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It is with great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2017 Spring edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue I chose to explore some European wine regions, Israël and New Zealand, and also to give a spotlight to certain Whiskies. It is the result of exhilarating trips, tastings, discoveries and meetings!

So in the first part of the magazine you will meet great winemakers from Bordeaux and Burgundy and discover a few beautiful Châteaux and Domaines. In the second part you will discover Nicolas Frion's Wine & Food pairings, a great and promising Chef from Bordeaux. He is the Chef of the famous restaurant Le Gabriel. N. Frion

created a few recipes especially for VERTDEVIN to pair with wines. These customized creations will tickle your taste buds !

In the third part you will find 900 wine tasting reports (Bordeaux, Bourgogne, Provence, Beaujolais, Rhône, Tuscany, Chianti Classico, Douro, Israël, New Zealand) and some Whiskies.

**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 richness of Bordeaux ! In this magazine you will find presentations of not only some **Médoc Crus Bourgeois 2014**, **Médoc Grands Crus Classés (Margaux, Saint-Julien, Pauillac, Saint-Estèphe)** but also from **Graves** and **Pomerol**.

**Bourgogne** red wines are world renowned. We make some of best Pinot Noir in the world in this region. So how can we resist the temptation to discover, explore and taste the incredible diversity of Bourgogne's climates?

New Zealand... a great wine country where we can find exceptional terroir. I'm in love with some NZ wines !

**Tuscany** is one of the largest and best Italian wine regions that offers tremendous diversity of property and terroirs. Not only that, this Italian region offers a rather exceptional epicurean quality of lifestyle for which I'm in love. I have chosen to present some **Chianti Classico Riserva** and **Gran Selezione** wines and 30 other wines from Tuscany (**Brunello di Montalcino**, **Rosso**, **Sant'Antimo**, **Montepulciano**).

**Douro** wine region is growing in that it is easy to find great wine, delicious dining and offering all this at an excellent value for the money. This region has a great diversity of wines, grapes which are unfortunately often unknown. Douro wines have to gain recognition !

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 Whiskies for each time, each occasion, each taste of one's life. To enjoy on the rocks, with a cigar, as an apperitif, 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 reviews...

Enjoy the reading, savor the tastings and read with delicacy the Wine & Food pairing section.

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# THE DOMAINE DES HOSPICES DE BEAUNE

The oldest and most famous of Bourgogne's Domaine and charity wine auction

The Hospices de Beaune were founded by Nicolas Rolin (Chancellor of the Duke of Burgundy Philippe Le Bon) and his wife Guigone de Salin at the end of the Hundred Years War and more specifically in 1443, "I, Nicolas Rolin... from now on and forever, found and irrevocably endow, in the town of Beaune, a Hospital for sick and poor people, with a chapel..." (Nicolas Rolin foundation charter of Hôtel-Dieu)

The desire clearly was to create a hospital for care of the poor, the elderly, orphans and the sick at the time. It opened for the first mass in 1452 as the Hotel-Dieu.

In 1457 acquired the first vineyard donation; the only real wealth of the time, for the Hospices de Beaune. Guillemette Leverrier donated to the Hospices few parcels of vines of « Beaune, lieu dit Beaumont-le-Franc ». Two years later Jean Plampays and his wife also donated a parcel of vineyard in Beaune. This launch opened the doors for many other gifts that followed.

Regarding the sale of wine and its derivatives it has not always been done through the auction system. Since they had not been regulated until 1859 sales could take place amicably until the French Revolution and then by submission. In 1859 auction has definitely established itself as procedure

for the sale of wine at the Hospices de Beaune. In 1924 the



date was set at every third Sunday of November. In 2005 wishing to ensure a perfect organization and unwilling to trust the organization to industry experts the Hospices de Beaune turned to to the famous auction house Christie's (the first auction house in the world) for the organization of the 145th edition and for the following auctions.

#### VertdeVin: What is the signature of your wines? What makes it possible to recognize your wines, your touch in blind tasting ?

*Ludivine Griveau :* It is really a difficult question, but what is good is that, in the end, it forces reflection. It is



mainly the consumers, the connoisseurs who should answer this question rather than me because it is mainly unconscious. What I hope to express in the wines I work with is passion. I think I make wines that have spirit and especially, because it is paramount for me, respectful of their terroirs.

It is rather paradoxical finally with the title of the question because that is precisely why we do not have wines with its own signature since it is the terroir that takes over. In the end the signature could not be mine to have but the wines are marked by their terroirs. After all, I'm aware of it, but from there to decipher it, to say what characterizes it or to put words on it is more complicated for me. It may be better to ask those who taste them.

#### V.d.V.: If tomorrow you had the opportunity to have a vineyard and produce your own wine which region would you choose? Would you like to make your own wine?

**L.G.** : Yes of course I would! If it is in France I would say that it is incontestably in Burgundy. If it is in another

Focus on Ludivine Griveau, manager of the Domaine des Hospices de Beaune



## Why did you choose to make wine, become an Engineer and oenologist ?

"I think it was the work of the vines that chose me. There was actually nothing that predestined me to do this. I did scientific studies, my family is not from the wine sector and has no particular connection with wine except the passion for the very good gastronomic and good wines. I have been with this for a long time but not in the technical part, nor in production. I came to the trades of the vine and the wine in the course of my studies and experiences. It is a product of circumstance, as I do not think much happens at random, I am obliged to admit that my path of study was there. After a scientific baccalauréat I studied agro-food and then agronomy, followed by studies of sensory evaluations and oenology to finish my first work in a vineyard. In the end the passion came to me little by little ..."

# Why did you choose to make wine in Burgundy and not in another region?

"Because I am Burgundian even if I like and also drink wines from everywhere. I am not at all locked up in a wine style, in a region but working with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is what I know how to do and what I like to do. I grew up here, with these two varieties, the wines of Burgundy are my roots."

# If you had to summarize your passion for wine in 3 or 4 words what would you say?

"I would say: pleasure, sharing and rigor. One must be hyper rigorous because as in all areas to make beautiful things, beautiful wines it is mandatory to be very rigorous. And then to finish I would say that wine is the product of a lot of work in the vineyard! " country it would be in Italy since my paternal roots are Italian and it pushes me a little. I am Burgundian enough to love all the coasts but I still have a small penchant for the Côte de Beaune. It is there that I cut my teeth, that I started, that I learned so I have a certain attachment for the Côte of Beaune.

#### V.d.V.: Do you have an anecdote to us?

*L.G.* : Yes, indeed, I would even have two, one on the Hospices de Beaune and one on my career.

The first morning I took office Mr. Antoine Jacquet greeted me saying, reminding me: First of all, never forget that you work for a bospital!

The second is broader, more general and concerns my career. The day after I finished my studies and my different courses I really thought, here I want to make wine. I want to be at the production, feet in the vines and not in the marketing, at the administration. All this thanks to a vigneron of Pommard to whom I would like to pay tribute, Mr Virely.

# *V.d.V.: Do you have plans for the Domaine des Hospices de Beaune?*

Yes plenty of projects! Without order of importance, witbout bierarchization I would say to continue to work hard in the vineyard, to continue to carry out a policy of specific vintages really determined, adapted to each soil by taking the time to think and do things to the best. This is a beautiful project! But it is vast because the removing and replanting campaigns have to be carried out with a certain reflection. It is not only a matter of pulling out vines, but also of replanting. And then there are economic considerations to take into account too...

I also really wanted to work with my team on the spray quality. I hope they will hear me too because they have the free choice to equip themselves as they wish. However, I hope that they are aware that the investments made by (and for) them later will require the acquisition of more advanced and efficient equipment (straddles, tractors...).



Thanks to Ludivine Griveau for her warm welcome. J.C.C.

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# THE CHÂTEAU LAFON ROCHET SEES ITS FUTURE IN LARGE SCALE AND ORGANIC!



#### Between organic farming and ultra-modern tanks Château Lafon Rochet makes its revolution

Even though the new vat room was inaugurated on the occa-

material which makes it possible to optimize the acidity, PH." The Tesseron family has also chosen to increase the number of tanks, to diversify the capacity as well as the forms (truncated and frustoconical inverted).

sion of the 2016 Futures, the installations were finalized this winter. This new cellar with about twenty concrete tanks and about twenty stainless steel tanks was built in the east wing of the working building. In addition to offering ultra-modern winemaking tools, this new wine cellar was designed to accommodate wine tourism activities throughout the year without hampering the production.



The choice of the material for the vat has been concrete especially for the «intrinsic qualities of vinification of this

**Basil Tesseron :** Last year we brought in 25 different lots. This year, thanks to these new installations we have 70/80 different lots. And thanks to these new installations, we can go even further in the ultra-plots management of the vineyard, in the preservation of the purity of the fruit and therefore in the constant search for quality.

To control all the tanks, to follow the evolutions of vinifica-

tion, to control the temperatures we have a touch screen control. We have a tool that gives us the necessary means,

the precision necessary to produce on a larger scale each year.

To go further in this work of precision the vineyard has also equipped itself with an optical sorting table. This work of precision was preceded by a long work study of the soil in particular thanks to drillings or drones which allowed us to multiply the number of parcels identified.

# Going organic, to complete this requirement of precision and quality ...

In addition to all these new tools Château Lafon Rochet has extended and accelerated its trials of vineyard management in organic farming as well as in biodynamic management also on certain plots. Even if the experiment has spread to several other plots the objective is to achieve in the short term a total conversion of 45 hectares of vines.

The Tesseron family has launched a campaign of reducing electricity consumption, fuel consumption and, in general, a global reflection on the reduction of energy consumption, the carbon footprint of Château Lafon Rochet. This process is complemented by the current SME certification of the property.

We have to leave the best impression possible, make the best wine possible so that in 50 years when consumers open our bottles they can tell themselves that Lafon-Rochet is a great wine.

The terroir has our inheritance, our wealth and our passions. We must preserve it for our children!

*Thanks to the Tesseron family for his warm welcome. J.C.C.* 

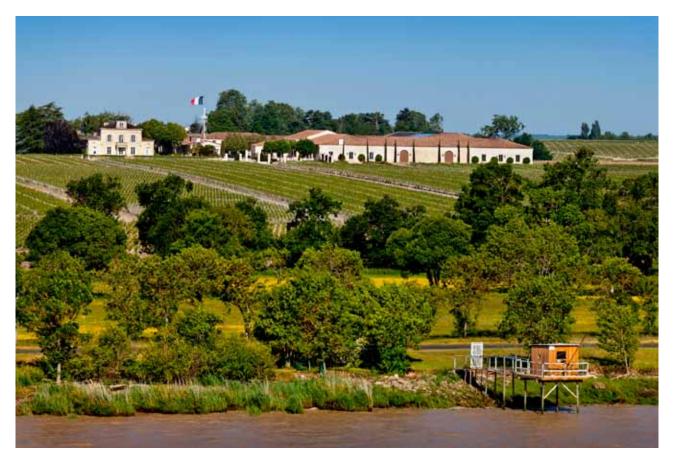


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#### Interview NEWS !

# THE WINES OF CHÂTEAU MONTROSE WILL (SOON) BE ORGANIC!



As part of its global approach to reducing its carbon footprint, the famous Grand Cru Classé of Saint-Estèphe is converting to organic farming. Its objective is to be a model vineyard in terms of ecoresponsibility in 10 years. This ecological awareness is also accompanied by other projects such as mass selection, 100% electric tractors and the use of drones!

# *VertdeVin: Organic farming at Château Montrose, a great ambition for the future...*

Château Montrose has recently intensified its environmental approach to accompany the field towards the total control of its ecological footprint. We want, within five years, to convert the vineyard to organic farming or biodynamics. At present we are running parallel to these two models. This is an approach that is not without risk, but we are committed to it by conviction.

We decided to include these trials in a global approach because the vine is not the only thing with which to be concerned. We have developed a green energy site (geothermal and photovoltaic) that allows us to cover most of our

#### Mass selection : a study whose objective is to demonstrate that Montrose can only be produced at Montrose

"In Montrose, we have the advantage of having a historic vineyard. We were able to identify a whole series of healthy rootstock with interesting strains (DNA) with high potential and very representative of the property. Our goal is to be able to select and multiply them. As part of a 15-year project, we wish to continue to develop this mass selection and studies so that we can then replant. This will also enable us to prove that there is indeed a genetic heritage peculiar to Montrose that constitutes its identity, the singularity of its wines and thus demonstrate that Montrose can only be produced at Montrose. So we are planning to create a 'nursery' in the near future .... A real rarity, because there are very few vineyards that have embarked on mass selection. This requires meeting certain criteria, the main one being to own an old vineyard. "

needs. For example, geothermal energy allows us to cover the electricity needs of air conditioning in all buildings as well as the thermoregulation of tanks.

The estate of Montrose is not only planted in vines. We also bave forested / vegetation areas, streams, forests ... all of which contribute to preserving our ecosystem.

Bio is a practice, a technique, but also a philosophy to which we do not adhere by fashion, but by real conviction, with the will to work closer to nature. Before we

embarked on this process, we had always been very attentive to our vineyard and its ecosystem.

We are intensifying this listening by using organic agriculture - mainly based on the

preventive approach - and biodynamics, whereby we will concentrate on the underground, the soil and the root. The objective is, within 5 years, to convert the whole vineyard.

#### V.d.V.: Would you like AB certification or biodynamics? Certification is not the only goal, but I think that, in the

end, it will be indispensable. Given the context, the only thing that matters for now is to affirm our real and sincere commitment to this approach.

#### V.d.V.: Did the organic approach change anything in the wine?

We started this year to vinify the different test plots separately in order to be able to compare. The first tastings

(blind) are rather encouraging. Now we have to wait and see how this evolves. We will draw conclusions after breeding vines!

#### V.d.V.: Soon 100% electric tractors in the vineyards of Montrose

To extend this approach we are investing in 100% electric tractors. They have less impact on our environment but they are also perfectly adapted to the work of the vineyard. They are 40% lighter than normal tractors. This reduction allows us to limit the compaction of the soil. We are working on this project in collaboration with a young company established until now only in Champagne. Our objective is to convert the whole of our fleet into an electric fleet within 5 to 10 years. From my point of view, this response to the environmental problems corresponds more to the requirements of the 21st century than the reinsertion of the borse in the vines.

For the past two years we have also been working with drones that allow us to better understand the behavior of the vine and the vigor of the plant on the plot. This tool helps us to have a 3D view of our vineyard.

V.d.V.: Let's talk about the Château Montrose wine: What makes it possible to recognize the wines of the estate in blind tasting?

Blind tasting is always very complicated. What characterizes Montrose is controlled power, as a kind of wise lion. Everything is precise, including a powerful, elegant and fine tannic expression. Another «indicator» appears on our wines after a few years: a slight salinity. We do not know precisely what it is due to ... perhaps on the ground, because

the situation of the vineyard is not too high compared to the Garonne which is close to the sea, or the winds of understand and to reveal on a daily the North West bringing the freshness of the Ocean? In the end, even if we do not know

> the origin of this salinity, we must note that it participates in the gourmet side of the wines of Montrose.

> On the nose, the wine has a very small iodized side, very characteristic. Many wine estates are close to the water, but Montrose is really at the edge of the estuary and very north of the Médoc. We benefit from this influence of the ocean.

> > The complexity of the aging bouquet is quite extraordinary: the more aged the wine, the more its aromatic palette expresses the identity and the richness of the Montrose terroir.

> > Here is a little anecdote to illustrate what I'm saying: we participated with the ISVV (Scientific Institute of Vine and Wine) to do a study on the composition of the wine aging bouquet. This study on

10 vintages (1995 to 2005) revealed that our wines had a real typicity, characteristic of the greatest Bordeaux wines.

#### V.d.V.: To finish do you have any anecdotes to tell us about the property?

My favorite concerns the nickname «Latour de Saint-Estèpbe» often given to Montrose in the world of wine... probably due to the rather similar positioning of the vineyards in relation to the Garonne and the nature of the soil. There are also similarities in the characters of wines, such as tannic power and timber framing.

> Thanks to Hervé Berland, Hélène Brochet and Vincent Ducup for their warm welcome. J.C.C.

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"Our approach to the land

of Montrose is to protect, to

basis the immensity of its potential"

# CHÂTEAU CLOS DE BOÜARD

Coralie de Boüard presents Château Clos de Boüard (AOC Montagne Saint-Emilion)

**C**oralie de Boüard, coowner and board member of the Château La Fleur de Boüard (Lalandede-Pomerol) announced the acquisition of Château Tour de Musset previously owned by Castel Frères company.

The property is situated in AOC Montagne Saint-Emilion (30 hectares). The terroir is composed of clay and limestone. The Château is mainly planted with Merlot (19.62



vines is 35 years.

The creation of Château Clos de Boüard is an ambitious family project that aims to take the leadership of the Montagne Saint-Emilion appellation.

VertdeVin: Why did you choose to invest in this wine appellation? Coralie de Boiiard : We started over 7 years ago to seriously seek a vineyard to buy. We also considered

hectares) but also has Cabernet Franc (7, 34 hectares) and Cabernet Sauvignon (2.59 hectares). The average age of the buying a winery in another wine region... The key idea was to find a great terroir. Château Clos de Boüard is in





the Montagne Saint-Emilion appellation and more precisely on Parsac (locality Musset). We are on beautiful calcareous clays. We don't have to envy Saint-Emilion about the qualities of the terroir. The property profits from a good biodiversity and a good eco-system.

# *V.d.V.: What are your goals for the Château Clos de Boüard in a long term perspective ?*

**C.d.B**: We bave a great ambitions for Château Clos de Boüard. We would like to become a leader, one of the leading châteaux of this wine appellation (AOC). As in Lalande-de-Pomerol with the Château La Fleur de Bouard we want to show that even on an AOC moderately less known, we can make great wines with great terroirs.

We have made significant investments in the vineyard and also in the production tools. We wish to produce three different cuvées: a wine from a grape barrel fermentation (Vinification intégrale), Château Clos de Boüard (first wine) and a second wine (La Dame de Musset or Musset de Boüard). Concerning the packaging you will have to wait until December to discover our different labels.



#### V.d.V.: 2016 is going to be your first harvest of Montagne Saint-Emilion. What are your first impressions of this vintage?

*C.d.B*: Our clays have allowed us to be protected from scalding and stopping maturity. This vintage looks qualitatively very beautiful. Quantities are good, it's good for a first barvest.

We started vineyard works in May according to Castel

Frères (before flowering). We work with the same attention, the same rigor as at La Fleur de Boüard in Lalande de Pomerol. We are waiting to taste the first juice. Come join the En Primeur wine tasting (April 2017) to discover it!

Let's wish them the same success as to La Fleur de Boüard !

Thanks to Coralie de Boüard for ber warm welcome.

*J.C.C*.

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# CHÂTEAU CANTENAC BROWN

Scottish charm nestled in the heart of the famous Margaux vineyards

The Château Cantenac Brown is a vineyard located in the commune of Cantenac, appellation Margaux. In 1855 it was elevated to the rank of 3rd Grand Cru Classé. produces four wines: Château Cantenac Brown (Grand Cru Classé in Margaux), Brio de Cantenac Brown (Margaux), Château Brown-Lamartine (Bordeaux Supérieur), Alto de Cantenac Brown (Bordeaux Blanc).

The property which extends over 83 hectares consists of a charming and atypical Tudor castle (English Renaissance), an English garden, a nature reserve of 14 hectares and a vineyard (53 hectares). It was created in 1806 by John-Lewis Brown, a Scotsman who immigrated to Bordeaux for the wine trade. He decided to give him this architectural style to remind him of his native Scotland.



VertdeVin: Where does the name of Château Cantenac Brown come from?

José Sanfins : The name is a combination of the communal name of Cantenac and of the name of the creator of the château «John-Lewis Brown».

V.d.V.: What is the signature of Cantenac Brown wines ? What allow to us to recognize your wines in blind tasting ? J. S.: To the label ?! The

In 1843 the property was sold to a Parisian banker named Gromard. In 1860 the Château Cantenac Brown was bought by Louis Armand Lalande, a Bordeaux wine merchant and owner of several vineyards. He undertook the extension of the building and equipment. It remained in the Lalande family until it's acquisition by the Vivier family in 1968 and then

by AXA Millésimes. In 2006 Simon Halabi, a successful British businessman and wine connoisseur of Bordeaux, fell under the spell of Cantenac Brown and acquired it. He then entrusted the management of the property to José Sanfins leaving him this as the only instruction: the perpetual increase in quality! A successful bet since today the Château Cantenac Brown is a property well known to wine lovers as being a good and reliable value of Margaux!



wines of Cantenac Brown are distinguished by a fair balance between finesse and density. These are concentrated wines without excess, with noble tannins and good aging potential. This last criterion truly represents the nobility of wine. That's what we've always looked for in Cantenac Brown.

Since 2009 we bave slightly increased the proportion of new wood in breeding to 60/70% while remaining very attentive that the wood never takes over the fruit!

As far as the white wine, Alto de Cantenac Brown, our objective was clearly to produce one of the best white wines of Médoc. The grape variety is essentially based on sauvignon blanc, we bave logically inspired the great white wines of Sancerre. Our

blend is 90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Sémillon.We pick the ripe grapes, when the berries express notes of flowers, peach, citrus fruits and a certain acidity and fat. The small

The estate is managed in «sustainable farming» and currently





#### Focus on José Sanfins, Managing Director of Château Cantenac Brown

«I tried to do something else but it was the wine that caught up with me. I am passionate about wine, by tasting. I always had the chance to bathe in this sector especially thanks to my family, my parents were winegrowers. I was educated in the wine world and its surroundings.

In my opinion, what is most exciting in the making of wine is the vinification period. What is most stressful, the most sensitive and at the same time the most exciting is to determine the harvest dates per plot. This is the essential key to quality!

What is fabulous in the life of a winegrower is that we will make 40 vinifications but each will be unique. Indeed in a whole life one makes 40 or even 45 vintages maximum but each one of them will be different, new. This is a chance because in other trades one can do the same thing 1000 times every year.

My first vintage at Cantenac Brown was 1989 thanks to the confidence of Daniel Llose and Jean Michel Cazes, I was a trainee. Since then I have climbed all the steps. Since 2006, following the purchase of the property by the Simon Halabi Family, I am the Managing Director.» portion of Sémillon brings a slight sweet note. From the feedback we have from our customers, I believe we have succeeded our goal.

For my part I would say that what characterizes the red wines of the Château Cantenac Brown is a fine finesse, a well balanced richness (dare I say a «fine richness»?!), depth, velvety tannins and a spicy side.

*V.d.V.:* Could you describe your passion for wine, what wine represents to you in three or four words? *J. S.:* I would say that for me wine is synonymous with passion, sharing and that it is soothing. When you share a good wine with a friend you are peaceful, happy, you remake the world, it is friendly and soothing.

#### V.d.V.: Do you have future plans for Château Cantenac Brown?



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J. S.: Yes we have in mind to redo the vats, to equip it with new tools. The idea is to anticipate what we will need later to go even further in our quality requirement.

Tbanks to José Sanfins for bis warm welcome. J.C.C.

# CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

Correct wines, fine, racy, elegant... A beautiful value of Pauillac!

The Château Grand-Puy Ducasse is a 40 hectares Médoc estate located in AOC Pauillac. It was elevated to the rank of 5th Grand Cru Classé in 1855.

Arnaud Ducasse founded the property in the middle of the 17th century by acquiring land and a small house from Monsieur Jacques de Ségur, Lord of Lafite. His grandson Pierre Ducasse was the main architect of the extension of the family estate. He acquired many hectares of vineyards in the communes of Pauillac, Saint-Lambert, Saint-Sauveur and three seigneuries of the time: Lafite (Pauillac), Latour (Pauillac) and Beychevelle (Saint-Julien).

When he died in 1797 the property stretched over sixty hectares. His son, Arnaud Ducasse, continued the work of his father: he planted vines on the land previously acquired and also built the present Château Grand-Puy Ducasse.

In 1971, after two centuries at the head of the estate, the Ducasse family ceded the property to merchants in Bordeaux. In 2004, Château Grand-Puy Ducasse was bought by CA Grands Crus with the aim of restoring its reputation to this Grand Cru Classé in Pauillac.

#### *VertdeVin: Where does the name of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse come from?*

The name comes from the combination of the surname of the founder of the vineyard, Arnaud Ducasse and the name of the place Grand-Puy. The original name of the property at the time of its classification in 1855 was Château Artigues-Arnaud Grand-Puy, but shortly after Mr Ducasse bad it renamed back to its name.

# *V.d.V.: If you were to describe your passion in 3 or 4 words what would you say?*

I would say: passion, sharing, exemplarity and sustainabi-





lity. The last one (note: perenniality) must be understood for the agriculture practiced, but also because the vine, unlike other cultures, is a perennial plant. When we plant it is for future generations... The notion of transmission is very important in our business.

*V.d.V.:* What is the Grand-Puy Ducasse's signature? What makes it possible to recognize wines in tasting? It's a rather complicated question because the signature of a wine is the result of the addition of the terroir and the action of Man. In their youth, wines more readily express the action of Man, but after aging, the soil takes over.

Many things have been reviewed at Château Grand-Puy Ducasse since its takeover by CA Grands Crus in 2004. The «signature» of Grand-Puy Ducasse was slightly modified. In particular, a major restructuring plan has been put in place in the vineyard: tillage, replanting... Our vineyard has been dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon for only a short time.We have also evolved the vinification towards more parcelling selection, better control of extractions, vinification temperatures and maceration ... Since 2006 we continue to slowly evolve the vineyard, winemaking and wines with as our ambition a permanent search for Qualitative improvement. The wines of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse are straight and very frank wines. They may also, in certain cases, especially in their youth take a certain austerity. This one passes over time and leaves room for wines in this style to become more and more assertive. Once good grapes are barvested, the most important thing for us is to adapt the extraction as well as the wood to the potential structure / fruit and the vintage. The wines of Grand-Puy Ducasse will always be correct, long and racy wines. In this notion of 'race' we often find notes of cedar (which do not come from the barrel because they are already found in vats) and cigar cellars. There are also fresh notes, licorice and fruity notes of black or

#### Focus on Anne Le Naour, Technical Director of CA Grands Crus



«I am of Parisian origin. I had no specialities to the world of wine except that my parents were in the trade. This allowed me to acquire a sensitivity to tastes, smells and more generally to French gastronomy.

The opportunity to study led

me to do a scientific training, math sup / math spec with a specialty in biology, then studies in agronomy. Arriving in the first year with the objective of becoming an agricultural engineer, I realized that I was far from the biology that interested me in the beginning. I naturally turned to the professions of wine and cheese production. These two products have many similarities to which I was sensitive: a strong impact of the place of production (the terroir, the men...), a transformed agricultural product, known and recognized internationally, non-delocalizable. Wines and cheeses are carriers of the fame of France abroad, but also vectors of History, sharing, culture and conviviality. In order to make my choice I then decided that I was going to do an internship in these two areas, then that I would decide. I did my first internship in the world of wine and finally I stayed in this sector because it fascinated me.»

# Why did you choose to come to work in the vineyards of Bordeaux and not elsewhere?

«I practiced in virtually every major wine region in France. As soon as I finished my studies, I went to work in Australia (Yarra Valley). I liked the idea of being able to then work in a vineyard not far from a large agglomeration and Bordeaux naturally imposed itself. The size of the farms as well as the hiring prospects for an agronomist also reinforced my choice. After my Australian epic and even though this country and its prospects interested me a lot, I decided, for personal reasons to return to France. I then occupied a property tracking post, an oenologist for Maison Ginestet who, at the time, had follow-up contracts with small producers. It was followed by a position of cellar manager for William Pitters International, within the group Bernard Magrez. Upon the sale of WPI, I followed Bernard Magrez in his property project and I worked for him for more than seven years. In January 2010 I had the opportunity to take over the technical management of all the Bordeaux properties of CA GRANDS CRUS and notably the Château Grand-Puy Ducasse. It was a very nice challenge, because many of them easily identified themselves as «beautifully sleeping».

In seven years we have evolved a lot.

Concerning the other properties of the group, we have also done a lot of work at Château La Tour de Mons, at Clos Saint Vincent (taken over in 2011) where we went from 5 hectares to 17 hectares where again at Château Meyney we brought back the Quality levels in connection with the magnificent terroir and production capacities.» red berries depending on the vintage. Château Grand-Puy Ducasse produces structured wines. They need aging and most often to be decanted / oxygenated.

*V.d.V.: How do you manage the vineyard? Do you practice a particular kind of agriculture or an ongoing process?* We are in the process of certification SME and 14001 for all the properties of the group. The Château La Tour de Mons has already obtained it and all the properties should follow logically in June 2017.

At present, we manage the vineyard with reasoned agriculture, but we also do management tests on certain plots in organic farming, biodynamics or other types of practices that prohibit the use of synthetic molecules. It is important to measure our environmental footprint, but we must integrate it into a more global approach.

Indeed, it is not only the protection of the environment, but also that of the workers in the field and the consumer. Energy savings and other CSR approaches must also be taken into account.

#### **Side Anecdote**

«When I arrived in January 2010, there was a cellar master and a culture manager on duty. The cellar master was a little weary of his experience in Grand-Puy and our collaboration was shortlived. We have therefore recruited Cécile Bernier to replace him. Unfortunately the head of culture also had to leave us shortly after an illness, we also had to find him a replacement. We ended up with a new team, young, without experience on this vineyard... It was a unique experience as we were three 'new' technicians to discover a vineyard for the first time. It gave us a challenge and helped us build a team that was united and in tune.»

V.d.V.: What do you think of the last vintage (2016)?

Since I arrived in Bordeaux in 2001 I have never seen a vintage that is as good as this one qualitatively and quantitatively. Quantitatively, we are relatively close to 2004 or 2007. Qualitatively, it is in my opinion the greatest vintage since 2010.

#### *V.d.V.: How do you see the future for Château Grand-Puy Ducasse?*

I see it in the pursuit of a notable qualitative progress, in the improvement of the plot selection and in the improvement of the control of the temperatures.

We have not stopped advancing our tools in recent years and do not lack ideas to continue in this direction and continue to help express the terroir of the Château Grand Puy Ducasse.

*Thanks to Anne Le Naour and to Marine Lemmens for their warm bospitality.* 

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# WHAT DOES WINE

#### Nicolas Glumineau

CEO and Winemaker, Château Pichon Longueville - Comtesse de Lalande



As we observe a work of art, a photograph, wine is a parenthesis and a journey through time, which belongs only to oneself and to those with whom we share it.

*This is «only» wine and yet it generates so much emotion.* 

It is therefore at the same time a product of the Earth, a product of labor, and a creation, a form of expression and artistic interpretation ... therefore, very personal.

Like wine, our profession of winemaker is complex: we share between scientific theory (factual and implacable) and empiricism which constrains the observation of its environment and to listening to its soil.

Wine is a vector of civilization, of getting closer to one another; It is a hyphen. In a word, wine is sharing!

#### What was your last wine emotion?

«Champagne Louis Roederer - Cristal 2009, Puligny Montrachet 1st Cru «Les Combettes» 2010 by Olivier Leflaive, Château Lafite Rothschild 1996, Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande... And a special mention for a bottle of Champagne Deutz BSA drunk a few days ago with family, Christmas night, somewhere in the desert of Namibia. We were a few million: we four, some antelope, dunes and stars.

#### Didier Cuvelier General Manager, Château Léoville Poyferré

Wine is an important part of my life and it is a job that you can not do without passion when you are a producer.

Obviously in my professional life the interactions with my technical team and my consulting oenologist (Michel Rolland) are always exciting. I also love interacting with consumers and trying to make them become regulars.

In my social life: the milieu of wine is an environment that is increasingly open where one increasingly acquires friends.

In my private life: wine is often too important: We can not get up without thinking about the weather and the consequences that it can have especially during the barvest where obviously the sleep is long to come ...

In my circle of close friends I try to avoid talking about wine but very often someone comes back to it just to talk about the wine served at the table.

#### What was your last wine emotion?

My last great emotion was a Pétrus 82 which confirms that this vintage is very exceptional and marked the spirits.



# MEAN TO YOU ?

#### Jean-Michel Comme Winemaker, Château Pontet-Canet

Wine is my life! I have dedicated my life to it! What do we look for with wine at this time? The sensation of great wine in the sense of emotion and in its artistic dimension. A great wine is a great moment of emotion. It can only be produced by a great terroir. That is to say a place that has a gift of nature that others do not have and that puts it on the same level as other artists such as a cook, a musician, a soccer player... A great terroir is like a great painter, a great cook having the capacity to transmit the emotion.

To generate emotion, to express fully it must be in particular conditions. For example, if Vincent van Gogh had lived in a yacht moored in the bay of Cannes it would surely have been easy for us to know that. For the earth to be able to express itself it needs the help of man. Man is there to serve it and not take it's place. To continue on with my metaphor I would say that I am the "brusb-carrier" of Van Gogh and that the painter is the terroir.



#### Alfred Tesseron Co-owner, Château Pontet-Canet

I would add that wine is something that is primarily made to be drunk. A great wine is a wine of sharing. Wherever one is in the world when one opens a great wine it is always a moment of conviviality, exchanges, discussion and finally of pleasure.

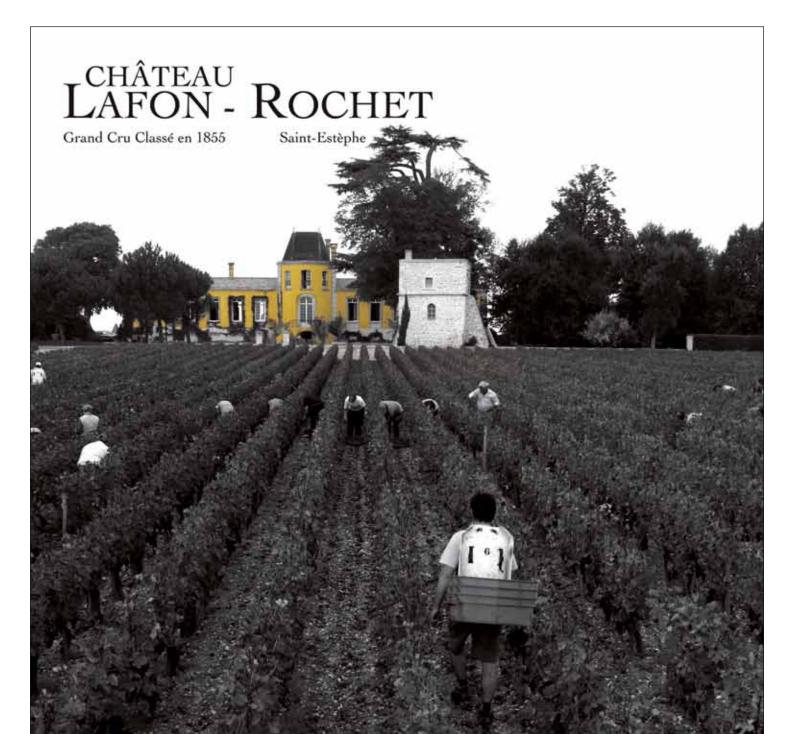
#### Thomas Duroux CEO, Château Palmer



Wine is an encounter with a place, a person and a story. Every time I discover a wine the first question I ask myself is: does it tell me a story? Is there a person, a soul behind the bottle? Wine is an emotion.

#### What was your last wine emotion?

My last wine emotion is very recent. I've Italian roots. My family is from Modena on my grandfather's side. He had some wine properties including one on the hills of Apenas. There he produced many types of wines but mainly white ones. Witbin this area there was a cellar that was totally deluged by sand during a flood of the nearby river. My grandfather had never tried it, but one of my distant cousins did a few years ago. He discovered bottles of Greco del Colombard (white) vintage 1916. He offered me a bottle. I kept it for a long time in my cellar with little hope as to the quality of the current wine... Last month I brought this bottle to friends by telling them that we would see. But that in any case we had come across a bottle of Château Palmer. It was a huge surprise. The wine was of a very pale color, straw color (not oxidized), very very delicate and even preserved a little residual sugar. What emotion !



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

Lucas Leclercy - Technical Director at Lafon Rochet

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#### Wine & food pairing

# NICOLAS FRION Chef of Le Gabriel

Nicolas Frion is a talented chef who has made his home in the terroir of Aquitaine, his adopted region. Currently chef of the restaurant Le Gabriel (gourmet restaurant and bistro) he made his debut among the famous names of French gastronomy. Formerly Chef of the Michelin-starred restaurant Le Chapon Fin emeritus, his career has allowed him to rub shoulders with Thierry Marx at Cheval Blanc in Nimes then Cordeillan-Bages and Gérard Boyer in Crayères (Reims) and Paul Bocuse.

Following a tradition of gastronomy, Nicolas Frion breathes a wind of creativity, freshness and modernity into Gabriel's kitchen. On the one hand, the gourmet restaurant for which the Chef imagined an upscale kitchen, elegant, refined and delicious meals made from seasonal ingredients carefully selected from regional producers. With precise cooking and an exotic touch, the kitchen Frion Nicolas and his team invite you to a culinary journey.

On the other side, the Bistrot Gourmand, delicate and authentic menu waiting for you to include you in the discovery of the wonders of the Aquitaine terroir. His goal: Obtaining a Michelin star and why not a second?!

In the following pages you will find a few seasonal culinary creations made to order by the Chef as suggested to accompany the wines. Dishes and wines that tantalize our taste buds!







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# Wine & Food pairing by Nicolas Frion





### Poitrine de cochon Prince Noir de Biscay laquée aux épices, salsifis et blettes étuvées

Lacquered Prince Noir de Biscay pig breast with spices, salsify and steamed chard. **Enjoy it with a Quinta do Pôpa 2013 – DOC Douro** (score : 15)



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Hot and fried (pan sautéed) foie gras, Daïkon turnip glazed with grapefruit juice, reduction of rosé Lillet. **Enjoy it with a Bestheim Riesling 2014 – Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg** (score : 16.25)

# Wine & Food pairing by Nicolas Frion



## Chocolat Guanaja, pruneaux et fruits secs dans l'esprit d'un mendiant, parfumé à l'orange

Guanaja Chocolate, prunes and dried fruits made in the spirit of a Mendiant, flavored with orange. Enjoy it with a Château Rabaud-Promis 2010 – Sauternes I<sup>er</sup> Grand Cru Classé (score : 17)







## Pigeon de la ferme de Fort des Loges cuit aux sarments du Médoc, cuisse en feuilleté, chanterelles et crème de salsifis

Pigeon from the Fort Des Loges farm cooked with Médoc vine shoots, its thigh in a puff pastry, chanterelles and salsify cream. Enjoy it with a Château Lagrange 2008 – Saint-Julien, Grand Cru Classé (score : 16,5)



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# Wines to discover... and savor!

### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Clos des Perrières 2014

Premier Cru - Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is nicely elegant, racy, aromatic 16.75/20and relatively full. It reveals notes of boy-Vertde Vin senberry and small wild fruits associated with slight notes of plum, red fruits and a TO discreet hint of mocha, gray pepper (very KEEP discreet), zan, rose and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, specific, elegant, nicely gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful volume, an acid frame, a slight freshness as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, cherry and slight notes of blackberry, plum associated with hints of liquorice, discreet/slight hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and cacao. Good length and beautiful persistence.





Price : €€



#### Avondale **Cyclus 2013** Paarl - South Africa

READY The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. TO DRINK It reveals notes of citrus associated with fine notes of exotic fruit, peach and white fruit. The palate is fruity, elegant, soft, harmonious, unctuous, straight and offers a beautiful definition and purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quenette and slight notes of passion fruit combined with touches of clementine, lemon, pineapple, pink grapefruit and peach. Good length.

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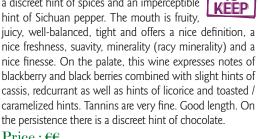
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#### La Perle de Peyrous 2014 Graves

The nose is fine, fruity, elegant and offers a fine concentration / richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and discreet hints of fresh READY red berries associated with a discreet hint of **TO DRINK** flowers, bell pepper (very discreet) as well as a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity,



Price : €€

#### **Staglin Family Vineyards** Chardonnay Estate 2014 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, incisive and offers intensity, READY a small freshness and harmony. It reveals notes TO DRINK of white fruits, stone fruits and small notes TO of exotic fruit associated with a hint of citrus, KEEP slight touches of peach flowers as well as slight vegetal touches, butter and very discreet notes of wood / oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit aerial and offers minerality, juiciness, tension, fat, complexity, finesse as well as a nice and unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of stone fruit, white fruits (stewed pear, nectarine) and fine notes of citrus notes (tangerine, lemon) associated with a hint of quenette, passion fruit as well as discreet hints of honey. Good length and nice aromatic persistance.



#### Kopke 1966 - Colheita Porto

The nose is fruity, generous and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of cane sugar caramel and fine notes of candied KOPKE COLHEFTA 1966 PORTO ATURED IN WOO





fruit associated with hints of dried fruit, hazelnut, Zante currants as well as a discreet hint of tangerine dried zest, dried peach and a (very) discreet note of cigar box. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively powerful and offers a nice volume and an acid frame acid. A rich but well-balanced style. In mouth this Porto expresses notes of dried apple, candied lemon and candied tangerine associated with hint of orange zest, caramel as well as a hint of pâtisseries and walnuts / almond. Good length and good persistence.

Price : €€€€€

#### Château de Cérons 2007 Cérons

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers READY freshness as well as elegance. It reveals notes **TO DRINK** of candied lemon, kumpuat and fine notes of pear in syrup combined with hints of fresh fruit, spices, a discreet hint of gingerbread as well as a very discreet hint of almond and honey. The mouth is fruity, elegant, round, relatively aerial and offers a nice fat, a very nice volume, a good definition and a beautifully balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied pear and candied citrus fruits (lemon, mandarin) combined with slight notes of fresh pineapple, fresh fruit and very slight notes of sweet spices / caramelization. Good length and persistence.

Price : €€



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### **Buying guide**

# Wines to discover... and savor!

#### **Caymus Vineyards** Special Selection 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon - Napa Valley

READY TO DRINK The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis and blackberry associated **KEEP** with a hint of blueberry, chocolate as well as hints of sweet spices, zan / licorice and

an imperceptible hint of anise. The palate is fruity, perfectly balanced, elegant, racy, relatively rich, a bit aerial and offers a good structure, an acid frame, fat, suavity, a beautiful juiciness, a good definition and a beautiful matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis jam associated with touches of crushed strawberry s well as fine notes of chocolate, spice, tobacco and hints of liquorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Beautiful mouth ! Good length.

Price : €€€€€





#### Château Meyney 2011 Saint-Estèphe

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The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and char-READY ming / velvety. It reveals notes of racy minerality, graphite and slight notes of blackberry, cas-TO sis associated with hints of redcurrants crushed <u>KEEP</u> raspberry, as well as hints of wood, tobacco, cedar and a hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, gourmand, quite straight, beautifully gourmande and offers a nice definition, a good minerality as well as finesse. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh strawberry and slight notes of cassis combined with hints of toasted oak, a discreet hint of cherry, mocha as well as a slight hint of nutmeg and a hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, (very) slightly firm and elegant. Good length and persistence.

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Price : €€

#### Corison Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 Napa Valley

READY The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively TO DRINK gourmand. The wine need to be aerated in the glass or to be served in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe red fruits and mushroom associated with fine notes of underbrush, cassis cream as well as fine touches of licorice and a slight touch of mocha. The palate is fruity, nicely built and offers an acid frame, a nice freshness, a nice juiciness, roundness, a good volume and a beautiful elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis, touches of plum and hints of prune associated with fine notes of red fruits (raspberry, cherry), fine touches of liquorice, undergrowth (discreet)... (Read full review online).





#### Domaine Sainte Marie Cuvée 1884 (2014) Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, charming and precisely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild black berries and slight notes of blueberry associated with a subtle hint of lilac, slight notes of toasted oak, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, suave, silky (like silk!), charming and offers a very beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of blueberry, Bigarreau cherry as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, vanilla and liquorice. Tannins are melted. There are notes of dark chocolate powder on the persistence as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization on the aftertaste, which is very slightly powerful. A great success! Price : €







#### Château Montus Cuvée La Tyre 2003 Madiran

READY The nose is elegant and fine. It reveals TO DRINK notes of ripe fruit associated with fine notes of cherry, olive and slight notes

of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, nicely concentrated and offers a beautiful acid / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and crushed strawberry associated with fine notes of black berries, plums and a hint of spice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Price : €€€€

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#### Momtazi Vineyard Kelley Fox Wines 2012 Pinot Noir Oregon

TO DRĪNK The nose is fruity, fine, relatively powerful and offers a small generosity. It reveals notes of cherry cream and Boysenberry combined with hints of wild fruits as well as hints of spices and hints of coffee / woody. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, wellbuilt and offers a fine suavity, fat and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of plum, slight notes of grilled oak, spices and black pepper. Good length in the mouth.

Price : €€€



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# Wines to discover... and savor!

#### Catena Zapata Nicasia Vineyard Malbec 2007 16.5+/20Altamira - Mendoza Vertde Vin

The nose is fruity, elegant, concentrated and relatively complex. It reveals notes of black-READY berry cream, mocha, wood and crushed raspberry, combined with slight notes of

black cherry, sweet spices, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of rocky earth and graphite. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, very elegant, well balanced, concentrated, powerful, supple and offers fat, a beautiful roundness and a great and nice structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry, sweet fruits and chocolate / mocha combined with a touch of espresso, wood as well as a discreet hint of coconut and an imperceptible hint of butter. Tannins are moderately fine, elegant and supple. Good length and beautiful persistence.





#### Andreza - Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis jam, crushed blackberries and hints of Quetsche prunes associated with hints of olive tree and zan, as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, car-

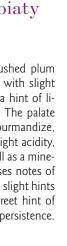
damon and woody touches. The mouth is fruity, fine, mineral, elegant, juicy, aerial and offers a beautiful acid frame, a nice expression / definition as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and cassis jam combined with fine hints of raspberry, red berries as well as slight notes of licorice, toasted oak and a touch of cardamon. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly dusty. On the finish there are very fine notes of chocolate. A beautiful wine! Good job!





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#### Rose Rock Chardonnav 2014 Eola-Amity Hills - Oregon

READY The nose is fresh and relatively fine. It re-TO DRINK veals notes of white fruit (brugnon, apple) and a discreet hint of guince associated with discreet notes of lemon, pear, honey and a few subtle woody hints. The mouth is fruity, mineral, gourmande, suave, unctuous and offers a nice definition as well as a fine acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of brugnon and crushed Williams pears associated with hints of citrus (lemon, a slight hint of clementine) as well as subtle hins of toasted wood and butter / coconut. Good length.

Price : €€

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#### Col d'Orcia - Pascena Vendemmia Tardiva 2012 Moscadello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity, aromatic, complex, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of candied citrus fruit, exotic

fruits (kumquante, discreet notes of passion fruit) and white flowers (honeysuckle...) associated with a hint of lychee, candied pear, slight notes of nuts, dried fruits (pineapple, orange) as well as a discreet hint of tea and a very discreet hint of honey. The wine needs time to open. The palate is fruity, fine, complex, fresh, fluid, quite gourmande and offers elegance and a beautiful fat. On the palate, this wine expresses slight notes of dried citrus, wheat, peach and pear in syrup combined with touches of pineapple in syrup, nuts / almond as well as a slight note of honey and spices on the finish. Good length and beautiful persistence. On the aftertaste there are slight notes of walnut. Price : €€€



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#### Domaine de Combiaty 2015 Brouilly

READY The nose reveals notes of crushed plum and blueberry jelly associated with slight hints of cassis, raspberry jam as well as a hint of liquorice and a discreet hint of hawthorn. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful suavity, gourmandize, harmony, roundness, a good volume, a slight acidity, a beautiful juiciness, fleshy, smooth as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Quetsche plum, juicy blueberry and slight hints of strawberry jam associated with a discreet hint of liquorice and toasted oak/vanilla. Good persistence. A great wine!

#### Price : €€

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#### Dalva 1971 Golden White Port - Colheita



The nose is fruity, fine, gourmand, elegant and relatively rich. It reveals notes of honey, grapes and date associated with discreet notes fig, candied orange / tangerine as well

as fine notes of sweet spices, nutmeg and a discreet note of muesli. The palate is fruity, nicely gourmand, elegant, bright and offers a nice acidity, a nice fat as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, clementine and discreet notes of honey associated with a hint of apple as well as discreet notes of muesli and sweet spices. Good length.

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# Spirits to discover... and savor!

#### Louis Royer Eloge Cognac - Grande Champagne



The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, intense and quite straight. It reveals notes of citron and slight notes of zest of lemon, zest of mandarin,

rancio associated with a discreet hint of tobacco, litchi, white fruits, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of Zante currant. The palate is fruity, fleshy, wellbalanced, well defined, precise, beautifully elegant, intense and offers a very nice fat, a fine fresh frame and a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized lemon and candied white fruits combined with fine hints of exotic fruits, rancio, honey as well as discreet hints of sandalwood, cedarwood, honey and a discreet hint of caramelization. Beautiful persistence. The finish is very elegant.

Price : €€€€€€

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#### Dartigalongue 1997 Single Cask Bas-Armagnac

READY The nose is fruity, suave, gourmand, straight and TO DRINK relatively dry / powerful. It reveals notes of dried lemon zest, dried grapefruit zest and discreet notes of candied citrus associated with a hint of dried apple as well as discreet notes of tobacco and rancio (very discreet). The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, soft, well-balanced, well built, straight, suave, gourmand, relatively depth and offers a fine fresh frame, fat, a good structure and a nice definition. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of citrus dried, roasted cocoa and a hint of coffee, apple, white fruit combined with a discreet note of pear, lychee as well as a fine notes of rose, oak, slight notes of spice and a hint of gray pepper. Good length and good persistence. A powerful but perfectly balanced Armagnac ! Price : €€€€

#### 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, guince, 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. Price : €€€€€







#### Maison La Mauny Le Nouveau Monde Rhum Hors d'Âge - Martinique



The nose is fine, elegant, subtle and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of swett spices, cedar wood and a very discreet hint of caramelized brown

sugar associated with slight hints of lemon zest, small white fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of quenette, gray pepper and honey. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, straight, well-balanced, nicely fleshy and offers a beautiful elegance and a beautiful suavity. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of grilled wood, cigar, and discreet hints of candied lemon, candied nectarine associated with slight touches of honey / salted butter caramel as well as an imperceptible hint of tobacco (bottom) and spices. Good length. Beautiful suavity and persistence!

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Price : €€€€€



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#### **Tesseron Cognac XO** Passion

Vertde Vin The nose is fruity, fine, harmonious, well-defined, elegant and offers a perfectly mastered power. It reveals notes of crystallized orange, orange zest and nectarine candy associated with fine floral notes as well as a touch of rancio, rancio and spices (tea, gray pepper, vanilla ). The mouth is fine, elegant, well structured, harmonious, gourmand, quite bright and offers a beautiful matter and a certain minerality. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of citrus fruits paste (tangerine, lemon) associated with fine notes of white fruits, candied citrus zests as well as a slight note of honey, oak and a discreet note of rancio. Good length and persistence.

Price : €€€€€

#### Château de Laubade Intemporel N°5 **Bas-Armagnac**

The nose is fine, elegant, incisive, quite powerful and quite complex. It reveals notes of candied white fruits, toffee, candied orange zest as well as hints of Pomme d'Amour, slight woody notes, cocoa and notes of dried fruits. The palate is round, full, elegant, gourmand, fat, suave, well-balanced, fresh, aromatic and offers a small fresh frame. In mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of candied citrus, white fruits (pear, peach) associated with a touch of toffee, Zante currant, spices, honey as well as slight notes of vanilla, candied orange zest and walnuts. Good length and persistance. Price : €€€€





Vertde**Vin** 

€ : under 20 euros // €€ : under 40 euros // €€€ : under 60 euros // €€€€ : under 100 euros // €€€€ : under 250 euros // €€€€€ : more than 250 euros



### Haut-Médoc Crus Bourgeois

#### Château Dillon 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed strawberry, spices associated with a hint of cardamom, Sichuan pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek and offers freshness, an acid frame as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed cassis and strawberry associated with a hint of raspberry, cherry, licorice as well as hints of cardamom, mocha and grilled oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Château Peyredon Lagravette 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight generosity. It reveals notes of lilac, flowers, slight notes of boysenberry, cassis associated with a hint of strawberry, plum as well as slight notes of pepper, spices, hints of toasted oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, sleek, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a good structure. In the palate this wine expresses juicy blackberry and cherry associated with slight notes of plum, crushed raspberry as well as hints of toasted oak, sweet spices and vanilla. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Château Malescasse 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of lys, flowers, blackberry and black cherry associated with slight notes of cassis, red fruits as well as a discreet hint of plum, sweet spices, toasted and caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit aerial, a bit silky, quite harmonious and offers as well as a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and cassis associated with slight notes of raspberry, plum, licorice, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are fin and well-built. Good length and persistence. There are very slight notes of cacao and a discreet hint of coffee on the persistence.

#### Château Le Monteil d'Arsac 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fine and relatively fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry and undergrowth associated with slight notes of coffee, juicy cassis, red fruits as well as a discreet hint of leather and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral, silky, relatively fine and offers fat as well as a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of black cherry associated with hints of redcurrant, raspberry as well as a discreet hint of plum, toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of caramel, mocha and a discreet hint of gray pepper on the finish. Score : 15.25+

#### Château Bonneau 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful as well as relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis and boysenberry associated with small notes of spices, pepper, undergrowth as well as a woody hint and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and a bit silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry, juicy wild strawberry as well as a hint of blueberry. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There is juiciness on the finish. Score: 14.75+

#### Château la Tonnelle 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively juicy. It reveals slight notes of blackberry and cassis associated with touch of wild strawberry, small red berries as well as notes of spices, a hint of pepper, cherry as well as woody touch and a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, wellbalanced and offers freshness, a good volume, a small juiciness, a mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, plum as well as slight notes of toasted oak and discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

#### Château Ramage - La Batisse 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, gournand and slightly rich. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and more slightly of raspberry associated with slight notes of blackberry, cassis as well as a discreet hint of blueberry, slight hints of zan and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is well-balanced and offers freshness, fat, a slight suavity, a slight acidity (in the background) as well as a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with hints of raspberry, cherry as well as a discreet hint of redcurrant, touch of toasted oak and a discreet note of zan. Tannins are fine and young. Good length.

#### Château Haut-Madrac 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, quite generous and relatively rich. It reveals notes of cassis, crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with a discreet hint of violet, zan as well as a hint of toasted oak and a very discreet hint of caramelization and pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, supple, sleek, slightly rich and offers a small freshness, a small fleshy as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crunchy blackberry and slight notes of crushed Gariguette strawberry associated with a hint of plum, licorice, cardamom as well as a hint of graphite and toasted oak/sweet spices. Tannins are moderately fine and young. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.75

#### Château Magnol 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers a slight minerality. It reveals slight notes of blackberry, ripe red fruits and Gariguette strawberry associated with woody touch, small touch of mocha as well as a discreet hint of flowers and a very discreet hint of flint/iodine minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit silky and offers fat as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with woody hints, hints of small wild berries as well as a discreet hint of plum, tobacco and pepper. Tannins are (very) slightly dry.

#### Château Cissac 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively generous and offers a slight concentration.

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It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and more slightly of redcurrant, cassis associated with a hint of strawberry, small crunchy fruits as well as a hint of licorice, toasted and a very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, a good volume, harmony and freshness, a good definition as well as a small acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry, raspberry and more slightly of cassis, redcurrant associated with a hint of plum as well as slight touch of licorice, toasted oak and a hint of cardamom. Good length and beautiful persistence. There is suavity on the finish, a discreet hint of caramelization in the aftertaste and a very slight hint of iodine on the persistence. **Score : 15** 

#### Le Moulin Rose de Malescasse 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, fleshy and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of flint associated with discreet notes

of iodine minerality, hints of black cherry, a touch of flowers as well as touch of toasted and caramelized. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful minerality, a small juiciness, a good volume and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry and more slightly of small berries associated with hints of blueberry, racy minerality, a hint of iodine. slight touch of toasted oak, sweet spices (vanilla, cardamom), a discreet hint of flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper and chocolate. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length and beautiful suave persistence. An easy-drinking and quite gourmand wine. Score : 14.75

#### Château Reysson 2014 Haut Médea, Cru Pourgeo

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight

notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with a hint of violet as well as slight notes of toasted oak and zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, wellbalanced and offers a small freshness, a slight acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of cassis, plum, raspberry associated with slight touch of toasted oak, mocha as well as a discreet note of caramel, zan and black tea note. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. There is a slightly gourmand on the finish.

Score : 14.75+

#### Château de Villambis 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, crunchy/juicy and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis, fresh wild strawberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of cherry, slight notes of zan as well as a hint of violet and a discreet toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, freshness, a good volume, fat as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (cherry, berries, raspberry), blackberry and a hint of cassis associated with slight hints of plum, slight touch of zan, toasted/caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, black tea and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5

#### Château la Fon du Berger 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively fat and offers a slight minerality, a slight fleshy as well as a slight gourmand side. It reveals notes of cassis jam, wild strawberry and blackberry associated with touch of cherry, licorice as well as a hint of tobacco and slight touch of toasted/caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, mineral and racy. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of crushed blackberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of small red berries, cherry as well as hints of zan, toasted oak and slight flinty notes. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is suavity on the finish.

#### Château Meyre 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois The nose is fruity and relatively generous. It r

The nose is fruity and relatively generous. It reveals notes of crunchy red fruits (crunchy Gariguette strawberry, raspberry, redcurrant) and touch of

cassis associated with a slight hint of violet as slight touch of toasted oak and discreet hints of chocolate after being aerated. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers density as well as a slight/discreet acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy Gariguette strawberry, raspberry, cherry and cassis associated with slight hints of blackberry, violet/cornflower, zan, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length and persistence. Score : 15

#### Château Cambon La Pelouse 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois The nose is fruity, quite elegant and relatively intense/powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, wild strawberry and wild

fruits associated with slight notes of spices, gray pepper (discreet), zan, hints of mocha as well as slight woody touch and a very discreet hint of caramel (needs to be decanted). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, quite elegant, suave and offers a good volume, density, an acid frame, minerality as well as a beautiful expression/definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, wild strawberry, small red berries (redcurrant...) and slight notes of cherry, cassis associated with a hint of blueberry, slight notes of chocolate/mocha, licorice, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of black tea and a woody hint. Good length.

#### Château de Braude 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful as well as relatively fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and violet associated with slight notes of strawberry, red fruits as well as woody hints, hints of chocolate, graphite and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral (racy minerality), fresh, well-defined and offers an acid frame, fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with hints of strawberry, redcurrant, slight notes of toasted oak, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of mocha and caramelization. Tannins are wellbuilt and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

# GRAND VIN DE BORDEAUX CHÂTEAU LA FON DU BERGER HAUT-MEDOC - CRU BOURGEOIS --CRU BOURGEOIS --2014 GERARD BOUGES



#### Château Bernadotte 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis cream and slight notes of red fruits, small wild fruits associated with hints of blueberry, violet as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak, cardamom, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, mineral, well-balanced, a bit silky and offers a small freshness, fat, a good structure as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, wild strawberry, redcurrant and more lightly blackberry associated with a hint of plum, toasted/caramelized oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of black tea and cardamom.

Score : 15.5

#### Château Paloumey 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fine, relatively elegant and offers a slight concentration as well as

a slight powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, fresh strawberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with a hint of crushed blueberry, slight touch of spices as well as a discreet hint of violet, Sichuan pepper and flint. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, fat, a slight suavity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, crushed Gariguette strawberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of juicy blueberry as well as slight touch of zan, violet (discreet), mocha and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly dry. Good length and persistence. The persistence is juicy and suave. Score : 15.75

#### Château de Gironville 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe fruits and crushed strawberry associated with a touch of undergrowth, discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, flowers, cardamom as well as a hint of nutmeg, a woody hint and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers a slight acid frame, suavity, a good volume as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with a hint of cherry, strawberry as well as slight notes of licorice, toasted/caramelized oak, cardamom and a hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Château Charmail 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively mineral. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of strawberry, flowers (lily, violet) associated with a find of hawthorn (discreet), Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight acid frame as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy strawberry and slight notes of cassis, cherry associated with a discreet hint of Quetsche plum as well as slight notes of toasted oak, mocha, zan (very discreet) and black tea. Tannins are fine and a bit young (wait at least I year). There is suavity, a slightly gourmand side and a slightly salty taste on the finish. Score: 15.5

#### Château Lamothe-Cissac 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, quite elegant as well as relatively generous/rich. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, fresh cassis and slight notes of Gariguette strawberry associated with hints of crushed raspberry, a hint of blueberry as well as slight hints of flowers (violet, lily), licorice and a woody finish (it gives roundness and complexity). The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, racy, well-balanced, relatively fresh and offers an acid frame, fat, a good definition, a good volume as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis, redcurrant associated with a hint of violet, blueberry, licorice as well as slight touch of toasted oak and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-

built. Good length. There is a juicy side on the finish (blackberry, strawberry), and a discreet hint of iodine and coffee on the persistence. Score: 15.75+

#### Château Tour du Haut Moulin 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite rich. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed strawberry and slight notes of blackberry, raspberry associated with a hint of wild strawberry, hints of zan, a wood hint as well as a discreet hint of mocha, sweet spices and a discreet hint of violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, quite fresh and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight

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notes of cassis associated with a hint of raspberry, blueberry as well as slight hints of licorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

### Château Landat 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, red fruits and slight notes of flowers (lily...) associated with discreet woody hints as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, quite gourmand, racy and offers fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, cherry, redcurrant/red berries associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, a hint of cassis, flowers as wel as slight touch of zan and a woody touch. Tannins are fine and well-builts. Good length. There is a slight hint of chocolate on the finish. Score: 15.25

#### Château d'Agassac 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, crushed Gariguette strawberry and slight notes hints of raspberry associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, flowers as well as discreet hints of licorice and toasted oak. The palate is fruity,

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mineral, relatively intense, quite elegant, slightly gourmand and offers righteousness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and crushed Gariguette strawberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, hints of toasted oak, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.75

#### Château Sénéjac 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of flowers (lily, lilac, hint of cornflower) and blackberry associated with slight notes of fleshy strawberry as well as hints of redcurrant, small wild fruits and slight notes of licorice/zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful fat and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and crunchy Gariguette strawberry associated with hints of licorice as well

as a discreet hint of cacao, vanilla, toasted/caramelized oak and coconut. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

#### Château du Moulin Rouge 2014 Haut-Médoc

#### **Cru Bourgeois**

The nose is aromatic and structured. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hint of violet as well as discreet hints of black tea, undergrowth (discreet), mocha and woody notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, structured and offers freshness. In the mouth this

wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, raspberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak, cardamom as well as hints of mocha and a discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Score : 14.5+

#### Château Bibian 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, fine, quite intense and offers a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, redcurrant and strawberry associated with slight notes of lily, violet as well as discreet hints of blueberry, chocolate/cacao, oak and a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, suave and offers tension, fat, a fresh frame, a slight acidity (in the background) as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and cassis associated with hints of raspberry, a discreet note of redcurrant, slight notes of mocha, zan as well as a hint of Ceylan tea, a discreet hint of flowers and slight woody touch. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Château Larose Perganson 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis, slight notes of red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant), flowers (lilac...) associated with slight notes of spices, a hint of licorice

as well as a discreet hint of mocha/coffee and toasted (very discreet). The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, suave and offers a beautiful fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with a hint of crunchy Gariguette strawberry, toasted oak, licorice as well as a discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built, a bit young a dusty. Good length. Score: 15

#### Château Larose Trintaudon 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity (ripe fruit), relatively fine. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of flowers (violet, cornflower), slight notes of spices as well as a woody hint, nutmeg, discreet hints of mocha and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, a slight juiciness, an acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, small red berries and slight notes of plum, raspberry, cassis

associated with a hint of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and a touch of vanilla. Tannins are fine and young. There is a discreet hint of truffle and chocolate on the aftertaste. Score : 14.75+

### Château Belle-Vue

#### 2014 Haut-Médoc

#### Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fresh and relatively elegant. Il reveals slight notes of leather, touch of undergrowth and hints of spices associated with slight notes of blackberry cream, cassis, slight notes of spices, a small earthy touch as well as a discreet hint of blueberry, crus-

hed raspberry and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a beautiful roundness, fat, a good definition as well as a juicy/acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crunchy strawberry associated with slight notes of cassis, raspberry, oak, chocolate as well as discreet hints of graphite, sweet spices and a hint of black tea. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.75+

#### Château Haut Beyzac 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild fruits and slight notes of red berries associated with hints of sweet spices, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of leather, oak and slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a beautiful definition, an acid frame as well as a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and more lightly of raspberry, plum associated with hints of small red berries as well as discreet touch of licorice and woody touch. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

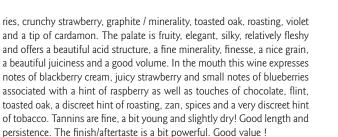
#### Château Arnauld 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and chocolate associated with fine notes of red ber-







#### Score : 16

#### Château Lacour Jacquet 2014

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively dry. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of wild fruits associated with hints of wild strawberry, coffee as well as a discreet hint of undergrowth and mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, round, relatively fat and offers an acid/fruity frame as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of wild strawberry associated with small berries, hints of toasted oak as well as discreet hints of chocolate, a very discreet hint of caramelization and a hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Château Lamothe-Bergeon 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is juicy. It reveals notes of undergrowth and spices associated with slight notes of blackberry, gray pepper as well as discreet hints of red fruits (strawberry, raspberry), hints of red pepper and woody hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers an acid frame, a good volume and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small red berries associated with discreet hints of cassis, zan as well as a hint of tobacco, black tea and slight notes of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Score: 15

#### Château Hourtin-Ducasse 2014 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of cacao, roasted oak and slight notes of blackberry, small wild berries associated with touch of wild berries as well as slight/discreet hints of spices, vanilla and hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky and offers roundness, juiciness, a good definition as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of small wild red fruits, wild strawberry associated with a hint of grilled oak as well as a discreet note of colas, zan and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence.

#### Château Peyrabon 2014

#### Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of strawberry, small wild berries associated with touch of roasted oak, spices as well as a discreet hint of grove, flower, flint and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced, juicy and offers minerality, a good definition as well as a certain righteousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, juicy strawberry and slight notes of blackberry, small berries associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, a discreet woody hint as well as discreet touch of zan and tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

### Saint-Estèphe Crus Bourgeois

#### Château Beau-Site 2014

Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and racy. It reveals notes of cocoal dark chocolate and red berries associated with hint of blackberry, roasting as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, spices and toasted hints. The palate is fruity, silky and offers an acid frame, dynamism, freshness, finesse, a nice fat as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and discreet notes of cassis, red-currant associated with hints of grilled oak, as well as a discreet hint of cocoa. Tannins are supple. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25+

#### Château Tour de Pez 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively fresh and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of fleshy strawberries associated to a touch of racy/gravel minerality, spices, toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of grey pepper and vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, silky, relatively suave and offers a mineral fram, a slight acidity (in the background), roundness, fat, finesse as well as a small juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberries, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry, cassis associated with slight notes of racy minerality, a slight touch of sweet spices and a slight toasted touch. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. The aftertaste is suave. There are a very discreet hint of salinity and caramelized oak on the persistence. A nice wine! Score : 16

#### Château Laffitte Carcasset 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively intense. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, wild strawberries and cassis associated with a small touch of wild berries a well as slight notes of racy minerality, spices (hint of grey pepper, clove...), toasted oak and a very discreet hint of roasting. The palate is fruity, soft, fleshy and offers a good density, a nice minerality, an acid frame, fat, roundness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, blackberry and crunchy wild strawberry associated to discreet hints of small juicy wild berries, toasted oak, a hint of Bourbon vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of zan and tobacco. Tannins are fine and currently a bit young (wait 2018). Good length. There are slight notes of saline minerality on the finish.

#### Château Lilian Ladouys 2014

Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, fresh strawberry and slight notes of undergrowth, clove associated to slight touch of iodine minerality as well as hints of Sichuan pepper and dark chocolate. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is elegant, a bit juicy, slightly gourmand and offers a nice acid frame on red berries, finesse, dynamism as well as a slight tension. In the mouth it expresses notes of juicy Gariguette strawberry, cherry and slight notes of cassis, blackberry associated to a slight hint of redcurrant as well as a slight touch of sweet spices, clove, chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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#### Château Tour Saint-Fort 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of juicy blueberry, juicy blackberry, wild strawberry and flowers (violet, cornflower) associated with a discreet hint of zan as well as slight touches of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, quite silky, relatively elegant and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and slight notes of juicy cassis, strawberry, raspberry associated with notes of racy minerality, woody notes as well as a discreet hint of oak tree and licorice. Good length.

Score : 15.25+

#### Château Le Crock 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a certain deepness. If reveals notes of blackberry cream associated with slight notes of morello cherry, racy minerality, fleshy raspberry as well as a very discreet hint of menthol, licorice and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, morello cherry and slight notes of raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a very discreet note of chocolate and a hint of tea. Good length. Score: 15.5+

#### Château Tour des Termes 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, intense, relatively concentrated and quite powerful. It reveals notes of cocoa/roasting, cassis, blackberry and wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of red berries, notes of saline minerality. After aeration in the glass, it appears discreet hints of incense, Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and blueberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, elegant, silky, round, well-defined and it's... a bit aerial, fat, racy minerality, a very discreet hint of salinity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis, small fresh fruits associated with slight toasted notes, dark chocolate as well as discreets notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, elegants and already nicely supple for their age. The aftertaste is suave, fruity, gourmand and offers a small fruits acidity. Good length and persistence. There are slight notes of caramelized oak and a hint of vanilla on the aftertaste/finish. A nice, fine and gourmand wine !

### Médoc Crus Bourgeois

#### Château Pierre de Montignac 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity. It reveals woody notes with cacao character associated to notes of blackberry, cassis as well as slight notes of crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a certain fleshy, a small silky, a small fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry and cassis associated to slight notes of blackberry, coffee and grilled oak notes. Tannins are fine and quite dusty. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.75

#### Château Saint-Aubin 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, fine and offers slightly concentration. It reveals notes of strawberry, small wild fruits and slight notes of cherry and black cherry

associated with a discreet note of toasted oak, leather as well as an imperceptible undergrowth hint. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced and offers a nice fresh frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and raspberry associated to a discreet hint of cassis as well as very slight notes of mocha on the finish. Score: 14.5

#### Château Pey de Pont 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of leather and undergrowth associated with a hint of truffle, cacao as well as a touch of blackberry cream, cassis and raspberry. The palate is fruity, fine, fleshy, a bit juicy and offers fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, raspberry, cherry and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with a hint of blueberry, chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Château Méric 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and undergrowth associated with slight notes of spices as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper, oak and a discreet flowers hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, fine, sleek, well-balanced, slightly rich and offers fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed Gariguette strawberry and cassis associated with hints of raspberry, plum as well as slight notes of flowers, oak, roasted and discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 14.5

#### Château Clément Saint-Jean 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, quite gourmand and concentrated. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry and flowers (violet, iris) associated with slight notes of wild strawberries, chocolate as well as slight notes of zan. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, well-balanced, relatively dense and sleek. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry jelly associated with small notes of wild strawberry, dark chocolate powder as well as slight notes of oak and zan. Tannins are fine, well-built and a little dry. Good length. Score: 15

#### Le Temple de Tourteyron 2014

#### Médoc - Ĉru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of undergrowth, leather notes, discreet notes of red fruits associated with a hint of bell pepper and flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, slightly fleshy, sleek and offers fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis and black cherry associated with slight notes of blackberry, strawberry, cacao/mocha, grilled oak associated with a hint of blueberry as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.25

#### Château de Panigon 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blueberry and slight notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with a hint of violet as well as a discreet hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively elegant and offers an acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth it expresses notes of blueberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with an imperceptible hint of liquorice/chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built.

Score : 14.25



#### Château Troussas 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of oak, cacao and slight notes of cardamom, mocha associated with a discreet hint of coffee, flowers as well as slight touch of blackberry, blueberry and crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity, fine, fat, well-balanced and offers a slight smoothness as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and red fruits (raspberry, cherry) associated with a hint of oak and slight notes of chocolate, zan, tobacco and a discreet hint of red bell pepper. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Good length. Score: 15

#### Château Les Anguilleys 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, aromatic and floral. It reveals notes of lilac, cornflower and hints of blackberry cream associated with slight notes of blueberry, raspberry jelly as well as a hint of oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, slight-ly gourmand and offers a good volume, fat, a slight suavity as well as a slight smoothness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, cassis and slight notes of blueberry, wild strawberry and cherry associated with a slight touch of chocolate, licorice, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of bell pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and aromatic persistence.

#### Château La Roque de By 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and relatively rich. It reveals notes of blueberry, cassis, oak and hints of undergrowth associated with slight notes of violet, blueberry as well as a discreet hint of wild fruits and licorice. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively fresh and slightly smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of cherry, licorice/zan as well as a discreet hint of tea. Good length.

Score: 15

#### Château Haut Barrail 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, structured and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of small berries, flowers, licorice, raspberry as well as an imperceptible hint of cherry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a slightly gourmand side as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of raspberry as well as a slight note of chocolate, licorice (in the background) and a discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score: 15

#### Château Labadie 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red berries associated with a discreet hint of dark chocolate as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak/vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, juicy and offers a nice fullness, fat, a mineral frame, a good definition as well as fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy blackberry, crunchy strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of cherry, dark chocolate, cardamom, graphite as well as a very discreet oak. Tannins are fine, dusty and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Château Saint-Christoly 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, racy as well as relatively gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis associated with slight notes of blueberry, wild strawberry, cherry, licorice as well as a hint of violet and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and relatively elegant. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, blueberry associated with touch of strawberry, raspberry as well as discreet notes of licorice, flowers, chocolate and sweet spices. Good length.

Score: 15

#### Château Vieux Robin 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, aromatic, structured and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blueberry cream, plum and cassis associated with slight notes of strawberry, wild fruits, spices as well as a hint of tea and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, a bit juicy and offers an acid frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry jelly and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of juicy cherry, small berries as well as slight notes of toasted oak, chocolate and hints of flowers/violet. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Château Castéra 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of cassis, oak and slight notes of leather associated with a discreet hint of bell pepper, flowers, blackberry as well as hints of strawberry. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers fat, a good volume, an acid frame, minerality as well as a slight smoothness. In the mouth this mouth expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, strawberry, small red berries and redcurrant associated with hints of plum, dark chocolate as well as a small hint of tea and toasted oak/vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a hint of licorice and oak on the persistence.

#### Score : 14.75

#### Château La Pirouette 2014

Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively slight. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of flowers, blackberry jelly and red fruits. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, well-balanced and offers notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry associated with hints of wild strawberry, redcurrant as well as slight notes of licorice, dark chocolate powder and a discreet hint of grilled oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.5

#### Céleste - Le Temple de Tourteyron 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is structuring and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of leather and undergrowth associated with slight notes of blackberry, cassis, raspberry as well as a discreet hint of bell pepper and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, a bit juicy and offers a slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of cherry associated with a hint of licorice, tobacco, Ceylan tea as well as a discreet note of flowers and pepper. Tannins are (very) slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.25

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## Château Fleur La Mothe 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and reveals slight notes of strawberry, raspberry and discreet touch of wild fruits associated with a hint of oak and liquorice. The palate is fruity, fresh, a bit juicy, slightly gourmand and offers a good structure, fat and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with hints of cassis, toasted oak, cacao, slight notes of mocha, liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of bell pepper and flowers. Good length. Great success!

Score : 15

#### Château de Tourteyron 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of fresh blackberry and little fresh red berries associated with a hint of Gariguette strawberry, bell pepper as well as small notes of leather and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, fine, wellbalanced, relatively elegant, a bit juicy and offers depth, a slight mine-

rality as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and red cherry associated with hints of raspberry, strawberry, dark chocolate powder, grilled oak as well as a discreet note of tobacco and zan. Tannins are a bit dry. There are slight notes of dark chocolate/mocha, oak and blackberry on the persistence.

Score : 14.5

#### Château Livran 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively rich and offers elegance as well as slighlty powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight touch of wild fruits, redcurrant and wild strawberry associated with a hint of rose, chocolate, zan, tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of Cey-

lan tea. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, a bit juicy and offers an acid frame, a slight minerality, a slight fleshy as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, fleshy strawberry associated with hints of raspberry, juicy plum as well as hints of licorice and a discreet toasted oak. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

# Château La Grave 2014

## Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and flowers (violet, lys) associated with slight hints of redcurrant, zan/licorice, sweet spices as well as a hint of clove. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, supple and offers a slight minerality as well as a little fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of redcurrant, cherry associated with a hint of flower (lilac, cornflower), zan as well as a hint of tobacco. Good length. Score : 14.75

## Château Ricaudet 2014

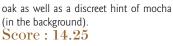
#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and rich, and offers a little fleshy as well as a little gourmand side. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis

and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of blueberry, wild strawberry as well as a discreet hint of licorice and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively rich/fleshy, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality, an acid frame, a nice fat as well as a slight smoothness. In the mouth this wine express notes of blackberry, cassis jelly and slight notes of plum, strawberry associated with hints of redcurrant, zan, chocolate, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine, well-built and young. Good length (wait for 12/18 month). Score : 15

#### Château le Bourdieu 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively fine and slightly powerful (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and a hint of flowers associated with a hint of tea, pepper (black and gray), red fruids as well as a hint of oak. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a slightly acidity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and cassis juice associated with a hint of plum, toasted



#### Château Tour Haut-Caussan 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fine, relatively gourmand and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, flowers (violet, lys) and slight notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of cassis, redcurrant as well as a hint of spices, clove, gray pepper, a discreet hint of toasted oak and licorice stick. The palate is fruity, quite mineral, fine and offers a small silky matter, fat as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry, cherry associated with a hint

of flowers, licorice stick, sweet spices and a hint of pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There are juicy fruits and a hint of pepper on the persistence. Score : 15

# Château Haut-Maurac 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, flowers and spices (gray and white pepper) associated with a hint of bell pepper, strawberry, cassis as well a discreet hint of oak and an imperceptible hint of licorice stick. The palate is fruity, minera, silky, wellbalanced, slightly gourmand and offers a good definition, fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy fruits, Gariguette strawberry and blackberry associated with hints of strawberry, blueberry as well as hints of licorice. Good job! Score : 15.5

# Château La Valière 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is powerful, fruity, racy and spicy. It reveals notes of Boysenberry and spices associated with hints of gray pepper, red fruits (strawberry...), undergrowth as well as a discreet touch of licorice and tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a small fleshy, a good



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density, a small tension, fat, a good structureand it's... a bit aerial. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Boysenberry, cherry, raspberry and hints of cassis, crushed strawberry associated with slight notes of spices, gray pepper as well as a hint of oak, grilled/cacao oak, zan and a discreet hint of green bell pepper. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence.

#### Score : 14.75

# Château Pontet Barrail 2014

## Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed Gariguette strawberry and slight hints of plum associated with hints of chocolate as well as a hint of vanilla and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky and offers a good definition as well as a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, plum and cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry, chocolate, licorice, a hint of coffee as well as a discreet hint of bell pepper and gray pepper. A nice wine!

Score : 15.75

# Château Noaillac 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, slight notes of wild fruits, strawberry associated with hint of oak, undergrowth, spices as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, licorice and violet. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers a silky finish, harmony as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and slight notes of cherry, cassis associated with a hint of plume, raspberry as well as slight hints of oak, chocolate and a slight hint of gray pepper/spices. Good length. Score: 15.5

## Château Blaignan 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and offers a small gourmand side. It reveals notes of cassis, small red fruits and raspberry associated with slight notes of oak, blackberry, licorice as well as a discreet hint of toasted and mocha. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-built and offers a slight minerality, a nice acid fram as well as a small gourmand side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, jelly redcurrant and slight notes of blackberry, cassis associated with hints of oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and sweet spices (Bourbon vanilla...). Tannins are very fine, a bit dusty and young. Good length and persistence. There is a slight note of grilled/roasting on the persistence/aftertaste. Score: 15.25

# Château La Ribaud 2014

### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of juicy cassis, small red berries and slight notes of gray pepper associated with a discreet note of crushed blackberry as well as a discreet hint of bell pepper and very slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced, slightly juicy and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy red berries and slight notes of cherry associated with touch of licorice as well as a discreet hint of mocha, oak and an imperceptible hint of bell pepper in the background. Score: 14.75

## Château Bégadanet 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of grilled oak and slight notes of roasting asso-

ciated with small notes of cassis, strawberry and slight notes of Sichuan pepper and a discreet flinty hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a slight juicy and a good definition, fat as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, strawberry, slight notes of blackberry associated with a discreet hint of plume, oak, grilled/roasting as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization/vanilla. Tannins are fin and a bit dry (over-extraction). Good length and persistence. There is suavity on the finish. Score: 14.5

## Château La France Delhomme 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, small wild fruits and discreet notes of raspberry associated with slight notes of oak, gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of oak/roasting. The palate is fruity and offers a small minerality, an acid frame, a slightly freshness, a nice fat, a good volume, suavity as well as a nice roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, juicy strawberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with slight notes of coffee, oak, roasting/mocha as well as a discreet hint of blueberry. Tannins are fine, young and a bit dry (over-extraction). There is a hint of caramelization on the aftertaste.

# Château d'Argan 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, black whid fruits and more slightly blackberry associated with hints of red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant) as well as a note of caramelized oak, sweet spices and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a nice roundness, suavity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and slight notes of plum, raspberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, slight notes of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of zan and caramelization. Good length and persistence. The persistence is suave. Score: 14.75

#### Château Maison Blanche 2014 Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of pepper, undergrowth and slight notes of blackberry, blueberry associated with slight notes of small red fruits (raspberry...) as well as hints of toasted, a very discreet hint of caramelization and a slight note of green bell pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, a bit juicy and offers an acid frame as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, raspberry and redcurrant associated with hints of oak and caramelization. Tannins are fine, a bit young and very slightly dry. Good length. The persistence is suave. Score: 14.5

# Château Les Ormes Sorbet 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals slight notes of undergrowth, cassis and a touch of leather, blueberry associated with hints of crushed raspberry, toasted oak, spices and a hint of vanilla, caramelization and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry jelly and slight notes of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of blueberry as well as slight notes of licorice, toasted and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

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## Château Taffard de Blaignan 2014

### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of roasting, oak, slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of red berries as well as touch of toasted and a very discreet hint of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit freshness and offers an acid frame, a good volume, a small suavity as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine express notes of crushed bluberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry, small red berries associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are slightly dry and a bit young. Good length and good persistence. Score: 15

Score : 15

## Château Laujac 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is relatively elegant a offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of oak, grilled, small notes of fleshy blueberry, cassis associated with a touch a red fruits/crushed raspberry as well as touch of spices and a hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave and offers fat, tension, a good volume as well as a quite aerial matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed blueberry and raspberry associated with a hint of small red berries, oak, sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15

## Château Lestruelle 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is intense, aromatic as well as slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of flowers (iris, redcurrant) associated with touch of spices, gray pepper as well as slight notes of toasted/sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth, a bit juicy and offers an acid frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant blueberry, raspberry and slight notes of cherry, blackberry associated with a very discreet hint of green bell pepper (in the background) as well as slight notes of chocolate, zan, a hint of tobacco and slight notes of toasted oak/sweet spices.

## Château Ramafort 2014

#### Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmand side. It reveals notes of crushed wild strawberry and crushed blueberry associated with slight hints of oak, spices, zan as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and undergrowth hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, quite gourmand, fat, wellbuilt and offers an acid frame, a good dynamism as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blueberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with slight of juicy redcurrant as well as slight notes of oak, tobacco, tea, discreet notes of mocha and a very discreet flinty hint. Tannins are fine. Good length and good persistence. Score: 15

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# Listrac-Médoc Crus Bourgeois

# Château Lestage 2014

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The nose reveals notes of leather, undergrowth and a small hint of cacao associated with small touch of small wild fruits, cassis, blueberry, a hint of cherry as well as a discreet hint of bell pepper and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, fresh and offers fat, fleshy, a racy minerality, a good density as well as a slight smoothness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, cherry, wild strawberry, licorice, tobacco as well as chocolate. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Château Cap Léon Veyrin 2014

#### Listrac-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of juicy cassic, blackberry, wild fruits and a hint of red fruits associated with touch of violet, spices, Sichuan pepper, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of clove, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh and offers a mineral frame, fat as well as a slight suavity. In mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of crunchy strawberry associated with touch of blueberry, raspberry as weel as discreet hints of oak, licorice and tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Good length. Score: 14.75

## Château Fonréaud 2014

#### Listrac-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of truffle, mocha and coffee associated with slight notes of red fruits, small wild fruits, blackberry, oak/cedar as weel as hints of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, well-balanced, a bit silky and offers a nice mineral frame and fat. In mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, red fruits associated with discreet notes of plum, licorice, toasted oak/sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15

# Château Capdet 2014

#### Listrac-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of cruched blackberry, slight notes of black cherry, cassis and discreet notes of red fruits associated with very discreet hints of sweet spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, strawberry and raspberry associated with discreet hints of toasted oak as well as an imperceptible hint of licorice and gray pepper. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.5

# Château Vieux Moulin 2014

### Listrac-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals note of blackberry, cassis and discreet notes of fresh black cherry associated with a hint of crushed raspberry, lilac/flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of licorice and gray pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, relatively fresh, slightly gourmand and offers a slight minerality (mineral frame), fat, harmony as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and crushed strawberry associated with a hint of small juicy/acid berries, raspberry as well as slight notes of licorice, pepper and a very discreet hint of chocolate/oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. There is suavity on the finish. Score: 14.75

# Médoc Crus Bourgeois



# Moulis-en-Médoc Crus Bourgeois

## Château Myon de l'Enclos 2014

## Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight touch of strawberry, gray pepper as well as discreet hints of violet and zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively silky and offers a good precision, fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis as well as slight notes of strawberry (in the background) associated with woody hints, hints of licorice as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, tea and slight hints of spices. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence. There are very slight hints of bell pepper on the aftertaste. Score: 14.75

## Château Guitignan 2014

#### Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is relatively aromatic, fine, racy and offers powerful. It reveals notes of wild fruits, blackberry, pepper and discreet notes of red berries associated with hints of spices, Sichuan pepper, flint and woody hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, quite harmonious and offers a good structure, fat as well as a good maturity of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of strawberry, cherry associated with hints of licorice, racy minerality as well as discreet notes of mocha, spices, woody notes and a discreet hint of gray pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Château La Garricq 2014

#### Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, quite powerful, racy, quite elegant and harmonious. It reveals notes of cassis jam, boysenberry and slight notes of black cherry associated with a hint of plum, crushed raspberry and slight notes of cherry, gray pepper, licorice stick as well as discreet hints of Ceylan tea, grilled oak and expresso. A discreet hint of flowers appears after aeration. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky, quite elegant and offers a racy minerality, tension, elegance, a slight righteousness, a certain complexity as well as deepness. Nice harmony and gourmandize! In mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum juice and black cherry associated with slight notes of licorice, tobacco, cacao and hints of grilled oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and offer already nicely supple. Good length. A racy and straight wine.

Score : 15.75

#### Château Branas Grand Poujeaux 2014 Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is relatively aromatic, powerful, fresh, elegant, relatively fine and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of crushed raspberry as well as slight notes of gray pepper, mocha and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky, nicely gourmand, well-balanced and offers fat, a good matter, density, tension, a aerial side as well as a good structure. Nice mouth! In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed cassis associated with slight notes of blueberry, raspberry, small red berries and chocolate as well as a hint of coffee, racy minerality and grilled oak. Tannins are fine and elegant. There are very slight notes of cacao and coffee grains on the finish. Good aromatic persistence! Score : 16

## Château Lalaudey 2014

#### Moulis-en-Médoc - Čru Bourgeois

The nose is relatively elegant, intense and aromatic. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight notes of red fruits, violet associated with small notes of spices, pepper (gray and black), woody notes as well as a discreet hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, suave, fat and offers a good structure, a beautiful definition, a small aerial side, fat, a slight freshness as well as a beautiful racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed cassis associated with slight notes of blueberry, crushed strawberry, cherry as well as hints of plum, cacao, vanilla, toasted oak and a discreet hint of zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a very discreet hint of bell pepper in the background/aftertaste.

## Château Anthonic 2014

#### Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, generous and relatively rich. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jam and wild strawberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, slight notes of gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of black pepper, flowers and a discreet hint of plum. The palate is fruity, mineral, wellbalanced, suave and offers fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed Gariguette strawberry, plum associated with a hint of flowers, a woody hint, mocha as well as a slight hint of cassis sweet and a very discreet hint of cacao. Good length. There are very slight hints of cacao and bell pepper on the finish.

Score:15

## Château Pomeys 2014

#### Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, relatively intense and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and more slightly of strawberries associated with hints of redcurrant, woody hints, minerality, spices as well as discreet hints of undergrowth, a hint of Sichuan pepper, bell pepper and mocha and a very discreet hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky, quite aerial, well-balanced and offers tension, a good structure, fat as well as a slight intensity/concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of plum, black cherry, raspberry associated with hints of redcurrant as well as slight notes of grilles oak, mocha, spices and discreet notes of cardamom. Tannins are fine are very slightly dry. Good length and persistence. There is powerful on the finish. A wine made in a more easy-drinking style than the other wine of this estate, Château Lalaudey. Score: 15.25

# Pauillac - Crus Bourgeois

#### Château Haut-Bages Monpelou 2014 Pauillac - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a small gourmand side. It reveals notes of cassis cream and morello cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry, blackberry as well as slight hints of licorice and caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, quite fine and offers a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and strawberry associated with slight notes of cassis, cherry as well as slight hints of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25+



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### Château Fonbadet 2014

Pauillac - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and full. It reveals notes of boysenberry cream and cassis associated with slight notes of wild fruits, wild strawberry as well as hints of blueberry, woody hints, hints of roasting, chocolate as well as slight hints of spices and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, ample, round, soft, a bit velvety and offers an acid frame, harmony as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy boysenberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry, black cherry associated with hints of wild strawberry, touches of toasted oak as well as discreet hints of chocolate (in the background), zan and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. Good length. Score : 15.5+

# Château La Fleur Peyrabon 2014

Pauillac - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, fine, powerful, elegant and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and licorice associated with slight hints of cardamom, small red berries, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, quite elegant, racy and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful grain, finesse, fat, a good definition, a slight suavity, a slight tension, straightness as well as a slight gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and crunchy strawberry associated with hints of raspberry, cassis, licorice, a slight hints of minerality, iodine/saline as well as discreet notes of sweet spices, woody notes and a discreet hints of caramelized oak on the persistence/aftertaste. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. The persistence is suave. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.75+

# Margaux - Crus Bourgeois

# Château Paveil de Luze 2014

#### Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, harmonious and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight/very discreet hints of red berries, violet (in the background) as well as slight notes of cacao and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fine, nicely balanced, velvety, elegant and offers an acid frame as well as a minerality racy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and red berries associated with slight hints of raspberry, chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine, young and slightly dry. Good length. Beautiful persistence. Score : 16+

#### Château Haut-Breton Larigaudière 2014 Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is elegant and slight. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and black cherry associated with slight hints of raspberry, cassis, coffee, roasted oak as well as a hint of black tea and cacao. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky and offers a beautiful definition and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry cream/ morello cherry and slight notes of raspberry, cherry associated with hints of chocolate, coffee, caramel and woody hints. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of cinnamon on the finish. The persistence is suave.

Score : 16.25

#### Château Tour de Mons 2014 Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, juicy and relatively intense. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of red fruits (raspberry, wild red berries) associated with discreet hints of violet, lilac (very discreet), toasted oak, mocha and cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, nicely built, round and offers a beautiful fat, an aerial side, ac acid frame, a racy minerality as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and slight/discreet notes of red berries, cherry associated with slight notes of grilled oak, roasting as well as a hint of mocha and tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence on notes of minerality and cacao. Score : 16

# Château Tayac-Plaisance 2014

#### Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fine, aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of roasting oak, mocha and slight notes of black cherry, blackberry associated with hints of crushed cassis as well as hints of violet, blueberry, spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a beautiful minerality, an acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crushed cassis associated with slight notes of black cherry, raspberry as well as touch of grilled oak, mocha, cardamom and a hint of tea. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 15

## Château Mongravey 2014

Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic. It reveals woody notes, cassis cream, blackberry and slight notes of violet associated with touch of spices, chocolate, Sichuan pepper (discreet) as well as a very slight hints of tea and an imperceptible hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of redcurrant, toasted oak, chocolate and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. The finish is slightly suave. Score: 15

#### Château Bellevue de Tavac 2014 Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and plum associated with slight notes of blueberry, strawberry as well as hints of toasted oak, cardamom, Bourbon vanilla and a very discreet hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, silky and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of blueberry, plum associated with hints of toasted oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and zan. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15.25

# Château d'Arsarc 2014

#### Margaux - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of undergrowth and leather associated with slight notes of blackberry, plum as well as woody hints, discreet hints of red fruits, leather and a discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, relatively elegant and offers fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak, coffee and tobacco. Good length.

Score: 15+

# Margaux

# Château Boyd-Cantenac 2012

Margaux – 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine and powerful. It reveals notes of coffee and undergrowth associated with slight notes of grilled oak, blackberry, cassis cream as well as slight hints of spices, Sichuan pepper and oak hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, elegant, nicely built, racy, fine, straight, harmonious and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of crushed raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak, grilled, mocha and spices. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length

# Score : 16.5

# Château Boyd-Cantenac 2014

Margaux – 3ème Grand Cru Classé The nose is intense, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of mocha, undergrowth and slight notes of blackberry, cassis associated with touch of crushed wild strawberry and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, elegant and offers a beautiful volume, a beautiful definition, an acid frame, a beautiful minerality as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry associated with slight notes of red berries, raspberry, hints of grilled oak, mocha as well as slight notes of coffee, cardamom and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. There is suavity and gourmandize on the finish, and a slight hints of caramelization/hazelnut on the persistence.

#### Score: 16+

# Château Cantenac Brown 2014

#### Margaux, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is gourmand, fruity, elegant and fine. It reveals fine notes of minerality, black-

berry and a touch of redcurrant associated with slight hints of cherry, wild strawberries, discreet hints of cinnamon, Sichuan pepper, a few delicate oaky hints as well as a very discreet hint of strawberry, Bourbon vanilla and menthol. The mouth is fruity (focus on the fruit), fresh, ample, beautifully defined and offers a fine acid frame (in the background), a nice fat as well as a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis juice and fine notes of fleshy plum, red fruits (raspberry, strawberry) combined with hints of oak, a discreet note of chocolate / mocha as well as discreet hints of cardamom, mint and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, structuring and slightly firm. Good length. There are (very) slight iodized hints on the finish. The retro is beautifully suave. Score : 16.5

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# Château Cantenac Brown 2012

## Margaux, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, slightly velvety and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, fine notes of crushed strawberry, licorice, toasted oak and a discreet hint of undergrowth, Cuben pepper combined with discreet hints of spices, a discrete hint of Cardamone, a very discreet hint of cinnamon as well as a hint of nutmeg and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is

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fruity, mineral, racy and offers a nice volume / definition, a nice fat, a velvety matter, a fine juiciness and an acid frame (red fruits). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of black cherry / sour cherry, strawberries as well as slight notes of caramelization, chocolate (discreet), a hint of spices and a few slight hints of toasted oak on the finish. Tannins are fine, slightly young and structuring. The finish is suave. The persistence is beautifully aromatic. A beautiful wine ! Score: 17

#### Château Cantenac Brown 2008 Margaux, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and relatively tight. It reveals notes of fresh berries, cassis and slight notes of blackberry, red fruits combined with slight / discreet hints of Sichuan pepper as well as a hint of tea and a few discreet (and well-integrated) woody hints. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, delicate, supple, relatively gourmande and offers juiciness,

> a nice acid frame (red fruits) as well as a beautiful fat / roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of blackberry combined with a very discreet hint of licorice and a (very) slight hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 16.25+

# Château Prieuré-Lichine 2014

Margaux - 4ème Grand Cru Classé The nose is elegant, fine and delicate. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and flowers (violet, cornflower) associated with slight notes of crunchy strawberry as well as woody hints, hints of mocha and a very discreet hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, elegant, suave, gourmand and offers a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, harmony as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, blackberry and red berries associated with slight notes of raspberry, strawberry as well as slight woody notes, notes of spices and mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25

#### Château Prieuré-Lichine 2014 Margaux - 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine and delicate. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and flowers (violet, cornflower) associated with slight notes of crunchy strawberry as well as woody hints, hints of mocha and a very discreet hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, elegant, suave, gourmand and offers a slight acid frame, a racy minerality, harmony as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, blackberry and red berries associated with slight notes of raspberry, strawberry as well as slight woody notes, notes of spices and mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 16.25

# Château Brane-Cantenac 2008

#### Margaux – 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fine, quite elegant and quite fruity. it reveals woody notes, notes of dark chocolate/mocha, blackberry and wild strawberry associated with slight hints of racy minerality/flint, crushed cassis as well as a discreet hints of crushed raspberry, very discreet hints of Cuben pepper and slight

touch of roasting. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, elegant, round, sleek and offers a beautiful finesse, an acid frame, a small tension, racy minerality, powerful (beautifully balanced), a beautiful definition, deepness, a slight concentration as well as a slight juiciness in the background and an imperceptible hint of clove (in the background). Tannins are fine and supple. The finish is suave. Good length and persistence. Score: 17

# Château Marquis de Terme 2014

Margaux – 4èmê Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and slight. It reveals notes of dark chocolate, roasted oak and blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis, a hint of strawberry as well as slight notes of cardamom and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, straight, fine, perfectly balanced and offers a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of strawberry, raspberry

associated with notes of roasted oak, coffee and cacao. Tannins are fine, young (wait 5 years) and slightly dry. There is gourmandize/suavity on the finish. Beautiful persistence. This wine is full of finesse! Score: 16.5

#### Château Margaux 2012 Margaux, 1er Grand Cru

#### Classé

The nose is aromatic, fine, elegant, intense, powerful and delicate. It reveals fine notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of tobacco, discreet hints of undergrowth as well as a discreet hint of bell pepper and slight hints of saline minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, racy, elegant, round, gourmande, quite powerful, quite mellow and offers a nice velvety matter, purity, delicacy, a nice fat and a slight freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of raspberry combined with a hint of strawberry, slight notes of dark chocolate / mocha as well as slight touches of oak and a slight hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and elegant.

Good length and persistence. There is a slight grilled hint and cocoa on the persistence.

Score : 18.5

# Château Margaux 2008

Margaux, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of mocha, undergrowth associated with hints of truffle, (very) slight notes of clove as well as a toasted hint and discreet hints of spice. The mouth is fruity, juicy, round and offers a beautiful finesse, a nice suavity as well as a beautiful acid frame (on red fruits). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crunchy gariguette strawberry and slight hints of plum, blueberry combined with discreet touches of licorice, chocolate as well as slight touches of caramelized oak. Good length and persistence.

# Château Palmer 2008

#### Margaux, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and slightly more austere than vintages 2012 and 2014. It reveals fine notes of oak and touches of coffee associated with fine touches of undergrowth as well as hints of cassis, dried blackberry and very discreet / fine hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fluid, fine, mineral (frame), beautifully gourmande, quite supple and offers a nice definition, a good volume, a nice grain and a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of dried wild strawberry combined with a discrete hint of wild black berries as well as a discrete touch of licorice stick, a discreet hint of dark chocolate, sweet spices and a few toasted hints on the finish. Good length. Score: 17.75

# Château Palmer 2012

Margaux, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fine, gourmand, precise, fresh and offers a certain richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild black berries and touches of ripe red fruit associated with slight notes of blueberry, liquorice, toasted oak as well as slight notes of caramelization and a hint of almond. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, gourmand, suave, deep and offers a very beautiful unctuosity, purity, righteousness, a fine tension, an acid frame (on red fruits), a beautiful finesse and a beautiful matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed strawberry combined with hints of oak as well as slight notes of cocoa, chocolate, caramelization and slight / discreet hints of grilled almond. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length and persistence. A (very) beautiful and well-made wine! Score : 18.25

#### Château Palmer 2014 Margaux, 3ème Grand Cru Classé

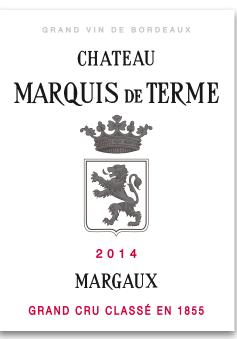
The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and offers a (very) beautiful finesse and richness

(but well-balanced!). It reveals notes of blueberry and cassis associated with slight hints of graphite, gray pepper as well as slight notes of crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, delicate, beautifully well-defined / melodious and offers an acid frame as well as nice crunchy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy blueberry and fine notes of cassis, crushed blackberry, crushed wild strawberry combined with a discreet hint of raspberry jam, licorice stick, slight notes of toasted oak as well as a (very) discreet hint of toasted almond and spices. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and beautiful persistence (gourmande / suave).

# Château Margaux 2014

Margaux, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful purity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of wild fruits, hints of crushed strawberry combined with slight notes of spices, a touch of gray pepper, Sichuan pepper, slight hints of violet as well as a discreet hint of cardamon and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced,



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pure, silky, finely (and nicely) powerful, depth (more than on the vintage 2012) and offers a beautiful elegance, a nice racy minerality, a beautiful definition, a beautiful precision, a freshness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of black cherry combined with touches of raspberry, strawberry, slight notes of oak, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and caramelization. Tannins are well-built and fine. Good length and nice persistence. A beautiful wine ! Beautiful potential !

# Château Lascombes 2012

Margaux – 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and quite slight. It reveals notes of undergrowth and slight hints of truffle, blackberry and cassis associated with a discreet hint of strawberry, touch of coffee, woody hints as well as slight notes of spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively elegant, racy and offers a mineral frame, a slight juiciness as well

as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, morello cherry and slight notes of cassis, crushed strawberry associated with woody touch, touch of roasting and mocha and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16

# Saint-Julien

## Château Lagrange 2008

Saint-Julien - 3eme Grand Cru Classé The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and generous. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, woody notes, notes of chocolate and raspberry associated with slight notes of cassis and a few discreet woody hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a very beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, blackberry, plum and slight notes of fleshy raspberry associated with a hint of cherry, chocolate, caramelized oak as well as discreet hints of vanilla and an imperceptible

hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and freshness. Score:17

# Château Lagrange 2012

#### Saint-Julien – 3ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers powerful. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and hints of blueberry associated with slight notes of crushed strawberry, chocolate, spices as well as a discreet hints of gray pepper and hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine, aerial, silky and offers an acid frame, a very beautiful finesse, a beautiful minerality as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with touch of licorice, woody touches as well as discreet hints of chocolate. Good length and persistence.

## Score : 16.75

#### Château Léoville Barton 2014

Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, relatively dense, nicely powerful and offers a nice finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine hints of raspberry,

redcurrant and a touch of gray pepper as well as fine hints of roasted oak and a touch of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant and offers a nice minerality, a nice freshness, a fine tension, righteousness as well as an acid frame (in the background). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine hints of raspberry, redcurrant as well as hints of toasted oak and a discreet hint of hazelnut. Tannins are fine and well built. The finish is a bit suave. There is a very discreet hint of caramelization on persistence.

## Score : 17.5

#### Château Langoa Barton 2014 Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant, fruity and nicely powerful (nicely controlled). It reveals notes of cassis and Boysenberry combined with slight hints of rose, chocolate and Sichuan peppers as well as discreet hints of strawberry and a few discreet hints of vanilla / toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity,

fat, finesse and a slight saline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed cassis combined with slight hints of cherry, strawberry as well as fine notes of toasted wood, vanilla and a discreet / slight hint of zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 17

# Château Léoville Barton 2012

Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru Classé The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and fine notes of cassis combined with touches of crushed strawberry, discreet notes of crushed raspberry, discreet hints of liquorice, toasted oak as well as a touch of mocha and a discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, relatively gourmande and offers a certain righteousness, tension, a nice grain as well as a nice acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of red fruits, blackberry and cassis combined with slight hints redcurrant, wild strawber-

rie as well as hints of toasted oak, chocolate (discreet), licorice and hints of caramelizations. Tannins are very fine, well-built and young. Good length and persistence. Score: 17.5

#### Château Langoa Barton 2012 Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, Boysenberry and raspberry, combined with slight notes of spice and a touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fine, suave, round and offers a beautiful silky matter, an acid frame, fat and a nice grain. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry and redcurrant associated with slight notes of Boysenberry, cassis, blackberry, licorice, chocolate, toasted / caramelised oak and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and slightly firm. Good length. The finish is finely juicy and gourmande (notes of red fruit and toasted notes). Beautiful (and long) persistence with touches of toasted / caramelized oak as well as a very discreet note of hazelnut. Score: 16.75

## Château Talbot 2008

#### Saint-Julien – 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of dried strawberry associated with hints of raspberry (discreet), chocolate as well as discreet notes of cardamom, tea and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, smooth and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful fat, a beautiful definition as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum and chocolate associated with a discreet note of licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.75

# Château Talbot 2014

#### Saint-Julien – 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and oak associated with slight grilled notes, flowers (discreet) as well as hints of red fruits and spices. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate

is elegant, fruity, mineral, racy, silky, well-balanced and offers a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and fine notes of cherry associated with hints of small wild berries, slight notes of chocolate, grilled oak as well as discreet hints of cardamon and tea. Tannins are fine and (currently) young. Good length. Score : 16.5

#### Château Léoville Poyferré 2012 Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru

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The nose is fruity, fine, nicely powerful (precisely well-balanced). It reveals notes of Boysenberry and cassis associated with slight hints of red fruit, pepper, discreet woody hints as well as a hint of coffee, spices and a nice hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, suave, round and offers a nice freshness, a nice mineral frame, a good volume, tension and a

nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and fleshy raspberry associated with fine notes of strawberry, cherry as well as hints of toasted oak and a discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine, elegant, structuring and slightly firm. Good length. There is a slight hint of dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of flowers on the persistence. Score :  $17.5^+$ 

# Château Léoville Poyferré 2014

Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and relatively rich (precisely wellbalanced). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed strawberry combined with slight hints of gray pepper, wood, a discreet hint of violet / flowers as well as slight hints of sour cherry and licorice. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky, racy, precise, relatively aerial, beautifully balanced, a bit fleshy and offers a nice mineral frame, a fine acidity, a nice definition, a nice grain as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry and fine notes of blackberry, cassis combined with discreet hints of raspberry, a hint of licorice, grilled oak and slight hints of Cuben peppers and a slight hint of Lapson Souchong tea. Tannins are very fine and currently too young. Good length. There are notes of chocolate on the finish / persistence. Nice potential! (Wait 5 years) Score : 17.75+

# Pauillac

#### Château Pédesclaux 2014 Pauillac – 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and slight touches of blueberry, cherry, raspberry associated with notes of spices as well as hints of Sichuan pepper and slight hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, round, relatively gourmand, elegant, a bit fleshy and offers a beautiful fat, an acid frame, a good definition as well as a small racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry associated with small notes of raspberry, chocolate, caramel as well as fine touches of wood and spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.



#### Château Pédesclaux 2012 Pauillac – 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is nicely fine, juicy, fruity, elegant and offers powerful (controlled). It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small wild fruits associated with hints of red fruits, wild strawberry as well as woody touches, sweet spices as well as a discreet hints of nutmeg, chocolate, cardamom and grilled. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, aerial, silky and offers a beautiful volume, fat, a beautiful tension, a beautiful racy minerality as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, raspberry and wild strawberry (discreet) associated with touches of graphite, woody touches, touches of mocha as well as vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length. There is a beautiful racy minerality

and a slight hints of salinity on the finish. Score: 16.25+

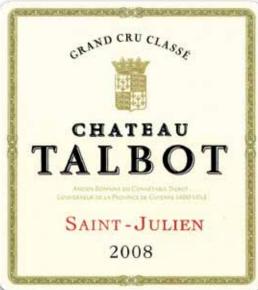
#### Château Grand-Puy Ducasse 2014 Pauillac – 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and fine notes of juicy plum combined with discreet notes of sweet spices as well as a touch of mocha and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, suabe, well-balanced and offers a racy / iodized minerality as well as fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and fine notes of small red berries combined with hints of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and a very discreet hint of Mocha. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length and persistence. There are (very) slight notes of cocoa.

# Château Grand-Puy Ducasse 2012

#### Pauillac – 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, aromatic, enveloping, relatively complex and powerful (but perfectly balanced). It reveals notes of blackberry, cas-



sis and slight hints of morello cherry associated with a hint of crushed strawberry, slight notes of caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices, a hint of flowers and a very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fat, round, fine, elegant and offers a very slight juiciness, a beautiful fat, a mineral frame (racy minerality) as well as very slight notes of iodine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry, cherry associated with thins of grilled oak as well as a discreet hint of cacao and zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.5

# Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2014

#### Pauillac - 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, full and powerful (but perfectly balanced). It reveals notes of cacao, blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of strawberry, cherry as well as a discreet hints of spices, pepper, tobacco and a very discreet hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, sleek, soft, elegant, mineral, relatively aerial, well-balanced and offers a beautiful structure, a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful fullness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis, strawberry associated with discreet woody hints, hints of chocolate as well as a discreet hint of licorice, a very slight hint of iodine and a slight notes of black tea. Good length. Beautiful potential ! Score: 17.75

## Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2012

#### Pauillac – 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, slight as well as relatively powerful and relatively rich. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of violet, black cherry, licorice and woody hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, ample, fat and offers a slight freshness as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of strawberry, blueberry as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, chocolate, licorice and a very discreet hints of black pepper. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 17

# Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2008

#### Pauillac – 2nd Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, concentrated, intense and nicely elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, flowers (lilac, violet), cassis and slight notes of small wild fruits associated with discreet hints of toasted oak, Sichuan pepper (very discreet) and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, sleek, well-balanced, aerial, suave and offers an acid frame, a slight juiciness, a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of black cherry associated with hints of crushed strawberry, raspberry, discreet hints of caramelized oak, dark chocolate as well as a discreet hint of cardamom, sweet spices and a very discreet hints of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. A great wine! Good persistence!

#### Château Mouton Rothschild 2014 Pauillag, Jer Grand Cru Classé

# Pauillac, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, powerful and pure. There are pretty notes of wild berries, blackberry and fine hints of cassis combined with a discreet hint of violet, spicy touches and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, quite straight, nicely gourmande and offers a nice acid frame (on red fruits), a nice fat, purity, a beautiful definition and a beautiful elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry and slight notes of cassis, Boysenberry combined with a fine hint of fresh raspberry, slight hints of blueberry, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and slight hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and endless persistence with touches of crunchy strawberry / red fruit acidity. Score: 18.5

#### Château Pontet Canet 2008 Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and cherry cream combined with slight notes of minerality, licorice, fine touches of undergrowth and a touch of truffle. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky and offers a beautiful silky matter, a fine tension, freshness, a beautiful expression, a good structure as well as a beautiful velvety and relatively aerial matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, sour cherry and slight notes of cassis, crushed strawberry combined with hints of wood, licorice and slight notes of truffle, a touch of saline minerality and a discreet hint of spice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 17.25

# Château Pontet Canet 2012

## Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and finely powerful. It reveals notes of crushed cherry, blackberry jam and fine notes of crushed strawberry combined with touches of licorice, slight hints of oak, cocoa (discreet) as well as (very) discreet hints of caramelized oak, a hint of mushroom and a very discreet hint of blueberry (in the background). The mouth is fruity, beautifully fresh and offers minerality, a nice acid frame as well as a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sour cherry, cassis and slight notes of crushed strawberry combined with hints of wood, a discreet hint of mushroom as well as a hint of licorice and a few slight woody notes. Good length and persistence. There are hints of iodized mineral on the finish / persistence.

# Château Pontet Canet 2014

#### Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and more «dense» than on the vintage 2012. It reveals notes of blackberry, sour cherry and slight hints of black berry combined with slight notes of red fruit as well as a hint of toasted oak and slight notes of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, soft, delicate, well-balanced, quite gourmande and offers tension, a beautiful elegance, a good fleshy matter as well as an aerial side. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and fine notes of fresh red fruits (raspberry, red berries) combined with hints of toasted oak vanilla as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and slight hints of iodized minerality on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. The finish is beautifully suave. Score: 18.25

## Château Lafite Rothschild 2014

#### Pauillac, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, pure, round, relatively gourmand and offers richness (precisely well-balanced). It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight hints of violet, crushed strawberry combined with discreet hints of licorice, zan, toasted oak, hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background) and hints of flower (in the background). The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, nicely elegant, pure, quite straight and offers an iodine / saline mineral frame and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of licorice, fresh strawberry combined with slight hints of raspberry, zan, spices, a

few delicate hints of toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of clove and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, elegant and nicely built. Good length and beautiful persistence. The persistence is suave, gournande and offers notes of iodine / gravel minerality. Score : 18.25

# Château d'Armailhac 2014

5ème Grand Cru Classé à Pauillac

The nose is fruity, silky, racy, powerful and offers a nice finesse. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of small red fruits, spices combined with a slight hint of tobacco, a hint of zan as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and a discreet hint of toasted oak / vanilla. The mouth is fruity, juicy, straight, well-balanced, fresh, nicely crunchy (fleshy / crunchy fruits), relatively depth and offers a nice roundness / suavity, an acid frame and purity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis, blueberry and slight notes of strawberry, blackberry combined with notes of chocolate, caramelized oak and a fine / discreet hint of sweet spices and Vanilla Bourbon. The finish is suave. Good length. Score:  $16.5 \pm$ 

# Château Clerc Milon 2014

#### 5ème Grand Cru Classé à Pauillac

The nose is fruity, powerful, a bit spicy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry and wild berries combined with slight notes of flowers, hints of spice as well a discreet hint of clove, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a nice unctuous matter, complexity, a nice minerality and a beautiful fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fine notes of blueberry and fine hints of cherry, raspberry associated with a discreet hint of wild strawberry, caramelized oak as well as discreet toasted oak, a slight hint of licorice and a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence. The finish and the persistence are suave. The finish is finely powerful.

# Saint-Estèphe

## Château Montrose 2012

#### Saint-Estèphe, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, racy, complex and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry and fine notes of cassis associated with discreet notes of strawberry, minerality, a fine salinity, a fine hint if cassis bud as well as a discreet hint of mocha and black tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, delicious, racy, elegant, nicely powerful and offers finesse, a good structure, a fine minerality, fat, a fine salinity, a good volume and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of red fruits combined with discreet notes of strawberry. Tannins are fine, racy, integrated and structuring. A beautiful wine! Beautiful harmony! (2017 - 2042)

#### Château Cos d'Estournel 2012 Saint-Estèphe, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and quite pure. It reveals notes of undergrowth, tobacco and slight notes of mocha, liquorice associated with hints of crushed blackberry, cassis, slight notes of wood as well as a discreet hint of flower and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, round, ample and offers fat, a nice minerality, opulence, a certain richness as well as fleshy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of crushed cherry, raspberry combined with fine touches of small red berries, hints of toasted oak, cardamom, a point of clove, spices, licorice stick, cigar and a very slight / discreet hint of cocoa (in the background). Tannins are fine and young. Good length. There is a slight hint of Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of gravely earth. Good potential (wait 5 years). Score : 17+

# Château Cos d'Estournel 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, blueberry and cherry cream combined with slight notes of cassis cream, toasted oak (delicate), tobacco, licorice, nutmeg as well as a hint of cloves and spices. The mouth is fruity, nicely built, elegant, racy, aerial, quite supple and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful racy minerality, freshness as well as concentration. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cherry cream combined with slight notes of crushed cassis, crushed strawberry, chocolate/oak, cardamom, licorice and slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and (very) slightly firm. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence. The finish is relatively suave. Score: 17.75

# Château Cos d'Estournel 2008

### Saint-Estèphe, 2ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of small wild berries, cassis, blackberry and flowers (violet, blueberry tip) combined with hints of graphite, incense, slight hints of licorice, nutmeg as well as a hint of spices, curcumin and a few discreet woody touches. The wine need to be decanted (carafe). There is a discreet earthy hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, mineral, relatively tight, racy, finely gourmande and offers a fleshy fruit, an acid frame, a nice matter, a certain density, finesse as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry combined with a touch of fresh red berries, raspberry, slight notes of licorice stick, wood, discreet notes of spices and a hint of tobacco. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of mocha / wood on the persistence. (Wait 5 years) Score : 17.25+

# Château Lafon Rochet 2014

#### Saint-Estèphe, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, fine and powerful. It reveals notes of redcurrant, racy minerality and a touch of blackberry, graphite combined with a touch of black cherry / wild berries, slight spicy notes as well as a touch of Cuben pepper and a discreet hint of licorice. The mouth is fruity, fluid, silky, mineral and offers a nice matter, a fine freshness, a nice acid frame and a beautiful fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, red berries and fine notes of juicy blackberries combined with a hint of plum, discreet woody touches, discreet grilled hints as well as a hint of graphite and slight / discreet touches of licorice.

Score : 16.75

# Château Lafon Rochet 2012

#### Saint-Estèphe, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of redcurrant, small berries / wild berries and fine notes of blackberry combined with slight touches of dark chocolate / cocoa, discreet hints of toasted oak, undergrowth, slight notes of vanilla as well as slight hints of Cuben pepper and licorice stick. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, nicely powerful and offers a finesse, a nice roundness / amplitude, precision as well as a (very) beautiful silky matter and a slight unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crushed strawberry and slight notes of oak / coffee. Tannins are fine, polished and well-built. Good length and persistence. Score: 17+

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# Margaux

#### Château La Bessane 2014 Margaux

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively intense. It reveals notes of coffee, cassis cream and slight notes of blackberry jam, strawberry associated with small woody hints, hints of spices as well as a discreet caramelization and a very discreet hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, ample, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight touch of small red berries associated with hints of oak/roasting, chocolate and a very discreet note of coffee. Tannins are fine and a bit dusty. Good length and persistence.

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# Château Marojallia 2014

#### Margaux

The nose reveals notes of undergrowth and woody notes, slight notes of truffle associated with small notes of blackberry, cassis, raspberry as well as discreet hints of chocolate and pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, fat and offers and a slight freshness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy black cherry and more slightly of plum associated with slight hints of red fruits, touch of toasted oak, chocolate as well as hints of grilled, coffee and a discreet note of black tea. Tannins are fine, young and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

#### Le Margaux du Château de Malleret 2014 Margaux

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and slight notes of blackberry, red berries associated with a discreet hint of red bell pepper as well as slight woody touch and touch of mocha/roasting. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry associated with slight notes of cassis, discreet hints of cherry (in the background) as well as touch of toasted oak, roasting, mocha, zan and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of red bell pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

## Château Grand Tayac 2014 Margaux

The nose is fresh and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of fresh strawberry associated with woody touch, touch of chocolate as well as a discreet hint of blueberry and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively smooth and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight touch of cassis associated with a hint of crushed strawberry as well as slight woody notes and notes of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15

#### Château Marojallia 2012 Margaux

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a very discreet hints of crushed strawberry, hints of black cherry, woody and grilled hints as well as a very discreet hints of black pepper and violet. The palate is fruity, sleek, silky and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum and cassis associated with slight notes of crushed strawberry, woody notes as well as a discreet note of licorice. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. Score : 15

#### Chevalier de Lascombes 2012 Margaux

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and slight notes of red fruits associated with a touch of red bell pepper, a woody touch as well as a slight hint of gray pepper and leather. The palate is fruity, gourmand, mineral and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, black cherry and slight notes of raspberry associated with hints of plum, chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length. There is a hint of dark chocolate of the persistence. Score: 15

# Le Magaux de Château de Malleret 2012 Margaux

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively slight. In reveals notes of grilled oak, mocha, cassis, blueberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of cherry, woody hints, hints of grilled, graphite, spices and mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, nicely built, elegant, ample and offers an acid frame, roundness and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of grilled oak, dark chocolate/cacao as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco. Good length. There is suavity and a very slight hint of caramel on the finish.

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# Château Marojallia 2008

#### Margaux

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of dried blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of wild strawberry as well as a discreet hints of balsamic vinegar and a slight hints of mushroom. The palate is fruity, gourmand, ample, elegant, nicely built and offers a mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as a good freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry cream and crushed wild strawberry associated with slight notes of blackberry as well as slight touch of mushroom, grilled oak, tobacco and mocha. Tannins are fine and quite dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

#### L'Aura de Cambon La Pelouse 2008 Margaux

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed Gariguette strawberry associated with slight notes of dark chocolate and a woody note. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively elegant and offers a mineral frame, a good volume and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry associated with slight notes of wild strawberry, raspberry, toasted oak as well as a discreet note of sweet spices/vanilla, roasting and a hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence.

#### Baron de Brane 2012 Margaux

The nose is fruity, fine, racy and offers a slight richness as well as a slight intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, strawberry and slight nots of cassis associated with hints of grilled oak, mocha as well as slight hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a beautiful juiciness, a good definition, a beautiful acid frame/red fruits as well as a silky matter and

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suave. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and crunchy strawberry associated with hints of blackberry, black cherry, cassis, redcurrant as well as slight touches of toasted oak, zan and a very discreet hints of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a very slight powerful on the finish. Score: 15+

#### Alter Ego 2012 Margaux

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and fine. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of spices, gray pepper and toasted oak. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, relatively fleshy, relatively gourmand and offers a good definition, a good volume, a good structure and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, fine notes of cassis, strawberry associated with hints of redcurrant, licorice stick as well as discreet notes of toasted oak, mushroom and slight notes of nutmeg. Good length. Score: 16.5

## Alter Ego 2014 Margaux

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, beautifuly gourmand and offers richness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and fine notes of sour cherry, raspberry associated with slight hints of licorice, violet as well as slight hints of spices and a discreet hint of cardamon. The mouth is fruity, fresh, fine, fluid, quite gourmande and offers a very nice definition, an acid frame, fat, a lot of finesse, depthness, a nice silky matter as well as juicy / crunchy fruits. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crunchy blueberry and crunchy wild strawberries combined with discreet hint of cardamon. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. The finish is persistent and suave.

# Saint-Julien

#### Le Petit Lion du Marquis de Las Cases 2014 Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, chocolate and a discreet woody note associated with a discreet hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, specific and offers a beautiful silky matter as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy blueberry associated with slight notes of crushed strawberry, caramelized oak, sweet spices and woody notes. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.25

# Les Fiefs de Lagrange 2012

Saint-Julien

The nose is relatively powerful as well as relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis cream associated with woody hints and hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, racy, elegant and offers a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and plum associated with slight notes of strawberry, wild red berries as well as hints of chocolate. Tannins are fine are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25+

# Clos du Marquis 2008

Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful, relatively elegant and offers a

slight concentration. It reveals notes of raspberry cream, blackberry and redcurrant associated with woody hints and hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky and offers a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of black cherry associated with hints of raspberry as well as discreet notes of chocolate and zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

# Pauillac

#### Réserve de la Comtesse 2008 Pauillac

The nose is fruity and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and wild strawberry associated with small notes of chocolate, cassis, slight hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hints of coffee and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, relatively fat and offers a small suavity as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small verries associated with hints of cassis, chocolate, woody hints, slight notes of saline minerality (in the background) as well as a discreet hints of vanilla and cardamom. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length. Score: 15.5+

# Château Pibran 2014

#### Pauillac

The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite elegant, racy and relatively full. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and touches of grilled oak associated with hints of raspberry, plum as well as slight notes of sweet spices and graphite/minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, velvety and offers a slight acid frame, fat, roundness, a good definition as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and red fruits (cherry, raspberry) associated with hints of cassis as well as discreet notes of toasted oak and very slight hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Fleur de Pédesclaux 2014

#### Pauillac

The nose is fruity, relatively full and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight hints of small red berries associated with hints of violet, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, roung and offers fat, harmony, an acid frame, a small fleshy as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of black cherry, raspberry as well as hints of toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

#### Réserve de la Comtesse 2014 Pauillac

The nose is fruity, gourmand as well as quite powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry and black cherry associated with a hint of crushed strawberry as well as a very discreet hint of cassis, zan and cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers an acid frame, deepness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of raspberry, red cherry, zan as well as a discreet hints of toasted oak, chocolate and black tea. Tannins are fine and elegant. Score: 16

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### Réserve de la Comtesse 2012

#### Pauillac

The nose is aromatic, quite powerful and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of grilled oak, cassis and slight notes of small red fruits associated with slight touches of spices as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper and a flinty hint. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek and offers freshness, an acid frame as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight hints of plum, black cherry, raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak, grilled as well as discreet notes of zan and a hint of tobacco. There is a slight hint of colas and dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15

#### Le Petit Mouton de Mouton Rostchild 2014 Pauillac

The nose is fine, elegant and currently a bit closed. It reveals fine notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and strawberry associated with hints of undergrowth, a discreet hint of gray pepper, fine / discreet hints of to-

asted / caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and a fine hint of smoke. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers dynamism, a nice silky matter, depthness, a nice acid frame (on red fruits) as well as a nice roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fine notes of strawberry combined with a discreet note of redcurrant, hints of toasted oak, licorice, fine tobacco and graphite. Tannins are fine and juicy. Beautiful persistence. Score : 17+

#### Carruades de Lafite 2014 Pauillac

The nose is fine, elegant, pure and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, sour cherry and fine notes of crushed cassis combined with delicate hints of spices, cloves and slight notes of zan. The mouth is fruity, mineral, pure, elegant, very fresh, quite straight and offers fat, a small juiciness, a nice silky matter as well as tension. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, sour cherry, cassis and notes of fresh raspberry, small red berries combined with slight notes of toasted wood as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate, licorice and slight notes of cedar wood. Tannins are fine and well built. Score : 16+

# Saint-Estèphe

# Château Meyney 2012

#### Saint-Estèphe

The nose is relatively powerful, fine and racy. It reveals notes of iodized minerality, cassis, blackberry, wood and a fine grilled note associated with slight notes of spices and a hint of violet. The mouth is fruity, gourmande, suave, soft, quite straight and offers a fine creaminess, a nice matter, minerality, a fine tension, a nice harmony as well as a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry and fine notes of cassis combined with a touch of raspberry, redcurrant, fine notes of chocolate, wood, fine hints of cedar, Cigar box as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and toasted hints. Tannins are a bit firm. Good length. Score : 16.25

#### Les Pélerins de Lafon Rochet 2014 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of red berries and touches of cassis associated with discreet hints of flowers, spices, fine woody hints as well as a discrete grilled hint, mocha and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, juicy and offers fat and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry combined with hints of red berries, blackberry, a hint of cassis, a fine hint of blackberry and a discrete hint of oak. Good length. Score : 15.25

## Les Pélerins de Lafon Rochet 2012 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is aromatic, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of wild red fruits and hints of wild strawberry combined with discreet hints of undergrowth, a very discreet hint of mushroom as well as a slight hint of Sichuan pepper, a few discreet woody hints and a quite discreet hint of smoke. The palate is fruity, quite fine, relatively suave, well-balanced and offers fat and jui-

ciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and fine hints of cassis combined with a touch of wood, grilled as well as a very discreet hint of roasting / coffee on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine, well-built and (very) slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15

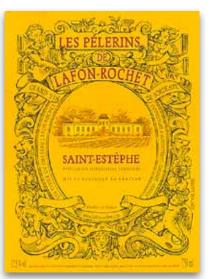
#### Les Pagodes de Cos d'Estournel 2012 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is relatively aromatic as well as relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and hints of toasted oak combined with a slight hint of clove, coffee, very discrete notes of truffle, fine touches of flowers as well as a discreet hint of undergrowth, Sichuan pepper and a slight touch of fresh strawberry. The mouth is fruity, mineral, suave, silky, straight and offers a nice matter, tension, an acid frame, roundness, a fine concentration, a fine sensation of sweetness

and a fine juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of gravelly minerality, strawberry associated with slight hints of truffle and a discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75

#### Les Pagodes de Cos d'Estournel 2014 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is quite powerful enough, spicy and offers concentration / richness, a certain opulence as well as gourmandise. It reveals fine notes of cassis, sour cherry, blackberry, racy minerality and spices associated with slight notes of curcumin, clove and zan. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky, racy, well conducted, relatively powerful and offers an acid frame, a nice definition, a nice freshness, a small unctuosity as well as purity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis cream combined with slight notes of wild strawberry, plum, sour cherry, licorice, toasted oak and a discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length. There are slight touches of licorice, tobacco and a very slight grilled hint on the persistence. Score: 16+



# Graves

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# Red wines

#### Château Brondelle 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity and quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and minerality / flint associated with fine hints of morello cherry, cassis bud, licorice, spices as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible tip of pepper. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, fluid and offers a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and cherry tail associated with fine hints of cassis, a discrete hint of cassis bud, minerality and a discreet toasted hint. Good length. There is a fine bitterness in the mouth. Score: 14.5

#### Château de Chantegrive 2012 Graves

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis, grilled notes and fine hints of blueberry combined with hints of oak, spices and a discreet hint of mocha and undergrowth (very discreet). The palate

is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral and offers a fine acid frame as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, black cherry and blackberry combined with a discreet touch of juicy red berries, oaky hints, mocha and a discreet hint of coffee and graphite. Good length. Score: 15+

#### Château de L'Hospital 2012 Graves

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively intense. It reveals notes of morello cherry and blackberry cream combined with fine hints of cassis and licorice. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, relatively mineral, finely silky and offers a fine concentration, a freshness as well as a fine gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, cassis jam and fine notes of blackberry associated with a touch of juicy red fruits as well as hints of licorice and oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15

# Château de L'Hospital 2014

Graves

The nose is aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of wild strawberry associated with notes of spice as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, flowers and a discreet grilled hint. The palate is fine, fluid, fruity, mineral and offers a nice mineral frame, a small suavity and a fine acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and fine hints of cassis combined with hints of wild red fruits and a hint of licorice. Score: 15

# Château Rahoul 2014

#### Graves

The nose reveals fine notes of blackberry, leather and fine hints of cassis combined with discreet oaky hints and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fluid, mineral, nicely gourmande and offers suavity, fat and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and fine hints of cassis combined with a discreet hint of blueberry, licorice (very discreet) as well as a hint of toasted oak. Good length. Score: 15+

### Vieux Château Gaubert 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity. It reveals fine notes of violets, blackberries and discreet hints of cassis combined with discreet hints of small red berries, spices and a touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, silky and offers a fine concentration as well as a fresh freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and fine notes of strawberry associated with hints of licorice, a few discreet oaky hints as well as fine hints of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Château Jouvente 2011 Graves

The nose is aromatic, finely intense, slightly powerful and offers a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with fine hints of pepper, spices as well as a discreet hint of licorice and a very discreet tip of roasting. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, round, ample, a bit gourmande and offers a fine freshness and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of morello cherry associated with a point of coffee, toasted / grilled oak and licorice. Score: 15.25

#### Château Rahoul 2012 Graves

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis buds associated with slight notes of strawberry, cassis as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of spice. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, a bit unctuous/fleshy and offers an acid frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, strawberry and discreet hints of crushed raspberry combined with a discreet toasted hint as well as a very slight hint of iodized minerality and a hint of zan on the finish. Good length.

#### Château de Cérons 2014 Graves

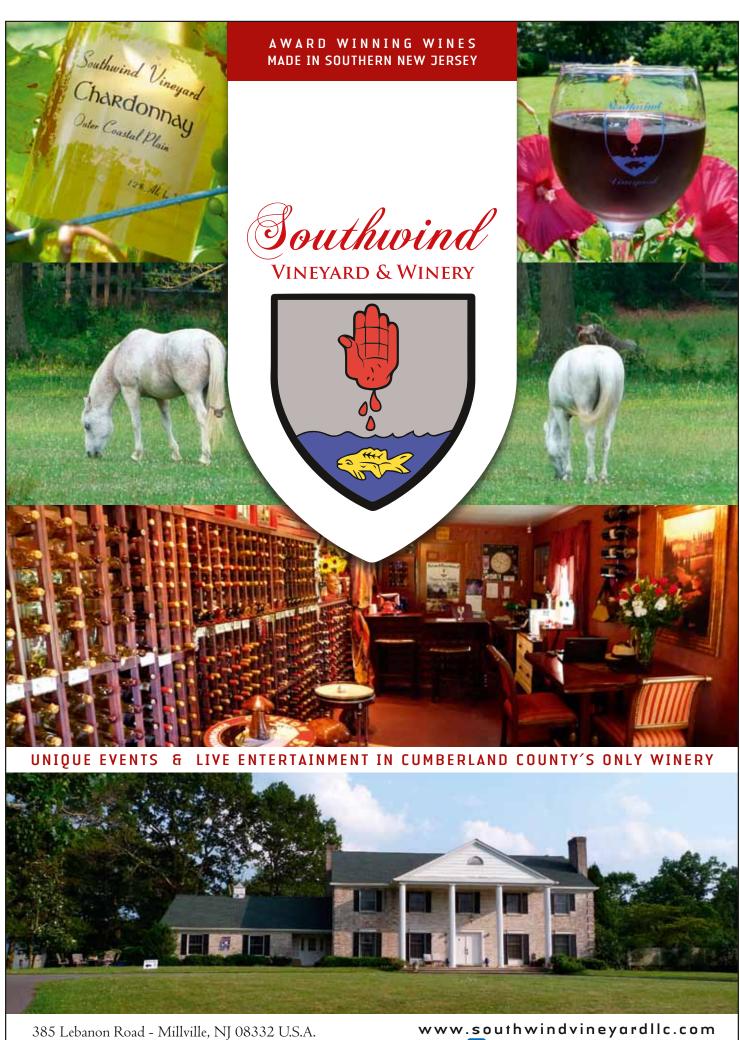
The nose reveals fine notes of flowers (lily, a hint of violet) and notes of blackberry associated with fine hints of wild fruits, a discreet hint of red fruit as well as a hint of clove and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, supple and offers a fine gourmandise, a nice juiciness as well as a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and juicy strawberry associated with fine hints of cherry as well as hints of zan, tobacco and tea. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length. Score: 14.75

# $Château\,Villa\,Bel\text{-}Air\,2012$

#### Graves

The nose reveals fine notes of green bell pepper and fine hints of blackberry, small wild berries combined with a discreet hint of spice, cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, well-balanced, quite ample and offers a nice smoothness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and fine notes of plum combined with a touch of red fruits, oak and a very discreet hint of cocoa on the finish. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 14.5

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# Graves

## Hautes Gravières 2014

#### Graves

The nose reveals notes of coffee and fine notes of truffle associated with hints of ripe fruit (blackberry, cassis), hints of gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of red berries and a hint of toasted / caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, racy, round, fat and offers a fine juicy frame as well as a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with fine notes of redcurrant, cherry as well as hints of toasted / grilled oak, mocha and gray pepper. Good length. There is a small freshness on the finish. Score : 14.5+

# Château Haura 2014

#### Graves

The nose is relatively fruity. It reveals notes of gravelly minerality, cassis and fine notes of Sichuan pepper associated with hints of blackberry and a discrete tip of violet. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, balanced, straight and offers suavity and fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and fine notes of red berries, black cherry combined with a hint of raspberry and a discrete hint of pepper and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 14.75+

# Château Crabitey 2014

#### Graves

The nose is fine, harmonious and elegant. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and fine hints of cassis combined with a discreet hint of gray pepper, tea, zan and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, velvety and offers suavity. Nice finesse! On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and fine notes of plum, juicy red fruits combined with discreet hints of caramelized oak, spices as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and a subtle hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Good job!

Score : 15.75+

#### Château Haut Peyrous - L'Elégance 2014 Graves

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight touches of bell pepper associated with a fine hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fine, fruity, well-balanced, finely fleshy, relatively straight and offers a racy minerality, a good definition and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of red berries, fresh cherry as well as a discreet hint of licorice / zan and a discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are very fine and young. Good length.

**Score** : 15

# White wines

# Vieux Châteaux Gaubert 2015

#### Graves

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and crystallized clementine associated with hints of pear, lychee and a few very discreet hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, nicely gourmand and offers suavity and fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy vines peach, lychees and fine notes of citrus (orange, clementine) combined with a discreet hint of orange zest, pear and fine touches of oak (arround the fruit). Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Château Villa Bel-Air 2015 Graves

The nose reveals notes of toasted oak, vanilla and fine notes of white fruits, lychees associated with discreet hints of lemon, white flowers, zest and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of beeswax. The mouth is fruity, fine, mineral and offers an acid frame, fat and a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, pear and fine / discreet notes of pineapple associated with hints of juicy grape, fine hints of clementine as well as a discreet note of toasted oak / brioche and beeswax. Good length. Score: 14.75+

### Château de Chantegrive 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and fine touches of mandarin combined with fine notes of flint and a discreet hint of brugnon and rose / flowers. The mouth is fruity, fluid, gourmand and offers a nice fat, a nice suavity, a fine acid frame and a good definition. The attack is slightly "perlante" (slight sparkling note) on the attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach, lemon, mandarin and a discreet hint of apricot associated with a subtle hint of rose / flower and an imperceptible hint of salinity on the finish. Good length.

## Dourthe

#### Croix des Bouquets 2015 Graves

Jraves

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of lemon, orange and fine notes of zest combined with a discreet hint of very ripe white fruits as well as hints of toasted oak and a subtle touch of saline minerality. The mouth is fruity, fresh, straight and offers an acid frame, tension, a nice fat and good dynamism. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lemon, orange and fine notes of pear, white peach associated with a touch of lychee, as well as a discreet hint of rose and a subtle hint of exotic fruits. Good length.

Score: 15

#### Château de Cérons 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity, finely gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of ripe

lemon and hints of tangerine combined with a discreet hint of mrabelle, brugnon as well as a discreet hint of zest, wood (discreet) and lychee. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, freshness, a beautiful purity of the fruit, fat and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon (beautiful!), mandarin and hints of spices, pineapples associated with a discreet hint of yuzu zests and a discreet hint of yellow fruits. Good length. The finish is persistent and offers notes of citrus as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and yellow peach. Score: 14.75+

#### Grand Vin de Château Crabitey 2015 Graves

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon, pineapple and fine hints of white peach combined with hints of mandarin zest as well as a discreet hint of grapefruit and slight hints of fresh pear. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine tension, a fine acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, clementine and fine hints of zest associated with discreet hints of grapefruit and white peach / brugnon. There is a very discreet hint of beeswax and a toasted hint on the persistence. Good length. The persistence is fine and suave. Good value !

Score : 15.5

# Graves

# Château Rahoul 2015

#### Graves

The nose reveals notes of lemon and tangerine associated with fine notes of quince, white flowers, beeswax and a discreet hint of yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, fine, finely gourmande and offers a slight suavity, fat and a citrus / acid frame. The attack is slightly «perlante» (slight sparkling note). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of clementine and fine notes of lemon, crushed yellow peaches combined with a discreet toasted hint / brioche as well as discreet hints of quince and lychee. Good length. There are slight notes of lemon on the finish. Score: 15

# Château Jouvente 2015

#### Graves

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of lemon, minerality and toasted oak / brioche combined with slight notes of tangerine, brugnon as well as an imperceptible hint of white grapefruit and pineapple. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine juiciness and a fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and slight notes of mandarin combined with a hint of white peach, a discreet hint of exotic fruits as well as very discreet hints of toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of beeswax.

# Château de L'Hospital 2014

#### Graves

The nose reveals fine notes of leather, ripe lemon, clementine zests and flint combined with a discreet hint of spices, pineapple, quince, a very discreet hint of gray pepper as well as hints of beeswax and crushed white peach. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, suave, fat, finely gourmande and offers a fine acid frame as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, clementine zest, crushed brugnon and honey combined with slight notes of apricot as well as a discreet hint of quince and a toasted hint. Good length.

#### Château Brondelle 2015 Graves

The nose reveals notes of lemon, tangerine and fine notes of pineapple associated with a discreet vegetal hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers fine cremosity, finesse and a fine acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe brugnon and fine notes of vine peach and lemon combined with discreet hints of mandarin, quenette as well as a discreet hint of apple and pear. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of toasted oak / vanilla and brioche on the finish. Good length and persistence.

#### Score : 14.75+

## Château Haut Peyrous - L'Atypique 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity, fine and finely aromatic. It reveals notes of lemon, a hint of yuzu and discreet hints of fresh pineapple, mandarin associated with a discreet hint of lime zest as well as a very discreet vegetal hint and toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, straight, «clean», well defined, relatively fleshy and offers finesse, a fine acid / citrus fruit frame and a slight unctuosity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of lemon, yuzu zests and mandarin combined with a discreet hint of fresh pineapple, green apple skin, discreet toasted hints as well as a touch of quince and beeswax. Good length.



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## Château Cantelauze 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of redcurrants, cassis and fine notes of blackberry combined with discreet hints of toasted oak and a hint of mocha. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky, relatively fleshy and offers a fine juiciness, an acid frame, fat, freshness, tension as well as a relatively tight matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and plum flesh combined with hints of oak and a discreet hint of mocha and cardamon. Good length. Score : 15+

# Château Bonalgue 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of small red fruits as well as discreet toasted hints, sweet spices, clay, mocha and a very discreet hint of cornflowers. The palate is fruity and offers an acid frame, a fine juiciness, a nice roundness, suavity, a racy minerality and a beautiful matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, raspberry jam and slight notes of plum combined with discreet hints of red berries, slight toasted touches, chocolate and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a hint of clay on the finish.

## Château Lafleur Grangeneuve 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fine and quite elegant. It reveals fine notes of crushed blackberry, sour cherry and discreet hints of clay, wild strawberry associated with touches of zan, tobacco, toasted touches as well as a very discreet hint of almond. The mouth is fruity, elegant, well-built and offers a racy minerality, tension, a nice juiciness as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses note notes of juicy redcurrants, blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of black cherry, wild strawberry, toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Château La Tribune 2014 Pemerel

#### Pomerol

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, sour cherry and discreet hints of raspberry associated with touches of cherry jam, liquorice, a discreet hint of tobacco and a discreet hint of spice. The mouth is fruity, relatively fine, well-balanced, fat and offers juiciness as well as a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and discreet notes of raspberry combined with discreet touches of wild strawberry, small berries, touches of liquorice, toasted touches / vanilla and a very discreet hint of coffee on the finish. Tannins are slightly firm and fine. Good length and persistence. There is a slight hint of chocolate on the persistence / retro.

## Château La Ganne 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of small wild berries, blackberry and fine notes of plum, red fruit (strawberry, raspberry) combined with hints of chocolate, toasted / caramelized wood and a discreet hint of blueberry and spices. The mouth fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well conducted, suave, a bit gourmand and offers a small unctuosity and fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, sour cherry and strawberry combined with discreet hints of raspberry, chocolate / mocha, toasted wood and a very discreet hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75

## Château Beau Soleil 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is relatively fine and relatively elegant. It reveals slight notes of undergrowth and a touch of truffle associated with fine notes of blackberry, cassis as well as a hint of red berries and discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, round and offers a racy minerality, a fine suavity as well as a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of red berries combined with a touch of cherry, liquorice, tobacco, wood as well as a very discreet hint of cardamon. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5+

# Château Clos Bel Air 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, aromatic, a bit gourmand and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, redcurrants and slight notes of blueberry and flowers associated with hints of toasted oak, sweet spices, liquorice and cardamon. The mouth is fruity, mineral, racy, fat, gourmande, relatively elegant and offers a small freshness and a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry and slight hints of sour cherry, small red berries associated with hints of chocolate, liquorice and a very discreet hint of toasted oak. Tannins are very fine and very slightly dry.

#### Score : 15

# Château Lafleur du Roy 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity as well as relatively aromatic and fine. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of raspberry jam, violet as well as hints of wood and chocolate. The mouth is fruity, mineral, gourmand, straight, elegant, ample and offers tension, a good definition and a nice fat, suavity, roundness and unctuousity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, sour cherry and slight notes of blueberry, crunchy strawberry associated with slight touches of red berries, chocolate, toasted wood as well as a hint of cardamon and tobacco. Tannins are very fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. There are (very) slight hints of caramelization on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 16.25+

## Château de Sales 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is relatively fine as well as relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of crushed cassis combined with hints chocolate, a hint of crushed raspberry and discreet touches of spices (cardamon, black pepper). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness as well as a mineral frame (racy minerality). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of cherry, raspberry associated with hints of liquorice and toasted wood. Tannins are well-built and (very) slightly young. Good length. Score: 14.75+

## Château Bellegrave 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of undergrowth and a touch of truffle associated with slight notes of blackberry, cherry,

discreet hints of fresh red fruits as well as hints of mocha, wood and (very) discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, suave, supple and offers fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, blackberry and slight notes of cassis combined with discreet touches of toasted wood, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of zan and a hint of cardamon. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.75

## Château le Caillou 2014 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis, small wild berries, a discreet hint of violet as well as fine touches of tobacco, toasted wood and zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, racy, well-balanced and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of raspberry / red berries, zan, chocolate and toasted wood. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There are very slight hints of salinity on the finish. The finish is suave. Score: 15.5

#### Clos du Canton des Ormeaux 2014 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of coffee, blackberry and slight notes of crushed raspberry, fleshy strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, chocolate, toasted wood and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The mouth is fruity, mineral, gourmand, elegant, quite aerial, nicely gourmande and offers tension, fat and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of small red berries combined with a touch of blueberry, chocolate, toasted wood and a (very) slight hint of cornflowers. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. A beautiful wine! Score: 16.25+

# Clos de Beauregard 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fine and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of undergrowth, truffle, cassis associated with small notes of strawberry, chocolate as well as discreet notes of flowers. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, relatively unctuous, quite elegant and offers a fine mineral frame (mineral racy), a fine acidity and good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry, red berries combined with touches of chocolate, wood as well as discreet hints of liquorice, tobacco and flowers. Tannins are relatively fine as well as (very) slightly firm and young. Good length.

# Château Gazin 2014

## Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, redcurrant, cassis and slight notes of blackberry, undergrowth associated with a very discreet hint of mocha, wood as well as hints of tobacco and sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, well-balanced, finely gourmande and offers an acid frame, a nice minerality and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and fine notes of cassis, raspberry associated with touches of red berries, a discreet hint of strawberry as well as notes of toasted oak, tobacco and chocolate . Tannins are well-built and a bit firm. Good length. The finish/ aftertaste is a bit powerful.

Score : 16.25

#### Château le Chemin 2014 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand and rich. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, sour cherry and fine notes of cassis, crushed strawberry combined with touches of chocolate, zan as well as a discreet toasted oak and a very discreet hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, juicy, elegant, relatively fat, round, relatively gourmande and offers a certain finesse, an acid frame, harmony and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy sour cherry and slight notes of redcurrant / red berries combined with a hint of strawberry, toasted wood, discreet hint of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of cocoa and coffee. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Château Lecuyer 2014 Pomerol

The nose is fine, aromatic, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis and sour cherry associated with slight hints of blackberry, wood and strawberry. The mouth is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, well-balanced, quite elegant, relatively gourmande and offers a fine juiciness, precision, and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with slight notes of raspberry. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

## Château Franc-Maillet 2014 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, relatively rich, relatively complex and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight hints of crushed red berries combined with a touch of black pepper, cardamom, wood, undergrowth and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, fleshy, finely gourmande and offers unctuosity as well as richness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and cassis combined with slight notes of red fruit cream, toasted wood and a discreet hint of liquorice, tobacco, tea and cardamon. Good length. Score: 16.25

# Château Plince 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of violet, cassis, wood associated with discreet touches of crushed raspberry and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, quite aerial and offers a fine acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum, raspberry as well as hints of oak, a discreet hint of liquorice, chocolate and cornflowers. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

#### Score : 15.5

# Château Rouget 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and cherry cream combined with fine notes of cassis, crushed gariguette strawberry, liquorice, toasted wood as well as a hint of vanilla, dark chocolate and a discreet hint of coconut. The mouth is fruity, mineral, quite elegant, well-balanced, suave and offers fat and a good volume. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and sour cherries combined with slight notes of crunchy strawberry, cassis, small red berries, cocoa, liquorice, discreet woody notes and an imperceptible hint of coconut. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.75

# Clos du Clocher 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is relatively aromatic, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and slight notes of plum, crushed wild strawberries combined with hints of black chocolate / cocoa, zan, cardamon and woody hints. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy, elegant, relatively gourmande and offers a fine juiciness, finesse, a good definition and a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, wild strawberry associated with small touches of dark chocolate, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of cardamon. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine! Score: 16+

## Château Le Bon Pasteur 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of undergrowth, coffee and slight hints of truffle, fleshy strawberry and blackberry associated with touches of mocha and wood/vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, round, elegant, well defined and offers a good volume, fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and sour cherry associated with touches of wild strawberry / wild berries as well as touches of chocolate, tobacco and coffee. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. Good length. The finish / persistence is suave. Score: 16.5

# Château Petit-Village 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fine, elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis jam, sour cherry and slight notes of wild red berries combined with hints of liquorice, toasted wood and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, silky and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry, small berries associated with hints of liquorice, toasted wood and discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 16

## Clos de la Vieille Église 2014 Pomerol

The nose reveals fine notes of wood / oak, Boysenberry, cassis, raspberry, red berries and a discreet hint of toasted bread associated with discreet hints of spices, tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper and a hint of zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, fine, quite precise, relatively elegant, quite gourmande and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry cream, blackberry and slight notes of liquorice, toasted wood, tobacco as well as discreet notes of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a slight hint of liquorice on the persistence. Score: 15.5

# Château L'Enclos 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand and intense. It reveals notes of redcurrants, wild strawberry and slight notes of blackberry combined with a discreet hint of flowers, liquorice, toasted wood and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, quite gourmand, well defined and offers a nice acid frame, juiciness, harmony and good expression. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of raspberry, cassis combined with discreet hints of blueberry, slight touches of liquorice, toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Score : 16

#### Château Vray Croix de Gay 2014 Pomerol

The nose reveals notes of leather and fine notes of blackberry, redcurrants, wild strawberry associated with hints of cassis, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of undergrowth, tobacco and a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and relatively gourmande. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, redcurrants and slight notes of raspberry combined with a discreet hint of cassis, slight notes of liquorice, chocolate, toasted wood and a very discreet hint of tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. (a wine to keep in cellar!) Score: 15.5

#### Château Porte Chic 2014 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis cream, sour cherry and slight notes of crunchy gariguette strawberry associated with very discreet hints of blueberry, a hint of liquorice, caramelized oak, dark chocolate as well as hints of sweet spices (cardamom, vanilla ...) and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of flowers. The mouth is fruity, mineral, quite gourmande, relatively fresh, well-built and offers juiciness, a good definition, fat as well as suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, liquorice and slight notes of crunchy plum associated with hints of of wood, toasted oak and zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### L'Enchanteur de Vray Croix de Gay 2014 Pomerol

The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of wood, spices associated with a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, a hint of toasted oak as well as a discreet touch of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small racy minerality as well as juiciness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy black cherry and slight notes of red fruits combined with hints of liquorice and notes of toasted wood. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. The persistence is suave and offers a discreet hint of caramelization. Score: 15.25

# Château La Création 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose reveals fine notes of underbrush and cassis associated with slight touches of Boysenberry, small red berries as well as a hint of leather and tobacco. The mouth is fruity, relatively mineral, relatively elegant, a bit gourmande and offers juiciness, an acid frame and a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis, sour cherry associated with hints of liquorice, to-asted wood as well as discreet hints of caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.5+

#### Château Enclos Haut-Mazeyres 2014 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively elegant. It reveals small notes of cassis, blackberry, wild strawberry and discreet notes of leather associated with hints of redcurrant, spices and a few discreet woody hints. The mouth is fruity, relatively mineral, quite elegant, relatively unctuous, a bit gourmande and offers juiciness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant, blackberry associated with hints of sour cherry, zan, tobacco and wood. Tannins are fine as well as (very) slightly dry and dusty. Good length. Score: 15.5

## Château Mazeyres 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of wild red fruits, cassis and fine hints of blackberry combined with slight touches of wood, liquorice as well as a hint of roasting oak and a discreet hint of leather. The mouth is fruity, mineral, relatively elegant, relatively silky, a bit fleshy, a bit juicy and offers a good volume and fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, plump flesh and slight notes of blackberry combined with a hint of wild strawberry and discreet notes of sweet spices, vanilla (very discreet) and toasted wood. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

# Clos René 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is quite powerful as well as relatively elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry and slight notes of wild strawberry, blackberry combined with a touch of cassis, a discreet hint of flowers, tobacco as well as a discreet touch of spices, a woody hint and an imperceptible hint of bell pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, fresh, relatively gournande, a bit fleshy and offers an acid frame, juiciness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of blackberry, sour cherry and plum associated with a hint of liquorice, small touches of toasted wood and very discreet hints of chocolate tips (In the background). The tannins are fine and well-built.

## Vieux Château Ferron 2014

#### Pomerol

The nose is elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of undergrowth and slight notes of wood, cassis, blackberry, crushed blueberry combined with a touch of leather, hints of raspberry, liquorice, a few slight hints of toasted oak as well as discreet notes of spices and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, well-balanced, well defined and offers an acid frame, fat, minerality as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry and small red berries combined with slight notes of crushed raspberry, blueberry as well as a hint of blackberry, discreet notes of toasted oak, liquorice and discreet hints of tobacco. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15

#### Château du Domaine de l'Église 2014 Pomerol

The nose is fine, elegant and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of plum, raspberry associated with small notes of spices, a hint of undergrowth, liquorice as well as discreet notes of spices and a very slight hint og tobacco. The mouth is fruity, relatively gourmande, relatively elegant, well-balanced, ample and offers a fine acid frame, a fine juiciness, a slight freshness, a good volume as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of red berries, raspberry as well as a discreet touch of cherry, liquorice, toasted oak and a touch of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and persistence. There is a very discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence / aftertaste. Score : 15.75

#### Château Bourgneuf 2014 Pomerol

The nose is relatively aromatic, fine, elegant and quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of small wild berries associated with discreet hints of red fruit, a discreet hint of spices, slight hints of Sichuan pepper, oak as well as a hint of cardamom and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, full, suave, fat, finely gourmande and offers a nice acid frame, freshness, a good volume as well as a silky matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy wild strawberry and slight notes of cassis, sour cherries combined with hints of liquorice, toasted wood and discreet notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and nice persistence. On the finish there are slight iodized hints. The persistence is suave and reveals a (very) discreet hint of caramelization and of liquorice. Score: 16

## Clos 56 - Millésime 2014 Pomerol

The nose is fine, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, flowers and Boysenberry combined with discreet touches of red berries, spices and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, racy, well structured, relatively elegant and offers an acid frame as well as a good minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with touches of red berries, wood, dark chocolate as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, coffee and a (very) slight hint of Ceylon tea. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly young. Good length. Score: 15



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# Rhône

# Château du Trignon 2012

#### Vacqueyras

The nose is relatively fruity. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, blackberry and slight notes of crushed blueberry, woody notes associated with a very discreet hint of very ripe red fruits, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of truffle and spices. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, sleek, relatively gourmand, relatively mineral and offers a fine acid frame as well as a beautiful silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and juicy plum associated with slight notes of ripe red fruits, ripe blueberry as well as a discreet hint of zan and a discreet few toasted/caramelized hints. Good length.

#### Le Domaine Montirius - Garrigues 2014 Vacqueyras

The nose is fruity and relatively full. It reveals notes of ripe black cherry and cassis jam associated with slight notes of crushed plum, ripe red fruits,

liquorice, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a slight freshness, a slight juiciness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of zan, blueberry, slight notes of ripe red fruits as well as a discreet hint of olive, garrigue and toasted oak/caramelized. Good length. Score: 15

#### Jérome Quiot 2015 Vacqueyras

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis,

boysenberry and slight hints of crushed black cherry associated with a discreet hint of zan, garrigue, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, nicely juicy, racy and offers a slight mineral frame, a small suavity as well as a slight gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, black cherry and slight hints of ripe red fruits associated with woody hints, discreet hints of thyme, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence on notes of (very) ripe black fruits and liquorice.

#### Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux Vieilles Vignes 2015 Vacquevras

The nose is aromatic as well as quite elegant and fresh. It reveals notes of grilled oak/brioche, a discreet hint of hazelnut, small fresh fruits (Mirabelle, small yellow fruits), ripe peach as well as discreet hints of ripe citrus fruits, a hint of flint/minerality and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fat, smooth, relatively gourmand and offers a slight minerality as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits (Mirabelle), quince and more slightly of yellow peach associated with a discreet hint of ripe citrus, honey as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak/hazelnut. Good length. There is a discreet hint of butter and slight notes of vanilla brioche on the persistence. Score: 14.75+

#### Domaine Santa Duc Clos Derrière Vieille 2014 Gigondas

The nose is fruity, quite elegant, silky and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and slight notes of cassis jam associated with hints of graphite, crushed cherry as well as a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of white pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, silky, well-balanced, slightly gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse, tension, an acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry and slight notes of raspberry, cassis associated and a very discreet hint of plum, roasted oak as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, structuring and slightly firm. Good length and persistence.

# Domaine Paillère & Pied-Gû 2014

Gigondas



The nose is relatively fruity and relatively full. It reveals slight notes of blackberry, ripe cherry and slight/ discreet hints of plum, garrigue associated with a discreet hint of red fruits, a subtle hint of liquorice, flowers and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers a slight racy mineral frame, fat, a beautiful finesse, acidity as well as a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe Bigarreau cherry, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of plum as well as discreet hint of caramelization, toasted oak and vanilla. Tannins are firm. Good length. The finish is suave and

offers a discreet hint of garrigue. Good persistence. Score : 15

#### Le Domaine Montirius 2012 Terre des Aînés Gigondas

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of flowers and a hint of rose associated with slight hints of olive tree, cassis, blackberry as well as a hint of cherry and liquorice. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, elegant and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, small red berries and blackberry associated with hints of black cherry as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, spices and caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of cacao on the persistence. Score: 14.75

# Bertrand Stehelin 2014

#### Gigondas

The nose is aromatic and slight. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis associated with slight hints of Bigarreau cherry, violet, mocha as well as a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, suave, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame, a beautiful roundness, a beautiful definition, a beautiful fat, a small aerial side as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, juicy blueberry and juicy red fruits associated

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with a hint of blackberry, liquorice, toasted oak/sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and a very discreet hint of garrigue on the persistence. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

# Château du Trignon 2012

#### Gigondas

The nose is fruity, gourmand, relatively full and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of plum cream and crushed boysenberry associated with slight hints of black cherry, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak/chocolate hint and a very discreet hint of thyme (after aeration on the glass). The palate is fruity, mineral, tight, fresh, sleek and offers a slight tension, a slight suavity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, crushed blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of chocolate associated with slight hints of zan as well as a discreet hint of clove. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are slight touches of dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15

#### Domaine Santa Duc - Aux Lieux-dits 2013 Gigondas

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, cherry associated with discreet woody hints, a subtle hint of spices, thyme as well as an imperceptible hint of white pepper and leather. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, suave, round and offers a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and black cherry associated with hints of fleshy strawberry, raspberry as well as very discreet hints of garrigue/thyme and liquorice. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. There are discreet hints of white pepper and a small suavity on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75+

# Jérome Quiot 2015

#### Gigondas

The nose reveals notes of cassis, plum and slight notes of dried flowers associated with a discreet hint of olive tree and white pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, relatively elegant, juicy and offers fat, a slight freshness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry, small red berries and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of blackberry, caramelized oak as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of zan. Tannins are well-built and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Domaine Santa Duc Les Hautes Garrigues 2012 Gigondas

The nose is fruity and offers a certain small intensity. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). It reveals notes of ripe black cherry and cassis cream associated with hints of plum, small and very ripe wild red berries as well as hints of liquorice stick, cardamom, a very discreet grilled oak and a slight hint of cacao. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky, relatively elegant, suave and offers fat, a beautiful frame as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, cherry and slight notes of raspberry jam, blackberry, very ripe small red berries associated with discreet hints of zan/liquorice, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of black olive and cacao/caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

#### Domaine Vallot Le Coriançon Le Haut des Côtes 2014 Vinsobres

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fleshy. It reveals notes of morello cherry, crushed plum and a discreet hint of blueberry, blackberry jam associated with hints of toasted oak/caramelized oak, spices as well as a hint of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful fleshy, a slight smooth, tension, a slight minerality, gourmandize as well as powerful. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, crushed raspberry and slight notes of blueberry, cassis associated with discreet hints of liquorice, caramelized oak and spices. Good length. Score: 15.5+

# Château Montplaisir Expressions 2015

#### Vinsobres

The nose is fruity, quite gourmand and quite slight. It reveals notes of morello cherry and blueberry jam associated with a woody hint and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, slightly gourmand and offers suavity, juiciness, a beautiful fat as well as a beautiful racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with discreet hints of ripe red berries as well as a hint of liquorice. Good length. Score: 15.25+

#### Domaine Vallot Le Coriançon 2014 Vinsobres

The nose is elegant and slightly intense. It reveals notes of cassis jam, morello cherry and slight hints of blueberry associated with a hint of blackberry, caramelized oak as well as discreet hints of graphite, sweet spices, tobacco and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, silky and offers a beautiful minerality, a slight richness as well as a slight acid/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, plum jam and slight hints of prune, cassis associated with a discreet hint of crushed raspberry, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of mocha and nutmeg. Tannins are slightly firm. A wine nicely built and gourmand.

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# Bourgogne

# Red wines

#### Domaine Saint-Marc Les Chainey 2013 Santenay

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of raspberry jelly and crushed strawberry associated with a hint of cherry, cassis, hints of toasted as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, finesse, a beautiful freshness, a juicy frame, harmony as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam and crushed strawberry associated with slight notes of small berries, blueberries as well as hints of toasted and hints of vanilla (discreet). Tannins

are well-built and elegant. Good length and persistence on slight notes of cherry.  $\underline{Score: 16.25}$ 

#### Domaine Jessiaume Les Gravières 2014 Santenay 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively slight. It reveals notes of cherry, crushed raspberry and slight notes of crushed blackberry associated with a discreet hint of rose, spices as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced, elegant, supple and offers a fresh frame, fat, a beautiful definition as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry associated with slight notes of small red berries, cherry as well as touch of blackberry jelly and a discreet hint of toasted. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 16

#### Domaine Jessiaume La Comme 2014 Santenay 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively power-

ful. It reveals notes of red cherry, crushed raspberry and a hint of wild strawberry associated with a hint of cassis, zan as well as a discreet woody hint and slight notes of minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, racy, nicely elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, tension, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry jam, raspberry and small berries associated with hint of cassis as well as slight woody notes, notes of liquorice (discreet) and discreet touch of caramelization. Tannins are fine, slightly dusty and young. There is suavity on the finish. Good length and persistence.

#### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Clos Genets 2014 Santenay

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and relatively full. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, crushed raspberry and discreet hint of plum associated with a very discreet hint of hawthorn, zan as well as an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, silky, quite elegant and offers a beautiful suavity, smooth and a very beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, cassis jam and slight notes of cherry, small red berries associated with a touch of blueberry, liquorice as well as

slight/discreet hint of tobacco and cardamom. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length. There is a very discreet vegetal hint and a hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. Score : 15.25+

## Domaine Belleville - Les Hâtes 2014 Santenay

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small gourmand side. It reveals notes of fresh red cherry, strawberry and a hint of crushed cassis associated with notes of sweet spices as well as a hint of white rose. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-built, round and offers a beautiful fat, suavity as well as a small acid frame in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed strawberry associated with slight touch of plum, toasted oak and caramel. Tannins are well-built. Good length and

#### persistence. Score: 15.75+

#### Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Golardes 2014 Savigny-Lès-Beaune

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry and flowers (rose, lilac) associated with slight notes of strawberry sweet as well as a very discreet spices note in the background, woody note and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, quite elegant, supple and offers ac acid frame as well as a beautiful fat/roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, small red berries and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with discreet woody hints, hints of sweet spices as well as very slight hints of dark chocolate, flowers and Ceylan tea on the finish. Tannins are fine, young and very slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15.25

Domaine du Château de Meursault

# Les Peuillets 2014

#### Savigny-Lès-Beaume 1er cru

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and generous/rich. It reveals notes of raspberry cream, blueberry and more slightly of cherry associated with slight hint of cassis, spices as well as a discreet hint of pepper, a woody hint and a hint of leather/earth. The palate is fruity, mineral (beautiful minerality), silky, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful roundness, a good definition as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, cherry mash and slight notes of plum associated with woody hints as well as a discreet hint of spices and a very discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are elegant, moderately fine and structuring. Good length and persistence. Score: 17

#### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Les Gollardes 2014 Savigny-Les-Beaune

# The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and relatively complex. It reveals notes of red fruits, plum and chocolate associated with discreet hints of flowers, toasted oak/vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmand, silky, well-balanced, nicely



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built, racy and offers a slight smooth, a good definition, a small aerial side, a beautiful fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blueberry and slight hints of plum, black cherry associated with woody hints, discreet hints of chocolate, a slight hint of spices as well as a hint of caramelization and earth (very discreet). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of pepper and dark chocolate on the persistence.

#### Pierre Brisset La Combe aux moines 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin – Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fine and rightly powerful. It reveals notes of small red berries and blackberry associated with a fine touch of raspberry, peony and fine hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral (beautiful minerality!), velvety, well-balanced, straight, relatively gourmande and offers an acid frame, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful roundness as well as ten-

sion. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, strawberry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of small berries as well as very discreet notes of toasted oak/caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and young. Good length (2018 – 2030). Score : 16.25+

#### Henri Magnien Vieilles Vignes 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is powerful, aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry and rose associated with slight vegetal notes as well as hint of empyreumatic. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky and offers a beautiful fat, a beautiful definition as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of

cherry cream, strawberry and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of cassis as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75+

#### Domaine Belleville Creux Brouillard 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, quite elegant and offers a slight generosity. It reveals notes of raspberry jam, slight notes of crushed cherry, berries associated with a hint of Cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, suave, racy and offers a beautiful acid frame as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and slight notes of small berries, blackberry associated with hints of zan, tea as well as discreet woody hints and a slight hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length. Score: 16

# Henri-Magnien Les Cazetiers 2015

Gevrey-Chambertin – Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cherry and a hint of morello cherry, blueberry associated with hints of flowers, leather/

empyreumatic as well as sweet spices/toasted. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth, elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame, juiciness, a beautiful fat/ roundness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry cream and raspberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, slight notes of blueberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a very discreet hint of caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and supple. Good aromatic persistence. Score: 16.5

#### Henri Magnien Les Champeaux 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin – Premier Cru

The nose is fine, elegant, silky and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cherry jam, redcurrant and slight notes of plum associated with hints of minerality as well as a discreet empyreumatic hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, straight, nicely defined (like lace!), elegant and offers tension, a beautiful fat, an acid frame as well as roundness. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of redcurrant cream, cherry and slight notes of blueberry, raspberry associated with hints of chocolate, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a slight note of soft caramel. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 16.5+

#### René Bouvier Très Vieilles Vignes -Racine du Temps 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of redberries associated with slight notes of empireumatic as well as an earthy hint and a very discreet hint of mocha (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, fat and offers a slight minerality and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes

of blueberry cream, cherry and raspberry associated with slight notes of plum as well as touch of grilled oak, earth and mocha. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15.25

#### René Bouvier 2014 Grand Cru Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant, relatively fine and relatively generous. It reveals notes of morello cherry and cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry, rose, spices as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, nicely built/defined and offers a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, redcurrant and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, liquorice and spices. Good length. Score: 15.75

## René Bouvier 2014 Les Jeunes Rois 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of dried strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of rose associated with a hint of crushed blackberry, liquorice, toasted oak as well as a slight



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note of earth/empyreumatic. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fat, quite generous and offers ac acid frame as well as a beautiful fat/roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry cream, raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant associated with a hint of blueberry jam, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and tea; Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.75

#### Fougeray de Beauclair Les Seuvrées 2014 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of redcurrant, red cherry and a hint of crushed strawberry associated with slight notes of rose, spices as well as a discreet hint of minerality and leather. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, redcurrant and slight notes of concentrated cherry associated with hints of toasted oak, zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and rose. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

## Score : 15.5

# Louis Max 2014

#### Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of redcurrant jam, raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, sleek, suave, round and offers a beautiful minerality, an acid frame as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant jam, raspberry and cherry associated with discreet hints of blueberry as well as slight hints of spices and a very discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

#### Pierre Naigeon Vieilles Vignes 2015 - Les Cherbaudes Gevrey-Chambertin – Premier Cru

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and cassis associated with slight notes of toasted and sweet spices/ vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, suave and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry jam and redcurrant associated with slight hints of plum, cassis, toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.5

#### Henri Magnien Champerrier 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and rose associated with slight hints of leather and woody hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of plum, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of zan and black tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

#### Pierre Naigeon Vieilles Vignes 2015 – En Pallud Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant, aromatic, full and gourmand. It reveals notes of redcurrant jam and plum associated with slight notes of raspberry, small berries, spices as well as a hint of rose. The palate is fruity, silky, elegant, gourmand, very well-built, generous, round, fine and offers a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant jam and raspberry associated with slight notes of cassis, small wild berries, chocolate as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, sweet spices and a very slight hint of cardamom. Good length and persistence. Score: 16.25+

#### Henri Magnien Lavaux St-Jacques 2015 Gevrey-Chambertin – Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant, structured and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of rose, small red fruits and wild berries associated with hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, perfectly balanced, specific and offers tension, an aerial side as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, redcurrant and small wild berries associated with hints of blueberry, caramelized oak as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and very beautiful persistence.

# Score : 16.5

#### Henri Magnien 2015 Ruchottes-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry and flowers (lilac, violet) associated with slight notes of plum, cassis as well as slight hints of zan and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, harmony and gournandize. Nice mouth ! This wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cherry and slight notes of rasp-berry jam associated with a hint of zan, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of spices. Good length.

Score : 16.25

#### Domaine des Perdrix Aux Perdrix 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges - Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and velvety. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, raspberry and slight hints of flowers (violet, hint of rose) associated with slight notes of spices, toasted as well as a hint of cardamom and a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, velvety, elegant, soft, gourmand, delicate, ample and offers a slight minerality (frame). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, redcurrant jelly and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with touch of toasted, liquorice (discreet) as well as a hint of cardamom. Good suave persistence. There is a very slight hint of caramelization in the aftertaste. A very beautiful wine! A delight!

Score : 17.25+

#### Pierre Naigeon Les Charmottes 2015 Vieilles Vignes Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity, aromatic and generous. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and slight touch of strawberry associated with hints of soft milk caramel. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, aerial, racy, nicely gourmand and offers an acid frame, a beautiful minerality as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry cream, blackberry, plum and discreet hint of crunchy strawberry associated with discreet touch of toasted and sweet spices. Tannins are (very) slightly dry. Good length and beautiful persistence.

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#### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Aux Saint-Julien 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis and chocolate associated with slight notes of black cherry, small wild berries, blackberry as well as a discreet woody hint of vanilla, earth, cardamom and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, elegant, fruity, fine, juicy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful fat, a beautiful roundness, deepness, an aerial side as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, raspberry, cherry and hints of cassis associated with discreet hint of plum, liquorice, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and chocolate (very discreet). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.5+

## Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Clos des Perrières 2014 Premier Cru

Nuits-Saint-Georges The nose is nicely elegant, racy, aromatic and relatively full. It reveals notes of boysenberry and small wild fruits associated with slight notes of plum, red fruits and a discreet hint of mocha, gray pepper (very discreet), zan, rose and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, specific, elegant, nicely gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful volume, an acid frame, a slight freshness as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, cherry and slight notes of blackberry, plum associated with hints of liquorice,

discreet/slight hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and cacao. Good length and beautiful persistence. Score: 16.75

#### Louis Max - Les Damodes 2014 Nuits-Saint-Georges - Premier Cru

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry jam, raspberry, strawberry and slight notes of redcurrant associated with discreet hints of soft milk caramel. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, specific and offers ac acid frame as well as a slight gourmandize, a beautiful minerality and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry jam, plum and slight touch of redcurrant associated with hints of soft milk caramel as well as a very discreet toasted note. Good length. Score: 16.5

#### Clos des Langres - Monopole 2014 Côtes de Nuits-Villages

The nose is fine and slightly rich. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of red fruits jam, woody notes, notes of nutmeg/leather, caramelization as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, elegant and offers a slight acid frame, a good definition, roundness as well as a beautiful frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry jam and strawberry associated with discreet hints of redcurrant, spices and slight notes of leather as well as a discreet hint of rose and minerality/graphite. Good length. Score: 15.5

#### Louis Max 2015 Aloxe-Corton

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cherry and red berries associated with hints of cardamom, grilled oak as well as a discreet hint of leather and slight touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fat, large/ample, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful suavity, a mineral frame, a beautiful expression as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, redcurrant jelly and slight notes of cherry, plum associated with hints of zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Edmond Cornu & Fils Vieille Vigne 2014 Aloxe-Corton

> empyreumatic and small wild fruits associated with discreet notes of cherry jam, redcurrant as well as slight touch of spices, a discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of curcuma. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse, a beautiful grain (like lace!), a certain straightness, tension, a nice volume as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, black cherry and slight notes of cherry associated with hints of small berries, zan as well as discreet touch of black tea and chocolate.

> The nose reveals notes of leather/

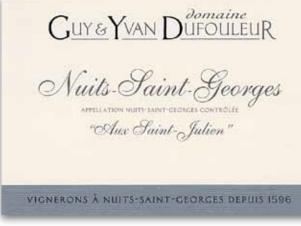
Tannins are fine, young and slightly dry. Good length and beautiful persistence. The finish is gourmande. Score: 16

## Domaine Chevalier 2014 Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fruity, elegant and straight. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with a hint of raspberry sweet as well as a discreet hint of crushed strawberry, liquorice and cardamom. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, silky, elegant, well-balanced, supple, gourmand, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame, a good juiciness, a certain straightness as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and redcurrant associated with hints of wild strawberry, cherry, liquorice, discreet hint of chocolate, woody hints and an imperceptible hint of cedar and tea. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. There is a discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. Score: 16+

#### Château de Meursault 2014 Corton Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of mocha, woody notes and slight notes of roasting, crushed blackberry, plum associated with discreet hints of fresh red fruits, spices, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively suave, fat and offers straightness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum and cherry associated 63



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with slight notes of blackberry as well as discreet hints of raspberry, sweet spices and a very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are fine and young. Good length. Score : 16+

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# Le Bois Roussot 2014 Ladoix 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, quite elegant and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of cherry jam and slight notes of raspberry jelly associated with slight touch of redcurrant, discreet touch of juicy plum as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, leather and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers a beautiful fleshy, smooth, freshness, a beautiful acid frame, fat as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam and cherry jelly associated with slight notes of plum, blackberry, toasted as well as discreet hint of caramelization. Good length. There are slight notes of rose on the finish. A gourmand and well-built wine! Score : 15.5+

#### **Domaine Chevalier** Les Corvées 2014 Ladoix 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, intense and offers a slight concentration as well as a small elegance. It reveals notes of wild berries, redcurrant and plum skin associated with slight notes of blueberry, violet, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, gourmand, supple and offers a beautiful silky matter, a slight acid/juicy frame as well as a small fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and plum associated with slight notes of wild strawberry/redcurrant, liquorice, toasted oak, Bourbon vanilla as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and a subtle hint of flowers. Tannins are supple. Good length and beautiful persistence on juicy fruits and hints of dark chocolate.

Score : 15.75

#### Domaine Belleville Les Perrières 2014 Mercurey

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of raspberry and cherry associated with discreet hint of wild black fruits as well as a slight notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruit, mineral, silky, racy, fat, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam and redcurrant associated with slight notes of cherry, plum as well as slight notes of toasted oak and slight notes of sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 15.75

#### **Domaine Louis Max** Les Vasées 2015 Mercurey - Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and nicely rich. It reveals notes of redcurrant cream, cherry and slight notes of small plum associated with discreet hints of chocolate, cardamom and toasted oak/caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of cherry, plum associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of cardamom and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and slightly dusty. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+

#### **Domaine Louis Max** Clos La Marche 2015 Monopole Mercurev

The nose is fruity, racy and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and redcurrant associated with slight/discreet hints of blueberry, liquorice as well as a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, soft, fat, relatively ample and offers a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, small red berries and slight/discreet notes of blackberry associated with slight flinty hints, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine, young and slightly dry. Good length.

#### Score : 15+

#### Domaine Belleville Clos L'évêque 2014 Mercurey – 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals empyreumatic notes, black fruits and small notes of cherry jam associated with a discreet note of leather as well as a hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, crushed raspberry and slight touch of plum associated with discreet woody hints as well as a hint of liquorice and slight touch of chocolate. Good length.

Score: 15.5+

#### André Delorme 2014 Mercurev

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight gourmand side. It reveals notes of black cherry, redcurrant and cassis associated with hints of spices, plum as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, quite mineral, ample and offers a slight acid frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed raspberry and small red berries associated with woody hints as well as a hint of zan and tobacco. Tannins are (very) slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15

#### Domaine Belleville Champ Ladoy 2015 Mercurev

The nose if fruity and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of redcurrant, crushed raspberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of mocha and discreet hints of violet. The palate is fruity, juicy, crunchy, gourmand and offers a beautiful crunchy/ fleshy fruit as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, cherry and slight notes of juicy blueberry associated with woody hints as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and tobacco. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of hazelnut on the persistence. Score : 15.5

#### Château d'Etroyes Le Clos L'Évêque 2014 Mercurey 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, powerful and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cherry, redcurrant and slight notes of black fruits associated with woody hints, rose, leather as well as a discreet hint of spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth, round and offers a beautiful definition, an acid frame as well as crunchy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and plum associated with slight notes of chocolate, zan and toasted. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15+

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#### Château de Chamirey 2014 Mercurey

The nose is aromatic, powerful and relatively intense. It reveals notes of raspberry, wild strawberry and slight notes of crushed blackberry associated with a hint of flowers, spices, caramelized oak as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, quite aerial, fine, round, suave and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with discreet hints of cassis, plum as well as slight notes of caramelized oak and spices. Tannins are elegant, supple and nicely built. Good length. There is gourmandize and suavity on the finish.

# Vignerons de Buxy Buissonnier 2015

#### Mercurey

The nose is fruity, gourmand and crunchy. It reveals notes of crunchy fruits (raspberry, plum) associated with slight notes of spices as ell as a discreet woody note. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a slight suavity as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum and crushed strawberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, small wild berries as well as woody hints, liquorice and slight notes of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Pierre Naigeon Les Hervelets 2015 Fixin 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, relatively rich and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of redcurrant cream, cherry and slight notes of plum, blackberry cream associated with hints of toasted oak, vanilla as well as a discreet note of spices. The palate is fruity, fat, well-built, nicely round and offers a slight minerality, a slight acid frame as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum, raspberry and discreet notes of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of small red berries, slight notes of sweet spices, a very discreet note of chocolate as well as a hint of toasted and vanilla. Tannins are fine, young and very slightly dry.

#### Château de Marsannay Crais de Chêne 2014 Fixin

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of coffee and slight notes of leather associated with hints of plum, small red fruits as well as slight hints of blueberry, toasted oak, a discreet hint of mocha and cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, fine, well-balanced and offers tension, a small smooth as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam associated with slight notes of redcurrant, plum as well as discreet hints of toasted oak. Good length. There is suavity and a slight acidity on the finish. Score: 15.25

#### René Bouvier Crais de Chêne 2014 Fixin

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight hints of red fruits associated with hints of hawthorn as well as discreet hints of toasted, mocha, tobacco and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively elegant, well-balanced, round, fat and offers a slight juiciness, tension as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, raspberry and slight notes of fresh

strawberry associated with a hint of small red berries, blackberry, slight notes of toasted as well as a discreet hint of caramelization, zan and black tea. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Clos Marion 2014 Fixin

The nose is aromatic and relatively intense/concentrated. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and slight notes of crunchy strawberry associated with discreet hints of flowers, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral and offers a slight acid frame and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of raspberry jelly associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of cardamom, liquorice and sweet spices. Good length. Score: 15

#### Pierre Naigeon - Olivier 2015 Vieilles Vignes Fixin

The nose is fruity, concentrated and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis cram, small red berries and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of flowers (hawthorn, discreet hint of rose) as well as slight hints of liquorice and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, concentrated and offers a beautiful juiciness of the fruit, crunchy fruits as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry, fresh Gariguette strawberry associated with hints of liquorice, chocolate, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, young and relatively dry.

# Score : 15.25 Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur

#### Cuvée Vieilles Vignes Clos du Chapitre 2014, Monopole Fixin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, quite elegant as well as relatively full and aromatic. There are notes of cherry, raspberry and fine notes of crushed blackberry associated with a discreet hint of plum as well as touches of zan, tobacco / cigar box and a discreet hint of sweet spices / cardamon. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky, suave, a bit aerial and offers a nice definition, a good matter as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with a discreet hint of cassis, tobacco, zan as well as a discreet dusty / earthy hint. Tannins are slightly dusty. There is a very discreet hint of gray pepper on the persistence. Good length and persistence. The finish is suave. Score: 15.75

#### Domaine desvignes Meix au Roy 2014 Givry

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (hawthorn, white rose) and slight notes of blackberry, plum associated with a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of cherry, redcurrant jam associated with discreet hints of minerality/flint as well as a touch of white rose, toasted oak and zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and beautiful persistence. There are very slight notes of mocha on the persistence.

Score : 16.25

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#### Domaine Desvignes La Grande Berge 2014 Givry 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a slight concentration, a slight powerful as well as finesse. It reveals notes of cassis and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hints of red fruits, hints of liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of hawthorn and slight toasted notes. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced and offers a small aerial side as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of black cherry, fleshy strawberry as well as discreet hints of toasted oak/caramelized oak. Good length.

Score: 16

#### Domaine Desvignes Clos Charlé 2014 Givry 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic and relatively concentrated. It reveals slight notes of plum, black cherry and slight notes of red fruits (red berries, cherry) associated with slight touch of blackberry, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco/zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, quite elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Quetsche plum, blackberry and slight notes of cherry associated with hints of raspberry, toasted and liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Score : 15.75

#### André Delorme 2015 Givry

The nose reveals woody notes and discreet notes of truffle associated with slight notes of earth, plum, blackberry, black cherry, small red fruits, a discreet hint of flowers/violet, liquorice as well as discreet woody hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, straight and offers a slight tension, fat, a good definition, a beautiful small freshness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, cherry and crunchy strawberry associated with a very discreet hint of redcurrant as well as slight notes of racy minerality and toasted oak/vanilla. Good length. Score: 15.75+

#### Domaine de la Ferté Clos des Mortières 2014 Givry

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of earth associated with slight woody notes, notes of juicy plum, blackberry and red berries associated with hints of spices as well a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as a good freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy plum and slight notes of small wild red berries associated with hints of toasted oak, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

#### Score : 16

#### Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Saint-Jacques 2014 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry cream and cherry associated with a very discreet hint of rose as well as a very discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and fleshy raspberry associated with slight hints of wild strawberry, blackberry as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Good length. Score: 16

#### Château de Marsannay Les Echezots 2014 Marsannay

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of redcurrant and slight notes of cherry associated with a discreet hint of plum and a toasted hint.

> The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant, gourmand, suave, ample and offers tension, a good definition, a beautiful minerality, a small aerial side as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, raspberry and discreet notes of cherry associated with a discreet hint of blackberry as well as slight/discreet toasted notes and a discreet hint of caramelization. Score : 16.25

#### René Bouvier Longeroies 2014 Marsannay

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry, plum and slight notes of red fruits (rasp-

berry, strawberry...) associated with slight hints of liquorice and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, juicy, ample and offers a small aerial side as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry and black cherry associated with hints of redcurrant as well as discreet woody hints and a hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There are very slight hints of caramelization on the aftertaste. Score: 15.25

# Château de Marsannay 2014

#### Marsannay

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of redcurrant jam and raspberry associated with slight notes of cassis, spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper and a toasted hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, large and offers ac acid frame as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes fo redcurrant, cherry and slight notes of plum, blackberry associated with slight toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of rose, tobacco and liquorice. Good length. Score: 16

## Château de Marsannay - Clos de Jeu 2014 Marsannay

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, suave, smooth, ample and offers a beautiful



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freshness, a beautiful volume as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, cherry and slight notes of crushed redcurrant associated with discreet hints of plum, liquorice as well as a very discreet caramelized oak on the finish. Tannins are elegan tand slight. Good length and persistence. Score : 16.75

# Château de Marsannay Les Longeroies 2014

#### Marsannay

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry, plum and red fruits (cherry, raspberry) associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of rose. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a good definition, tension, a beautiful grain as well as an aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of juicy plum associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, toasted oak as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization and rose. Tannins are fine and young. Good length. Score : 16.25

# Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair Les Favières 2014

#### Marsannav

The nose is aromatic, full and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, fresh raspberry and slight notes of Quetsche plum, leather/empyreumatic associated with a woody hint as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, round, ample and offers a beautiful definition, precision as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum and crushed blackberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Good length.

Score: 16

#### Pierre Naigeon Vieilles Vignes 2015 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, tight and relatively rich. It reveals notes of fleshy plum, blueberry and cherry associated with slight notes of red berries. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fleshy, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight acidity as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry cream, cherry and plum associated with slight notes of blueberry cream, graphite/minerality as well as hints of toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a discreet hint of black tea and cacao on the persistence and a nice suavity on the finish. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.5

#### **Domaine Saint-Marc** Les Chanlins 2014 Pommard

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of redcurrant, crushed blackberry and juicy plum associated with slight notes of small wild berries as well as woody hints, spices, mocha and a discreet hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, suave, fat, gourmand, juicy and offers a beautiful acid frame, tension as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry and plum associated with slight notes of liquorice, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly dry. A beautiful wine and a beautiful definition! Score : 16.5+

# Château de Meursault Clos des Epenots 2014 Pommard – Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand, full, complex, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and discreet hints of strawberry associated with hints of blueberry, a discreet hint of flowers, slight touch of liquorice, woody hints as well as discreet hints of spices (nutmeg, white pepper) and a slight hint of tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, ample, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, roundness, a slight acidity (in the background) as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses hints of juicy plum, blackberry and black cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry, wild strawberry as well as discreet touch of liquorice, black tea, cardamom and a discreet hint of caramelization/nougatine. Tannins are fine, young and a bit dusty. Good length and beautiful persistence. This wine has a nice potential in the future! Score : 17.25+

#### Vaudoisey-Creusefond Epenots 2015 Pommard – Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand, quite intense, elegant and rich. It reveals notes of cassis cream and slight notes of cherry, raspberry jam, plum associated with notes of spices, a hint of violet as well as slight notes of dark chocolate, cardamom and toasted. The palate is fruity, mineral, very elegant, silky, aerial, ample, suave, complex and offers a beautiful acid/fresh frame, a beautiful definition as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum jam and black cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry, raspberry jam, chocolate, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of violet. Tannins are fine, young and very slightly dry. Good length and persistence. There is suavity and gourmandize on the finish. A beautiful and elegant wine!

## Score : 16.5

#### Vaudoisey-Creusefond Charmots 2015 Pommard – Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively generous/rich. It reveals notes of plum jam, crushed blackberry and slight hints of black cherry associated with discreet hints of red berries, a hint of black tea as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, juicy plum and slight notes of raspberry, small red berries associated with slight notes of toasted oak, mocha as well as a very discreet hint of leather. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.75

#### Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Les Vaumuriens 2014 Pommard

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant, straight and racy. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of cassis liquorice and a discreet earthy hint. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, elegant, straight, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slight racy minerality, a beautiful dynamism, a good structure, an acid frame, tension, roundness, fat as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, redcurrant and slight notes of raspberry, cassis associated with a hint of blackberry as well as slight/discreet hints of zan and a discreet woody hint. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Score : 15

# Wine reviews

# Bourgogne

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# Domaine Jessiaume 2014

Auxey-Duresses

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of leather/earth, plum and small juicy berries associated with slight hints of raspberry sweet, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of spices, violet and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, juicy and offers ac acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry and plum associated with slight notes of cherry, raspberry as well as discreet notes of liquorice and caramelization/nougatine. Good length. There is suavity and gourmandize on the finish. Score : 16.5

#### Vaudoisey-Creusefond Climat du Val 2015 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and generous. It reveals notes of raspberry jam

and crushed blackberry associated with slight notes of plum, spices as well as discreet hints of flowers (violet, rose). The palate is fruity, elegant, racy, nicely suave, aerial, ample, round and offers a beautiful minerality, tension, a beautiful finesse as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and plum associated with slight notes of fresh red berries as well as discreet hints of liquorice, toasted oak and tobacco. Tannins are fine, young and slighlty dry. There is a very discreet hint of cacao and coffee in the aftertaste. Score : 16.5

#### Domaine Jessiaume Les Ecussaux 2014 Auxey-Duresses 1er Cru

The nose is gourmand, tight and relatively rich. It reveals woody notes and slight notes of wild red berries, plum, blackberry associated with discreet hints of cherry as well as slight/discreet hints of zan. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, gourmand, nicely fine, well-balanced, aerial and offers a beautiful definition, tension as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, crunchy strawberry and slight notes of plum, cassis associated with discreet hints of zan, tobacco and cardamom. Good length.

## Score : 16.25

#### **Domaine Saint-Marc** Clos des Avaux 2012 Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and charming. It reveals notes of juicy plum and black cherry associated with slight hints of cassis, spices as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, fleshy and offers a beautiful acid frame, gourmandize as well as smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and blueberry associated with slight notes of cherry, raspberry cream as well as hint of chocolate, toasted oak and a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length. Score : 16.25+

#### Domaine Jessiaume Les Cent Vignes 2014 Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, rich, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of plum cream, blackberry and flowers associated with slight notes of cherry, juicy wild strawberry, woody notes, notes of chocolate, gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, fleshy, smooth, juicy and offers a mineral frame, finesse, richness as well as a beautiful balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum cream, blackberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of chocolate, juicy blueberry, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, racy and structuring. There are slight notes of dark chocolate on the persistence. Score : 16.75

# Château de Meursault 2014

Beaune-Fèves – 1er Cru The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, fine and relatively powerful. It reveals earthy notes, woody notes, notes of plum, cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of leather as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and slight notes of minerality. The Auxey-Duresses 1 er Cru Climat du Val palate is fruity, elegant, silky and offers a very beautiful finesse, an acid frame, a beautiful suavity, a very beautiful definition as well as a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of juicy redcurrant, raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak, vanilla, sweet spices and very slight hints of liquorice. Good

length. There are slight notes of

chocolate on the finish and the aftertaste. Very good potential! Score : 17.5+

#### Château de Meursault 2014 Beaune-Grèves – 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and slight. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). It reveals notes of cassis cream, plum and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with hints of blackberry, woody hints, hints of tobacco, leather (discreet) as well as slight hints of liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, juicy, well-balanced, smooth and offers a very beautiful definition, fat as well as a very beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum associated with slight notes of crushed raspberry, Guariguette strawberry, juicy blueberries and discreet hints of zan, tobacco, caramelized oak and hints of Bourbon vanilla. Good length. Beautiful potential! Score : 16.75

## Domaine des Perdrix 2014 Echezeaux Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and juicy. It reveals notes of blueberry and flowers (lily, violet) associated with slight notes of blackberry jam, cherry as well as discreet hints of zan, caramelization and slight/discreet hints of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, an acid frame as well as a very beautiful silky matter and

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very slightly velvety. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, juicy plum and slight hints of red berries associated with touch of liquorice, toasted as well as a discreet hint of caramelized oak. There are slight notes of chocolate on the persistence/aftertaste. Score: 17

#### Château de Chassagne-Montrachet Domaine Bader-Mimeur 2013 Chassagne-Montrachet

The nose is very elegant, fine, racy, powerful and offers a certain delicacy as well as a very slight gourmandize/richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, small red berries and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with a discreet hint of raspberry jam, hints of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of zan and a very discreet note of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, mineral and offers an acid frame, a nice volume as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cherry

associated with hints of blackberry, liquorice, sweet spices/Bourbon vanilla as well as a delicate hint of caramelization and flint. Good length.

Score : 16.25

#### Château de Meursault 2014 Clos des Chênes 2014 Volnay 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fine and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of mocha, woody notes and slight notes of juicy plum, cherry associated with hints of red fruits and slight notes of chocolate, spices as well as a discreet hint of

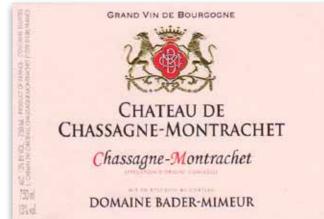
Sichuan pepper and flowers. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). As wine is decanted, the nose opens up slowly. The palate is fruity, elegant, smooth, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, gourmandize as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry cream, blackberry and juicy red fruits (strawberry, cherry) associated with discreet hints of small red berries, liquorice, toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are fin and well-built. Good length. Nice potential! Score : 16.5

# Louis Max 2014

### Chambolle-Mussigny

The nose is racy, elegant and straight. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and raspberry associated with discreet hint of gray pepper, sweet spices, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of leather and a woody hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, straight, aerial, fresh, well-balanced, suave, ample and offers tension as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry and cherry associated with slight notes of small red berries, juicy plum as well as a hint of blackberry jam, a woody hint of vanilla as well as a very slight notes of chocolate. Tannins are slightly dry and young. Good length.

Score : 15.75+



# White wines

#### Vignerons de Buxy Buissonnier 2015 Givrv

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of juicy peach, quince and slight notes of white fruits associated with hints of clementine and lemon. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fat, smooth, round, mineral and offers a beautiful mineral frame, suavity as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy peach and slight notes of lychee, Quenette associated with discreet hints of citrus fruits (lemon, clementine) as well as a very discreet hint of Granny Smith apple skin and flint. Good length. Score : 15.5

# Château de Chamirey 2014

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The nose is fruity, elegant, mineral and slight. It reveals flinty notes and notes of quince associated with discreet hints of crushed pear as well as discreet hints of fresh lemon. The palate is fruity, mineral, wellbalanced, quite elegant, fat, relatively ample and offers an acid frame. finesse, a good definition as well as juiciness. In the mouth his wine expresses notes of guince, clementine, crushed pear and juicy peach associated with slight hints of Quenette as well as a very discreet hints of fresh lemon. There is suavity and very slight hints of hazelnut on the finish and the persistence.

#### Score : 16.25

#### Château d'Estroves Les Ormeaux 2015 Mercurev

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of quince, leather, flint and discreet hints of juicy citrus fruits (clementine, orange) associated with a hint of fresh apple and crushed vineyard peach. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, fresh, well-balanced, relatively fat and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vineyard peach, Williams pear and Quenette, quince associated with slight hints of clementine, citrus fruits peels as well as a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). Good length. Score : 15.5

#### Vignerons de Buxy Büissonnier 2015 Mercurey

The nose is fruity as well as relatively gourmand and mineral. It reveals notes of crushed pear and Quenette associated with slight hints of lemon confit, flint and clementine. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand, wellbalanced, round and offers an acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, peach and slight notes of brugnon associated with hints of lemon, Quenette as well as discreet hints of flowers. Good length. Score: 15

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# **Spirits reviews**

# Beaujolais

# Brouilly

#### **Domaine Nicolas Boudeau** Grain d'expression - La Grume 2014 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a small aerial side. It reveals notes of plum, juicy blackberry and slight notes of small berries associated with slight hints of wild flowers and hints of spices. The palate is fruity, delicate, gourmand, fine, aerial, nicely gourmand and offers a beautiful acid frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum blackberry, redcurrant and slight notes of crunchy Gariguette strawberry associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak/chocolate hint. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. Score : 16+

#### Louis Tête 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and relatively powerful. It reveals

notes of blueberry, plum and slight hints of flowers (hawthorn, violet), strawberry associated with a discreet hint of colas and spices (gray pepper...). The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, delicious and offers an acid frame, a beautiful roundness as well as a smooth matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blueberry, raspberry, blackberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with a discreet hints of flowers and zan. Tannins are very fine and a bit young. Good length. Score : 15.75+

#### Domaine de la Grange Vougeon 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blueberry and purple plum associated with slight notes of strawberry jam as well as a hint of zan, gray pepper (very discreet) and a discreet hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively gourmand, juicy, quite aerial and offers fat, an acid frame, tension as well as a good dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of liquorice, strawberry as well as a discreet toasted hint. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Good length. Score : 15.5+

#### Robert Perroud En Saburin 2014 - Romain Brouilly

The nose is fruity, relatively fine as well as relatively intense/concentrated. It reveals notes of black cherry, raspberry and slight hints of cassis, redcurrant, plum associated with discreet woody touches as well as a very discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fine, soft, silky, suave, supple, precise, well-built and offers fat as well as a beautiful matter and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cassis, black cherry and slight notes of redcurrant associated with hints of toasted oak, plum as well as a discreet hint of zan and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75



#### Domaine Ruet Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of crushed red fruits (strawberry, raspberry) associated with discreet hints of liquorice and flowers. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a slight freshness as well as a beautiful juicy fruity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of Quetsche plum, blackberry associated with hints of blueberry, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of hawthorn, tobacco and an imperceptible woody hint. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit young. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.5

#### Domaine Ruet Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2013 Brouilly

The nose is fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of black-

berry cream, plum and slight notes of redcurrant sweet associated with slight hints of raspberry, flowers (rose, hawthorn) as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, deep and offers a slight acid frame, fat, roundness, a beautiful precision of the fruit as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry, raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant candy associated with hints of rose as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and a woody hint. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length

and persistence. Score : 15.75+

#### Château de la Pierre 2015 Brouilly

The nose is aromatic and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of small wild berries and redcurrant associated with slight hints of plum, cherry as well as a very discreet vegetal hint and an imperceptible hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight tension, a beautiful fat, fleshy as well as a slight gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cherry, blueberry associated with a hint of plum, colas and flowers. Good length. Score : 14.75+

# Les Vins du Penlois 2015

#### Brouilly

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, cacao, a woody hint as well as very slight hints of spices (nutmeg, clove). The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, fat and offers a slight gourmandize as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a woody hint, a hint of redcurrant, liquorice as well as discreet notes of spices and clove. Good length. Score : 14.5

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# Domaine Ruet Cuvée Vieilles vignes 2014 Brouilly

The nose is aromatic and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of blackcurrant bud, blackberry and slight notes of strawberry, plum associated with a hint of clove, flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers suavity, an acid frame as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and clove. Good length. Score : 14.5+

### Philippe Vermorel Domaine de Rochemure 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum cream and cassis associated with slight notes of raspberry, wild strawberry associated with woody hints, hints of sendalwood as well as slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, juicy and offers a beautiful acid frame as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy wild strawberry and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant sweet and liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16

### Domaine André Colonge et Fils George de Loup 2013 Brouilly

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of red berries and cherry associated with slight notes of plum, raspberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible woody hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmand, juicy, well-defined and precise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, redcurrant and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of redcurrant, liquorice as well as a discreet woody hint. Tannins are very slightly dry and dusty. Good length. Score : 16

# Manoir du Carra Terre de Combiaty 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and offers a slight gourmandize. It reveals notes of blueberry, boysenberry and slight notes of raspberry jam associated with a hint of cherry, flowers, liquorice, zan as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, ample and offers a slight acid frame, fat, a slight tension as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, cherry and slight notes of raspberry, cassis associated with a hint of blueberry, liquorice and a very (very) discreet woody hint. Good length. The finish is suave/gourmande. Score : 15.5+

# Domaine de la Perdrix Rouge 2014

# Brouilly

The nose is fruity, gourmand, full and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and wild strawberry associated with slight hints of plum, flowers as well as discreet hints of colas. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, suave, relatively gourmand and offers a small deepness, a small juiciness as well as a beautiful acid frame (red fruits). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis, plum associated with hints of colas as well as a discreet hint of

liquorice and a hint of tobacco. Good length and persistence. There is a very slight floral hint on the persistence. Score: 15.25

# P. Ferraud & Fild Domaine Rolland 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity as well as relatively aromatic and full. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and redcurrant associated with slight hints of cherry, liquorice stick as well as a discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and offers a beautiful acid frame, a small freshness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry and redcurrant associated with slight notes of black cherry, cassis as well as a discreet hint of flowers, zan and a very discreet woody hint. Tannins are fine and young. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

# Collin-Bourisset L'Authentique 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity as well as relatively elegant and full. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and small wild berries associated with discreet touches of blueberry as well as a hint of colas. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, gourmand, well-balanced, nicely defined, juicy and offers a slight freshness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry. black cherry and juicy raspberry associated with a slight note of flowers (in the mid-palate) as well as slight hints of cherry and hints of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75

# Dominique Piron 2015 Brouilly

The nose is relatively fruity as well as relatively powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry and plum associated with slight notes of spices, flowers as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, gourmand, relatively fine and offers a beautiful juiciness, fat, suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, black cherry and plum associated with hints of fleshy strawberry as well as discreet hint of zan, toasted oak, sweet spices and slight hints of vanilla. Tannins are well-built and very slightly dusty. Good length. The finish is quite powerful. Score : 14.75

## Domaine André Colonge & Fils Gorge de Loup 2014 Brouilly

The nose reveals notes of cherry and blueberry jam associated with slight touches of plum, redcurrant as well as a discreet hint of zan, tobacco and hawthorn. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, quite gourmand and offers a slight unctuosity, a slight fresh frame, juiciness, suavity as well as a beautiful acidity and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed plum and slight notes of red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant) associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of zan, slight toasted hints and a slight hint of tobacco on the persistence.

Score : 15.5

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## Château des Ravatys Le Marquisat 2015 Brouilly

The nose reveals notes of crushed blueberry, plum and small wild berries associated with a discreet hints of red fruits, hawthorn, tobacco as well as a hint of clove. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and suave. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy blueberry and slight notes of crushed strawberry associated with discreet touches of small red berries as well as hints of liquorice, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good length. Score: 14.75+

# Georges Duboeuf 2015 Brouilly

The nose reveals notes of flowers and blackberry associated with sligt notes of blueberry, cassis as well as a discreet hint of bud and Ceylan tea. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, silky and offers juiciness. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry associated with hints of ripe redcurrant/red berries as well as hints of zan and a very discreet hint of dark chocolate powder on the finish/ persistence. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry.

Score : 14.5+

### Château de la Terrière 2015 Brouilly

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum skin and slight notes of black cherry associated with a hint of cardamom as well as a discreet hint of blond tobacco and a slight/discreet hint of leather. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, relatively fresh, well-balanced, supple and offers suavity, a beautiful roundness as well as a small

gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of raspberry/fresh strawberry, a discreet hint of chocolate, toasted oak as well as a very slight hint of vanilla and caramelization. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Jean-Paul Brun Pisse Vieille 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and very aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of blueberry jam, hawthorn as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, suave, quite ample and offers a beautiful roundness, gourmandize as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and slight notes of redcurrant, cherry associated with a hint of zan, cassis/hawthorn bud as well as a discreet caramelized oak. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

Score: 15



Robert Perroud

senberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum, raspberry jam, touches of spices as well as a discreet hint of flowers and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, quite elegant an offers a small fleshy, a slight acid frame as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry and slight notes of ripe redcurrant/cherry associated with a hint of zan, tobacco, toasted oak and a discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is gournandize on the finish and the aftertaste. Score: 15.5

## Romain Jambon Cuvée Y 2013 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant, flowers (violet, hawthorn) and cassis associated with a very discreet hint of rose as well as a hint of zan and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, voluminous, ample, well-defined and offers gourmandize, a beautiful acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of gourmand strawberry, blueberry, plum and slight hints of fleshy red cherry associated with a hint of liquorice, flowers (hawthorn, hint of rose) as well as a discreet touch of vanilla on the finish. Tannins are slightly dusty. Good length. Score : 16

# Romain Jambon Les Eronnes 2015 Brouilly

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of

plum, crushed blackberry and flowers (hawthorn, lily and hint of rose) associated with hints of red fruits as well as a very discreet hint of white pepper. The palate is fruity, silky, well-balanced and offers a slight minerality as well as a small smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and fleshy plum associated with slight notes of flowers, rose, redcurrant as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, tobacco and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are young and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score: 14.75

## Romain Jambon La Pointe des Einards 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, full, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blueberry jam, plum, flowers and slight notes of crushed cherry associated with a hint of liquorice, a touch of zan as well as slight hints of chocolate and flowers. The palate is aromatic, fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, plum and slight notes of redcurrant, cherry associated with discreet hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a slight hint of chocolate on the persistence.

# Domaine Dubost Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, blueberry jam and slight hints of black cherry associated with a hint of violet as well as a discreet hint of zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, a beautiful acid frame, juiciness, finesse as well as a small gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum and blackberry associated with hints of juicy blueberry, crushed raspberry as well as a hint of liquorice, vanilla and a discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are a bit young. Good length.

# Château de Bellevue 2015

## Brouilly

The nose is aromatic (fruity, floral). It reveals slight notes of hawthorn, violet, cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of wild red fruits as well as slight/discreet notes of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tobacco, zan and a very discreet grilled oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a slight smooth, a slight suavity, a slight acid frame, a small density as well as a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of redcurrant and small wild red berries as well as a hint of tobacco, zan and a discreet hint of cacao. Tannins are slightly dry and firm. Good length. Score: 14.5+

## Domaine Ruet Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2011 Brouilly

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and black cherry associated with slight hints of crushed raspberry, slight hints of spices as well as a very discreet vegetal hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, round and offers fat, suavity as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry jam, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry, red berries associated with a hint of zan, tobacco and a discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are slightly firm and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.75

# Georges Duboeuf Domaine de Lafayette 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and slight hints of red berries associated with a hint of cherry as well as a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, relatively mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness as well as a slight gournandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and black cherry associated with hints of cherry/raspberry, toasted and liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length Score: 15.25

# Domaine de Combiaty 2015

## Brouilly

The nose reveals notes of crushed plum and blueberry jelly associated with slight hints of cassis, raspberry jam as well as a hint of liquorice and a discreet hint of hawthorn. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful suavity, gourmandize, harmony, roundness, a good volume, a slight acidity, a beautiful juiciness, fleshy, smooth as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Quetsche plum, juicy blueberry and slight hints of strawberry jam associated with a discreet hint of liquorice and toasted oak/vanilla. Good persistence. A great wine! Score: 16

# Robert Perroud L'Enfer des Balloquets 2015 Brouilly

The nose is relatively aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and slight touches of sour cherry associated with touches of zan as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and toasted. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, juicy, silky, gourmand and offers deepness, suavity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy blueberry and slight notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of liquorice, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and a very discreet hint of grilled/gray pepper on the persistence. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. A beautiful wine!

# André Colonge & Fils Gorge de Loup 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity, full and offers a slight intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of blueberry jam and more slightly of sour cherry, Quetsche plum associated with a hint of crushed Gariguette strawberry as well as slight hints of flowers (violet and discreet hint of rose), liquorice and mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced, suave and offers a slight acidity, a good precision as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of flint, blueberry, plum and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of strawberry, zan as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak.

Score : 15.25

# Domaine du Père Benoit 2015 Brouilly

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight hints of cassis associated with slight hints of flowers, spices as well as a discreet toasted oak/chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced, slightly gournand and offers a slight juiciness, a beautiful roundness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of wild strawberry as well as discreet notes of chocolate and caramelized oak. Good length.

# Domaine Ruet Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2009 Brouilly

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits and slight hints of crushed blueberry, violet associated with slight notes of spices, zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, silky, well-balanced, elegant, suave, fat and offers a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of ripe red fruits, liquorice associated with a touch of tobacco/cigar as well as a discreet woody hint and a hint of truffle. Tannins are supple. Good length. Score: 15.5

# Domaine Régis Champier Extrait de terroir 2014 Brouilly

The nose is relatively fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and a discreet hint of cassis associated with a hint of hawthorn as well as a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, suave and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, a slight freshness as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses

notes of blackberry cream, plum and slight notes of redcurrant jam associated with hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and toasted. Good length. Score : 15.5+

# Moulin-à-Vent

# Château du Moulin-à-Vent La Rochelle 2013 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals slight notes empyreumatic and a hint of cacao associated with notes of cassis, blackberry as well as slight notes of Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of red fruits jam. The palate is fruity, fat, fine, supple and offers ac acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, cherry as well as discreet touches of zan and a very

discreet hint of tobacco. Good length Score : 15

# **Couvent des Thorins** 2014

Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals empyreumatic notes, a earthy hint and slight notes of cassis associated with small notes of blackberry, a discreet touch of plum as well as small notes of spices and a discreet hint of curcuma. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers a small fleshy, a mineral frame, smooth as well as

gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam, juicy purple plum and slight notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of zan/liquorice and a very discreet hints of spices. Good length.

# Score: 15.25

# Jean-Pierre Mortet Les Rouchaux 2014 Moulin à Vent

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of raspberry, plum and slight hints of blackberry, black cherry associated with slight notes of zan and chocolate. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, silky, fat and offers an acid frame as well as a slight minerality in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, strawberry and redcurrant associated with slight notes of blackberry, plum as well as a discreet hint of zan and a woody hint. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 14.75+

# **Domaine Richard Rottiers** Champ de Cour 2015 Moulin<sup>a</sup> Vent

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and slight notes of cherry associated with discreet hints of blueberry, toasted and sweet spices, an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, ample, silky, mineral, fine, fine, juicy, voluminous and offers notes of raspberry, cherry and slight hints of blackberry and cassis associated with a discreet hint of minerality, a very discreet iodine hint,

slight woody notes and a discreet hint of chocolate and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built but very slightly dry and young. Score : 14.75+

# Jean-Pierre Mortet 2014 Moulin à Vent

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of red cherry, raspberry and discreet hints of plum associated with a hint of zan as well as a discreet touch of tea/tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, mineral and offers a slight acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry and cherry associated with hints of plum, small berries as well as discreet hints of zan and tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Good length. Score : 14.5

# Domaine Bourdon 2015 Moulin à Vent



The nose is fruity and relatively full. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of red fruits associated with discreet hints of liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, wellbuilt, well-balanced and offers fat, finesse, precision as well as an acid frame in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and red fruits associated with slight notes of toasted oak as well as a hint of vanilla and liquorice. Tannins are well-built but young. Good length. Score : 15.25+

# Domaine Bourdon 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, elegant and slightly velvety. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of flowers (hawthorn, orchid) associated with a hint of clove and camphor. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, a beautiful roundness, a slight freshness, a slight acid frame as well as a slight gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of crushed raspberry associated with a hint of plum, toasted oak, flowers, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of clove and a slight hint of leather. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 15.5

# Jean-Pierre Mortet 2015 Moulin à Vent

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry cream and slight notes of raspberry, plum associated with a touch of blackberry as well as a discreet hint of flowers, toasted and a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a slight tension, a small aerial side as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry associated with slight notes of redcurrant, raspberry, black cherry as well as a hint of plum and a touch of liquorice. Good length. Score : 14.75

# Domaine de Rochemure 2015

# Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and violet associated with a hint of wild strawberry, cornflower as well as a discreet hint of cardamom, spices (clove...) and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, relatively mineral, silky and offers a beautiful acid frame, suavity as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum and black cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry, red fruits as well as slight notes of flowers, cardamom, oak and a discreet hint of clove. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

# Vignobles Bulliat 2015

# Moulin à Vent

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry

and strawberry associated with slight notes of raspberry jam, flowers as well as woody hints and hints of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, silky and offers a slight acid frame as well as a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry, strawberry and slight notes of cherry associated with a hint of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score: 14.75

## Moulin-à-Vent des Hospices 2015 Moulin à Vent

The nose is fruity and quite intense. It reveals notes of blueberry cream, sour cherry and raspberry associated with a hint of coffee, oak and chocolate and a slight notes of Quetsche plum. The palate

is fruity, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, raspberry, cherry and slight hints of small red berries associated with hints of grilled oak as well as slight notes of cacao and hint of coffee. Good length. Score: 14.75

## Anita & André Kuhnel Cuvée Vieilles Vignes 2015 Moulin à Vent

The nose is aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of boysenberry and plum associated with slight hints of crushed strawberry, oak, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of flowers (hawthorn, violet) and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of cherry associated with a discreet hint of raspberry jam as well as hints of toasted oak, zan and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

# Score : 14.5

### P. Ferraud & Fils L'Eolienne 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

Moulin-a-Vent

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, zan and blueberry associated with

a discreet hint of tobacco, leather, hawthorn as well as a discreet hint of spices and touches of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, silky, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and slight hints of blueberry, ripe red fruits, hawthorn as well as slight hints of liquorice, tobacco and a hint of toasted/vanilla. Good length. The wine need to be decanted (carafe). Good potential! Score: 15.25+

# Yohan Lardy 2014 Vieilles vignes de 1903 Moulin à Vent

The nose is aromatic and quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of Quetsche plum associated with touches of spices, gray pepper as well as a hint of bell pepper and a very discreet hint of hawthorn. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers jui-

ciness, fat, dynamism, finesse, harmony, suavity, freshness as well as a certain small deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant, cherry, cassis and plum associated with a hint of zan, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of woody cacao. Good length. Score: 15, 5

# Jean-Paul Brun La Rochelle 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

It reveals notes of juicy blueberry, plum and discreet notes of redcurrant, cassis associated with small notes of hawthorn as well as a discreet hint of zan, rose and clove. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, gourmand, deep, silky, fleshy and offers an acid frame as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, blueberry and slight notes

of cassis, hawthorn associated with slight touches of red fruits as well as a hint of rose, liquorice and grilled oak. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25

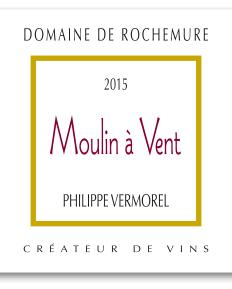
# Château de Durette Cuvée Les Gimarets 2015 Moulin à Vent

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of boysenberry and very ripe red fruits associated with slight hints of leather, zan as well as a hint of tobacco/cigar. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, sleek, supple, slightly gourmand and offers a slight juiciness, dynamism, a slight smooth as well as a beautiful/slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and redcurrant associated with a hint of blackberry, plum jam as well as hints of liquorice and woody hints. Tannins are well-built. Score: 16.75

# Château du Moulin-à-Vent 2014

## Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively elegant and intense. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of plum, red fruits associated with hints of spices, oak as well as discreet hints of clove and a slight hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, relatively fresh, supple





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and offers a slight acid/juicy frame as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry, redcurrant associated with a hint of zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and clove. Good length. Score : 15.25

# Manoir du Carra 2015

## Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals notes of crushed blueberry and plum associated with hints of sour cherry, red fruits (wild strawberry, redcurrant), woody hints, hints of spices as well as a very discreet hint of coffee and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, silky, fine, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a slight minerality, a beautiful matter as well as a very slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of juicy Quetsche plum, black cherry associated with discreet hint of cardaraspberry, discreet hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of carda-

mom and spices. Good length, beautiful finesse and a good aromatic persistence. There is gourmandize and suavity on the finish/aftertaste. Score : 15.25

### Patrick Tranchand Roche Grés 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of empureumatic, boysenberry and plum associated with slight hints of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, suave and offers a slight tension and fat.

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry, strawberry associated with hints of cassis as well as slight touches of red berries, zan and woody hints. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.25+

# Domaine du Pourpre 2015

### Moulin à Vent

The nose is aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed plum associated with slight hints of spices, Sichuan pepper, flowers, mocha/cacao, oak as well as a very discreet hint of red fruits. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful silky/slightly fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of red fruits (red berries, cherry) associated with a hint of zan, tobacco and a discreet toasted oak. Tannins are well-built and very slightly dusty. Good length. There is a very slight hint of dark chocolate (in the background), and powerful on the finish/aftertaste. Score: 14.75

# Domaine Benoit Trichard L'Exception 2013 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight touches of crushed strawberry associated with a discreet hint of coconut. The palate is aromatic, mineral, fresh and offers an acid frame and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of black cherry, small red berries associated with notes of coconut, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of cacao and tobacco. Good length and large persistence. Score: 14.5

# Anita Kuhnel Cœur de Vigneronne 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively rich. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and plum associated with a discreet hint of ripe red fruits as well as a touch of flowers (hawthorn, violet) and a hint of spices (nutmeg...). The palate is fruity, mineral, fine, elegant, well-structured and offers tension, straightness, a slight juiciness, a slight suavity, a slight gournandize as well as a beautiful fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight hints of blueberry, red fruits (redcurrant, cherry) associated with a hint of tobacco, zan as

well as discreet notes of Ceylan tea, spices (nutmeg...) and a very discreet hints of hazelnut on the finish. Good length and good persistence. The finish/ persistence is suave and gourmande. There is a very discreet hint of cacao and grilled coffee on the persistence. Score : 16

## Domaine Dubost -Tracot Climat Les Burdelines 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of

fresh plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with discreet touches of fresh red fruits as well as discreet hints of liquorice, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, suave, racy and offers a good definition, an acid frame as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, cherry and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant as well as discreet hints of spices and toasted oak/vanilla. Good length.

### Domaine Richard Rottiers Dernier Souffle 2015 Moulin à Vont

# Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand, quite complex and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of fresh blueberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed strawberry, plum, liquorice associated with a very discreet note of flint, slight notes of sweet spices, vanilla, coconut (discreet) as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and toasted oak. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky, well-balanced and offers a good definition, deepness, a slight juiciness as well as a certain intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of cassis, red fruits associated with hints of zan, Cuben pepper, toasted oak, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of coconut. Tannins are fine and very slightly frim. Good length. Good potential!

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## Jean-Paul brun Les Thorins 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals notes of hawthorn and slight empyreumatic notes, notes of blackberry and plum associated with discreet touches of red fruits as well as a very discreet hint of spices (sweet spices...). The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fleshy, a good definition, a slight mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and ripe black cherry associated with hints of cassis, redcurrant, hawthorn (discreet) as well as slight hints of liquorice and nutmeg. Good length. Score: 15

# Château des Gimarets 2013

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and clove associated with discreet notes of nutmeg, leather (very discreet) as well as a hint of crushed blueberry and a very discreet hint of hawthorn. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a slight fleshy, juiciness as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of flowers, zan as well as a discreet hint of clove. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Domaine Richard Rottiers 2015

### Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry and crushed plum associated with slight notes of blueberry, red fruits, liquorice as well as slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a mineral frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Quetsche plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of red berries, red fruits as well as a discreet hint of hawthorn, zan and chocolate. There is a slight woody/caramelized note on the finish. Score: 15+

# Château de la Terrière Climat Le Moulin 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers, hawthorn, plum and blueberry associated with slight notes of strawberry, discreet note of liquorice, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, well-balanced, supple, slightly gourmand and offers a small minerality (mineral frame), a slight juiciness, smooth, fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum cream, blueberry and slight notes of red fruits (wild strawberry, redcurrant) associated with hints of liquorice as well as a woody hint, a discreet hint of chocolate and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and supple. Score: 15

### M. Charvet Vieilles vignes 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

# The nose is fruity, relatively intense, fresh and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, cassis and hawthorn associated with slight hints of blackberry as well as a hint of tobacco and discreet hints of zan. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky, fresh, racy, relatively silky and offers an acid frame, minerality, finesse as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry, juicy blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of plum, toasted, liquorice as well as discreet touches of chocolate. Good length. Score: 15+

# Château des Gimarets - Tradition 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is intense, powerful and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, hawthorn and boysenberry associated with discreet hints of wild berries. The palate is fruity, mineral, sleek, silky, relatively ample and offers a slight freshness, an acid frame, finesse, dynamism, roundness, a beautiful suavity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with a touch of fleshy strawberry as well as discreet hints of toasted and a very slight hint of cacao on the persistence. Tannins are very slightly dry and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Score: 15+

## M. Charvet La Réserve d'Amélie 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is relatively fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and discreet hints of blueberry associated with a discreet hint of red berries and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced, well-defined, relatively fresh and offers a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of crushed raspberry, liquorice, toasted oak/chocolate, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length.

## Domaine du Penlois Sous l'aile du Moulin 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of plum jelly, blueberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of flowers as well as a slight hint of red fruits and woody hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky and offers a good definition/expression, a beautiful juiciness as well as a slight mineral frame, a slight acidity as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry, juicy red fruits associated with discreet woody hints of cacao as well as discreet hints of liquorice. Good length and good persistence.

# Anita & André Kuhnel Reine de Nuit 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals notes of crushed plum, ripe black cherry and slight notes of flowers (lilac, violet) associated with hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, sleek, slightly gourmand and offers harmony as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry, strawberry and slight notes of chocolate associated with a hint of red berries and toasted oak/vanilla. Tannins are very slightly dry. Score: 14.75

# Georges Duboeuf 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry and plum associated with discreet hints of blueberry, zan and tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, silky, quite elegant and offers a slight acid/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, blackberry and plum associated with a hint of raspberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

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# **Domaine Bertrand** Cuvée Infini 2013

# Moulin à Vent

The nose is elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of very ripe red fruits as well as a hint of flowers associated with slight touches of dried blackberry as well as a discreet hint of leather and humus/undergrowth. The palate is fruity, quite elegant, relatively fine, ample and offers fat, suavity, a beautiful definition/expression, a good freshness as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of very ripe red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant, cherry) associated with a discreet hint of skin plum as well as a hint of undergrowth and a very discreet hint of mushroom. Good length.

# Score : 15.75

# Domaine Bertrand 2013 Moulin à Vent

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and slight hints of black cherry, very ripe red fruits associated with a discreet hint of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and undergrowth/mushroom. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a slight freshness, a beautiful acid frame, fat, suavity as well as a beautiful harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of cassis as well as a very discreet hint of toasted and a hint of musk. Good length.

Score : 15.5+

## Xavier & Nicolas Barbet Exclusivité Jean Loron – Vieilles Vignes 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and a slight note of leather associated with slight notes of cassis, plum as well as a discreet touch hawthorn, tobacco and a discreet woody hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a beautiful fat, roundness

as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with touches of juicy red fruits as well as a hint of liquorice. Good length. Score: 14.5

# Piron & Lameloise 2015

## Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is relatively aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blueberry, cassis and more slightly of black cherry, flowers associated with hints of tobacco as well as a discreet hint of cinnamon, spices and dried violet. The palate is fruity, slightly smooth, relatively gourmand and offers suavity as well as a beautiful acid/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and slight notes of crunchy strawberry, blackberry associated with a discreet hint of caramelization and toasted oak. Tannins are a bit dry and relatively plentiful. Good persistence. Score : 14.5+

# Jacques Charlet Climat Champ de Cour 2014 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is fruity and slight. It reveals notes of cassis, small berries and blackberry associated with slight notes of red fruits as well as a discreet

note of toasted/sweet spices and cacao. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky and offers a beautiful acid/fresh frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Quetsche plum and slight notes of strawberry, blackberry and black cherry associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak/caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Good length. The persistence is suave, gourmand and offers a very slight hint of cacao. Score : 15.5

# Lucien Lardy Les Thorins 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose reveals notes of cassis, blueberry and discreet hints of wild fruits, blueberry associated with hints of red berries, toasted and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, velvety and offers a slight juiciness, a beautiful matter, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful gourmandize. In

the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry jam, blueberry and slight notes of raspberry, plum associated with discreet hints of toasted oak/caramelized oak and chocolate. Tannins are well-built, fine and elegant. Good length and persistence. The persistence is suave, gourmand and offers slight hints of dark chocolate as well as a discreet caramelization. Score : 15.75+

### Domaine de la Vigne Romaine 2015 Moulin-à-Vent

The nose is aromatic, quite elegant and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed plum and slight notes of crushed cassis, wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of spices as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, racy, well-balanced, silky, gourmand and offers a slight fleshy, suavity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, blackberry and slight notes of blue-

berry, fleshy strawberry associated with a discreet hint of cherry, flowers as well as discreet toasted hints and a discreet hint of dark chocolate/ mocha on the finish/persistence. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Score: 15+

# Morgon

# Domaine des Nugues 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crunchy wild strawberry and redcurrant associated with discreet hints of plum, cherry as well as a very discreet hint of colas, hawthorn and an imperceptible hint of tea/verbena. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, well-balanced and offers a fat, a slight minerality as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant, juicy cassis associated with a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible toasted hint. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 14.75

### Steeve Charvet 2015 Côte du Py Morgon

# Morgon

The nose reveals notes of leather and empyreumatic hints associated with touches of cassis, plum and red fruits (redcurrant...). The palate is fruity, gourmand, smooth and offers a small suavity, juiciness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blueberry and cassis associated with slight notes of redcurrant, strawberry, zan and tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Score: 14.5

# Château de Bellevue Climat les Charmes 2014 Morgon

The nose is fruity and ample. It reveals fine and empyreumatic notes, notes of small wild red fruits, blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum, hints of minerality/flint as well as slight woody notes and a discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, soft, sleek, relatively smooth, fat, mineral and offers a fine and fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry cream and blackberry associated with slight notes of plum, raspberry as well as hints of liquorice and a very discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are well-built and very slightly dry. Good length.

# Score : 14.5+

# Domaine Ferraud Les Charmes 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity, full and relatively intense. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and sour cherry associated with slight hints of plum, wild strawberry, discreet hints of cherry as well as hints of spices and white pepper. The palate is fruity, dynamic and offers a beautiful definition, a slight minerality, a good volume, juiciness, a slight acid frame, fat as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, fleshy Quetsche plum and slight notes of sour cherry associated with touches of wild strawberry, redcurrant as well as discreet woody hint. Tannins are fine, a bit young and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is a very slight hint of rose on the finish.

# Domaine de Javenière 2015

## Morgon

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, plum and slight notes of blackberry cream associated with a hint of flowers (hawthorn, violet) as well as hints of redcurrant sweets, spices and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers an acid frame (on red fruits), gourmandize, suavity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, redcurrant and juicy plum associated with slight notes of cassis, wild strawberry as well as a touch of oak and liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

## Domaine du Penlois 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of wild red fruits as well as a hint of strawberry and slight touches of flowers/hawthorn. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers an acid frame (red fruits), a slight tension, a beautiful fat, roundness as well as sweetness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of Quetsche plum asso-

ciated with a discreet hint of cassis, toasted oak/sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

# Domaine Striffling Les Charmes 2012 – Réserve Morgon

The nose is fruity, powerful, intense and offers concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of raspberry, dried cherry, Cuben pepper, spices as well as touches of rose. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, straight and offers suavity, tension, an acid frame/red fruits, fat as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and redcurrant associated with slight hints of cassis as well as a discreet hint of undergrowth and a woody hint. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine!

# Domaine du Père Benoit 2015

# Morgon

The nose is fruity, generous and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis and cherry associated with slight notes of wild strawberry, fresh raspberry, pepper, spices as well as discreet hints of flowers, woody hints and an imperceptible hint of chocolate/mocha. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful silky matter, tension, freshness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of blueberry, crushed plum associated with discreet hints of zan, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of toasted/vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Score : 16

# Dominique Piron Côte du Py 2015

# Morgon

The nose is relatively aromatic, relatively elegant and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of boysenberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of small berries, strawberry as well as a hint of iris, liquorice and toasted. The palate is fruity, dynamic, structured, ample, fat, dense and offers an acid frame, a slight minerality as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant associated with a hint of plum, flowers (hawthorn) and liquorice. Tannins are young and very slightly dry. Good length. The aftertaste is slightly powerful and slightly gourmand.

# Jacques Charlet Les Charmes 2015 Morgon

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of boysenberry, plum and slight hints of blueberry, crushed raspberry associated with a discreet hint of nutmeg, spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, fine and offers an acid frame, fleshy, density, a slight smooth, gournandize and offers a beautiful matter and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and cassis jam associated with slight hints of redcurrant, strawberry as well as a hint of liquorice, coffee and a discreet hint of toasted/vanilla. Tannins are young and very slightly dry. Good length.

# Domaine Striffling 2014

## Morgon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with slight notes of cherry, redcurrant as well as slight hints of flowers (hawthorn...) as well as a discreet hint of zan and tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, quite elegant, round and offers an acid frame, a good definition, a good structure, juiciness as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry and redcurrant associated with slight notes of cassis, blackberry as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, toasted hint and tea. Good length. Score: 15+

# Domaine Striffling 2015

## Morgon

The nose is relatively intense and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, hawthorn associated with a hint of cassis bud, cassis, slight notes of blackberry fruits as well as a hint of spices and zan. The palate is

fruity, dense, fleshy and offers a beautiful structure, a beautiful roundness, fat as well as a slight acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of hawthorn, liquorice and a discreet toasted oak. Good length. Score : 15

# Georges Duboeuf Côtes du Py 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity, aromatic and full. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of cherry, crushed redcurrant associated with hints of toasted as well as a very dis-

creet hint of zan and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-defined, ample and offers a beautiful silky matter, an acid frame, a beautiful volume, suavity, dynamism, a beautiful definition as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crushed wild strawberry associated with slight hints of redcurrant, cassis as well as hints of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16

### Domaine de la Bonne Tonne Les Charmes 2015 Morgon

# Morgon

The nose is fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of hawthorn, violet associated with a discreet hint of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of redcurrant jam and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, sleek and offers a slight juiciness, a beautiful roundness, fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cherry associated with slight hints of cassis as well as hints of hawthorn and a very discreet hint of toasted/vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

# Domaine Dupré - Le Griottier 2014 Morgon

The nose is relatively aromatic, fine and very slightly dusty. It reveals

slight empyreumatic notes, notes of cassis and blackberry associated with slight hints of small red fruits as well as a discreet hint of violet, oak, chocolate and a very discreet hint of clove. The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, sleek, slightly smooth, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a beautiful finesse, a slight acid frame as well as a slight juiciness of fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of black cherry, redcurrant, wild strawberry as well as a hint of liquorice, tobacco and clove. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Domaine Mont Chavy 2015 Morgon

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and slight hints of red fruits associated with a hint of colas and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a good volume, a beautiful roundness, cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with

hints of raspberry sweet, redcurrant as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and violet. Tannins are fine and very slightly «strong»/young. Score : 15

# Collin-bourisset Les Grands Cras 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and slight notes of small wild berries, raspberry jam associated with hints of flowers as well as a discreet hint of zan, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a good definition, precision, a

slight juiciness, fat, roundness as well as a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, raspberry, cassis and slight notes of cherry associated with a hint of flowers (hawthorn, violet) as well as a hint of zan of toasted oak/vanilla. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length. A beautiful wine! Score: 16+

## Domaine Gaget Côtes du Py 2015 Morgon

The nose is quite intense and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of sour cherry, plum and chocolate associated with a touch of violet/ cornflower, roasting and a woody hint. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, sleek, silky, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a slight freshness, a slight tension, a small aerial aside as well as a slight intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, cherry and slight hints of blueberry, plum associated with a discreet hint of cherry stem, liquorice, cardamom, tea as well as a very discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are well-built. The persistence is large and offers a slight powerful and suavity. Nice potential!



# Wine reviews

# Beaujolais

# **Domaine Gaget** Côtes du Py 2014 Morgon

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of plum associated with touches of flowers (hawthorn, lily) as well as hints of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, silky and offers a good definition, a beautiful fat/roundness, a very beautiful matter, tension, an aerial side as well as a slight juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and plum associated with hints of strawberry, wild red berries, toasted oak/caramelized as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and beautiful persistence. There are hints of blackberry, cassis and flowers on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+

### Domaine Gaget 2014 Morgon

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of grilled and blackberry associated with slight notes of coffee/mocha, cassis, red fruits as well as slight woody hints, spices and a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a slight acid frame, juiciness as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry and clove. Good length. Score : 14.5+

# **Domaine Gaget** Grands Cras 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity, aromatic and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum as well as a hint of liquorice and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate

is fruity, mineral, silky, elegant, racy, well-balanced and offers a slight smooth, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful matter, fleshy as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints wild strawberry, redcurrant as well as slight hints of liquorice and toasted oak/chocolate. Good length.

Score : 15.5

## Domaine des Marrans Corcelette 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of flowers and oak/mocha. The palate is fruity, juicy, relatively elegant, well-balanced and offers density, a certain intensity, a beautiful fruit, deepness, a slight tension, harmony, sweetness as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cherry and slight notes of crushed cassis associated with a hint of strawberry and liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

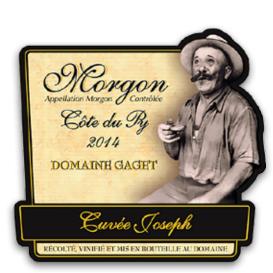
Score : 15+

# Jean Paul Brun Côte du Py - Javernières 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity, gourmand, slightly juicy and relatively intense. It reveals notes of sour cherry, blueberry and a slight hints of strawberry jam associated with hints of zan and cardamom. The palate is fruity, sleek, silky, suave, fine, elegant and offers a gourmandize as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry, sour cherry and slight notes of cassis, raspberry associated with touches of chocolate, liquorice and woody hints. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

# Pierre Dupond Les Grands Cras 2015 Morgon



The nose is relatively fruity slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of black cherry and plum associated with slight hints of blueberry as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, slightly silky, well-balanced and offers a small fresh frame as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum jam and slight notes of crushed blackberry associated with a hint of small red fruits as well as slight touches of liquorice. There is a discreet hint of chocolate on the finish/persistence. Score : 15+

### Vignobles Bulliat Nature 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity and offers a slight gourmandize as well as a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry

and slight hints of crushed strawberry associated with very discreet hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a slight fat, a slight suavity as well as a slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and plum associated with slight hints of black cherry, small red fruits as well as a hint of liquorice, oak, roasting/expresso. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15

# Jean-Paul Dubost Cuvée la Ballofière 2015 Morgon

The nose is aromatic and quite charming. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of blueberry associated with discreet hints of red berries and a discreet hint of cigar/tobacco. The palate is fruity, sleek, suave and offers gourmandize, a beautiful juiciness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of redcurrant associated with hints of cherry as well as discreet hints of Quetsche plum and an imperceptible hint of zan/leather. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

# Jean Paul Brun - Terres Dorées 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and slight hints of crushed blackberry associated with slight hints of violet/lilac, Gariguette strawberry, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of cigar/toasted. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, specific, nicely built and offers a slight tension, a beautiful grain (lace!) as well as a slight freshness (frame). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum and blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis, red fruits (cherry, red berries) as well as a hint of zan, sweet spices, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Good length. Score : 15.75+

# Domaine du Petit Pérou Tradition 2015 Morgon

The nose reveals notes of boysenberry and slight notes of small wild

fruits associated with hints of cherry, toasted oak/caramelization. liquorice. dark chocolate/cacao as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a slight minerality, a slight juicy frame, suavity, a slight smooth, a slight/discreet acidity as well as a small deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and blueberry associated with a hint of raspberry, crushed red cherry as well as hints of liquorice, toasted and a discreet hint of chocolate. Good length. Score : 14.75

# **Dominique Piron** La Chanaise 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of blueberry associated with a discreet hint of wild red fruits, a hint of cacao as well as a discreet hint of violet and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, slightly mineral, fat, relatively silky and offers harmony, a good expression as well as a slight freshness. In the

mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of cherry/red berries as well as hints of toasted, roasting and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15

# Laurent Gauthier Vieilles Vignes - Côte du Py 2015 Morgon

The nose is aromatic, elegant and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight hints of crushed strawberry associated with woody hints, hints of flowers, spices and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, silky and offers a slight acid frame, a slight freshness, tension as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and cherry associated with a hint of cassis, small red berries as well as slight hints of toasted oak, cardamom, vanilla and a very discreet hint/imperceptible hint of cinnamon. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of cacao on the persistence.

# Domaine des Montillets Montillets Tête de Cuvée 2014 Morgon

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a slight elegance as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of black cherry associated with woody hints, hints of roasting as well as a discreet hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, sleek and offers a slight fleshy, a slight acid frame, a small density as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and slight hints of redcurrant, plum associated with a hint of tea, zan (very discreet) and tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 14.75+

# Fabien Collonge Corcelette 2015 Morgon

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of

boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of wild fruits associated with a discreet hint of cherry as well as hints of spices and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek and offers a beautiful definition/volume, a beautiful juiciness, an acid frame and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, small red fruits associated with a discreet hint of zan and caramelized oak. Tannins are well-built. There is a slight gourmandize and suavity on the finish. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate and carameli-

# Jean-Michel Dupré 1935 Vieilles Vignes 2014 Morgon

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, cherry and gray pepper associated with a hint of leather/tobacco, granite as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper and a very discreet hint of bell pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, silky and quite elegant. In the mouth this

wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of fresh red fruits as well as a discreet hint of toasted/colas. Good length. Score : 14.75

# Jean-Michel Dupré Grands Cras 2015 Morgon

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed plum and slight hints of wild berries associated with a hint of zan, a very discreet vegetal hint as well as an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acid frame, suavity, a small acid frame as well as a silky and tight matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, crushed red fruits and slight notes of juicy plum associated with a discreet hint of colas, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of caramelized oak. Good length.. Score : 15

zation on the aftertaste. Score : 15+

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# Wine reviews

# Beaujolais

# Château de Raousset Douby 2015 Morgon

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of wild berries, plum, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of violet/rose and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-built and offers suavity, a slight juicy frame, a slight acidity, a slight gourmandize and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and slight notes of cherry associated with a hint of raspberry, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

# Laurent Gauthier Vieilles Vignes - Grand Cras 2015 Morgon

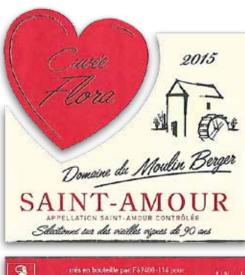
The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed plum

and flowers associated with slight hints of blueberry, black cherry as well as discreet hints of chocolate oak, a very discreet hint of coffee as well as a imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, fine, gourmand, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful fat, a very slight juiciness as well as a beautiful smooth matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Questsche plum, Gariguette strawberry jam and slight notes of blackberry associated with a discreet note of blueberry as well as a hint of toasted oak, chocolate and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of coffee. Good length. A beautiful wine! Score: 16

# Saint-Amour

### Domaine du Moulin Berger Cuvée Flora 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and more slightly of strawberry



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# Dominique Piron 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry and crushed raspberry associated with slight notes of blackberry, plum as well as hints of zan, spices and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-defined and offers a slight acid frame, a good volume, finesse as well as a small silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, red berries and blueberry, cassis associated with a hint of toasted, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 15.75+

# Domaine de la Pirolette 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of violet, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a woody hint as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced, relatively elegant and offers roundness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this

> wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and raspberry associated with a hint of cherry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of saline minerality and woody hints. Good length.

Score: 14.75

# Patrick Tranchand Cœur du Gamay 2014 Saint-Amour

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of plum as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and a hint of toasted oak/leather. The palate is fruity, mineral, supple, slightly juicy, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum jam, blackberry and slight notes of cherry associated with a discreet hint of raspberry, liquorice as well as a discreet toasted hint. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

associated with hints of flowers as well as discreet hints of zan and toasted. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, tight and offers a slight smooth, finesse and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and more slightly of blueberry associated with hints of red berries as well as slight notes of dark chocolate and a discreet hint of black tea. Good length. Score: 15+

Domaine des Pins 2015

# Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and hints of blueberry, strawberry jam associated with a hint of liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a good definition, precision as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight hints of blueberry, crushed strawberry associated with a discreet hint of red berries, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and bud (very discreet). Good length. Score: 14.75

# Domaine des Billards 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of violet, hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and hint of plum associated with a discreet hint of red berries, zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, cardamom, toasted and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and young. Good length and beautiful/suave persistence. There is a very slight hint of salinity and dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15

# Pascal Berthier Esprit de Séduction 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and plum associated with slight touches of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of toasted, spices and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, elegant, well-balanced, aerial, suave and offers a beautiful definition/expression, a good volume as well as a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of crushed strawberry/ crushed cherry as well as a hint of toasted, a discreet hint of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length and persistence. Score: 16

# Jean-Paul Brun 2015

# Saint-Amour

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of rose, cherry and more slightly of tobacco/plants associated with a discreet hint of plum. The palate is fruity, relatively fine, relatively suave and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, red berries and slight notes of black cherry, cassis associated with a discreet hint of tobacco, cherry stem as well as a very discreet hint of flowers. Good length. Score : 14.5+

## Rémi Benon 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of raspberry jam, cherry and slight hints of cassis associated with a discreet hint of plum, spices as well as a discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of cacao. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, suave, relatively gourmand and offers a slight smooth, a slight juiciness, a slight suavity as well as a good definition/dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses

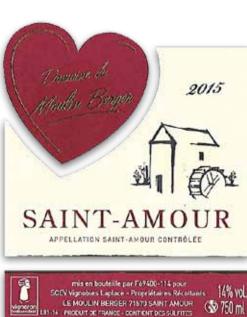
notes of blackberry jam, plum and slight hints of cassis associated with a hint of cherry/raspberry as well as slight hints of liquorice. Good length. There is a discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. Score : 15+

# Domaine du Breuil 2015

# Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity, gournand and slightly aromatic. It reveals notes of red fruits jam/red berries associated with slight hints of plum, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco and liquorice. The palate is fruity, sleek, fine, mineral and offers a slight suavity, a slight juiciness/acidity as well as a slight gournandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and red fruits (cherry, red berries) associated with a hint of plum, flowers/hawthorn as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75



# Domaine du Moulin Berger 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry and slight notes of cassis, plum associated with a discreet hint of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of spices, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, quite elegant, well-defined and offers a mineral frame, a slight acidity, a beautiful expression as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum jam, crushed raspberry associated with a hint of liquorice, toasted as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices. Good length. The finish is suave/gournande and offers very slight notes of caramelization, hazelnut and dark chocolate.

# Château de Saint-Amour 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is a bit discreet. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes

of cassis associated with discreet notes of blackberry, woody notes as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively gourmand, well-balanced and offers a slight smooth, a slight juiciness as well as a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cherry jam and blueberry associated with discreet hints of plum, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of toasted. Good length. Score : 14.5+

### Collin-Bourisset L'Authentique 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and slight. It reveals notes of cassis, violet/cornflower and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of blackberry as well as slight hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fat/ suave, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness, finesse, a beautiful smoothness, a slight gourmandize, a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry.

crushed cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of strawberry as well as hints of liquorice and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are fine and young (wait 12/18 months). Good length. Score : 15+

## Maison Ferraud 130 millésime 2015 Saint-Amour

The nose is fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis associated with slight notes of blueberry, liquorice, woody notes as well as a discreet hint of bud. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a slight acidity, a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, a slight smooth, suavity, a small fat as well as a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with woody hints as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. Good length.

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# Red wines

# Quinta do Cume - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, racy, relatively powerful and offers finesse. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, plum and discreet touch of blueberry associated with a slight hint of strawberry as well as notes of liquorice, violet and a hint of toasted/caramelized. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, supple and offers a nice mineral frame, a good density as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum jam and slight notes of blueberry, strawberry/raspberry associated with slight notes of toasted oak/caramelized oak as well as hints of chocolate. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 16

# Casa Ferreirinha - Quinta da Leda 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of wild berries associated with a discreet hint of black olive, with slight touch of eucalyptus as well as slight notes of mocha and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, quite elegant and offers a good definition as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of raspberry, cherry as well as discreet notes of sweet spices, mocha and vanilla/caramel. Good length. Score: 15.5

Horta Osorio Wines - Touriga Nacional 2014

# Douro

The nose is aromatic, structured, powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry associated with slight notes of olive tree, spices as well as vegetal hints and a hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers an acid frame, fat, a fleshy matter and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy black plum and slight notes of red berries (strawberry, discreet notes of strawberry...) associated with hints of cassis, liquorice, chocolate as well as a discreet caramelized oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

# Score : 15.5

# Quinta do Cume - Selection 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and a hint of strawberry balsamic vinegar associated with slight notes of cassis, blackberry, slight touch of minerality as well as a hint of a very ripe strawberry, eucalyptus hint and discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a nice acid frame as well as a nice gourmand fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and juicy Quetsche plum associated with a slight touch of blueberry, Gariguette strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of racy minerality as well as touch of toasted oak, caramelization, vanilla and a discreet hint of flowers. Tannins are fine and very (very) slightly dry. Score : 15

# Horta Osorio Wines - Colheita 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity as well as relatively generous and relatively fleshy/ concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of crushed plum associated with a hint a red fruits, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of oak and caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a nice fat as well as a good density/concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum, black cherry and hints of strawberry/redcurrant associated with touch of liquorice, chocolate, oak as well as an imperceptible hint of balsamic and eucalyptus. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

# Horta Osorio Wines - Sousao 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively intense. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight hints of crushed plum and chocolate hints associated with a discreet hint of raspberry (in the background) as well as hints of olive tree/grove, toasted oak, a discreet hint of vanilla and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, fleek, silky and offers freshness, an acid frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis jam, slight hints of raspberry, crunchy Gariguette associated with a hint of tobacco, slight touch of liquorice, oak, sweet spices as well as slight notes of dark chocolate (in the background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a slight suavity on the finish. Score: 15

# Brites Aguiar 2014

# Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of fleshy strawberry associated with hints of oak, chocolate as well as a hint of flowers, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet earthy hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, gourmand and offers an acid frame as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crushed cassis and slight notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry associated with a hint of raspberry as well as slight notes of liquorice, chocolate, spices (nutmeg...) and oak. Tannins are very slightly dry and a bit young. Good length. Score: 15.5

### Bafarela - Grande Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is relatively intense and concentrated. It reveals notes of cassis, grove, small wild fruits associated with a hint of blackberry jam, toasted as well as a hint a caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, fresh and offers an acid frame, dynamism, a good definition, a silky matter, fat as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, small wild berries and slight notes of fresh wild strawberry associated with a hint of raspberry jam, liquorice, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of coconut. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

# Score : 15.5

# Quinta dos avidagos - Premium 2014 Douro

The nose is aromatic, powerful and relatively fruity and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of cassis cream and slight notes of small wild berries associated with hints of wild berries, blackberry, chocolate truffle, Sichuan pepper as well as a hint of oak and zan. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, well-built and offers a nice silky matter, an acid frame, a slight freshness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fleshy Guarigette strawberry associated with hints of dark chocolate, liquorice, a hint of tobacco as well as a discreet note of olive/grove and discreet touch of oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are slight notes of dark chocolate on the persistence. A nice, gourmand, fruity and suave wine.

### Andreza 2014 Douro

The nose is aromatic, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and grove associated with a hint of eucalyptus, liquorice as well as a discreet oak and a very slight hint of mocha in the background. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, delicate and offers a very beautiful finesse, a velvety matter, aerial, a slight acid frame, tension as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis, slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of liquorice, oak, very slight hints of violet as well as very slight notes of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. Good length. A beautiful wine! Good job! Score : 16.75

# Andreza - Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis jam, crushed blackberries and hints of Quetsche prunes associated with

hints of olive tree and zan, as well as a discreet hint of tobacco. cardamon and woody touches. The mouth is fruity, fine, mineral, elegant, juicy, aerial and offers a beautiful acid frame, a nice expression / definition as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and cassis iam combined with fine hints of raspberry, red berries as well as slight notes of licorice, toasted oak and a touch of cardamon. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly dusty. On the finish there are very fine notes of chocolate. A beautiful wine! Good job! Score : 16.5

### Casa Ferreirinha - Papa Figos 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis, hint of flowers, grove/olive tree associated with discreet hints of spices as well as

an imperceptible hint oh gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky and offers a small freshness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, small berries associated with a hint of redcurrant, slight notes of liquorice, hints of tobacco, tea and slight notes of toasted oak/caramelized oak and a discreet hint of gray pepper. Good length and persistence. Score : 14.75

# Quinta do Infantado 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis jelly and slight notes of grove, olive note associated with hints of red berries as well as spices touch (nutmeg, clove...) and a discreet hint of iris. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively silky and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of Gariguette strawberry associated with a hint of blueberry, hint of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and sweet spices hints. Good length.

Score : 14.75

# Avigados 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively intense. It reveals notes of blueberry cream, cherry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of redberries, black olive and a discreet hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice fat, suavity, juiciness as well as a nice fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and juicy black plum associated with hints of redcurrant, strawberry as well as slight of toasted oak, sweet spices and a discreet touch of vanilla. Good length.

Score : 14.75

# Borges - Reserva Tinto 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a slight concentration as well as a slight greediness/richness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry cream and slight hints of fleshy strawberry, cassis associated with hints of oak,

> zan, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, racy, well-balanced, harmonious, gourmand and quite elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis jam associated with slight notes of fleshy strawberry, raspberry, blueberry as well as slight notes of toasted oak, slight notes of caramelized and discreet hints of zan. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 16.25

# Lello 2015 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight elegant as well as a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, grove and a hint of olive tree associated with a slight touch of blackberry, hints of small red fruits as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper, leather and a very discreet hint of overgrowth. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, silky, well-ba-

lanced and offers a silky matter, an acid frame, freshness, fat, density as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of raspberry, redcurrant associated with plum hint, cassis and slight notes of raspberry, redcurrant associated with a hint of plum, chocolate, liquorice as well as a hint of tea and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length. Score : 14.5

# Casa Ferreirinha - Vinha Grande 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and cassis cream associated with slight hints of plum, chocolate and spices. The palates is fruity, fine, mineral, silky, airy, well-balanced and offers tension, a slight density as well as a beautiful grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum jam and slight notes of cassis, racy minerality associated with slight hints of red berries, chocolate, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of coffee. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

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# Quinta dona Leonor - Grande Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is powerful and fruity, and needs to be aerated. It reveals notes of cassis, fleshy plum and slight hints of small red berries associated with hints of spices, gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers tension as well as an acid frame. In the mouct this wine offers notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of plum, redcurrant, mocha, toasted oak as well as a hint of caramelization and very slight hints of vanilla. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

# Score : 14.75

# Quinta dos Avidagos - Reserva 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity, concentrated and relatively rich. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry, redcurrant, plum and slight notes of dark chocolate associated with a hint of nutmeg, clove as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmand, suave, well-balanced and offers a nice definition, an acid frame, juiciness as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis, slight notes of plum associated with hints of wild strawberry, redcurrant as well as slight notes of chocolate, toasted oak, slight hints of vanilla and a hint of black tea. Good length.

Score : 14.75

# Casa Ferreirinha - Esteva 2015 Douro

The nose is fruity and a bit closed, needs to be aerated. It reveals notes of cassis, boysenberry and slight notes of blackberry cream associated with a hint of fleshy strawberry, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of eucalyptus, cacao and a very discreet hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness, juiciness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes and cassis associated with hints of liquorice, chocolate as well as a hint of strawberry. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 14.25

# Horta Osorio Wines - Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, leather and cassis associated with discreet flinty notes, mocha as well as a hint of bay. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, freshness, as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and raspberry associated with hints of cherry, slight notes of mocha, caramelized oak as well as discreet notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 15

### Quinta do Estanho - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively aromatic and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight notes of plum associated with hints of racy minerality, chocolate as well as a discreet oak, a discreet hint of iodine and a slight hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, racy and offers a mineral frame, a slight freshness, a smooth texture and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum and slight notes of chocolate, raspberry associated with a discreet hint of cherry as well as a slight note of tobacco, liquorice, oak and a hint of expresso. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

# Quinta do Estanho - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cassis cream and blackberry associated with hints of plum, mocha, slight notes of expresso as well as discreet notes of spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral, smooth, well-built and offers a fresh frame, a slight acidity, fat and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, raspberry, plum and a hint of blueberry associated with slight notes of chocolate/mocha, slight notes of toasted oak and cardamom as well as a slight hint of coffee. Good length and persistence. A nice wine, gourmand and elegant. Good job! Score : 16.25

# Horta Osorio Wines- Achado 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and a bit elegant. It reveals slight notes of grove and touch of blackberry, cassis associated with a slight hint of leather as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of fleshy strawberry. The wine needs to be aerated. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight freshness as well as a mineral frame (racy minerality). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and slight notes of strawberry, raspberry associated with hints of mocha, oak and liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15

## Quinta dos Murcas - Reserva 2011 Vinhas Velhas & Pisa a Pé - Esporao Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a slight density as well as a slight elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis associated with hints of Quetsche plum skin, mocha, caramelized oak as well as a hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, fine, silky and offers an acid frame, a good texture, a nice expression as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis cream, slight notes of raspberry and small berries associated with a slight touch of caramelized orak, vanilla, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of black pepper on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length and persistence. The persistence/finish is gourmand and offers a very discreet hint of iodine. Good job! Score : 16

# Claudia's Quevedo - Reserve 2014 Douro

The nose reveals notes of olive tree, blackberry, cassis jam and a hint of olive associated with a hint of zan as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-built, supple and offers fat, a good juiciness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of Gariguette strawberry associated with hint of plum jam, liquorice and a very discreet hint of raspberry. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.25

# Quevedo Wines - Grande Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively intense/concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, mocha and discreet notes of undergrowth associated with a hint of grove, cassis and raspberry as well as discreet hints of tobacco and cardamom. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, elegant and offers a fresh frame, a nice density, a nice volume as well as a beautiful grain. Nice palate! In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, strawberry, plum jam and slight hints of strawberry

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associated with discreet hints of oak, mocha as well as slight hints of liquorice. Tannins are well-built but young. Good length. Very good job! Score: 16.25

# Quinta dona Leonor - Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum jam and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of wild strawberry, liquorice and toasted oak as well as hints of sweet spices/vanilla and a hint of chocolate. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, smooth and offers a beautiful definition, an acid frame as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, slight notes of grilled oak, cacao and slight notes of olive tree as well as a discreet hint of coffee and hints of zan. Tannins are (very) slightly dry. Good length.

# José Maria da Fonseca - Domini 2014 Douro

The nose is intense and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, pistil and lilac and slight notes of cassis jam associated with a discreet hint of strawberry as well as slight notes of black tea, oak and a hint of zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acid frame as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassos associaed with slight notes of cherry, raspberry as well as hints of wild strawberry, a discreet hint of liquorice and very discreet hints of toasted oak. Good length.

# Score: 15

# Borges - Quinta da Soalheira 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of plum jam, liquorice as well as a hint of tobacco and a discreet hint of olive. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a slight suavity as well as a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine express notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of juicy raspberry associated with slight notes of liquorice, oak, black olive, cherry as well as a discreet hint of grove. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

# Bajancas - Vinha Do Corvo 2012

Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of strawberry, raspberry and a discreet hint of balsamic associated with slight notes of blackberry, violet, a discreet note of truffle as well as a hint a spices and oak (discreet). The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a good definition as well as a slight fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy raspberry and cherry associated with a discreet hint of blueberry cream, liquorice, toasted oak, caramelization and mocha. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

## Duorum - Colheita 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and offers finesse/subtlety. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of olive associated with hints of grove/olive tree and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful silky texture, a good density, fat, suavity and harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum jam

and slight notes of cherry associated with hints of raspberry, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of black tea and grove/black olive. Tannins are wellbuilt. Good length. A good value! Score: 15.25

# Quinta da Touriga-Cha 2013

# Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness as well as a small harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of racy minerality, cassis jam associated with a discreet hint of zan and black olive. The palate is fruity, racy and offers a good smooth texture, a mineral frame (racy minerality), a slight acidity, a nice fat as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and crushed black plum associated with a slight touch of red berries, cassis, tobacco as well as a discreet note of liquorice. Tannins are fine and dry. Good length. There are (very) slight notes of grilled and expresso on the persistence. Score:  $14.75 \pm$ 

# Poças Junior - Vale de Cavalos 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum jam and slight hints of blueberry associated with slight hints of spices as well as discreet hints of grove and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant and offers an acid frame, dynamism, a beautiful fat as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, plum jelly and slight notes of raspberry, small wild berries associated with slight hints of oak, black olive, chocolate and liquorice. Good length. Score: 15.25

### Poças Junior - Coroa d'Ouro 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and silky. It reveals slight notes of raspberry, blackberry cream and hints of plum associated with touch of mocha, Sichuan pepper (discreet) and toasted oak. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful definition/expression, a mineral frame as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, cherry, red berries and slight notes of small wild red fruits associated with discreet notes of zan as well as discreet notes of tobacco. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit young. Score: 14.75

# Iter 2014

### Douro

The nose is fine and relatively intense. It reveals notes of lily, blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of blueberry as well as a touch of red berries/redcurrant. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, smooth, elegant and offers a beautiful matter, fat as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, blackberry and Quetsche plum jam associated with slight notes of raspberry, redcurrant as well as slight notes of toasted oak and cacao. Tannins are well-built. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence. The aftertaste is suave. Score: 15

# Quinta do Estanho Touriga nacional Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis jam and hints of red fruits associated with slight notes of liquorice, flowers as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak/caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight acid frame, smooth and fat. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of blueberry, raspberry associated with discreet hints of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length.

### Quinta Vale d'Aldeia 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively intense. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, plum and slight notes of lily associated with hints of blueberry, plum as well as a discreet hint of raspberry, a discreet hint of grove and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a beautiful silky matter, fat as well as a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of raspberry, wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of liquorice, zan, chocolate and tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

# Poças Junior - Poças reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant, juicy and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry jam and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of crunchy Gariguette strawberry, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, fat as well as a beautiful racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, plum cream and hints of cherry associated with hints of raspberry, chocolate as well as hints of black olive. Good length.

Score : 15

# Assobio - Esporao 2014

# Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis jam, blackberry and discreet notes of black cherry associated with hints of liquorice/zan, tobacco as well as very slight notes of olive. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced, a bit elegant and offers fat, suavity and smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jelly, blackberry jam and slight notes of cherry associated with hints of black olive, juicy blueberry as well as a discreet hint of grove and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

# Quinta Vale d'Aldeia Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic, racy and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, flowers (lily, cornflower...) associated with hints of Quetsche plum, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, well-balanced, silky, well-built, round and offers a beautiful matter, a beautiful definition as well as a good fullness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry cream, juicy cassis and slight notes of plume associated with hints of fleshy Gariguette strawberry as well as slight notes of chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. A great success!

# Avigados - Lote 138 - 2015 Douro

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry, blackberry and a discreet hint of redcurrant associated with hints of black olive, grove as well as an imperceptible hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, smooth and offers fat, a good roundness, a good definition as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed Gariguette strawberry associated with hints of cassis jam, liquorice as well as a slight touch of toasted oak/caramelized oak. Good length. Score: 15

# Casa Velha - Colheita Selecionada 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively elegant and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight hints of red fruits (in the background) associated with slight notes of spices as well as a hint of gray pepper, cardamom, olive, flint and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek and offers freshness (slight fresh frame), fat, greediness as well as a beautiful density and a beautiful grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, slight notes of plum and small notes of chocolate associated with hints of red fruits (raspberry, red berries) as well as hints of cardamom, Ceylan tea and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Rate: 16.25

# Sagrado - Vinhas Velhas 2009 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively concentrated and relatively rich. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, crushed cassis and a slight touch of Quetsche plum, strawberry, chocolate, zan as well as a hint of black tea and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, supple and offers fat, an acid frame, juiciness as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis, slight notes of crushed raspberry and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with small touch of chocolate, a hint a black tea, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of caramelized oak and an imperceptible hint of pepper in the background. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. There is powerful in the aftertaste.

# Sagrado VT - Grande Reserva 2008 Douro

The nose is fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and blueberry associated with a very discreet hint of red berries (in the background) as well as slight notes of toasted oak and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fullness, freshness, suavity, a nice mineral frame, a beautiful fruit as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight hints of blueberry, red berries associated with discreet hints of toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence with notes of coffee, blackberry and grilled. A beautiful wine! Score : 16.25

# Sagrado - Reserva 2009 Douro

The nose is fruity and mineral. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and flint associated with discreet hints of grove/olive tree, blueberry as well as a slight touch of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, supple, fat and offers a fresh frame, a good definition as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and Quetsche plum associated with slight notes of blueberry, wild berries, redcurrant as well as hints of spices, mocha and black olive. Tannins are slightly dry. The persistence is finely suave. A beautiful wine! Rating: 16.25

# Palato do Côa Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of menthol, cassis and more discreetly blackberry, olive associated with a hint of oak and chocolate. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, slightly gourmand and offers a slight mineral frame, fat and a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum jam and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of liquorice, toasted oak, soft spieces and a discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Pessegueiro - Allizé 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and more slightly of blueberry, strawberry jam associated with a hint of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of minerality and a very discreet hint of mocha/grilled in the background. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, relatively fine and offers

tension, a good definition as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of jam redcurrant as well as slight notes of toasted oak and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

# Vinhas do Côa 2014 Douro

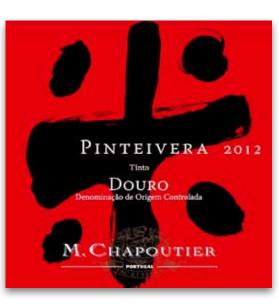
The nose is fine and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of boysenberry and cassis associated with slight hints of blueberry, flint, crunchy strawberry as well as hints of spices and a discreet hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, sleek, suave and offers roundness, a good definition, a beautiful texture, a beautiful fat, a slight juiciness, a certain complexity as well as a beautiful expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black-

berry cream, juicy blueberry and slight notes of plum, crunchy strawberry associated with a slight touch of dark chocolate/cacao, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of black olive, sweet spices/vanilla and a discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are a bit dry and young. Good length. Score : 15

# M. Chapoutier - Eleivera 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of plum associated with a discreet hint of fig, spices as well as hints of eucalyptus and black olive. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-defined and offers a beautiful fat, juiciness, a slight acid frame, a beautiful fruit, freshness, a good definition as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry and more slightly blackberry associated with touch of crunchy Gariguette strawberry as well as slight hints of toasted oak, eucalyptus, olive and a discreet hint of zan. Good length.

Score : 15.5



# M. Chapoutier - Pinteivera 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity as well as relatively concentrated and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis concentrated associated with slight notes of blueberry, liquorice, a hint of chocolate as well as slight notes of eucalyptus and cornflower. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, straight and offers tension, a beautiful fat, suavity as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of wild strawberry as well as slight hints of liquorice and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. A very beautiful vine!

## Palato do Côa 2013 Douro

The nose is a bit discreet. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and more slightly strawberry associated with a hint of juicy blueberry as well as slight hints of plum, toasted, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of spices.

The palate is fruity, fat, round, relatively fine and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry/cherry associated with a hint of cassis, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of chocolate.

# Score : 14.75

# Fagote - Vinhas Velhas Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and a slightly rich. It reveals notes of cassis jam, blackberry, slight notes of chocolate and discreet notes of red berries (in the background) associated with small notes of liquorice, caramelized oak as well as an imperceptible hint of iodine minerality in the background. The palate is fruity, fat, slightly gourmand and offers a slight suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, crushed cassis and slight

notes of strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak as well as hints of mocha. Tannins are slightly dry/over-extracted. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Zom - Colecçao 2012

### Douro

The nose is fine and a bit discreet. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, wild fruits and small berries associated with slight notes of oak as well as discreet notes of spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of blueberry, mocha/dark chocolate associated with slight notes of toasted oak, a very discreet hint of cherry jelly as well as a discreet hint of black pepper. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.75

# Quinta das Avelleiras 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of small berries, raspberry jam associated with hints of spices, nuts, Sichuan pepper

as well as slight notes of spices, a hint of tea and a discreet hint of minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, well-defined and offers a beautiful gournand matter, a slight acid frame, a good definition as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of crunchy strawberry associated with hints of small red berries, chocolate, liquorice, tea, caramel, cardamom as well as a slight toasted oak. Tannins are slighlty dry/over-extracted. Good length. Score: 15

# Fagote - Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blueberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of Quetsche plum, fleshy strawberry associated with hints of violet and liquorice. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, suave, fat, smooth, quite straight and offers a slight acid frame and a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, fleshy strawberry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of liquorice, black tea and caramel. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

# Encostas D la - Colheita 2014

# Douro

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of plum, blueberry and slight notes of liquorice associated with a discreet hint of graphite, oak as well as a hint of olive and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, supple and offers a slight minerality and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and plum associated with a discreet hint of raspberry, spices as well as slight notes of liquorice, mocha and a hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.5

# Proeza 2015

### Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively generous. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, plum and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with a discreet hint of gray pepper as well as slight notes of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, sleek and offers a mineral frame, a slight acidity (in the background), juiciness as well as preserved fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy plum and crushed blackberry associated with a hint of red berries, slight notes of chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Oboé - Superior 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively generous and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis and gray pepper associated with slight notes of spices as well as hints of toasted oak and zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, gourmand and offers a beautiful fat, tension, a good volume, slightness, an acid frame, a beautiful freshness, a silky matter as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of toasted oak, mocha and hints. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

# Oboé - Grande escolha 2011

# Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and quite rich. It reveals notes of cassis cream and blackberry cream associated with slight notes of blueberry, dark chocolate, tobacco, zan as well as a hint of toasted oak and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, nicely defined, dynamic, gourmand, wellbalanced and offers minerality, an acid frame, a beautiful fat as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, juicy Quetsche plum and slight notes of strawberry, red berries associated with touch of dark chocolate, oak as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, minerality and a hint of iodine. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.25

# Encostas D La - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and slight hints of grove, olive associated with discreet notes of wild strawberry as well as notes of toasted oak and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a beautiful acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and juicy plum associated with slight notes of crushed strawberry, hints of zan as well as a hint of violet, caramelized oak and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

# Casa Velha 2014

# Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight notes of blueberry jam, hints of fresh butter associated with discreet hints of olive and iodine minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, juicy Quetsche plum and cassis associated with hints of oak, mocha as well as a discreet hint of zan and tabacco. Good length. Score: 15.25

# Arrojo - Colheita 2015

# Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of spices associated with a hint of pepper and tea. The mouth is fruity, fine, fresh, well-built and offers juiciness as well as a slight acid frame and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jelly, crushed blackberry and crushed Quetsche plum associated with hints of strawberry, liquorice, chocolate as well as very slight notes of colas and black olive. Good length. Score: 15

# D'Eça 2010

# Douro

The nose is fruity, concentrated, relatively elegant and quite rich. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of plum cream associated with hints of liquorice, chocolate, menthol as well as a hint of cardamom and toasted oak. The mouth is fruity, mineral, racy, aromatic and offers a mineral frame, tension and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and cassis jam associate with slight notes of plum, black cherry, raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are well-built and fine. Good length. Score: 16

# Quinta do Pessegueiro 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness, generosity as well as a fine powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with notes of oak, spices as well as a hint of caramelization and liquorice. The mouth is fruity, fine, sleek, fat, suave and offers a beautiful silky, fleshy matter as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight

notes of plum associated with hints of chocolate, caramelized oak as well as discreet touch of vanilla. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. Score: 15.75

### Lua Cheia - Em Vinhas Velhas Reserva Especial Tinto 2014 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and small wild berries associated with slight touch of cassis, raspberry as well as notes of spices, a hint a Sichuan pepper and a touch of eucalyptus. The mouth is fruity, mineral, racy, well-balanced, elegant, fine and offers fat as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and hint of blueberry associated with a discreet hint of wild strawberry, liquorice, minerality, graphite, oak as well as an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 16

## Quinta do Noval 2008 Douro

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, grilled oak and fine notes of wild fruits combined with hints of mocha, tobacco and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh, well structured, relatively powerful and offers a mineral frame, a nice finesse, generosity, a nice fat, a nice roundness as well as a beautiful, silky, fleshy and gourmande matterl. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, fleshy Quetsche plum and fine notes of red berries combined with a touch of raspberry as well as touches of chocolate, grilled oak and spicy notes. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5

# Cedro do Noval 2010

# Douro

The nose is aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of leather, oak, slight notes of blackberry, small wild berries, raspberry, cassis associated with hints of roasted oak, coffee as well as a very discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, well-balanced, gourmand and offers tension, a good definition/expression, a beautiful fat, a good volume, a beautiful juicily of the fruit as well as a beautiful roundness. Nice palate! This wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and slight notes of crushed plum associated with hints of roasting. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Quinta do Couquinho - Colheita 2014 Douro

The nose reveals notes of leather, earthy notes and slightly notes of blackberry, strawberry associated with hints of spices as well as discreet hints of blackberry, strawberry associated with hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fleshy/juicy fruit as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed blueberry and slight notes of fleshy Quetsche plum, red berries associated with hints of chocolate, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of caramel. Tannins are slightly dry/over-extracted. Good length.

# Encostas D La - Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of blueberry cream and cassis associated with slight notes of blackberry and liquorice.

The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers harmony as well as a certain precision of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum and juicy raspberry associated with discreet hints of blueberry and hints of liquorice. Good length.

# Quinta de Valle Longo - Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose reveals notes of coffee and oak associated with slight notes of blackberry, cassis as well as slight/discreet hints of fresh strawberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with a very discreet hint of red berries, minerality, chocolate, graphite as well as slight notes of toasted oak, spices and a very discreet hint of caramelized oak/cardamom on the finish/persistence. Good length.

### Score : 14.75

## Quinta do Couquinho - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum cream and slight notes of cassis associated with spices, pepper (Sichuan and black) as well as discreet hints of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, juicy cassis and slight notes of red fruits (in the background) associated with hints of toasted oak, spices as well as very slight notes of caramel and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

# Quinta da Prelada - Douro 4U 2014 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration as well as a fine powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis cream associated with slight notes of small berries, discreet hints of crushed red fruits, a hit of zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and eucalyptus (very discreet). The palate is fruity, sleek, relatively fine, round, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry; plum and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet notes hints of red berries, liquorice and a very discreet hint of black olive. Good length.

Score : 14.5

# Poyares 2014

# Douro

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers powerful as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of pepper, strawberry, spices (gray pepper...), olive as well as a hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively fat, slightly gourmand and offers fleshy, a beautiful roundness, a slight mineral/juicy frame as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with discrete hints of crushed strawberry. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Quinta da Prelada 2014

Douro

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively elegant and quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis cream and discreet hints of grove associated with hints of wild strawberry, Quetsche plum as well as slight hints of gray pepper and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, fine, sleek and offers

a beautiful minerality, freshness, suavity as well as a slight mineral juicy frame in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis, chocolate, liquorice and toasted oak associated with very slight notes of vanilla, colas as well as a discreet hint of tobacco and black tea. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15

# Ramos Pinto - Duas Quintas 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with notes of spices as well as a discreet hint of zan and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, fat, fine and offers an acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with slight notes of red fruits, spices and a discreet oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15

# Monte Cascas - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a slight generosity. It reveals hints of juicy blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a discreet hint of chocolate and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, well-balanced and offers suavity as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of fleshy raspberry, cherry as well as a hint of liquorice, grilled and slight touch of oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

# Quinta dos Poços - Grande Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry and fleshy plum associated with slight notes of cassis, spices as well as a discreet hint of white pepper and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a beautiful density, an acid frame, a beautiful grain, juiciness, fat, a good definition, a beautiful juiciness (fruit) as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red fruits (fleshy strawberry, cherry) associated with hints of toasted oak, chocolate, zan and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit young. Good length.

Score : 15.75

# Monte Cascas - Colheita 2015

### Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of toasted oak, cacao and coconut associated with slight notes of blackberry, small wild fruits as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, smooth and offers an acid frame, fat as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum, juicy blackberry and slight notes of juicy red fruits associated with hints of toasted oak as well a a discreet hint of coconut and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

# Score : 15

# Apegadas - Quinta Velha - Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic, intense and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, flowers (violet and discreet hint of lily) associated with hints of cassis jam, a discreet hint of strawberry as well as slight notes of sweet spices, a hint of nutmeg/spices and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-defined and offers a mineral frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of toasted as well as a discreet hint of caramel. The finish is gourmand. Score : 15.25

# Ramos Pinto - Duas Quintas 2014

# Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis cream, crushed blackberry and slight notes of fleshy strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak, vanilla as well as a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight acidity as well a a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of raspberry/cherry associated with hints of mocha/chocolate as well as a discreet caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of nut. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. The persistence is suave/gourmand. Score: 15

## Monte Cascas - Grande Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is concentrated, fruity, aromatic and quite powerful. It reveals hints of cassis cream, slight notes of blueberry, wild strawberry and spices associated with a discreet hint of grove and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a good volume, fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as slight notes of vanilla, discreet hints of chocolate and a hint of black tea. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. There is suavity on the finish, and a (very) discreet hint of soft caramel on the persistence. Score: 15.5+

# Cabo da Roca 2015

# Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis jam associated with slight notes of blackberry, wild red fruits, fleshy Gariguette strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, hints of oak and a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, silky and offers a beautiful definition/precision, an acid frame as well as a beautiful dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jelly, juicy blackberry as well as slight notes of wild strawberry, raspberry associated with touch of liquorice as well as discreet hints of caramelized oak. Good length.

# Cascas 2015

## Douro

The nose offers a slight concentration. It reveals hints of black berry, cassis, dust associated with slight/discreet hints of oak, spices as well as a hint of white pepper and hints of violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good mineral frame, a good volume as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses hints of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red berries/redcurrant associated with hints of liquorice, fleshy purple plum as well as a discreet hint of oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.25

# Lacrau - Old Vines 2014

### Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of fleshy blackberry associated with hints of zan, a hint of redcurrant as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-balanced, fat and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of cassis cream, blackberry jam and discreet notes of redcurrant associated with hints of zan, tobacco as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. Good length. Score: 14.5

### Quinta dos Poços 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively concentrated as well as slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of concentrated cassis, blackberry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of dark chocolate/mocha as well as a hint of flowers and caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, fat, well-balanced, slightly gourmand and offers suavity as well as powerful. In the mouth this wine expresses hint sof blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of redcurrant as well as slight touch of spices, coffee and grilled oak. Good length.

# Score : 15.25

# Apegadas - Quinta Velha 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of crushed blackberry, lily and slight notes of cassis associated with notes of spices, liquorice as well as discreet notes of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth and offers a juicy frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, blackberry and slight notes of crushed strawberry associated with hints of liquorice and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry (a small over-extraction). Good length.

Score : 14.75+

# Quinta Vale do Bragao - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and spices (gray pepper, nutmeg...) associated with slight notes of grove, olive tree, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, well-balanced, slightly gourmand and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, crushed blueberry and slight notes of plum associated with touch of red fruits, liquorice, black olive as well as a discreet hint of olive tree and hints of toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a (very) discreet hint of cacao on the persistence. Score: 15.25

# Pessegueiro - Aluzé 2012 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of leather, gray pepper and oak associated with slight notes of blackberry as well as a hint of small berries and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, slightly gourmand, a bit silky and offers tension, fat, roundness as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and slight notes of crushed strawberry associated with slight hints of crushed redcurrant as well as hints of toasted oak, liquorice and a discreet hint of spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

## Aneto - Tinto 2012 Douro

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of gray pepper and flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, silky, fat and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of chocolate,

oak as well as discreet notes of soft caramel. Good length.  $\underline{Score: 15}$ 

# Bote 2015

# Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis jam, blackberry and slight notes of flowers associated with a discreet hint of strawberry and eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, sleek, silky, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with hints of liquorice as well as discreet notes of oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15

# Aneto - Grande Reserva Tinto 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively intense. It reveals notes of flowers (iris, violet), crushed blackberry, Quetsche plum and blueberry associated with slight notes of chocolate, nutmeg (discreet) and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, silky and offers a beautiful fat and suavity. Nice palate! This wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, black cherry and blueberry associated with discreet hints of red fruits, a very discreet hint of flowers as well as slight touch of zan. Tannins are slightly dry/over-extracted. Good length.

# Quinta do Pessegueiro 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and flowers associated with slight notes of strawberry, cassis as well as a hint of zan, toasted and a discreet hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky and offers a beautiful fat, roundness, finesse as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis jelly associated with slight notes of crushed red fruits as well as hints of liquorice, caramelized oak and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is suavity and a slightly iodine on the finish/persistence. Score: 15.25

# Vallegre - Vinhas Velhas - Reserva Especial 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand, relatively elegant and offers powerful. It reveals notes of chocolate, crushed blackberry and slight touch of blueberry associated with a hint of violet as well as a discreet hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, silky, well-balanced, a bit silky and offers a mineral frame, elegance, fat as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, blueberry jelly and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with small notes of chocolate and liquorice. Tannins are well-built and slightly dry. Score: 15.75

# Bajancas - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose reveals empyreumatic (roasted) notes associated with slight notes of blackberry, grove/vegetal notes, spices as well as a hint of cassis. The palate is fruity, mineral and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, slight notes of plum, cassis associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant and slight notes of liquorice, cardamom as well as a hint of leather and slight notes of oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 14.25

### Feuerheerd's 2014 Douro

The nose reveals notes of boysenberry, small wild berries associated with hints of grove, a hint of olive tree as well as slight notes of red fruits and spices. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, sleek, slightly gourmand and offers a slight freshness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum jelly and cassis associated with hints of toasted oak, olive tree, black olive as well as a hint of zan. Good length. There is suavity on the finish. Score : 14.75+

# Vallegre - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of mocha, coffee and toasted oak associated with small hints of blackberry, plum as well as discreet hints of blueberry and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful volume, a slight freshness, an acid frame, a beautiful smooth matter as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry associated with slight hints of blueberry, liquorice as well as a discreet note of toasted oak. Tannins are fin and (very) slightly dry (very slight over-extraction). Good length and good persistence. There are small notes of dark chocolate on the persistence and a very discreet hint of nut on the aftertaste. Score : 15.5+

# Terrus - Grande Reserva 2010 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis cream and oak associated with slight notes of plum, strawberry, leather, chocolate, zan as well as a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a slight mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam associated with slight notes of blackberry, crushed Gariguette strawberry, toasted oak, cardamom, liquorice as well as a discreet note of tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 15

# Van Zellers 2014

# Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (iris, lilac), blackberry and slight notes of small wild red fruits associated with hints of liquorice, spices as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, fresh and offers an acid frame, freshness, tension, a good definition as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis jam associated with slight hints of blueberry, wild strawberry as well as a discreet hint of redcurrant, slight touch of liquorice, sweet spices and oak. Good length. Score : 15.75

# Inquieto - Reserva 2011

# Douro

The nose is fruity and offers intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight notes of crushed plum associated with a hint of crushed strawberry as well as slight notes of flowers and a discreet hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a good definition/ precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red fruits (redcurrant, raspberry) associated with a hint of liquorice, toasted oak and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Good length.

Score : 15+

# Apegadas - Quinta Velha - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis associated with slight notes of butter, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers an acid frame as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, Quetsche plum and slight notes of strawberry, redcurrant associated with touch of toasted oak, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of mocha. Good length. Score : 14.75+

# Duorum - Reserva 2012 - Old Vines Douro

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, plum and slight notes of raspberry associated with a hint of redcurrant, toasted, very discreet notes of soft caramel as well as a hint of cardamom and tobacco (discreet). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers tension, a mineral frame as well as a slight acidity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of redcurrant, slight touch of chocolate, liquorice as well as a hint of black olive and cardamom. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length and persistence. There are slight notes of cardamom and grilled of the persistence. Score : 15.5+

# Inquieto - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic, fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis cream, violet and slight notes of crushed blueberry associated with a hint of crushed strawberry, a discreet hint of rose as well as a hint of liquorice, oak and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, wellbalanced and offers an acid frame as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with touch of fleshy raspberry, red berries as well as discret notes of zan and oak. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15

# Adao Antonio Aguiar - Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of olive tree and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight hints of olive tree, a hint of gray pepper as well as touch of cassis jam. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acid frame, a good volume, freshness and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, crushed blueberry and slight notes of wild strawberry, raspberry associated with hints of toasted oak and liquorice. Tannins are fine, slightly dry and a bit young. Good length.

Score :14.75

# Borrelho 2014

### Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of boysenberry, gray pepper and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight suavity, a beautiful juiciness as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with touch of toasted oak, mocha and tobacco. Good length.

Score : 14.75

### Quinta Dona Mafalda Vinhas Velhas 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand, full and quite generous. It reveals notes of blueberry, morello cherry and Quetsche plum jam associated with a discreet hint of fleshy strawberry as well as touch of liquorice/zan, cedar and a discreet touch of spices/chocolate. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, gourmand, well-balanced, suave, round and offers a slight freshness, a slight acid frame, a small deepness as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, crushed Quetsche plum, morello cherry and slight notes of strawberry associated with hints of cherry as well as discreet hints of black olive, liquorice, toasted oak and chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence. Score : 16

# Churchill's Estates - Touriga Nacional 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of iris, blackberry and slight notes of black olive, violet associated with hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of plum and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a good volume, a small fleshy, an acid frame as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry, rocky minerality associated with a hint of redcurrant, flowers, olive tree as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, blond tobacco and oak. Good length.

Score : 15+

### Churchill's Estates - Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and velvety. It reveals notes of boysenberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with a discreet hint of red fruits, violet as well as slight touch of spices and a hint of nutmeg. The palate

is fruity, juicy, elegant, mineral, deep, nicely balanced and offers an acid frame, a slight smooth, a beautiful grain, a beautiful definition, a beautiful fat, a good volume as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crushed cassis and slight notes of plum, raspberry associated with hints of liquorice, toasted oak, cardamom and a discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are fine, slightly dry, a bit young and structuring. Good length. Score : 16.5+

# Churchill's Estates 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively aromatic and offers a slight concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and fleshy blackberry associated with a hint of Gariguette strawberry, liquorice, toasted oak as well as a discreet note of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, fat, a beautiful juiciness as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis cream, blueberry, raspberry and discreet notes of crunchy strawberry associated with touch of zan, chocolate and toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25

# Quinta de S. José-Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, graphite and minerality associated with slight notes of plum cream, chocolate/mocha and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, fat, a good freshness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and slight notes of plum jam associated with a hint of crunchy strawberry, mocha, zan, tobacco and oak. Tannins are fine, a bit young (wait for 2 years) and well-buitl. Good length. A beautiful wine ! Score : 16+

# Terras do Grifo - Reserva 2013 Douro Superior

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with notes of spices as well as a hint

of pepper, liquorice, cacao and discreet hints of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, beautifully gourmand and offers a slight acidity, a fresh frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis cream and slight notes of fleshy plum associated with a hint a juicy raspberry, slight notes of chocolate, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of black tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence

# Entre Quintas - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of bell pepper and eucalyptus associated with a hint of olive tree, blackberry as well as slight notes of caramelized oak and mocha. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, a bit silky and offers a mineral frame, a slight acidity, fat as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry jelly, cassis jam and slight notes of raspberry

associated with a hint of redcurrant, graphite as well as slight notes of chocolate, zan and toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 14.75

# Alma da Vinha - Vinho Tinto 2013 Douro

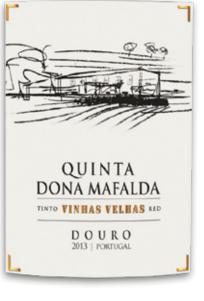
The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness as well as a slight powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, olive tree/grove associated with slight notes of blackberry, plum cream, graphite as well as a touch of chocolate, caramelized and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis cream associated with slight notes of grove/olive tree, black olive, juicy blueberry, juicy raspberry as well as hints of toasted oak, caramelization and a very discreet note of flowers. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. There is a very slight hint of iodine on the finish, and suavity on the persistence. Score : 15.25

# Maçanita 2014

### Douro

The nose is aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of eucalyptus associated with slight hints of black olive, blackberry, cassis as well as a hint of rasp-

Score : 15.75



berry, a discreet hint of toasted and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, supple and offers fat, an acid frame as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of juicy raspberry, strawberry as well as hints of oak, chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are a bit young (wait for 12/18 months). Good length. There is a very slight hint of olive tree on the finish/aftertaste. Score : 14.75+

# Terras do Grifo 2013 - Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of small wild fruits associated with a small note of raspberry, slight notes of zan as well as a discreet touch of spices and tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral and offers a slight acidity (in the background), a mineral frame as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of juicy raspberry associated with hints of zan, toasted oak as well as a discreet note of spices and tobacco. Tannins are fine and slightly dry (small over-extraction). Score : 14.5

# Van Zellers - 15 Geracoes 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant as well as relatively fine. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of raspberry, small wild fruits associated with slight notes of toasted oak, discreet notes of sweet spices as well as a hint of vanilla and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, well-balanced and offers a slight fresh frame (beautiful freshness). In the mouth this wine expresses hints of blackberry, plum and slight notes of red berries, raspberry associated with hints of zan, tobacco, spices as well as slight notes of cacao and a discreet toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There is suavity on the finish.

Score : 16+

# Quinta de S. José - Touriga Nacional 2014 Douro

The nose offers a slight powerful as well as a slight freshness. It reveals notes of boysenberry and small wild fruits associated with touch of blueberry as well as slight notes of raspberry, zan as well as a discreet note of tobacco and a slight hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, juicy, wellbalanced and offers fat as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis jam, Quetsche plum and slight notes of red fruits (raspberry, small red berries) associated with hints of zan, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of spices. Good length and persistence. There are very slight hints of coffee and black olive on the persistence. Score : 15+

## Quinta de La Rosa 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of cassis associated with slight notes of red berries jam, zan, spices as well as a discreet hint of caramelization, graphite and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, gourmand and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and juicy plum associated with hints of raspberry, liquorice, chocolate, a discreet note of oak as well as a slight note of cardamom and black olive. Tannins are slightly dry and a bit young. Good length. Score : 15.25

# Van Zellers 2014 Douro

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, iris and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of lilac, cardamom, nutmeg, mocha and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, nicely built, gourmand and offers a slight mineral/fresh frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of raspberry, graphite, chocolate, small red berries and toasted oak. Tannins are fine, a bit young (wait at least I year) and slightly dry (small over-extraction). Good length. A beautiful wine of finesse.

Score : 16+

# Vale da Poupa - Reserva Field Blend 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and needs to be decanted (carafe). It reveals notes of mocha, grilled coffee and more slightly notes of blackberry, plum associated with touch of redcurrant jam, slight notes of oak as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices and a slight hint of olive tree/grove. The palate is fruity, mineral, sleek, silky and offers juiciness, a small acid/fresh frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of red berries jam associated with hints of olive, olive tree, toasted oak as well as a very slight hint of grilled and chocolate. Tannins are slightly dry (slight over-extraction). Good length. Score : 16

# Quinta de la Rosa - La Rosa Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand, generous and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, plum and slight notes of red fruits (wild strawberry, crushed raspberry associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, notes of chocolate, Sichuan pepper, spices as well as a hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, sight, sleek, mineral, supple and offers freshness, a good definition, a small aerial side as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and slight notes of plum, raspberry associated with a hint of wild strawberry jam, touch of liquorice as well as a discreet oak. Tannins are young (wait at least 2 years) and (very) slightly dry. Good length and persistence. There is a very slight hint of iodine on the finish, and suavity on the persistence. Score : 16.25

# D'Eça - Reserva 2011

### Douro

The nose is fine, relatively powerful, elegant and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of crushed raspberry, mocha, toasted, spices as well as a hint of Cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of olive/olive tree. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, well-balanced, elegant, supple, slightly gourmand and offers a beautiful mineral frame as well as a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum and raspberry jam associated with slight notes of small red berries, spices, oak, zan, tobacco as well as a discreet hint of roasting. Tannins are slightly dry (slight over-extraction). There is suavity on the persistence.

Score : 15.25

# Dona Matilde - Vinho Tinto 2014

# Douro

The nose is fruity, slightly powerful and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight notes of black olive, wild strawberry associated with discreet hint of eucalyptus and spices. The palate is fruity, finely mineral, smooth, sleek, well-balanced, quite aerial, fine and offers a slight tension as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, juicy strawberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with a discreet hint of black olive, small wild red berries, toasted oak and dark chocolate on the finish. Tannins are well-built, very fine and very slightly dusty. Good length. There is suavity on the finish.

Score : 15.75+

# Dona Matilde - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberry, cassis and slight hints of black cherry, strawberry associated with hints of black olive as well as a discreet hint of garrigue and tonka bean. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, well-defined, racy, well-structured and offers fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, redcurrant, blueberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with discreet hints of black olive, mocha/tonka bean as well as a hint of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Castelinho - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant, relatively powerful and offers a small righteousness. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and slight hints of morello cherry, plum, cornflower associated with hints of zan, tobacco as well as a hint a cardamom, olive and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well-balanced, round, racy and offers a slight tension, a small suavity, a small fat as well as a slight powerful. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, morello cherry, cassis and slight hints of wild berries, fresh red fruits, chocolate associated with hints of zan, cardamom as well as hints of toasted oak. Good length and persistence. The persistence is nicely gourmand, suave with notes of dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Score:  $16.25 \pm$ 

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# Rosso di Montalcino

### Col d'Orcia 2014 Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, blackberry and slight notes of ripe red berries combined with slight notes of cassis, fine hints of garrigue, olive as well as discreet hints of spices, Tonka beans and wood. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, fine, relatively gourmande and offers a nice suavity, minerality as well as a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, redcurrant and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of crushed blackberry as well as slight hints of small wild berries, slight toasted hints, licorice and olive. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Beautiful persistence on notes of dark chocolate.

Score : 15.25+

# Bottega – Il Vino dei Poeti 2015 Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose is juicy, fruity and finely intense/powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of small berries associated with hints of wild strawberries, wood, liquorice, discreet hints of thyme, violet as well as a discreet hint of olive and slight touches of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, soft, fluid, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine acidity, fat as well as a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry, wild strawberries and slight notes of blackberry, small wild berries combined with discreet hints of zan, tobacco, dark chocolate (discreet) as well as an imperceptible hint of thyme and black olive. Good length. The finish is gourmande and persistent. On the persistence there is a discreet hint of caramelization and chocolate. Score: 15.5

# Col d'Orcia – Banditella 2013

# Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose is fruity, elegant and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of caramelization, licorice and fresh blackberry combined with slight notes of red berries jam as well as a discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fine, gourmande, juicy and offers a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jelly, cherry cream and slight notes of redcurrant, plum associated with a discreet hint of licorice / zan as well as a very discreet hint of blond tobacco and caramelization. Good length and persistence sith slight hints of caramelization, juicy fruits and dark chocolate.

Score : 14.75+

# La Poderina 2015

# Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose reveals notes of redcurrant jam, cassis and fine hints of blackberry combined with touches of caramelized wood, discreet hints of sweet spices / vanilla, a hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of violet (after aeration/work in the glass). The palate is fruity, juicy, wellbalanced, elegant, finely gourmande and offers a nice definition and a fine fresh frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crushed wild strawberry and ripe blackberries combined with slight hints of redcurrant, wild black berries as well as hints of toasted oak, chocolate, vanilla and a very discreet hint of caramelization on persistence. The finish is suave. Score: 15.25+

# Caparzo 2014

Rosso di Montalcino DOC

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

# Tuscany

reveals notes of Boysenberry, cassis and slight notes of strawberry jam, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and (very) discreet hints of black olive. The palate is fruity, juicy, supple, relatively gourmande, fluid and offers a mineral frame and a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry, black berries and a discreet hint of strawberry associated with discreet toasted hints and discreet hints of roasting / mocha. There is a discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. Good length and persistence. Score : 15+

# Lagerla - Vendemmia 2015

# Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose is relatively fine. It reveals notes of violets and blackberries combined with discreet toasted hints, garrigue, black olive, vanilla and a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, relatively gourmande, slightly fleshy and offers fat and a fine mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy garriguette strawberry, fleshy raspberry and fine notes of blackberry combined with a discreet hint of black cherry as well as slight hints of sweet spices / caramel and a very discreet hint of chocolate on persistence. Good length. Score: 15+

# Fanti 2014

# Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals fine notes of violet / cornflowers, blackberry and cassis associated with discreet hints of ripe red fruit, a touch of licorice, garrigue as well as slight hints of zan and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well defined, mineral, round and offers tension, a fine suavity, freshness as well as a nice juiciness and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed redcurrants, crushed strawberry and slight notes of blackberry, black cherry combined with a discreet hint of blueberry and zan. Good length.

# Scopone 2015

### Rosso di Montalcino DOC

The nose is elegant, fine, aromatic and offers a fine concentration as well as intensity. It reveals notes of wild fruits and a hint of Cuben pepper combined with a discreet hint of flowers, blackberry, a discreet hint of strawberry jam as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee and dark chocolate. The mouth is fruity, suave, relatively elegant and offers a fine juiciness, finesse, a small harmony and a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of black cherry cream combined with a hint of red berries as well as discreet hints of zan, wood and an imperceptible hint of coffee. Good length. There is a fine hint of dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15.75

# Brunello di Montalcino

# Col d'Orcia - Nastagio 2011

# Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is elegant, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of undergrowth associated with slight hints of leather, earth, olive / garrigue, blackberry, cassis as well as slight notes of strawberry, hints of black olive, spices and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, silky and offers a nice fat, a nice suavity and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, redcurrant candy, wild strawberries and slight hints of blackcurrant, wild berries combined with discreet hints of licorice, lea-

ther, wood as well as slight hints of earth / olive, spices, black olive and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 16.5

# Fanti 2012

# Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity, elegant, tight and fine. It reveals notes of Boysenberry and cassis associated with slight woody notes, small red berries, chocolate as well as a discreet touch of garrigue and graphite. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh, nicely gourmand, fleshy, deep, tight, ample and offers a fine / nice fresh frame, a fine acidity, harmony, a nice definition and a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plump flesh and slight notes of strawberry, wild black berries associated with hints of chocolate, wild strawberries, toasted hints as well as discreet hints of garrigue (sage ...) and black olive. Tannins are fine and well-built. A beautiful wine!

# Score : 17

# La Poderina 2012

# Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, fresh, relatively elegant and finely powerful. It reveals notes of wood and mocha associated with a discreet touch of undergrowth, sichuan pepper as well as hints of fresh blackberry, fresh strawberry, small berries and a very discreet hint of graphite / minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, round, suave, fat well-balanced and offers a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and slight notes of cherry, red berries combined with hints ripe cassis, plum skin as well as fine touches of olive, a discreet touch of garrigue (savory, Sage ...), cedar wood and discreet hints of toasted wood. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Score : 15.25

### La Gerla - Vendemmia 2011 Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity, concentrated and intense. It reveals notes of red berries, redcurrant jam and slight hints of crushed blackberry combined with a discreet hint of blueberry, spices and a very discreet hint of coffee / roast. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, ample, round and offers fat, a nice freshness, a fine saline minerality as well as a fine juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sweet redcurrants, raspberry and slight hints of cassis, blackberries combined with a discreet hint of cherry, zan as well as a discreet hint of toasted wood and a very discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine and well-built.

# Scopone - L'Olivare 2012

## Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is gourmand, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, wild strawberries and a discreet hint of flowers associated with touches of chocolate, grilled wood and discreet hints of sweet spices, vanilla, olive and an imperceptible hint of olive-tree. The mouth is fruity, fresh, suave, well-balanced, aerial and offers a nice minerality, a fine acid frame, elegance, juiciness, tension and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cherry and juicy raspberry combined with slight hints of wild strawberry, crushed cassis as well as discreet hints of blueberry, discreet toasted hints, black olive and an imperceptible hint of chocolate / tonka bean. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 16

100

# Tuscany

# Bottega Riserva 2010 Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, fine and quite powerful. The wine need to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of flowers (cornflower, lily), blueberry and fine hints of small black berries, blackberry associated with discreet hints of red fruit as well as discreet grilled hints, black olive and graphite . The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, aerial, fresh, round, quite fat, supple and offers a fine acid frame as well as a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cherry and blackberry combined with discreet hints of blueberry, wild strawberry jam as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, chocolate, discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A young wine! (Wait at least 4/5 years)

Score : 15.75

# La Gerla Riserva gli Angeli Vendemmia 2011 Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand and deep. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and fine notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of raspberry / wild red fruits as well as hints of chocolate, a discreet hint of roasting and an imperceptible hint of olive. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, nicely round, well defined, silky and offers a nice suavity, fat, a fine tension as well as a fine / beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrants / red berries, crushed cherry and discreet hints of wild strawberry, cassis associated with a discreet hint of blackberry, a toasted hint, saline minerality / graphite as well as a very discreet hint of coffee and an imperceptible hint of olive / olive tree. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 16

# Padelletti 2012

# Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, nicely gourmand and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of chocolate and slight toasted notes, blackberry associated with slight touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of sweet spices, olive and garrigue (sage ....). The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, wellbalanced, relatively gourmande and offers a fine acid frame, a nice suavity as well as elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of cherry / red berries combined with hints of toasted wood, olive and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 15.5+

# Sant'Antimo

### Bottega Il Vino dei Poeti 2014 Sant'Antimo

### The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight hints of garrigue associated with a very discreet hint of flowers. The mouth is fruity, finely gourmande and offers a fine juiciness, fat, a nice juiciness, freshness, a fine acid frame as well as a nice minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of redcurrant and raspberry combined with fine hints of blackcurrant, wild strawberry, plum and a discreet hint of zan, tobacco and olive. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. Score : 15+

# Fanti Sassomagno 2014 Sant'Antimo

The nose is relatively powerful and slightly austere. It reveals notes of undergrowth and hints of Sichuan pepper associated with discreet hints of blackberry, violet, small berries and wood. The wine needs to be served in carafe. The mouth is fruity, juicy, gourmand, dense, tight, nicely fleshy and offers fat, a nice freshness as well as a beautiful juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, juicy blackberry and slight notes of ripe red berries combined with discreet hints of cassis, olive and a hint olive tree. Good length. Score : 16

### Scopone Il Gregoriano 2014 Sant'Antimo

The nose is intense and concentrated. It reveals notes of red berries, balsamic raspberry and garrigue associated with slight notes of minerality, fresh blackberry as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers fat as well as a nice minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of red berries and raspberry balsamic combined with slight hints of cassis, blackberry, a touch of tobacco, olive tree as well as a discreet hint of garrigue, zan and olive. Tannins are a bit young. Good length.

Score : 14.75+

### Col d'Orcia Olmaia 2012 Cabernet Sant'Antimo

The nose is fruity, gourmand, rich and dense. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and fine notes of strawberry, toasted wood combined with a hint of crushed raspberry, zan as well as touches of Bourbon vanilla, sweet spices and hints of white chocolate. The mouth is fruity, juicy, round, fat, suave, well-balanced and offers a nice freshness, a nice minerality as well as a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and blackberry cream combined with fine hints of fresh wild strawberry, cassis, touches of Bourbon vanilla, toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of almond and white chocolate. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly young. Good length. Score : 15.25

# Col d'Orcia Nearco 2012 Sant'Antimo

The nose reveals slight empyreumatic touches and fine notes of wild berries, fresh cassis combined with fine hints of fresh red fruit berries, blueberry as well as toasted hints, spices, zan and an imperceptible hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, relatively juicy, well-balanced and offers a nice roundness as well as a fine mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy Boysenberry and blueberry combined with slight hints of fleshy strawberry, fresh raspberry as well as discreet toasted hints, zan, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15+

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# Tuscany

# **Toscana IGT**

# La Casa di Bricciano - Sangiovese 2011 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry and fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of redcurrant as well as discreet hints of cassis, zan, spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a nice freshness, a fine acid frame, roundness and a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, redcurrant and slight notes of fresh raspberry associated with discreet hints of cassis, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 14.75+

# Col d'Orcia - Spezieri 2015 Toscana IGT

The nose is aromatic and fine. It reveals a slight note of gray pepper associated with small touches of black-

berry, ripe red fruits and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built, relatively depth and offers a small fat and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry / fresh red berries combined with a discreet hint of spices and colas. Tannins are fine and a bit young (wait 2 years minimum). Good length. Score : 14.75

# Borgo Scopeto e Caparzo 2012 Toscana IGT

The nose is relatively fine and relatively gourmand / full. It reveals fine

notes of cherry jam, cassis puree and slight notes of blackberry combined with toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of chocolate, tobacco and caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, fresh, well-balanced, suave, quite gourmand and a bit aerial. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cherry jam and slight notes of cassis combined with a discreet hint of fresh wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of zan, sweet spices / toasted hints and a, imperceptible hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit young (wait at least a year). Good length. Score : 15.25

### La Casa di Bricciano Il Ritrovo 2006 Toscana IGT

The nose is aromatic, fine as well as relatively elegant and charming. It reveals notes of wild black berries, ripe cassis and fine hints of ripe red berries combined with a discreet touch of garrigue, wood, spices, gray pepper, as well as an imperceptible hint of graphite and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, relatively fine, juicy and offers a nice acid frame, fat, roundness, tension, freshness / minerality as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry and slight notes of cassis, blackberry, redcurrants associated with a discreet hint of plum, garrigue as well as a hint of gray pepper and an imperceptible / very discreet hint of chocolate (in background). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Good job!

## Score : 15.25

Montelpulciano

# Fattoria del Cerro 2013 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

The nose is fruity, quite elegant and offers a small finesse. It reveals notes of fresh red berries and slight notes of cassis combined with a discreet hint of strawberry, blackberry as well as a hint of licorice and an imperceptible hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, juicy, finely depth and offers a fine acid frame, fat, suavity, a good volume and a fine unctuosity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of crunchy red berries, juicy raspberry and fine hints of redcurrant cassis combined with a very discreet woody hint as well as an imperceptible hint of licorice and garrigue. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score : 15+

# Fattoria del Cerro 2015

Rosso di Montepulciano

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The nose is aromatic, relatively powerful and offers finesse. It revels notes of cassis and red berries combined with discreet hints of garrigue as well as a discreet hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, fleshy, well-balanced and offers suavity and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy strawberry associated with slight notes of red berries, blueberry, slight hints of zan, blond tobacco as well as a discreet hint of spices and a discreet toasted hint. Score: 15

# Doga delle Clavule 2014Morellino di Scansano

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blueberry cream, garrigue and discreet hints ot cassis, wild berries combined with a discreet hint of black olive and an imperceptible toasted hint, Sichuan pepper and caramel. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, well defined, well-balanced and offers an acid / juicy frame, a small suavity, a nice definition and a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackberry and fine notes of wild strawberry associated with discreet hints of redcurrants, fleshy cherry, discreet toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization and a hint of tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Score : 15.5+

# Fattoria del Cerro Riserva 2012

# Vino Nobile di Montelpulciano

The nose is fine and relatively aromatic. It reveals fine notes of wild black berries and garrigue associated with a discreet hint of olive, blackberry as well as slight / discreet hints of licorice, a discreet hint of crushed strawberry and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, quite elegant, a bit straight, slightly fleshy and offers a good volume, a juicy frame and a fine acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red berries, cherry associated with a discreet hint of wild black berries as well as hints of liquorice / zan and a discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and young. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

# Riserva

# Castello di Cacchiano 2010

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand, fineley powerful and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cherry, ripe strawberry and fine notes of blackberry jam associated with an earthy hint, raspberry jam and fine touches of spices. The palate is fruity, fluid, fine, silky, fat and offers a fine mineral frame and a nice roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam and blackberry associated with fine notes of cassis cream, licorice, olive as well as slight hints of wild berries, slight notes of mocha, wood and notes of graphite. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a very discreet saline hint on the finish. The finish is suave. Good length. Score: 15.25

# Casa Emma 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and finely generous. It reveals notes of blackberry and small red fruits associated with slight notes of blueberry cream, finely iodized / racy minerality as well as discreet hints of black olive and a very discreet hint of licorice. The mouth is fruity, mineral, a bit silky and offers a good volume, roundness, a fine juiciness, fat, freshness and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, crushed blueberry and fine hints of red fruits / red berries combined with discreet hints of chocolate and a hint of olive. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

# Castello di Verrazzano 2013

## Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fine and powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry, blueberry and blackberry cream combined with a discreet hint of red berry (in the background) as well as hints of sweet spices, toasted wood and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers finesse, a good volume, a good density, suavity, tension, a fine minerality and a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum, wild strawberries associated with touches of toasted oak, mocha (discreet) as well as a hint of zan, nutmeg and a discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. The finish is suave. Good length. Score: 15+

# Quercia Al Poggio

## Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and small notes of blackberry, strawberry, spices associated with a discreet hint of licorice, colas as well as a discreet hint of flint and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky, fluid and offers a good definition / expression, a fresh frame, a fine acidity (in the background), a nice fat, roundness and volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cherry and small berries associated with a hint of blueberry, zan / colas as well as a hint of toasted / caramelized oak and sweet spices (vanilla ....). Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and beautiful persistence. The persistence is suave, juicy and offers slight toasted / caramelized hints, juicy fruit as well as a hint of hazelnut. Score: 15.75

# Rocca delle Macie Riserva di Fizzano 2013 – Single Vineyars Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is powerful and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry combined with notes of saline minerality as well as slight notes of toasted wood, vanilla, hints of

tobacco and a discreet hint of butter. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, sleek, fat and round. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy plum and discreet notes of blueberry (in the background) associated with slight notes of licorice, tobacco and a few discreet woody hints. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of salinity and chocolate on the finish / aftertaste. Score: 15

# Anti Podere Le Miccine 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and discreet notes of red berries combined with hints of olive and discreet hints of spices (nutmeg and a discreet hint of gray pepper). The mouth is fruity and offers a small minerality, a small freshness, a small juiciness as well as an acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses hints of fleshy blackberry, cassis and fine notes of cherry associated with hints of licorice, black olive and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly dry. Good length and good persistence. The finish and the aftertaste are slightly suave.

# Score : 15+

# Rocca delle Macie 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, slightly gourmand and a bit elegant. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis and blackberry jam associated with slight / discreet notes of fresh strawberry, grove, black olive, liquorice, toasted wood and an imperceptible a hint of chocolate / sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, fluid, silky, quite elegant, supple and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry jam as well as a (very) slight saline hint and slight notes of plum combined with discreet hints of strawberry and licorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16

### Valle Picciola 2013 Chianti Classico Bisom

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, relatively elegant and slightly silky. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of Boysenberry jam combined with a touch of cassis jam, toasted oak, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, slight notes of flint and a very discreet hint of salinity. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky and offers fat, a fine juiciness, a nice definition as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis cream and hints of blueberry combined with slight notes of black olives, zan as well as a discreet hint of toasted / caramelized oak and tobacco. Good length and (aromatic) persistence. There is a very discreet grilled hint on the finish. Score: 15.5

# Casa Sola 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis jam and discreet hints of cherry (in the background) combined with a hint of black olives, zan as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and toasted hints. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, silky and offers an acid frame and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and crushed cassis associated with slight notes of cherry, raspberry, hints of zan / colas as well as discreet hints of toasted /caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of cardamon. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence with a discreet hint of dark chocolate / grilled.

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# Casale Dello Sparviero 2012

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, concentrated and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry cream and slight notes of concentrated cassis combined with a hint of strawberry and slight notes of licorice stick. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers elegance and suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of Quetsche plum combined with hints of red fruit as well as slight notes of toasted wood, a discreet note of caramel and a touch of chocolate. There is a very discreet hint of salinity on the finish.

Score : 15.75

# Torre Bianca 2011

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, generous and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and fine notes of cassis, blueberry combined with hints of cola, a hint of cornflower, licorice as well as discreet hints of toasted wood and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, round, well-balanced, quite elegant, harmonious, supple and suave. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fine notes of strawberry / redcurrant combined with slight hints of cornflower, blueberry, licorice and a discreet hint of tobacco and wood. Tannins are fine and well-built. There is a very discreet hint of salinity on the finish. A nice wine !

# Lecci e Brocchi Il Chioba 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness and a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, cassis and fine notes of blackberry notes combined with hints of licorice and a discreet hint of cornflower and toasted wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively gourmande and offers a freshness, a nice fat and a fine acid frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and fine notes of fresh strawberry associated with hints of toasted wood, slight notes of chocolate, colas as well as discreet hints of cardamon and vanilla. Score: 15.75

# Il Molino di Grace 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is relatively powerful and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and discreet notes of strawberry, spices, graphite, olive, spices and a touch of black pepper. The palate is fruity, silky, well-balanced, slightly suave and offers a fine minerality and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry jam and hints of red fruit (strawberry, cherry) combined with slight touches of toasted oak, mocha, tobacco, wood and a hint of cardamon. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. The finish is suave. Score: 16+

# Principe Corsini Cortevecchia 2014

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry jam and slight touches of raspberry, cassis, spices combined with notes of black pepper, oak and a discreet hint of mocha and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and red fruits (berries, raspberry) associated with slight notes of cherry, colas as well as discreet woody notes. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length and good persistence. The finish is slightly suave. Score: 15.25

# Conti Capponi Villas Calcinaia 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is powerful, aromatic, elegant and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight notes of plum, strawberry combined with notes of chocolate, a discreet hint of juicy blueberry as well as a hint of licorice and a discreet hint of caramelized oak. The palate is fruity, fine, juicy, elegant, silky, suave and offers a fine acid frame and fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis cream and slight notes of cherry, raspberry combined with hints of liquorice and dark chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly dry. Good length and beautiful persistence. A nice wine! Score: 16.25

# Montornello Bibbiano 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and relatively generous. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, blueberry and a discreet hint of plum associated with slight notes of licorice, sweet spices as well as a hint of black pepper and a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, mineral, supple and offers a fresh frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of zan, toasted oak as well as a (very) discreet note of caramelization and tobacco. Good length.

Score : 16.25

### Istine Levigne 2013 Chienti Classica Bigary

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, generous and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis jam associated with slight notes of Boysenberry, spices, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper as well as slight notes of cornflowers and a very discreet hint of crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity, fluid, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, roundness, a good volume and a mineral frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and slight notes of cassis, plum combined with a discreet hint of red fruits (berries, raspberry) as well as slight hints of wood, licorice and a discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Castello di Radda 2013

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of ripe fruit and fine notes of undergrowth associated with a hint of leather and a discreet hint of mushroom. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, fat, a bit gourmand and offers a good volume and a mineral / fresh frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, dried strawberry and slight notes of cassis, cherry and caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and a touch of tobacco. Good length. Score: 15.25

# Mannucci Droandi 2011 - Ceppeto

## Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and finely concentrated / intense. It reveals notes of blackberry, small berries, cassis cream and fine hints of red fruit combined with notes of spices, a touch of lavender and a small touch of Sichuan and a discreet hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, supple and

offers a fine acid frame, freshness, relatively depth, a nice volume, fat as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with hints of small red berries, wood, mocha as well as a discreet hint of truffle, olive and a very discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score : 15.25+

## Fattoria Montecchio 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, relatively fine and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of small red fruits combined with slight notes of spices and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, juicy, nicely round and offers a fine acid frame, fat and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry jam and slight notes of blackberry combined with a hint of blueberry, slight spicy notes, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of licorice and gray

pepper. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15+

# Tenuta di Capraia Capraia 2012

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively intense and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed Boysenberry and slight notes of cassis combined with fine hints of wild red berries, raspberry jam, slight hints of caramelized oak, a discreet hint of licorice and a very discreet hint of flowers. The mouth is fruity, suave, elegant, well-balanced, nicely round and offers tension, a good definition, a nice volume and a nice fat. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry jam combined with slight notes of redcurrants, cherry, blackberry as well as a touch of cassis, slight notes of minerality, slight toasted notes and mocha. Good length. Score : 15.25

# Castello Monterinaldi 2013

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is relatively fine. It reveals notes of small red berries, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry combined with slight notes of sweet spices, licorice and a discreet hint of pink peppers. The palate is fruity, mineral (frame), fresh, fat and offers a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, small red berries and slight hints of blackberry combined with discreet notes of licorice as well as a discreet hint of mocha and wood. Tannins are dry (small over-extraction). Good length. Score : 14.75

# Castellare di Castellina - Il Poggiale 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of raspberry and fine notes of wild small fruits combined with hints of plum as well as discreet notes of sweet spices, caramelization and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, well-balanced, relatively supple, slightly aerial and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and juicy redcurrants associated with slight notes of blackberry, fresh strawberry as well as discreet touches of juicy plum, licorice and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.25+

# Terra di Seta 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and fine notes of wild fruits associated with hints of cherry jam and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, gourmande, unctuous, well-balanced, nicely round and offers a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Boysenberry jam, cassis and slight notes of red fruit jam combined with hints of caramelized wood, toasted hints and a discreet note of chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit dry (over-extraction). Good length. Score : 15

# Tenuta La Novella 2011

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of small red fruits associated with hints of spice, Sichuan pepper, toasted hints / vanilla (very discreet) and a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, suave, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a fine minerality (frame). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, crushed redcurrants and slight notes of blackberry, blueberry associated with touches of toasted wood, caramelization as well as small notes of cocoa. Tannins are fine and a bit dry (over-extraction). Good length and persistence with notes of grilled cocoa. Score : 14.75

# Casadi Monte Le Capitozze 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a freshness and a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of red fruits (redcurrant, crushed raspberry) as well as fine hints of black pepper, spices and toasted wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, fat, well-balanced, nicely round and offers a fine freshness and a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackcurrant jam, blackberry and slight notes of redcurrants combined with a discreet hint of blueberry as well as slight notes of toasted wood and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 15

# Bindi Sergardi - Calidonia 2013

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is finely powerful. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, small black berries combined with slight notes of wild fruit, spices as well as a touch of Sichuan pepper, a very discreet hint of violet and slight touches of wood. The palate is fruity, suave, round and offers a good definition, a mineral frame and a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and slight notes of plum, cassis jam combined with a hint of red fruits, toasted hints as well as a discreet note of licorice, tobacco and a touch of chocolate. Good length. Score : 15

# Vignavecchia 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is relatively intense. It reveals notes of undergrowth, truffle and slight notes of blackberry associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, licorice and a discreet touch of flint. The mouth is fruity, fine, unctuous, suave, relatively elegant, relatively gourmande and offers juiciness, an acid frame, a nice definition, fat, a nice roundness and a nice fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, crunchy gariguette strawberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of toasted wood and vanilla. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. There are (very) slight woody notes and a touch of gray pepper on the persistence. Beautiful success ! Score : 16

# Barone Ricasoli - Rocca Guicciarda 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is relatively intense and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jelly, Sichuan pepper and undergrowth associated with slight 105

touches of red fruit (strawberry, raspberry). The mouth is fruity, fluid, fine, fat and offers a mineral frame, suavity, juiciness and a good volume / definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis jelly and slight notes of red fruit (cherry, raspberry) combined with discreet hints of toasted oak as well as a hint of black olive and gray pepper. Tannis are fine and (very) slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Fattoria Della Aiola 2011

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black berries and touches of redcurrant, raspberry associated with slight touches of gray pepper, black olive as well as a hint of undergrowth, a few discreet woody hints and a discreet hint of flowers. The wine needs to be served in carafe. It needs time to open. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, suave, fat, relatively gournande and offers a silky matter and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, small black berries and slight notes of redcurrant, raspberry associated with hints of mocha, a slight hint of gray pepper as well as fine touches of grilled oak / coffee. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15.5

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### Casa Vinicola Triacca - La Madonnina 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild black fruits associated with a touch of redcurrant, toasted oak, mocha, Cuben pepper and a discreet of coffee. After work/aeration in the glass the nose reveals a hint of balsamic. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky, straight and offers a beautiful fat, a nice definition, juiciness, tension and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry and crunchy cassis combined with slight notes of red fruit jam (strawberry, raspberry) and a (very) slight note of violet on the finish / aftertaste. Good length. Score: 16.25

# I Massi del Colombaio 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively full. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and slight hints of strawberry, cassis associated with hints of chocolate, wood as well as a hint of mocha, cardamom and a hint of tea. The mouth is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers an acid frame, a nice matter, suavity, a nice roundness, a nice definition, harmony and a beautiful softness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy redcurrant, cherry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry, black cherry combined with discreet hints of toasted oak, sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of tea and licorice. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 16.75

# Rocca di Castagnoli - Poggio a'Frati 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively elegant and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum, blueberry and a discreet hint of red fruits, flowers associated with hints of thyme, a discreet hint of clove, wood as well as an imperceptible hint of sweet spices and cinnamon. The mouth is fruity, mineral, suave, well-balanced, relatively gourmande, a bit fleshy and offers a fine fresh frame, roundness and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of plum associated with hints of raspberry, small red berries as well as discreet touches of toasted wood, clove and a discreet hint of mushroom. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

# Castello di Meleto - Vigna Casi 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic, powerful and quite fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight hints of wild berries combined with a discreet hint of olive, dried wild strawberry as well as hints of spices and a discreet hint of white pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, suave, relatively gourmande and offers a nice acid frame, dynamism, a nice freshness, a fine tension, a good definition as well as a nice harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, cherry and slight notes of blueberry combined with discreet hints of plum, zan as well as a discreet hint of toasted oak and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. There are slight hints of chocolate and a discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence. Good job!

# Castello di Gabbiano 2013

# Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and blueberry associated with slight notes of strawberry, flowers as well as a hint of mocha, toasted wood and a discreet hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, mineral, suave and offers fat, a small structure, an acid frame, a nice definition, harmony as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed cassis associated with small notes of strawberry, raspberry as well as a hint of toasted oak and mocha. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

# Mazzei - Ser Lapo 2013

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The nose is relatively aromatic, relatively gourmand and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of fresh red fruits combined with dark chocolate, hints of oak as well as a touch of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, quite gourmande, well-balanced, slightly aerial and offers an acid frame, tension, a nice fat and suavity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh / crunchy strawberry and slight notes of redcurrants, cassis associated with a touch of licorice, toasted wood, a discreet hint of chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of clove. A well-balanced and harmonious wine Score: 16.5+

# Borgo Scopeto - Vigna Misciano 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry jam associated with a hint of wild berries, olive, sage, licorice and a discreet hint of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, very elegant, relatively gourmand, well defined, suave, quite straight and offers tension, a nice finesse and acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of ripe cassis, ripe red fruits (raspberry, strawberry) as well as a hint of zan, tobacco and mocha. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. The finish is suave and persistent. A beautiful wine. Beautiful persistence. There are slight touches of coffee and square of dark chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+

# Casina di Cornia - Vigna la Casina 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of black cherry / cherry and blueberry associated with slight notes of blackberry cream, licorice, a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and fine hints of tobacco and toasted hints. The palate is

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fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a fine acid frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sour cherry, ripe blueberry and slight hints of ripe blackberry combined with slight hints of licorice, toasted oak as well as discreet hints of spices and a discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Fine bitterness on the aftertaste. Score: 14.75+

#### Carpineto 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, quite intense, relatively elegant and finely powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, small ripe berries and slight notes of blackberry combined with a discreet hint of red fruits, saline minerality as well as a hint of licorice, grilled wood and a discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, tight and offers a fine mineral frame, a fine juiciness, complexity and suavity / fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry jam and slight notes of strawberry / red berries combined with discreet hints of liquorice, black berries cream, wood, mocha as well as a subtle hint of black olive and an imperceptible hint of garrigue. Tannins are fine. Good length and good persistence.

#### Capannelle 2012

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The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of sour cherry, cassis and slight notes of Boysenberry associated with hints of licorice, cardamon, wood and a discreet hint of saline minerality. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, well-built and offers a fine juiciness and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry and juicy blackberry associated with slight notes of cherry / redcurrant, chocolate / moka as well as a discreet hint of toasted wood, black olive and discreet hints of caramelized oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

#### Poggio Torselli 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals slight notes of spices, blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of crushed raspberry as well as a discreet hint of grove. The palate is fruity, mineral, fluid, fine and offers fat, suavity, a nice dynamism and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight hints of redcurrant, crushed raspberry and toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are supple. Good length. Good and aromatic persistence. The aftertaste is finely powerful. Score: 15.25

#### Vignavecchia - Vigneto Odoardo Beccari 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of garrigue and a hint of olive associated with slight notes of blackberry, cassis as well as discreet hints of gray pepper and a few (very) discreet hints of toasted wood. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, gourmand, silky, relatively gourmand and offers a good dynamism, intensity, a nice juiciness as well as a fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, plum and slight hints of strawberry, blueberry combined with a discreet toasted hint and an imperceptible hint of licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5+

#### Tenuta La Gabbiola 2013

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The nose is fruity as well as relatively aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals

notes of blackberry and small wild fruits associated with discreet hints of dark chocolate, raspberry as well as a hint of olive and thyme. The mouth is fruity, mineral, silky and offers a nice freshness, a nice definition and a nice fat. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of blueberry, blackberry and crushed cherry combined with a discreet hint of red berries as well as slight notes of chocolate and caramelized wood. Good length. Score: 15.5

#### Agostino Petri da Vicchiomaggio 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fresh, relatively fruity and finely powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and slight touches of raspberry / red berries combined with a touch of chocolate, spices and very discreet hints of garrigue. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral and offers a fine juiciness, a fine acid frame, a fine freshness and a nice definition / gourmandise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries and fleshy garriguette strawberry associated with slight notes of cassis, plum as well as a discreet hint of toasted wood, vanilla and a (very) discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length.

Score : 15.75

#### Castello di Querceto 2013

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The nose reveals notes of blackberry jelly and slight notes of plum associated with a discreet hint of red fruit jam, dark chocolate as well as slight touches of toasted wood and a very discreet hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, aerial, nicely built, relatively gourmande and offers a nice suvity, a nice roundness and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of red fruits, toasted wood as well as discreet hints of chocolate and sweet spices. Good length. Beautiful finish and very nice persistence. Score: 16

#### Isodi 2013

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The nose is aromatic, full and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of coconut, plum, blackberry and slight notes of red berries combined with a discreet note of wood/vanilla as well as a touch of sichuan pepper and mineral touches. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, silky, suave and offers fat and a discreet mineral / fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of cassis, red berries / cherry associated with hints of vanilla/wood and a discreet hint of coconut. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly dry. Good length.

#### Castagnoli - Terrazze 2014

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The nose is quite gourmand and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of chocolate, Tonka bean and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of wild black berries as well as hints of wood as well as very discreet hint of sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acid frame (on red fruits), a small fat as well as tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, redcurrant and juicy raspberry combined with slight hints of juicy plum, cassis, toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of colas and a discreet hint of liquorice . Good length. Score: 14.75

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The nose reveals notes of flowers (iris, violet) combined with slight notes

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of blackberry, wild strawberries, discreet notes of red berries, a touch of zan as well as a very discreet hint of garrigue and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine freshness, a fine acid frame as well as a slight minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, fresh red cherry and slight notes of cassis combined with a hint of raspberry, wood and a discreet hint of licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a (very) discreet hint of flowers on the finish / retro. Score: 14.75

#### Fontalpino 2013

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The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, redcurrant and slight hints of cassis combined with discreet woody hints as well as a discreet hint of coffee and olive / garrigue. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid and offers a fresh frame, a fine acidity and a nice juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy redcurrant, juicy cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of ripe blackberry as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, olive and minerality. Tannins are fine and (very) slightly firm / dry. Good length. Score: 14.5+

#### La Casa di Bricciano 2010

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The nose is fruity, relatively full and quite elegant. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and slight notes of raspberry, cassis combined with slight hints of garrigue, minerality, black olive as well as a very discreet hint of spices, gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, silky and offers a nice fat, a fine suavity as well as a fine / discreet acid frame (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of redcurrant associated with a hint of blackberry cream, licorice as well as very discreet hints of black olive / garrigue, mineral, tobacco and spices. Tannins are (very) slightly firm. Good length.

#### Castagnoli - Terrazze 2013

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The nose is aromatic and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight notes of crushed cassis, raspberry associated with slight hint of gray pepper, spices as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of toasted oak and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, juicy, relatively gourmand and offers fat, a fine acid frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a hint of plum, blueberry as well as slight toasted notes, sweet spices and a touch of vanilla. Good length.

#### Borgo Scopeto - Vigna Misciano 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and slight touches of leather, oak, minerality associated with hints of fresh cassis, small fresh red berries as well as a hint of colas, with a very discreet toasted hint and a discreet hint of grove. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a nice / fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, redcurrant and juicy plum associated with slight / discreet hints of cherry, cassis, black olives as well as a touch of liquorice / cola and a very discreet / imperceptible toasted hint. Good length. Score: 14.5

### Vigneti La Selvanella 2012

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The nose is aromatic, quite intense and relatively fine. It reveals notes of cassis cream and slight notes of blackberry, wild strawberries combined with discreet hints of wild red fruits as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, tight, fluid, slightly silky, slightly fleshy and offers tension, a nice / fine freshness and a slight acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry and fleshy blackberry associated with slight notes of plum, strawberry as well as slight hints of toasted oak, olive (very discreet), chocolate and a discreet hint of sweet spices. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length.

#### Casaloste 2011

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The nose is elegant and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of mocha, toasted wood and fresh blackberry associated with slight notes of strawberry. Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of sweet spices / nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, aerial, well-built, slightly fleshy and offers a fine acid frame and a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream combined with slight notes of red berries, raspberry as well as touches of toasted wood / vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There are small hints of coffee and dark chocolate on persistence.

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# Gran Selezione

#### Sergio Zingarelli 2012

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The nose is fruity, elegant, relatively powerful and offers a nice finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry jam, cassis and slight notes of small wild berries, crushed raspberry combined with discreet hints of black olive, a hint of toasted wood, discreet hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper and cardamon. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, silky, relatively straight and offers a nice elegance, tension and a fine juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of cassis, strawberry as well as discreet hints of black olive, crushed strawberry, redcurrants, licorice and toasted hints. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and persistence.

#### Castello di Cacchiano - Millennio 2010

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, elegant as well as relatively fine and gourmand. It reveals notes of cocoa, blackberry and small black berries associated with a hint of crushed raspberry, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of cuben pepper and slight touches of toasted wood. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fat, silky, soft, sleek and offers a nice matter, a fine mineral frame, a fine acidity (in the background), dynamism and a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry, small red berries / redcurrants and chocolate combined with hints of cassis, toasted wood as well as slight hints of chocolate, cardamon, spices and a discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 16.25

#### Castello di Brolio 2013

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of wild red berries, crushed strawberries and slight notes of raspberry, cassis combined with a touch of crushed blackberry, spicy notes aas well as a discreet touch of garrigue, oak and an imperceptible hint of mocha. The palate is

fruity, mineral, silky, fine and offers an acid frame as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry and raspberry associated with slight notes of cassis, black cherry as well as a hint of wood and spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.5+

#### Castello di Radda 2012

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, elegant, relatively gourmand and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of cocoa and slight notes of blueberry, wild berries combined with discreet notes of strawberry, slight touches of toasted oak as well as a hint of coconut and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, racy, sleek and offers fat as well as a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with a hint of plum, redcurrant, slight notes of toasted wood as well as a very discreet grilled hint and cocoa. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and good persistence.

#### Terra di Seta - Asai 2011

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, quite intense and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of coffee and slight notes of dark chocolate combined with small notes of blackberry, crushed cassis, slight touches of plum, raspberry as well as a discreet hint of redcurrant, spices, undergrowth, a very discreet hint of gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of garrigue. The mouth is fruity, soft, unctuous, fleshy, gourmande and offers a nice acid frame, juiciness (fruit) as well as a good precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy garriguette strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of plum combined with a discreet hint of flowers, blueberry, toasted wood, zan, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are very fine and a bit dusty. Good length.

#### Villa Calcinaia - Vigna La Fornace 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, redcurrant and boysenberry associated with a hint of balsamic, toasted wood as well as a very discreet hint of roasting. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers an acid frame, fat, a fine suavity and a nice fat / roundness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry and redcurrants combined with slight hints of wild strawberry, blueberry, plum as well as a discreet hint of zan, a very discreet hint of colas and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25

#### Villa Calcinaia - Vigna Contessa Luisa 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity as well as relatively full and tight. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, wild berries and discreet hints of redcurrant, crushed raspberry associated with a hint of black olive, slight touches of spices and a discreet touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, soft, juicy, relatively gourmande and offers a nice fat and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, gariguette strawberry and slight notes of cherry, blueberry associated with a discreet hint of black cherry, black olive as well as discreet touches of licorice, toasted wood, vanilla and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Good length.

Score : 15.75

#### Querceto di Castellina - Sei 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is elegant and fine. It reveals notes of dark chocolate, blackberry and discreet notes of small wild berries associated with a grilled hint, graphite / iodine minerality as well as slight hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely defined, fine, well-balanced and offers a nice purity of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, cherry and slight notes of blueberry combined with a discreet hint of red berries, blackberry, a discreet hint of toasted wood as well as a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. Tannins are firm and a bit dry. Good length.

### Casale Dello Sparviero 2012

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and relatively full / intense. It reveals notes of cassis and redcurrants associated with slight notes of wild berries, Boysenberry, spices as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, round, fat and offers freshness and unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry, black cherry skin combined with hints of toasted wood, a discreet hint of olive as well as a very discreet hint of licorice and vanilla. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. There is a discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence.

### Capraia - Effe 55 - 2011

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of garrigue and a slight note of olive tree associated with slight notes of blackberry, ripe berries, hints of strawberry as well as nice notes of dark chocolate and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, silky, gourmande and offers a nice definition / expression, harmony and freshness. On the palate, this wine expresses fine notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and cherry associated with slight touches of fresh red berries as well as hints of toasted/caramelized oak and nice notes of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

#### Principe Corsini - Don Tommaso 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, coconut and wild black fruits associated with hints of toasted oak, spices and a hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, fat and offers a fine unctuosity, a small suavity and a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and slight notes of blueberry, cherry, strawberry associated with small notes of chocolate as well as slight touches of coconut and vanilla. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Villa Calcinaia - Vigna Bastignano 2013

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of cassis, small red berries and slight hints of olive combined with hints of toasted oak, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper as well as a slight hint of flowers and blackberry. The mouth is fruity, gourmand, fleshy, fine and offers a small harmony, a fine freshness as well as a nice suavity / expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and slight notes of red berries / strawberry combined with a discreet hint of cassis as well as touches of toasted / caramelized wood and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are a bit dry and firm. Good length. Score: 15.25+

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#### Il Molino di Grave 2012

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, intense and relatively fine. It reveals notes of coconut, flowers and sligh notes of blackberry associated with a hint of plum, crunchy strawberry as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, silky, ample, relatively gourmande and offers a nice suavity as well as roundness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis / red berries associated with hints of strawberry, caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of licorice, tobacco and chocolate. Tannins are a bit firm. Good persistence. Score: 15.25+

#### Castello Vicchiomaggio - La Prima 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and toasted wood / vanilla combined with a discreet hint of red fruit as well as slight hints flower and a discreet hint of black olive. The palate

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is fruity, juicy, gourmand, suave and offers a fine acid frame, a fine tension as well as a nice juiciness and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and blueberry associated with slight touches of cassis, juicy strawberry, cherry, hints of licorice as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and a discreet toasted hint. Good length. Score: 15.75

#### Le Capitozze 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (iris, violet) and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of redcurrants jam,

discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, mineral, nicely made (lace!), well-balanced and offers a fine acid frame, a nice roundness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight hints of blueberry, crushed raspberry as well as a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and subtle hints of spices. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of coconut on the finish.

Score : 15.75

### Castello di Querceto - Il Picchio 2013

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, elegant and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and slight notes of plum, redcurrant combined with discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, spices, dark chocolate and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, suave and offers a nice definition / expression, a fine tension, finesse and a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight touches of blueberry, strawberry, racy minerality associated with discreet hints of toasted / caramelized oak and a discreet tonka bean / dark chocolate.

Score : 16+

#### Bindi Sergardi Numero 89 Mocenni 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, relatively intense, relatively full and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of coconut and toasted oak associated with discreet notes of cassis, blackberry, violet as well as hints of crushed raspberry, Bourbon vanilla and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, silky, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a fine acid frame and a beautiful suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and plum associated with fine hints of raspberry, redcurrants, licorice as well as discreet hints of vanilla and coconut. Tannins are well built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence. Score: 16

### Campolaia - Vendemmia 2011

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is intense and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, violets and crushed wild strawberries combined with hints of raspberry, touches of toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and a very discreet hint of cinnamon. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, silky and offers a nice harmony, a good definition and a nice juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry and raspberry combined with slight notes of blackberry, juicy cassis as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. Score : 15

#### Bibbiano - Vigna del Capannino 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic as well as quite intense and quite fine. It reveals notes of violet / comflowers, blackberry and slight notes of fresh cassis combined with a discreet touch of ripe red fruits as well as a discreet hint of balsamic, toasted oak and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, relatively mineral, well-balanced and offers a nice silky matter, a fine juiciness, a fine tension and a freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis, juicy blackberry combined with a discreet hint of liquorice, tobacco, toasted wood and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Score: 16

#### Castello di Verrazzano - Sassello 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, finely powerful and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of flowers, blackberry and fresh cassis associated with slight touches of wood, Sichuan pepper, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, silky, soft, elegant, aerial, round and offers tension, a fine / discreet acidity as well as a fine fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy red berries and slight notes of cassis combined with a discreet hint of olive, slight touches of toasted wood and a discreet hint of spice. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length and good persistence. The persistence is suave. Score: 15.75

#### La Madonnina 2012

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, blueberry) and slight notes of Boysenberry, wild red berries associated with a discreet note of cassis, small notes of vanilla, toasted wood as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, fleshy, juicy, suave, relatively gourmande and offers a beautiful unctuosity, tension as well as acidity (fruit). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy plum associated with slight hints of red berries as well as small notes of vanilla, toasted wood and a discreet hint of cardamon. Tannins are slightly dry and slightly firm. Good length. A beautiful wine! Score: 16.25

#### Casa Sola 2011

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of flowers and hints of leather combined with slight touches of toasted wood, slight notes of fresh blackberry as well as a touch of fresh red berries, spices, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet tonka bean / cardamon. The palate is fruity, suave, slightly fleshy, round, fat and offers a fine freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and slight notes of raspberry combined with discreet hints of red berry, toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of vanilla and tonka bean. Good length. Score: 14.75+

#### Rocca di Castagnoli - Stielle 2011

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of flowers (lilacs, irises) and fine notes of blackberry associated with hints of plum, toasted wood and discreet hints of sweet spices (vanilla ...). The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, fresh, suave and offers a slight acid frame, fat and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy plum and slight notes of black cherry combined with a touch of olive, red berries as well as discreet toasted hints, flowers, caramelization and imperceptible hints of garrigue / thyme. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Casa Emma 2012

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively powerful and finely aromatic. It reveals notes of leather, pepper (Sichuan, a hint of gray pepper), blackberry and slight notes of plum jam combined with a touch of cassis and discreet toasted oak / vanilla. The palate is fruity, fleshy, well-balanced, relatively gourmande and offers a fine unctuosity, a freshness and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, crushed plum and slight notes of juicy red fruits combined with hints of discreet hints of licorice as well as hints of toasted wood, vanilla and a very discreet hint of coconut. Good length and good persistence. There is a slight acidity on the finish and a small suavity on the aftertaste. Score: 15.25+

#### Campolaia - Vendemmia 2010 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is quite powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of plum associated with hints of redcurrant, Sichuan pepper, as well as slight touches of sweet spices and a touch of tea. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, suave, round, relatively fleshy and offers a good freshness, juiciness and a fine acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum cream and slight notes of raspberry, cherry associated with hints of toasted wood, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. Tannins are

structuring and a bit dry. Good length and good persistence. Score: 15.5

#### Capanelle 2013

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively powerful, fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, redcurrant and slight hints of wild strawberry, cassis associated with a touch of Sichuan pepper, slight notes of minerality as well as hints of flowers, tonka / chocolate bean and a discreet hint og toasted wood. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a slight acid frame, fat, a fine unctuosity and a fine intensity / concentration. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, wild strawberries and slight notes of redcurrant combined with a touch of raspberry jam, Bourbon vanilla, toasted wood and discreet hint of tonka bean. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length.

#### Casale Dello Sparviero - Vigna Paronza 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively powerful and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of redcurrants, blackberry jam and cornflowers associated with a hint of blueberries as well as slight hints of violet, Sichuan pepper and slight sweet spices / toasted hints. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, suave, round, ample, supple and offers a nice fat, a nice freshness and a fine unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and juicy plum combined with slight notes of raspberry, red berries as well as hints of toasted / caramelized wood and vanilla. Tannins are fine. There is a very discreet hint of mocha / cocoa on the persistence.

#### Castello di Verrazzano - San Bartolo 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively elegant, full, quite aromatic and offers richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild black berries and black cherry associated with small notes of fresh red fruits, hints of flowers (violet, rose), as well as slight notes of chocolate and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, fat, round, ample and offers a good volume, richness, a fine acidity, complexity as well as a nice, fleshy and unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cherry, raspberry and slight notes of plum associated with a slight note of blueberry as well as slight notes of toasted wood, vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. Score: 16+

### Tolaini - Vigna Montebello Sette 2013

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, fine, aromatic and relatively full. It reveals notes of cassis cream and small red berries combined with slight notes of blackberry, black cherry, toasted wood, tobacco, chocolate and a very discreet hint of olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, well-built and offers a slight suavity, a slight unctuosity and a nice acid frame (acidity of the fruit). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry, wild strawberry and slight notes of blackberry combined with a touch of blackberry, black cherry, slight notes of toasted wood / vanilla as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, tonka bean and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

### Poggio Torselli 2013

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is relatively fruity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberries, crushed wild strawberries and slight hints of cassis combined with a discreet hint of violet, spices, tobacco, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of clove,

Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of thyme. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, a nice mineral frame, suavity and a discreet acidity (in the background). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry, raspberry and slight hints of fleshy wild strawberry combined with a discreet hint of redcurrants, olive, cardamon, tea, toasted wood and chocolate. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. The wine need to be served in carafe. Score : 15.25

#### Mazzei - Castello Fonterutoli 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and gourmand. it reveals notes of cassis, blackberry cream and slight notes of raspberry, blueberry combined with slight notes of caramelized wood, chocolate, sweet spices and a slight hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely built, well defined and offers finesse as well as a fine acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrants, fresh strawberry and slight notes of blueberry, blackberry associated with hints of toasted wood, chocolate, vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. Tannins are well-built. Good length and nice persistence with slight notes of caramelization. Score : 16.25

# Castello di Meleto 2012

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of flowers (iris, violet), raspberry and blackberry associated with slight hints of ripe wild black berries, wood, spices as well as

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a hint of Cuben pepper and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, round and offers a slight suavity, a nice minerality, freshness, a fine unctuosity and a nice matter. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of raspberry, redcurrant and blackberry associated with hints of plum, wood, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are a bit dry. The aftertaste is slightly powerful. Score : 15.25+

### Terrarossa 2012

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, fresh, finely intense and quite elegant. It reveals notes of violet, lilac and slight notes of black cherry, blueberry associated with slight notes of red fruit as well as slight notes of dark chocolate, wood and a discreet hint of cigar. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, well-balanced and offers a nice juiciness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrants, gariguette strawberry, blueberry and hints of cherry associated with hints of caramelized wood as well as discreet hints of chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15

#### Castello di Gabbiano - Bellezza 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of caramelization, cassis cream and slight notes of blackberry, red berries as well as discreet hints of wild strawberry, caramelized and a discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, silky and offers a fine juiciness, a good definition and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and cassis associated with a hint of caramelized wood and a discreet hint of licorice. The persistence is suave. Score : 16

#### Carus Vini - Gaudio 2013

#### Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of leather associated with slight notes of blackberry jam, fresh cassis, strawberry, pepper (Sichuan, Cuben), olive, woody as well as a discreet hint of iodized minerality and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fine, precise, relatively gourmande and offers a nice juiciness, tension and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cherry, black cherry and hints of crunchy strawberry combined with slight notes of caramelized wood as well as a touch of chocolate and a fine hint of minerality. Tannins are very fine and a bit dry. Good length. The persistence offers notes of acid redcurrant and caramelization. Score : 16+

#### Casaloste - Don VincEnzo 2010

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, relatively fresh and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small fresh berries associated with a hint of caramelized wood, vanilla and a discreet hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers an acid frame as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed plum and slight notes of raspberry, cassis cream combined with a touch of strawberry, licorice, caramelised wood as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and salt. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 16

# **Red Wines** Côtes de Provence A.O.C.

#### Domaine de la Navicelle La Colle Noire 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and small and ripe wild red fruits associated with slight hints of red berries, zan, spices as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, juicy, ample, round, suave and offers a beautiful acid frame as well as a very beautiful volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crunchy cassis and slight hints of black berries associated with a discreet hint of redcurrant, liquorice, toasted oak as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25+

#### Domaine du Clos Gautier Clos du Château 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, relatively fruity/spicy and quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis jam and slight hints of red berries, flowers associated with touches of spices, a hint of gray pepper as well as a discreet hint of Bigarreau cherry, a woody hint and a discreet hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced, round and offers a beautiful matter, fat, a beautiful acid frame (in the background), a beautiful harmony, gourmandize as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, black cherry jam and a hint of blueberry associated with discreet hints of juicy red fruits as well as touches of toasted oak, caramelization and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are a bit young and slightly firm. Good length and good persistence. Score : 16

#### Château Saint-Esprit - Prestige 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively powerful and elegant. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and raspberry associated with discreet hints of crushed cassis, spices as well as a very discreet hint of white pepper and an imperceptible hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly gourmand, slightly fleshy and offers suavity, an acid frame as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and raspberry associated with slight notes of redcurrant, blackberry, plum, woody hints as well as slight notes of liquorice and a discreet toasted hint. Tannins are fine, well-built and young. Good length and persistence on crunchy red fruits as well as a slight acidity (of red fruits). Score : 15

#### Domaine de la Sanglière Cuvée Spéciale 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of redcurrant and black cherry associated with slight hints of toasted, garrigue as well as a discreet hint of pepper and cacao. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, gourmand, silky, round and offers a beautiful acid frame as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, juicy blackberry and black cherry associated with hints of redcurrant as well as discreet woody hints, hints of chocolate and a very discreet hint of Tonka bean. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a slight hint of cacao on the persistence.

#### Score : 15

#### Thuerry - Le Château 2012 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, fine and offers a slight intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis cream, a hint of raspberry as well as slight woody touches, olive, a discreet hint of garrigue and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, nicely round, ample, well-built and offers a beautiful fat, a slight freshness, a good structure as well as a beautiful juiciness/acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, juicy cassis and slight notes of small juicy berries, fleshy strawberry associated with slight notes of plum, toasted oak as well as a discreet hint of Tonka bean and tea. Good length. Score : 16

#### Domaine de la Navicelle Esprit de la Colle Noire 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry, blueberry and a discreet hint of strawberry/red berries associated with slight hints of garrigue, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of colas/zan. The palate is fruity, silky, suave and offers a beautiful juiciness, a slight freshness as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of cassis, wild strawberry associated with hints of colas/zan as well as discreet hints of mocha, toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built, slightly firm and a bit young. Good length. The persistence is fruity. Score : 15+

#### Château Peyrassol 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively concentrated, fine and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of boysenberry and small wild black fruits associated with hints of liquorice, Cuben pepper as well as slight touches of plum jam/ raspberry and a discreet toasted oak. The palate is fruity, smooth, juicy, well-balanced, round, ample, quite elegant and offers fat, a slight acid frame, a good volume, straightness as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of red fruits, toasted oak, mocha, slight touches of minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee and olive. Tannins are fine, structuring and slightly young. Good length. Score : 16

#### Château des Demoiselles 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and quite full. It reveals notes of cassis, blueberry and slight notes of crushed blackberry, Cuben pepper, slight/discreet hints of flowers/violet as well as hits of toasted and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful acid frame (acidity of the fruit), fat as well as a good expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and slight notes of black cherry associated with a hint of raspberry jam, discreet hints of liquorice/colas as well as an imperceptible hint of black olive. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of chocolate and toasted on the aftertaste. Score : 15.5

#### Château du Rouët - Belle Poule 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of boysenberry jam and small fresh fruits associated with discreet hints of fleshy strawberry/red berries as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, Tonka bean and a woody hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a

beautiful acid frame as well as a slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, black cherry and blueberry associated with slight hints of raspberry/red berries as well as discreet toasted hints, zan and black olive. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of liquorice and caramelization on the persistence. Score: 15+

#### Château de Berne 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, quite powerful, elegant and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, wild fruits and small notes of spices associated with a hint of Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of blackberry jam and flowers. The palate is fruity, fat, well-balanced, supple and offers a slight juiciness, a slight freshness, a slight acid/fresh frame, a small suavity, harmony, a slight gournandize as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of plum jam and red berries associated with a discreet hint of black olive, oak, slight touches of racy/slightly saline minerality as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate, spices and an imperceptible hint of caramelized oak. Good length.

#### Commanderie de Peyrassol 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant, straight, relatively fine and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis associated with slight notes of small berries, flowers, Sichuan pepper as well as hints of mocha, olive and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is suave, round, supple, ample, fine, well-balanced, fat, nicely built and offers a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum jam associated with slight hints of fleshy strawberry, a woody hint as well as a discreet hint of mocha and an imperceptible point of garrigue. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence.

#### Score : 16+

#### Domaine de la Navicelle - La Colle Noire 2011 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and intense. It reveals notes of flowers (iris, violet) and slight notes of boysenberry, crushed cassis associated with a discreet hint of plum as well as woody touches and a note of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, ample, suave and offers an acid frame, a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, a slight smooth as well as a slight gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, fleshy plum and slight notes of cassis associated with a hint of fresh red fruits, woody hints, dark chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom and graphite on the finish. Tannins are fine, firm and slightly dry. Good length. There is a slight hint of chocolate on the persistence.

#### Château Sainte Roseline - Cuvée Prieure 2012 Côtes de Provence – Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant and slightly intense. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small wild fruits and slight hints of wild strawberry associated with slight woody notes, Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet hint of coffee and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, aerial, quite gourmand and offers a beautiful juiciness, a fruit purity, finesse as well as a slight tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy wild strawberry, blackberry, plum, juicy blueberry associated with discreet hints of liquorice, roasting oak as well as a very discreet hint of coffee and slight hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

#### La Mascaronne - Fazioli 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, fresh cassis and ripe black cherry associated with hints of zan, tobacco, spices (very discreet hint of vanilla...) and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, wellbalanced and offers an acid frame, a slight freshness, tension as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of wild strawberry/fresh raspberry associated with a discreet hint of zan, Ceylan tea, oak and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+

#### Château Volterra 2008 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of coffee, a woody note and a discreet hint of truffle, Sichuan pepper associated with slight notes of blackberry, cassis as well as discreet hints of cassis jam, graphite and garrigue. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity, fat, freshness, a slight smooth as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy black berries and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet woody note as well as a hint of zan and tobacco. Good length. There is a hint of cacao and a discreet hint of coffee on the persistence. Score: 14.75

#### Château Volterra 2010 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of garrigue, bud and slight notes of olive associated with a hint of cassis, blackberry, a discreet hint of redcurrant as well as slight hints of zan and tobacco/cigar. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a slight suavity as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, strawberry, blackberry and slight hints of cherry associated with discreet hints of caramelized oak as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length. Score: 14.5

#### Château de Roquefort - Les Mûres 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of spices (cumin, a very discreet hint of tandoori) and a discreet hint of gray pepper associated with notes of blackberry, cassis and very discreet hint of red fruits, flowers, toasted oak and with a very discreet hint of chocolate (in the background). Very discreet / imperceptible hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, finely juicy, well-balanced, round, fine and offers fat as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and plump flesh associated with slight notes of cassis, raspberry cream as well as a hint of toasted wood, black cherry, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well built. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25+

#### Château des Ferrages – Roumery 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis jam and slight notes of plum associated with a hint of crushed raspberry as well as slight hints of zan and a discreet hint of spices (pepper...). the palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers a slight juiciness, fat as well as a slight fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy blueberry and juicy strawberry associated with a discreet hint of crushed small berries as well as hints of toasted oak, vanilla, discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). Tannins are slightly dry and young. Good length.

Score : 14.5+

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### Wine reviews

# Provence

#### Château Roubine - Terre de Croix 2014 Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine and straight. It reveals slight notes of garrigue, Sichuan pepper and crushed blackberry associated with slight hints of crushed cassis as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and very discreet hints of crushed strawberry. The palate is fruity, nicely elegant, fine, juicy, straight, racy, perfectly controlled and offers tension, a slight freshness, a beautiful definition as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis and redcurrant associated with slight hints of crushed raspberry, spices, Sichuan pepper as well as a discreet hint of Ceylan tea and toasted oak/vanilla. Tannins are fine and wellbuilt. Good length and good persistence with a very discreet hint of coffee, slight hints of Sichuan pepper and juicy blackberry.

#### Le Clos des Roses 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant, powerful, fine and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of boysenberry and Sichuan pepper associated with discreet hints of racy minerality, cumin as well as slight notes of cassis, wild strawberry and a very discreet hint of rose/flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, elegant, straight, aerial, well-balanced and offers a slight tension as well as a juicy/acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of fleshy plum associated with hints of fleshy raspberry, spices as well as a discreet hint of pepper, oak and a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are fine and young. Good persistence. A beautiful wine.

#### Château Volterra 2014

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of liquorice, caramelized oak and cassis associated with slight notes of strawberry, small berries, chocolate and cardamom. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, elegant, silky, well-built, nicely gourmand and offers an acid frame, a slight fleshy, a good definition, a slight freshness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and crunchy strawberry associated with a discreet hint of Bigarreau cherry as well as hint of chocolate, toasted oak/sweet spices and caramelization. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Beautiful suavity on the finish. A beautiful wine!

#### Score : 15.5+

#### Château Roubine - Premium 2014

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively fine, a bit closed and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry, spices and slight hints of Sichuan pepper associated with discreet hints of Bigarreau cherry as well as slight hints of olive tree, cumin and toasted/caramelized. The wine needs to be decanted (carafe). The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, well-balanced and offers a slight gourmandize, a slight tension, a small acid frame, a slight smooth, harmony as well as fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, juicy cassis and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of zan as well as a very discreet hint of olive and toasted. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

#### Score : 16.25

#### Château des Bertrands 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of white flowers, fresh blackberry and fresh berries combined with slight hints of prunes and garrigue. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine acidity and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of cassis, cherry / raspberry as well as hints of zan and an imperceptible hint of olive / garrigue. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Domaine Houchart 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and crushed blackberry associated with slight hints of crushed wild strawberry and spices. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, well-balanced and offers a slight frame as well as a slight juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with woody hints, a discret hint of fleshy strawberry as well as toasted hints and a very discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15

#### Sainte Croix La Manuelle - Cuvée du Papet 2014

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of blackberry, crushed raspberry associated with discreet hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, juicy, well-balanced, suave and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful fat, roundness as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and slight hints of blueberry associated with hints of strawberry compote, toasted oak, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry. Good length. There is a slight hint of dark chocolate/cacoo on the persistence.

#### Score : 15.75

#### Château Pas du Cerf - Rocher des Crois 2010 Côtes de Provence - La Londe

The nose is fruity, gournand and offers a slight intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small berries and cornflower/violet associated with slight/discreet hints of strawberry jam, spices as well as a discreet hint of liquorice, mocha and a woody hint. The palate is fruity, sleek, mineral and offers juiciness, a beautiful fat, roundness, gournandize as well as smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy black berries associated wit slight notes of redcurrant, cherry as well as touches of chocolate, liquorice and slight hints of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

#### Château Les Valentines 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fine, relatively fresh, suave and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis cream and wild black berries associated with slight hints of morello cherry, red berries as well as slight notes of spices, Sichuan pepper, Ceylan tea, garrigue and small notes of chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight minerality, a beautiful definition, smooth, suavity as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry juice and slight notes of Gariguette strawberry associated with hints of Bigarreau cherry as well as slight notes of chocolate, liquorice and caramelized oak. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 16

#### La Grande Bauquière Rouge Moment Suspendu 2012 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight freshness as well as powerful. It reveals notes of woody vanilla and a hint of coconut, blackberry associated with discreet hints of small black fruits, a woody hint as well as a discreet/imperceptible hint of dark chocolate. There is a discreet hint of lilac after aeration on the glass. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, fresh, fine, silky, ample and offers a beautiful definition as well as a certain purity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of gourmand raspberry associated with small notes of woody vanilla (around the fruit), a very discreet hint of lilac as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and a slight touch of coconut. Good length. Score: 16.25+

#### Clos Gautier 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, fine, quite elegant and offers a slight powerful. It reveals notes of flowers, violet and slight notes of blueberry, black-

berry associated with hints of red berries as well as a discreet hint of bergamot/tea and a very discreet/ imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, straight, specific, elegant, aerial, supple and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful finesse and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of violet/flowers as well as discreet hints of red berries and toasted. Score: 15.75+

#### Château Maïme Cuvée Raphaëlle 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, lilac and slight notes of small berries associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak as well as a very subtle hint of pink pepper/spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-built and offers a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of fresh raspberry/fresh red fruits, dark chocolate, black cherry as well as woody hints. Good length. Score: 15+

#### Domaine de Sainte Croix Clos Manuelle 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of red berries, flowers (iris, lilac) and slight notes of juicy blackberry associated with a hints of plum as well as discreet notes of grove, spices and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers fat, a slight acid frame as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with discreet hints of fresh strawberry, slight hints of toasted oak, liquorice, graphite (very discreet), Tonka bean and a discreet hint of coffee on the finish. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry and young. Good length.

#### Domaine Souviou Souviou 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of lilac, blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, liquorice and spices. The palate is fruity, suave and offers fat, a slight silky as well as a slight gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry compote, black cherry and slight notes of blueberry associated with hints of toasted and liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5+

#### Château Pas du Cerf - Mar Lise 2009 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic, relatively full and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, flowers and slight hints of plum, blueberry associated with hints of toasted oak, a very discreet hint of butter, vanilla as well as very slight hints of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, nicely defined and offers a beautiful juicy frame, black cherry, cassis and slight

hints of plum, raspberry associated with hints of liquorice, woody chocolate and a discreet hint of vanilla. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence.

#### Score : 16+

#### Clos Gautier Clos du Château 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cherry compote and plum associated with hints of red

fruits, cornflower, toasted as well as slight notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a slight gourmandize, a pure fruit as well as a slight fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and plum associated with slight hints of cassis, fresh red fruits, slight hints of cornflower as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are very slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15.75

#### Château Roubine - InSpire 2013 Côtes de Provence

The nose offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, slight notes of bud/bell pepper and slight hints of lilac, blackberry associated with hints of plum, a discreet hint of strawberry as well as hints of toasted oak, a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper, a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful acid frame, a beautiful finesse, gourmandize, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, cassis, plum and slight hints of cherry, redcurrant associated with hints of toasted oak, a slight caramelized oak and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Good length.

#### La Chapelle de Sainte Roseline 2012 Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, straight, racy, charming and nicely fine. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, Quetsche plum skin and slight notes of wild blackberry associated with a discreet hint of crushed raspberry, woody

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vanilla, cardamom and a discreet hint of Tonka bean. The palate is fruity, nicely gourmand, aerial, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful velvety matter and slightly smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum and black cherry associated with hints of redcurrant, wild strawberry, woody vanilla, chocolate as well as slight toasted hints. Tannins are fine and young. There is suavity on the finish. A very beautiful wine! Score: 17.75+

#### Château de Berne Grande Cuvée Hubert de Boüard 2012 Côtes de Provence

The nose is elegant, gourmand, straight and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and cassis jam associated with slight notes of small berries, coconut/vanilla, chocolate as well as discreet hints of redcurrant and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, very elegant, nicely silky, gourmand, straight and offers a slight tension, a beautiful suavity, fat, a beautiful freshness as well as a very slight acidity in frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and black cherry associated with slight notes of small berries, raspberry, wild strawberry as well as slight hints of woody vanilla, caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are fine. Good length and beautiful aromatic persistence.

Score : 17+

#### Domaine Gavoty - Cuvée Clarendon 2005 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of very ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and fine hints of ripe red berries combined with hints of undergrowth as well as a discreet hint of wood and a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity, silky and offers a fine juiciness as well as a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe blackberry, sour cherry, ripe raspberry and hints of cassis, very ripe red berries combined with slight toasted notes as well as a very discreet hint of mushroom and a very discreet hint of pepper. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Sore : 14.5+

# Others wines from Provence

#### Domaine Richeaume - Syrah 2014 IGP Méditerrannée

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and slight hints of vanilla associated with discreet hints of crushed raspberry, coconut as well as a subtle hint of liquorice (in the background) and a very discreet hint of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a slight juiciness, a slight suavity, a small fat, a certain intensity as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, redcurrant and slight hints of black cherry associated with hints of fleshy raspberry, vanilla, toasted/ sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a fruity taste on the finish. Good length and persistence. There is gourmandize and slight notes of toasted/vanilla on the persistence, as well as a slight acidity on the finish. Score : 14.75

#### Domaine Richeaume - Columelle 2014 IGP Méditerrannée

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of minerality, wild strawberry and small wild fruits associated with slight hints of cassis jam, blackberry as well as a hint of liquorice and a discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a slight acid frame, a beautiful freshness as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses juicy blackberry and juicy cassis associated with slight notes of small wild berries, cherry stem as well as discreet hints of toasted oak. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is a slight suavity and a discreet hint of iodine minerality on the persistence. There is a discreet toasted hint/chocolate on the aftertaste. Score: 14.5

#### Château Vignelaure 2011 Coteaux d'Aix En Provence

The nose is fruity, relatively fine and offers a slight elegance. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and slight notes of cassis jam associated with a small touch of black cherry, toasted as well as a discreet hint of tobacco, a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, fresh and offers a fleshy matter, suavity as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, black cherry, crushed plum and slight hints of cassis associated with discreet hints of wild berries as well as toasted hints and liquorice. Tannins are (very) slightly firm. Good length. There is a slight hint of vanilla on the persistence.

#### Score : 14.75

#### Château Vignelaure La Source 2011 Coteaux d'Aix En Provence

The nose is slight as well as relatively elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed boysenberry and slight notes of ripe raspberry, redcurrant associated with slight hints of toasted/grilled oak, cassis, olive as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, mineral, sleek, ample and offers a good definition, a beautiful freshness, fat, roundness as well as a good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed ripe raspberry, crushed cassis and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of toasted oak, discreet hints of chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

#### Villa Minna Vineyard 2011 IGP Bouches-du-Rhône

The nose is fruity, relatively fine and offers a discreet richness. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and slight notes of wild red berries, garrigue associated with a hint of spices, rose pepper as well as a discreet hint of grilled oak and a very discreet hint of olive. The palate is fruity, mineral, sleek, suave and offers fat, a slight smooth, a slight fleshy as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and raspberry associated with discreet hints of toasted as well as an imperceptible hint of liquorice and olive. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

#### Domaine Richeaume - Les Terrasses 2012 IGP Méditérrannée

The nose reveals notes of vanilla, coconut and slight hints of flowers associated with slight touches of blackberry, raspberry and small berries. The palate is suave, round, smooth and offers a slight freshness (frame). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vanilla, coconut and more slightly of toasted associated with slight notes of blackberry, cassis as well as an imperceptible hint of olive in the background. Good length. Score: 14.25

#### Château Coussin César à Sumeire 2015 Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fruity, quite elegant, slightly gourmand and offers a slight

freshness. It reveals notes of strawberry ream, ripe blackberry, small wild berries and slight notes of fresh cherry associated with a hint of woody vanilla, liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of Tonka bean and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, silky, nicely defined, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jelly, crushed cassis and slight notes of crunchy red fruits (raspberry, redcurrant) associated with a discreet hint of cherry stem, liquorice as well as slight touches of vanilla and discreet hints of chocolate. Good length. Beautiful finesse!

#### Château des Ferrages Mon Plaisir 2015

#### Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of wild berries, fresh blackberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with hints of liquorice, Sichuan pepper, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of cedar wood and olive. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, suave, round, fat and offers a beautiful acid frame, a slight acidity as well as smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cassis and black cherry associated with hints of fresh red cherry as well as discreet hints of toasted and liquorice. Good length.

Score : 15

#### Domaine de la Navicelle La Syrah 2011 IGPVar

The nose is fruity and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry and slight notes of ripe black fruits associated with a discreet hint of violet/flowers, ripe red berries, spices as well as a very discreet hint of olive/grove and a very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, sleek, suave, well-balanced and offers a slight mineral frame as well as a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry, plum and slight hints of strawberry associated with a discreet hint of blueberry, liquorice, sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of garrigue (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly firm. There is a slight suavity on the finish/aftertaste. Good length. Score:  $14.75 \pm$ 

#### Mas de Cadenet 2014

#### Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis and violet associated with discreet hints of lilac, raspberry as well as a subtle hint of toasted peach. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, suave and offers a small silky, a slight acid frame, finesse as well as a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and slight hints of plum, black cherry associated with a discreet hint of toasted oak, vanilla, very discreet hints of sweet spices as well as an imperceptible hint of bergamot tea and flowers. Good length.

#### Score : 14.75

#### Domaine Richeaume - Grenache 2014 IGP Méditérrannée

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry jam associated with slight touches of toasted oak, Bourbon vanilla s well as a hint of Tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, slightly gourmand, well-balanced and offers

a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with a very discreet hint of plum, toasted/vanilla and a very discreet hint of iodine minerality on the finish. Tannins are well-built. Score: 14.75

### White Wines

#### Thuerry Le Château 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of passion fruit and Quenette associated with slight hints of lemon zest, citrus fruits as well as a hint of fresh grape and apple. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, well-balanced and offers a slight smooth, a slight minerality as well as a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits and Quenette associated with slight notes of grape, bud, hints of citrus fruits as well as a discreet hint of apple and a very discreet hint of sweet spices/vanilla (around the fruit). Good length.

#### Château La Mascaronne Cuvée Guy Da Nine 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and offers a slight gourmandize. It reveals notes of Quenette, fresh white fruits associated with slight hints of toasted oak/ vanilla as well as a discreet hint of citrus fruits as well as a slight hint of minerality. The palate is fresh, fruity, round and offers a slight acid frame, a small suavity as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, lemon zest/fresh yuzu, fresh grape, vanilla and fresh apple associated with slight hints of fresh nectarine and a discreet hint of apricot and toasted. Good length.

Score : 15

### Château Maïme 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of pear, vineyard peach and citrus fruits (lemon, hint of clementine) associated with a touch of small fresh fruits as well as a discreet hint of passion fruits. The palate is fruity and offers a slight juiciness, a slight freshness, minerality and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Quenette, passion fruits and vineyard peach associated with a discreet hint of Williams pear, zest and touches of citrus fruits (clementine, hint of lemon). Good length.

#### Château Sainte Roseline Cuvée Prieuré 2014

#### Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose offers a slight freshness. It reveals slight notes of fresh zest and fresh pear associated with slight notes of fresh lemon as well as discreet hints of peach. The palate is fruity, round, fat, suave, elegant, well-balanced, ample, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acid frame, minerality, a good volume as well as smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted nectarine, pear and slight notes of Quenette, litchi associated with hints of fresh grape, a discreet hint of lemon as well as slight notes of vanilla and a discreet hint of coconut. Good length. Score: 15.25+

### La Grande Bauquière 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

It reveals notes of zest, green apple and flint associated with discreet hints of lemon as well as an imperceptible hint of orange/Quenette. The palate is fruity, fat, round, juicy and offers a beautiful dynamism, a slight acid frame, finesse, a beautiful expression as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus and clementine associated with slight notes of zest, pineapple as a discreet hint of Quenette/exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.75+

#### La Chapelle de Sainte Roseline 2014 Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, relatively fine, relatively fresh and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of lemon, vanilla, Quenette and white peach associated with slight notes of pear as well as discreet hints of clementine zest and a discreet hint of litchi. The palate is fruity, nicely built, well-balanced, fat, suave, relatively aerial and offers a slight smooth as well as a slight fresh frame. In the mouth this win expresses notes of crushed white nectarine, litchi and pear associated with slight hints of lemon zest, discreet notes of mandarin as well as a hint of Quenette, mandarin zest and vanilla. Good length.

#### Château de Berne 2013

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of lemon and slight touches of mandarin associated with slight hints of brugnon, fresh pear as well as discreet flinty hints. The palate is fruity, fat and offers a slight juiciness as well as a slight smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of compoted white nectarine and pear associated with slight hints of fresh grape, lemon zest as well as a discreet hint of yuzu zest/mandarin. Good length and persistence. Score:  $14.5^+$ 

#### Domaine de La Sanglière - Cuvée Spéciale Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic as well as relatively fresh and dry. It reveals notes of lemon zest and lemon associated with slight hints of mandarin zest and flint. The palate is fruity, juicy, nicely/fat suave, relatively incisor and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a beautiful fat as well as a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and mandarin associated with slight notes of apple as well as discreet hints of passion fruits and flint. Good length and persistence.

#### Score: 15

#### Villa Minna Vineyard 2011 IGP Bouches-du-Rhône

The nose is relatively fresh and fruity. It reveals small notes of toasted oak associated with fine hints of green almond, lemon, zest as well as discreet hints of vine peach and verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine freshness, a fine unctuosity and a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mirabelle, lemon / quince and fine hints of crushed nectarine combined with a hint of yellow grape, small yellow fruits, green almond and an imperceptible hint of honey. Good length and persistence.

### Score : 15.25

#### Château les Valentines 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, quite elegant and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of vineyard peach, lemon and slight hints of exotic fruits (Quenette, passion

fruits, hint of papaya) associated with a hint of Granny Smith apple as well as an imperceptible flinty hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, relatively incisive and offers a beautiful acid frame, fat, a slight suavity, a slight tension, roundness, gourmandize, freshness as well as a beautiful matter/definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon, mandarin associated with slight touches of passion fruits as well as a discreet hint of crushed brugnon. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Mas de Cadenet 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively fresh and offers a slight concentration. It reveals slight hints of peach and apple associated with a discreet hint of lemon, litchi as well as an imperceptible hint of rose. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, round and offers a beautiful fat, a slight acidity as well as a slight mineral/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy nectarine and Williams pear associated with slight notes of litchi as well as a very discreet note of yuzu/mandarin. Good length. Score: 14.75+

#### Domaine Gavoty - Cuvée Clarendon 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and relatively dry. It reveals notes of fresh peach and slight notes of Quenette, citrus fruits associated with discreet hints of green apple as well as a very discreet hint of passion fruits. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, fat, relatively gourmand, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vineyard peach and Quenette associated with slight notes of citrus fruits, passion fruits as well as a discreet hint of Granny Smith apple. Good length. There is a slight suavity on the finish.

#### Score : 14.75

#### Domaine Richeaume - Tradition Blanc 2014 IGP Méditerrannée

The nose reveals slight notes of quince, yellow peach and discreet hints of beeswax associated with a subtle hint of Mirabelle, white nectarine, a discreet hint of white flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of lemon zest. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, fat and offers a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince and mandarin associated with slight hints of yellow peach, Quenette as well as a discreet hint of lemon, white flowers, beeswax and exotic fruits. Score: 14.5

#### Domaine Richeaume - Columelle Blanc 2012 IGP Méditerrannée

The nose reveals notes of ripe papaya and apple associated with slight hints of quince, beeswax as well as a discreet hint of pear and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, fat, round, slightly gourmande and offers a slight acid frame as well as a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon confit and slight notes of mandarin, papaya/exotic fruits associated with a discreet hint of zest, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh almond. Good length and persistence.

#### Château Volterra - Vermentino 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of crushed pear, vineyard peach and passion fruits associated with a discreet hint of crystallized clementine as well as a very discreet hint of ripe papaya. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, relatively ample, round and offers a

small fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed vineyard peach and hints of pear, litchi associated with a discreet hint of passion fruits, papaya as well as a discreet hint of ripe citrus fruits. Good length. Score: 14.25

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#### Château des Ferrages - Roumery 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is relatively fruity and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of flowers/rose associated with a discreet hint of pink grapefruit, Quenette, clementine as well as a discreet hint of ripe white fruits. The palate is fruity, fine, relatively mineral, well-balanced, round and offers a slight freshness, fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed peach and Quenette associated with slight hints of passion fruits, litchi and sweet clementine. Good length.

### Score : 15

#### Château Roubine - InSpire

Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, elegant and relatively fruity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and vineyard peach associated with slight hints of fresh mandarin as well as a discreet hint of passion fruits. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, well-built, suave and offers a slight gourmandize, a small fat as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits, Quenette and slight notes of clementine associated with a hint of vineyard peach as well as an imperceptible hint of apricot. Good length. Score: 16+

#### Château Pas de Cerf 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic, slightly elegant and offers a slight gourmandize. It reveals notes of passion fruits and slight notes of lemon associated with discreet hints of Quenette, zest as well as an imperceptible hint of grapefruit and rose. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, quite elegant and offers a small suavity as well as a small gourmand side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vineyard peach and passion fruits associated with discreet hints of lemon, mandarin as well as a discreet hint of green apple. Good length. Score: 15

# Domaine Houchart 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of crushed vineyard peach and slight hints of Quenette, ripe lemon associated with discreet hints of mandarin as well as a hint of white fruits and a very discreet flinty hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, ample, round, slightly suave and offers a slight fat, a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful fresh/acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vineyard peach and passion fruits associated with slight touches of mandarin, Quenette, a discreet flinty hint as well as discreet hints of lemon and gourmand/fleshy brugnon. Good length.

### Château Saint-Esprit - Essentiel 2016

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, quite aromatic and offers a slight freshness. It reveals notes of passion fruits and zest associated with hints of apricot, citrus fruits as well as a discreet flinty hint. The palate is fruity, round and offers a small suavity, a slight acid frame, a small fat as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits and ripe citrus fruits associated with discreet hints of brugnon and zests. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Domaine de La Sanglière Prestige 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is slightly aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of ripe white peach and vanilla associated with discreet hints of mandarin zests, fresh grape as well as hints of lemon. The palate is fruity, fresh, fine, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, a good suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Quenette and passion fruits associated with slight hints of ripe mandarin, lemon as well as a discreet hint of pear, green apple and discreet hints of woody vanilla. Good length. Score: 15.5

#### Château Roubine Terre de Croix 2015

#### Côtes de Provence - Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively elegant, dry, and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of yellow peach and slight notes of passion fruits associated with discreet hints of Quenette, Granny Smith apple as well as discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, elegant, straight, aerial, relatively gourmand and offers a beautiful freshness, purity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits and crushed vineyard peach associated with discreet hints of lemon, mandarin as well as discreet hints of woody vanilla, subtle touches of ripe brugnon and an imperceptible hint of fresh pineapple. Good length. Score:  $16.25 \pm$ 

#### Château des Ferrages Monplaisir 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals slight notes of vineyard peach associated with a hint of citrus fruits, mango, flint, passion fruits as well as a very discreet hint of fresh lemon zest. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, a slight fleshy, gourmandize as well as a slight minerality. The wine opens with a tingling sensation. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy white peach and pear associated with slight notes of Quenette, passion fruits as well as a discreet hint of apricot, lemon, mandarin and a very discreet hint of flint. Good length. Score: 15+

#### Château des Demoiselles 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, tight and slightly aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed brugnon, pear and slight hints of Quenette associated with a discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity, juicy, fine, well-balanced, round, slightly smooth and offers a beautiful definition, volume, precision as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnon, mandarin and passion fruits associated with a discreet hint of litchi, rose, grape and white fruits. Good length. Score: 15

#### Château de Roquefort Les Genets 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively fresh and offers a slight intensity. It reveals notes of yellow peach and passion fruits associated with discreet hints of ripe white fruits and hints of clementine zests. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, fine and offers a slight suavity as well as a slight acid frame. The wine opens with a tingling sensation. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits and Quenette associated with discreet hints of Williams pear, lemon and mandarin. Good length. Score: 15+

### Clos Gautier 2015

#### Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a slight gourmandize. It reveals notes of litchi, flowers/rose, small notes of white flowers and discreet hints of exotic fruits associated with hints of lemon zests, lemon as well as an imperceptible hint of white grapefruit zests and fresh green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat, suave, relatively elegant, round and offers finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, green apple and more slightly of pear, passion fruits associated with a discreet hint of grapefruit. Good length.

Score : 15

#### Clos Gautier - Clos du Château 2015

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of peach and brugnon associated with discreet hints of quince, pineapple, exotic fruits as well as hints of spices, white flowers (discreet) and a very discreet hint of white pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, fat, round, well-balanced, ample, gourmand and offers a slight juiciness, a good definition as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, brugnon, passion fruits and flint associated with a hint of litchi, pear as well as discreet hints of citrus fruits and a very discreet hint of sweet spices/wood (in the background). Good length.

#### Domaine de la Navicelle Esprit de la Colle Noire 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of green apple and pistil/white flowers associated with slight notes of white fruits, exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of lemon and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fat, well-balanced, supple and offers finesse as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed peach, brugnon and slight notes of Quenette associated with discreet hints of Williams pear and fresh mandarin. Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Domaine de la Navicelle - La Colle Noire 2012 Côtes de Provence

The nose reveals notes of quince associated with slight notes of Mirabelle, beeswax as well as a hint of pear and a very discreet hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, fat, well-balanced, suave, well-built and offers a beautiful juicy frame, a beautiful definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow peach, quince and Mirabelle associated with a discreet hint of pear as well as a subtle hint of apricot, brioche/vanilla and beeswax. Good length. A well-built wine! Beautiful persistence. Score: 15.5

#### Sainte Croix La Manuelle Les Pierres Sauvages 2014 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fine, fresh and elegant. It reveals notes of vanilla oak, quince and lemon associated with slight notes of passion fruits, fresh grape as well as a discreet hint of Quenette and an imperceptible hint of Garrigue. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, fine, straight and offers tension, a slight freshness, a slight gourmandize as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vanilla/toasted and compoted brugnon associated with slight hints of plum, Mirabelle, quince as well as a discreet hint of fresh grape. Good length.

#### Score : 15.25

#### Domaine Sainte Marie Cuvée 1884 millésime 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fresh, fine, elegant and slightly incisive. It reveals notes of lemon, peach and slight notes of litchi associated with a discreet hint of lemon zests and fresh apple. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, straight, well-balanced and offers a beautiful tension, a beautiful finesse, fat, a good roundness, a good definition (finesse of the grain!) as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed peach, lemon and pink grapefruit associated with discreet hints of Quenette. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of vanilla on the finish. Score: 16.25+

#### La Mascaronne - Vita Bella 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of crushed pear and ripe white peach associated with discreet hints of citrus fruits (mandarin...) as well as very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, slightly pearly on the attack and offers a beautiful juicy/acid frame (of the fruit). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy peach and Quenette associated with slight notes of lemon, clementine, a discreet note of yuzu zests and a hint of fleshy white fruits. Good length. Score: 15

#### Clos des Roses 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits and slight hints of fresh lemon/grapefruit. The palate is fruity, fine, sleek, mineral, relatively gourmand, relatively fat and offers a slight acid frame as well as a slight freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnon, pear and slight hints of lemon associated with a discreet hint of mandarin as well as an imperceptible hint of rose. Good length. Score:  $14.5^+$ 

#### Château du Rouët - Belle Poule 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite gourmand and relatively fine. It reveals notes of passion fruits and flowers associated with slight hints of white flowers and fresh lemon zests. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, round, well-balanced and offers a slight suavity as well as a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits, litchi and slight hints of vineyard peach associated with a discreet hint of citrus fruits (rose grapefruit and an imperceptible hint of lemon). Good length. Score: 14.75

#### Château Pas du Cerf - Rocher des Croix 2015 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of lemon and fresh peach associated with hints of exotic fruits as well as a hint of rose grapefruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a slight smooth, a slight acidity as well as a beautiful fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruits and ripe brugnon/ripe white fruits associated with slight hints of ripe pear, lemon zests as well as discreet hints of vanilla and a very discreet/imperceptible toasted hint. Good length. Score: 14.75

# Israël

#### Teperberg - Petite Sirah 2013 - Legacy Israël

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and quite intense. It reveals notes of chocolate, juicy blackberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of redcurrants as well as hints of oak and caramel. The palate is fruity, fat, round, velvety, tight, nicely powerful (well-balanced!) and offers finesse and a nice grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum and slight notes of red fruits (raspberry, cherry) associated with notes of chocolate, toasted wood, cardamon and slight touches of vanilla. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length. Score: 15.5

#### Teperberg - Cabernet Franc 2013 - Legacy Israël

The nose is fruity, powerful and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of plum jam, sour cherry and blueberry associated with slight / discreet notes of wild red berries, chocolate as well as slight notes of black tea, Bourbon va-

nilla and a very discreet hint flowers. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, nicely built, round, fat, relatively gourmande and offers a nice matter, tension, a good minerality and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy raspberry, strawberry and fine notes of plum associated with touches of dark chocolate, toasted wood as well as a discreet hint of caramel and black tea.

Score : 16

#### Teperberg - Petit Verdot 2013 Legacy Israël

The nose is fine and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of chocolate, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry combined with a discreet hint of raspberry and slight hints of cornflowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively silky and offers a mineral frame and a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight touches of blueberry, raspberry as well as small notes of chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted wood. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

#### Teperberg - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Essence

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The nose is fruity, fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of plum, cassis and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of licorice, toasted oak as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and slight touches of chocolate. The mouth is fruity, voluminous, relatively elegant and offers a nice minerality, finesse as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of red fruits, toasted wood as well as slight notes of cardamon and chocolate. Tannins are fine, well-built and structuring. Good length. A wine made in a more easy-drinking style than «Legacy» wines range. Score: 15

#### Teperberg - Malbec 2013 - Essence Israël

The nose is fruity, fresh, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes

of plum, crushed blackberry and slight notes of redcurrant combined with a discreet hint of rose as well as small notes of wood, sweet spices and dark chocolate. The mouth is fruity, fine, fluid, elegant, well-conducted, powerful and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum cream and blackberry combined with slight notes of small red berries, raspberry as well as touches of chocolate, toasted oak and a discreet hint of caramelization. Good length. Score: 15+

#### Carmel Winery Kayoumi Vineyard - Shiraz 2012 Israël

The nose is fruity, fine, finely gourmand and a bit powerful/intense. It reveals notes of blackberry and wild black berries associated with slight notes of raspberry jam, red berries as well as slight toasted notes, cardamom, discreet notes of chocolate and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fine, fluid, mineral, suave and fat. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, plum and slight notes of blueberry, raspberry associated with slight hints of wood and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

#### Amphorae

#### Makura 2009 Merlot Barbera Galilee

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of red fruits and spices associated with a hint of zan. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced, intense, beautifully elegant, relatively powerful and offers an acid frame as well as a nice texture and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit and a few notes of black berries associated with small hints of spice and chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 15.75

#### Carmel Winery Kayoumi Vineyard - Riesling 2015 Israël

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively fine. It reveals notes of brugnon and white fruits associated with slight notes of lemon, vine peach as

well as a hint of quenette and slight notes of flint. The palate is fruity, fine, gourmand, fat, round and offers an acid frame and a fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, vine peach and slight notes of exotic fruit combined with discreet hints of ripe citrus fruits (lemon ...). Good length and beautiful (and aromatic) persistence. Score: 15

#### Amphorae Rhyton Collection 2014 Chardonnay Galilee

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of lemon sorbet, citrus and fine touches of apple Granny Smith associated with a hint of mirabelle plum (in the background) as well as a hint of passion fruit and honey. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers freshness, tension, fat and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses slight notes of nectarine, Granny apple, citrus and passion fruit / exotic fruit associated with a discreet touch of honey. Score: 15.5





#### Clos Marguerite - Pinot Noir 2012 Marlborough

The nose is aromatic, elegant, intense and quite fine. It reveals notes of plum, Boysenberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with fine touches of flowers (hawthorn ...) as well as a very discreet hint of zan and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, silky, elegant, rich and finely rich. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, strawberry and slight notes of Boysenberry combined with discreet hints of prunes, blueberry as well as slight touches of licorice, tobacco and flowers. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. There are slight touches of cocoa on the persistence / aftertaste. Score: 15+

#### Saint Clair Family Estate - Pinot Noir 2014 Marlborough

The nose is fine, fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and fine hints of raspberry combined with discreet hints of small wild berries, notes of dark chocolate as well as discreet notes of graphite, flowers and wood. The palate is fruity, silky, suave, fat and quite gourmande. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, plum and black cherry combined with slight notes of strawberry jam, chocolate, zan and discreet hints of toasted / caramelized oak and a touch of vanilla. Good length.

#### Score : 15.25

#### Blind River - Sauvignon blanc 2016

Awatere Valley - Marlborough

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine sensation of sweetness. it reveals notes of lemon, ripe pink grapefruit and fine notes of clementine combined with touches of exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruit), touches of minerality as well as a (very) discreet hint of zest and an imperceptible hint of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fresh, well defined, mineral and offers a fine acid frame, a nice roundness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, clementine and fine touches of grapefruit combined with touches of passion fruit, quenette as well as a discreet hint of lychee, pear, slight hints of flint and an imperceptible hint of toasted oak. Good length. The finish is a bit suave. Score: 15.5

#### Clos Marguerite - Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Marlborough

The nose is fruity, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of clementine, flint and ripe citrus fruits (lemon, clementine) combined with hints of exotic fruits, lychee, quenette, passion fruit, vegetal (discreet) and a very discreet hint of apple. The mouth is fruity, suave, fresh, precise, nicely ample and offers minerality, a nice acid frame, a certain purity, a nice fat and a small unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, citrus fruits (lemon, mandarin ...) associated with small notes of passion fruit, quenette as well as slight notes of flint and an imperceptible hint of yuzu zests (in the background). Good length.

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#### Saint Clair Family Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2015 Marlborough

The nose is fruity, dry, fresh, elegant and quite bright. It reveals notes of lemon and slight touches of lime zest, minerality associated with slight hints of mandarin, white flowers as well as discreet hints of passion fruit, guava and an imperceptible hint of honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, ample, quite pure and luminous. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, passion fruit and quenette combined with discreet hints of guava, mandarin and a discreet touch of white grapefruit. Good length. Score:16

#### Lawson's Dry Hills - Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Marlborough

The nose is fresh, fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of ripe citrus (lemon, grapefruit) combined with a discreet hint of beeswax, lime zest, flint and an imperceptible herbaceous hint. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh, fat, suave, a bit gourmande and offers a nice freshness, an acid frame and a nice roundness / softness. The attack is (very) slightly «perlante» (discreet sparkling/beading effect). In the mouth this wine expresses fine notes of lemon, lychee and hints of mandarin associated with discreet hints of passion fruit, fresh pineapple as well as slight hints of quenette. Good length and persistence.

#### Soho - Carter - Chardonnay 2015 Waiheke Island

The nose is aromatic, well defined and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of yellow fruits and pear associated with small woody notes and a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, gourmand, relatively elegant, fine and offers smoothness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and pineapple combined with touches of quince, small notes of yellow fruits / mirabelle plum as well as small woody notes and a slight hint of vanilla. Good length.

#### Soho - Havana - Pinot Noir 2014 Marlborough

The nose is fruity, full and relatively precise. It reveals notes of cherry, plum and blackberry associated with small touches of cassis, black cherry as well as discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, relatively elegant, fine and offers minerality and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, plum and slight notes of strawberry associated with a very discreet note of rose as well as discreet woody notes. Tannins are fine, supple and well-built. Good length.

#### Soho - Stella - Sauvignon Blanc 2015 Marlborough

The nose is fruity gourmand, precise and quite elegant. It reveals notes of pear, passion fruit and exotic fruits associated with a touch of apple. The palate is fruity, gourmand, precise and offers a nice acidity (acid frame) and smoothness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, quenette) associated with small touches of citrus and a hint of passion fruit. Good length.

#### Score: 15.25

#### Soho - Jagger - Pinot Gris 2015 Marlborough

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers freshness. It reveals notes of citrus, lemon and a touch of tangerine associated with a hint of green apple, ripe pear and a discreet touch of yellow fruit. The palate is fruity, fresh, straight, gourmand, quite unctuous, quite elegant and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruit, passion fruit, citrus (lemon, tangerine) and pineapple associated with a hint of pear as well as discrete notes of herbs on the finish. Good length and persistence. Score: 15



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# **Spirits reviews**

# Whiskies

#### Glen Scotia - Double Cask Single Malt Scotch Whisky

#### Classic Campbeltown Malt

The nose is gourmand, fine and aromatic / fruity. It reveals notes of Zante currant, dried peach and hints of lemon zest associated with touches of wood, a very discreet hint of caramelization / rancio, gray pepper (in the background), spices as well as an imperceptible hint of zest of mandarin (in the background) and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, round, fine, fluid and offers a small fat, a fine unctuosity as well as a nice balance between finesse and power. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of apri-

cot, compoted peach and slight hints of pear, lemon zest associated with slight/discreet hints of dried yellow raisins, rancio, a discreet of grilled oak (in the background), caramelization (in the background) as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background) and dried peppermint (in the background). Good length. The aftertaste is slightly spicy. Score : 16

#### 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 od 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. Score: 16.25

#### Loch Lomond Whiskies Inchmurrin Madeira Wood Finish Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fruity, aromatic, quite powerful and full. It reveals notes of dried fruit, caramelised wood and Madeira combined with slight hints of dried zest of lemon / tangerine as well as a hint of pear in syrup, almond and very discreet hint of cigar. The mouth is fruity, fine, relatively gourmande, fleshy, relatively powerful and offers a nice definition. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of fleshy pear and a discreet hint of vine peach associated with slight hint of fleshy white fruits, physalis, carameliza-

tion as well as a very discreet hint of peat (in the background) and grilled wood. There are notes of pepper on the persistence. Score: 15.5

### Glen Scotia - Victoriana

#### Single Malt Scotch Whisky (Island collection)

The nose is fresh, fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of Zante currant, crème brulée, papaya and fine notes of green apple, citrus peel associated with a hint of physalis, hints of rancio as well as a discreet hint of grilled oak (in the background). The mouth is fruity, fresh, fine, perfectly balanced, well defined, elegant and offers a nice definition, fat and

a nice precision. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of physalis, cassis and fine notes of ripe citrus associated with a touch of citrus zests, papaya, fleshy white fruits, grilled oak, rose as well as a very discreet hint of earth (in the background), vanilla (in the background), a discreet hint of caramelization, grilled hint and spices on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 16.5

#### Borders

#### Single Grain Scotch Whisky (first release, finished in Oloroso Sherry



Casks) The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of peat, smoke and caramel associated with discreet burned hints, grass as well as a hint of Sherry, a discreet hint of orange blossom and an imperceptible hint of salinity. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmande, fine, well-balanced and slightly fat. On the palate, this Whiskey expresses notes of candied lemon and raisins combined with discreet hints of grilled wood, Sherry as well as subtle hint of prunes, cedar wood, coffee, walnuts and a note of Cuben / gray pepper on the persistence. Beautiful persistence! The aftertaste / persistence offers suavity. Score : 15,25

#### Raasay - While We Wait

#### Single Grain Scotch Whisky (first release, finished in Tuscan Red Wine Casks)

The nose reveals notes of crushed cherry, red plum, red earth and slight hints of oak associated with hints of pepper, raspberry, slight touches of peat as well as a discreet hint of spice (Sichuan pepper ...), smoke and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The mouth is aromatic, fine, fluid, gournand, well balanced, slightly fleshy and offers a fine minerality, finesse, freshness and a slight fat. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of red fruits (raspberry, cherry) and slight notes of compoted peach, cassis associated with slight hints of vanilla/oak as well as touches of peat and a discreet hint of gray pepper / spices.

#### Hyde - N°4 Presidents Cask Rum 1922 Finish

#### Single Malt Irish Whiskey

The nose is fruity, aromatic and powerful. It reveals fine notes of caramel, hazelnut, spices and fine notes of rum / sugar cane combined with a discreet hint of peat, Bourbon vanilla, verbena, spices as well as a touch of pepper and an imperceptible hint of candied lemon / red plum (in

the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly juicy / gourmande and offers a good roundness, a fine tension and a fine suavity. On the palate, this Whiskey expresses notes of lychee, candied white fruits and fine hints of caramelization / nougatine combined with a very discreet hint of apricot, vanilla, caramel, spices (ginger ...) and rum. Good length. A powerful whiskey.

Score : 15.75

# Whiskies

#### Hyde - N°3 The Aras Cask Bourbon 1916 Matured Single Grain Irish Whiskey

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and appetizing. It reveals slight notes of Zante currants, cloves, pâtisseries and slight hints of crystallized citrus (lemon, clementine), candied cherry associated with a discreet touch of apple, spices as well as a subtle hint of spice and wood. The mouth is gourmand, fleshy, well-balanced, nicely fleshy and offers a small fat, suavity as well as a fine freshness. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of pâtisseries, apple and crystallized lemon combined with a discreet hint of vanilla as well as a slight hint of marmalade, caramel and very discreet hints of grilled oak (in the background). Good and aromatic persistence. There is a hint of honey on the persistence.

#### Hyde - N°5 The Aras Cask Burgundy 1860 Cask Finish Single Grain Irish Whiskey

The nose reveals notes of brown sugar, hints of red plum and very ripe cherry combined with slight hints of coconut, a discreet hint of honey, spices, wood as well as an imperceptible hint of peat (in the background) and a discreet hint of rosewood. The mouth is fruity, fleshy, slightly unctuous and offers freshness and a fine juiciness. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of crushed pear and slight notes of lychee, ripe red fruits combined with a discreet hint of vanilla cream as well as a slight note of caramelized brown sugar, grilled oak, an imperceptible hint of orange and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Good length.

#### Score : 15.25

#### Hyde - N°1 Presidents Cask Aged 10 years

Single Malt Irish Whiskey

The nose is aromatic and relatively full / rich. It reveals fine notes of peach, citrus and a discreet hint of vanilla combined with discreet hints of peat, subtle hints of gray pepper, ash, mirabelle, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of chocolate and bergamot. The mouth is fruity, quite ample and offers a fine juiciness, a good volume as well as a slight freshness. On the palate this Whiskey expresses notes of fleshy white fruits (pear, brugnon) combined with discreet hints of fresh Green apple / plum, caramel, honey as well as a very discreet hint of cedar wood and creamy vanilla on the finish. Persistence is suave.

Score : 16

#### Aberlour - A'Bunadh - Batch N° 49 Highland Single Malt Scotch Whiskey

The nose is fruity, complex and rich. It reveals notes of praline, orange peel and beeswax combined with discreet hints of oak, sweet spices, hazelnut, orange blossom and an imperceptible hint of ginger. The palate is fruity, elegant, straight, round, creamy, complex and offers a slight tension. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of orange zest, Sherry and tangerine combined with discreet hints of caramel, pâtisseries, candied lemon, smoke, candied cherry, slight hints of chocolate, wood hazelnut, a discreet hint of Zante currant as well as a very discreet hint of Tarte Tatin, spices, peat and an imperceptible hint of cocoa.

#### Hibiki - Japanese Harmony Suntory Whisky The nose is very fruity, fine, straight and quite gourmand It reveals notes

of ripe white fruits (brugnon, pear, litchi ...), apricot and discreet hints of lemon zest / orange marmalade associated with a touch of caramelization, sandalwood and spices (discreet). The palate is fruity, quite straight and offers generosity, a fine acidity / freshness as well as unctuosity. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of fleshy green apple, orange, apricot and fleshy pear combined with slight hints of marmalade, honey as well as a hint of caramelization / sugar and an imperceptible hint of Japanese oak. Good length. A well-built, easy-drinking and full of «pleasure» Whiskey.

### Score : 16

#### The Hakushu – Distiller's Reserve Single Malt Whisky

The nose is fine, elegant, subtle and slightly generous / fleshy. It reveals notes of green peach, apple skin and slight hints of pine, herbs, mint associated with a discreet hint of Williams pear, a subtle hint of brown sugar as well as a discreet hint of citrus (yuzu ...) and an imperceptible hint of cereal. The palate is fruity, elegant, straight, well defined, slightly fleshy and offers a fine juiciness, roundness and a fine suavity. In the mouth this Whiskey expresses notes of quenette, green fruits and slight notes of quince / citrus, green plum associated with a discreet hint of apricot, caramelization / nougatine, discreet touches of ripe Williams pear as well as a very subtle hint of tobacco / smoke in the background. Good length.

Score : 16.25

#### The Hakushu - Aged 18 Years Single Malt Whisky

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

#### The Yamazaki – Aged 18 Years Single Malt Whisky

The nose is elegant, fine, charming and fruity. It reveals notes of dried fruit / woods, raisins and dried apricots associated with discreet hints of dried mandarin zest, dried flowers (peach flowers ...) as well as a subtle hint of almond and an imperceptible hint of iodine / salinity. The palate is fruity, fine, fleshy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition and precision. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of red apple compote, vine peach, blackberry and discreet hints of quenette combined with discreet hints of pâtisseries / caramelized brown sugar, dark chocolate, wood/oak and a subtle hint of lemon paste and spices. Good length. Score: 17.75



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