry apricot as well as a subtle hint of spices and minerality racy. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Rabaud-Promis 2015 1er Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes Sauternes

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, racy and slightly intense/powerful. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, yellow fruits, candied clementine and candied pineapple associated with touches of spices as well as a hint of fresh ginger, green lemon, nuts and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely balance, slightly gourmand, nicely built and offers a beautiful acid/juicy frame as well as finesse. In the mouth this Sauternes expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized mandarin and slight notes of ripe vine peach, pineapple in syrup associated with slight hints of juicy green apple, botrytis as well as a subtle hint of verberna, flowers, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length. Promising!

Score : 16.75+

OTHER SWEET BORDEAUX

Château La Peyre - Cuvée Rayon d'Or 2016 Bordeaux Supérieur

The nose is fruity, structured and offers a fine hardness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, pineapple in syrup and small notes of pear in syrup associated with a touch of juicy mandarin as well as discreet hints of

citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice acidic frame, juiciness, a fine suavity, a fine freshness and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, peach in syrup and pineapple in syrup combined with touches of crystallized mandarin / citrus as well as a very discreet touch of flowers and honey. Good length.
Score : 14.75+

Château La Peyre - Cuvée Rayon d'Or 2015 Bordeaux Supérieur

The nose is a bit closed. It needs to be aerated in the glass or put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe pear, pineapple in syrup and small notes of ripe lemon associated with a discreet hint of zest as well as a touch of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight and offers a nice mineral frame, a good guideline as well as acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, apple compote and small notes of pineapple in syrup combined with a touch of juicy mandarin as well as touches of honey and a touch of gingerbread. Good length.
Score : 14.75



Château Lapinesse 2015 Graves Supérieures

The nose is fresh, mineral and finely fruity. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied zests of mandarin, honey and Williams pears associated with small notes of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit supple and offers a nice mineral frame, a good guideline, straightness and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy pineapple, candied lemon and honey associated with small notes of apple / crushed brugnion as well as touches of minerality and spices. Good length.

Score : 14.25+

Sweet by Château Fayau 2015 Premières Cotes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity / concentration. The wine is a bit retained. It reveals notes of candied lemon, tangerine skin and exotic fruitss (lychee, mango) associated with small touches of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, minerality, acidity, dynamism and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crushed vine peach, crushed green apple and pear in syrup combined with very discreet touches of exotic fruitss, flowers, honey as well as a discreet hint of fresh almond on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 14.5+

Château Peneau - Crème de Tête 2015 Premières Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine depthness. The wine wins to be aerated in the glass or to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of Williams pears, spices, botrytis, lemon and kumquat combined with slight notes of white flowers and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, straight, well-balanced and offers tension as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, flat peach compote and crushed apple associated with small notes of honey, spices as well as a discreet hint of flowers, gingerbread and botrytis. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Sweet Bordeaux

Le Hauret du Piada 2015

Cérons

The nose is fairly aromatic and offers intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of quince, candied fruit and white flowers associated with a touch of yellow peach, linden as well as subtle touches of green apple, honey, brioche and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite supple and offers an acid frame, fat, a fine unctuousity as well as a fine freshness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and apple combined with small notes of quince, yellow peach as well as a subtle hint of white fruits in syrup, honey brioche and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

La Petite Dorée du Château Majoureaux 2016

Côtes de Bordeaux Saint-Macaire

The nose is aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of vanilla and crushed apple associated with slight toasted notes, crystallized lemon and a discreet hint of white flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, unctuousity, a fine juiciness, tension, richness, a good freshness, a good structure, fat and a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed / compoted apple, vanilla, pear compote and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with a touch of citrus and a discreet hint of caramelized oak. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Majoureaux 2016

Côtes de Bordeaux Saint-Macaire

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe pear and small notes of pineapple in syrup combined with discrete touches of small yellow fruits / kumquat, beeswax as well as a very discreet hint of lemon zest (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight and offers a good tension, a juicy frame, a fine minerality and a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon and crystallized tangerine, combined with small notes of pineapple, juicy green apple as well as a hint of beeswax and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of vanilla tip on the finish. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Château Majoureaux - Cuvée Hyppos 2016

Côtes de Bordeaux Saint-Macaire

The nose is fruity and offers a fine unctuousity and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of brugnion in syrup, nutmeg and pineapple in syrup combined with touches of crystallized lemon / tangerine as well as an imperceptible hint of white flowers and vanilla / almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers freshness, straightness / precision, richness, acidity, juiciness and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and pineapple in syrup combined with a touch of kumquat, orange, wood, spices as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15



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White Bourgogne

CHABLIS & GRAND AUXERROIS

Domaine Céline et Frédéric Gueguen 2016

Chablis

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers richness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of apple, lemon and small notes of ripe tangerine associated with touches of limestone, a very discreet hint of exotic fruitss, flowers as well as a subtle / imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background) and grape seed. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight and offers a nice mineral frame, tension, a good acidity, suavity and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fresh lemon, vine peach and small notes of ripe green apple associated with a hint of quenette, a very discreet hint of fresh mirabelle plum as well as small touches of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of salinity on the middle / finish. Good length and good persistence (with a hint of lemon / lemon seed).

Score : 15.75

Domaine Céline et Frédéric Gueguen Vosgros 2016

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon and green apple skin associated with small notes of white fruit, white flowers, fresh zest and discreet hints of fleshy peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, finely gourmande and offers suavity, a nice racy minerality, freshness, a good definition, gourmandise (in the background) and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, crunchy peach and racy minerality combined with crushed hints of white fruit, a subtle hint of lime zest as well as a very subtle hint of exotic fruits, salinity (on the finish) and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). Good length. There is an almost tannic hint on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 15.75

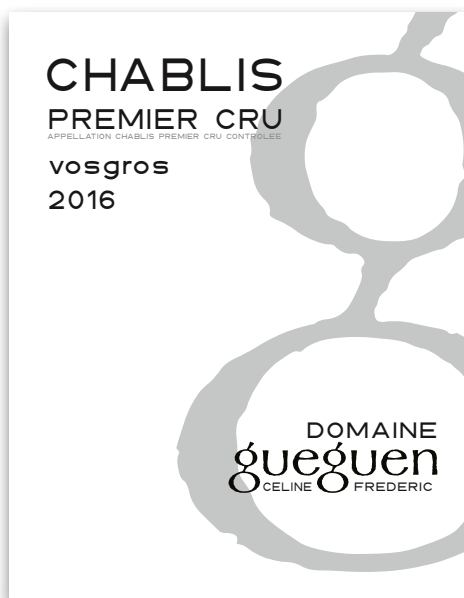
Magali Bernard Clos du Roi 2015

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The nose is gourmand, racy and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum, beeswax and almonds combined with hints of white peach, brioche and a very discreet hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice suavity, a good definition, gourmandise, a nice fat, precision and unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum jam, beeswax, almond and small notes of ripe white peach / nectarine associated with a hint of citrus, orange zest as well as subtle touches of flint and brioche. Good length. The persistence is endless, gourmande and suave. There is

a touch of bitterness on the finish. There is a touch of almond / hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 16+



Magali Bernard Clos du Roi 2016

Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandise (in the background). It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied peach and small notes of quince associated with touches of exotic fruitss, flowers and a subtle hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a great acid frame, a good definition, a slight fat and racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, sweet tangerine and juicy vine peach combined with touches of pear, quince and a touch of almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Magali Bernard Clos du Roi

Cuvée Charly 2016 Nos Origines Bourgogne Coulanges La Vineuse

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, ripe apple and ripe brugnon associated with a touch of fresh citrus, lemon flowers as well as subtle points of calcareous minerality and an imperceptible touch of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well built and offers a beautiful frame juicy / acid frame, a good definition, finesse, gourmandise, roundness,

a nice definition, a small unctuousity, a certain delicacy and a nice straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarin and apple skin associated with touches of crunchy mirabelle plum, flowers as well as subtle hints of vanilla, limestone / iodine and brioche. Good persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25+



CÔTES DE NUITS

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur – Les Dames Huguette 2016

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity, elegant, fleshy and offers gourmandise and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of peach compote, crushed pear and small notes of quenette / passion fruit associated with a touch of vanilla, butter, fresh lemon as well as a very discreet touch of white flowers and toasted almond. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, juicy, elegant, mineral, finely gourmande and offers freshness, tension, a fine suavity, a fine density as well as a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, mirabelle plum and crushed brugnon combined with fine touches of apple, exotic fruitss, fresh physalis, butter / brioche and va-

White Bourgogne

nilla. Good length. There is a subtle hint of saline minerality on the finish.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur La Vacherotte 2016

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity, fleshy, gourmand and offers elegance and a fine concentration. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of stewed white peach, crushed pear and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with a hint of quince, nectarine, nuts as well as a subtle hint of white flowers (after aeration) and saline minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, finely fat and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine juiciness, a small straightness, tension and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, mirabelle plum / yellow small fruits combined with small notes of crushed pear, crushed nectarine as well as a hint of lemon, nuts / almonds, yuzu zest and of saline minerality. Good length. The aftertaste is relatively suave.

Score : 15.75

Closerie des Alisters - Domaine Fribourg 2016

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity, concentrated, quite intense and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of lemon, crushed nectarine and tangerine flowers associated with fine touches of apple, racy minerality / flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, straightness, tension, a small strict side, a fine suavity, a good volume as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe green apple combined with hints of peach skin, flint, lemon / mandarin zest as well as a hint of saline minerality and toasted almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Manuel Olivier - Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine density. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of green apple, crunchy peach combined with a hint of racy minerality, vanilla and an imperceptible touch of spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a fine suavity, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, finesse, a fine freshness, a fine unctuousity and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy peach, juicy pear and fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum combined with small notes of quince, green apple, touches of racy minerality, juicy citrus, vanilla / brioche. Good length. Beautiful, gourmande, suave and appetizing persistence.

Score : 16.75

Domaine Thevenot-Le Brun & Fils Clos du Vignon 2016 – Chardonnay

Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, elegance and a discreet richness (in the background). It reveals notes of quince, Williams pear and small notes of fleshy / juicy small fruits associated with touches of peach as

well as a discreet hint of flowers, racy minerality and an imperceptible touch of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine tension, a nice juiciness, finesse and gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and juicy flat peach combined with small notes of fleshy small fruits, apple, racy minerality / flint, as well as subtle hints of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Collovray & Terrier Deux Roches – Tradition 2016

Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of honey, apple, crushed peach and discreet hints of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a fine suavity, freshness, a good acid frame, roundness and a good fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon,

mandarin paste and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with fine touches of apple, brioche and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Saint-Jacques 2016

Marsannay

The nose is aromatic and finely concentrated. It reveals notes of yellow fruits and small notes of white fruits associated with a touch of beeswax and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, juiciness, suavity as

well as a fine acidity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, mandarin and small notes of quince associated with touches of almond, beeswax and a hint of brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Cave de Lugny 2016

Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, crunchy apple and small notes of lemon associated with a touch of white flowers / green apple skin, racy minerality and an imperceptible touch of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a very fine unctuousity, a fine acidity, fat, a small freshness, a fine straightness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, flat peach and small notes of of fresh/fleshy yellow fruits associated with a touch of quince as well as a touch of fresh almond and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Stéphane Brocard - Vieilles Vignes 2016

Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmand and offers a fine elegance as well as a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, ripe pear and small notes of quince associated with touches of racy minerality, fresh zest and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), straightness, precision, a fine freshness, roundness, a very fine unctuousity, a fine fleshiness / gourmandise as well as a fine



White Bourgogne

juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy pear and small notes of apple associated with touches of quince, ripe / fleshy physalis as well as a very discreet touch of zest, ripe pineapple, butter and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length and good persistence. Good potential.

Score : 16

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Sylvain Loichet 2015

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and racy. It reveals notes of ripe peach, quince, Williams pear and small notes of citrus associated with touches of almond, flint, beeswax and a hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, nicely built and offers a beautiful juicy / fresh frame, minerality, a nice acidity, a beautiful elegance, a beautiful delicacy, suavity, gourmandise, precision, a small unctuousity, a fine tension as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed peach, quince, brioche and small notes of juicy grapes, quenette associated with a hint of lemon, orange zest and subtle touches of almond and beeswax. Good length. There are a touch of vanilla and a touch of butter on the finish/aftertaste.

Score : 17

Vaudoisey-Creusefond 2016

Auxey-Duresses

The nose is fruity, finely gourmande and offers subtlety and elegance. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals toasted notes / vanilla, fresh white fruits, fresh almonds and fresh mirabelle plums combined with a subtle hint of citrus, gray pepper and a discreet hint of salinity. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful acid frame, a nice suavity / fat, a fine unctuousity, straightness, intensity, depthness, elegance, a certain finesse, gourmandise, a beautiful racy minerality, freshness as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince and crushed mirabelle plum associated with small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin), juicy green apple as well as hints of almonds, brioche and a subtle hint of dry peach (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.5+

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Clos Genets 2016

Santenay

The nose is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and elegant. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, quince and crunchy mirabelle plum combined with touches of flowers, butter and a discreet touch of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, racy, straight and offers delicacy, a fine suavity, tension and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe quince, juicy small yellow fruits / mirabelle plum and crushed pear associated with a touch of peach, exotic fruitss, beeswax as well as a touch of brioche, almond and a very discreet hint of saline minerality on the aftertaste. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Clos Genets 2015

Santenay

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and finely fleshy. It reveals notes of nectarine, quince and small notes of lemon associated with a hint of limestone and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, straight and offers finesse, tension, a fine juiciness, elegance and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon and fleshy / crunchy brugnion associated with touches of juicy mirabelle plum, juicy mandarin as well as a hint of orange zest and beeswax. The finish offers racy minerality. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of butter on the finish / persistence and almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine Jessiaume - Les Gravières 2016

Santenay 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, elegant and offers a fine untuosity. It reveals notes of brioche, peach compote, crushed brugnion and pear combined with hints of quenette, vanilla and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, suavity, a good definition, straightness, elegance, a nice minerality, a fine freshness, finesse as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of sweet lemon, peach compote, quince and small notes of pear associated with touches of quenette, citrus, orange zest as well as touches of vanilla and almond. Good length and good persistence. There is an imperceptible touch of white pepper on the finish / persistence. The persistence is almost tannic.

Score : 16+



MÂCONNAIS

Domaine des Combelières 2015

Viré-Clessé

The nose is powerful, aromatic, racy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, Williams pear and crushed brugnion associated with hints of yellow peach skin, wood and spicy notes as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, finely fat and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine suavity, tension, a fine straightness and softness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, jammy lemon and small notes of crushed pear associated with fine touches of lychee, flint as well as a discreet hint of mandarin zest and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Cave de Viré - Cuvée Spéciale 2016

Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of juicy lemon, apple and small notes of pineapple associated with a touch of peach as well as a hint of flowers and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a nice minerality, a fine unctuousity, fat, a nice freshness and a nice juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Brugnion, pear and small notes of grapes associated with touches of lemon, zest, flowers as well as a hint of green apple, beeswax and racy minerality.

Score : 15.75+

White Bourgogne

Jean Rijckaert
Les Vercherres 2016 Vieilles Vignes
Viré-Clessé

The nose is aromatic, racy and finely powerful. It reveals notes of brioche / toasted notes, quince and small yellow fruits / mirabelle plums combined with hints of crushed Williams pear, almonds and a very discreet hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, a good acidity, juiciness, a very fine unctuousity, tension and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, mandarin paste and pear associated with touches of quince, peach as well as fine hints of honey, brioche and a subtle hint of zest on the aftertaste / persistence. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Jean Rijckaert
Rendez-Vous de Septembre 2016
Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy ripe lemon and slight notes of exotic fruits associated with touches of flowers and almonds. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine unctuousity, a certain depthness, dynamism, an acid frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy tangerine associated with a subtle hint of quenette / exotic fruits, almond and nectarine. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Jean Rijckaert - L'Épinet
2016
Viré-Clessé

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of brioche, ripe citrus and quince associated with hints of yellow fruit / mirabelle plum, fleshy Williams pear, beeswax and a touch of almond. The wine needs to be decanted.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, soft and offers fat, tension, a fine straightness and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of beeswax, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits / mirabelle associated with touches of pear / peach as well as a subtle touch of mandarin / lemon and almond. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Collovray & Terrier
Deux Roches 2015
Saint-Véran, Rives de Longsault

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed Williams pear, crushed brugnion and a hint of yellow fruit combined with a hint of zest and touches of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (citrus), fat, a very fine unctuousity, a fine straightness, a good definition, freshness, a fine juiciness and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and fleshy / candied peach associated with hints of green apple skin, quince, fleshy / juicy citrus as well as a subtle hint of crushed yellow fruits, clementine zest, beeswax and almonds. Good length.

Score : 14.75

BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur 2015
Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, finely powerful / intense and offers freshness and a very fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of lemon zest and crunchy brugnion associated with fine notes of quenette / exotic fruits as well as hints of fresh white fruit and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a small fat, straightness, a small strict side as well as a very nice freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of zest of lemon, brugnion and small notes of peach pit associated with touches of racy minerality / flint as well as a touch of physalis, beeswax and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur 2016
Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, a very fine fleshiness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of white peach compote and vine peach combined with hints of fresh grapes, citrus fruit as well as a touch of exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The mouth is fruity, racy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a nice freshness, a fine acidity, a good definition, a small elegance, a very fine fat as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon and crunchy vine peach associated with small notes of grapes, fresh green apple as well as a subtle touch of fleshy physalis and beeswax. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5

André Delorme 2016
Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and offers a nice freshness. It reveals notes of crushed brugnion, flowers (white flowers, rose) and fresh lemon associated with a hint of quenette, tangerine and fresh Granny Smith apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a good minerality, a good freshness as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, zest of lime / yuzu and small notes of fresh green apple associated with a subtle hint of tangerine peach, crunchy peach and a hint of flint. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair 2014
Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine freshness and a small finesse. It reveals notes of ripe citrus, salinity and peach compote combined with fine touches of white flowers, yellow fruits and brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight, finely silky and offers a pretty acid frame, a fine suavity, tension, finesse, dynamism and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe citrus (tangerine, lemon) associated with fine touches of ripe peach, ripe orange peel, crushed green apple as well as fine touches of salinity, white flowers, fine toasted touches / brioche and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25+



White Bourgogne

Manuel Oliver 2015

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, fresh, fleshy and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of vine peach, green apple and lemon associated with fine touches of fresh flowers as well as a very discreet hint of fresh pear and fresh mandarin. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, juicy, well-built and offers gourmandise, a fine acid frame, a fine straightness and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon and juicy vine peach associated with slight notes of apple, fresh mandarin / mandarin seed and a discreet hint of pineapple. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Sylvain Dussort 2015

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fresh and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh brugnion, peach skin and fresh zests combined with hints of quince as well as a hint of fresh white fruit and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a fine fat as well as a certain finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon and crunchy peach associated with touches of peach skin, fresh compote, flint as well as a subtle hint of zest and a hint of saline minerality on the finish.

Score : 15.25+

Vignerons de Buxy 2016

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of apple and brugnion associated with touches of quince as well as an imperceptible hint of honey, white and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine freshness, a fine juiciness as well as a fine suavity.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh lemon, fresh Granny Smith apples combined with small notes of crunchy flat peach, pear, melon as well as touches of saline minerality and almond. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Closerie des Alisters 2016

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is very fresh, relatively fruity and finely fleshy. It reveals notes of fresh quince and mirabelle plum associated with touches of apple, Williams pear as well as a subtle hint of quenette and a very discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a good definition, a fine fat, a fine straightness as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh apple, a small note of fresh brugnion and touches of quince associated with a subtle touch of fresh / crunchy mirabelle plum, saline / iodine minerality, almond as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of white flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine de la Jobeline 2016

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe peach, ripe citrus and fine touches of white flowers associated with a touch of ripe tangerine zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers a nice mineral frame, tension, a good guideline, a fine suavity, a fine acidity, dynamism, a good definition as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate

this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, ripe / juicy citrus and small notes of almond associated with a hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Domaine de L'Echelette 2015

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of tangerine zest, juicy grapes and small notes of lemon associated with a hint of apple, white flowers and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, fat, freshness, dynamism, a very fine unctuousity and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed vine peach, pear compote and small notes of citrus associated with a touch of orange zest and a subtle hint of almond. Good length.

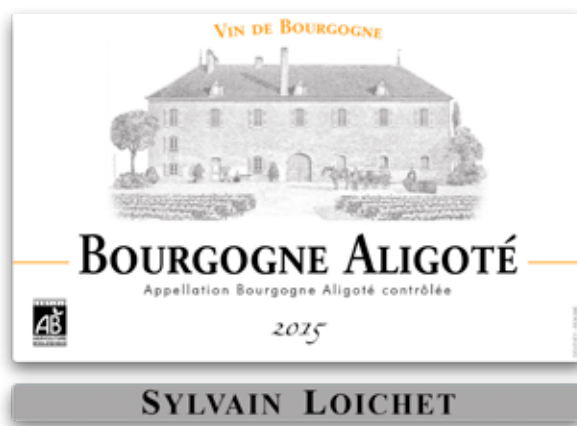
Score : 15

Sylvain Loichet 2015

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a fine richness, precision, gourmandise and a fine elegance. It reveals notes of brioche / vanilla, lemon and quenette combined with hints of juicy green apple as well as a subtle hint of peach and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-defined, elegant and offers precision, a good definition, gourmandise, intensity, depthness and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fresh green apple and small notes of quenette associated with a touch of peach, fine touches of racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of mandarin. Good length.

Score : 16.25



Domaine Denis Père et Fils 2016

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, slightly compoted and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, flowers, citrus zest and quenette associated with a fine touch of flint as well as hints of crushed apple and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a nice acid frame, minerality, fat, dynamism, a good definition, harmony, nice acidity, finesse and a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, fleshy pear and small notes of crunchy peach associated with touches of zest, a hint of flowers as well as subtle hints of seeds and lemon. Good length. The finish is almost / discreetly tannic.

Score : 15.75

Manuel Olivier - Vieilles Vignes 2016

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers minerality and a very fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of lemon, peach and small notes of apple associated with a hint of pineapple as well as a subtle hint of lime zest and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a nice mineral frame, tension, a good definition, precision, minerality and a certain purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy peach, green apple and small notes of Williams pear associated with a touch of quenette, lime zest, citrus and a subtle hint of almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

White Bourgogne

Manuel Olivier - Vieilles Vignes 2015

Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and offers minerality and a certain purity / crystalline side. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, crunchy vine peach and a touch of grape combined with hints of ripe apple, lime zest, quennette, pineapple and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a fine unctuousness, finesse, a fine minerality, a fine acid frame, a good definition, straightness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crunchy vine peach and ripe apple combined with fine / discreet touches of mandarin, quince and almond. Good length.

Score : 16

BOURGOGNE BLANC & CÔTEAUX BOURGUIGNONS

Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair 2015

Bourgogne Blanc

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of white flowers and crushed white fruits combined with a hint of ripe citrus, quince, vanilla and a very subtle hint of mandarin paste. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine concentration as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy / crushed peach and small notes of quince, Williams pear associated with a fine touch of crushed / ripe mandarin, butter, vanilla brioche as well as a subtle hint of mineral / limestone. Good length and nice persistence. The persistence is quite gourmande.

Score : 15.25

Jean Loron - Duc de Belmont 2016

Coteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as finesse. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe yellow peach and small notes of ripe tangerine associated with hints of crushed white fruits, limestone and a very discreet hint of citrus zest. The mouth is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced and offers a nice fat, a fine unctuousness, an acid frame, a racy minerality, a nice definition, a good roundness, finesse as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe tangerine, crunchy green apple and touches of flat peach associated with a subtle hint of grape, quennette, limestone as well as a very discreet hint of zest. Good length.

Score : 16

Vignerons des Pierres Dorées

La Pépité 2016

Coteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of lemon, lemon zest and small notes of green apple skin associated with touches of brugnion and flint / minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), fat, a fine unctuousness, a fine suavity, straightness, gourmandise and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, green apple, brugnion and lime zest associated with touches of racy minerality, flowers and discreet hints of brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Vignerons de Buxy Chardonnay 2015 – Buissonnier

Coteaux Bourguignons

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of yellow peach, ripe green apple and small notes of ripe citrus associated with

a touch of quince and a hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice fresh frame, a fine acidity, a fine fat, a certain depthness and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh apple and ripe yellow peach associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, mirabelle plum as well as a touch of butter, zest and a very discreet hint of beeswax. Good length. The finish is «almost» tannic.

Score : 15+

Patrick Javillier - Cuvée Oligocène 2015

Bourgogne

The nose is aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of vanilla / brioche and white fruits associated with a small note of candied lemon, vine peach, mirabelle plum and a touch of white flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, suavity as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, crushed pear, mirabelle plum and slight notes of candied lemon associated with a subtle hint of juicy tangerine (in the background) and small touches of brioche, vanilla and small toasted touches. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Patrick Javillier - Cuvée des Forgets 2015

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine freshness and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of fleshy Williams pear, crushed brugnion and small notes of quince combined with hints of vanilla brioche, flowers and butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice freshness, a fine acidity (citrus) in the background, a good volume, roundness, a good structure and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and small notes of apple / pear associated with touches of quince, flowers and touches of vanilla, toasted touches as well as an imperceptible touch of lime sugar. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a hint of ripe almond on the persistence. The aftertaste is a bit gourmande.

Score : 16

Collovrays & Terrier Deux Roches – Tradition 2015

Bourgogne

The nose is aromatic and finely powerful / concentrated. It reveals notes of crushed peach, crushed pear and racy minerality associated with touches of ripe lemon as well as a hint of quince, toasted hint / brioche and a very discreet hint of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), suavity and a small finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed ripe peach and small notes of pear associated with a hint of lemon / quince, mirabelle plum, vanilla flowers and brioche. Good length. Juiciness on the finish.

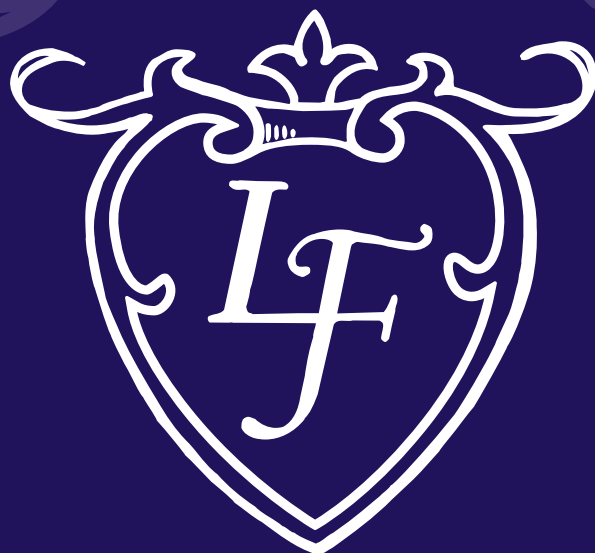
Score : 14.75+

Domaine Joney - Granit 2015

Bourgogne

The nose offers richness and a small concentration. It reveals notes of green apple skin, fleshy / fresh nectarine and small notes of flowers associated with a hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a fine suavity, a fine tension and freshness (on the attack). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / fresh nectarine, brugnion and small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of lemon paste as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and a very discreet touch of butter. Good length.

Score : 14.75



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White Bourgogne

Domaine Joney - Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity, concentration and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of flowers, crushed brugnion and stewed pear combined with fine hints of quince, fresh small fruits, wood and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, suavity, a small fat, a small straightness / tension and a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Williams pear, brugnion and small notes of quince associated with a fine hint of plum, toasted oak and brioche. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Jean Loron Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers a small intensity, a small concentration, a fine elegance and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of quince, candied lemon and vine peach associated with a hint of green apple and a discreet hint of flowers, brioche as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, slightly gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, suavity, precision, a fine elegance, freshness as well as a very slight fleshiness / unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/ripe Williams Pear and fleshy/ripe vine peach associated with fine touches of yellow plum, racy minerality, discreet hints of brioche as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and butter. Good length and good persistence. There is a slight touch of (almost iodized) minerality on the finish.

Score : 16

Domaine Celine & Frédéric Gueguen Côtes Salines 2016 Chardonnay

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers fleshiness as well as a fine elegance. It reveals notes of quince, fleshy peach and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with a hint of racy minerality, a very discreet hint of ripe apricot as well as an imperceptible touch of vanilla and salinity / iodine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, fine, slightly fleshy / unctuous and offers a fine acid frame, straightness / tension, gourmandise as well as a racy minerality (almost saline / iodine). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / crunchy vine peach and ripe lemon associated with fine / discreet touches of green apple, grape, mandarin (in the background), quenette as well as a very discreet touch of apricot and almond. Good length. There is a fine acidity on the finish / persistence. The persistence is goumande and suave.

Score : 16.25

Manuel Olivier - Chardonnay 2015

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe mandarin and small notes of ripe white fruit associated with a hint of ripe grapefruit, crushed brugnion and zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid

frame, a nice minerality, a nice fat, a fine unctuousity, a good definition, a good dynamism, a nice guideline and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon / lemon paste, quince and vine peach associated with a hint of pear compote, brioche and an imperceptible touch of vanilla. There are a fine hint of green apple skin as well as an imperceptible toasted touch on the persistence / aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Gueugnon Remond Vieilles Vignes – Cuvée L'Aurore 2015

Bourgogne Blanc

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, flowers, vine peach and small notes of exotic fruits associated with touches of white fruit, almond and beeswax / brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice unctuousity, a nice definition, a fine straightness, a nice finesse and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy lemon / lemon paste, crushed brugnion and exotic fruitss (passion fruit, quenette) associated with hints of beeswax / honey, candied orange zest, brioche and almond. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Seguin-Manuel Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pear compote, crushed peach and small notes of yellow fruits associated with hints of almond, beeswax and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame,

suavity and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy lemon and tangerine paste combined with small notes of crushed pear, fleshy vine peach and touches of beeswax, almond, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of zest. Good length.

Score : 15

Maison Jessiaume - Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and offers a fine incisive side and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince and fleshy / juicy brugnion associated with small hints of beeswax, almond and discreet hints of fresh mandarin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a very fine unctuousity, a fine acidity (in the background), a nice roundness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and crushed brugnion associated with touches of beeswax, almond, exotic fruitss and a very discreet touch of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Cave de Lugny Les Chenaudières 2015 – Chardonnay

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmand and offers a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of quince, sweet tangerine and almond combined with touches of ripe lemon, green apple as well as a discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of gray. The palate



White Bourgogne

is fruity, fat, well-balanced and offers a fine unctuousity, a mineral frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed peach, crushed Williams pear and small notes of tangerine zest, apple as well as a subtle touch of quince, beeswax and almond. Good length. There is a fine bitterness on the persistence.

Score : 15+

Domaine Denis Père et Fils Chardonnay 2015

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, quite aromatic and offers a fine richness / unctuousity. It reveals notes of quince, pear compote and crushed vine peach combined with a touch of green apple, citrus, almond and a very discreet hint of flowers. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, finesse, a fine creaminess, a fine acidity, tension and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of stewed peach, quince and small notes of pear associated with a hint of green apple skin, flowers, almond as well as a very discreet hint of butter (in the background) and an imperceptible touch of sweet spices. Good length. A beautiful wine! (To keep!).

Score : 16.25

Closierie des Alisiers Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, zest, green apple and small notes of nectarine associated with a hint of flint and a very discreet hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers gourmandise, a fine unctuousity, straightness, a pretty acid / juicy frame, minerality, a nice freshness and a slight fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, green apple and crushed brugnion associated with a subtle hint of zest, a discreet hint of exotic fruits and a very discreet touch of flint / limestone. Good length.

Score : 15+

Vignerons de Buxy Chardonnay 2016 – Buissonnier

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of quenette, passion fruit and fine notes of vine peach associated with a discreet hint of fresh lemon and fresh zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice suavity / juiciness, gourmandise, freshness, fat and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette and green apple associated with small notes of passion fruit, juicy / ripe tangerine as well as discreet hints of ripe lemon, crunchy peach and an imperceptible hint of seed. Good length.

Score : 15+

Vignerons de Buxy Chardonnay 2015 Buissonnier Côte Chalonnaise

Bourgogne

The nose is fresh, mineral and a bit tight. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh nectarine and small notes of fresh physalis associated with a hint of quince, a very discreet hint of racy minerality as well as an imperceptible touch of beeswax / spices and gray pepper (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, well-built, finely gourmande and offers a nice juicy / acid frame, suavity, a good definition and a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe tangerine and ripe flat peach combined with

a touch of exotic fruitss (quenette, pineapple) as well as a hint of juicy grapes, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length. There is a very discreet touch of zest on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75+

La Cave d'Azé Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is fresh and offers a small concentration as well as a small fruitiness. It reveals notes of brugnion, pear and small notes of apple associated with a touch of citrus as well as a discreet touch of zest, flint and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, suavity, a small tension as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, pear, apple and small notes of a quenette associated with fine touches of ripe lemon, tangerine and a very discreet touch of zest. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Closierie des Alisiers Chardonnay 2016

Bourgogne

The nose is finely concentrated. It reveals notes of apple and nectarine / brugnion associated with small notes of racy minerality, flint and a touch of leather. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is well-balanced and offers fat, a fine suavity, a fine juicy frame, a very fine acidity (in the background), harmony and a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, fleshy brugnion and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of citrus (lemon, mandarin ...) and a hint of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Domaine Stéphane de Sousa Les Magny 2015

Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed apple, crushed pear and small notes of quenette, crushed green peach combined with a very discreet hint of citrus and an imperceptible touch of gray pepper (in the background). The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, racy, finely gourmande and offers a fine suavity, a fine acid / juicy frame and roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quenette and small notes of ripe nectarine associated with fine touches of mirabelle plum, quenette as well as an imperceptible touch of butter (in the background) and an imperceptible touch of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15+

Sylvain Dussort Cuvée des Ormes 2015

Bourgogne Blanc

The nose is fruity and a bit discreet. It reveals notes of nectarine, pear and small notes of crushed apple associated with a hint of lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a nice jucosity, volume and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy clementine and crushed nectarine associated with touches of Smith green apple as well as a subtle touch of flowers, saline minerality and an imperceptible hint of brioche (in the background). Good length. There is a hint of lemon zest on the persistence. The aftertaste is suave.

Score : 14.75+

Crémant de Bourgogne

WHITE

Domaine de L'Echelette Le Clos Michel

Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is relatively fruity and finely creamy. It reveals notes of egg cream and crushed apple associated with fine notes of crunchy white peach as well as a discreet hint of quince and pear. The palate is fruity and well-balanced. The effervescence is lively, dynamic and offers average size bubbles. On the palate this Crémant expresses notes of crunchy peach and green apple sorbet associated with small notes of quince, lemon / zest of lemon and an imperceptible hint of almond.

Score : 14.75

Manuel Olivier - Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and finely fleshy. It reveals notes of pear compote and fine notes of apple, quince associated with a very discreet hint of brioche and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a fine juiciness, a fine straightness as well as a very fine fat. The effervescence is relatively creamy and offers a small dynamism. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon and crunchy brugnion associated with small notes of mandarin, crushed small yellow fruits and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Domaine Joney Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is relatively fresh and finely creamy. It reveals notes of quince, physalis and fresh nectarine associated with a touch of almond and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced and offers freshness, dynamism, an acid frame as well as a good volume. The effervescence is dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh green apple, fresh brugnion and small notes of quince associated with a touch of small yellow fruits and brioche.

Score : 14.75+

Cave de Lugny – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, finely creamy and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of white fruit (pear, brugnion) and small notes of lemon cream combined with a hint of nuts and brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acid frame, a fine suavity and a good definition. The effervescence is fine and quite dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe green apple and small notes of pear associated with a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of mandarin on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75+

Vitteaut Alberti Blanc de Blancs – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and finely creamy. It reveals notes of green apple and pear associated with fine notes of quince, nuts as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruitss. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a fine juiciness and a fine minerality. The effervescence is relatively fine and dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, green apple and small notes of pear associated with a touch of brugnion and an imperceptible hint of nuts. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Louis Bouillot – Perle d'Ivoire Blanc de Blancs – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers creaminess. It reveals notes of Williams pear associated with fine notes of egg cream, quince, physalis and an imperceptible hint of nuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a fine acid frame, a fine minerality, a fine suavity as well as a fine straightness. The effervescence is lively, dynamic and quite fine. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of crushed peach, pear and small notes of apple associated with a touch of quince / physalis and an imperceptible touch of exotic fruitss. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Louis Bouillot – Perle de Nuit Blanc de Noirs – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and finely compoted. It reveals notes of pear, nectarine and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a discreet hint of yellow flowers, butter and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a fine suavity and a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, crunchy brugnion and small notes of citrus associated with a subtle touch of small yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of quenette in the background. Good length.

Score : 14.25

Cave de Lugny – Brut Millésimé 2014 Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is relatively fruity. It reveals notes of citrus and small notes of yellow peach associated with a hint of mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight and offers a fine tension. The effervescence is relatively fine and offers a very fine creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and ripe peach combined with small notes of pear as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and a touch of zest. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15+

Louis Bouillot – Perle de Vigne Grande Réserve – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed flat peach, apple and touches of citrus associated with a subtle hint of apricot and pear. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, tension, a good volume, a fine juiciness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of green apple as well as a touch of exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of lime. Good length.

Score : 14.75

André Delorme Terroir d'Exception Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of green apple and pear associated with touches of white flowers, quince and a subtle touch of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, a fine acid frame, a fine juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, apple and fine touches of crushed peach combined with a hint of egg cream as well as an imperceptible touch of limestone, brioche and quince. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Crémant de Bourgogne

Vitteaut Alberti Blanc de Noirs – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose reveals fine notes of quince, apple and mirabelle plum associated with a hint of beeswax, green apple peel and almond. The palate is fruity, a bit tight and offers a nice acid frame, fat and a small straightness. The effervescence is quite fine and dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, quince and small notes of fresh physalis associated with a touch of brugnion, a hint of pear as well as an imperceptible touch of egg cream and brioche. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

Cave de Lugny Blanc de Blancs - Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of pear and quince associated with fine hints of citrus, apple compote and a fine touch of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, dynamic, well-built and offers a nice acid frame, a nice freshness, a fine straightness and a good definition. The effervescence is quite fine and dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy apple, fresh nectarine and small notes of lemon associated with touches of quenette as well as a subtle hint of mirabelle plum and beeswax. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.25

Louis Bouillot – Perle Rare Brut Grand Millésime 2014 Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine creaminess. It reveals notes of apple and egg cream combined with small notes of mirabelle plum, beeswax as well as a touch of flowers and citrus. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a beautiful freshness, dynamism, a good definition as well as a fine suavity. The effervescence is well-built. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy peach and small notes of mango associated with a hint of cranberry and subtle touches of brioche. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Collovray & Terrier – Brut Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose reveals notes of yellow peach associated with small notes of physalis, crunchy apple, quince as well as a hint of citrus and beeswax. The nose is fruity and offers dynamism, a fine acid frame, a beautiful freshness, minerality and straightness. The effervescence is dynamic. On the palate this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, green apple and small notes of yellow peach combined with a touch of jammy mirabelle plum as well as a touch of quince and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15

ROSÉS

Louis Bouillot – Perle D'Or Rose Brut Rosé Millésimé 2014 Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of apple, fresh raspberry and citrus associated with a hint of fresh redcurrant and quince. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers fat. The effervescence is fine and very dynamic. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, fresh raspberry and small notes of nectarine associated with a touch of redcurrant as well as hints of citrus and a very discreet hint of blackberry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Cave de Lugny Brut Rosé Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of peach skin and ripe redcurrants associated with fine touches of peach, quince and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, a fine minerality, a very fine suavity, straightness, fat and a fine sweetness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon and fresh vine peach associated with small notes of apple, redcurrant, a hint of cherry as well as a touch of fresh/fleshy plum and a discreet hint of crushed mirabelle plum. Good length.

Score : 14.25+

André Delorme - Brut Rosé Crémant de Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed apple and crushed redcurrant combined with hints of citrus, yellow plum, touches of white peach as well as a hint of raspberry and beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a fine suavity, a fine straightness and a good structure. The effervescence is relatively fine. On the palate this wine expresses fine notes of redcurrant, citrus and small notes of yellow peach combined with a hint of blackberry, apple, raspberry as well as a subtle hint of quenette.

Score : 14.75

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Feudo Montoni Nero d'Avola Lagnusa 2015

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The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy, voluptuous and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and cherry combined with fine touches of juicy berries, earth / terracotta, a discreet note of blueberry, fine touches of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of Cuban pepper and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, gourmande, harmonious, «clean», racy, delicate and offers a nice suavity, fat, a fine unctuousity, a beautiful precision / definition, minerality, a good guideline, a beautiful matter and a fine fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, dried raspberry and fine notes of crushed cassis, earth associated with fine touches of small ripe / juicy berries, zan, caramelized oak as well as subtle hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and good persistence. The persistence is gourmande and offers touches of chocolate, sweet spices and a discreet hint of roasted hazelnut.

Score : 16.25

Feudo Montoni – Perricone del Core 2016

Sicilia

The nose is aromatic, fine, fruity, racy, elegant, finely enchanting, finely powerful and offers a very slight intensity (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of black cherry, blueberry and hints of cassis associated with slight earthy notes/terroir, plum, discreet hints of sour cherry, raspberry as well as a discreet hint of chocolate, Cuban pepper, licorice and caramelization/ripe almond. The palate is nicely fruity, well-balanced, nicely racy, slightly tight and offers a slight density, a slight minerality, roundness, a slight suavity, a fresh frame, a beautiful expression/definition as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses slight hints of ripe blueberry, wild Boysenberries and discreet/(very) slight hints of ripe raspberry, earth associated with slight notes of plum, licorice/zan, cardamom, a subtle hint of chocolate as well as a discreet hint of racy minerality. Tannins are fine, racy and very discretely firms. Beautiful gourmandise on the finish. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful, racy wine!

Score : 16.25

Feudo Montoni – Vrucara 2013

Sicilia

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and offers depthness and concentration. It reveals notes of crushed Bigarreau cherry, crushed ripe cassis and fine notes of ripe wild strawberry, blackberry associated with subtle touches of blueberry, licorice, caramelized oak, dark chocolate, a subtle touch of black olive as well as an imperceptible touch of olive and green cardamom. The wine is marked by its terroir. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, very gourmande and offers a nice definition / delicacy, a beautiful suavity / fat, depthness, a mineral frame, complexity as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, blackberry and fine notes of blueberry associated with touches of ripe red fruits (red berries, cherry), touches of chocolate, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a subtle touch of praline, terroir / soil and black olive. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are a hint of minerality, a hint of melted chocolate and a hint of caramel on the finish.

Score : 16+

Tenuta Gatti – Curpanè 2011

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The nose is fruity, aromatic, finely concentrated and offers gourmandise. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry,

wild berries and plum jam associated with fine notes of red fruits as well as touches of zan, black olive, tobacco, dark chocolate, wood / sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers a nice juicy frame, a fine minerality, a fine tension, fat, a good definition, freshness and complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, jammy blueberry and fine notes of blackberry, black cherry, ripe small red fruits associated with touches of chocolate, vanilla, cardamom as well as an imperceptible touch of toasted almond and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and discretely dry. Good length. The finish is relatively gourmande.

Score : 15.5+

Tenuta Gatti – Martiniano 2011

Sicilia IGT

The nose is finely powerful offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and wild berries associated with touches of grove / olive, laurel as well as touches of wild strawberry and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a fine juiciness, tension, freshness and a certain straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry, juicy black berries and ripe / crushed Gariguet strawberry associated with touches of cassis and fine touches of zan, tobacco, wood, spices as well as a fine hint of mocha. Tannins are fine, a bit tight and very slightly / discretely dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Tenuta Gatti – Sicè Nocera 2012

LGP Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and black berries combined with fine hints of cherry, Cuban pepper and fine touches of oak, garrigue, flint and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely gourmande and offers a nice dynamism, an acid frame, a fine minerality, fat, a fine unctuousity, a nice matter and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of jammy redcurrant, wild strawberry and blackberry combined with fine touches of juicy black berries / blueberries as well as touches of zan, a subtle hint of tea and chocolate (in the background). Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Tenuta Gatti – Franco 2009

Cabernet Merlot

Sicilia IGT

The nose is aromatic, structured, finely powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and garrigue combined with fine notes of wild strawberry, cherry as well as hints of flowers, licorice, black olive and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine / discreet acidity (in the background), suavity, a good structure, fat, a good definition as well as a nice guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / ripe blackberry, fleshy cassis and fine notes of raspberry, ripe / juicy red berries associated with a touch of tobacco, cedar wood, zan as well as subtle toasted touches and an imperceptible touch of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are structuring and racy. Good length.

Score : 15.75

SICILIAN ROSÉ WINES

Tenuta Gatti Nocera Rosato 2015

Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose reveals notes of fresh cherry, fresh berries and fine notes of rose

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/ flowers associated with touches of flint and a subtle hint of crushed white fruits (pear). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a nice minerality, a good freshness, gourmandise, finesse, a nice fat as well as a nice definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, redcurrant and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with fine touches of cassis, crushed apple as well as a hint of citrus (clementine, lemon), a subtle hint of lime zest and fine touches of flint. Good length.

Score : 16+

Feudo Montoni **Nerello Mascalese – Rose di Adele 2016** Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers minerality as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, Tagada strawberry and small notes of redcurrant jam combined with a hint of fresh blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and subtle hints of garrigue. The palate is fruity, gourmande, fine and offers delicacy, freshness, minerality, a beautiful grain, a nice depthness, an acid frame as well as a beautiful and finely silky matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry and crushed redcurrant combined with fine touches of blackberry, Granny Smith apple as well as small notes of flint and a discreet touch of citrus zest / mandarin. Good length. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.25

SICILIAN WHITE WINES

Feudo Montoni **Grillo Timpa 2016** Sicilia DOC

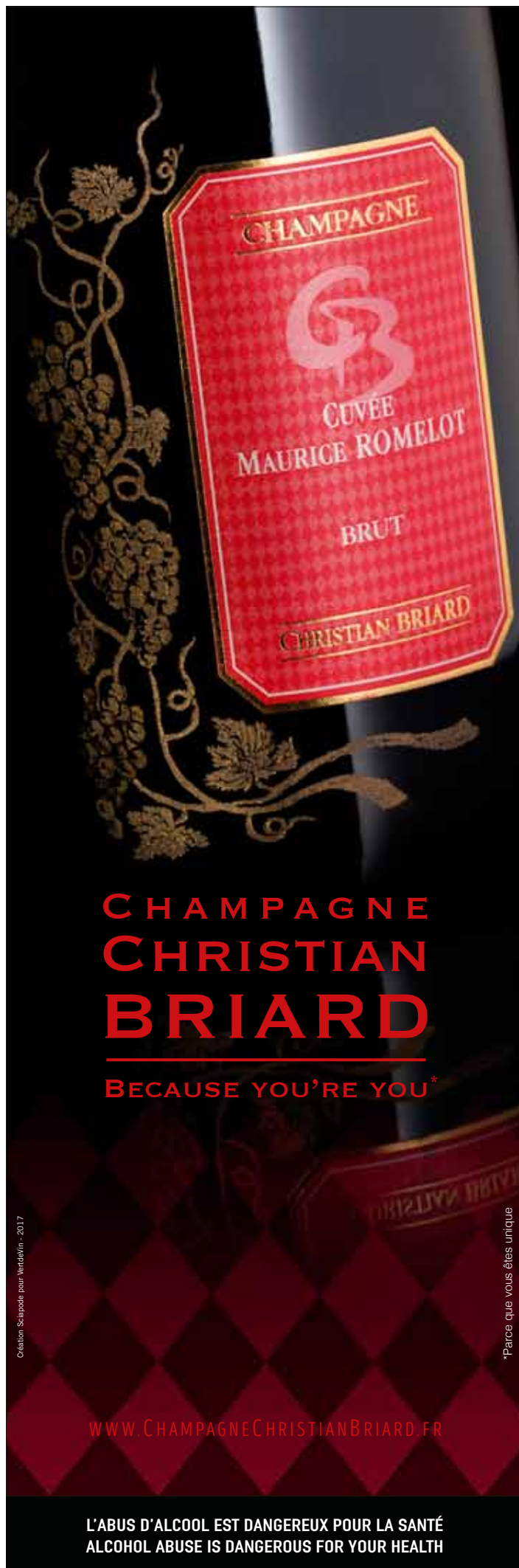
The nose is fruity, aromatic, nicely gourmande, fresh, straight and well-balanced. It reveals notes of exotic fruitss, apple and quenette combined with small notes of fresh white flowers as well as a touch of candied lemon / pineapple in syrup and terroir. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers a nice acid frame, a beautiful minerality / freshness, gourmandise, a fine straightness as well as a nice matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruitss (quenette, passion fruit) associated with touches of crushed / ripe apple, white flowers (honeysuckle, lilac ...) as well as a subtle touch of flint and zest of lime / yuzu. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a discreet hint of rocky / saline minerality on the persistence. There is a discreet touch of bitterness on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.75+

Feudo Montoni **Catarratto del Masso 2016** Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, racy, relatively powerful and offers a certain purity, a fine minerality and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, crushed plum and fine notes of citrus associated with a touch of zest, flint / minerality and imperceptible / discreet hints of olive (in the background). The palate is fruity, perfectly balanced and offers a nice definition, a very nice freshness, a beautiful acid frame, suavity, a nice fat, a very fine unctuousity, a beautiful dynamism, a small aerial side and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe green apple, lemon and small notes of clementine associated with touches of citrus zest (lime, grapefruit ...), fine touches of flint, a subtle hint of quince, crushed pear as well as an imperceptible toasted touch and almond. Good length.

Score : 16.5



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Domaine de la Commanderie 2016

Quincy

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, green apple, grapefruit and ripe peach associated with small notes of zests and flint. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-built and offers fat, freshness, a fine straightness, precision as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh lemon and vine peach associated with slight notes of apple, green lemon, zests as well as touches of flint, green lemon zests and a very discreet hint of hazelnut (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Siret-Courtaud 2016

Quincy

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality as well as a nice structure. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, exotic fruitss and a small touch of flowers associated with hints of racy minerality/clay as well as a subtle touch of quenette/crushed apple. The palate is fruity, fat, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, tension, gourmandise as well as a beautiful minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fresh mandarin and small notes of green apple associated with touches of grapefruit zests as well as touches of clay. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine du Grand Rosières

Jacques Siret 2016

Quincy

The nose is fresh and offers a slight intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of sweet lemon, ripe green apple and slight notes of brugnion associated with a hint of fresh citrus as well as a discreet hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly sparkling / «perlante» (on the attack) and offers finesse, suavity, an acid frame, softness, a racy minerality, a nice volume, roundness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe nectarine and small notes of apple associated with hints of lemon zests/clementine as well as touches of clay and a very discreet hint of fresh almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Domaine Adèle Rouzé 2016

Quincy

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and fresh mandarin associated with a subtle hint of crushed brugnion, clay/flint as well as a very discreet hint of exotic fruitss (quenette, passion fruits) and an imperceptible hint of kumquat. The palate is suave, fat, racy and offers tension, roundness, a nice definition, elegance as well as a small delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe nectarine, ripe lemon and small notes of apple, clay associated with discreet hints of exotic fruitss as well as an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length. The finish and the persistence are beautifully gourmande.

Score : 16

Domaine de la Commanderie

La Cuvée de Siam 2016

Quincy

The nose is fruity, straight, slightly powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of exotic fruitss, fresh brugnion associated with slight notes of citrus, zests, clay as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of spices/almond. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-built, well-balanced and offers suavity, fleshiness, an acid frame, straightness as well

as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe clementine and small notes of peach associated with hints of exotic fruitss as well as slight hints of flint and fresh almond. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Domaine de Villalin 2016

Quincy

The nose is relatively fruity/aromatic and offers gourmandise as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon zests, apple and clay associated with slight notes of crushed nectarine (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acid frame, suavity, gourmandise as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe clementine associated with small notes of apple, ripe lemon, green lemon zests as well as a touch of composted peach, fresh pineapple and slight notes of clay. Good length and persistence on touches of citrus, citrus zests and peach.

Score : 15.25

RED SANCERRE

Laporte - Les Grandmontains 2014

Sancerre

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers elegance. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet toasted, zan as well as an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely gourmand and offers finesse, suavity, a slight juicy frame, a nice structure as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, crushed strawberry and blackberry associated with slight/discreet touches of crushed redcurrant, toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of mushroom in the background. Tannins are well-built. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16

Domaine Vacheron - Belle Dame 2014

Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers power. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and redcurrant associated with slight touches of blackberry, Cuban pepper as well as a discreet hint of flowers, spices, a discreet toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of earth (in the background). The palate is fruity, quite elegant and offers tension, gourmandise, suavity, an acid frame, juiciness, freshness as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry candy, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with a subtle hint of violet as well as slight hints of licorice, caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

Hubert Brochard 2014

Sancerre

The nose is aromatic and offers power/intensity. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of dried cherry and violet associated with small notes of blackberry, wild strawberry, Sichuan pepper as well as a hint of spices and a small hint of earth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fresh frame, acidity (in the mid palate), minerality, a fine gourmandise, roundness, tension as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry/cherry, blackberry and redcurrant candy associated with small notes of cassis, a touch of violet, zan as well as an imperceptible hint of tobacco and earth. Tannins are very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Sancerre & Quincy

Huber Brochard - Vieilles Vignes 2014

Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise as well as a slight richness/concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, licorice, a hint of vanilla and a woody touch. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a nice volume, a good definition, a slight tension as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh redcurrant and small notes of fleshy boysenberry associated with a touch of racy minerality, as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and spices. Tannins are fine and a bit chewy. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Roger Champault - Les Pierris 2015

Sancerre

The nose is fruity, racy, slightly powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of red berries, cherry and small notes of flowers/boxwood associated with touches of spices, racy minerality, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of tea and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper in the background (after aeration). The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness, tension, a nice volume, freshness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed redcurrant, raspberry and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of blackberry, licorice as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality, toasted oak, tobacco and cardamom. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Roger Champault Côte de Champain 2015

Sancerre

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry candy associated with touches of cornflower, licorice as well as a subtle hint of toasted oak/caramelized oak, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively supple and offers freshness, a beautiful juicy frame, a slight acidity, precision, elegance, a beautiful freshness as well as a nice dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, wild strawberry and cassis associated with a hint of cherry, violet, a touch of zan, toasted oak as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background) and black olive. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine Siret-Courtaud 2015

Chateau de Maillan

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of redcurrant and wild raspberry associated with small notes of violet/bay, blackberry as well as touches of tobacco, licorice, a very discreet/imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper and a woody touch. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, a slight acid frame, a small unctuousity, a beautiful juiciness/suavity, tension as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant candy, crushed raspberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with slight touches of licorice, violet and caramelization. Tannins are well-built and supple. Good length.

Score : 16

Pierre Morin - Bellechaume 2015

Sancerre

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crushed cherry, cassis and cornflower associated with touches of fleshy Gariguet strawberry as well as hints of cardamom, tea and caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful definition, an aerial side, tension as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed/ripe redcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with slight touches of licorice, black olive as well as subtle hints of tobacco and subtle toasted hints/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Roger et Didier Raimbault Vieilles Vignes 2015

Sancerre

The nose is slightly powerful and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of ripe/crushed red berries and cassis associated with small notes of blueberries, fleshy Gariguet strawberry as well as a subtle hint of flowers, spices, oak and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly unctuous and offers a beautiful mineral frame, fat, minerality, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful definition, a slight freshness as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, Gariguet strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of blueberries, flowers, licorice, vanilla/oak and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built and (very) slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75



Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy - A Nicolas 2015

Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandise as well as a slight intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry

and violet/bay associated with slight/small touches of fleshy/juicy blackberry, raspberry candy, gray pepper, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom, chocolate and black tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, suavity, straightness, precision, gourmandise as well as a beautiful suavity/fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, redcurrant candy and slight touches of blueberry, bay/violet associated with a discreet touch of licorice, vanilled oak, cardamom as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate (in the background) and tea (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Domaine Pierre Martin 2016

Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers a nice structure, a slight intensity as well as a fine juiciness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, blueberry and raspberry associated with small notes of flowers, a touch of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), a beautiful juiciness, suavity as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant jam, blueberry, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of flowers associated with a touch of licorice and tobacco. Tannins are fine as well as a bit firm and young. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Sancerre & Quincy

Domaine Reverdy Ducroux - Beau Regard 2015 Sancerre

The nose is slightly tight and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of wild red fruits, dried redcurrant and small notes of flowers associated with a hint of crushed blackberry, zan, tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful mineral frame, juiciness, a nice structure, a small fat as well as a very slight/discreet fleshiness in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, redcurrant candy and small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of bay/flowers as well as a subtle hint of zan/licorice and a very discreet hint of tea. Tannins are very slightly firm. Good length.
Score : 15

Hubert Brochard 2015 Sancerre

The nose reveals slight notes of blackberry, strawberry (in the background) and touches of leather associated with a hint of cherry, Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet hint of violet. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with discreet woody touches and tea. Tannins are well-built and a bit chewy. Good length.
Score : 14.5+

Roger & Didier Rimbault 2016 Sancerre

The nose is aromatic, relatively intense and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, lily) and blackberry associated with touches of strawberry, bay, Sichuan pepper as well as slight toasted touches oak/cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, suave and offers a beautiful tension, suavity, a nice guideline/definition, a slight acid frame as well as a small delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried raspberry, wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry/blueberry associated with touches of flowers (cornflower, lily) as well as hints of licorice, Ceylan tea and a subtle touch of caramelized oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length and gourmand/suave persistence.
Score : 16

Matthias et Emile Roblin - Origine 2015 Sancerre

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and slight notes of flowers associated with a touch of Sichuan pepper, tobacco and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight tension, a slight gourmandise, a beautiful matter as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, wild strawberry, small notes of wild berries and touches of cassis associated with a slight touch of flowers, tobacco, a hint of toasted oak, zan as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of salinity (in the background). Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length.
Score : 15.75+

Matthias et Emile Roblin Grande Côte de la Vallée 2015 Sancerre

The nose is elegant, fine and slightly aromatic. It reveals notes of cherry and crushed raspberry associated with slight notes of redcurrant, cassis as well as slight touches of caramelized oak and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandise, straightness as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed redcurrant, cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of crushed cassis, violet, licorice as well as a subtle

hint of caramelized oak and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16+

Hubert Brochard 2015 Sancerre

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise as well as power/intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry, vanilla and caramelization associated with touches of red fruits as well as a touch of spices, Sichuan pepper and chocolate. The palate is mineral (racy minerality) and offers a slight suavity, a beautiful straightness, a certain finesse as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with a touch of violet, bay, licorice, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of spices and a touch of chocolate on the finish. Tannins are young and chewy. Good length. The finish is quite gourmande.
Score : 15.25

Domaine Vacheron 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a finegourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy Gariguet, blackberry cream and small notes of cassis, red berries associated with touches of sweet spices, bay/flowers as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate/toasted hint and Sichuan pepper (after aeration). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful definition, dynamism, a beautiful juiciness, suavity as well as a beautiful straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed redcurrant, dried raspberry and racy minerality associated with small notes of fresh blackberry as well as a touch of fresh cassis, tobacco, toasted touch and a very discreet hint of flowers/black olive. Tannins are well-built. Good length and beautiful persistence (gourmand).
Score : 15.5+

Pascal et Nicolas Reverdy Terre de Maimbray 2015 Sancerre

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a very fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a toasted touch, flowers as well as a discreet touch of chocolate and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, gourmandise, a nice roundness, a beautiful definition, finesse, elegance, a slight acid frame as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of Quetsche plum, violet/cornflower as well as subtle hints of tobacco, sweet spices and cardamom. Tannins are slightly chewy. Good length. A beautiful wine !
Score : 16.25

Pierre Morin 2015 Sancerre

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of wild cassis and wild blackberry associated with small notes of blueberry, fleshy redcurrant as well as a hint of Cuben pepper and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful tension, a slight suavity, a very slight intensity, precision, richness, fluidity as well as harmony/gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed redcurrant, crushed raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of plum, flowers/cassis bud as well as a subtle hint of tobacco, zan and a subtle toasted hint. Tannins are well-built. Good length.
Score : 15.75

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Frischengruber 2015 Riesling Smaragd Kirnberg Wachau

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a fine concentration (in the background). It reveals notes of exotic fruitss and white fruits associated with a subtle hint of flowers and a very discrete hint of rocky minerality (in the background). The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, fat and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses fine notes of white fruits (ripe brugnon, apple) and fine hints of exotic fruitss combined with a touch of lemon and zest. Good length.

Score : 15

Sigl - Muskateller 2016 Wachau

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers, exotic fruitss and a hint of rose associated with a discreet hint of apple blossom, apple and an imperceptible hint of citrus (clementine ...) in the background. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, linear and offers a fine suavity, precision and gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruitss and fine notes of flowers combined with a discreet hint of peach and an imperceptible hint of citrus / lemon.

Score : 15.25+

Nikolaihof - Steinriesler 2004 - Riesling Wachau

The nose is fine, finely aromatic, elegant and finely captivating. It reveals fine notes of beeswax, quince and subtle hints of spices combined with a discreet hint of leather, a hint of dried fruits and an imperceptible hint of dried orange. The palate is fruity, fine, frank, mineral, precise, racy and offers a beautiful elegance, intensity, a very fine roundness as well as freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe / candied lemon, quince and a discreet hint of ripe orange associated with hints of beeswax, fine hints of spices, a discreet hint of apple as well as hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Nikolaihof - Grüner Veltliner 2010 Wachau

The nose is fine, aromatic and finely concentrated. It reveals fine notes of wax, quenette, flowers as well as fine / discreet notes of exotic fruitss. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, well-balanced, satined, finely powerful and offers a nice fat, a fine suavity, an incisive side and depthness. In the mouth this wine expresses fine notes of ripe lemon and discreet hints of orange, exotic fruitss combined with a fine / discreet hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16

Weingut Lagler Spitzer 1000 Eimerberg 2015 Wachau

The nose is aromatic. It reveals fine notes of quenette / litchi, white / pink flowers and peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, round, straight and offers freshness, fat, minerality and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quenette / exotic fruitss and peach associated with discreet notes of ripe white fruits as well as subtle hints of lemon points.

Score : 15

Weingut Sigl Riesling Smaragd Kirnberg 2015 Wachau

The nose is fine and quite concentrated. It reveals notes of lemon and fine notes of white peach combined with subtle hints of tangerine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful tension, straightness and a fine

acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses fine notes of lemon, tangerine and slight hints of vine peach combined with discreet hints of quenette and Granny Smith apple. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Gritsch - Mauritiushof 1000-Eimerberg 2015 Riesling - Smaragd Wachau

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and a fine note of peach and peach flowers associated with a fine hint of fresh tangerine, a discreet hint of quince as well as a subtle hint of yellow fruits and discreet touches of wax bee. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, racy and offers a fine bright side, sweetness, fat, a good finesse, a good definition and a crystalline minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of quince and ripe lemon, combined with discreet touches of crushed brugnon / apple, a fine hint of yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of quenette and zest. Good length.

Score : 15

Johann Donabaum - Neuburger 2015 Smaragd Wachau

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, lemon flowers / white flowers associated with an imperceptible hint of zest. The palate is fruity, straight, satiny and offers fat, finesse, a fine acid frame (in the background), tension, a good definition, softness and a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses fine notes of lemon and exotic fruitss (litchi ...) associated with fine touches of white nectarine and white flowers.

Score : 15.25+

Martin & Anna - Arndorfer Grüner Veltliner 2014 Wachau

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of lemon and rocky minerality associated with fine notes of yellow fruit and a touch of apple. The mouth is fruity, elegant, straight, silky and offers a nice definition, depthness, a fine richness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses fine notes of beeswax and yellow fruits associated with hints of apple as well as fine touches of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Weingut Knoll - A-3601 Unter-Loiben Pfaffenberg Selection Riesling 2015 Wachau

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers a fine richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals fine notes of yellow fruit and yellow peach associated with a fine hint of beeswax and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a small fat, straightness and a mineral acide. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits and quince associated with discreet hints of yellow peaches and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.25+

Peter Bernre - Weißburgunder 2016 Wien, Jedlersdorf

The nose is fruity and offers fat and a certain richness. It reveals fine notes of lime zest, yuzu and hints of fine exotic fruits combined with a discreet hint of flat peach. The palate is fruity, aerial, unctuous and offers a fine acid frame, tension, fat, volume, a fine minerality / freshness and a good guideline. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of compoted peach and crushed quiche / lychee combined with fine hints of lime zest and a very discreet toasted hint / sweet spices on the finish. The persistence is gourmande and offers fine / very discreet hints of sweet spices / hazelnut.

Score : 14.75+

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Uhler - Cuvée Grinzinger Kirschpits Ried Ring 2016 - Burgundercuvée

The nose is fruity and offers richness / fat as well as freshness. It reveals notes of crushed brugnion and fine notes of apple associated with hints of pear, minerality as well as a subtle hint of lime zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a fine acid frame, an unctuous matter, suavity, straightness, a good guideline, a good freshness, a fine roundness and a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of brugnion and ripe green apple combined with fine touches of quenette as well as a subtle hint of lime. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Hajszan Neumann - 2016 Wiener Gemischter Satz

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers a fine intensity. It reveals slight notes of lime and a touch of zest associated with a subtle hint of fresh clementine, ripe exotic fruitss and white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine and offers a fine mineral frame, an unctuous matter, a fine minerality, a fine freshness as well as a fine intensity and concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lime, ripe yellow peach and slight hints of apple combined with a touch of brugnion compote as well as a hint of quenette / exotic fruitss. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Rotes Haus - Nussberg 2015 Wiener Gemischter Satz Dac, Vienna

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and fresh apple associated with an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, unctuous, fresh and offers a fine mineral frame as well as a very discreet acidity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, compotted brugnion and fine hints of lemon associated with hints of yuzu, zest and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.5

Fuhrgassl-Huber Wiener Gemischter Satz 2016 Neustift Am Walde - Vienna

The nose is fruity, mineral and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of fresh apple and fine notes of crunchy flat peach combined with fine notes of flint and a subtle hint of fresh lemon. The palate is fruity, fluid, mineral, slightly tight, linear and offers unctuousity, a fine suavity and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon and crunchy flat apple combined with fine hints of fresh lychee and a touch of fresh brugnion. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Franz Hirtzberger - Riesling Smaragd 2005 - Spitz / Donau Wachau

The nose is fine, crystalline, elegant, clean and offers a beautiful finesse, a fine intensity, precision and a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince, peach compote and discreet hints of beeswax combined with a subtle hint of candied tangerine as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and pepper (in the background). The wine needs time to open. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a fine juiciness, fat, a fine suavity, a certain tension, precision, "clean", a fine unctuousity, power, a nice matter, a slight sweetness and a fine gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon and fine notes of quince associated with hints of ripe / crushed apple as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruitss and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.5+

Johann Donabaum Neuburger Wachauer Smaragd 2015 Wachau

The nose is fruity, concentrated, tight and offers finesse and a fine minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe small yellow fruits / quince and fine hints of pear combined with a discreet hint of minerality as well as a subtle / very discreet hint of beeswax. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, slightly tight, straight, slightly linear and offers a nice definition / expression, a beautiful suavity, a good tension, a good structure, richness and concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and fine hints of exotic fruitss associated with a subtle hint of tangerine and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16

Weingut Wieninger - Bisamberg 2016 Wiener Gemischer Satz DAC

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a good structure and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of lemon zest and fine notes of apple combined with touches of exotic fruitss and a subtle hint of peach. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, minerality, harmony, gourmandise, a fine unctuousity and a good freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, apple and fine notes of exotic fruitss combined with very discreet hints of vanilla tips (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15

Högl - Bruck Alte Parzellen Smaragd 2012 Wachau

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, aerial and offers a fine richness. It reveals fine notes of quince and white fruit associated with a hint of green peach and a subtle hint of beeswax (in the background). The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, aerial and offers a nice gourmandise, a beautiful suavity, a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity, a nice fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe clementine combined with slight notes of exotic fruitss as well as a hint of green apple and a subtle hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Högl - Bruck Gelber Muskateller 2016 Smaragd Wachau

The nose is aromatic, intense, mineral, fine, "clean" and offers a slight / discreet concentration. It reveals notes of white flowers / honeysuckle and fine notes of exotic fruitss (quenette, lychee, a hint of papaya) combined with a subtle hint of rose and a very discreet hint of fresh lemon. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, round, straight, "clean", well-built, precise and offers a fine acid frame, a nice suavity / fat, tension, a nice minerality, a nice definition as well as a fine intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruitss (quenette, lychee) and fine notes of flowers (rose, honeysuckle) combined with a discreet hint of ripe green apple (in the background) as well as a discreet hint of lemon zest. Good length.

Score : 16+

Rixinger Weingut 2016 Kalkofen Neuburger Smaragd Wachau

The nose is mineral, intense, slightly powerful (in the background) and offers concentration. It reveals notes of white peach, apple and fine hints of rocky minerality associated with subtle wooded points. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, fat, very slightly "perlante" (discreetly sparkling), slightly tight, round and offers a fine acid frame, a fine gourmandise, a fine concen-

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tration, richness, density, freshness, a fine minerality and fine unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crushed exotic fruitss (quenette, passion fruit) and fine notes of white fruits (in the background) associated with an imperceptible hint of citrus zest. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Högl - Schön Grüner Veltliner 2016 Smaragd Wachau

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals fine notes of ripe fruit, minerality and a subtle saline hint associated with fine notes of lemon and a subtle hint of nectarine (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, "clean" and offers a fine minerality, a fine incisive side as well as a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruitss and white fruits (peach, brugnon, apple) combined with fine notes of lemon as well as a fine hint of minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Högl - Schön Grüner Veltliner 2016 - Federspiel Wachau

The nose is fruity, intense and aromatic. It reveals notes of exotic fruitss, flowers and fine notes of white fruit combined with a subtle hint of lemon (in the background). The palate is intense, fruity, aromatic, straight, well-balanced, well defined, "clean" and offers a nice fat, a fine mineral frame (rocky/racy minerality), freshness and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruitss and ripe nectarine / apple associated with fine hints of quenette, lemon and rocky minerality.

Score : 15.75

Gritsch-Mauritiushof 1000-Eimerberg 2013 Riesling Smaragd Wachau

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse and a fine richness. It reveals notes of dried fruit, quince and a fine notes of honey combined with touches of apple and dried peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, crystalline, slightly fleshy and offers a beautiful finesse, minerality, a fine acid frame, suavity, a beautiful elegance, tension, juiciness as well as a good gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe lemon and a fine note of mirabelle associated with hints of honey as well as a subtle hint of apricot. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 16

Pichler - Riesling Smaragd 2004 Loibner Berg Wachau

The nose is fruity, fine, linear, elegant, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and fine hints of mirabelle, quince / small yellow fruits combined with a hint of honey and a slight hint of almond. There are slight hints of evolution. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy, straight and offers a nice fat, a nice suavity, a beautiful definition / expression and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon and fine notes of quince, rocky minerality combined with fine touches of ripe / crushed peach, a subtle hint of ripe / juicy tangerine as well as slight notes of beeswax and a hint of almond. Good length.

Score : 16+

Weingut Johann Donabaum Setzberg - Spitz - Riesling Smaragd 2007 Wachau

The nose is aromatic, fine, concentrated and racy. It reveals notes of dried yellow fruits, mirabelle plums and hints of ripe citrus fruit combined with

subtle hints of exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of muesli / dried fruit. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, elegant, "clean" and offers a nice fat, powerful, a fine unctuousity, a good straightness, a fine acid frame, a fine minerality, a good volume, a fine sweetness, a beautiful intensity / concentration, power as well as a fine crystalline side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits, mirabelle and quince, combined with a subtle hint of exotic fruitss, a very discreet hint of ripe lemon as well as subtle hints of beeswax, crystalline minerality and of dried fruits. Good length and good persistence. The finish is slightly powerful.

Score : 17+

Prager - Riesling Smaragd 2007 Wachstum Bodenstein Wachau

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of compotted white fruits, juicy yellow fruits and racy minerality associated with a very discreet hint of beeswax, pepper (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fluid, mineral, well-balanced and offers straightness, a good guideline as well as a fine fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe pear / nectarine and fine hints of exotic fruitss combined with a hint of beeswax as well as a discreet hint of almond / dried fruit. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.5+

Alzinger - Smaragd Steinertal Riesling 2009 Wachau

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, minerality as well as richness. It reveals notes of beeswax, quince and fine hints of small yellow fruits / mirabelle and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, suave, straight and offers a fine fat, gourmandise, a good structure, a beautiful matter, a good "guideline", a slight bright side, harmony as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince and slight notes of fresh mirabelle associated with subtle notes of ripe lemon, ripe exotic fruitss, beeswax as well as subtle hints of apricot on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Domäne Wachau Riesling Smaragd 2009 - Achleiten Wachau

The nose is aromatic and offers richness as well as concentration / power. It reveals notes of lemon and quince associated with slight hints of honey, ripe exotic fruitss and a discreet hint of almond / dried fruit. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers juiciness, a good volume, a good definition, tension, a fine straightness as well as elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fine notes of quince and mandarin, combined with slight notes of ripe white fruits/exotic fruitss as well as slight hints honey and a discreet hint of dried fruits/almonds. Good length.

Score : 16+

Jamek - Ried Klaus 2013 Riesling Smaragd Wachau

The nose is fine, elegant and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince and fine notes of peach associated with hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fine minerality, a fine tension, a nice fat and a racy / crystalline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and fine notes of fresh brugnon combined with discreet hints of ripe tangerine as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe grapefruit and slight touches of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Austria

Tegernseerhof - Riesling Terrassen 2015

Wachau

The nose is fresh, fruity and relatively concentrated / powerful. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe lemon zest and hints of lime zest combined with subtle hints of green apple as well as very discreet hints of beeswax and an imperceptible hint of tangerine / yellow fruits. The mouth is fruity, fine, fat, round, well-balanced, straight and offers a nice tension, juiciness, a good finesse, delicacy and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruits / quince and fine notes of brugnion associated with a subtle hint of lemon, beeswax as well as a very discreet toasted hint. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Weinhofmeisterei Kollnitz 2015 Riesling Smaragd

Wachau

The nose is fresh, fruity, captivating, aromatic, racy and offers a fine intensity / richness and good finesse. It reveals fine notes of quince and white fruits (apple, brugnion) combined with fine hints of exotic fruitss, honey and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight, fine, racy, precise, elegant, mineral, delicate and offers tension, a beautiful minerality, a nice definition, a nice fat and a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and fine notes of apple, crushed white fruits combined with a discreet hint of zest, a subtle hint of honey, sweet spices as well as a very discreet toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 16.25

Veyder-Malberg Elsarner Brandstatt 2015 - Riesling

Wachau

The nose is fine, fruity and offers a fine richness and fine unctuousity. It reveals notes of beeswax, small yellow fruits and touches of flowers associated with slight hints of candied quince / lemon. The palate is fruity, fresh, very slightly "perlante" (discreetly sparkling), well-balanced, aerial and offers a good acidity, a good minerality, a slight fat, tension, a fine richness, a fine juiciness as well as a good finesse / delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince and slight notes of lemon, beeswax combined with discreet touches of wood as well as an imperceptible hint of green almond and a slight hint of dried fruit. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Högl - Bruck Alte Parzellen Smaragd 2015

Wachau

The nose is elegant, intense and offers a freshness and a fine density (in the background). It reveals notes of lemon and fine notes of green apple associated with a discreet hint of lime, flint as well as a subtle hint of smoke and exotic fruitss. The mouth is fruity, nicely balanced, elegant, harmonious, soft and offers a nice finesse, freshness, juiciness, a nice definition and a beautiful maturity of the fruit. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of nectarine, exotic fruitss and a subtle hint of juicy apple combined with a juicy / ripe hint of papaya as well as fine hints of lemon / mandarin as well as fine touches of racy minerality, a slight hint of rose and a discreet oaky hint on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Wieninger - Wiener Gemischter Satz DAC Nußberg 2015

The nose is aromatic and finely creamy. It reveals fine notes of lemon, yellow flowers and vanilla associated with hints of stewed vine peaches and quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, aerial and offers tension,

a good volume, gourmandise as well as a nice creamy and finely satiny matter. On the palate, this wine expresses fine notes of lemon, vine peach and fine notes of apple combined with discreet hints of stewed pears.

Score : 15.25+

Prager - Achleiten Stockkultur - Grüner Veltliner Smaragd 2015

Wachau

The nose is fine, fresh, mineral, elegant, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as a certain purity. The nose is marked by the terroir. It reveals notes of lemon, flowers, quenette and exotic fruitss combined with touches of vine peach as well as a touch of rocky minerality and a very discreet honey in the background. The mouth is fruity, fine, suave, beautifully gourmande, elegant, precise, finely fleshy and offers a nice suavity, a fine tension, a nice fat, a fine minerality, a certain dynamism, a beautiful definition and an acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / fleshy vine peach, quenette and apple, combined with small touches of saline minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and a subtle / discreet hint of oak (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.75

Weingut Jager Riesling Federspiel Achleiten 2015

Wachau

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy, mineral and offers a fine richness (in the background). It reveals fine notes of lemon, fresh zest and fresh peach combined with subtle hints of fresh tangerine, a hint of flint and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight, finely gourmande and offers a nice fat, finesse, a fine acid frame, suavity, elegance, straightness and precision / a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, fresh clementine and fine notes of fresh yellow peach combined with a very discreet hint of fresh pineapple, a fine racy minerality and a fine point of flint. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.25

Weingut Schloss Gobelsburg - Tradition Riesling 2014

Kamptal

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant, aromatic and mineral. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and fine notes of fresh tangerine associated with fine hints of exotic fruits, fresh Granny Smith apple and a subtle hint of flowers / honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, fat, a bit gourmande and offers suavity, a fine density as well as a fine fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and a subtle hint of grapefruit associated with a touch of exotic fruitss (quenette, passion fruit and a subtle hint of papaya) and a very discreet / imperceptible touch of flowers.

Score : 16.5

Weingut Schloss Gobelsburg - Trockenbeerenauslese 2015 - Grüner Veltliner

Kamptal

The nose is fruity, gourmand, intense, aromatic and fine. It reveals fine notes of candied lemon, hints of quince and a subtle hint of yellow fruit combined with a hint of pineapple in syrup, honey as well as a subtle hint of wallnuts / nuts and a touch of discreet hint of candied mandarin. The palate is nicely fruity, fine, fluid, elegant, well-balanced, round and offers a very nice gourmandise, fleshiness and unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses fine notes of candied lemon, candied peach associated with a hint of candied pear, honey as well as a subtle hint of dried fruits and a discreet hint of dried apricot. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

South Africa

RED WINES

Asara Private Cellar The Bell Tower 2012 Stellenbosch, South Africa

The nose is fruity, powerful, relatively aromatic and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry cream and licorice associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, ripe cherry as well as touches of Cuben pepper, toasted oak, mocha and sweet spices / vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, minerality, fat, tension, a fine juiciness, freshness, a good «guideline», gourmandise and a certain complexity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, Boysen berry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of fresh redcurrants combined with fine touches of pepper, violet (discreet), toasted oak as well as fine grilled touches, sweet spices / vanilla and a hint of tea. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length. There are slight touches of caramelization on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16

Rudera – Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Western Cape, South Africa

The nose is quite aromatic, structured and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, red berries jam and fine notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, licorice, caramelization and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice minerality, fat, tension, a good «guideline», a fine juiciness as well as a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and wild strawberry combined with slight toasted touches oak, vanilla / caramel as well as fine hints of cocoa (in the background) and a subtle touch of cardamom. Tannins are a bit firm and straight. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Rudera – Syrah 2012 Western Cape, South Africa

The nose is aromatic and offers elegance as well as concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and strawberry associated with touches of jam, licorice, wood, cocoa (discreet), violet and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a nice mineral frame, tension, a fine acidity, a fine juiciness, a good structure and a fine elegance. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe / crushed red berries, ripe wild strawberries combined with touches of cassis, toasted oak, blackberry as well as slight touches of cocoa, tobacco and sweet spices.

Score : 15.5+

Rudera – Platinum 2008 Western Cape, South Africa

The nose is aromatic, elegant, finely powerful and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of undergrowth associated with touches of red berry jam, raspberry, wood as well as subtle touches of spices, smoke, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a very beautiful structure (beautiful finesse!), a nice minerality, fat, tension, a beautiful precision / elegance, a very slight freshness as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes

of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of cherry combined with touches of redcurrant jam, raspberry, toasted oak as well as subtle touches of cocoa, Bourbon vanilla, a very discreet hint of crème brûlée and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. Good length and persistence. There are a subtle hint of Timut pepper on the finish and a note of chocolate / cocoa on the persistence.

Score : 17.25

Asara Private Cellar Cape Fusion 2014 – Vineyard Collection Stellenbosch, South Africa

The nose is aromatic, intense and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and slight notes of ripe wild red berries, raspberry candy, cherry associated with a touch of liquorice as well as a discreet / imperceptible hint of cassis bud and slight toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness, a good definition, a mineral

frame, a fine acidity, freshness, suavity and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants, ripe cassis and cherries combined with touches of raspberries as well as subtle toasted touches oak, cassis bud, chocolate / coffee and wood. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm.

Score : 15.25+

Strandveld Vineyards The Navigator 2013 Cape Agulhas – Elim, South Africa

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of coffee / wood and cassis associated with small notes of blackberry, strawberry as well as small notes of pepper (gray pepper and Cuben pepper) and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, relatively gourmande and offers a nice mineral frame a nice definition, a good «guideline», suavity, fat, a fine unctuousity, a racy minerality, a nice freshness as well as a good volume / roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed Boysen

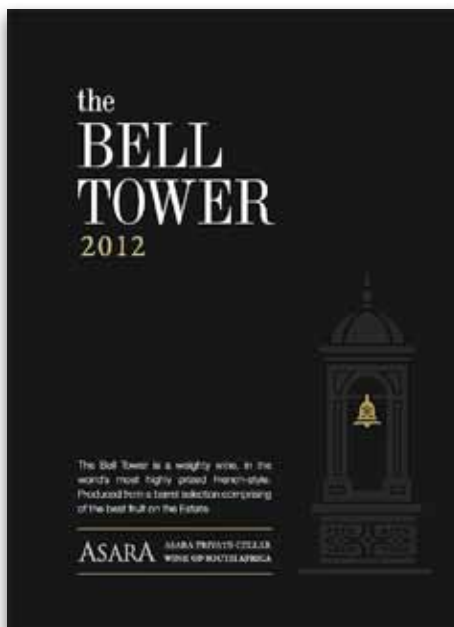
berry, crushed cassis and small notes of wild black berries combined with fine touches of ripe / crushed raspberry, ripe red berries as well as small touches of chocolate, caramelized oak, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. Tannins are fine and very slightly chewy. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

L'Avenir – Pinotage 2014 Stellenbosch, South Africa

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, black berries and plum associated with slight touches of wild fruit, wood, bush as well as hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, juicy, quite gourmande, well-conducted, straight, racy and offers fat, a good structure, finesse and a fine minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy red berries / cherries combined with slight / discreet toasted hints oak, caramelization (caramelized brown sugar) as well as subtle touches of praline and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5



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WHITE WINES

**Asara Private Cellar
Chenin Blanc 2016 – Vineyard Collection
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose reveals notes of lemon and quince associated with slight touches of quenette, citrus zests and apple. The palate is fruity, fat, unctuous, slightly gourmande and offers an acid frame as well as a fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed pear and quenette associated with small notes of citrus as well as a fine touch of melon and slight touches of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75+

**Asara Private Cellar
Sauvignon Blanc 2017 – Vineyard Collection
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quenette, papaya and ripe / crushed yellow peaches associated with small notes of citrus as well as a subtle hint of white flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well structured and offers a mineral frame, a fine juiciness, fat as well as a fine suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruit) and Williams pear combined with fine touches of lemon, lemon zest and a touch of papaya. Good length.

Score : 15

**Asara Private Cellar
The White Cab. 2017
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of apple and crushed white peaches combined with subtle hints of citrus fruit, fresh fruits as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruitss. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers dynamism, a good definition, a fresh frame and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and ripe apple combined with touches of ripe peach, exotic fruitss and a subtle / discreet hint of lime zest. Good length.

Score : 14.75

**Rudera
Robusto Chenin Blanc 2013
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and Williams pears associated with fine touches of oxidation, kumquat as well as hints of crushed apple and an imperceptible hint of honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, tension, a good structure, gourmandise, a small complexity and a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed mirabelle, quince, kumquat and ripe small yellow fruits combined with hints of honey, fresh pear and a subtle / imperceptible hint of nut / almond. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5

**Strandveld Vineyards
Sauvignon Blanc 2016
Pofadderbos Single Vineyard – Cabe Agulhas
Elim, South Africa**

The nose is aromatic, fresh and quite fruity. It reveals notes of green apple, vine peach and a slight note of exotic fruitss associated with slight notes of flowers, touches of citrus fruit as well as a discreet note of stone / racy minerality and an imperceptible toasted note. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame (racy minerality), depthness, a fine acidity, a fine unctuousity (probably from bâtonnage),

finesse, a nice roundness, straightness, elegance as well as freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed peach, kumquat and exotic fruitss combined with a small note of ripe citrus / quince, discreet hints of juicy clementine as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and hints of zest on the persistence.

Score : 15.5

**Rudera
De Tradisie Chenin Blanc 2013
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is racy and offers a fine richness, gourmandise and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed pear, crushed brugnon and quince associated with small touches of mirabelle, pineapple in syrup and a subtle hint of yellow peach. The mouth is fresh, fruity, round, unctuous, well-balanced, fat and offers a mineral frame, tension, a good freshness and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnon, mirabelle, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of oak, vanilla and a grilled touch. Good length.

Score : 15

**L'Avenir – Chenin Blanc 2016
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of fresh Williams pear, fresh yellow plum / mirabelle plum and slight notes of rocky minerality combined with a subtle hint of quince as well as a discreet hint of fresh mandarin and an imperceptible woody hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, finely gourmande and offers a fine juiciness, a fine unctuousity / fleshiness, fat (probably from bâtonnage), an aerial aspect, tension as well as a crystalline / rocky minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe Williams pear, apple / peach compote and fine touches of fresh mirabelle plums combined with a subtle hint of quince, exotic fruits / quenette as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.75

SWEET WINES

**Rudera
Noble Late harvest 2010
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand, elegant, fresh and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of dry apricot, Zante currant and dried kumquat combined with slight touches of dried plum, dried orange and a very discreet hint of flint, spices, honey and caramel. The palate is fruity, nicely balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a fine acidity, tension, finesse, dynamism, a nice definition as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried tangerine, dried apricot and small notes of candied lemon associated with slight touches of Zante currant, dried fig, walnuts, subtle touches of honey as well as hints of lime zest (in the background) and hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 16+

**Asara Private Cellar
Vine Dried, Sauvignon Blanc 2014
Stellenbosch, South Africa**

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of candied lemon and crystallized green apple combined with a subtle hint of sweet exotic fruitss, crystallized clementine as well as subtle touches of honey, a very discreet hint of pineapple in syrup (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of spices / four spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame, minerality, suavity, fat, a fine unctuousity and freshness. On the

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palate, this wine expresses notes of candied lemon and candied clementine associated with small notes of green apple, peach in syrup, pineapple in syrup, touches of honey as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of almond and sweet spices (cardamon, nutmeg ...).

Score : 15

De Morgenzon Reserve Chardonnay 2016 Stellenbosch

The nose is fruity, gourmand and creamy. It reveals fine notes of lemon and crushed pear associated with slight notes of apple, mandarin flowers as well as discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, relatively aerial and offers a beautiful freshness, a slight creaminess as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and slight notes of mandarin associated with a discreet hint of quince, apricot as well as a very discreet toasted hint / vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5+

Boschendal – Appellation Séries Elgin Chardonnay 2015 South Africa

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of pear and slight notes of crushed nectarine/white peach associated with slight touches of quince/citrus as well as a very discreet oaky hint, a subtle hint of zests and a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, round, precise, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acid frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple and slight touches of pear, ripe lemon associated with a discreet hint of clementine, a subtle hint of quenette/quince and a very discreet oaky hint in the background. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Boschendal – Appellation Séries Elgin Pinot Noir 2015 South Africa

The nose is fruity, elegant, quite fine and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of small black berries, cassis and fine notes of sour cherry, cherry associated with a discreet hint of flowers, spices, wood as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, tobacco and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, suave, finely gourmande and offers a nice acid frame, finesse, a good juiciness and a fine tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry and redcurrant associated with fine notes of wild strawberry, cassis, Quetsche plum skin as well as a discreet note of spices, a touch of vanilla/wood and a very discreet hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are fine and racy. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.75+

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APPLEGATE VALLEY

Serra Vineyards – 2016 Viognier Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is aromatic, fresh and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of vanilla and pear associated with fine notes of white fruit, oak and touches of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers a fine minerality, a fine acid frame (in the background), fat, suavity, freshness as well as a nice structure and acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vanilla, pear compote and small notes of peach associated with a touch of quenette, touches of ripe citrus as well as toasted touches oak, subtle hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible touch of cardamom. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Serra Vineyards - Rosa Marie 2016 Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain roundness. It reveals notes of green apple associated with touches of crushed pear / apple as well as subtle hints of citrus and red fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, a fine acid frame, fat, roundness and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed white fruits (pear, apple) and fresh / ripe citrus fruits (lemon, mandarin) combined with fine touches of quenette as well as subtle touches of red fruits. Good length.

Score : 15+

Serra Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is aromatic, well-structured, finely powerful and offers straightness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, cherry and fine touches of ripe pepper associated with touches of chocolate, hints of coffee as well as a subtle hint of spices (in the background) and a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, straightness, a fine tension and a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy cherry / juicy and touches of coffee associated with fine hints of chocolate, wood as well as subtle hints of spices and an imperceptible touch of red bell pepper (in the background) and subtle hints of cardamom (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15

Serra Vineyards – Tempranillo 2014 Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity, finely powerful and offers concentration and freshness (in the background). It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and wild small fruits associated with hints of wood, fine hints of flowers as well as touches of chocolate truffle, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely silky and offers a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed Boysenberry blackberry and touches of cassis, wood associated with subtle hints of ripe / crushed wild red berries, fine hints of tonka bean, subtle hints of vanilla as well as subtle hints of coffee and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly chewy.

Score : 15.25+

Serra Vineyards – Syrah 2013 Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, redcurrant jam and fine touches of crushed strawberry combined with a touch of gray pepper and subtle / discrete touches of ripe bell pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and

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offers finesse, a fine suavity, a mineral frame, a fine tension, a good volume and a certain fluidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and fine touches of ripe red fruit (cherry, raspberry) associated with fine touches of minerality, touches of chocolate and subtle woody touches. Tannins are well-made. Good length.

Score : 15+

Wooldridge Creek Vineyard Dry Gewurztraminer 2015

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of apple, pear and subtle hints of citrus (in the background) associated with touches of flint and a very discreet oceanic hint / minerality almost saline. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, well-defined, finely gourmande and offers a nice acid frame, a fine suavity, a good definition and a good roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, lemon and fine touches of mandarin associated with a subtle / discreet hint of lychee (in the background), subtle woody touches (in the background) as well as subtle touches of white flowers (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of rocky/saline minerality (terroir). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

Wooldridge Creek Vineyard Twilight White 2015

Applegate Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers depthness and a fine minerality (in the background). It reveals notes of fresh apple associated with fine notes of fresh mirabelle plum, citrus, fine touches of fresh pear and fine / discreet touches of honeysuckle and touches of racy minerality (almost saline). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers a nice untuosity / gourmandise, a good definition, fat (bâtonnage), a fine tension and an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / crushed apple, pear and touches of fresh/ripe mirabelle plum associated with subtle toasted hints, discrete touches of honeysuckle and an imperceptible touch of zest (in the background). Good length and persistence. There is a hint of flint on the persistence.

Score : 16

Wooldridge Creek Vineyard - Dry Rosé 2016

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers racy minerality. It reveals fine notes of ripe redcurrant and cherry combined with fine / discreet notes of blackberry and an imperceptible touch of apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, finely silky and offers roundness, fleshiness and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe red cherry, blackberry and touches of redcurrant combined with fine / discreet hints of plum and very discreet touches of black cherry. Good length.

Score : 16

Wooldridge Creek Vineyard - 2016 Sparkling Rosé

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers residual sugar. It reveals fine touches of redcurrant candy and raspberry associated with subtle touches of crushed apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, roundness, a fine mineral frame and a small aerial aspect. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry candy, redcurrant candy and touches of cherry associated with fine touches of crushed Granny Smith apple. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Wooldridge Creek Vineyard 2015 Sparkling Brut

Applegate Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine minerality (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, dynamic and offers a nice freshness, roundness, a fine acid frame and a fine effervescence. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, lemon paste and fine touches of ripe tangerine, Granny Smith apple associated with subtle hints of fresh cherry, vanilla and subtle hints of chocolate (in the background), subtle toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). Good length and very beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.25+

Warick - 2012 Reserve - Red Wine

Applegate Valley

The nose is aromatic, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a fine concentration and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of fleshy / crushed cassis and fine touches of cherry, blackberry associated with touches of strawberry jelly, touches of chocolate, coffee as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a nice fat, a good definition, straightness, finesse, a small aerial aspect and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe black cherry, fleshy cassis and fine touches of red cherry associated with a touch of crushed strawberry, fine / discreet touches of chocolate, licorice / zan and subtle / imperceptible touches of flowers (in the background). Tannins are well-built and very discreetly firm. Good length.

Score : 16+

Warrick - Sauvignon Blanc 2015

Applegate Valley

The nose reveals woody notes associated with fine touches of lemon, tangerine as well as fine hints of peach and subtle hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine unctuousity, an acid / lemon frame, a good definition as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and fine touches of apple associated with a subtle touch of peach. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Plaisance Ranch - Viognier 2015

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity. It reveals fine notes of apricot, peach and fine touches of exotic fruitss combined with imperceptible hints of lemon zest and touches of wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, fat, a fine unctuousity, volume, a nice freshness as well as a fine juiciness (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of stewed peach, pear and subtle touches of exotic fruits associated with subtle touches of fresh lemon as well as subtle touches of tangerine paste, vanilla and a very discreet woody hints. Good length.

Score : 15+

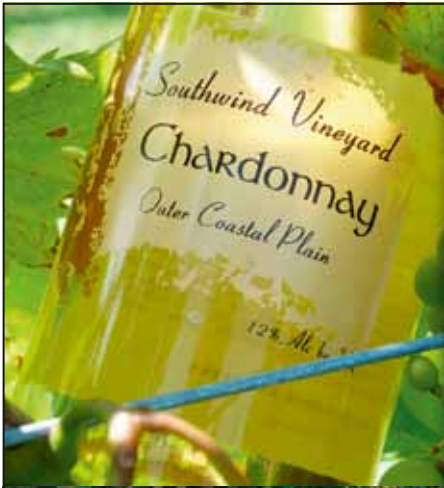
Plaisance Ranch - Pinot Noir Papa Joe's Private Stash

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers a fine concentration / density. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and fine touches of plum associated with subtle touches of strawberry, spices and a very discreet touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a fine juiciness, a fine minerality, a good definition and a very discreet touch of saline minerality (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry and plum associated with fine touches

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Oregon

of cassis, juicy / ripe red fruits, berries, licorice and oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Plaisance Ranch Pinot Noir 2014, Clone 828

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity and offers a fine tension and a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed/ripe black cherry and fine notes of plum associated with fine touches of crushed blackberry, subtle hints of raspberry, subtle hints of chocolate, wood as well as discreet hints of violet and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers concentration, a fine mineral frame, a fine fleshiness, a good structure as well as a very fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry and touches of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of crushed blackberry as well as fine hints of strawberry, chocolate and subtle / imperceptible touches of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16+

Plaisance Ranch – Vintage 2014 Merlot

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose offers fine touches of gray pepper, fine hints of fleshy / juicy blackberry combined with hints of cassis, subtle hints of wild / juicy black fruits, fine / very discreet hints of liquorice as well as subtle hints of vanilla and very discreet hints of ripe red bell pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine juiciness, a very discreet fleshiness, straightness, a fine aerial aspect as well as a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses touches of fleshy black cherry and blackberry associated with fine touches of plum, subtle hints of vanilla as well as subtle touches of chocolate on the finish (brings delicacy / gourmandise). Tannins are well-built and very slightly/discreetly dusty.

Score : 15.75

Plaisance Ranch – Tempranillo 2014

Papa Joe's Private Stash

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is finely fruity, well-structured, finely powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black currant, blackberry and fine touches of cassis associated with subtle hints of strawberry, spices and subtle touches of oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a fine concentration, a fine fleshiness, tension, a fine fresh frame, a fine acidity (in the background) and a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and fine touches of black currant, raspberry associated with subtle woody touches, toasted oak / vanilla and a subtle hint of caramelization and cardamom. Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Plaisance Ranch – Tempranillo 2010

Papa Joe's Private Stash

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is aromatic, straight and offers a fine elegance. It reveals fine touches of gray pepper and subtle hints of gray pepper, crushed / fleshy black cherry, cassis combined with fine / discreet touches of black fruit, subtle hints of caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of tobacco and vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice definition / precision, depthness and volume. On the palate this wine expresses beautiful notes of juicy plum, black cherry, cassis and fine touches of raspberry associated with fine touches of chocolate as well as subtle hints of red fruits and subtle hints of gray pepper (in background).

Score : 16

Plaisance Ranch – Malbec 2014

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity and offers complexity. It reveals fine notes of violet, plum, cassis and fine touches of terroir / dried earth associated with subtle / discreet hints of zan, an imperceptible touch of tobacco (in the background) and subtle touches dried strawberry (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a very fine juiciness, a fine acidity and depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, juicy / fleshy black cherry and fine touches of zan associated with subtle touches of cigar, wood as well as an imperceptible touch of fresh / juicy raspberry and a subtle touch of dried earth. Tannins are fine and firm. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Plaisance Ranch – Mondeuse 2014 - Papa Joe's Private Stash

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy blackcurrant, fleshy black cherry and blackberry combined with fine touches of fleshy strawberry, spices, subtle hints of white pepper as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and discreet hints of licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juicy frame, a nice definition / elegance, a fine gourmandise (in the background), a fine fleshiness, roundness as well as a small harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed cassis and fine touches of strawberry combined with subtle hints of raspberry jam, subtle touches of vanilla as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper and fine / discreet touches of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are fine, well-built and very slightly firm. Good length. There are fine touches of black cherry on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15.25

Plaisance Ranch – Syrah 2014 – Papa Joe's Private Stash

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals fine notes of black cherry, cassis and subtle hints of gray pepper combined with subtle hints of crushed raspberry, crushed / ripe black plum and a subtle / imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a nice definition / finesse, gourmandise, depthness, roundness, a very fine unctuousity, a fine minerality, a beautiful acid frame, precision and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy / juicy cassis and fine touches of crushed / fleshy raspberry, chocolate associated with subtle hints of caramelization, nougatine as well as subtle / imperceptible toasted touches oak / Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16+

Plaisance Ranch – Carménère 2014

Applegate Valley, Southern Oregon

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers a very fine austerity. It offers notes of crushed cassis, black cherry and ripe red bell pepper associated with a subtle hint of flowers, discreet hints of chocolate, spices as well as a slight hint of nutmeg and subtle hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, a good roundness / volume, a good definition as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum, cassis and fine touches of strawberry associated with subtle touches of gray pepper and a very discreet hint of almond. Tannins are fine and very slightly dusty. Good length. There is a touch of dark chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16

Oregon

COLUMBIA VALLEY

Wy'East Vineyards - Pinot Gris Estate grown Columbia Gorge, Oregon

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals slight notes of racy minerality/flint associated with small notes of citrus zests, citrus as well as subtle hints of ripe fruits/exotic fruitss. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful roundness, a nice definition as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon paste and small touches of apple, Williams pear associated with slight touches of flint as well as subtle hints of exotic fruitss and spices on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15

Wy'East vineyards - Rosé Estate Grown 2016 Columbia Oregon, Oregon

The nose is fruity and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of strawberry and fleshy/fresh raspberry associated with slight hints of apple as well as a subtle touch of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, quite supple and offers a beautiful suavity, a nice freshness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry, fleshy raspberry and slight hints of juicy plum chair associated with a slight touch of apple, subtle hints of lemon as well as a very discreet hint of minerality and an imperceptible hint of fresh mandarin (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Wy'east Vineyards – Blue Chip Pinot Noir Estate Grown 2014

Columbia Gorge – Oregon

The nose is aromatic, racy, slightly powerful and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight elegance. It reveals notes of plum, black cherry and slight hints of juicy/crushed cassis associated with a discreet hint of chocolate, oak and a very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of cornflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively tight and offers a very slight minerality, fat as well as a very slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of purple plum and slight notes of black cherry, juicy blueberry associated with a subtle touch of red fruits jam, toasted hints oak as well as a subtle/discreet hint of spices and a very discreet hint of tobacco (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25

Wy'east Vineyards – Vinette's Cuvée Pinot Noir 2013 Estate grown

Columbia Gorge – Oregon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of very ripe plum and very ripe blackberry associated with subtle hints of red fruits (redcurrant, cherry) in the background, a hint of prune as well as a subtle hint of licorice and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight freshness, tension, fat, a slight suavity, a slight straightness as well as a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum and ripe strawberry associated with slight touches of very ripe blueberry as well as a subtle hint of licorice and a woody hint. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Wy'East Vineyards – Reserve Pinot Noir 2015 Estate grown

Columbia gorge, Oregon

The nose is aromatic, concentrated, well-built and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of crème de cassis, black cherry and slight touches of wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of redcurrant sweet, spices,

toasted oak as well as a very subtle hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, suave, well-built, well-balanced, racy, fine, concentrated and offers tension, a slight acid frame, a slight freshness as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and small woody touches, vanilla, spices as well as subtle hints of pepper, chocolate, licorice and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are slightly firm, a bit tight and slightly dusty. Nice persistence (with a hint of chocolate).

Score : 15.5

Wy'East Vineyards – Chardonnay estate Grown 2014

Columbia Gorge, Oregon

The nose is fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of quince and kumquat associated with subtle hints of orange, beeswax, small yellow fruits as well as a very discreet hint of minerality (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a slight freshness, a slight suavity as well as residual sugar. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow apple, quince and touches of kumquat associated with subtle hints of yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of beeswax and slight notes of sweet spices (on the persistence). Good length. The persistence is relatively gourmand.

Score : 14.75+

Marchesi Vineyard - Novello 2016

Columbia Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals fine notes of red fruits and blackberry associated with a subtle hint of bell pepper and a slight hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, suavity as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, strawberry and slight touches of raspberry associated with a hint of blackberry and an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 15

Marchesi Vineyard - Dolcetto 2016

Natal – Columbia Valley

The nose is fruity and well-structured. It reveals notes of strawberry and cherry associated with slight touches of spices, tonka bean, pepper as well as subtle hints of juicy fruits and an imperceptible touch of nutmeg. The palate is well-balanced, juicy and offers freshness, a slight mineral frame, a slight gourmandise, a nice structure, precision as well as a certain straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and cherry associated with slight touches of plum, touches of strawberry jam as well as hints of tonka bean, chocolate and a subtle hint of nutmeg/spices.

Score : 15.5

Marchesi Vineyard - Achille 2015

Columbia Gorge

The nose is fruity, structured, racy and offers a fine straightness. It reveals slight notes of ripe black cherry and boysenberry associated with slight touches of ripe redcurrant, cassis, a hint of plum as well as subtle touches of earth and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight suavity, gourmandise, fat, a slight acidity, straightness as well as a nice structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red cherry and cassis associated with slight touches of black cherry, a woody hint as well as subtle hints of cacao beans, sweet spices and subtle touches of vanilla. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length.

Score : 16

Oregon

Marchesi Vineyard - Eridano 2014

Columbia Valley

The nose is powerful, structured and offers concentration. It reveals slight notes of cassis and ripe red fruits (wild strawberry, redcurrant) associated with touches of gray pepper, spices and woody touches. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers suavity, gourmandise, roundness, freshness as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of ripe blackberry and cassis associated with slight touches of black cherry, discreet hints of ripe strawberry as well as subtle woody hints, chocolate and grilled. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a slight hint of chocolate, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Marchesi Vineyard - Amodio 2015

Columbia Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight power (in the background) as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of crème de cassis and blackberry associated with slight touches of very ripe raspberry, redcurrant sweet as well as a slight woody hint, Sichuan pepper and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave, silky, nicely built and offers tension, gourmandise, a slight aerial aspect, a beautiful roundness/volume as well as a nice structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry associated with slight touches of cacao, woody touches as well as subtle hints of almond, subtle toasted hints, chocolate and woody hints. Good length. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16

Marchesi Vineyard - Solimano 2015

Columbia Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of black berries associated with slight notes of olive tree, blackberry, strawberry, black cherry as well as slight/discreet touches of spices (in the background) and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful suavity, a fine acid frame, elegance, gourmandise, harmony, precision, a certain delicacy, a slight juiciness, a nice definition, a beautiful volume as well as a discreet unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum, blackberry and touches of chocolate associated with slight touches of caramelized oak, an imperceptible hint of coffee, woody hints as well as a subtle hint of cardamom and black pepper on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm.

Score : 16+

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Brynn Mawr – Riesling Estate 2016

Eola Amity Hills - Willamette Valley

The nose is mineral, fresh and well-built. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and lemon zests associated with slight/discreet hints of fresh green apple as well as subtle notes of fresh exotic fruitss. The palate is fruity, round, fat and offers suavity as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe Williams pear and touches of exotic fruitss associated with slight hints of fresh lemon, notes of flint as well as slight/discreet hints of spices (in the background). Good persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Brynn Mawr Vineyard – David's book Pinot Blanc 2016

Eola Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a subtle hint of gourmandise. It reveals notes

of fresh Mirabelle and clementine associated with a hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness as well as a slight deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon and yellow fruits/Mirabelle associated with discreet hints of exotic fruitss, orange jam as well as very discreet notes of oak on the aftertaste. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Brynn Mawr – Chardonnay 2015

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of green apple, fresh zests and slight/discreet notes of quince associated with a subtle hint of spices as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a beautiful mineral frame, roundness, a slight juiciness as well as acidity (from zests). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon zests and slight touches of ripe/fresh Williams pear associated with a subtle hint of spices and butter/vanilla (in the background) on the persistence/aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Brynn Mawr – Estate Chardonnay 2015

Eola Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight power. It reveals notes of oak/vanilla, ripe brugnion and ripe/crushed apple associated with hints of grilled bread and butter. The palate is fruity, mineral, fine, well-balanced, racy (beautiful terroir expression) and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful roundness as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh apple and fresh white peach associated with small notes of lemon, clementine, quince as well as discreet woody touches, vanilla, grilled bread and a subtle hint of lemon zests/clementine on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Brynn Mawr – Reserve Chardonnay 2014

Eola Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight richness. It reveals slight notes of lemon zests, crushed brugnion / vine peach and hints of apple associated with a subtle hint of fresh green melon, quince, a subtle hint of spices, butter, saline minerality as well as a slight hint of pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of straw. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, supple and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity, fat (from stirring) as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of melon, crushed brugnion and beautiful notes of ripe apple associated with subtle hints of vanilled oak and butter. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Brynn Mawr – Rosé of Pinot Noir 2016

Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of Tagada strawberry, redcurrant acid drop and hints of spices associated with subtle hints fresh Granny apple as well as a discreet/imperceptible hint of violet (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a slight gourmandise, a slight fat, tension, concentration, a nice volume as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry acid drop, crushed/fresh raspberry and touches of ripe/fresh red cherry associated with a discreet hint of cassis, violet and a subtle/imperceptible woody hint. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Oregon

Bethel heights Vineyards - Estate 2014 Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose reveals notes of cherry, cassis and slight touches of wild/ripe red berries associated with a hint of plum, slight woody touches, cacao as well as a very discreet grilled hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame, minerality, a slight concentration as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red cherry and juicy/crushed cassis associated with small toasted touches oak, chocolate, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of raspberry/crushed strawberry and subtle hints of vanilla. Tannins are firm. Good length.

Score : 15+

Bethel Heights Vineyards – Castel 2014 Estate pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose reveals notes of redcurrant and cassis associated with slight touches of plum, black cherry peel as well as a subtle hint of violet and gray pepper (in the background). The palate offers a slight juiciness, a slight freshness, a slight minerality, concentration, a slight fleshiness, a beautiful volume, a nice definition, a small suavity as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry, ripe/juicy redcurrant and touches of cassis, blackberry associated with a subtle hint of plum, discreet woody touches as well as subtle hint of chocolate and vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and firm. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 15.25+

Bethel Heights Vineyard – Aeolian 2013 Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a nice structure. It reveals notes of plum, red berries/ripe cherry and slight hints of flowers associated with a subtle hint of lily/cassis bud, sweet spices and a discreet hint of vanilled oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a slight minerality, a slight straightness, tension, a beautiful juiciness, a slight freshness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, cherry and slight notes of crushed cassis associated with hints of fresh raspberry, toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built.

Score : 15.5

Bethel heights Vineyard – Southeast block 2014 Estate Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a slight minerality as well as fleshy fruits. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, plum and slight touches of cornflower/violet associated with woody hints, a subtle hint of Tonka bean as well as a hint of spices and a subtle hint of rocky minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight deepness as well as elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry, juicy strawberry and hints of Quetsche plum associated with toasted touches oak, a slight hint of cassis sweet, chocolate, vanilled oak as well as a subtle hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built and subtly firm/dry.

Score : 15.5+

Behtel heights Vineyard – West Block 2014 Estate Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, fine, spicy, slightly powerful and offers intensity. It reveals notes of gray pepper, plum and slight touches of blackberry associated with hints of red cherry as well as a subtle hint of ripe redcurrant. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandise as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of plum, fleshy/ripe cherry and small touches of toasted oak, spices as well as a subtle hint of chocolate/ cacao, Bourbon vanilla and a hint of oak. Good length and very beautiful persistence. There is a subtle hint of Cuben pepper on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Bethel Heights Vineyard – Castel 2014 Estate Chardonnay

Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight juiciness, a slight concentration as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, zests and small touches of peach associated with subtle hints of kumquat as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruitss and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful construction, a small fat, a slight juiciness as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy yellow peach and juicy lemon associated with slight hints of kumquat, exotic fruitss as well as a very discreet woody hint, butter and a very subtle hint of salin minerality. Good length and beautiful persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25

Bethel Heights Vineyards - The High Wire 2014 Estate Chardonnay

Eola-Amity Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight power, concentration, a slight straightness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of quince, yellow fruits and subtle hints of orange associated with hints of peach as well as subtle hints of beeswax and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers a beautiful straightness, an acid frame, a beautiful minerality, deepness, a nice definition as well as an aerial aspect. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, kumquat and subtle touches of yellow peach associated with discreet hints of butter, vanilla/toasted and a very discreet hint of oak (in the background). There is a subtle hint of salinity on the persistence/finish. Good length and beautiful persistence. Beautiful ageing potential.

Score : 16.25+

Brooks – Pinot Noir 2014 Janus Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers notes of cherry, redcurrant jam and slight touches of plum associated with woody hints, a slight hint of bell pepper/flowers as well as a subtle hint of coffee and a discreet hint of cacao. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a slight juiciness, a nice structure as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of fresh redcurrant jam, cassis and small touches of bell pepper, cassis bud associated with subtle hints of violet as well as a slight hint of chocolate/oak. Good length.

Score : 14.25+

Brooks – Rastaban 2014 Pinot noir – Brooks Estate Vineyard

Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of red cherry, redcurrant and crushed fresh raspberry associated with hints of crème de cassis, oak as well as a subtle hint of Tonka bean. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, silky and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as a slight suavity/fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of plum associated with touches of fresh raspberry, jammy/fresg small red berries, toasted touches oak as well as a subtle hint of chocolate, spices, vanilla and a very discreet hint of flowers on the persistence. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Oregon

Brooks – Pinot Noir 2014 – Temperance Hills Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon

The nose is fruity, structured and slightly powerful.. It reveals notes of crushed hazelnuts, crushed raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of flowers (violet...), plum as well as subtles hints of gray pepper and a discreet woody note. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight juiciness/minerality as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of redcurrant, crushed raspberry and slight touches of cherry associated with hints of caramelization (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of violet/lily. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Brooks – Pinot Noir Rosé 2016 Willamette Valley

The nose is mineral, quite fruity and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, cassis «and small notes of fresh wild strawberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers roundness, a beautiful fat, a beautiful freshness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrant, fresh raspberry and cassis associated with slight hints of fleshy/crushed green apple as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of citrus/mandarin (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Brooks – Riesling 2015 – Brooks Estate Vineyard Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon

The nose is fresh and offers fleshy fruits. It reveals notes of fleshy white peach, flowers and slight touches of minerality, flint associated with subtle touches of lily/orchid as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruitss (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight minerality, fat, a nice density as well as a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruitss and ripe lemon associated with slight notes of fleshy/fresh green apple as well as touches of white flowers and a subtle hint of zests. Good length. There are slight gourmandise on the finish/aftertaste.

Score : 14+

Brooks – Sweet P 2015 Riesling – brooks Estate Vineyard Eola-Amity Hills, Oregon

The nose reveals notes of white flowers (honeysuckle, lily) and slight notes of green melon associated with touches of white peach, white fruits associated with subtle hints of spices, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple, ripe vine peach and ripe/fleshy green melon associated with slight touches of lemon paste/mandarin as well as subtle hints of white flowers and a very subtle/very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.25

RMS (Rollin Michael Soles) – Vintage 2014 - Brut Willamette Valley Sparkling Wine

The nose is fruity. It reveals slight notes of quince and small yellow fruits associated with a subtle hint of lemon, slight notes of spices as well as a hint of nutmeg, terroir and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit fat and offers a slight suavity, a slight juiciness as well as minerality. The effervescence is relatively fine and offers a slight creaminess as well as small small bubbles. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple and slight touches of kumquat, citrus associated with a subtle hint of

jam as well as hints of vanilla and woody hints. Good length.

Score : 14.25+

Rocco – Knudsen Vineyards – Vintage 2014 - Chardonnay Dundee Hills, Oregon

The nose is fruity and offers a slight creaminess as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of vanilla and ripe pear associated with slight touches of apple as well as a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame, straightness, a beautiful freshness as well as fat (from stirring). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe Williams pear and ripe apple associated with small touches of citrus (lemon...) as well as touches of vanilla and toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Roco – The Stalker – Pinot Noir 2014 Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers power. It reveals notes of black cherry, wild blackberry and pepper (black pepper and Cuben pepper) associated with hints of red fruits (wild strawberry...) and woody touches). The palate is fruity, silky, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight/discreet acid frame, a slight suavity as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight touches of black cherry/sour cherry associated with hints of cassis as well as a subtle hint of cassis, wild strawberry, flowers (in the background), sweet spices and subtle woody touches. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Roco – Marsh Estate Vineyard – Pinot Noir 2014 Yamhill Carlton, Oregon

The nose is fresh and offers power, concentration as well as finesse. It reveals notes of red cherry, sour cherry, gray pepper and spices associated with slight/discreet hints of strawberry as well as a subtle hint of cacao. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built, aerial and offers a slight fleshiness, a beautiful mineral frame, a slight juiciness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy strawberry, redcurrant and hints of sour cherry associated with subtle hints of cassis, notes of pepper (black pepper and coarse Cuben pepper) as well as subtle hints of chocolate, woody hints and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Roco – Private Stash – No°12 – Pinot Noir 2014 Chehalem Mountains Wit's End Vineyard – Oregon

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cherry and sour cherry associated with small notes of plum, spices as well as slight touches of boxwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial, silky and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight fleshiness, freshness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, black cherry and small touches of plum associated with hints of strawberry, a subtle hint of raspberry jelly, racy minerality as well as slight touches of chocolate, grilled oak and a subtle hint of coffee. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Domaine Serene - Cœur Blanc 2015 Willamette Valley

The nose is a bit discreet and fruity. It reveals notes of lemon, apple and slight notes of zests associated with subtle/discreet hints of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight mineral frame, roundness, a slight fat, a slight juiciness as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple, litchi and slight touches of yellow fruits associated with a hint of fleshy mandarin, a subtle hint of Quenette

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as well as slight touches of vanilla and woody touches. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine Serene – Evenstad Reserve Pinot Noir 2013

Dayton, Willamette Valley

The nose is powerful, concentrated, elegant and quite velvety. It reveals notes of plum, cassis and slight touches of black cherry associated with a hint of wild blackberry, subtle woody hints, spices/dust, a hint of tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper and caramelization (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky and offers a slight mineral frame, finesse, a slight juiciness, fat as well as a very slight creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and plum associated with slight touches of wild raspberry jam as well as a subtle hint of cassis, flowers, toasted oak and mocha (in the background). Tannins are very fine and very slightly dusty. Good length.

Score : 16

Domaine Serene – Evenstad Reserve Pinot Noir 2014

Dayton, Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, fine, powerful and offers a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, plum and cassis associated with a hint of wild strawberry, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of white pepper and a subtle woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful silky, a beautiful delicacy, a slight acid frame, a slight racy minerality as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry jam and cassis associated with slight touches of plum, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of juicy red berries, vanilla and a woody hint. Tannins are well-built and very slightly firm. There is a nice caramelization on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Domaine Serene – Clubhouse Commemorative Cuvée 2014

Willamette valley

The nose is fine, fruity and aromatic. It reveals slight notes of Quetsche plum and black cherry associated with slight touches of wild berries as well as a subtle hint of flowers, ivy, nutmeg and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight creaminess, a slight straightness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crème de cassis and small touches of plum associated with touches of redcurrant, flowers, chocolate/mocha as well as slight touches of raspberry jam, a subtle hint of gray pepper, a discreet hint of caramelization (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of Lapsang Souchong tea. Good length.

Score : 16

The Four Grease – Pinot Gris 2016

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise, a slight freshness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, lemon paste and slight notes of ripe/fresh mandarin associated with hints of salin minerality as well as a hint of Granny Smith apple. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy lemon and fresh flat peach associated with hints of green apple, slight touches of green lemon zests as well as an imperceptible hint of juicy/fresh yellow peach. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

The Four Grease – Pinot blanc 2016

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a very slight fat. It reveals notes of ripe white brugnion and green apple associated with slight touches of lemon zests as well as a subtle hint of yuzu zests and a hint of flint. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a slight fat, freshness, a slight suavity as well as a weflint (on the finish). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon associated with hints of apple, green melon as well as subtle touches of juicy/fresh lemon and an imperceptible hint of exotic fruitss (papaya, Quenette). Good length.

Score : 15

The Four Grease – Chardonnay 2015 – Gran Moraine Vineyard

Yamhill Carlton, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite elegant and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits and Mirabelle associated with a hint of quince, beeswax, toasted hint as well as a very discreet hint of raisin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine, quite elegant and offers a beautiful definition as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe peach and ripe white fruits associated with hints of quince, Mirabelle as well as a subtle hint of honey, spices, toasted hint/vanilla and a discreet hint of ripe exotic fruitss (in the background). Good length. There is a beautiful persistence of slight toasted touches/vanilla, as well as on a hint of butter and dried fruits.

Score : 15.5

The Four Grease – Pinot Noir 2014

Dundee Hills Reserve - Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and well-built. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum, violet and slight notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with hints of wild strawberry, blueberry as well as a subtle hint of spices and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers a beautiful mineral frame, finesse, a beautiful fat/suavity, a slight juiciness as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Quetsche plum and violet associated with slight touches of black cherry, blueberry as well as a hint of wild strawberry, a subtle toasted hint, vanilla and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. There is a subtle hint of flowers, cacao and an imperceptible hint of coffee on the persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of caramelization on the aftertaste. Very beautiful persistence.

Score : 16

The Four Grease – Pinot Noir 2014

Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of plum, cassis and crushed black cherry associated with hints of flowers, red fruits as well as subtle hints of spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandise, a beautiful freshness, a nice definition, a beautiful guideline as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Quetsche plum, blackberry and slight touches of raspberry associated with a hint of cherry as well as a slight hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

The Four Grease – Pinot Noir 2015 Yamhill Carlton Reserve

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and slightly charming. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum, fleshy boysenberry and flowers (violet, imperceptible hint of lily) associated with touches of fleshy strawberry as well as toasted hints, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of caramelization/coconut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight juiciness, a slight acid frame (in the background) as well as gourmandise and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes

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of fleshy plum and fleshy/juicy blackberry associated with slight touches of blueberry, wild strawberry as well as toasted hints oak, vanilla, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of coconut. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

Domaine Drouhin – Arthur – Chardonnay 2015

Dundee Hills – Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, flat peach and slight touches of white fruits associated with a subtle hint of mandarin, toasted/oak as well as a subtle hint of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, gourmand and offers a beautiful minerality (mineral frame), a beautiful freshness, a beautiful elegance/definition as well as a delicate acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy flat peach, juicy apple and slight touches of Williams pear associated with discreet hints of juicy/fleshy citrus as well as a subtle hint of toasted and vanilla. Good length. There is a slight hint of vanilla and oak on the persistence.

Score : 16.5+

Roserock – Drouhin – 2015 Chardonnay

Eola-Amity Hills – Oregon

The nose is aromatic and offers richness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of lemon paste and slight touches of mandarin associated with subtle hints of juicy peach, compoted white fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight fat as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, flat peach and slight touches of apple, exotic fruitss associated with hints of fleshy/crushed Williams pear, a subtle hint of Quenette as well as slight touches of minerality (in the background) and subtle hints of spices (in the background). Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16

Roserock – Drouhin – 2014 Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills – Oregon

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity as well as a slight power. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and hints of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/ripe strawberry associated with hints of spices, a subtle hint of pepper as well as a very discreet hint of minerality almost salin and subtle hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a slight freshness, a slight juiciness, gourmandize, roundness, a nice structure as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe plum, black cherry and slight touches of juicy cassis associated with toasted hints oak, a subtle hint of wild strawberry, spices, slight touches of chocolate/tonka bean, a slight hint of flowers as well as subtle woody hints and Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Drouhin – Pinot Noir 2014

Dundee Hills – Oregon

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and slight touches of wild strawberry, wild fruits associated with hints of violet, a very discreet hint of cornflower as well as a subtle hint of zan and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness, gourmandize as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry jam and juicy cassis associated with hints of wild strawberry, subtle hints of raspberry as well as toasted hints oak, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a slight hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16

Domaine Drouhin - Laurène 2013 Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills, Oregon

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a slight richness as well as certain delicacy. It reveals notes of black cherry and fleshy/juicy cassis associated with hints of licorice and woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a slight juiciness, a beautiful fruity as well as a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis and slight touches of red fruits associated with hints of juicy raspberry as well as slight touches of licorice and oak/chocolate. Tannins are slightly chewy and firm. Good length. There is a slight note of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16.25

Roserock – Drouhin Zephyrine 2014 Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills – Oregon

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and racy, it reveals notes of red cherry and slight touches of redcurrant associated with a discreet touch of licorice, minerality as well as hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful definition, a nice structure, a slight juiciness, a beautiful freshness, gourmandize, a beautiful roundness as well as a slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of juicy black cherry, redcurrant jam and slight touches of cassis, plum associated with a subtle hint of strawberry, licorice and vanilled oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a beautiful persistence on hints of chocolate. A very beautiful wine!

Score : 16.75

De Ponte Cellars – 2015 D.F.B. Melon Bourgogne

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of pear, ripe brugnion and sligh touches of quince associated with a hint of Mirabelle as well as a subtle hint of honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, fat, suavity as well as a slight creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruits and ripe peach/brugnion associated with slight notes of fleshy/ripe green apple as well as touches of honey and subtle hints of yellow fruits/quince. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Clay Hill - De Ponte Cellars – 2014 pinot Noir

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry and slight notes of cassis, blackberry associated with discreet hints of violet and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, juicy cassis and touches of blackberry associated with subtle hints of redcurrant jam (in the background), minerality as well as subtle toasted touches and chocolate. Tannins are supple. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

De Ponte Cellars – 2013 Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a slight minerality. It reveals notes of juicy cassis and black cherry associated with touches of plum as well as discreet hints of licorice/zan and woody hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry and fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of black cherry, Quetsche plum, racy minerality as well as toasted hints oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

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De Ponte Cellars - 2014 Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, well-structured and slightly powerful.. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and slight touches of blueberry associated with hints of wild red fruits as well as subtle/discreet hints of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, racy and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight suavity, a slight tension as well as a slight racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy boysenberry, cassis as well as a hint of black cherry cream, licorice and a subtle hint of vanilled oak. Tannins are fine, well-built as well as very slightly chewy. Nice persistence.

Score : 15.5

De Ponte Cellars - 2012 Pinot Noir Lonesome Rock Ranch

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, fine and concentrated. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and wild berries associated with woody touches, licorice as well as subtle touches of spices. The palate is fruty, juicy, mineral, elegant, nicely balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, tension, a nice structure, suavity as well as a beautiful gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy black cherry and touches of fleshy/juicy raspberry, juicy/fleshy Quetsche plum associated with toasted hints oak as well as a subtle hint of mocha, spices and a discreet hint of caramelization.

Score : 16+

Archery Summit - 2014 Pinot Noir Arcus Estate

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, fine, slightly elegant, a bit powerful and offers as well as a very slight gourmandise. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, tension, power, a nice structure, a slight gourmandise, straightness as well as a beautiful unctuous and fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe black cherry and creme de cassis associated with small touches of blackberry, wild strawberry, licorice, chocolate, woody hints as well as a slight/discreet hint of flowers and cardamom. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16

Archery Summit – 2014 Pinot Noir Archery Summit Estate

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry cream, blackberry and slight touches of blueberry jam associated with hints of fleshy wild strawberry, licorice, woody hints as well as slight hints of dark chocolate, a subtle hint of coffee and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight, slight, racy and offers a beautiful juiciness, tension, elegance, gourmandise, a certain power, a beautiful suavity, finesse, a nice definition, precision as well as a nice structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis jam, raspberry jam and touches of wild strawberry associated with slight woody hints, zan, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). Tannins are chewy. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

Archery Summit – 2015 Pinot Noir Red Hills Vineyard

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, fine, concentrated, elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe/crushed redcurrant and cassis associated with slight notes of racy minerality, strawberry flowers as well as a subtle hint of mo-

cha, a woody hint and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, tension, an aerial aspect, a beautiful freshness, a nice definition as well as a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe red cherry, cassis and plum associated with touches of fresh Gariguette strawberry, slight toasted touches oak, licorice as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and violet. Good length. There are slight touches of spices, chocolate, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 16.25

Archery Summit – 2010 Pinot Noir Red Hills Estate

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand, captivating and offers a fine fleshiness and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe cassis and fine touches of plum associated with a hint of licorice, a subtle hint of dried strawberry / cherry as well as discreet hints of wood, tobacco and a subtle / discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, silky and offers a fine acid frame (in the background), a nice racy minerality, tension as well as a beautiful elegance and delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/dried strawberry, fleshy/dried blackberry and plum combined with hints of fleshy / juicy raspberry, touches of black cherry, chocolate as well as subtle hints of licorice, mushroom / undergrowth and subtle toasted hints. Tannins are fine, well-built and chewy. Good length.

Score : 17

Left Coast Cellars Cali's Cuvée Pinot Noir 2014

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a very slight minerality. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum and cassis associated with slight notes of blackberry, Sichuan pepper as well as a subtle hint of spices, violet/flowers, blueberry and a very discreet hint of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a slight mineral frame, suavity, gourmandise, tension, a slight juiciness, a slightly unctuous matter as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Quetsche plum chair, blackberry and more slightly of black cherry associated with a subtle hint of blueberry, flowers as well as a very discreet/imperceptible toasted hint and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+



Scotch Whiskies

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Blair Athol - 12 Years Old

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is soft, aromatic and offers power, a certain finesse as well as concentration. It reveals notes of raisins and dried peach combined with a hint of hazelnut, Sherry, dried lemon, dried orange as well as a subtle hint of wheat / cereal and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity and offers softness, delicacy and a good structure. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of caramel, raisin and orange marmalade, Sherry associated with fine touches of candied lemon as well as a subtle hint of cereals and leather (in the background).

Score : 16+

Blair Athol - Limited Edition

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic, finely powerful and offers a fine delicacy as well as concentration. It reveals notes of honey, cereals and fine touches of kumquat, candied / dried orange associated with a subtle hint of apricot as well as a discreet hint of honey, almond and an imperceptible touch of chocolate. The palate is aromatic, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers roundness, finesse and fat. On the palate, this Whisky offers notes of honey, candied orange zest, kumquat and fine touches of lemon zest associated with hints of juniper, wood, a discreet grilled hint as well as touches of spices and cedar. Good length and good persistence. There is a hint of caramel on the aftertaste. (Available only at the Distillery)

Score : 16.25+

Ballechin - 10 Years Old

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose offers notes of wheat, a fine hint of peat and a subtle hint of tobacco, dried orange associated with hints of flowers as well as a discreet hint of charcoal / smoke, minerality and a subtle hint of caramel. The palate is aromatic, fine, well-balanced, straight, precise, well-structured and offers depthness, a fine juiciness, a nice roundness, fat as well as a nice definition. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of orange marmalade, candied lemon and a hint of apricot combined with a subtle hint of caramel / toffee, vanilla, wood, grilled oak as well as fine touches of spices. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5

Edradour - 12 Years Old - Dougie MacLean's Caledonia Selection

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose offers a fine touch of butter, Sherry, crushed kumquat / mirabelle plum and a touch of dried lime associated with a subtle touch of flowers, wood as well as a very discreet hint of peat and a subtle hint of toffee. The palate is aromatic, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, rocky minerality, a nice delicacy, a good definition as well as a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of juicy fruit and toffee associated with fine touches of vanilla, honey, cocoa powder and an imperceptible touch of cereals. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 14.75+

Royal Lochnagar - Aged 12 Years Old

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, powerful, aromatic, concentrated and offers freshness. It reveals notes of Zante currants and cooked apples combined with a touch of mirabelle, heather as well as a touch of spices, malted barley and caramel / toffee. The palate is aromatic, fresh, well-balanced, fruity and offers fat, unctuousity as well as a pretty fresh frame. In the mouth this Whisky

expresses nice notes of Zante currants, candied apricots and honey combined with hints of barley, wood, lychee, toasted oak and a hint of vanilla. Good length. There is a hint of salinity on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16

Royal Lochnagar - Limited Edition

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose offers power and concentration. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum and Zante currant combined with a hint of dried orange zest, dried peach, a subtle hint of apple as well as an imperceptible hint of heather, malt and woody tips. The mouth is aromatic, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a nice finesse, straightness, fat, a fine power and a nice unctuousity. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of candied lemon, candied tangerine, peach, mirabelle plum and sweet red apple combined with discreet toasted hints, caramelization, oak and a subtle / very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.75

Glenfarelas - Aged 10 Years

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic, light and offers straightness and precision. It reveals notes of sweet cherry, malt, peat and fine notes of dry yellow grapes, candied mirabelle, candied orange combined with fine hints of Zante currants as well as a subtle hint of flowers, vanilla, honey and spices. The palate is fruity / aromatic, tight, finely gourmande and offers fat, straightness, roundness and a fine freshness. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of crushed Zante currant, date, malt, candied lemon and dried apricot combined with small notes of sweet cherry, candied mirabelle plum as well as touches of caramel, tobacco, cedar, cinnamon / clove and a discreet hint of flowers. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Glenfarelas - Aged 15 Years

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, delicate and offers a fine richness (in the background) as well as complexity. It reveals notes of candied apricot and orange marmalade associated with a discreet note of date, Sherry as well as a touch of honey and a very discreet hint of butters. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, full-bodied and offers fat, finesse, a fine tension as well as a nice definition and precision. In the mouth this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of cherry, peach and candied orange associated with fine touches of cedar wood, grilled oak / wood, malt as well as an imperceptible touch of cocoa (in the background) and a hint of cigar (in the background). Nice persistence.

Score : 16.5

Glenfarelas - £511.19sOd Family Reserve

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, powerful, concentrated and fine. It reveals notes of dried lemon zest, raisins and dried figs combined with a touch of white pepper, exotic spices and a fine / discreet woody hints and a fine hint of minerality / heather. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, a nice roundness as well as a fine sweetness. In the mouth this Whisky expresses a fine note of Zante currants, date, minerality / heather and candied lemon combined with fine touches of apple, juicy peach, cereals, roasting as well as a touch of cedar, wood and a touch of Christmas cake.

Score : 16.75

Glenfarelas - Aged 21 Years

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic, fruity, a bit tight and offers power, a nice definition as well as sweetness. It reveals notes of dried white grapes, orange

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marmalade and fine toasted touches, butter biscuit combined with a touch of Sichuan / white pepper, sandalwood, white fruit, almond and of caramel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite ample and offers a nice roundness, fat, a fine suavity, a nice delicacy as well as a nice power (but with finesse). In the mouth this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of candied peach, cooked red apple and orange marmalade associated with a discreet touch of spices, grilled oak, cocoa as well as a discreet hint of honey and minerality on the finish. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 17.25

Glenfarclas - Aged 25 Years

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, delicate and offers a fine sweetness (in the background) as well as complexity. It reveals notes of cherry, candied strawberry and white fruits combined with a touch of mirabelle plum, marmalade, a subtle hint of honey, flowers as well as a discreet hint of spices, honey, Sherry and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, delicate and offers a beautiful matter and volume. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of apple, candied pear, peach in syrup and touches of honey combined with a touch of caramel, grilled oak and fine / discreet hints of spices, cedar, chocolate and a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.5

The Macallan - Select Oak

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of apple, Kirsch cherry and fine notes of quenette, apple, butter biscuit combined with a touch of caramel and a subtle touch of Virginia tobacco and Quetsche plum. The mouth is aromatic, well-balanced and offers power as well as straightness. On the palate this Whisky expresses fine notes of cooked apple, quince and a touch of candied lemon associated with touches of cedarwood, tobacco, vanilla, a subtle liquorice / toasted hint as well as a fine hint of menthol and boxwood. Good length.

Score : 15.5

The Macallan - Fine Oak - 12 Years Old - Triple Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, powerful, tight and relatively delicate. It reveals notes of apricot, green apple, flowers and heather associated with touches of white berries as well as very discreet touches of oak / cereals and honey. The palate is fruity, straight, elegant and offers a fine minerality, a beautiful delicacy as well as fat. In the mouth this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of cherry, apple and fine hints of quenette, grapes associated with fine touches of oak, coffee / roasting and a subtle touch of cedar wood, spices, oak and cocoa. Good length.

Score : 16+

The Macallan - Fine Oak - 15 Years Old Triple Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, fruity, straight, elegant, finely gourmand and offers a fine roundness, a good structure and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry and fine touches of apple associated with a subtle hint of candied lemon as well as a discreet hint of crystallized mandarin, rose, cinnamon and an imperceptible hint of plum. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-built, finely gourmand and offers power. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of cherry, crushed berries and plum associated with fine touches of apple, candied citrus fruits as well as a subtle touch of caramelization, toasted bread, a touch of gray pepper, chocolate, dried fruit and an imperceptible hint of heather. Good length. The aftertaste is beautifully powerful.

Score : 17+

The Antiquary - Aged 21 Years

Blended Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of barley, peat and fine hints of boxwood / juniper associated with fine touches of dried orange zest, cedar wood, spices and a touch of sandalwood and cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely gourmand and offers a nice fat, a fine freshness, unctuousity and straightness. On the palate, this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of caramelization, caramel pear and dried orange zest associated with subtle hints of walnuts, barley as well as fine touches of honey and a very discreet hint of pâtisseries. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

The Antiquary - Aged 12 Years

Blended Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of peat, cedar, juniper and a touch of peppermint combined with hints of barley, tea and apple peel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, unctuous and offers a fine fat. In the mouth, this Whisky expresses notes of caramelization, pâtisseries and fine notes of cherry combined with fine touches of candied lemon, a subtle hint of candied mirabelle plum, cedar wood, sour cherry and peat. Good length.

Score : 14.75

The Singleton - Glen Ord - 12 Years Old

Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals fine notes of alcohol and fine touches of honey, caramelization, cereals associated with a fine / discreet note of menthol / heather, a subtle hint of Zante currants as well as a discreet hint of zest candied orange and walnuts. The palate is fruity, unctuous and offers fat and intensity. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of caramelization and fine touches of pear in syrup, peach in syrup associated with hints of Zante currants, butter, walnuts and a subtle hint of juniper. Good length. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 15+

The Singleton - Glen Ord - 15 Years Old

Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose offers complexity. It reveals fine notes of caramelization, Zante currants and Bourbon vanilla combined with a subtle hint of caramelization, candied peach / apple as well as a subtle hint of citrus zest (lime / orange) and biscuits. The palate is aromatic and offers a fine freshness, a fine minerality. On the palate this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of Zante currants and compoted apricot combined with subtle hints of pear in syrup, nougatine / pâtisseries, a fine hint of honey as well as a touch of dark chocolate (in the background), spices and tea / grilled oak. Good length and good persistence. There is a very discreet hint of Sherry in the background / on the persistence.

Score : 15.5

The Singleton - Glen Ord - 18 Years Old

Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, slightly closed and offers a fine sweetness / richness. It reveals notes of Zante currants, dried peach and subtle hints of orange zest associated with a discreet touch of cocoa, an imperceptible touch of minerality saline as well as a touch of pear (in the background) and a discreet touch of boxwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers unctuousity, fat, freshness, roundness, a fine tension and power. On the palate this Whisky expresses fine touches of caramelization, candied lemon and pear in syrup associated with discreet touches of pâtisseries, a touch of cigar (in the background), dried plum and a discreet hint of grilled oak (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.75+

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Glenmorangie - 18 Years Old - Extremely Rare Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, nicely powerful and offers a fine suavity, intensity, finesse and a fine roundness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, tangerine zest, kumquat and fine hints of quince combined with a fine touch of caramelization, spices, gray pepper and fine hints of flowers, dried fruits and minerality. The palate is elegant and offers a nice delicacy, a beautiful sweetness and roundness. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of Zante currants, peach, pear in syrup and fine touches of pâtisseries associated with a fine hint of crème brûlée, smoke as well as a very discreet toasted hint (in the background) and gray pepper. Good length.

Score : 17+

The Dalmore - 12 Years Old Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic, finely tight and offers a fine complexity and richness. It reveals notes of dried orange zest, dried lime zest and a touch of dried strawberry combined with a discreet hint of Sandalwood, hay as well as a very discreet hint of stewed white fruits (in the background), chocolate and spices. The palate is aromatic, well-balanced, precise and offers a fine unctuousity, straightness, precision, fat and a good structure. On the palate, this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of white fruit, pâtisseries and dried orange zest associated with a subtle touch of coffee bean, Sherry, sandalwood and a subtle grilled hint (in the background), vanilla and a hint cigar box. Good length.

Score : 16.25

The Dalmore - 18 Years Old Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic and fruity. It reveals notes of orange zest / dried lemon, a subtle touch of orange marmalade, potpourri and white fruits associated with very discreet hints of violet / flowers, a hint of spices, cinnamon/nutmeg as well as a slight salinity and a subtle touch of nougatine. The palate is fruity, straight, precise and offers a beautiful finesse, a fine unctuousity as well as a fine suavity. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of fruit in syrup, fine hints of pear in syrup and a discreet touch of caramelization associated with a subtle hint of nougatine, roasted coffee beans, a subtle grilled hint as well as a very discreet touch of oak, Christmas biscuits, malt and cocoa in the background. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75+

The Dalmore King Alexander III Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, aromatic, complex, elegant and offers a fine unctuousity. It reveals notes of cigar, Sichuan pepper, dried flowers and dried strawberry / cassis combined with subtle hints of dried mandarin zest, dried citrus as well as a hint of peat, cereal, barley and imperceptible hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round and offers suavity, a fine juiciness, a nice / fine unctuousity, a beautiful definition and a beautiful precision. On the palate, this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of dry white grapes, dried mandarin, subtle hints of cherry / raspberry and subtle touches of fruit in syrup associated with a subtle touch of pâtisseries, cardamom, tobacco as well as a fine hint of peat, almond and a fine grilled hint. Good length and very beautiful persistence.

Score : 18+

Oban - 14 Years Old West Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, aromatic / fruity and offers a fine sweetness, a fine delicacy and a fine richness. It reveals fine notes of candied orange, salinity, honey, dried peach and dried apple combined with fine touches of white

pepper as well as a discreet hint of rose and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice fat, a fine suavity, a good structure, a good delicacy, gourmandise, a fine sweetness and power. In the mouth this Scotch expresses notes of candied orange, potpourri, dried lemon and apple associated with beautiful iodine notes and caramel. Oak aromas are nicely integrated. Nice persistence.

Score : 16.25+

Oban - Distiller Edition - Double Matured Special Release, OD 165.Fb - Limited Edition West Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, aromatic and offers a small finesse, a mineral purity as well as delicacy. It reveals fine notes of crystallized orange, crystallized mandarin and dried apple combined with fine notes of rosewood, pepper, spices as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and licorice. The palate is aromatic, juicy, luminous, elegant, finely gourmande and offers a nice definition, purity and a fine fat. On the palate, this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of candied orange, peach in syrup and a very discreet hint of sweet strawberry combined with touches of caramelization, rocky minerality as well as a fine / discreet hint of gray pepper. Good length. Beautiful persistence with touches of crème brûlée, a fine woody hint as well as on a subtle touch of mint.

Score : 16.5

Oban - Little Bay - Small Cask West Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine and offers a fine richness (in the background) and a fine intensity. It reveals a fine note of crystallized clementine, dried citrus zest, apple and a fine hint of dry white grapes combined with a subtle hint of cherry, vanilla and caramelization. The palate is aromatic, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers a nice unctuousity, a fine fat, suavity, finesse and delicacy. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of dried white grapes and tangerine associated with a hint Pomme d'Amour, fleshy cherry / sweet strawberry, a subtle hint of licorice / chocolate as well as a fine hint of cinnamon stick and gray pepper. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Flatnöse Blended Scotch Whisky - Islay

The nose is fine (and powerful at the same time) and offers a slight sweetness. It reveals slight notes of dried peach, white fruits (pear...) quince and a discreet touch of dried zests associated with a subtle hint of barley/cereal, a very discreet hint of honey, a subtle hint of cedar wood, nutmeg, spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, smoke and dried yellow grape (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers fat. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of dried lemon, dried mirabelle and a hint of quince associated with a touch of white fruits, a very discreet hint of apricot, wheat / barley as well as a subtle t of honey, a hint of honey, spices as well as a very discreet/imperceptible hint of menthol on the finish. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.25

Borders - 2nd Release Highland Single Grain Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers power, a fine richness as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of Zante currants, apple, dried peach and small notes of caramelized pear associated with small touches of dried plum, Sherry / strawberry, citrus, pâtisseries, spices as well as a subtle hint of liquorice, heather and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, racy, finely fleshy, finely powerful, finely gour-

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mande and offers a fine juiciness, unctuousity, softness, harmony, a fine suavité as well as finesse. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of candied Mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of caramelization, dry yellow grape puree, chocolate associated with touches of Sherry / strawberry, rocky minerality, cinnamon, spices, toasted oak and a very discreet grilled hint on the finish. Good persistence (with touches of caramel and fruit). There is a subtle hint of flowers on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.75+

Wolfburn - Morven

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of white fruit combined with hints of minerality, white rose, malt and an imperceptible touch of anise. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, finely powerful and offers a good guideline as well as a good roundness. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of lychee, rose and small notes of quenette, exotic fruitss associated with a touch of anise, malt, heather as well as a subtle hint of cardamom and licorice. Good length. (Currently in barrel. Promising !)

Score : 15

Wolfburn – Northland

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is quite powerful, round and offers a fine sweetness. It reveals notes of malt, lychee, dried lemon and dried apple combined with a subtle hint of dried peach, heather, subtle / discreet hints of caramel/oak as well as an imperceptible hint of licorice and peat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine roundness, straightness, a fine suavité and a fine fat. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of apple, dried peach and small notes of dried mandarin associated with hints of flowers, vanilla, minerality and a very discreet hint of cardamom / smoke. Good length. (Currently in barrel. Promising !)

Score : 14.75

Wolfburn - Aurora

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is finely powerful and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed apple, stewed white fruits and dried lemon combined with a subtle hint of flowers (white flowers, violet), Sherry, potpourri / malt as well as an imperceptible touch of blackberry, vanilla / caramel and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a good roundness, a fine fleshiness, unctuousity, fat as well as a nice richness. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of litchi, dried lemon and small touches of Sherry, potpourri associated with touches of fleshy / dried white fruits, vanilla as well as an imperceptible touch of coconut and sweet spices. Good persistence.

Score : 15+

VINTAGE SCOTCH WHISKIES

Signatory - Balmenach 1988 - Cask Strength Collection - Aged 25 Years Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful, gourmand, elegant harmonious, fine and dense. It reveals notes of dried white grapes, dried citrus zest and fine touches of candied orange combined with a touch of cedar, rosewood, salty mine-

rality and a fine hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, nicely well-balanced, soft, powerful (but still balanced) and offers fat, suavité, finesse, a nice acid frame as well as a fine juiciness and fat. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy tangerine and Granny Smith apple combined with subtle hints of clementine zest, hints of almond, cocoa, toasted hints as well as a subtle touch of blond tobacco, cedar, cinnamon, caramelization and subtle hints of rocky minerality. Good length. There is a hint of Vanilla biscuit on the persistence.

Score : 17

Balblair - Vintage 2005

Highland, Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity and offers a fine sweetness as well as elegance. It reveals a fine touch of dried white grapes, green apples and fine touches of candied lemon, candied pear combined with a fine hint of pineapple in syrup as well as a touch of pâtisseries (in the background). oak, chocolate, honey and a very discreet hint of salinity. The palate is fruity, beautifully gourmande and offers fat, unctuousity, a fine delicacy, harmony and precision. In the mouth this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of candied pear, raisins, citrus fruits and pineapple in syrup associated with fine touches of pâtisseries, white peach in syrup as well as a discreet touch of grilled oak, caramel, vanilla and a very discreet touch of cocoa. There is a hint of spices on the finish.

Score : 16.25+

Balblair - Vintage 1999

Highland, Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fresh, fruity, captivating and offers complexity. It reveals fine notes of Zante currants, pâtisseries and mirabelle plums combined with a touch of dried orange zest, sandalwood as well as a touch of rose, salinity, white pepper, spices, crème pâtissière and an imperceptible touch of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a beautiful unctuousity, a fine tension, a fine straightness as well as precision. In the mouth this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of candied orange zest and fine touches of dried citrus, apple (in the background), dried fruits associated with

a fine touch of caramelization and a very discreet salinity (in the background), spices and honey. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75

Balblair - Vintage 1990

Highland, Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful, concentrated and offers a nice richness, depthness and complexity. It reveals notes of Zante currants, dried apricots and hints of dried orange zest associated with fine touches of cedar wood, subtle hints of spices, caramelization as well as a subtle toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavité, a fine unctuousity / creaminess, a beautiful delicacy / finesse, a nice complexity as well as a small aerial aspect. On the palate, this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of Zante currants, candied lemon and dried mandarin zest combined with a subtle hint of prune, dried cherry, a touch of nougatine / pâtisseries as well as a discreet touch of cedar wood, cocoa / wood and a very discreet touch of toasted oak. Great persistence. A beautiful Scotch !

Score : 18



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SPECIAL CASK MATURED SCOTCH WHISKIES

Edradour - 14 Years Old Chardonnay Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers gourmandise, density as well as power. It reveals fine notes of Zante currants, white grapes and hints of dried apple combined with a hint of dried lime, subtle hints of flowers as well as a touch of caramel. The palate is aromatic, fine, fluid, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame as well as power. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of lemon, caramel and candied orange combined with touches of mandarin as well as fine touches of butter and vanilla. Good length and very beautiful persistence.

Score : 16

Edradour - 10 Years Aged - Madeira Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic, round, fat and suave. It reveals notes of dried yellow grapes, dried mirabelle plums and a touch of vanilla associated with a subtle hint of cedar, hay, Sherry as well as discreet hints of spices and Ceylon tea. The palate is aromatic, powerful, well-balanced and offers a fine fat, straightness and unctuousity. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of candied orange, candied mandarin and mirabelle plum associated with a touch of caramel, grilled oak, tea, peat, butter, nutmeg and gray pepper. Good length and very beautiful persistence. There is a hint of caramel on the aftertaste.

Score : 16+

Edradour - 10 Years Old Sauternes Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic and offers roundness, a fine gourmandise as well as sweetness. It reveals fine hints of plum, botrytis, raisin and dried apple combined with fine hints of dried citrus fruit, flowers as well as a subtle hint of beeswax, pineapple and wood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, power and finesse. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of candied mandarin, pear and fine touches of cedar, pineapple associated with a subtle / imperceptible hint of mango, chocolate, a touch of dried orange, beeswax, almond as well as a toasted hint and gray pepper. Good length and beautiful persistence (dried apricot and caramel).

Score : 16.25

Edradour - Aged 11 Years Côtes de Provence Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity / aromatic. It reveals fine notes of cassis, black cherry and dried /candied orange associated with hints of caramel as well as fine toasted hints wood and discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, round, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness and minerality. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of candied lemon and crushed strawberry combined with fine hints of caramel, white chocolate and tobacco. Good length. An easy-drinking Whisky.

Score : 15.5

Edradour - Aged 9 Years - Ribera Del Duero Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic and round. It reveals notes of crushed fruit (blackberry, cherry) and fine hints of walnuts, dried fruit associated with a fine touch of grapes, racy minerality, lemon, a small hint of quenette as well as discreet toasted hints, dried almond, wood and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, fatness, suavity, power and precision. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of kumquat, mirabelle plum and cherry combined with a touch of sweet strawberry, sweet cassis, toffee as well as a subtle hint of almond, a subtle toasted hint and caramel. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Ballechin - SFTC - Aged 11 Years Bordeaux Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is well-balanced, powerful and nicely aromatic. It reveals notes of tobacco, earth / peat and gray pepper associated with a subtle hint of blackberry, cassis, barley and a discreet touch of salty minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, straight, lively and offers a nice definition, juiciness, suavity, gourmandise as well as a fine acid frame. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of red berries associated with a touch of candied orange, spices, cedar wood, barley, honey as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom, peat and a subtle hint of dark chocolate. There is a hint of clove on the finish. Good length and very beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.5

Ballechin - SFTC - Aged 13 Years Burgundy Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, aromatic and finely gourmand. It reveals small touches of jammy fruit and notes of strawberry combined with touches of crushed Quetsche plum, small berries as well as hints of herbs, toasted / caramelized oak and a subtle hint of candied citrus fruit. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandise, fat, a nice suavity, straightness and tension. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of caramelization, cooked apple, cherry / blackberry and lemon combined with fine touches of peat, tobacco, oak, cinnamon and a touch of crushed wheat. Good length.

Score : 16

Ballechin - SFTC - Aged 13 Years Port Cask Matured

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, suave, round, gourmand, fine and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of candied cherry, candied citrus and crushed wheat combined with hints of blueberry, peat as well as discreet hints of spices, a subtle touch of rocky minerality and a very discrete point of crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity and offers a fine sweetness, juiciness and a fine acidity. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and fine touches of candied orange associated with a hint of peat, crème brûlée, spices as well as a subtle touch of gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of marzipan. Nice persistence.

Score : 16+

Glenmorangie - Bacalta Private Edition Baked Malmsey - Madeira Casks

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, powerful, captivating, intense and offers suavity. It reveals fine notes of fresh mirabelle plum, herbs / hay and wheat combined

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ned with fine touches of yellow fruit, dried apricot and a subtle hint of Ceylon tea, honey, white chocolate and cereals. The palate is aromatic, finely gourmandise and offers a beautiful unctuousity, a beautiful delicacy, a fine juiciness and roundness. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of peach in syrup, caramelized orange and fine notes of pâtisseries, pineapple in syrup associated with a very discreet note of honey, almond as well as a subtle / discreet touch of wheat and an imperceptible hint of dried apricot. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.75

Tomatin - Aged 18 Years Oloroso Sherry Casks

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine, powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of juniper, Sherry and nougatine associated with fine touches of fruit, cedar wood, pear caramel and touches of walnuts and honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a fine suavity, a nice structure, straightness and sweetness. On the palate, this Whisky expresses notes of caramel, crème brûlée, pear, nougatine and dark chocolate with a subtle hint of juniper and a discreet touch of walnuts. Good length.

Score : 16

Tomatin - Aged 12 Years Bourbon & Sherry Cask

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is aromatic. It reveals fine hints of heather, peat and racy minerality associated with a hint of flowers / potpourri, dried apple skin, pear and a subtle hint of smoke and walnuts. The palate is fruity and offers a fine fat, a fine minerality, a fine suavity and sweetness. On the palate, this Scotch Whisky expresses notes of juicy fleshy peach, mirabelle plum, quince and a subtle touch of dried fruits / potpourri associated with a subtle hint of caramel as well as a discreet hint of smoke and nougatine. Good persistence. There is a subtle hint of cocoa on the finish / persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.5+

Tomatin - Aged 14 Years - Port Casks

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, relatively concentrated and offers power. It reveals notes of Zante currants, dried peach, quince and red fruits combined with hints of dried orange peel, dried mirabelle plum, walnuts, cocoa and caramelized nougatine / wood. The palate is fruity / aromatic, well balanced, finely powerful and offers a fine juiciness, a fine fat, gourmandise, roundness and fat. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of dried strawberry, dried orange and peach combined with fine touches of dried pear, vanilla, nougatine, caramelization, honey and a subtle hint of cocoa.

Score : 15.75+

The Macallan - 12 years Old - Exclusively Matured in Selected Sherry Oak Casks from Jerez

Highland, Single Malt - Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity / aromatic, elegant and offers a fine roundness and a fine delicacy. It reveals notes of white fruit (apple, peach) and a touch of papaya / quenette associated with a touch of candied lemon as well as a subtle touch of liquorice, boxwood and minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers delicacy, a fine roundness as well as a fine suavity. On the palate, this Whisky expresses a touch of candied white cherry, apple, candied lemon, grilled oak and coffee combined with subtle hints of Sandalwood and a discreet hint of boxwood. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

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Burnside - 4 Year Barrel-Aged Straight Bourbon Whiskey

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of candied lemon, orange zests and slight touches of dried peach associated with slight hints of spices, molasses as well as subtle hints of dried lemon zests and a slight touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a slight fat and roundness. In the mouth this Bourbon expresses notes of lemon paste, orange/mandarin dried zests associated with touches of yellow peach, spices as well as subtle hints of spices. Good length. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 15+

Burnside – Oregon Oaked Bourbon

The nose is fruity, well-balanced as well as relatively fine. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, apricot and slight notes of dried lemon associated with hints of quince as well as slight touches of wood/oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a slight juiciness as well as a slight fat. In the mouth this Bourbon expresses notes of dried lemon and lemon paste associated with slight touches of quince, mirabelle plum, a hint of kumquat as well as slight hints of vanilla, oak and a subtle hint of apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Pendleton 1910 Canadian Rye Whiskey

The nose is fruity, round, quite elegant and specifid. It reveals fine notes of caramelized oak, black cherry and candied peach associated with a subtle hint of cigar/blond tobacco as well as slight touches of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, roundness, suavity, gourmandise, a nice roundness/sweetness, a beautiful fat as well as finesse. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of candied lemon, candied peach and slight touches of candied cherry associated with hints of apricot, caramel, tobacco/cigar as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and sweet spices/wood.

Score : 16

Trail's End Bourbon Batch N°2

The nose is aromatic, well-structured and slightly powerful. It reveals fine notes of caramelization, woody notes and peat associated with slight touches of herbs, subtle touches of candied fruits, sweet spices as well as a hint of tonka bean and a subtle hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial, straight, tight, slightly powerful and offers a beautiful roundness, fat, a certain deepness, a beautiful grain as well as finesse. In the mouth this Bourbon expresses fine notes of Zante currant, caramel, toasted oak and peat associated with touches of candied pear, subtle hint of quenette as well as a very discreet hint of candied lemon and spices. Good length.

Score : 16+

Clear Creek Distillery - Mc Carthy's Oregon Single Malt - Whiskey

The nose is aromatic, fine, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers deepness. It reveals notes of peat, minerality and slight touches of flint, spices, a very discreet hint of candied peach (in the background), Sherry, an imperceptible hint of lemon, a subtle hint of blond tobacco and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly aerial and offers power, finesse, a fine fat, roundness, a nice structure as well as roundness. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses fine notes of licthi, quenette and slight touches of candied apple associated with a subtle hint of lemon zests as well as touches of peat.

Score : 16.25

Oregon Bourbon & Whiskies

Distillery – Camp 1805 Downstream Whiskey

The nose is powerful, aromatic, straight and offers a slight sweetness (in the background). It reveals slight notes of Zante currant, dried lemon zests and slight touches of dried peach associated with touches of peat, subtle woody hints as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla and slight touches of cereals. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a fine freshness, a slight sweetness (in the background) as well as power. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses slight touches of Zante currant, dried lemon zests associated with touches of caramelization as well as subtle touches of cacao bean, pepper and slight touches of peat.

Score : 14.75+

Distillery – Camp 1805 Downstream Whiskey

The nose is slightly powerful. It reveals notes of Zante currant and cane sugar associated with slight touches of lemon paste, kumquat as well as slight touches of beeswax and slight hints of peat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, fat, roundness as well as sweetness. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses slight touches of cane sugar, Zante currant and candied lemon associated with slight touches of caramelized oak as well as subtle touches of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of peat (in the background). Good length. There are a discreet hint of coffee and a discreet hint of cherry on the finish.

Score : 14.75

Resignation Rye 100 Proof – Whiskey

The nose is powerful, fruity, dried and offers a nice grain. It reveals slight notes of dried fruits, dried grape, dried orange zests and dried lemon associated with a subtle hint of dried kumquat as well as a subtle hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, round, nicely dried, slightly powerful and offers a beautiful fat, suavity as well as a nice structure. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses slight notes of dried grape, caramel and slight touches of dried lemon, dried orange associated with slight notes of spices, slight notes of dried orange zests, cedar as well as subtle touches of spices, gray pepper, a subtle touch of tobacco and touches of cereals/wheat. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Strong - American Light Whiskey 8 Year Barrel Aged - American light Whiskey

The nose is fine, fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a certain finesse. It reveals fine notes of dried yellow grape, touches of dried lemon and subtle hints of dried apple associated with a hint of flowers, slight/subtle touches of lemon jam as well as a subtle hint of apricot, honey and a very discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a beautiful fat/suavity. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of orange marmelade, dried peach and slight touches of dried lemon associated with touches of honey as well as subtle woody touches and vanilla. Good length and persistence. There are slight touches of spices (nutmeg, pepper) on the persistence.

Score : 15+

Strong – Solar Eclipse 2017 Limited edition – 10 year Barrel Aged – American light Whiskey

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a certain finesse. It reveals fine notes of beeswax, candied orange associated with subtle hints of apricot, dried peach, slight touches of lemon paste as well

as discreet woody touches and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers a beautiful fat. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of honey, apricot and compoted apple/baked apple associated with slight touches of lemon paste, vanilla, woody touches as well as a subtle hint of cedar and a very discreet hint of cacao. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Oregon Spirit Distillers Straight American Bourbon Whiskey

The nose is aromatic, fine, quite gourmand and offers elegance. It reveals fine notes of lemon zests and touches of dried mandarin zests associated with hints of peat, subtle touches of beeswax, dried grape, an imperceptible hint of dried fig as well as subtle touches of spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity/fat, a slight gourmandise, finesse, straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of dried yellow grape, dried peach and small notes of lemon paste, dried citrus associated with subtle touches of dried orange zests, subtle touches of peat, cereals as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of grilled bread (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+

C.W Irwin Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled in Bond Bourbon

The nose is fruity and offers richness, a slight concentration as well as roundness. It reveals notes of caramelization, candied lemon and small notes of dried orange zests associated with slight touches of pepper as well as a subtle/imperceptible hint of peach compote (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a fine richness, a small fat, finesse as well as a small richness. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of dried yellow grape and dried peach associated with slight toasted touches oak, cereals, wheat as well as slight notes of honey and a subtle hint of butter (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15+

Ottis Webber – Wheat Whiskey

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a slight sweetness. It reveals notes of caramel, wheat, cereals and a subtle hint of straw associated with touches of ripe fruits (in the background) as well as subtle hints of cardamom (in the background) and herbs. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, a nice definition, precision, a slight gourmandise as well as a slight sweetness. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of caramel and dried grape puree associated with slight touches of dried kumquat, dried mandarin as well as slight touches of wheat, cereals as well as subtle/discreet touches of honey (in the background).

Score : 15.25

Oregon Spirit – Bottled in Bond Whiskey Wheat

The nose is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse as well as power. It reveals fine notes of dried herbs and slight touches of dried yellow grape, dried lemon associated with touches of apricot, wheat as well as subtle touches of mirabelle and honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a slight minerality, a beautiful fat, deepness, a slight straightness, finesse as well as a beautiful definition and guideline. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of honey, toffee/soft caramel and slight notes of candied lemon associated

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with hints of candied mandarin as well as slight touches of compote mirabelle (in the background), wheat and slight woody touches/oak (in the background).

Score : 16.25

J. Becher – Straight American Rye Whiskey

The nose is aromatic and quite fine. It reveals notes of peat and slight notes of leather associated with a subtle hint of beeswax, hay (in the background) as well as subtle touches of herbs, subtle/discreet touches of blond tobacco (in the background) and a very discreet hint of dried orange (in the background). The palate is aromatic, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight suavity, a well-balanced power as well as a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of candied lemon and slight notes of candied orange associated with small notes of peat, dried herbs, slight touches of dried flowers as well as a subtle hint of anise and spices. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75+

J. Becher – Straight American Rye Whiskey Bottled in Bond

The nose is fine, concentrated and offers a fine richness (in the background), a beautiful grain as well as a certain power (in the background). It reveals fine notes of dried orange zests and subtle touches of apricot associated with discreet hints of cereals, toffee as well as a subtle hint of barrel/oak and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers fat, a beautiful fleshiness, finesse, a beautiful guideline, a slight deepness as well as a slight straightness/precision. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of dried yellow grape and dried orange/orange marmelade associated with touches of dried lemon, honey as well as subtle/discreet hints of butter (in the background), slight touches of yellow fruits and a very discreet hint of cereals (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.5

Cascade Alchemy – Bourbon Whiskey

The nose is powerful, quite intense and offers concentration as well as harmony. It reveals woody notes, dried peach and slight notes of dried orange associated with a touch of flowers, caramelization, subtle touches of Sichuan pepper, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of cacao, ash, peat and an imperceptible hint of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine gourmandise, a beautiful fat, a beautiful definition, a nice precision, harmony as well as tension. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of peach compote and small notes of marmelade, caramel, woody notes associated with subtle touches of vanilla, crushed mirabelle plum, a discreet hint of cacao, a very discreet hint of pepper as well as a touch of violet, crushed cherry and an imperceptible hint of ash (in the background).

Score : 15.5

Crater Lake – Rye Whiskey

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight straightness. It reveals slight notes of peat/cereals, caramel and slight touches of vanilla associated with hints of compote, candied orange zests as well as subtle touches of pepper and a very discreet hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tight, aerial, unctuous, slightly unctuous and offers a slight mineral frame as fat as. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of caramel, Pomme d'Amour and slight hints of compote peach associated with a subtle touch of licorice, toasted oak/vanilla as well as subtle/imperceptible touches of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Crater lake - Rye Whiskey Reserve

The nose is fine, concentrated and elegant. It reveals slight notes of caramelization, Cuban pepper and violet associated with a touch a peat as well as subtle hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful guideline, straightness as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of caramelization, wood, Williams pear and violet associated with subtle touches of Sherry as well as hints of peat, spices, touches of pepper and a very discreet grilled hint. Good length. The persistence is relatively gourmande.

Score : 15.25+

Black Butte Whiskey - Malt Whiskey

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as elegance. It reveals slight notes of licorice and a hint of caramel, anise, flowers (white and violet) associated with touches of caramelized apple, baked peach as well as subtle touches of candied citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful definition, a beautiful roundness, a slight fat as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of candied apricot, pear and slight touches of candied citrus associated with touches of caramel, subtle touches of peat, grilled touches, cacao as well as a hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of minerality almost salin on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

Heritage Bourbon 2 casks

The nose is aromatic and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of caramel, fine touches of toffee and a subtle hint of cereals, chocolate, honey combined with subtle hints of vanilla, subtle touches of pepper (in the background), subtle toasted touches as well as subtle hints of peach in syrup (in the background), crushed hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is aromatic, well-balanced, finely powerfum (in the background) and offers suavity, roundness, fat, good definition / precision, gourmandise, a fine complexity, suavity, a fine fresh frame as well as a fine complexity. In the mouth this Bourbon expresses fine notes of crème brûlée, fine touches of cocoa, cereals, spices (discreet), yellow peach in syrup associated with subtle touches of candied mandarin, a hint of white fruits, caramel Bourbon vanilla, a touch of grilled oak as well as a very discreet hint of cigar, crushed hazelnut and peat on the finish.

Score : 16.25

Heritage Distilling Company Elk Rider – Rye Whiskey

The nose is powerful and straight. It reveals fine notes of pepper, flowers and black rice associated with fine touches of spices, vanilla and subtle / discreet hints of honey (in the background). The palate is fruity, nicely balanced and offers power, roundness, racy and a good definition. On the palate, this Whiskey expresses notes of Zante currants, candied orange zest and a touch of mandarin zest combined with fine notes of caramel, toasted oak and fine grilled touches, coffee and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 16+



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Hyde – N°5 – Single Grain Burgundy Cask Finish Irish Whiskey

The nose is fine, powerful, tight and offers intensity as well as a fine sweetness / roundness. It reveals notes of sandalwood, mandarin zest and dried lemon combined with fine touches of red berries, potpourri, heather / rosewood, Zante currant purée as well as subtle touches of spices, anise, pepper, flowers and a very discreet hint of peat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aerial, well-built and offers roundness, a good definition as well as a nice guideline. On the palate, this Irish Whiskey expresses notes of candied apple and sandalwood combined with fine notes of heather, peat, lychee / exotic fruits, red fruits / plum as well as a hint of caramel, liquorice, anise, a subtle hint of minerality, tobacco and an imperceptible touch of chocolate / cardamom (in the background). Good persistence. The persistence is relatively powerful (caramel, anise).

Score : 15.5+

Whisky d'Arche - 8 ans d'Âge France

The nose is fruity, powerful (and soft at the same time !), harmonious and offers a certain finesse. It reveals slight notes of wheat, dried lemon, malt and a subtle hint of peat, honey associated with a discreet hint of nutmeg / cinnamon, a subtle hint of peach, cereals as well as a discreet hint of herbs and a very discreet minted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a beautiful softness, finesse, power as well as a small sucrosity/roundness (certainly due to the Sauternes finish). In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of dried lemon and Zante currant associated with a subtle hint of wheat, malt, ripe mirabelle, quince paste, spices, woody hints associated with slight hints of honey/vanilla on the finish/persistence and an imperceptible hint of botrytis. Nice aromatic persistence.

Score : 16+

Hepp - Single Malt – Finition en fût de Vieille Prune Alsace Whisky - France

The nose is aromatic, finely powerful (in the background) and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of dried mirabelle plum, plum in syrup and fine notes of dried citrus associated with touches of pear in Kirsch as well as fine hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fine and offers fat, a very fine unctuousity and gourmandise. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of crushed pear, caramelized apple, mirabelle plum and plum in syrup combined with fine / discreet hints of dried citrus, caramel / pâtisseries as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of oak (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Hepp – Single Malt – Johnny Hepp Alsace Whisky - France

The nose is finely powerful and offers a fine incisive aspect. It reveals notes of crushed pear, oak and dried yellow plum combined with a hint of dried orange, sandalwood as well as a very discreet touch of white pepper, cardamom and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, a bit gourmande and offers unctuousity, straightness, a good structure, a fine freshness (mid-palate) and a fine suavity. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of Williams pear, white fruit in syrup and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with a hint of quince, sandalwood, potpourri / dried citrus as well as a subtle / discreet hint of anise and cardamom. There are a very discreet hint of oak and a very discreet hint of pâtisseries on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 15.5

Whisky Vilanova – Cuvée Berbie – Pur Malt Single Cask France

The nose is aromatic, intense and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of Williams pear, mountain flowers and small notes of white fruits in syrup, fresh cherry combined with touches of spices, malt, a hint of heather, a subtle hint of licorice as well as a very discreet hint of cinnamon and an imperceptible touch of peppermint. The palate is fine, well-balanced, fruity / aromatic and offers a fine acid frame, suavity, elegance, a fine unctuousity, a fine tension, gourmandise as well as a nice definition / guideline. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of compoted Williams pear, caramel apple and fine notes of crushed quince, resin associated with fine touches of pâtisseries, cherry, candied lemon / sweet mandarin, toasted wood, malt, minerality as well as a subtle touch of spices and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

Amrut Indian Single Malt Whisky (India)

The nose is powerful, relatively fine and offers a mineral purity. It reveals notes of barley, honey and crushed Zante currant combined with subtle hints of dried lemon, dried mandarin zest, wheat, mirabelle plum in syrup, minerality / flint as well as a subtle touch of gray pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small roundness, straightness and finesse. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of dried yellow plum, dried citrus and small notes of dried white grapes associated with touches of pâtisseries, minerality, gray pepper as well as a subtle hint of honey, barley, tobacco and candied yellow plum. There are a hint of toasted oak, a hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of peat (in the background).

Score : 15.25

The Hakushu – Aged 18 Years – Single Malt Whisky Japan

The nose is aromatic, very elegant, subtle and gourmand / charming. It reveals notes of ripe pear and slight notes of fleshy brugnon associated with discreet hints of pâtisseries, mirabelle, quince, a subtle hint of lemon as well as a very discreet hint of zest and smoke. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, straight, precise and gourmand. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of quince / lemon, pâtisseries and discreet hints of quenette / exotic fruits, jasmine associated with a subtle hint of beeswax, a very discreet hint of grilled oak, smoked as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper on the aftertaste. Good length. The aftertaste is finely powerful.

Score : 17

Slainte ! Highland Inspiration Single Malt Whisky Australia

The nose offers power. It reveals fine notes of lychee, white fruit and a subtle hint of sandalwood, anise associated with a touch of white / gray pepper. The mouth is round and offers a fine suavity, a good definition, a good guideline, a fine tension, fat and a fine unctuousity. On the palate, this Whiskey expresses notes of pear in syrup, quenette and a fine hint of candied lemon associated with a discreet touch of potpourri, spices and a discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Gin

GlenWyvis - Original Highland Gin Scotland

The nose is fine, elegant, aromatic and well-balanced. It reveals notes of juniper / hawthorn, cucumber and slight notes of flowers, citrus associated with touches of rocky minerality and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, aromatic, beautifully built and offers a nice fat, a fine unctuousity as well as a fine fresh frame. On the palate this Gin express notes of juniper, hawthorn and slight notes of white fruits (pear ...) associated with fine hints of heather as well as a subtle hint of crushed lychee, citrus and an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of anise on the persistence.

Score : 16.25

Chase Distillery- Elegant 48 - Gin Oregon

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals fine notes of apple and green lemon/citrus associated with small notes of flowers (white flowers, lemon blossom) as well as subtle hints of exotic fruitss. The palate is fruity, gourmand, incisive, elegant, fine, suave and offers a slight acid frame as well as a slight unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green lemon, green apple and flowers associated with a subtle hint of orange zests, discreet hints of white flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of melon in the background. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 16+

Big Gin – London Dry - Batch 314 – 94 Proof Oregon

The nose is fruity, aromatic, precise and offers a beautiful expression. It reveals notes of mountain flowers, aromatic herbs and fine touches of acidulous apple candy associated with a subtle touch of candied lemon (in the background), minty candy as well as subtle touches of quenette and an discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely-built and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity, straightness, precision as well as a nice finesse and roundness. On the palate this Gin expresses fine notes of apple, mountain flowers, juniper and rocky minerality associated with hints of mint and black pepper as well as a discreet hint of citrus. Good length.

Score : 16.75+

Thinking Tree - The Genius - Gin Oregon

The nose is aromatic, fine and quite elegant. It reveals fine notes of apple, litchi, slight notes of juniper associated with a touch of cucumber as well as an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, suavity, a slight fat as well as nice definition. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of litchi, rose, cucumber and juniper associated with slight touches of apple, citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background).

Score : 15.5+

Crater Lake Gin - Estate Gin Oregon

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight intensity as well as concentration. It reveals subtle notes of juniper associated with discreet notes of toasted oak, caramel, subtle touches of anise, minerality as well as slight hints of cucumber and an imperceptible hint of licorice (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, fat, suavity as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of juniper, caramelization and slight touches of mountain flowers associated with a subtle/discreet hint of cucumber (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15

Crater Lake – Gin Oregon

The nose is fruity, delicate and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of minerality/pure water associated with slight touches of juniper, mountain flowers as well as very discreet hints of cucumber and subtle/discreet hints of anise (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, aromatic and offers a fine fat, deepness, delicacy, gourmandise as well as unctuousity. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of juniper, minerality/flint and touches of mountain flowers associated with subtle hints of anise, cardamom as well as a hint of green apple (in the background).

Score : 14.75+

Cascade Alchemy - Oregon Gin Oregon

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of small berries, cucumber and slight touches of juniper associated with subtle/imperceptible hints of flowers (in the background), a slight hints of Cuben pepper as well as a subtle touch of yuzu. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers fat, roundness, fleshiness as well as precision. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of juniper, cucumber and slight touches of litchi associated with a discreet hint of citrus/zests as well as subtle hints of anise (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15

Cascalde Alchemy - Aged Oregon Gin Oregon

The nose is aromatic and slightly gourmand. It reveals slight notes of Sherry, cucumber and slight/discreet touches of caramelization (in the background) associated with a subtle touch of gray pepper as well as slight/discreet touches of rose (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, nicely powerful, slightly fleshy and offers a fine mineral frame, fat, a nice guideline as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Gin expresses fine notes of cucumber, pepper, juniper and touches of quenette associated with subtle hints of candied cherry (in the background), fresh cherry as well as subtle hints of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15+

Stagger Gin - Batch 9 Oregon

The nose is aromatic, dried and offers a slight intensity. It reveals slight notes of mountain flowers associated with slight touches of cereals, litchi, papaya as well as subtle touches of apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly powerful and offers a beautiful fat as well as a slight roundness. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of wild flowers, papaya and small notes of litchi associated with touches of white flowers/lemon flowers as well as a subtle hint of rocky minerality (purity). Good length.

Score : 15

Merrylegs Genever – Gin Oregon

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively concentrated and fine. It reveals slight notes of dried herbs and slight touches of litchi associated with a subtle hint of white fruits and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, slightly fat and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of papaya, white flowers and dried herbs associated with subtle hints of apple as well as slight touches of menthol and Cuben pepper. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

Gin

Scribbles – Dry Gin

Oregon

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a slight gourmandise as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of papaya, cereals and mountain flowers/vegetal notes associated with touches of rocky minerality as well as a very slight hint of anise (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral frame, straightness, tension, a slight suavity as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of papaya and mountain flowers/vegetal notes associated with slight/discreet hints of pepper, rocky minerality as well as a very slight hint of anise (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15+

Big Bottom – Navy Strength Northwest Style – Gin

Oregon

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively fine and offers a fine delicacy. It reveals notes of slight aromatic herbs, juniper and racy minerality associated with subtle/discreet hints of litchi, lemon grass as well as a subtle hint of papaya and citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers power, a certain finesse, fat, roundness as well as a slight gourmandise on the middle palate. In the mouth this Gin expresses fine touches of green apple and juniper associated with discreet hints of green lemon sorbet, lemon grass and aromatic herbs. The finish is relatively powerful.

Score : 15+

Big Bottom – The Ninety One Northwest Style – Gin

Oregon

The nose reveals slight notes of lemon and aromatic herbs / flowers associated with slight/discreet hints of menthol, juniper as well as a subtle hint of green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a slight fat, a fine unctuousity as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this Gin expresses notes of lemon, aromatic herbs and slight hints of flowers associated with subtle hints of lemon zests/yuzu as well as touches of white fruits et an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.25

RUM

Trois Rivières – Millésime 2006 Single Cask – Fût 23-206

Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, precise and finely gourmand / rich (in the background). It reveals notes of pâtisseries, oak and slight notes of spices associated with touches of white fruits, quince, candied lemon, violet as well as a touch of gray pepper, biscuit, licorice and clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandise, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful grain, a fine juiciness, a nice precision / definition as well as a nice guideline. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and white fruits in syrup associated with fine touches of pâtisseries, cedar wood / cardamom, ripe quénette, caramelization / caramelized brown sugar as well as an imperceptible minty hint.

Score : 16.75+

Maison La Mauny – Héritage 1749 Finish en fûts de Porto

Rhum Ambré Agricole, Martinique

The nose is finely gourmand and finely powerful. It reveals notes of caramelization, Zante currants and Sherry / cherry associated with a touch

Rum

of raspberry, candied lemon, plum / mirabelle plum, sugar cane as well as fine toasted hints oak and an imperceptible hint of tobacco / cedar. The palate is fine, well-balanced, supple and offers a fine elegance, gourmandise, a fine minerality as well as a fine fat. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of candied lemon / quince paste, apricot in syrup and caramelized cane sugar combined with a hint of ripe red fruits, cedar, wood, sweet spices and a imperceptible hint of honey. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

Maison La Mauny - Signature du Maitre de Chais Rhum Vieux Agricole, Martinique

The nose is fruity, rich and offers gourmandise and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of Zante currant and dried citrus associated with small notes of white fruit in syrup, cherry, mandarin marmalade, vanilla, slight toasted notes and a subtle hint of white pepper / spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-built / defined, well-balanced and offers elegance, richness, a nice fat, gourmandise and a very fine unctuousity. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of candied lemon, caramelized pear and touches of apple in syrup associated with touches of caramel / pâtisseries, vanilla, a touch of crushed strawberry as well as an imperceptible touch of chocolate, liquorice stick (in the background) and spices. Good length.

Score : 16

St. Nicholas Abbey – Single Cask, 5 Years Old Barbados Rum

The nose is fine and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of raisins, dried plums and touches of candied citrus associated with a hint of beeswax, pâtisseries as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices / coconut, hazelnut and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good straightness, a good guideline, gourmandise as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of candied lemon, pâtisseries / caramelization and slight notes of crystallized tangerine associated with a toasted hint, dried citrus, coconut / vanilla as well as an imperceptible touch of liquorice and pepper.

Score : 15.75+

St. Nicholas Abbey – White Rum Barbados Rum

The nose is finely aromatic, finely concentrated and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of lychee, white cherry associated with a hint of spices, honey and a touch of alcohol. The palate is fresh, fruity / aromatic, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a fine onctuousity. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of lychee, white cherry and slight notes of crushed apple / pear associated with a touch of papaya, cardamom, anise and a discreet hint of pepper on the finish. Good length. The finish is relatively powerful

Score : 14.5+

Maison La Mauny – Ter Rouj' Rhum Blanc Agricole, Martinique

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of lychee and fresh sugar cane associated with small notes of white fruits, exotic fruitss as well as a discreet touch of star anise and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced, finely powerful and offers gourmandise, fat, finesse and minerality. On the palate, this Rum expresses notes of litchi and fresh sugar cane combined with small notes of apple, quénette / exotic fruitss, minerality and a very discreet hint of anise. Good length.

Score : 15+



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