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California, Bordeaux, Douro, Tuscany, Marche, Alsace, Cognac Whiskies... 600 Wine & Spirits reviews

Focus on 7 wineries to discover

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Tout comme l'art, le Cognac a son chef d'œuvre.



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Discover seven properties, 600 wines from Bordeaux, Tuscany, Marche, California, Douro, Alsace and Spirits (Cognac, Whiskies).



It is with great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2016 Spring edition of VERT DE VIN magazine. For this issue I chose to explore European and American wine regions, and also to give a spotlight to certain spirits. It is the result of exhilarating trips and meetings!

So in the first part of the magazine you will discover beautiful wineries in Tuscany, Napa Valley, Tuscany and Bordeaux. In the second part you will discover Nicolas Frion, a great Chef from Bordeaux. Nicolas Frion, Chef of the famous restaurant Le Gabriel, created especially for VERT DE VIN a few recipes to pair with wines. This customized creation will tickle your taste buds !

In the third part you will find 500 wine tasting reports (Bordeaux, Alsace, Tuscany, Marche, California, Douro) and 100 Spirits (Cognac, 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 more complex, more diverse. In this magazine you will find presentations of some Bordeaux vineyards and 160 wine reviews.

California is one of my favorite american wine region. This stat has a great diversity of terroir which is unfortunately often overlooked. There are lot of different terroirs in the same valley that are no longer seen as a global appellation but that gain recognition step by step. In this section you will find articles presenting not only different terroirs of Napa Valley but also wines from Sonoma and Lodi.

Alsace is a great wine region adjoining the slopes of the Vosges. It produces mainly white wines of which some are among the most famous in the world. It also includes a small production of Crémant and red wine. In this magazine you will find a hundred white wine and sparkling wine reviews.

Tuscany is one of the largest and best Italian wine regions that offers tremendous diversity of property and soil types. Not only that, this Italian region offers a rather exceptional epicurean quality of life for which I bear certain affection. I have chosen to present 150 Chianti Classico wines and 50 other wines from Tuscany.

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.

Marche is a coastal Italian wine of the Adriatic region. Historically it has produced mainly white wines, however in recent years we see red wines are appearing that are worth talking about. In this part of the magazine you will find mainly wine from the appellations Offida and Piceno / Piceno Superiore.

Cognac... what can I say about this great Spirit. It's one of the oldest and most famous spirits in the world and one of my favorite delicacies. In this magazine you will find 50 Cognac reviews, mainly XO, vintage and Hors d'Âge.

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

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MONTEVERRO

«A great wine is like a work of art: it pushes us to seek out and respect each terroir's unique character.» (George Weber)

Monteverro is a young winery founded in 2003 by Mr Georg Weber, German nationality. The property is located in Capalbio in Maremma (Tuscany), on the border of the Lazio region. This region was long, until the mid-twentieth century occupied by large agricultural grain fields. to the soup of her family, went hunting with her father's gun. The naive girl wandered into the thick bush and killed a boar so huge and dangerous that even the bravest fighter friends of her father would have feared the boar. That feat was immortalized in the name of Monteverro."

Georg Weber's love for wine was born when he was a student while he was dripping for the first time a glass of fine Bordeaux. Since that day his passion for wine only grew up to bring it to the purchase of Monteverro.

In 2000 wishing to acquire property Georg Weber began looking for a vineyard. For three years visited many properties in Bordeaux, Napa Valley, Bolgherie or Australia but it's coming on holiday in Tuscany, on the border of Lazio G. Weber was in love at first sight for the place would become Monteverro.

In 2003, not wishing to rush without being sure to be able to produce great wines he asked leading international experts to study the soil of Monteverro. Satisfied with the results he proceeded with the purchase of this former farm of 50 hectares.

In 2004 he planted Merlot, Ca-



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bernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot; in 2005 Syrah and Grenache and finally Chardonnay in 2006 to reach a total of 16 hectares. Since, they've been planting, every two years roughly, to increase the Bordeaux grape varieties.

Today the property has 50 hectares of Monteverro including 27 hectares of vineyards and 23 hectares of scrubland, buildings and trees.

"'Monte' means 'hill' and 'verro' means 'wild boar' in the local vernacular. Monteverro can therefore be translated as 'Boar Hill.' A popular local legend tells that in 1901 a young girl who wanted to celebrate Christmas dinner by adding meat

Focus on Matthieu Taunay, winemaker / oenologist of

Monteverro

«We are using progressive farming methods but our practices are inspired by the organic farming (no insecticide, just copper and sulphur). Each action and decision here is made with care / for example the craftsmanwinemaker understands

winemaker understands the strengths, weaknesses, constraints, potential and needs of his vineyard.We work our vineyard little by little.

We barvest by band in small crates 7kg then vinify by gravity. Each year we produce 5 labels (2 white, red 4) with a total of about 150,000 bottles of wine per year. The first produced vintage was the 2008. It was sold for the first time in 2011. We were already very bappy with the result but we want to go further each year. It also produces about 1,000 bottles of olive oil a year.

What I like here is the terroir, the challenge to be part of nothing but to create a property, the love for this region and its potential and to the atmosphere within the team. It is a very cosmopolitan team. I am French, the owner is German, our winemaker is French and our team also includes Italian, German and a Swiss. Between us we worked on five continents.»

VertdeVin: What is the terroir of Monteverro?

M.T.: «It is located on a bill facing the sea (5km), so it benefits from marine influences. It is between 30 and 80 meters above sea level.

In summer in this part of Tuscany the winds can be very strong and hot. But at least they blow gently over Monteverro because we are located within a natural bay, it is protected.

It's always breezy here. Summer days bring us a refreshing sea breeze and on bot August nights, the winds are strong enough to bring the vines the refreshment they need.

Our soil consists of clays that slowly release water to fight against the heat, limestone and large rocks help with soil drainage. It's a nice virgin soil that was planted a few years ago. There were no grape vines here before we arrived but only cereals, olive groves and scrubland.

It is surrounded by a small natural wall made of red earth, boulders and surrounded by scrubland that allows us to naturally protect the vineyards but also to maintain good biodiversity. It is a mineral rich terrain, which is good for the vineyard.»

V.d.V.: What is recognizeable about Monteverro wines in a blind tasting? What is your signature style?

M.T.: «In our wines are always a bint of scrubland; a reminder of the DNA of these wines, the terroir. This is something that is typical of this hill. Delicate saline finish is also still found in our wines. This is probably due to the sea wind. The focus is on the work in the vineyard for wine is made primarily in the vineyard. We work on the length, complexity, but especially on the width of the wines. Deeper wines more marked by the terroir, cooler... Finally one makes a careful fine tuning of the details ... »

V.d.V.: How would you describe Monteverro in a few words / adjectives?

M.T.: « Young (for the atmosphere and the owners), International (team), explosive / free and pioneering nature



(belief in something new, in the potential of this region.»

Side Anecdotes

One of the wines Monteverro is called 'Tinata'. It's one of the favorite wines of Mr Weber!

He gave it the name «Tinata» in honor of his mother, Christine. It's a passionate Syrah and was affectionately nicknamed «Tina». «Plus it really has traits like Ms. Weber! It is a wine that combines power and feminine sensuality.»

Thanks to the team of Monteverro for its warm welcome J.C.C.

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IL CERCHIO

«A great wine is like a work of art: it pushes us to seek out and respect each terroir's unique character.» (George Weber)

I Cerchio is a small family winery (9-hectares) founded in 1988 by Corinna Vicenzi and farmed organically. It is located outside the village of Capalbio, in the South of Tuscany, Maremma.

It currently II Cerchio has 1,5 acres of olive groves, pastures, a small forest and 3 hectares of vines in production. Two additional hectares have been planted last year and, there will be no more after that because C.Vicenzi absolutely wants to continue to manage everything just with her son Beniamno. Currently the vineyard is planted with Vermentino, Ansonica, Sangiovese and Alicante. Each year the property produces about 16.000 bottles.

Focus on Corinna Vicenzi, owner-winemaker of Il Cerchio

"My father always taught me to taste / love good wine. I love this world of wine! I have not always had the

idea, the desire to come here to work in a vineyard. The idea germinated gradually. Today I am passionate about what I do, as the winemaker. I put some of my heart in each of the wines I make. I bave long lived in Milan. There I studied languages and I worked in an architectural studio where I met my husband. During the bolidays we often went down to Capalbio (Maremma) especially for the lifestyle it offers. We quickly fell in love with this region to the point that we looked for a house with the goal of coming here to spend our retirement.

We quickly found a home in Capalbio but soon we sold it to acquire this property. Soon the idea and desire to take care of the vineyard that was present came about. I bacame passionate about the vines and the region little by little. Until 1992 I combined my work in Milan and

Side anecdote Maremma is a land of immigration which has succeeded on

many nations (France, Spain, Etruscan ...) that each have their

footprints marked this region. For example, about thirty kilome-

ters from the property you can visit archaeological sites, histori-

cal vestiges retracing the presence of the Romans or Etruscans...

maintaining the vineyard taking me back and forth to the vineyard. Initially there was only one bectare of vines and one bectar of olive trees. It was more round trips and it was bard to get to Milan and at the end of the primary school of my son we

came here, I took care of the vineyard / property while my husband, he preferred to continue working in architecture. I improved my knoweldge as a winemaker through readings, lectures and help / advice provided by the former





owner as well as relating with friends like Matthieu Taunay (winemaker / oenologist Monteverro).

My son began graduate studies in audiovisual / cinema / TV. At first be followed bis studies and came back down from time to time to belp me during the busiest periods

(grape barvest, winemaking ...) but after a few months be decided to quit school and come work full time at Il Cerchio. I will not bide the fact that I was very bappy with bis decision, but I did nothing to push bim into it. I wanted it to be bis decision and not mine."

Another anecdote

One day Corinna Vicenzi was contacted by Bibendum, an australina impoter, who asked her to buy her wines tasted in New York. She was greatly surprised that such a request was made of her considering such a 'small production'.

"Our production is limited, it is a small winery but our wines have already been shipped to many countries such as Canada, Belgium, Japan, Australia and the United States."

organic farming?

C.V.:"We made the choice to manage the vineyards according to the principles of organic agriculture upon it's creation and we obtained the certification in 1994. We made this choice by full conviction that respect for the environment, health of the consumer and the producer are signi-

VertdeVin: Where does the name "Il Cerchio" come from ?

Corinna Vicenzi: "Il Cerchio means 'circle' in Italian. It's the circle of nature. Nature is a circle and man is in the middle. The man must not seek to change, to change nature but he must learn to stay in his place. He must use nature, respect and adapt to it."

V.d.V.: What is recognizeable in Il Cerchio wines in a blind tasting ?

C.V.: "These are typical wines, elegant and drinkable. These are wines where we have recognized the grape. Alicante, for example, is never hidden by wood. In all our wines there is never over-breeding. What one wants is the grape,



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the characteristics of the grape variety and terroir. It is on land mostly composed of clay and a little sand. The influence of the sea which is less than 4 km has a beneficial effect on our vineyards."

V.d.V.: Why did you choose to manage the property by

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protect our ecosystem."

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COL D'ORCIA

A family property synonymous with quality and that is among the oldest in Montalcino

Col d'Orcia is one of the largest and oldest properties in Montalcino. It was created with the name "Fattoria di Sant'Angelo in Colle" more than 400 years ago (XVII century) on the southern part of the terroir of Montalcino by an old noble family from Siena. The property remained in the hands of this family until the nineteenth century and changed owners repeatedly. In 1958, following a family succession the heirs Léopodo Stefano Franceschi divided themselves the "Fattoria di Sant'Angelo in Colle" into two properties each with the obligation to rename their fields.

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Count Alberto Marone Cinzano then launched a major renovation project of the buildings, production facilities, replanting and extension of the field so for it to look like the "Fattoria di Sant'Angelo in Colle" was in the past. Currently the property extends over 540 hectares of which 142 are planted with vines with the remainder used for various crops such as tobacco, wheat, cereals, olives (35 hectares) or occupied by forests (200 hectares).



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"We have a very familiar atmosphere in Col d'Orcia! Despite the success of our wines and the size of the business we want to continue working in a family spirit. The team here is bighly regarded and a big family is formed. All this



allows us to keep an artisan profile, vigneron profile, farmer profile."

VertdeVin: Can you tell us about the vineyard of Col d'Orcia?

Nicola Giannetti, Marketing & Communication Manager: "It bas a wonderful and unique terroir! Most of our vineyards are planted with Sangiovese. It bas a Mediterranean climate with bot summers, light rains in spring and sometimes a little snow in winter. It is located on a bill with a beautiful southern exposure allowing to bave

good ripeness of grapes at an altitude of about 300 mètres. It is protected from different weather (bail ...) by Mount Amiata (1750mètres). The soils are poor in clay and rich in limestone.

Great attention is paid to the maturity of our grapes. Our harvest is entirely manual and is done by successive pickings. For example in 2015 we harvested with 65 people for three weeks.



crops (cereals, olives, tobacco ...). It is in organic farming by conviction and not by market opportunity.

Our life, our mission is to protect our land because that is what we are, is our passion, our terroir and we were born here. We are winegrowers by passion and by love for this place, for the vine and wine. You can not make wine by greed."

Giuliano Dragoni, agronomist: "Apart from the terroir and the history other specifics characterizes this vineyard Col d'Orcia. The property has very old Sangiovese plants. To preserve this unique genetic heritage Col d'Orcia is par

> tnered with the Universities of Florence and Pisa to study these very old Sangiovese clones. Today most of the Col d'Orcia vineyard is planted or replanted with these old clones, clones that come from 100 years ago. "75% of our production is made from Sangiovese from our own genetic heritage."

V.d.V.: Another feature of this property, is that you have, for ten years, planted

Pinot Gris. N.G. & G.D.: "Despite the fact that Montalcino is not the favorite place of this grape the Pinot Gris is very well acclimatized here. It gives good white wines marked by the terroir."

V.d.V.: Where does the name of the Tenuta Col d'Orcia come from ?

N.G. & G.D.: "Col d'Orcia" means "hill above the Orcia ri-

always brought and continuously continued to bring attention to the vineyard, its bealth and its biodiversity. There is fragmented management of our vineyard. In 2010 we decided to develop this policy by initiating the procedures for the certification of organic agriculture '. Thus vintages 2010, 2011 and 2012 were 'Organic Conversion' and 2013 was our first certified organic vintage. We conducted this approach not only for vineyards but also for our other

Respect for nature is also a concept that is dear to us. We

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COL D'ORCIA

ver". The Orcia is a river that marks the southwestern border of the Brunello di Montalcino appellation. This location allows the property to benefit from an exceptional terroir.

The Val d'Orcia is a unique area that was classified in 2004 by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site."

V.d.V.: What is the signature wines of Col d'Orcia? *N.G.:*"These are typical/racy wines, balanced and elegant. These are pleasant wines where Sangiovese is recognizable and put in value. The fruit is not masked by the wood."

I think what characterizes the wines of Col d'Orcia is the quality of Sangiovese, but also a beautiful matter, a beautiful harmony in mouth, freshness, elegance, good ripeness and tension in mouth. Commonly found slight spicy notes, fine pepper note on the nose. These are wines of Brunello di Montalcino made in a "traditional" style (grape varieties, blend, winemaking, ageing).

V.d.V.: Could you define / introduce the Tenuta Col d'Orcia in two or three words? G.D.: "*Tradition, unique terroir, biodiversity, bistory and respect for the land.*"

N.G.: "As for me I would add: uniqueness of the terroir, perfect land for the Sangiovese and respect / protect / sustainability of forests in our area."

Thanks to the Col d'Orcia team for the great hospitality. J.C.C.

Side Anecdotes

Of the 540 hectares that make up the property thirty hectares are dedicated to cereals and tobacco growing. As well as visit the property you have the opportunity to buy authentic Italian pasta manufactured based on an old variety of wheat, Senatore Cappelli. This variety contributes a lot in maintaining healthy soils of the property. Thanks to that there is found in the ground 35 different polyphenols antioxidants whereas with «current" varieties we found only two.

What is especially «anecdotal" is the tobacco growing. Col d'Orcia also plans within a few years, to produce its own cigars.

Another anecdote is that the property has very old and majestic cypress trees. Upon the restoration of the property Count Alberto Marone Cinzano wanted to know the age of these trees. Finding no records and failing to determine the age he appealed to memories of the old villages. Through them he could determine that these very old cypress trees are over 200 years old.



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JOSEPH PHELPS VINEYARDS

A pioneering Napa Valley vineyard born from the passion of a man

Joseph Phelps Vineyards is a Napa Valley winery created in 1973 by Joseph Phelps. Currently, the property has 475 acres of vineyards (192 hectares) of which 100 acres are located on the Sonoma Coast.

From Colorado, Joseph Phelps experienced the world of wine thanks to the parents of his college roommate who made him taste his first bottles of wine. From there was born in him a thirst for discovery, a collection of famous bottles and the beginning of a great passion which led him in 1973 to acquire a property in California. During these tastings he was particularly "impressed" by the wines of Bordeaux, the Rhône and Madeira.

In 1960 he discovered the Napa Valley thanks to the family business (Hensel Phelps Construction Company) which won a bid to build Souverain Winery. He took the opportunity to discover the wines of the region and fell in love with the Napa Valley. He began to search for property to create his own vineyard.

In 1973, after several years of research he found a former cattle ranch (Connolly Ranch) surrounded by 600 acres. He acquired this ranch and began a major project to renovate

buildings, building a winery (cellars, fermenting room, reception room...) and planting vines. He managed for several years two businesses with his father's construction company and with the vineyards in Napa Valley. After five years like this and wanting to dedicate 100% to his passion he decided to sell the family construction business.

There were many potential buyers but he made the choice to sell the company to their employees. Today the company still exists and it's still named Hensel Phelps Construction Company.

Following this sale he moved to California and worked on the qualitative development of these wines. He was notably the first winemaker to produce a varietally labeled Syrah post-prohibition. Having regular expansion opportunities he acquired other land allowing him to extend his planted vineyards to 375 acres.

In 1999, while in recently in search of a favorable terroir for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay he found while flying over, an ideal property in Sonoma. Seeing the potential of the terroir of this small area of 100 acres he acquired the property. He then launched into a vineyard restoration project and planted 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Chardonnay.

"The search ended when the perfect combination of climate,



soil and location was found in Freestone, located in the Sonoma Coast AVA, a mere six miles from the Pacific Ocean."

After the acquisition and until 2007 the wines of Sonoma vineyards were made at the property in Napa Valley. Wanting to optimize the work tools he built a winery on the domaine of Sonoma. The construction was carried out by his former family business, even if it is not customary for them to take on this kind of small project, it exceptionally agreed to take on the project.

Despite the death of Joseph Phelps April 15, 2015 at the age of 87, the property remains 100% family owned. He was in agreement with the words of Margrit Mondavi, "one of the great pioneers of Napa Valley... Together with Robert Mondavi and others at the time, they put their hands in the soil and their souls in wine".

He had four children and eight grandchildren. Among them his son Bill and two of his grandchildren work at the winery. His other children, Leslie, Laurie and Lynn are board members. The property has become famous thanks to the quality of its wines and especially through the Cuvée Insignia. Since a few years ago the property also produced olive oil.

Side Anecdote

The father's construction company, was not simply a "small" family business. In fact the HPCC (Hensel Phelps Construction Company) is one of the largest building companies in the United State. It has participated in major national projects. Recently Hensel Phelps Construction Company has participated in the reconstruction of the Pentagon (Washington) after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

More on the anecdote ; when Joseph Phelps worked in the family business he was commissioned to destroy a wooden bridge and then reconstruct a railway bridge near the city Annapolis, CA. At the sight of the over a century old wooden bridge and under it's historic charm; Wishing to keep it, he requested permission to take it away and to not destroy it but to restore it.

Today this famous path-wooden-iron bridge, dear to his heart, is integrated / presented on his property in Napa Valley.

VertdeVin: If you had to describe the property of Joseph Phelps and atmosphere in a few words, what would you say?

Françoise Larum, Assitant manager: "I would say: family, loyalty, excellence, team spirit and respect for people and the land.

There is a strong family spirit here, for example when Walter Schug, the first winemaker in the Winery decided to go to create his own vineyard he was assisted by Joseph Phelps. Today the position of winemaker is occupied by a person (Ashley Hepworth) who began here as a trainee.

Joseph was a very generous and concerned neighbor. He worked hard in the charitable organizations. For example, he gave generously to hospitals, for research on childhood diseases or for hosting migrants."



V.d.V.: In your opinion what is the signature of Joseph Phelps Wines?

F. L.: "These are precise wines, 'clean', fresh, balanced and 'food friendly."

For my part I would say that what characterizes the wines of this property is a beautiful feel in the mouth. They are well constructed, soft, precise and often with a beautiful acid frame as well as the 'sharpness/ clearness' of palate. Finally these wines are marked by their terroirs.

I especially enjoyed the Insignia Cuvée, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay.



Thanks to Françoise Larum and the Joseph Phelps Vineyards'team for their hospitality. J.C.C.

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Toquade is a wine created in 2006 by Christine Barbe.

Christine Barbe began in 1991 with studies in biochemistry. After her graduation she sought a graduate degree in the region where she was born: Bordeaux. Two paths were open then for her: the food agriculture or winemaking (oenology).

Well, she happened to go on "Oenology". As part of her studies and her thesis on "Enzyme maceration" she worked for one of the most famous winemakers in Bordeaux: Denis Dubourdieu. It was during this experience that her passion for wine and more specifically for Sauvignon Blanc was born.

Toquade, the fruit of a dream

Alongside her work for Coquerel Family Winery, this dynamic winemaker left in search of the perfect terroir for growing Sauvignon Blanc.

In 2005, after an extensive search she found a plot that mat-



ched her expectations. She found land with a good exposure protecting the vines from heatstroke, but also from the

> coolness of the nights in Napa valley. A parcel on which the sauvignon blanc could have it's "feet in the water, head in the sun and enjoy the influences of a small river nearby."

> So in 2006, after her project reached maturity, and after her rich experiences in Bordeaux (Chateau La Louviere, Chateau Carbonnieux) and California (including Gallo and Robert Mondavi) Christine realized her dream through creating her first vintage Toquade.

Where does the name and logo of Toquade come from?

Regarding the logo, Christine wanted graphics that could recall the ellipse formed by the wine at the time of pouring. Accompanied by a designer friend they took a white sheet and attempted to draw an ellipse and so the current logo



was born.

Regarding the name "Toquade" it finds its origin in the idea of the process of making wine. In fact, the idea of a French woman recently landed in Napa Valley to make a completely atypical Sauvignon Blanc for this region (in the sense that during the tasting we would think it came from New Zealand or from Pessac-Leognan). Moreover with little money and work in parallel... You must admit that this is madness! But what a delightful madness!

VertdeVin: What is recognizable about Toquade wines in a blind tasting? What is your signature style?

Christine Barbe: "Toquade is a Californian Sauvignon Blanc with a French taste. Toquade comes from single vineyard in Yountville Napa Valley with an ideal microclimate to grow Sauvignon blanc. The land near the Napa River provides an especially excellent terroir to showcase the distinct flavor of Sauvignon blanc. Toquade is barvested earlier than others Sauvignon blanc in Napa Valley which gives its a nice crisp pallet. The wine is produced





with a complete oxygen protection from the vineyard to the bottle to maintain the flavor inherent of Sauvignon blanc (guava, grape fruit)."

V.d.V.: How would you describe your passion for wine in a few words ?

Side Anecdote : Wild wine and music pairing...

Thanks to Christine's husband you will be able to enjoy a good glass of wine while listening to music specially composed for this moment of complete pleasure and relaxation. This song is available on the Vertdevin website and on the Toquade website. The pairing of wine and music is something that we see more and more frequently, but what is unique here is that it comes from the property. C.B.: "My passion is my creative journey. It is my art."

Side project

Christine Barde will, within a few years, produce a red wine from Petit Syrah... It is just an opportunity to find a good location... and also time for this passionate multitasking. In the long term the "dream" is to increase her production at the same quality level.

Thanks to Christine Barde for the hospitality.

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DUCKHORN VINEYARDS

uckhorn Vineyards is a winery in Napa Valley founded by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn in 1976. It was after visiting the Bordeaux vineyards (Saint-Emilion, Pomerol) in the 1970s that this couple of wine lovers decided to create a property

in California with only the Bordeaux varietals. This trip also created a passion for Merlot.

Once back in California they would create the vineyard of Duckhorn. They planted mostly Merlot. They focused on the development of 100% Merlot which made them pioneers of 100% Merlot wine in Napa Valley. This and Cabernet Sauvignon were the first two vines

planted by Dan and Margaret Duckhorn. These two varieties have become the specialties of the property. The first vintage produced was the Duckhorn 1978 with 800 cases and 800 cases of Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon. In 1982 the property produced it's first white wine (Sauvignon Blanc). In 1988 Mr

and Mrs Duckhorn bought several Napa Valley vineyards to ensure the supply of good quality grapes in different soils in Napa Valley. Thus gradually the property grew acquiring new vineyards in Napa valley (Howell Mountain, , Yountville, St. Helena ...) but also in Sonoma. Today Duckhorn Vineyards

has six brands (Duckhorn Vi-

neyards, Paraduxx, Goldeneye,

Migration, Canvasback and De-

coy) and produces more than 80,000 cases (480,000 bottles)

per year. The wines are being

sold in the United States and in

"I liked the softness, the seduc-

tiveness, the color... the fact

that it went with a lot of dif-

over twenty countries.

ferent foods; it wasn't so bold, didn't need to age so long, and it had this velvety texture to it. It seemed to me to be a wonderful wine to just enjoy. I became enchanted with Merlot." (Dan Duckhorn)

Duckhorn Vineyards produces many wines that make it







world renowned, the most famous of them is the Cuvée "The Discussion".

The discussion is a premium wine created for the first time in 2006. It is produced from the finest grapes from six vineyards in Napa Valley. It is the result of a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (mostly), Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

"Proud of this wine we want to continue to produce it by going even further in the search for quality. We produce it only when the quality of the vintage allows. Currently we are basically in our fifth vintage."

(Belinda Weber)

The wines produced in Napa Valley by Duckhorn Vineyards are fruity complex blends of more than 200 lots of wine from 6 vineyards but also of great work on the barrel. Duckhorn Vineyard work with thirteen different coopers, 25 different varieties of oak and four different types of heaters. All this allows them to obtain their consistent qualities, a nice diversity in their range and complexity.

Side Anecdote

The Duckhorn team is very proud to know that their Sauvignon Blanc 2014 and the 2008 Reserve were served to Barack Obama during an official dinner at the White House.

VertdeVin: If you have to describe the Duckborn property in a few words, what would you say?

Belinda Weber, Director, Digital Trade & Consumer Marketing : "Authentic, bigb quality and memorable"

V.d.V.: What can recognize Duckborn wine tasting?

B.W.: "These are balanced wines, precisely focused and offers a lovely purity of fruit. They do not have a high alcohol. These are wines that are undoubtedly more elegant and perhaps less powerful than other wines of the Napa Valley. Our wines reflect the terroir, the places from where they originate.

As for the white wines we are specialists in Sauvignon Blanc.

At Duckborn we believe that great wines always begin in the vineyard. The terroir, the fruit quality and breeding work are put into practice here. We are trying to better understand the specificities and needs of our different soils and microclimates. We have a piecemeal approach, an artisanal approach.

The seven estate vineyards allow us to benefit from different profiles of wine and grapes for the elaboration of our wines, giving their complexity."

Focus on Renee Ary, oenologist Duckhorn Vineyards



In 2014 Renee Ary became the fourth oenologist Duckhorn. This talented woman began her career in the early 2000s at Robert Mondavi Winery in 2003 and then joined the team of Mark Beringer at Duckhorn. In 11-years career at the property she went through all positions and in 2014 was named "winemaker" Duckhorn.

"It's important to approach a role like this with humility... and with the knowledge that I am a part of an ongoing story—that I am contributing to the legacy of a great winery, and building on the work of the talented people who laid the foundation for excellence." (Renee Ary, winemaker of Duckhorn)

As for me I would say it is harmonious wine, nicely sweet, 'net / accurate' (clean), complex and which offers good terms and juicy fruits. The contributions of the barrel are always well mastered.

V.d.V.: Do you have plans for Duckhorn Winery? "Yes we have. We just just bought 'Three Palms Vineyards' and would like to pull some vines and replant. It is a lovely land with good potential.

We would also like to produce a second vintage of our natural Chardonnay."

Thanks to Belinda Weber for bis warm welcome. J.C.C.

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The Discussion

NAPA VALLEY



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CHÂTEAU HAUT PEYROUS

The renaissance of a family owned Graves vineyard

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GRAND VIN DE BORDEAUX

Château Haut Peyrous is a vineyard of 12 hectares Of AOC Graves, that is close to Langon and more specifically in the town of Mazères. It is currently owned by Celine and Fabian Goulard.

Native of Soissons in Picardy this couple didn't come to the Region of Bordeaux to work in the wine industry but for the climate and their old jobs. Indeed before being a winemaker somewhere else and in parallel ownership Fabian Goulard manages a company specialized in trading industrial solutions (pipes) and Celine Goulard in consulting entrepreneurship. During the first years of their lives in the area they discovered the world of wine and especially the wines of Graves. Within 2 or 3 years the the 'virus' of wine and viticulture overtook them....Today they masterfully manage a property that reveals it's self over time.

Focus on Celine and Fabian Goulard, owner of Chateau Haut Peyrous :

"Like many people outside Aquitaine we did not know the area before coming. Which is a shame because this is one of the oldest areas in Bordeaux. The name has a big recognition problem... It is better known internationally than in France, however there is a great potential for this appellation.

I like the profile of our wines. The important thing in this business is to see how far we can go for nice products / great wines. We we're in the process of finding out. For us baving seen the potential in this, we saw the opportunity to do great things. We try to think 'outside the box'; make great wines; homogeneous wines. This is starting to bear fruit, for example in the most recent Futures we got good reviews/ ranks.

We came to this property thanks to our other activities.We had to get out of our first house where

we ran our old business. My wife and I grew up in the countryside. We did not want to be working in a business neighborhood. So we started looking for another activity, and naturaly we thought to buy a vineyard. On the advice of some people and following our intuition that the Graves wine appellation was promising we were looking for a vineyard and finally found the Château Haut Peyrous. Another important criteria weighed in the decision, that related to our children which was living as close to the countryside and to the city as well. Finally in September 2012, after a year and a half of reflection and three visits we finally acquired it. What is funny is that my wife

and I are more prone to reds but we bought Château Haut Peyrous after a tasting of white wines. They had something different that we really liked.

When we bought the property there were three vintages in stock but we have kept one, the 2011. The goal is to compare it qualitatively with the vintage 2012. This vintage was also the first produced on our newly aquired property.

Today they have taken a step forward from the vine to the vinification by the consultant oenologist Hubert de Boüard and his team.

This is someone who lives the project with us at a high level of sensitivity, it is very important to the vine because as he said 'before being passionate about the wine one must be so for the vine '(Hubert Boüard). We must lead the vineyard throughout the year while having the vision of wine. The opposite would be comparable to an orchestra where everyone plays his part without regard to the other or the final performance."

VertdeVin: Where does the name of Château Haut Peyrous comes from?

Fabian Goulard: "Initially the property was called the Chateau La Tuileries Peyrous. 'Peyrous' means 'locality' and 'La Tuileries' is explained by the fact that at the bottom of the forest on the property there was a river named 'Tuileries'. When the property was purchased by Fabien Goulard, he changed its name to 'Château Haut Peyrous.'"

V.d.V.: What is recognizeable about the wines of Château Haut Peyrous in a tasting?

F.B.: "As for white wines, the wines of Château Haut Peyrous have a lot of freshness, minerality and expresses notes of exotic fruits. They also have a mild citrus acidity which is slightly present. They are also recognized thanks to their brightness that one can find in the Semillon.



For the red we are in the process of creating ourselves. We must make ourselves known. We do not have a beautiful building so it's our wines that are to create our reputation. Since 2013 we have been helped by Hubert de Boüard. With bis assistance we make a range of wine that is fruity. The common thread among all our wines is the fruit. We do not want to present wines that are too beavily oaked, but make the fruit the dominating factor. We want a red wine with notes of red fruits and other notes of black fruits.

Aging is like a bride, wine is the groom and the barrel

is the dress. Everything mustwork together to make the dream come true. One without the other will not dream. If the vine produces a nice juice we will then have a nice material. The barrel brings the dress, the structure, tannins and participates in color. Under no circumstances should one feel the wood before the fruit from the vine.

I try to make wine fun, communion, marriage... and no wine technicians. Wines that provide joy. The consumer is behind his glass and he did not analyze it for 2 hours. He drinks and says if he likes it or not."

Side project:

F.B.: "We have the tools, now we need to make it pleasant. The project is to

Side anecdote

The labels of the property were designed to remember two things. The first is a drop of wine in the wine, the dissemination of this drop into the liquid. The second is remeniscent of smoke coming out of the bottle when placed horizontally.

make a new vat. We are in the process of restructuring the vineyard. Currently we have about 20% to restructure. The big issue now is whether to produce white at the expense of red wine. I also plan to plant Malbec on a one bectare plot.

We are also in the process of making a big batch of white and red limited edition. It would still be wines for pleasure but the difference with the great wines will be the vineyard. We would like to test by leading it differently."

Thanks to Fabian Goulard for the warm bospitality. J.C.C.

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Focus on 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!



Le Gabriel Gourmet Restaurant 10 Place de la Bourse à Bordeaux

Wine & Food pairing by Nicolas Frion

Ris de veau laqué à l'orange et gingembre confit, pois, échalote et coriandre, betterave jaune glacée^{*}



Enjoy it with a Champagne Waris-Larmandier 2007 (score :14.75) *Braised veal sweetbreads with orange and ginger, peas, shallots and corriander encrusted yellow beet.





St Pierre juste rôti, royale de foie gras et chanterelle, salsifis braisés et émulsion au lard^{*}



Enjoy it with a Champagne Guy Larmandier – Cuvée Signé François 2007 (score :15.25) *St Pierre fresh roasted chanterelle Royal foie gras, braised salsify and bacon emulsion

Wine & Food pairing by Nicolas Frion

Bœuf Black Angus juste saisi, dôme de choix rouge étuvé, poudre d'épices à l'orange et réduction d'une sangria^{*}



Enjoy it with a Chateau Bernateau 2010, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (score :15) *Seared Black Angus Beef, steamed red cabbage with orange spice powder and sangria reduction.



Pigeon cuit sur l'os, butternut étuvé au foin et citron confit, tuile aux céréales^{*}



Enjoy it with a Chateau Trapaud 2011, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru (score :15) *Pigeon cooked on the bone, butternut squash with steamed hay preserves lemon, with cereals squares.





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Crémant d'Alsace

Koenig - Brut Méthode Traditionnelle Crémant d'Alsace - Kasher

The nose is fresh, fruity and relatively fat. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon), pineapple and slight notes of apple associated with a discreet note of biscuit. The palate is fat, round, ample, voluminous, relatively fleshy, slightly gourmand and offers a nice fruitiness and a bit of residual sugar. The effervescence is abundant. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of pear, white peach compote and lemon associated with slight notes of tangerine and a discreet touch of pineapple on the finish. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Dopff Au Moulin - Cuvée Julien - Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes brugnon and pear combined with a touch of citrus and a discreet floral note. The palate is fruity, incisive, gourmand, fat and offers an unctuous matter. The effervescence is relatively fine and quite abundant. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of brugnon and pear combined with slight notes of pineapple, lemon as well as touches of quince and a touch of brioche. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Jean-Paul Schmitt -Brut Zéro - Rittersberg Crémant d'Alsace

(40% Pinot Noir et 60% Pinot Blanc) The nose is aromatic and quite rich. It reveals notes of fruit and flowers associated with slight notes of nectarine, pear, slight notes of zest and a slight vinous note. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively gourmand and offers a slightly unctuous matter. The effervescence is fine. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of nectarine, pear and flowers associated with discreet notes of lemon and a touch of tangerine. Good length.

Score : 15

B de Becker - Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of lemon combined with touches of grapefruit zest and white fruit (pear, apple). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, fat, ample and relatively gourmand. The effervescence is fine and quite abundant. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, clementine and peach combined with fine woody notes, a touch of beeswax and a touch of ripe pineapple. Good length. Score: 15.25

Bestheim - Grand Prestige 2010

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, quite intense and elegant. It reveals notes of quince, lemon and honey associated with a touch of brioche, a discreet touch of raspberry and a discreet note of tangerine. The palate is fruity, ample, fat, nicely precise and offers a small minerality, freshness, a juicy fruitiness as well as a fleshy, silky and beautiful matter. The effervescence is fine, abundant and elegant. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and slight notes of peach associated with slight /

discreet notes of brioche and sweet spices. Score: 15.75

Domaine Ansen - Première Cuvée - Extra brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fresh and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of peach and lemon associated with discreet touches of flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, fat and offers a mineral frame. The efferves-cence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of fleshy peach and apricot combined with slight notes of citrus (quince, lemon) and a small note of quenette. Good length. Score: 15

Huber & Bléger - Brut Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of peach, lemon / yuzu and slight / discreet notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, slightly gourmand, relatively fat and offers an acid frame. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, yuzu and slight notes of nectarine associated with a touch of apple and a discreet touch of papaya.

Score : 14.75

Domaine Léon Boesch -Zéro

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively intense. It reveals notes of lemon combined with slight notes of lime as well as touches of lime zest, pineapple, almond and a discreet note of flowers. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, ample and offer a small suavity. The effervescence is well done and elegant. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon and mandarin combined with slight notes of pineapple as well as a touch of apple and a discreet note of brioche.

Score : 15.75

Joseph Cattin - Brut Millésimé - Grande Cuvée 2010 Crémant d'Alsace

(80% Pinot Blanc, 20% Chardonnay)

The nose is fruity, fresh, relatively aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of lemon, quince and slight notes of peach associated with touches of apricot and slight notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers a small tension. The effervescence is fine and well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon and mandarin combined with slight notes of nectarine, quince, Brugnon as well as a touch of sweet spices and a discreet note of brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Huber & Bléger - Brut-Rosé Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, dynamic and slightly gourmand. It reveals notes of redcurrant and citrus associated with touches of zest. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, a bit gourmand and offers a small suavity. The effervescence is fine and well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes

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of redcurrant, raspberry and slight notes of yuzu associated with slight notes of white fruits. Good length. Score : 15

Domaine Ansen - Struch - Blanc de Noirs -Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and quite precise. It reveals notes of peach associated with touches of exotic fruit and flowers. The palate is fruity, relatively fine, relatively gourmand and offers a slightly creamy matter. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of peach, brugnon and lemon associated with slight notes of quince, brioche and a discreet touch of spices. Good length. Score: 15

Klipfel - Rosé

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of raspberry and slight notes of citrus associated with discreet notes of cherries, flowers and spices. The mouth is fat, relatively mineral, a relatively fat and offers suavity. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of raspberry and small notes of citrus associated with discreet notes of redcurrant as well as touches of vine peach and tangerine. Good length. Score: 14.75

Klipfel - Blanc de Noirs -Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively intense. It reveals notes of apple, flowers and spices associated with small notes of citrus, slight notes of leather and a touch of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, balanced, relatively fat and offers a small suavity. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of peach, pear and slight notes of apricot associated with slight notes of pineapple and lemon. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15

Joseph Cattin - Brut Rosé

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of raspberry associated with small notes of citrus as well as touches of strawberry and apple. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, ample, well defined and offers a silky matter. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of raspberry, strawberry and small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin).

Score : 14.5

Muré - Grand Millésime 2011

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fresh, full and relatively fine. It reveals notes of fruit, pear and peach combined with a touch of apricot, discreet notes of flowers, orange and slight notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, straight, relatively rich, relatively gournand and offers a certain elegance and a silky mat-

ter. The effervescence is fine and relatively abundant. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of vine peach, quince and slight notes of honey associated with fine notes of dried fruit and a touch of caramelized apple (in the background). Good length.

Pierre et Frédéric Becht - Brut Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers and fine notes of nectarine associated with a touch of quince and a touch of beeswax. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, gournand and offers a nice fruitiness. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of nectarine, pear and slight notes of apricot associated with slight notes of citrus (tangerine, lemon) as well as a discreet note of beeswax and a discreet touch of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 15.25

Wolfberger - Riesling Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and a bit discreet. It reveals notes of pear, crunchy / green peach and slight notes of lemon. The palate is fruity, mineral, round, well built, aromatic and offers a silky matter. Light residual sugar. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of yellow peach, crunchy Brugnon and slight notes of lemon, flowers associated with slight notes of quince, honey and a discreet note of brioche. Good length and persistence (with notes of nectarine and slight notes of lemon). Score : 15

Baumann-Zirgel - Brut Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and incisive. It reveals notes of apple and lemon combined with a touch of tangerine seed and a discreet note of spices. The palate is fruity, rich and ample. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of yellow peach, apricot and lemon associated with touches of nectarine, tangerine and a discreet touch of pineapple. Good length. Score: 15.25

Domaine Claude et Christophe Bléger -Cœur de Cru 2012 Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is aromatic, fresh and relatively intense. It reveals notes of white fruit and crunchy Granny Smith apple associated with slight notes of clementine zest. The palate is fruity, balanced, a bit fat, quite ample and offers a slightly creamy matter. The effervescence is slightly creamy. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of white fruits and apple combined with a touch of peach, citrus as well as a touch apricot and a discreet touch of beeswax. Good length. Score: 15

Domaine Stentz-buecher - Eventus 2010 -Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively intense. It reveals notes of lemon, peach and slight notes of honey associated with a discreet touch of apricot. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a silky matter. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, quince and small yellow fruits associated with slight notes of honey, sweet spices and a discreet note of cardamom. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

Klipfel - Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of lemon, clementine and pineapple combined with a discreet note of cardamom. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a juicy fruit. The effervescence is fine, well done, plentiful and slightly creamy. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, tangerine, pineapple and yellow peach associated with discreet note of yellow fruit and a discreet touch of honey. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Dopff au moulin - Blanc de Noirs 2012 -Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

(100% Pinot Noir)

The nose reveals notes of lemon combined with slight woody notes as well as slight notes of sweet spices / tobacco. The palate is fruity, clean, relatively dynamic, a bit fat and offers a small minerality. The efferves-cence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of pineapple, lemon and fine notes of quince associated with small notes of apple, honey as well as a touch of dried fruit and a discreet vinous touch. Score: 15.25

Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard - Brut Réserve

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and dynamic. It reveals notes of lemon and touches of yuzu associated with a slight note of brioche, butter and a slight / discreet note of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and well conducted. The effervescence is fine, gourmande and plentiful. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, yuzu and peach combined with slight notes of pineapple and a discreet note of buttered brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Domaine Barmès-Buecher 2012 - Brut

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of white peach and pineapple combined with a touch of lemon and a slight touch of apricot. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and relatively ample. The effervescence is well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of white peach, pineapple and apricot associated with slight floral notes and a touch of lemon. Good length. Score: 14.75

Huber & Bléger - Emotion

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is quite aromatic and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of white peach and lemon zest associated with slight notes of grape and a

discreet touch of brioche. The palate is fruity, mineral, ample, fat, incisive and offers an acid / fruity frame. The effervescence is well-conducted. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and nectarine associated with slight notes of tangerine, a touch of pineapple as well as a discreet note of yuzu and a fine note of honey on the finish. Good length. Score : 14.75

Domaine Gresser

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively dynamic. It reveals notes of passion fruit and lemon associated with a touch of peach. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, ample and offers a small minerality and a fruity frame. The effervescence is well done and relatively gourmande. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) and slight notes of pineapple associated with small notes of ripe peach. Good length. Score: 15

Jean-Baptiste Adam - Emotion - Brut Crémant d'Alsace

The nose is relatively fine. It reveals notes of Williams pear, apple and slight notes of peach associated with fine notes of lemon and a discreet touch of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral and elegant. The effervescence is fine and well conducted. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon, peach and pineapple combined with slight notes of apple and Williams pear. Good length. Score: 15.25

Klipfel - 100% Chardonnay

Crémant d'Alsace

The nose reveals notes of lemon and pineapple combined with slight / discreet notes of oak and almond. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral and a bit fat. The effervescence is fine. In the mouth this Crémant expresses notes of lemon and pineapple combined with a touch of apple and a touch of peach.

Score : 14.5

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Adam - Riesling Kaefferkopf - Vieilles Vignes 2010

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fat, elegant and quite fine. It reveals notes of apple, pineapple and slight notes of quince associated with a touch of beeswax, a slight note of flowers and a discreet note of white pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers freshness, precision and a small acid / fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pineapple, Granny Smith apple and citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with slight notes of nectarine as well as a touch of honey and flowers. Good length and persistence with notes of citrus and zests. Score : 16

Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard - Riesling Wineck-Schlossberg 2013 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon associated with a few notes of beeswax, slight touches of papaya, peach and a discreet note of lime. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, balanced and offers an unctuous matter and tension. The attack is slightly "perlante" and lively. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach, pear, apple and slight notes of citrus (lemon, a touch of

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orange) associated with small notes of Granny Smith apple. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Wolfberger - Riesling 2011 Rangen Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, intense, elegant, relatively complex and aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers, papaya and slight notes of citrus associated with slight notes of eucalyptus and a touch of beeswax. The palate is fruity, precise, aromatic, balanced, intense, powerful, depth and offers a beautiful unctuous matter. In the mouth it expresses notes of white fruit (pear, peach) and citrus associated with slight notes of flowers and pineapple. Good length and persistence. There are slight woody notes and notes of pear jam on the aftertaste. A beautiful, harmonious and quite gourmand wine!

Score : 16.5

Domaine Rémy Gresser - Moenchberg Riesling 2012

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of vine peach and pear associated with touches of apricot as well as a few small notes of citrus (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, racy, ample, round and offers a nice unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, peach, brugnon, pear, honey and citrus associated with slight notes of pineapple and sweet spices (especially vanilla). Good length. Score : 15,25

Domaine Schoffit - Clos Saint-Théobald - Riesling 2013 Schistes

Rangen Grand Cru - Alsace

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of pear, pineapple and slight notes of lemon, lemon zest combined with touches of quenette and a discreet note of peach. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, ample, fleshy, fat and offers a nice unctuous matter and good volume. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit (peach, pear), pineapple and lemon associated with fine touches of tangerine. Good length. Score: 15.5

Domaine Gresser - Riesling 2010 Alsace Grand Cru Wiebelsberg

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of white fruit and white peach combined with a touch of melon, beeswax as well as small notes of flowers and a discreet note of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, relatively fat, balanced, beautifully defined and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, nectarine and slight notes of melon associated with slight notes of pineapple and lemon. Good length and persistence in the mouth (lemon). Score: 16

Domaine Gresser - Riesling 2013

Alsace Grand Cru Wiebelsberg

The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of white fruit associated with small notes of citrus and zest. The palate is fruity, round,

relatively fat, balanced and offers an acid / fruity frame, a small juiciness as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit and citrus (mandarin, orange, lemon) associated with notes of apricot and a touch of lychee. Good length and persistence (with notes of lemon, zest and mandarin). Score : 15.5

Klipfel - Riesling 2012 - Kirchberg de Barr Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of exotic fruit and flowers associated with slight notes of citrus and quenette. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, fat, suave and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit (peach, pear), citrus, exotic fruits (passion fruit, a touch of mango and lychee) associated with

slight notes of zest on the finish. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.5

Domaine Schoffit - Clos Saint-Théobald - Rangen Riesling 2012 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is quite aromatic and fruity. It reveals notes of exotic fruit and slight notes of citrus combined with touches of beeswax, a touch of passion fruit, flower as well as a slight note of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity and gourmand. The attack is slightly "perlante". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, quenette, honey and citrus (lemon, quince, tangerine and a touch of lime) associated with slight notes of ripe vine peach. Good length. Score: 16.75

Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard - Schlossberg -

Riesling 2014 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, crunchy pineapple and citrus associated with touches of zests and a small note of apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, aromatic, fat, relatively suave, quite fine and offers an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy white peach and apple combined with slight notes of citrus as well as touches of crunchy pineapple and slight notes of lemon on the finish.

Score: 15

Dopff Au moulin - Riesling Grand Cru Schoenenbourg de Riquewihr 2012 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of ripe peach associated with slight notes of grape and a touch of pineapple and lemon zest. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful creamy and smooth matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach and pineapple combined with touches of lemon, tangerine, discreet notes of juicy quenette, a touch of passion fruit and a touch of lemon zest. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Domaine Gresser - Kastelberg - Riesling 2011

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of white peach associated with slight notes of honeysuckle and a touch of citrus in the background. The palate is fruity, very mineral, elegant, fresh and suave. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach associated with slight notes of minerality, touches of lemon, tangerine and slight notes of pineapple. Beautiful mouth ! Good length.

Score : 15.25

Klipfel - Riesling 2010 Kirchberg de Barr Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of citrus (quince, lemon and a touch of mandarin) and honey associated with small notes of leather and a touch of spice. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, relatively elegant and offers a silky matter and a very slight evolution. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pineapple, quince and slight notes of tangerine associated with touches of lemon, a touch of honey, a discreet note of pear as well as slight notes of spices and a discreet note of almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard - Schlossberg Riesling 2010

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of exotic fruit, litchi and apple combined with slight notes of flowers and apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, aromatic, quite fine, a bit gournand and offers suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sweet citrus combined with slight notes of exotic fruits as well as touches of lychee and apple. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Jean-Baptiste Adam - Riesling Wineck-Schlossberg 2012

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of papaya, flowers and exotic fruit associated with touches of lychee and a touch of apple. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, ample and offers minerality and a nice mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, citrus and apple combined with slight notes of pineapple, a touch of pear and a discreet / slight note of apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Albert Mann - Riesling Schlossberg 2010 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and fine. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple, peach...) and slight notes of fresh pineapple associated with slight notes of grape, a touch of mirabelle plum, touches of citrus (orange) as well as small notes of minerality and a touch of ginger. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine, fat and offers a beautiful minerality, harmony and a nice unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, mirabelle plum and yellow peach combined with a few slight notes of sweet citrus (in the background), a touch of orange as well as a few notes of ripe fruit and a fine note of lemon on the finish. Good length and elegance.

Score : 16.5

Domaine Zind Humbrecht - Pinot Gris 2013 - Clos Saint Urbain - Rangen de Thann Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, intense and quite elegant. It reveals notes of vine peach associated with a few notes of citrus (especially lemon) as well as slight notes of Granny Smith apple and a discreet note of almond. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, balanced, round, relatively harmonious and a bit fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach, slight notes of apple, dried pineapple and citrus associated with slight notes of pear as well as slight notes of green almond on the finish. Good length. Score: 15.75

Domaine Zind Humbrecht - Muscat 2013 Alsace Grand Cru Goldert

(90% Muscat, 10% Ottonel)

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of peach and tropical fruit combined with a touch of quince and a touch of passion fruit. The palate is fruity, slightly mineral, balanced, elegant and offers a racy acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruit and apricot associated with slight notes of peach as well as slight notes of exotic fruits. Good length. Score: 16.75

Domaine Zind Humbrecht - Riesling 2013 Brand

Alsace Grand Cru Brand

The nose is fruity, complex and dry. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, a slight note of grapefruit) associated with slight notes of minerality, violet flowers, zest, lime as well as touches of white fruits. The palate is elegant, fruity, ample, complex, fat, quite fleshy and offers a beautiful matter and a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and white peach associated with slight notes of citrus and a touch of lime zest. Good length. There is tension on the finish. Score: 17

Klipfel - Kastelberg Riesling 2011 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals small notes of leather, peach, apple and citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, fine and offers tension as well as an unctuous and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, brugnon and slight notes of citrus combined with small notes of apple, a small / discreet note of papaya and small spicy / woody notes. Good length. Score: 15.5

Klipfel - Kastelberg Riesling 2013 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of nectarine and pineapple combined with notes of citrus and a touch of lime zest. The palate is fruity, nicely fat, suave, gourmand and offers a beautiful silky matter and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach compote, pear and pineapple combined with slight notes of lychee and lemon. Good length and persistence (with notes of white fruits and zest).

Score : 15.75

Hospices de Strasbourg - Riesling 2013 Alsace Grand Cru Wiebelsberg

The nose is aromatic, relatively fine and incisive. It reveals notes of flowers, apple, slight notes of exotic fruits and citrus associated with slight notes of spices (cumin) and a discreet note linden. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, suave, round and offers a tight, dense and nice unc-

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tuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, white fruit, papaya, and flowers associated with slight notes of tropical fruit, citrus and a discrete note of honey. Good length. Score: 15.25

Domaine Barmès-Buecher - Hengst Riesling 2012

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of apple, lychee and flowers associated with small notes of exotic fruits (quenette...) as well as a touch of spices and almond. The palate is fruity, aromatic, fat, round, and offers tension as well as an unctuous and slight-ly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, quince, lychee and quenette associated with small notes of citrus and a slight note of beeswax. Good length and good persistence. Score: 15.5

Bestheim - Riesling 2013

Alsace Grand Cru Schlossberg The nose is aromatic, fresh and slightly mineral. It reveals notes of flowers, honeysuckle and slight notes of melon, nectarine and quince. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, racy and offer a certain harmony, a fresh frame as well as a silky and elegant matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, nectarine and slight notes of melon, white fruits combined with slight notes of citrus and a touch of pineapple. Nice persistence (with notes of lemon zest).

Score : 15.75

Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard - Riesling Wineck-Schlossberg 2012 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and quite intense. It reveals notes of fresh pineapple associated with small notes of citrus as well as slight notes of apple. The palate is fruity, slightly "perlant", fat and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of brugnon, pear and citrus associated with slight notes of pineapple, litchi, zest and a touch of quenette. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.5

Domaine Schlumberger -Riesling Grand Cru Kessler 2010

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of white fruit combined with touches of yellow fruits, flowers, citrus and a touch of sweet spices, ginger as well as a slight / discreet note of black pepper and saffron. The palate is fruity, straight, fat, ample, quite elegant and offers an acid frame, minerality and juicy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit combined with touches of white peach, notes of citrus in the background (tangerine, lemon...), slight notes of fresh pineapple as well as slight toasted notes and vanilla. Good length. A well conducted wine. Score: 16.75

2010 Alsace Grand Cru The nose is fruity and quite intense and elegant. It reveals notes of

Domaines Schlumberger - Riesling Kitterlé

peach associated with fine notes of citrus (tangerine, lemon, a touch of pink grapefruit), flowers as well as slight spicy notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, ample, quite gourmand, relatively fat and offers a good volume as well as a small acid frame and a certain suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach and sweet citrus associated with slight notes of sweet fruit, a slight note of flowers / linden and a few slight / discreet notes of toasted oak. Good length.

Domaine Schlumberger - Pinot Gris Kitterlé 2008

Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of yellow fruit (yellow peach, a touch of mirabelle plum) and a few slight notes of citrus (lemon, orange) in the background associated with a few notes of saffron, a fine touch of leather, a fine touch of honey as well as touches of spices and almond. The palate is fruity, elegant, complex and fresh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow peach, slight notes of apricot and roasted pineapple associated with slight notes of honey, touches of sweet citrus, lime zest, pineapple, fruit passion and slight notes of honey and Zante raisin. Good length and persistence.

Domaines Schlumberger -Kessler Gewurztraminer 2010 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine and relatively intense. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (papaya, a touche of quenette and lychee) associated with slight notes of zest, flowers as well as a slight note of quince, candied peach and a touch of coriander. The palate is fruity, fat, gourmand, balanced, complex, quite intense and offers freshness and residual sugar. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruit (brugnon, apricot) associated with slight notes of marmalade, candied peach and flowers. Good length and persistence.

Albert Mann - Riesling 2014 Furstentum Alsace Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of exotic fruit combined with touches of orange flower as well as notes of saffron / spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, beautifully gourmande and offers elegance and roundness. There is residual sugar in the mouth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied citrus and lemon associated with slight notes of pineapple, touches of orange as well as touches of flowers. Good length. Score : 16.25

Albert Mann - Pinot Gris Furstentum 2014 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and aromatic. It reveals fine notes of lily and white fruits combined with touches of lemon. The palate is fruity, aromatic,



very fresh, elegant, gourmand, relatively fat and offers suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of jam peach and pear combined with slight notes of apricot, a few notes of exotic fruits as well as touches of pineapple. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Albert Mann - Gewurztraminer Vieilles Vignes 2013 Furstentum Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, intense and elegant. It reveals notes of white fruit, iris / white flowers associated with a few notes of citrus as well as slight notes of vine peach. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, suave, relatively fat and offers minerality, a small tension and a nice unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe peach, passion fruit and lychee associated with slight notes of pear as well as touches of citrus and green almond. Good length. Score: 16.75

Albert Mann - Schlossberg Riesling 2014 Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is floral and elegant. It reveals notes of white fruits and flowers associated with slight notes of exotic fruits (papaya, lychee) and slight notes of spices and saffron. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well-balanced, nicely fat and offers a beautiful volume, suavity, a citrus frame and a sliky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, clementine and vine peach associated with slight notes of exotic fruits (in the background) and a discreet touch of passion. Good length. A pretty well done and complete wine!

Score : 17.5

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Domaine Jean-Marc Bernhard - Vendanges Tardives Riesling - Le Jus de Jules 2010 Alsace

The nose is fruity, fine and quite elegant. It reveals fines notes of candied peach, candied citrus and pear combined with touches of roasted pineapple and a discreet note of honey. The mouth is fat, fruity, aromatic, relatively elegant, balanced and offers a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied peach and slight notes of white fruit associated with small notes of honey, touches of roasted pineapple as well as small notes of citrus (orange, mandarin, lemon). Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.5

Wolfberger - Gewurztraminer - Cuvée Saint Léon IX - 2013

Alsace

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of sweet fruits, peach, tropical fruit, peach in syrup and apricot associated with notes of honey, passion fruit, sweet citrus as well as discreet touches of candied zests. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, racy and offers a mineral and slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach in syrup and citrus associated with slight notes of passion fruit, apricot, honey as well as slight notes of almond and a few very discreet woody notes. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Becker - Kronenbourg Riesling 2011 Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, mango) and apple combined with touches of citrus and apricot. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, relatively gourmande and offers a certain freshness, harmony and minerality. The palate is something bright. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Granny Smith apple, exotic fruits (pineapple, passion fruit and a discreet hint of mango), and a few small notes of citrus combined with slight toasted notes and slight notes of sweet spices on the finish. The finish is suave and gourmande. Good length.

Score: 15.75

Huber & Bléger - Eclat du Terroir Riesling 2013 Alsace

The nose is fine and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of white peach, ripe lemon and white fruits combined with touches of quenette, minerality, tangerine and a touch of pink grapefruit. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh, unctuous, balanced, relatively fat, beautifully ample and offers a good structure and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, citrus (lemon, grapefruit and a touch of tangerine) associated with small notes of white fruit and citrus zest on the finish / persistence. Good length.

Score: 15

Domaine Rémy Gresser - Duttenberg Riesling 2013 Alsace

The nose is fruity, clean but a bit discreet. It reveals notes of white peach, melon, citrus and honey combined with a discreet touch of pâtisserie. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, smooth, fresh, balanced and offers a small fat, softness and an acid / fruity frame. The matter is unctuous and bright. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of melon, white peach, citrus associated with small notes of zest and slight notes of pear as well as small notes of lime zest. Good length and persistence on notes of lemon zest and a touch of lime. Score: 15

Pierre et Frédéric Becht - Riesling Lieu-dit Stierkopf - Christine 2011

Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of quince, bee wax and white peach. The palate is elegant, fat, fine, mineral, balanced and offers a relatively unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach, pineapple and quince associated with slight notes of lemon candy and touches of quenette, beeswax as well as slight notes of honeysuckle. Good length. Score: 15.25

Becker - Kronenbourg Riesling 2014

Alsace

The nose is fruity, full and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of white peach, lemon and zest. The palate is fruity, unctuous, full, round, relatively fat, quite gourmand and offers of beautiful and fleshy matter. The attack is slightly "perlant". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, lemon and touches of lime zest associated with small notes of pineapple and a touch of apricot. Good length and persistence on notes of lemon, small notes of zest and on slight notes of white fruit. Score: 15.75

Trimbach - Riesling Réserve 2012

Alsace

The nose is aromatic, elegant and fine. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits, exotic fruits (pineapple, lychee and a discreet hint of passion fruit) associated with notes of citrus. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, straight and offers a nice fat, harmony, suavity, minerality and a good unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with small notes of pineapple, slight notes of brugnon candy as well as slight / discreet notes of passion fruit. Score: 16

Trimbach - Cuvée Frédéric Emile - Riesling 2009

Alsace

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of peach skin, citrus, peach and slight notes of pear associated with slight notes of flint as well as a few discreet notes of orange. The palate is fruity, nicely mineral, elegant and offers a mineral / acid frame that leads the tasting and a beautiful silky and fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, peach, citrus and slight notes of papaya associated with small touches lychee and minerality / flint. Good length and persistence with notes of flowers.

Note : 16.5

Domaine Ansen - Riesling 2012 - Geierstein Alsace

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of juicy peach, brugnon associated with fine notes of flowers, pear and a discreet hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and relatively fine. The matter is slightly silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach, slight notes of citrus zest (lemon, lime), a small note of mandarin associated with small notes of white fruit as well as a touch of quenette and papaya. Good length and persistence with notes of citrus zest. Score: 14.75

Trimbach - Cuvée des Seigneurs de Ribeaupierre - Gewurztraminer 2008 Alsace

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and fine. It reveals notes of pineapple, lime and citrus. The palate is fruity, elegant, suave, fat, mineral and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow peach, pineapple and papaya combined with slight notes of exotic fruits candy, quenette as well as touches of citrus. Good length and persistence (with slight notes of eucalyptus, candied peach and candied lychee). A beautiful wine!

Score : 17

Domaine Léon Boesch - Les Grandes Lignes 2014 Alsace

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of flowers, exotic fruits associated with slight notes of peach flowers, passion fruit and touches of zest. The mouth is fruity, fat, round, gourmand and offers a good matter. The attack is slightly "perlant". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, pineapple and lemon associated with small notes of white fruit. Good length and persistence (with notes of citrus, lemon and a slight/discreet woody note). Score: 15

Huber & Bléger - Riesling 2014 Alsace

The nose is fruity and flowery. It reveals notes of flowers, melon and peach associated with discreet notes of zest. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, ample, round, quite fat and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach and pear associated with slight notes of pineapple, citrus as well as a touch of zest and slight notes of eucalyptus / flowers. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.5

Domaine Léon Boesch - Breitenberg 2014 Riesling Alsace

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of exotic fruit and citrus associated with slight notes of Granny Smith apple as well as discreet notes of beeswax and almond. The palate is fruity, incisive, aromatic and offers a small minerality, tension and a fleshy matter. The attack is slightly "perlant". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach and tropical fruit combined with touches of lemon as well as a touch of lime and fresh pineapple. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25

Joseph Cattin - Riesling Lieu-dit Elsbourg 2013

Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and fine. It reveals notes of vine peach and citrus zest combined with touches of exotic fruits as well as slight notes of citrus. The palate is fruity and offers minerality, freshness and a nice silky / unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon and lemon zest combined with touches of tangerine peel, slight notes of white grapefruit, exotic fruits as well as discreet touches of apricot. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Bestheim - Riesling 2013 - Rebgarten Alsace

The nose is fruity, fine, a bit discreet and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of candied peach associated with slight notes of lemon, apple and a touch of apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave, balanced and offers an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy peach and pineapple associated with touches of exotic fruits (quenette, litchi, touches of passion fruit) and a few slight notes of lemon in the background.

Score : 14.75

Domaine Stentz-Buecher - Riesling Tannenbuehl Cuvée Flavien 2011 Alsace

The nose is elegant and fine. It reveals notes of pineapple, lemon, spices (a touch of cumin) and a few notes of Granny Smith apple associated with slight notes clementine. The palate is fruity, gourmand, suave and offers minerality, residual sugar and an unctuous matter. The attack is frank. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied peach, slight notes of citrus and passion fruit combined with touches of pear, pineapple, quenette and a discreet touch of eucalyptus. Score: 15

Dopff au moulin - Riesling Cuvée Europe 2014

Alsace

The nose is elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of orange and lemon associated with slight notes of lime zest and a slight note of flowers. The palate is fruity, aromatic, elegant, fat, ample, harmonious and offers a beautiful unctuous matter and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin, grapefruit and slight notes of pineapple associated with touches of Granny Smith apple and a slight note of flowers. A beautiful wine. Good length. Score : 16

Pierre et Frédéric Becht - Lieu-dit Stierkopf - Riesling 2012 Alsace

The nose reveals notes of eucalyptus and flowers associated with slight notes of exotic fruits and citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, clean / precise and offers freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruit, crunchy Granny Smith apple, crunchy pear and flint associated with small notes of citrus and slight notes of eucalyptus candy. Good length.

Domaine Stentz-Buecher - Riesling Tradition 2014

Alsace

Score : 15.5

The nose is fruity, fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of crunchy white fruit (peach, apple) and flint associated with slight notes of exotic fruits and white flowers. The palate is fruity, elegant, bright and offers minerality as well as a beautiful, unctuous and slightly silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, lemon and slight notes of grapefruit associated with touches of clementine and a discreet note of pineapple. Good length and persistence (with notes of citrus). Score: 16

Koenig - Riesling 2013

Alsace (Kosher)

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of crunchy white fruit, notes of flowers associated with slight notes of citrus, quenette and flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, elegant, relatively fat and offers a small / discreet acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus zest and slight notes of pineapple associated with discreet notes of crunchy white fruit (apple, pear). Score: 14.75

Domaine Schoffit - Lieu dit Harth -Tradition 2013 - Riesling Alsace

Alsace

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of candied peach, pineapple and lemon associated with slight notes of apricot. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively elegant, racy, balanced and offers suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied peach, pineapple and slight notes of citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with a touch of apricot and brugnon. Good length.

Score : 15

Domaine Paul Blanck - Pinot Blanc 2013 Alsace

The nose reveals notes of exotic fruit (quenette, lychee) associated with touches of candied peach, yellow fruit, slight notes of lime zest (in the background) as well as slight notes of flowers and eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, aromatic, elegant and a bit concentrated. The attack is slightly

"perlante". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied peach and slight notes of pineapple associated with small notes of citrus, litchi as well as discreet touches of orange and apricot. Good length. Score: 15

Schoffit - Vieilles Vignes - Riesling Lieu dit Harth 2013 Alsace

The nose is fruity, elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of exotic fruit associated with slight notes of apple, cumin as well as a discreet touch of pepper and pineapple. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers suavity and a good, silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, tangerine and a slight touch of pink grapefruit) associated with slight notes of apple as well as touches of exotic fruits.

Score : 15

Domaine Maurice Schoech - Pinot Gris 2013 Alsace

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of exotic fruit associated with fine notes of apple and flint. The palate is fruity, fresh, well structured and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe peach and apple associated with slight notes of citrus, lemon peels as well as touches of papaya. Good length. Score: 15

Albert Mann - Riesling Vendanges Tardives 2014 Altenbourg Alsace

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of candied peach and pear associated with slight notes of flint. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers an acid frame and a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apricot, peach and quenette associated with notes of citrus (tangerine, lemon) as well as slight touches of flowers. Good length and persistence (with peach and candied quenette). Score : 17

Domaine Zind Humbrecht - Clos Windsbuhl Riesling 2003 Alsace

Alsace

The nose is fruity, elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum and slight notes of candied lemon associated with slight notes of honey, pineapple as well as slight notes of almond. The mouth is fat, fine, elegant, racy, complex and offers a fresh frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow peach, a few notes of mirabelle plum associated with slight notes of grape, mango as well as slight notes of honey and almond. Good length and persistence. Score : 16.75

Domaine Zind Humbrecht - Riesling 2013 Clos Windsbuhl

Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of white fruit (peach, pear) combined with a few notes of tangerine and minerality. The palate is fruity, quite gourmand and offers a suavity, roundness and a slight acid frame in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit (peach, pear and a touch of apple) and flowers associated with slight notes of candied lemon. Good length and persistence (with notes of sweet citrus and a touch of grapefruit zest).

Score : 17.75

Muré - Clos Saint Landelin - Riesling 2013 Alsace

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of peach, lychee and melon associated with small notes of flowers, spices as well as small notes of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, straight, round and offers a fleshy matter. The attack is finely "perlant" on attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh white fruit (peach, pear, brugnon) associated with fine notes of apple, litchi and citrus. Good length. Score: 15.75

Baumann Zirgel - Riesling Streng 2013

Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively intense. It reveals notes of apple and nectarine associated with slight notes of zest and mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, mineral, quite fresh and offers tension as well as a fleshy and beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, apple, and slight notes of citrus zest associated with slight notes of apricot. Good length and persistence (with notes of citrus and apple skin).

Score: 15

Ruhlmann - Riesling Cuvée Jean-Charles 2013 Alsace

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of lemon, pineapple associated with slight notes of lemongrass as well as a touch of nectarine, quince and discreet touch of apple. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral, fat and offers a slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon and apple combined with slight notes of nectarine, a fine touch of honey and a discreet touch of flowers. Good persistence (with notes of lemon zest).

Domaine Ansen - Riesling Lerchensand 2013 Alsace

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of apple peel, lemongrass and slight notes of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively

fat, tight, quite ample and offers freshness, tension and a slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, citrus (lemon, tangerine) associated with small notes of apple and a slight note of quince, lemon zest. Good length and persistence (with notes of lemon and lime zest).

Score: 15

Klipfel - Cuvée Louis Klipfel Riesling 2013 Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of apple blossoms, apple and slight notes of citrus associated with a touch of pineapple and peach. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant and relatively fat. In the mouth it expresses notes of nectarine, apple and slight notes of pear associated with a few notes of pineapple and small notes of citrus. Good length.

Score : 14.75



Lerchensand

Becker - Hagenschlauf - Riesling 2014 Alsace

The nose is fruity, full, aromatic and precise. It reveals notes of quince, apple, citrus zest and pineapple. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and offers tension as well as a silky and slightly unctuous. The palate is slightly "perlant" on the attack. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruit (brugnon, pear), zest of lemon and pineapple combined with a touch of lime, Granny Smith apple and tangerine. Good length and persistence (with notes of citrus and crunchy apple). Score: 15.5

Domaine Claude et Christophe Bléger -Riesling - L'inoubliable 2012 Alsace

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of citrus and apple combined with a discreet note of almond and a touch of zest. The palate is fruity, mineral, clean, relatively elegant and offers a nice unctuous and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple,

quince, nectarine and slight notes of pineapple associated with small notes of pear. Good length. Score: 15

Huber & Bléger - Grande Réserve Riesling 2012 Alsace

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of pineapple, nectarine and citrus associated with a touch of pear. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, round, gourmand and offers an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, quince and tangerine combined with slight notes of pineapple and a touch of apricot. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.75

Jean-Paul Schmitt - Rittersberg Riesling 2010 Classique Alsace

The nose reveals notes of white peach, citrus and flowers associated with slight notes of Granny Smith apple and a discreet touch of rose. The palate is fruity, mineral, incisive, well done, straight,

relatively fat and offers a nice unctuous matter, tension and a fruity / mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach, citrus (lemon, a touch of quince, a touch of clementine) associated with slight notes of litchi, pear and a slight note of butter. Good length and persistence (with notes of citrus zest, white peach and butter). Score: 15.25

Jean-Paul Schmitt - Rittersberg Riesling 2010 Réserve Personnelle

Alsace

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of white fruit, white peach and lychee associated with small notes of apple as well as discreet spicy notes. The palate is fruity, fat, gourmand, ample and offers a small fruity frame and a fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruits, Brugnon, pear and slight notes of apple associated with a few small notes of stone/flint and citrus (lemon, tangerine) as well as slight notes of citrus and white peach). Score : 15, 5

Score : 15.5
Alsace

Trimbach - Gewurztraminer 2007 - Sélection de Grains Nobles

Alsace

The nose is elegant, gourmand, intense, balanced and sweet. It reveals notes of apricot compote, brugnon and honey combined with slight notes of orange, spices as well as touches of cardamom / gingerbread. The palate is fruity, elegant, balanced, round, a bit rich and offers an acid frame, freshness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apricot, compoted / crushed passion fruit and honey combined with touches of citrus as well as slight notes of pâtisserie and baked caramel. Good length.

Score: 17

Trimbach - Gewurztraminer - Cuvée des Seigneurs de Ribeaupierre 2008 Alsace

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (white flowers, honeysuckle), white fruit, lychee and peach skin associated with a few slight notes of orange blossoms, a touch of rose and a touch of jasmine. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, balanced and offers an acid / citrus zest frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruits, citrus zest, lime zest and brugnon associated with slight notes of litchi, papaya, as well as touches of melon and green almond. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Trimbach - Pinot Gris - Réserve Personnelle 2010

Alsace

The nose is elegant, aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of citrus associated with touches of passion fruit and apricot. The palate is gourmand, fat, ample and offers a nice freshness, a nice balance and a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied citrus and apricot associated with slight notes of marmalade as well as touches of exotic fruits. Good length and persistence. Beautiful expression and definition of fruit.

Score : 16.25

Trimbach - Clos Sainte Hune - Riesling 2008 Alsace

The nose is aromatic, fresh, dry and racy. It reveals notes of zest and white flowers associated with small notes of pear as well as slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant, fresh, slightly fat and quite round. In the mouth this wine expresses notes zest, citrus, papaya and slight notes of crunchy Granny Smith apple associated with slight notes of citrus. Good length and persistence (with notes of lemon).

Score : 17.5

Trimbach - Sélection de Vieilles Vignes -Riesling 2012

Alsace

The nose is elegant, fine, aromatic and a bit complex. It reveals notes of peach associated with a few notes of white fruits, a small note of saffron as well slight notes of spice and rose. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach and white fruit associated with slight notes of citrus, slight touches of lime zest, tangerine zest as well as slight notes of spices. Good length. Score: 16.25

Domaine Zind Humbrecht - Rotenberg Pinot Gris 2013

Alsace

The nose is aromatic and full. It reveals slight notes of ripe tropical fruit combined with fine floral notes as well as a touch of peach and a discreet touch of lavender. The palate is fruity, fat, mineral and offers freshness and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of jam peach and slight notes of peach combined with touches of sweet citrus (tangerine, lemon). Good length. Score: 15.75

Albert Mann - Riesling Cuvée Albert 2014 Alsace

The nose is fruity, fine, clear and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of flowers associated with slight notes of peach, citrus, flint and a discreet touch of saffron. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, elegant, gourmand and offers a nice fat and a fine acid frame that leads the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach and citrus (mandarin, orange) combined with a small note of apple and a discreet touch of melon. Good length and persistence. Score: 16

Domaines Schlumberger - Gewurztraminer Vendanges Tardives - Cuvée Christine 2011 Alsace

The nose is intense, floral, elegant and quite powerful. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, flowers (iris, white lilac, peony) and white peach associated with slight notes of pear and a discreet note of ginger paste. The palate is fruity, elegant, balanced and offers a nice acid frame and a beautiful density / intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach in syrup and apricot associated with slight notes of honey, a few notes of citrus fruits (quince, clementine) as well as buttons and mango passion fruit. Good length.

Score : 17.25

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Red Wines

Quinta do Vesuvio 2012 - Symington Douro

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, flowers (violet and slight notes of rose) and plum associated with touches of blackberry jam. The palate is fruity, balanced, structured, dense, tight, sleek and offers a small minerality as well as an unctuous and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam associated with slight notes of plum, chocolate, a small touch of red fruits as well as small notes of fig and violet. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length with slight notes of caramelization and toasted oak on the finish. A powerful / well structured wine.

Score : 16.75

Quinta Seara d'Ordens - Talentus - Grande Escolha 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, harmonious and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry and strawberry associated with slight notes of flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, balanced, mineral, relatively fresh, gourmand and offers a beautiful silky matter. It expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and crushed strawberry associated with slight notes of cherry, Zan, toasted oak and a slight note of blueberry. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length.

Score : 16

Quinta do Pôpa - Pôpa 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of flowers and blackberry associated with touches of plum, slight notes of garrigue and slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a good and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry associated with touches of plum, slight notes of cherries, cherry stone as well as discreet touches of strawberry and chocolate. Tannins are well built and very slightly firm.

Score : 15

Castelinho - Argentea 2008 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of sour cherry, plum and chocolate combined with slight floral notes and a touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well structured, fat, sleek and offers a certain minerality, a mineral frame, a small tension and a beautiful unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and blueberry associated with touches of fig, black cherry, chocolate and a discreet touch of raspberry. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit firm. Good length and persistence with notes of black fruit jam and chocolate / liquorice.

Score : 16.75

Quinta dos Poços - Vinho Tinto Reserva 2013

Douro

The nose is a bit austere. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of chocolate as well as a touch of roasting and wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, structured and offers a certain / small freshness, a silky matter, a small density and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and blueberry associated with small notes of cherry, raspberry, chocolate, as well as slight notes of licorice stick, discreet notes of toasted oak and vanilla. Tannins are fine

and slightly firm. Good length and persistence on slight notes of coffee. Score : 15.5

Quanta Terra - Grande Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose reveals notes of cornflower, violet, blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of lilac and Quetsche plum. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, balanced and offers a good expression and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry jam associated with a a small touch of crushed strawberry as well as touches of wood and slight notes of chocolate. Tannins are fine, well-made, racy and supple. Good length and persistence on notes of licorice and blackberry. Score : 16

Pocas Junior - Vale de Cavalos 2013

Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of black fruit and garrigue associated with slight notes of strawberry, spice, as well as touches of pepper. The palate is fruity, tight and offers a small minerality, a fine freshness, tension as well as a beautiful and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of raspberry associated with slight notes of cherry, cherry stone and discreet notes of liquorice. Tannins are well built. Good length. Score : 15.5

Castelinho - Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and full. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry and cherry associated with touches of plum, violets as well as small notes of toasted oak as well as slight notes of spices and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, silky, relatively fat, tight and offers a small tension as well as a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, plum, black cherry associated with slight notes of strawberry, cherry and licorice. Tannins are fine, well-made and very slightly firm. Good length. Score : 15.25

Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas - Reserva Especial Tinto 2010 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and black cherry. The palate is fruity, sleek, racy, fat and offers a small minerality as well as a nice silky and fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, raspberry and plum combined with touches of blackberry, licorice and a slight note of black olive. Tannins are fine, elegant, supple and slightly dry. Good length and persistence on notes of chocolate and coffee. Score : 15.5

Quinta Nova - Colheita 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and blackberry combined with slight notes of licorice. The palate is fresh, mineral, racy, ample, beautifully fat and offers a good structure as well as a beautiful, silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of raspberry, coffee, chocolate, cherry as well as a few slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine, well made and elegant. Good length and persistence on slight notes of toasted coconut.

Score : 16.25

Inquieto Touriga Nacional 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity and flowery. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and violet combined with a hint of cassis. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a fine minerality, unctuosity as well as a good and dense matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and plum associated with slight notes of strawberry, chocolate, toasted oak as well as a discreet touch of caramel and a note of minty licorice on the finish. Score: 15.25

Barao de Vilar - Zom - Colecçao 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively fine and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of black fruit candy, cassis and flowers (lilac, violet) associated with notes of blackberry, red fruits, licorice and slight notes of Ceylon tea. The mouth is fat, harmonious, quite concentrated, relatively fat, quite powerful and offers a certain minerality as well as a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and plum associated with touches of cherry in kirsch, red fruits, cassis, notes of chocolate as well as slight notes of wood and vanilla. Tannins are fine, powerful and dry. Good length and persistence.

12 Apegadas Quinta Velha 2012 Douro

The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and violet associated with a few notes of cornflower. The palate is fruity, unctuous, sleek and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and blueberry combined with a few notes of black cherry as well as slight notes of licorice, chocolate and slight notes of blond tobacco. Good length and persistence.

Score: 15

Vale da Veiga - Colheita 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry combined with touches of blueberry and tea. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a beautiful matter and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry combined with touches of chocolate, fig and violet. Tannins are fine and well-made. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

Viseu de Carvalho - VC - Grande Escolha Tinto 2007

Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively concentrated and offers small freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, rose and violet associated with slight notes of plum and a discreet / slight note of menthol. The palate is fruity, relatively silky and offers a certain / small minerality, a certain harmony as well as a good fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and cassis combined with slight notes of blueberry and dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, well-built and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.5

Quinta do Couquinho - Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fine and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and violet associated with slight notes of menthol and a slight note of Zan. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain freshness, a certain elegance and an acid frame (red fruits). In

the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and crushed strawberry associated with small notes of cherry, red fruit (in the background), blueberry, licorice as well as slight notes of tobacco on the finish. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 15.5

Quinta do Pôpa - Pôpa TN - Touriga Nacional 2011 Douro

The nose is a bit discreet but harmonious. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and cassis combined with slight notes of chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality, a small tension and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cassis combined with touches of cherry, slight notes of chocolate as well as slight notes of licorice. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15

Quinta Nova - Referência - Grande Reserva 2013

Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively incisive. It reveals notes of blueberry and plum associated with slight notes of licorice as well as touches of tea, spices and discreet notes of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, harmonious, dense, fleshy, unctuous and quite gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with small notes of black cherry, licorice, fines notes of toasted oak as well as slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-made. Good length and persistence with notes of blueberry and chocolate. A beautiful wine! Score: 16.75

Perene - Tinto 2012

Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of blueberry, cassis, plum and licorice associated with slight notes of gray pepper and a slight note of menthol. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, precise and offers good, soft and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and cassis combined with small notes of strawberry and licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

Dona Matilde 2011

Douro

The nose is aromatic and complex. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry combined with touches of strawberry, cassis leaves, as well as slight notes of tobacco and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, suave, quite elegant and offers a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry jam associated with slight notes of plum, licorice, chocolate as well as slight notes of cherries. Good length and persistence on small notes of toasted oak and slight notes of caramel. Score: 15.5

Vale da Veiga - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity and harmonious. It reveals notes of black cherry and blackberry combined with slight notes of plum, olive and a fine touch of chocolate. The palate is fruity, harmonious, relatively elegant, relatively fat and offers a good and creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum and blackberry combined with slight notes of berries, chocolate as well as slight notes of red cherry and raspberry (in the background). Tannins are well built. Good length. Score: 15.75

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Conceito 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, iris), blackberry and plum associated with small notes of licorice. The palate is fruity, racy, relatively fat and offers a certain minerality, a fruity frame and a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and blueberry jam associated with slight notes of red fruits (in the background), small notes of licorice as well as slight notes of laurel and black olive. Tannins are well-built, fine, quite elegant and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Quinta das Aveleiras 2011 Douro

The nose reveals notes of leather, cassis, plum and violet combined with a discreet note of liquorice. The palate is fruity, relatively fleshy and offers a certain / small freshness, minerality and a bit silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, cassis and fine notes of strawberry associated with discreet notes of blackberry, small notes of spices as well as touches of black olive, Zan and slight / discreet notes of tea. Tannins are well-built and a bit dry. Good length. Score : 15

Quinta do Pôpa - Pôpa VV - Vinhas Velhas 2011 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry cream and liquorice combined with touches of plum, violet as well as notes of spices. The palate is fruity, tight, fat, well structured and offers a certain minerality, freshness, a good density, a good silky matter and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, plum and slight notes of blueberry associated with small notes of blackberry cream as well as a discreet touch of strawberry and small notes of licorice on the finish. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.5

Muxagat - Tinto 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and Quetsche plum associated with touches of orange, strawberry, spice, Zan and a small touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, straight, ample, suave and offers tension, a lot of finesse as well as a beautiful silky and ample matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and cassis combined with small notes of strawberry, touches of raspberry, slight woody notes as well as slight notes of liquorice and a discreet hint of mocha. Tannins are fine, well done and elegant. Good length and persistence (with a slight minty note).

Score : 16.5

Casa Ferreirinha - Papa Figos 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and touches of blackberry cream associated with slight notes of liquorice and violet. The palate is fruity, dense, fleshy, unctuous and offers a small freshness and a certain precision / good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with touches of fig, Zan, tea as well as slight notes of violets. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length and persistence (with notes of fruits as well as discreet touches of vanilla / toasted touches).

Score : 15.25

Quinta do Pôpa - Pôpa Tr - Tinta Roriz 2011 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and violet combined with a slight note of Zan and a very discreet touch of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, fleshy, unctuous, dense, tight, ample, round and offers a small minerality, a nice fat and a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with small notes of cherry stone, a touch of Zan, a touch of toasted oak and a very discreet note of caramel. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score : 15.25

Esmero Mimo 2014 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and candied / kirsch plum associated with small notes of violets and slight notes of spices (especially a touch of pepper). The palate is fruity, balanced, well structured and offers a good expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum associated with touches of cassis and raspberry. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and good persistence. Score : 14.75

Andreza - Reserva 2013

Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of fruits (cassis, blackberry) associated with slight floral notes (violet), a discreet touch of red fruit as well as touches of spices and a subtle hint of tea. The palate is fruity, gourmande, suave and offers a beautiful creaminess, a beautiful matter, a good definition, elegance, a certain minerality, a small tension and a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry associated with touches of plum, slight notes of licorice as well as slight toasted touches. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

Lacrau - Old Vines 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis and plum associated with slight notes of strawberry, touches of cherry as well as discreet notes of cassis cream and slight / discreet notes of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh, balanced, relatively fat and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with slight notes of violet, discreet a touch of cherry and a discreet note of tea. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Horta Osorio Wines - Colheita 2012 Douro

The nose reveals notes of black fruit (cassis, blackberry) associated with small notes of flowers as well as discreet notes of strawberry and leather. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain freshness, harmony, sweetness and a slight acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, cherry, blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of Zan, toasted touches as well as small touches of violet and a discreet touch of caramel

Score : 15

Rozès - Quinta do Grifo - Grande Reserva Tinto 2009

Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and full. It reveals notes of plum, cassis and slight notes of fig associated with small notes of violet, discreet notes of spices and a touch of Ceylon tea. The mouth is aromatic, well-built and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis and blackberry cream combined with touches of plum, raspberry, chocolate as well as small touches of toasted oak and a slight / discreet note of blond tobacco. Tannins are well made, fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence aromatic (with toasted notes and a slight note of caramel). Score : 15.5

Aneto 2011

Douro

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry combined with touches of raspberry, spices and small notes of menthol. The palate is suave, fat, mineral, gourmand and offers a beautiful precision of fruit, fleshy fruits, tension as well as a nice, tight and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with touches of cherry, a hint of raspberry as well as small notes of chocolate and slight woody notes on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and nice persistence.

Score : 15.25

Quinta do Couquinho - Colheita 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and very expressive. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with small notes of spices and a very slight touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, nicely mineral, suave, fat, relatively elegant, relatively gourmand and offers freshness and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with small notes of raspberry, chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well made. Good length. Score : 15.75

Quinta da Romaneira - Reserva 2010 Douro

The nose is powerful and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of leather and black fruits associated with a discreet touch of raspberry, slight notes of earth, licorice, pepper and a fine minty note. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well structured, harmonious, relatively gourmand and offers a nicely precise fruit, suavity and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed Quetsche plum and slight notes of cherry associated with a slight note of fig, a touch of Zan as well as very slight notes of chocolate and blackberry cream on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.75

Quinta do Estanho - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cassis cream and blackberry combined with small touches of plum, chocolate, slight notes of blueberry and a discreet / slight note of menthol. The palate is fruity, elegant, sleek, fleshy, ample, round, balanced, nicely built, gourmand and offers a nice minerality and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blueberry combined with a touch of cassis as well as small notes of cherries. Tannins are fine, well-made, supple and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Quinta dos Pocos - Colheita 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively fruity. It reveals notes of cherry and blackberry associated with touches of cassis. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively elegant, suave, nicely fleshy and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blueberry associated with slight notes of plum, touches of blackberry cream, black olives and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-made. Good length. An easy-drinking wine. Score : 15

Quinta da Folgosa - Velha 2013 Douro

The nose is a bit discreet. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry combined with a touch of blueberry as well as small touches of licorice and a discreet note of tea. The palate is fruity, racy, soft, sleek and offers a nice minerality, a small freshness, a mineral frame and a beautiful unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry combined with a touch of raspberry and a small note of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well made. Good length. Score : 15.25

Andreza - Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and flowery. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, a touch of lilac) and blackberry associated with small minty notes, a touch of plum. Ceylon tea and a small touch of spices. The mouth is fat, fine, mineral and offers a certain freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry, cassis and a touch of liquorice. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Horta Osorio H.O. - Achado 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and spicy. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of spices and slight notes of menthol / alcohol. The palate is fruity, balanced, relatively fat and offers a certain minerality, juiciness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry associated with touches of cherry candy, chocolate, a few slight notes of oak and a touch of caramel. Tannins are fine, wellmade and supple. Good length. Score : 14.75

Ramos Pinto - Duas Quintas - Reserva 2010 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite precise. It reveals notes of cassis notes and blackberry associated with small notes of chocolate and a small touch of menthol. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, balanced, well structured and offers a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and Quetsche plum associated with small notes of red fruit, chocolate and a slight note of menthol. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25

Quinta Seara D'Ordens - Reserva Vinha Velhas 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, plum and cassis combined with small notes of violets, Zan as well as touches of toasted oak and a discreet touch of caramel. The palate is fruity, harmonious and offers a small minerality and creamy

matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with small notes of cherry, a touch of cherry stone, chocolate as well as a few slight woody notes. Tannins are fine and well-made. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Horta Osorio H.O. - Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively gourmand and offers a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with small notes of chocolate as well as slight spicy notes and a few slight notes of wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively elegant and well structured. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of black cherry as well as slight notes of chocolate and toasted notes on the finish. Tannins are supple and well-built. Good length and persistence (with fine notes of Zan and a touch of black tea). Score : 15.25

Inquieto - Reserva 2010 Douro

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and cassis combined with a touch of cassis buds, sweet spices and a touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmand, ample and offers tension, a fleshy matter and a mineral frame (beautiful minerality). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with small notes of Zan and a discreet touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Rozès - Quinta do Grifo 2011 - Reserve Douro

The nose is elegant, harmonious and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and plum combined with a touch of chocolate, a slight note of black olive and a discreet touch of eucalyptus / flowers. The palate is fruity, relatively powerful, elegant, relatively fleshy and offers good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum combined with touches of black cherry, slight notes of licorice, toasted oak as well as a fine note of vanilla notes and a discreet touch of coconut. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Quinta do Noval - Cedro do Noval 2011 -Vinho Regional Duriense Douro

The nose is elegant, relatively powerful and relatively complex. It reveals notes of plum and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet, Zan, spice and a touch of menthol. The palate is elegant, racy, balanced and offers good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Quetsche plum, blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of black cherry candy, a touch of raspberry as well as slight notes of Zan, menthol and black tea. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 16.25

Quinta das Apegadas - Douro Banks 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of red fruit, blackberry, cassis and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, balanced, mineral and juicy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and cherry associated with a touch of fig / blueberry as well as slight notes of cassis cream in the background. Tannins are well-built.

Quinta do Portal - Grande Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity and spicy. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and rose combined with a few notes of menthol and Zan. The palate is fresh, mineral, racy, balanced and offers a beautiful fruity frame, precise fruits as well as a beautiful, unctuous and precise matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and raspberry candy associated with slight notes of Zan, licorice stick as well as touches of cinnamon, spices, wood and a discreet / slight note of Sichuan pepper on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score : 16

Dona Matilde 2011 Douro Reserva

The nose is fruity, harmonious and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and cassis combined with slight notes of flowers and Zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, harmonious, gourmand and offers a nice fresh frame and an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and cassis combined with small notes of cherry, a discreet touch of cherry stone as well as a touch of chocolate and a few slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Good length and persistence (with a slight touch of alcohol on the finish). Score : 15.25

Quinta do Vallado - Touriga Nacional 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with discreet notes of raspberry candy as well as touches of pepper and licorice. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a fresh frame, a nice minerality and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum and cherry associated with touches of raspberry candy, liquorice and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Rozès - Terras do Grifo 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and full. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of zan associated with a hint of garrigue. The palate is beautifully fresh, racy and offers a small minerality, suavity, a certain harmony and a creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and blueberry associated with a touch of fresh plum, red fruit as well as a few notes of liquorice and a small note of chocolate. Tannins are well-built and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Quinta das Peixotas 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and flowers (violet and a touch of rose) associated with touches of garrigue as well as notes of spice. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced, relatively fat and offers a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry candy and cherry associated with touches of blueberry, slight notes of cassis, liquorice as well as a hint of mocha on the finish and a slight woody note. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Score : 14.5

Apegadas - Quinta Velha - Grande Reserva 2012

Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and spicy. It reveals notes of black fruits, blackberries and liquorice combined with touches of cassis, a discreet hint of raspberry and slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant and offers freshness and a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of liquorice associated with slight notes of chocolate, spice, slight notes of black cherry (in the background) as well as a few slight / discreet notes of wood (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence (with slight notes of Sichuan pepper).

Score : 15.5

Muxagat Vinhos - Cisne 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of garrigue, olive and black fruit (blackberry, plum, cassis) associated with a few spicy notes. The palate is fruity, fat, balanced, relatively elegant and offers an acid frame and a fleshy / unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis jam and slight notes of strawberry associated with a hint of black olive, liquorice stick and a discreet touch of spices. Tannins are fine and well built.

Aneto - Reserva Tinto 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine, aromatic and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and cassis combined with small notes of raspberry, licorice, sweet spices, as well as slight notes of garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively fat, relatively harmonious and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and cherry stone associated with touches of cassis, licorice, sweet spices and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Score: 15.75

Aneto - Grande Reserva 2010 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis, black fruit jam and licorice associated with small notes of chocolate. The palate is fruity, gourmand, precise, relatively fat and offers a nice fruitiness, a small minerality and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and blueberry associated with small notes of fig, strawberry as well as touches of licorice, creamy chocolate, a few slight notes of wood and slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Lavradores de feitoria - Três bagos 2009 -Grande Escolha Douro

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, fig and violet combined with a hint of Zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, relatively gourmand, relatively fleshy and unctuous. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with fine notes of cherry, blueberry cream, licorice as well as touches of toasted wood and a slight note of vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.25

Lua Cheia - Em Vinhas Velhas 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, powerful and incisive. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and fruit jam associated with a hint of chocolate, Zan and a vegetal touch. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, mineral, racy, slightly creamy and offers a beautiful silky matter and a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry jam associated with slight notes of red fruits, chocolate and a touch of roasting. Tannins are fine, supple and well-built. Good length. Score: 15

Quinta dos Poços - MG XXI 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of blueberry associated with touches of licorice and a touch of cassis bud. The palate is very fruity, mineral, fleshy, ample, quite elegant and offers an acid frame, a small tension as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with slight notes of blueberry, licorice, toasted oak and a very slight / discreet note of vanilla. Tannins are supple and well-built.

Quinta do Portal - Auru 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and ripe black fruit combined with a few notes of licorice as well as slight notes of spices and a discreet touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, balanced, well-structured, dense and offers a beautiful silky / gourmande matter, tension as well as a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of red cherry, raspberry associated with slight notes of chocolate, a touch of cassis bud and a few small woody notes. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Esmero 2013

Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and flowers associated with slight notes of strawberry, toasted oak and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, deep, ample, fat and offers a mineral frame, a nice volume and a silky / slightly velvety matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and purple fig associated with notes of crunchy strawberry, slight notes of red berries as well as small notes of liquorice, toasted notes and a discreet touch of black olive. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15.5

Casa Ferreirinha - Vinha Grande 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine, relatively elegant and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and licorice. The palate is balanced, fresh, mineral, relatively elegant and offers a fruity / mineral frame and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with a discreet note of fig and slight notes of licorice, wood and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, well built and very slightly dry. Good length (with a slight note of dark chocolate). Score: 15.75

Conceito - Contraste 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and black fruit jam associated with fine notes of spices (Zan, Ceylon tea...). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, dense, fleshy, ample and offers a good and unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of liquorice, raspberry, dark chocolate, toasted wood and a discreet note of violet. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and aromatic persistence. Score: 15.5

Vértice - Grande Reserva 2010 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and black fruit combined with slight notes of Zan and a discreet note of tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, racy and offers a silky matter, a fresh frame, a good structure and a good density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and plum associated with a discreet note of fig, licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length. Score: 15.5

Quinta da Santa Eufémia - SCE - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, flowery and slightly concentrated. It reveals notes of lilac, cornflower and cassis associated with slight notes of blond tobacco and spice. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh and offer a silky, fleshy and tight matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, cornflower and violet combined with discreet touches of rose, red berries as well as slight notes of black olive, spice and a discreet vegetal note. Good length and persistence (with a very fine note of dark chocolate). Score: 15

Quinta da Faisca - Crooked Vines 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of blackberries, flowers and spices associated with fine notes of violets as well as slight earthy notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, dense, fleshy, tight, straight and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blueberry and small notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of raspberry, flowers, Zan and a discrete note of dark chocolate / grilled note. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Castelinho - Premium 2007 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and slight notes of cassis bud associated with slight notes of cornflower, Zan and black tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, racy, quite elegant and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and slight notes of plum associated with touches of raspberry, cherry and chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Quinta Da Basilia - Old vines Super Premium 2009 Douro

The nose is fruity, intense and quite precise. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis combined with a few notes of rose, chocolate as well as a touch of cherry in kirsch and a discreet note of rosemary. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, elegant, relatively concentrated, well-structured, gourmand and offers a silky / slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with a few notes of chocolate, strawberry as well as a touch of licorice and a discreet note of vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length and good persistence. Score: 16.25

Quinta da Romaneira 2009 Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of black olive and slight notes of laurel associated with a few notes of black fruits and a few notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, balanced, tight, slightly smooth and offers juicy fruit and a fruity frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of ripe black fruit, strawberry and small notes of cherry associated with a few notes of chocolate, spices and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and persistence with notes of blackberry and dark chocolate. Score: 16

Barao de Vilar - Zom - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and strawberry associated with discreet notes of chocolate and wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a fruity / mineral frame and a slightly silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of wild strawberry combined with slight notes of wood and toasted notes. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence (with slight notes of blackberry, cassis bud and oak). Score: 14.75

Casa Ferreirinha - Quinta da Leda 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and full. It reveals notes of ripe fruit, cassis and slight notes of liquorice, spice and a touch of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, ample, relatively fat, juicy, balanced and quite elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of cherry, raspberry associated with touches of Zan, blond tobacco and toasted oak. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.75

Quinta da Folgosa - Velha 2012 Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity and quite intense. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and small notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of blackberry liqueur as well as slight notes of spices and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers an acid / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with slight notes of red fruits, toasted oak and Zan. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. Score: 15.25

Casa Ferreirinha - Esteva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and small notes of berries associated with touches of rose, spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, balanced and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of plum associated with fine notes of berries, spices as well as a few slight woody notes. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 15

Quinta do Pôpa - Homenagem 2009 Douro

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of red fruit

(cherry, raspberry) and crunchy strawberry associated with fine notes of Zan and a touch of candy. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a mineral / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and strawberry combined with a touch of red currant, blackberry, cornflower and Zan. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 14.75

Quinta do Vallado - Reserva Field Blend 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with a touch of violet. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, mineral, balanced, well structured and offers a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black berries and small notes of raspberry associated with slight notes of cherry, black olive, spice, wood and a discreet note of tea. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence (with toasted notes). Score: 15.25

Quanta Terra - Terra a terra 2012 Douro Reserva

The nose is very fruity and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and strawberry associated with discreet notes of cornflower and a discreet touch of graphite. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and provides a fruity / slightly acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes juicy blackberry, strawberry and cherry associated with fine notes of blueberry and slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Post Scriptum de Chryseia 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe black fruits and a touch of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, balanced, well structured, racy, fat, ample, relatively gourmand and offers a small tension, a fruity frame as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and crunchy strawberry associated with touches of cassis bud, licorice and toasted touches. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Score: 16

Quinta do Vesuvio - Pombal do Vesuvio 2011 Douro - Symington

The nose is fruity, concentrated and powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry, blueberry and violet associated with a touch of lilacs and a hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, quite elegant, fleshy and offers an acid / fruity frame as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis combined with a touch of black cherry as well as touches of plum, chocolate and a hint of liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.75

Três bagos - Lavradores de Feitoria 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic and relatively complex. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis buds as well as slight notes of spices and a discreet touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh and offers a silky matter as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and cassis combined with a touch of cherry, small notes of licorice and slight toasted notes. Good length with a fine note of chocolate on the persistence. Tannins are fine and well-built. Score: 15

Ramos Pinto - Duas Quintas 2013 Douro

The nose is fine, relatively concentrated and fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with touches of eucalyptus and discreet touch of olive. The palate is fruity, mineral, quite elegant, fat and offers an unctuous matter and a mineral frame (with a small acidity). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and fine notes of dark berries combined with touches of licorice and mocha. Tannins are well built and a bit firm. Good length and persistence with notes of blackberry, licorice and a discreet touch of blackberry cream. Score: 15

Quinta de Roriz - Prazo de Roriz 2012 Douro

The nose is fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of olive, licorice, spices and a discreet note of pepper. The palate is fruity, ample, mineral, balanced, relatively fat and offers good silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of black cherry associated with touches of strawberry, licorice as well as a few slight woody notes. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score: 15.25

Quinta da Portal - Reserva 2011 Douro

The nose is fruity, fine and relatively complex. It reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with a fine note of olive, a hint of milk chocolate and a fine touch of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, well structured, racy and offers a small tension as well as an unctuous and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry, licorice, oak and a very slight note of mocha. Good length. Score: 15.75

Quinta do Portal - Colheita 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, chocolate, black berries and blackberry combined with slight / discreet notes of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, fresh, tight, relatively gourmand and offers a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and a touch of blueberry associated with slight notes of chocolate and licorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score: 15.5

Quinta da Costa - Das Aguaneiras - Lavradores de Feitoria - 2011 Douro

(Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Vinhas Velhas) The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of cassis and cassis bud associated with a very slight note of liquorice and a discreet note of violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, fleshy, dense and offers a nice unctuous matter and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and plum associated with slight notes of cherry, licorice as well as small notes of chocolate and oak. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence. Score: 16

Lavradores de Feitoria - Quinta da Meruge 2013 Deure

Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and harmonious. It reveals notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of dried purple fig as well

as a hint of violet and licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, elegant, quite gourmand, soft and offers a beautiful silky matter and harmony and. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and raspberry combined with small notes of fig and discreet notes of liquorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score : 16

White wines

Lua Cheia - Em Vinhas Velhas 2011 Douro Reserva

The nose is aromatic and relatively fine. It reveals notes of apple, lychee and slight notes of sweet spices and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, very fat, round, ample, balanced and offers a certain minerality as well as an unctuous / fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, citrus zests, quenette and lychee associated with slight notes of lemon, white peach and slight toasted notes and notes of vanilla. Good length. Score: 15

Casa Ferreirinha - Planalto Reserva 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity and intense. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, passion fruit) associated with small notes of citrus, rose and touches of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively suave and offers an unctuous and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of melon, lychee and slight notes of citrus (lemon, pink grapefruit) associated with touches of white fruit and a touch of rose petal. Medium length. Score: 14.5

Aneto - S Late harvest 2010 Douro

The nose reveals notes of honey and peach in syrup associated with slight notes of candied lemon, roasted pineapple, clementine as well as touches of Granny Smith apple. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced and offers a small sweetness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mandarin and lemon associated with slight notes of honey, caramel and orange as well as slight touches of apricot and a small touch of roasted pineapple. Score: 15.25

Aneto - Late Harvest 2010 - Colheita Tardia Douro

The nose reveals notes of candied lemon and candied pineapple associated with notes of honey as well as small touches of peach in syrup. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers a certain / slight minerality and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach in syrup and candied lemon associated with slight notes of apricot, honey and a touch of cardamom. Good length. Score: 15

Muxagat - Os Xistos Altos - Rabigato 2012 Douro

The nose is aromatic and fine. It reveals notes of white fruit and eucalyptus associated with slight notes of flint and slight notes of citrus zest (grapefruit, lemon). The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, fresh, racy, well structured and and offers a silky / slightly unctuous matter as well as an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach, lychee, nectarine and quince associated with slight notes of lemon, mandarin, butter, flint and a discreet note of vanilla. Good length. Score: 15.5

Aneto - Reserva Branco 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, fresh and elegant. It reveals notes of citrus zest, quince and brugnon associated with small notes of flint and a discreet note of honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, fat, round, ample, quite gourmand and offers a nice unctuous matter and a mineral / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed white peach, pear and apple combined with small notes of quenette, citrus as well as slight notes of butter and toasted notes. Good length. Score: 15.5

Quanta Terra - Grande Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of white fruits and apple combined with slight notes of lemon, pineapple as well as notes of toasted oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, elegant and offers an unctuous matter, a nice volume and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, apple and slight notes of quince associated with notes of vanilla, toasted oak and a fine note of butter. Good length. Score: 15.5

Conceito 2014 - Vinho Branco Douro

The nose reveals notes of white flowers and Granny Smith apple associated with fine notes of lemon, clementine as well as a fine note of papaya, almond and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced, nicely precise and offers a fleshy and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, lemon and ripe peach associated with slight notes of quince, flowers as well as a touch of honey and a few small notes of toasted oak. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Ramos Pinto - Duas Quintas 2014 Douro

The nose reveals notes of eucalyptus, flowers and slight noyes of citrus. The palate is fruity, fat, mineral, relatively gourmand, quite elegant and offers a mineral frame and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, lychee, papaya and quenette associated with small notes of flowers, citrus (lemon, mandarin), butter and a fine touch of eucalyptus. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Lua Cheia - Secretum 2012 Douro

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of white peach and citrus combined with discreet notes of honeysuckle and fresh pineapple. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced, fine, elegant and offers tension and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach, quince, lemon and slight notes of apple associated with discreet notes of pineapple and a small toasted note. Good length. Score: 16.25

Ramos Pinto - Duas Quintas - Reserva 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of pineapple, lemon and lychee associated with fine notes of apricot and crushed white peach. The palate is fruity, round, fat, ample, balanced and quite gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pineapple, lemon and grapefruit combined with fine notes of litchi, touches of exotic fruit and slight notes of brugnon. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Quinta de Santa Eufémia - MC Maria do Céu - Branco 2013 Reserva

Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (rose, lavender, a touch of lilac) associated with a few notes of citrus as well as slight notes of peach and a discreet touch of almond. The palate is fat, ample, fresh and offers a small minerality and an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, pear and brugnon associated with a few notes of flowers (rose, lavender) as well as small notes of citrus (lemon, quince) as well as a fine touch of almond, honey and slight woody notes. Good length. Score: 15.25

Tranquilo 2013 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of apple, lemon zest and mandarin zest associated with slight notes of green pineapple. The palate is fruity, relatively fat, ample and offers a fruity / slightly acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and slight notes of apple associated with a few notes of pineapple as well as slight notes of nectarine (in the background). Good length. The finish / persistence reveals notes of zest and a small touch of seed. Score: 14.75

Vale da Veiga 2014 Branco Douro

The nose is fine and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of peach, fresh pineapple and slight notes of flowers (white and rose). The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fat, a bit gourmande and offers a relatively silky matter and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon zest, clementine, apple and slight notes of nectarine associated with fine notes of quenette, lemon as well as very discreet woody notes / notes of almond. Good length.

Score : 15

Esmero - Mi-mo 2014 Douro

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of rose, lilac and pear combined with slight notes of zest. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and offers a fleshy and unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, pear and citrus zest associated with slight notes of lemon, papaya, as well as discrete notes of flowers. Good length. Score: 14.75

Esmero 2014 Douro

The nose is a bit discreet. It reveals notes of peach combined with touches of lemon as well as a few quite discreet oaky notes. The palate is fruity, ample, fat and offers a good volume and a slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, yellow peach and brugnon associated with slight notes of pear, a touch of tangerine as well as a touch of quenette / lychee. Score: 14.75

Rozès - Terras do Grifo 2014

Douro

The nose is fresh. It reveals small notes of apple, zest and peach combined with a touch of minerality. The palate is fruity, balanced, quite ample and relatively fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of flat nectarine, apple skin, citrus and slight notes of papaya associated with very slight notes of flowers (in the background) and a discreet note of green almond. Score: 14.5

Dona Matilde 2014 Douro

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of apple, zests, papaya and discreet notes of almond. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a silky matter and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, brugnon and touches of pear associated with slight notes of citrus as well as slight vegetal notes. Good length. Score: 14.75

Quinta dos Poços - Branco dos Poços 2014 Douro

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of apple, flowers associated with small notes of passion fruit, citrus as well as small notes rose. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively gourmand and offers a mineral frame and a slightly untuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, lemon, tangerine and slight notes of ripe brugnon associated with slight notes of pear and quenette. Good length. Score: 15.5

Três bagos - Lavradores de feitoria 2014 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and relatively intense. It reveals notes of pear, lavender, flowers and citrus associated with slight notes of white fruit. The palate is fruity, mineral, slightly "perlante" and offers a mineral / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, white fruit and slight notes of citrus associated with slight notes of pineapple as well as touches of honey, almond and discreet woody notes. Score: 15.5

Contraste 2014

Douro

The nose reveals notes of apple, fruits and rock as well as small woody notes. The palate is fruity, fresh, incisive, fluid, relatively fat and offers a small citrus frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, brugnon and citrus (lemon, clementine) associated with slight notes of pineapple and a touch of honey. Good length. Score: 15

Meruge - Lavradores de Feitoria 2013 Douro

The nose reveals notes of apple, small notes of lime, flint and a few small notes of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, slightly unctuous, fat, quite ample and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, brugnon and slight notes of litchi associated with touches of quenette and lemon.

Score : 14.75

Vértice - Grande Reserva 2012 Douro

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of green apple, flowers and slight notes of flint associated with discreet touches of lemon zest. The palate is fruity, mineral, incisive, precise and offers a beautiful matter, juicy / fleshy fruit and an acid / citrus frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of clementine, lemon, white fruits (apple, nectarine) associated with slight notes of pineapple and lemon zest. Good length. Score: 15.5

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Napa Valley

Coquerel - Terroir - Sauvignon Blanc 2010 Calistoga, Napa Valley

The nose reveals notes of lemon zest, seed, citrus and slight notes of grapefruit zest associated with slight woody notes and almond. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, quite fat and offers an acid frame that leads the tasting and a nice unctuous and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lime zest, citrus and lemon associated with slight notes of tangerine as well as sslight notes of vanilla and wood / almond (on the finish). Good length.

Foncé - Camille Benitah - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and cherry combined with a few slight notes of plum (in the background), blackberry and a slight note of violets (in background). The palate is fruity, relatively round, mineral and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and

cassis combined with slight notes of raspberry (in the background) and a few notes of small berries as well as a fine / discreet note of red bell pepper (in the background). Tannins are fine and young. Good length. Score : 14.25

Toquade Winery - Sauvignon blanc 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, relatively rich and gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe citrus (grapefruit, lemon, tangerine) associated with a few notes of white flowers and a hint of acacia flowers. The palate is fresh, balanced, fruity, concentrated, relatively rich and elegant. A nice small acid frame leads the tasting. In the mouth it expresses notes of citrus (clementine, lemon) associated with a touch of quince, pineapple, passion fruit and a slight note of lime zest and papaya. Good length and persistence on the palate. Score: 15.75

Toquade - Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fine and fruity. It need a slight aeration. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (litchi...) associated with a few notes of grapefruit zest, lemon as well as a slight note of lemon seed. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, round and offers a silky and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, zest associated with a few notes of flowers (in background), lychee, citrus, pomelo as well as a few slight notes of grape seed and nectarine. Good length and persistence. A good wine!

Score : 15

Alpha Omega - Era 2013 (Primeur) Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and fine. It reveals notes of blackberry and raspberry combined with touches of cherry, spice and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, fresh, quite complex and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blackberry cream

combined with slight notes of blueberry, cherry, black cherry, oaky notes (in the background) as well as slight notes of mocha, toasted oak and a hint of vanilla. Score : 17

Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 -Sunshine Valley Vineyard (Primeur) - Oak Knoll Napa Valley

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry associated with small notes of black fruit, coffee and oak. The palate is fruity and offers a slight minerality and a nice, smooth and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and small black berries combined with slight notes of crushed strawberry, touches of dark chocolate as well as slight notes of coffee and oak. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 16

Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

(76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc) The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of black fruit (cassis,

> slight notes of blackberry), violet associated with small notes of black pepper and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, harmonious, silky, round, fat, elegant and offers a beautiful velvety matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and raspberry combined with touches of small black berries, oak as well as slight notes of cocoa, toasted oak and touches of coffee on the finish. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Score : 16.5

Alpha Omega - Proprietary Red Wine 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is quite elegant. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, cassis) and a few slight notes of strawberry (in the background) associated with fine notes of spices, violets, slight woody notes as well as touches of Ceylon tea. The palate is

very fruity, mineral, balanced, gourmand and offers a small acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black fruit, cassis and blackberry combined with touches of strawberry (in the background) and slight notes of hazelnut on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 16,25

Alpha Omega - Chardonnay Reserve 2013 (Primeur) Napa Valley

The nose is elegant. It reveals a few notes of zest associated with slight floral notes, slight notes of pineapple (in the background), touches of papaya as well as a few slight notes of vanilla (in the background) and fine woody notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, fat and offers a nice unctuous matter and a small fresh / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and pineapple combined with slight notes of brioche, discreet touches of banana, slight buttered notes as well as fine notes of oak and coconut. Good length and persistence (especially on notes of coconut). Score : 16,5



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OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Alpha Omega - Chardonnay 2013 - Unoaked Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, flint and pineapple combined with a few notes of citrus as well as slight notes of zest. The palate is fruity, unctuous, mineral, fat and round. It express notes of pear and slight notes of pineapple associated with a few slight notes of citrus in the background (slight notes of lemon and mandarin) and a touch of peach. Good length. A beautiful wine! Score: 16,25

Alpha Omega - Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of fruits, flowers and slight notes of kiwi, pineapple, pear and eucalyptus associated with slight notes of citrus (lemon...) in the background and discreet notes of coconut. The palate is fruity, mineral, unctuous, round, nicely fat and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of kiwi and slight

notes of pear, quénette, notes of minerality and pineapple combined with slight notes of citrus (in the background) and very discreet notes of vanilla. Good length. Score: 16.25

Robert Mondavi Winery -Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2001 - Botrytis Napa Valley

(76% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon) The nose is fruity, gourmand and aromatic. It reveals notes of peach, marmalade and honey combined with slight notes of dried fruits, apricot and walnut. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, aromatic, nicely done and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach and apricot combined with slight notes of walnut / hazelnut, lemon, candied fruit, marmalade as well as touches of honey and toasted touches. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.5

Robert Mondavi Winery -Clone 115 - Pinot Noir 2013 Carneros - Napa Valley

The nose is charming and more powerful than

the Cuvée PNX 2012. It reveals notes of cherry and blackberry associated with small notes of plum, mushroom, slight notes of mocha (in the background) as well as slight notes of smoke and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, charming and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses a few notes of blueberry and slight notes of fig (in the background) associated with small notes of cherry, touches of strawberry as well as slight notes of chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Robert Mondavi Winery - Momentum 2012 Napa Valley

(38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot) The nose is fine, elegant, powerful, dense and harmonious. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and cherry combined with slight notes of blueberry (in the background), mocha, tobacco and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, beautifully elegant and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, cassis, cherry and notes of blackberry combined with slight notes of mocha, oak and a discrete note of vanilla. Good length. Score : 16.25

Robert Mondavi Winery - Moscato d'Oro 2013 Napa Valley

(100% Muscat)

The nose reveals notes of peach, lychee and candied lemon associated with slight notes of quince paste and flowers. The palate is fruity, balanced, rich, slightly "perlant" and gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses slight notes of lemon and peach combined with slight notes of apple, pineapple and a discreet note of flowers. Good length. A nice wine Score: 15.25

Robert Mondavi Winery - Oakville -Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, powerful and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry and notes of cassis associated with slight notes of Sichuan pepper (in the background), black pepper, oaky touches as well as slight notes of sage and black olive (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky, suave, racy, deep, fat and offers a nice structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and cassis combined with oaky touches, slight notes of vanilla, toasted notes and a touch of cocoa. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence. Score: 16.25

Robert Mondavi Winery -PNX 2012 Pinot Noir Carneros - Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fine, charming, quite powerful and a nice velvety sensation. It reveals notes of flowers (violet, a slight note of iris) and slight notes of blackberry associated with a few slight notes of pepper, blackberry liqueur, blueberry and a touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, balanced, complex, suave, elegant and offers minerality, juicy fruits and a beautiful silky matter. In the

mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and violet associated with a few mineral notes, slight notes of sweet spices as well as touches of strawberry (on the finish), oak and hazelnut. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length. A charming wine! Note: 16.5

Robert Mondavi Winery - Stags Leap District - Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and silky. It reveals notes of citrus associated with a touch of lemon as well as slight notes of zest and verbena. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, well done and offers a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin zest and slight notes of exotic fruit associated with small notes of white fruit and a touch of flowers. Good length and persistence. Score: 16

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Robert Mondavi Winery - Oakville - Fumé Blanc 2012

Napa Valley

(87% Sauvignon Blanc, 13% Semillon)

The nose is elegant, delicate and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits and flowers combined with touches of citrus, as well as notes of hazelnut, slight notes of lemon and a few slight woody notes. The palate is elegant, well-balanced, ample, round, full and offers an acid frame as well as a beautiful silky / slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple and Golden apple associated with slight touches of citrus, a discreet touch of exotic fruits as well as a few elegant woody notes and slight notes of brioche. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Robert Mondavi Winery - Chardonnay 2012 Unoaked

Carneros - Napa Valley

The nose is fine, elegant and quite fresh. It reveals notes of apple and touches of pear associated with slight notes of citrus (in the background) as well as fine notes of tangerine in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, harmonious, beautifully made, fleshy, quite fat and offers a small creaminess, tension and a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and notes of apple associated with slight notes of citrus (in the background) as well as fine notes of flint. The finish expresses a few discreet notes of biscuit. Good length.

Robert Mondavi Winery - Chardonnay 2012 Carneros - Napa Vallev

The nose is elegant and charming. It reveals notes of ripe pear, peach and slight notes of vanilla associated with fine notes of pepper in the background as well as slight floral notes. The mouth is elegant, fleshy, creamy and offers a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and apple combined with a few slight notes of lychee, quince as well as very fine notes of almond, butter and vanilla on the finish. Score: 16

Artesa Winery - Limited Release - Rive Gauche 2011

Napa Valley

(90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Malbec)

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry and red fruits. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, fleshy and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream associated with a few notes of black cherry, slight notes of toasted oak (in the background) and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Artesa Winery - Limited Release - Pinnacle 2011 Napa Valley

(50% Cabernet Sauvignon & 50% Merlot)

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of flowers combined with notes of cassis, blueberry, black cherry and a touch of blackberry. The palate is fruity, mineral and fresh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, cherry cream, a few notes of blueberry associated with touches of red currant as well as slight spicy notes. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.5

Artesa Winery - Pinot Noir 2012 - Block 91D - Single Vineyard

Napa Valley

The nose is quite powerful, complex and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cherry, black cherry and strawberry associated with fine floral notes (blueberry and a touch of lilac) as well as small woody notes and a touch of white pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, balanced and quite fine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and crushed strawberry associated with touches of toasted oak and very discreet notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Score: 15,5

Artesa Winery - Pinot Noir 2013 Carneros - Napa Valley

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of cherry and black cherry combined with slight notes of dried fig. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and quite fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and plum associated with slight notes of strawberry in the background. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Artesa Winery - Chardonnay 2013 - Limited Release

Carneros - Napa Valley

The nose expresses notes of fruit, pear and slight notes of exotic fruits associated with small woody notes, small toasted notes and slight notes of cocoa butter. The palate is fruity, fleshy, creamy and quite mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed pear and slight notes of nectarine associated with slight notes of pineapple, touches of citrus (lemon, mandarin), zest and slight notes of butter and oak Good length. Score: 15

Artesa Winery - Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of citrus, lemon and zest (especially orange). The palate is fruity, gourmand, round, mineral, fleshy, nicely fat and offers a nice fruit definition and a slight creamy matter. In the mouth it expresses notes of fleshy white fruit and juicy nectarine associated with touches of pear and a few slight notes of citrus. Score: 15.25

Artesa Winery - Albariño 2013

Carneros Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of pear and slight notes of peach skin

associated with a slight vegetal note in the background. The mouth is fat, racy and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach associated with a few notes of white fruits (in the background), notes of papaya as well as touches of lemon, zest and a slight woody touches. Good length. Score: 14.5

Codorniu - Grand Reserve

Carneros

(51% Pinot Noir, 49% Chardonnay)

The nose is a bit discreet. It reveals notes of quince associated with slight notes of fruit paste, apricot as well as touches of brioche. The palate is fruity, mineral, incisive, powerful and offers fine and abundant effervescence. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon associated with slight notes of grapefruit zest as well as touches of mandarin, white fruit and notes of crunchy apple on the finish. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

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Codorniu - Grand Reserve Brut Rosé

Carneros - Napa Valley

(100% Pinot Noir)

The nose is a bit discreet, slightly gourmand and offers a small candy side. It reveals notes of peach and raspberry combined with a few notes of candy. The palate is fruity, mineral, nicely gourmand and an acid frame. It offers a fine and abundant effervescence. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of clementine, lemon zest and lemon combined with notes of yellow peach (in the background) and red fruit. Score: 14,75

Duckhorn Vineyards - The Discussion 2011 Napa Valley

(62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot) The nose is fine, elegant, complex and slightly velvety. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and flowers (violet, blueberry) associated with slight notes of cassis, cassis leaves as well as touches of licorice. The palate is elegant, fat, fruity, structured, precise and offers a beautiful silky mat-

ter, juicy fruits and mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, slight notes of blueberry and strawberry associated with a few notes of blueberry cream, a hint of violet fig as well as small notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine, elegant, racy and supple. Good length and persistence with toasted notes. Score: 18.5

Duckhorn Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Napa Valley

(79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot)

The nose is fine, powerful, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of violet associated with discreet notes of spices and

chocolate. The palate is mineral, fruity, fat, round, juicy, elegant, wellmade, suave and offers a beautiful silky matter and a beautiful acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and a few notes of black cherry (in the background) associated with touches of blueberry as well as woody notes, slight toasted notes, spices and hazelnut on the finish. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length. A nicely gourmand and charming wine. Score: 17

Duckhorn Vineyards - The Three Palms Vineyard - Merlot 2012

Napa Valley

(84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec)

The nose is fine, fat, elegant and well-made. It reveals notes of blackberry candy and ripe fruits combined with slight notes of licorice. The palate is elegant, mineral (nicely mineral), well done and offers a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and black fruits associated with slight notes of minerality, toasted oak as well as discrete notes of chocolate. Tannins are fine. Good length. A nice wine! Score: 16.75

Duckhorn Vineyards - Merlot 2012 Napa Valley

(88% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec) The nose is fresh, fruity, aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with fine woody notes, Sichuan pepper and slight notes of minted licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and offers a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry associated with a fw slight notes of strawberry (in the background) as well as slight woody notes and vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant and integrated.

Duckhorn Vineyards - Chardonnay 2013

Napa Valley

The nose is fine, quite elegant and offers a few warm notes. It reveals notes of fresh fruit (peach...) and exotic fruits associated with discreet notes of citrus (in the background) and a discreet note of caramelized



hazelnut / almond. The palate is fruity, mineral, nicely fat, harmonious and quite elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and nectarine associated with touches of lychee, a few notes of pineapple (in the background) as well as slight woody notes that bring roundness and structure. Good length. Score: 16.5

Duckhorn Vineyards -Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Napa Valley

(83% Sauvignon Blanc, 17% Semillon) The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveal notes of lemon combined with slight notes of kiwi, mandarin, exotic fruits (papaya...) as well as slight notes of flowers. The palate is fat, mineral, precise, well defined and offers a nice creaminess and a fine/elegant acid frame (including notes of lemon zest).

In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine and lemon zest (in frame) associated with slight notes of white fruit (in the background) and a few notes of citrus as well as very fine notes of pineapple and minerality. Good length and persistence in the mouth. Score : 16.75

Joseph Phelps - Insignia 2011 - Estate Grown Napa Valley

(75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot, 10% Merlot, 3% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Franc)

The nose is fine, concentrated, complex and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of black cherry associated with touches of blueberry, a few slight notes of licorice, slight elegant oaky notes as well as fine touches of coffee, sweet spices, dried blond tobacco, camphor and graphite. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, elegant, balanced and offers a beautiful velvety and a beautiful frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe fruit, strawberry, black cherry and raspberry combined with a few notes of spices, plum as well as slight notes of toasted oak in the background. Tannins are fine, elegant but still young / farms. Good length and persistence with notes of vanilla and a slight note of hazelnut. A promising wine! Score : 17

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Joseph Phelps - Insignia 2008 - Estate Grown

Napa Valley

(89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Petit Verdot and 4% Merlot)

The nose is nicely fruity, fine and elegant. It reveals notes of black cherry, dried raspberry, licorice and graphite combined with a few notes of cassis and slight notes of cocoa. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, fat and offers a beautiful matter, aromatic expression and complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black fruit (blackberry, plum, a touch of cassis) associated with touches of raspberry as well as a few touches of dark chocolate / cocoa and a few small notes of wood / toasted oak. Tannins are fine and a slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 17

Joseph Phelps - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

(91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec and 1% Cabernet Franc)

The nose is elegant and fine. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and

cassis combined with touches of raspberry balsamic as well as slight notes of licorice, cigar box, wood and sweet spices (especially vanilla). The palate is fruity, fat, mineral, balanced and offers a nice matter, a good structure and a small acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry combined with small notes of red fruit (strawberry, raspberry) in the background as well as slight notes of black fruit cream and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant, racy and slightly firm (wait 18/24 months). Good length. Score : 15.25

Joseph Phelps - Viognier 2013 - Saint Helena Napa Valley

The nose is powerful and fruity. It reveals notes of fruit, quince paste and

slight notes of apricot and almond paste combined with a few slight notes of coconut. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, suave and offers a small acid frame and a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and nectarine associated with touches of watermelon, touches of exotic fruits as well as a touch of quénette, slight notes of oak, brioche and a slight hint of coconut in the background. Good length. Score: 15

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Joseph Phelps - Sauvignon Blanc 2013 -Saint Helena

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of fruit (lemon, pear, citrus fruits) associated with a few notes of coconut as well as slight notes of zest in the background. The mouth is fat, suave, balanced, quite clear and offers suavity and a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus peel and notes of apple Granny Smith skin associated with a few notes of grapefruit (on the finish), flint and a slight oaky note. Good length. Score: 15

Charles Krug - Pinot Noir 2013 Carneros - Napa Valley

The nose is quite elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of cherry, boysenberry and spices associated with slight notes of leather and a touch of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberries, strawberries and cherries associated with a few slight notes of black cherry and slight woody notes (in the background). Tannins are slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15

Charles Krug - Merlot 2011 Napa Valley

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe fruit, cassis and cherry combined with a slight notes of strawberry (in the background) as well as slight notes of spice and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, fresh and quite fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry associated with a few slight notes of cassis (in the background), a touch of figs as well as fine toasted oaky notes and small touches of toasted coconut.

Score : 15.5

Charles Krug -Generations 2012 -Family Reserve Napa Valley

(83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot)

The nose is fine, elegant and slightly velvety. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with a few slight notes of flowers, blueberry and oak. The mouth is fat, balanced, supple and has a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum flesh associated with slight notes of red fruits as well as notes of toasted oak, slight notes of vanilla and very slight notes of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, firm and young. Good length. Score: 16.5

Charles Krug - Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 - Cold Spring Vineyard - Howell Mountain -Limited Release Napa Valley

(97% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Petit Verdot)

The nose is harmonious and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of licorice and a touch of black cherry. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, supple, fleshy, fat and offers a nice slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis combined with touches of cherry, red fruit as well as slight woody notes in the background. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Score: 15,25

Charles Krug - Zinfandel 2012 - Limited Release - St. Helena Napa Valley

(96% Zinfandel, 4% Syrah) The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of juicy fruit, red currant and purple



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fig associated with touches of plum. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, quite fleshy and offers some juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red currant, black cherry and fig associated with slight notes of cream blueberry and fig as well as slight toasted notes and hazelnut. Score: 15.5

Charles Krug - Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 -Vintage Selection Napa Valley

The nose is fine, elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of ripe black fruit and ripe cherry associated with notes of violet as well as very slight woody notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, fat and offers juicy fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with a few notes of cherries, a few slight notes of sour cherry, slight notes of raspberry as well as slight woody notes and discreet spicy notes. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 16.25

Charles Krug - Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Limited Reserve - St Helena Napa Valley

The nose is fine, fresh and quite elegant. It reveals notes of white peach and slight notes of lemon and lime. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, quite fat, clear, precise, suave, well-defined and offers a beautiful acid frame. It expresses notes of nectarine, white peach and crunchy grape associated with a few slight notes of citrus and slight notes of zest. Good length. Score: 16.5

Charles Krug - Sauvignon Blanc 2014 -St. Helena

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and incisive. It reveals notes of flowers and eucalyptus associated with slight notes of nectarine, white melon and citrus. The mouth is fat, elegant, fine, clear, precise, beautifully balanced, well-defined and suave. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, white melon and slight notes of crunchy white peach combined with a few fine notes of quince and citrus zest. Good length. Score: 16.25

Clos du Val - Joie du Vin 2010 - Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley

The nose is quite elegant and fine. It reveals notes of ripe fruit and mushroom associated with earthy touches and touches of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fat, balanced, suave and offers some minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit and slight notes of blackberry associated with a few notes of mushroom, touches of wood as well as touches of Ceylon tea and slight toasted notes on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Score: 15,25

Clos du Val - Cabernet Sauvignon 1995 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, elegant and quite fruity. It reveals notes of fruit associated with slight notes of hazelnut as well as slight notes of blackberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a nice acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh strawberry associated with touches of dried strawberry, slight notes of cherry as well as small woody notes, slight notes of sweet spices and small gourmandes notes of hazelnuts. Tannins are fine, elegant, integrated and supple. Good length. Score: 16.5

Clos du Val - Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Napa Valley

(82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 9% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc) The nose is fine, fruity, elegant, powerful and complex. It reveals notes of ripe fruit (blackberry, cassis) and slight notes of toasted oak associated with small earthy notes, slight notes of vanilla and a touch of mocha. The palate is fruity, elegant, fat, suave, powerful, gourmand, ample and creamy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cassis associated with touches of blueberry, a few woody notes, sweet spices, as well as very fine notes of raspberry, black pepper and mocha in the background. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length. Beautiful almost infinite persistence.

Score : 18

Clos du Val - Stags Leap District - Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 Nana Vallay

Napa Valley

(88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc) The nose is powerful and aromatic. It reveals notes of fruit associated with notes of violet as well as slight notes of red bell pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, balanced, full, opulent, fat, straight and welldefined / precise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis, wild strawberry and a few slight notes of toasted oak and hazelnut on the finish. Tannins are fine, racy but a bit young/firm. Good length and persistence. Score : 17.25

Clos du Val - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fine, fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and violets combined with slight notes of raspberry and wood. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced, powerful and offers mineralityand juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and raspberry combined with touches of blackcurrant buds and slight toasted oaky notes. Tannins are fine and firm. Good length. Score: 15

$Clos \ du \ Val \ Merlot \ - \ Estate \ Merlot \ 2012$

Carneros Block 6 - Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and strawberry associated with small notes of flowers as well as toasted oaky touches. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (strawberry, raspberry) and blackberry associated with slight notes of fig. small woody notes, toasted notes as well as discreet touches of toasted coconut / caramelized sugar. Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence. Score: 14,75

Clos du Val - Pinot Noir 2013

Carneros

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of black cherry and strawberry combined with touches of gooseberry and a touch of flowers. The mouth is fat, suave, quite elegant and offers a nice silky and slightly fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of strawberry. Tannis are fine, elegant and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15,5



Clos du Val - Estate Pinot Noir 2013 - Block 99A2

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fine, quite intense and quite elegant. It reveals notes of cherry associated with touches of plum and slight notes of sweet spices. The palate is elegant, mineral, balanced, fine, delicate and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cherry associated with touches of plum, slight notes of flowers as well as slight grilled oaky notes, notes of coffee and vanilla. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.75

Clos du Val - Chardonnay 2013 Carneros

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of Williams pear associated with notes of peach and toast. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, suave, balanced and offers a little acidity and a nice fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Williams pear and notes of white fruit associated with slight notes of peach, slight notes of citrus as well as very fine woody notes in the background.

Score: 15

Clos du Val - Estate Chardonnay - Block 5A 2012

Carneros

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, tangerine, a touch of quince) associated with touches of peach. The palate is precise, fruity and offers a beautiful acid frame and a nice matter. In the mouth it expresses notes of juicy nectarine, pineapple and citrus (lemon, clementine, a touch of quince) associated with slight notes of zest on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Clos du Val - Three Graces White 2013 -Winemaker's Signature series Napa Valley

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals small notes of pear and nectarine associated with a few notes of citrus as well as notes of exotic fruit (especially pineapple). The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, beautifully creamy, fat, suave, quite precise, slightly fleshy and offers an acid frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of nectarine and notes of grape associated with touches of citrus (lemon), fine notes of pineapple and quenette. Good length and persistence with notes of lemon and nectarine. Score: 16.25

Clos du Val - Sémillon & Sauvignon Blanc 2012 - Winemaker's Signature series Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of apple combined with notes of flowers and slight notes of papaya. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and offers a nice acid frame as well as a nice creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, orange), pineapple and Granny apple associated with slight woody notes and toasted coconut. Good length. A nice wine! Score: 16

Silverado Vineyards - Solo 2011 - Cabernet Sauvignon - Stags Leap District Napa Valley

The nose is fine, fruity and very aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and slight notes of red currant associated with slight toasted

oaky notes in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes red currant, blackberry, plum and blueberry associated with woody touches, a slight hint of vanilla and chocolate (very slight notes in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.5

Silverado Vineyards - Geo 2012 - Cabernet Sauvignon - Coombsville Napa Valley

(98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc)

The nose is fruity, aromatic, round and quite elegant. It reveals notes of red currant, strawberry and blackberry associated with a few woody notes as well as slight notes of spice and a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-structured and provides some creaminess, a nice matter and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of blueberry as well as a few woody notes and a few spices. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Need to wait! (+ 2 years) Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Silverado Vineyards - Mt George Vineyard -Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

Napa Valley

(94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot)

The nose is relatively fine and fruity. It reveals notes of strawberry, ripe fruit and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of red currant, rose, cedar as well as small notes of red bell pepper. The palate is fat, round, ample, suave and offers a small minerality, a nice silky / harmonious matter and a fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum, cassis and strawberry associated with a few notes of licorice, oaky notes as well as small notes of vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15

Silverado Vineyards - Merlot 2012 - Stags Leap District Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and harmonious. It reveals notes of cassis, blueberry and slight woody notes associated with slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and quite silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and a few notes of blueberry (in the background) associated with a fine touch of red berries, slight woody notes and fine toasted notes as well as very fine notes of vanilla and hazelnut. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length and persistence on toasted notes and vanilla.

Silverado Vineyards - Merlot 2011 - Mt George Vineyard

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and a few woody notes associated with fine spicy notes as well as slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, a bit fat and offers a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of small black berries combined with slight notes of chocolate, oaky notes and very slight notes of bell pepper. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 14.5

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Silverado Vineyards - Sangiovese 2010 Estate Grow

Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of sour cherry, blackberry and slight notes of flowers (in the background) associated with slight notes of plum and spice. The palate is fruity, mineral and guite elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red currant and slight notes of plum associated with a few notes of cherry in the background, spice and fine woody notes. Tannins are fine and firm. Nice aftertaste with notes of blackberry.

Score : 14.75

Silverado Vineyards - Sangiovese Rosato 2014

Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals slight notes of red currant, red fruit candy and slight notes of rose. The palate is fruity, mineral and slightly "perlant". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry and raspberry associated with touches of red currant as well as slight notes of minerality (flint, calcareous rock) and slight notes of citrus (quince) in the background. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.5

Silverado Vinevards - Chardonnay 2013 -Vineburg Vineyard

Carneros

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of exotic fruit and slight notes of apple skin. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, suave, slightly "perlant" and offers a slightly fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine and slight notes of white fruit associated with touches of orange peel, a slight note of exotic fruits (papaya...) as well as small woody notes. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Silverado Vineyards - Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Miller Ranch Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of zest, lemon and slight notes of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, slightly "perlant" and offers a nice matter and a certain density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits (pineapple, slight notes of papaya) and citrus (lemon, slight notes of clementine) associated with touches of fresh pineapple and small notes of apple. Good length.

Score : 15

Spring Mountain Vineyard - Elivette 2009 Napa Valley

(55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot, 10% Merlot, 1% Malbec)

The nose is fine and and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of black berries, blackberry (mûre) and plum associated with touches of Ceylon tea, licorice and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity and mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, black berries and blackberry (mûre) combined with a few notes of cassis as well as small woody notes, chocolate and fine notes of espresso. Tannins are fine and slightly grainy. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Spring Moutain Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 Napa Valley

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of black fruit associated with a few woody notes as well as touches of cocoa, black berries and a very fine note of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine and mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry, cassis and slight notes of mocha associated with touches of raspberry and a small grilled note on the aftertaste. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 15.5

Spring Mountain Vineyard - Miravalle - La Perla - Chevalier 1998 Napa Valley

(91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc)

The nose reveals notes of dried red fruit and blackberry associated with slight notes of truffles and a hint of violet. The palate is fruity, soft, slightly silky and offers a nice minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and black fruit associated with touches of oak, truffles, slight toasted notes and vanilla. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length.

Score : 15

Heitz Cellar - Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Napa Valley

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of black berries and raspberry associated with touches of truffle, dark chocolate, blackberry, a touch of vanilla, violets and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and quite gourmand / suave. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and blackberry associated with touches of cassis, strawberry and a few notes of vanilla, slight toasted notes and a touch of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 15

Blackbird Vineyards - Paramour 2012 Napa Valley

The nose reveals notes of sour cherry, blackberry and cassis combined with notes of grey pepper, spices as well as touches of flowers and tea. The palate is fruity, powerful, balanced and harmonious. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with fine notes of fig, cassis and a few woody notes, sweet spices, mocha, coffee and a touch of coconut on the finish. Tannins are fine and grainy. Good length. Score : 15.5

Darioush - Signature Merlot 2012

Napa Valley

(90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc)

The nose reveals notes of cherry, slight notes of blueberry and black fruits associated with a few notes of chocolate, fine notes of cassis cream as well as slight notes of vanilla, tea and wood. The palate is mineral, ample, complex, well structured and fruity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, fig and blackberry combined with touches of red fruits, spices, wood as well as a touch of salinity, chocolate and coffee on the finish. Tannins are elegant and fine. Good length. Score : 16

Blackbird Vineyards - Arise 2012 Napa Valley

(58% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon) The nose reveals notes of mocha and black berries (blackberry, cassis) combined with touches of truffle, black pepper, clove and wood. The



palate is fruity, smooth, well structured and reveals a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry / cherry (in background) associated with fine notes of cassis, mocha, oak and coconut / vanilla on the finish. Tannins are fine and dusty. Good length. Score : 15.25

Blackbird Vineyard - Contrarian 2012 Napa Valley

(54% Cabernet Franc, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot) The nose is fine, fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of sour cherry and cassis combined with slight notes of blackberry, tea as well as touches of grey pepper and oak. The palate is fresh, mineral, harmonious and offers a quite silky / smooth matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black berries and black cherry associated with touches of

red fruit, chocolate, vanilla, oak and cocoa on the finish. There is a touch of salinity on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Hunt & Harvest - Merlot 2013

Napa Valley - Rutherford The nose is fine and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of red fruit combined with notes of raspberries, blackberries and a delicate note of rose. The palate is fruity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and plum associated with fine notes of flowers as well as touches of red cherry. Tannins are fine and grainy. Good length. Score: 15

Cornerstone - Stepping Stone - Chenin Blanc 2013

Napa Valley

The nose reveals notes of apricot and white peach associated with slight notes of apple, vegetal touches as well as touches of flowers and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth and offers a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, lemon zest, crunchy white peach

and notes of grapefruit associated with touches of almond. Good length. Score: 14.75

Waterstone - Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Napa Valley

The nose reveals notes of almond and grape associated with fine notes of coconut, fruits as well as slight notes of acacia. The palate is fruity, fresh and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach and grape associated with slight notes of fresh apricot as well as touches of grapefruit, citrus zest and a fine note of vanilla on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15

St Supéry - Dollarhide - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Napa Valley

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of black fruit (black cherry, blackberry, plum) and mocha combined with a touch of Sichuan pepper and a discreet note of espresso. The palate is fruity, mineral, well made, well structured and quite gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, raspberry cream, blueberry and fig associated with slight toasted notes, touches of vanilla, hazelnut, mocha and a touch of coconut on the aftertaste. Tannins are fine and grainy. Good length. Score: 15.75

Waterstone - Chardonnay 2013 Carneros

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of nectarine and white fruits associated

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with slight notes of green almond, yellow fruit as well as a small woody notes and citrus. The palate is fruity, fresh, harmonious and well defined. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow fruit, pear and peach combined with slight notes of citrus and vanilla. Score : 15.25

Waterstone - Pinot Noir 2012

Carneros

The nose reveals notes of cherry, raspberry and plum associated with slight notes of spices (in the background) and flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh and quite fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried strawberry and raspberry combined with touches of cherry, plum as well as notes of spices, almond and mocha. Tannins are supple. Good length. Score: 15.5

Opus One 2012 Napa Valley

The nose is fine, elegant, beautifully fruity and harmonious. It reveals notes of ripe black fruit, blackberry and slight notes of violet associated with fine notes of cassis, graphite, leather and oak. The palate is powerful, mineral, suave, ample, beau-

tifully harmonious, elegant, fat and offers a nice velvety matter. Good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, black cherry, blackberry and raspberry combined with small notes of chocolate, red cherry, small notes of spices, very fine oaky notes and a fine note of coffee on the aftertaste. Tannins are fine, elegant but currently a bit young. Good length and persistence. You can already enjoy this wine but I advice to wait 3/4years (2018/2019). Score : 18

Opus One 2011

Napa Valley

(71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 9% Petit Verdot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 1% Malbec)

The nose is powerful and harmonious. It reveals notes of juicy fruits, flowers (violet, a touch of iris) and black fruits (blueberry, blackberry,

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touches of fig...) associated with a few animal notes, slight notes of underbrush and touches of oak, spices, gray pepper and black tea. The mouth is fat, balanced, nicely done, elegant, mineral (quite marked) and offers a creamy texture. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy fruit (blackberry, plum) associated with slight floral notes, touches of cherry, slight notes of licorice as well as small woody notes. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. Score: 17.25

Opus One 2006

Napa Valley

(77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot and 3% Malbec)

The nose is fine, elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, cassis...) associated with a few notes of raspberry, dried flowers, undergrowth, notes of minerality as well as slight notes of truffle, cocoa, notes of espresso, woody notes and a fine earthy note (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, balanced, racy, fat and offers a fine minerality and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, cassis and blackberry combined with touches of cherry, slight notes of mocha, cocoa, oak and a touch of roasted coffee. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and nice persistence. There are slight notes of minerality on the persistence. A beautiful and harmonious wine! Score: 17.75

Sonoma

Ridge Vineyards - Lytton Springs 2011

Dry Creek Valley - Sonoma

(82% Zinfandel, 16% Petite Sirah, 2% Carignan)

The nose reveals notes of blueberry, raspberry and slight notes of black berries associated with slight woody notes as well as small notes of spice and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, balanced, suave and offers a fresh frame and a certain concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry jam, black fruits (cassis...) and slight notes of blueberry (in background) associated with slight notes of black olive, oaky notes, spicy notes and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are well-made and integrated. Good length. Score: 16.25

Field Stone Winery - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 - Staten Family Reserve

Alexander Valley - Sonoma County The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and flowers associated with a slight hint of liquor. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers some freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses

notes of blackberry, black cherry, plum and cassis combined with a few slight notes of green bell pepper. Tannins are quite dry. Score: 14.25

Field Stone Winery - Petite Syrah 2012 -Staten Family Reserve

Alexander Valley - Sonoma County

The nose is fruity and concentrated. It reveals notes of raspberry cream, raspberry liqueur, red currant and cherry associated with a few slight notes of blueberry and oak in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral (quite present), suave and offers a fresh frame and a small salinity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and raspberry associated with slight notes of blueberry, strawberry (in background) as well as small notes of sweet spices and oak. Tannins are quite fine and dry. Score: 14.25

DaVero - 2013 Dolcetto - Herrick Family Vineyard

Russian River - Sonoma County

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with a few slight notes of Quetsche plum, cassis (in the background) as well as small touches of licorice, spices and a slight note of oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, balanced, structured, rich and offers a fine minerality (rock). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of Quetsche plum, a slight note of cherry (in the background) as well as a slight oaky note. Good length. Score: 14.75

Rodney Strong - Symmetry - Meritage 2012 Alexander Valley - Sonoma

(79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec, 6% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc) The nose is fruity, quite flowery and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with touches of cassis as well as small notes of raspberry candy, spice, oak and touches of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and smooth/dense. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, slight notes of black cherry ant strawberry associated with a few slight notes of blueberry (in the background), a touch of salinity as well as fine notes of hazelnut in the background / on the finish. Tannins are fine and quite dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Rodney Strong - Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2012

Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose is fruity, fresh, quite elegant and quite powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and plum associated with a few spicy notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fresh, fat and offers a nice and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and slight notes of raspberry (in the background) associated with touches of plum as well as small woody notes. Tannins are fine and slightly dry.

Rodney Strong Estate Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose reveals notes of black fruits and flowers combined with notes of gray pepper, blackberries as well as slight woody notes. The palate is fruity, mineral (quite marked)) and offers a small acidity on the finish. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of black olive, slight woody notes (in the background) as well as touches of vanilla. Tannins are fine and slightly dry.

Score : 14.75

Rodney Strong - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Sonoma County

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of black fruit associated with small notes of violet, licorice as well as slight notes of raspberry. The palate is fruity and mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with a few notes of blueberry/cornflower (in the background) as well as fine notes of oak and chocolate. Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence with notes of chocolate.

Score : 14.75



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Rodney Strong Estate Vineyards - Zinfandel 2012 - Knotty Vines

Northern Sonoma - Sonoma County

The nose reveals notes of plum, cassis and slight notes of fig associated with slight notes of mentholed liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain density and a certain creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry and chocolate combined with touches of licorice as well as a few slight notes of cherry in the background. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Rodney Strong - Merlot 2012

Sonoma County

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and violet. The palate is balanced, round, mineral and offers a slight creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and notes of cas-

sis associated with a few slight notes of strawberry (in the background) as well as discreet spicy notes in the background. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 14.75

Rodney Strong Estate Vinevards - Pinot Noir 2013

Russian River Valley - Sonoma County

The nose reveals notes of black cherry, cherry and plum associated with a few notes of violet, slight warm notes, touches of blackberry cream as well as fine notes of spices and tea. The palate is balanced, smooth and slightly mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry combined with slight touches of raspberry, chocolat as well as a few notes of Sichuan pepper (in the background). Good length and persistence with notes of juicy fruits.

Score : 14.75

Rodney Strong Estate Vineyards - Chardonnay 2013

Chalk Hill - Sonoma County

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of kiwi and pear combined with touches of citrus. The palate is fruity, mineral, guite fat and offers a beautiful freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine and pear combined with a few slight notes of kiwi (in the background), green apple, a touch of minerality and slight notes of citrus. Good length. Score : 15

Rodney Strong - Chardonnay 2013

Sonoma County

The nose is fresh. It reveals a few notes of white nectarine associated with a few slight notes of melon (in the background), lemon and slight oaky notes. The palate is fruity, mineral and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy nectarine, juicy fruit, pear and slight notes of pineapple and lemon associated with a small notes of zest (in the background) as well as discreet oaky notes and sweet spices. Good length. Score : 14.75

Rodney Strong Estate Vineyards -Sauvignon Blanc 2014 Charlotte's Home Northern Sonoma - Sonoma County

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of citrus, fresh lemon and slight notes of fresh pineapple. The palate is fresh, fat, relatively balanced and slightly "perlant". In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon combined with a few notes of pineapple, slight notes of clementine as well as a few notes of zest in the background. Good length. Score : 15

Stryker Winery - Sangiovese 2013 - Fanucchi Ranch

Alexander Valley

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of red currant and blackberry associated with slight notes of blueberry/cornflower, strawberry and a few slight notes of spice and white pepper. The palate is fruity, well balanced, suave,

> quite fat and offers a certain juiciness and a small power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and raspberry (in the background) combined with a touch of cherry and spices. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 14.5

> The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, beautifully built and slightly more powerful than the Cuvée La Muse 2011. It reveals notes of red fruits, strawberry and spices associated with notes of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, elegant, fat, fresh, quite fleshy and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful silky matter, finesse and a slight saline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, raspberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis (in the background) as well as slight woody notes, hazelnut, toasted notes and sweet spices on the finish. Tannins are

Vérité - Le Désir 2011 Sonoma

The nose is fine, elegant and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum asso-

ciated with slight notes of iris pistil, slight notes of strawberry as well as touches of licorice and touches of fresh hazelnut. The mouth is beautifully fruity, mineral, elegant, round, ample, quite fat and offers finesse and a delicate and fresh matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and blueberry associated with slight notes of violet as well as hints of vanilla, toasted notes and discreet woody notes. Tannins are fine, elegant and currently slightly firm (needs to wait 12/18 months). Good length and persistence. Score : 18.5

Vérité - La Muse 2011 Sonoma

(89% Merlot, 7% Malbec and 4% Cabernet Franc) The nose is fine, nicely defined and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and cassis combined with very slight woody notes and vanilla. The palate is fruity, slightly mineral, delicate, elegant, complex, fine, quite fat



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and offers a beautiful purity of fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of raspberry (in the background), touches of blueberry as well as fine woody notes. Tannins are fine, supple and elegant. Good length and nice persistence in the mouth. Good potential for this wine! Score : 17.25

Migration - Chardonnay 2013

Russian River - Sonoma

The nose is fresh, fruity, incisive as well as quite elegant and quite rich. It reveals notes of fresh fruit, white peach and small notes of citrus associated with slight notes of apple (in the background) as well as slight notes of quince and a touch of honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, quite elegant, balanced and offers some freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, pear and slight notes of lemon / citrus (in background) associated with slight woody notes as well as touches of sweet spices, vanilla and slight toasted notes. Good length. Persistence with notes of toasted coconut and slight notes of biscuit. Score: 15

Joseph Phelps - Quarter Moon Vineyard -Pinot Noir 2012

Sonoma

(60% Quarter Moon Vineyard and 40% Pastorale Vineyard) The nose is fine and elegant. It reveals notes of cherry and violet associated with slight notes of plum, a touch of strawberry as well as small notes of spices, vanilla and toasty oak in the background. The mouth is elegant, fleshy, mineral, quite fat and offers a nice acid frame and a juiciness of the fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and crushed strawberry associated with small touches of raspberry, cassis, blackberry and a few slight woody notes in the background. Good length, acidity on the finish and persistence.

Score : 15.75

Joseph Phelps - Pinot Noir 2013 - Estate Grown - Freestone Vineyards

Sonoma

(51% Quarter Moon Vineyard and 49% Pastorale Vineyard) The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of cherry and slight notes of strawberry associated with fine notes of flowers, slight notes of oak, spices and a slight earthy note. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, fat and offers a nice acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and slight notes of black cherry associated with slight notes of blackberry, a touch of fig, cranberries as well as slight woody notes and toasted coconut on the finish. Tannins are fine and silky. Good length. Score: 15.5

Joseph Phelps - Chardonnay 2013 -Freestone Vineyards Sonoma

The nose is fresh, fruity and quite incisive. It reveals touches of citrus associated with small notes of flowers, pear as well as slight oaky notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, suave and offers minerality and a nice acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and slight notes of apple, slight notes of mandarin (in the background) as well as fine touches of melon and touches of zest. Good length. Score : 16.25

Stryker Winery - Proprietor's Red 2012 -Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose is fruity, full, harmonious and concentrated. It reveals notes of

blackberry cream and fruity notes associated with slight notes of violet, oak and pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, nicely complex, powerful, nicely harmonious and offers finesse and a fresh / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of black cherry cream and liquorice as well as touches of vanilla and dark chocolate / mocha on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Score: 16.25

Stryker Winery - Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 -Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of black fruits and blackberry cream associated with small notes of licorice as well as slight notes of pepper (in the background). The palate is mineral, nicely fresh and fruity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and notes of plum flesh associated with touches of raspberry (in the background) as well as notes of flint and slight notes of liquorice. Tannins are fine, racy and slightly firm. Good length.

Stryker Winery - Zinfandel - Estate East Block 2012

Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose is fruity and incisive. It reveals notes of juicy fruit, blueberry cream and fig associated with slight notes of violet (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, juicy, suave, fat, gourmand, quite fleshy and offers an acid frame and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, violet and blueberry combined with slight notes of strawberry (in the background). Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. A good wine!

Score : 15.75

Stryker Winery - Zinfandel Oz 2012 Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of fig and blueberry combined with a few notes of black cherry cream and a slight note of Zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry and purple fig associated with a few slight notes of raspberry, notes of acidulous blackberry candy, a hint of blackberry as well as slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. Score: 15

Stryker Winery - Chardonnay Estate 2013 Alexander Valley - Sonoma

The nose is fresh, fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of nectarine, Cavaillon melon and slight notes of apple associated with touches of exotic fruit and papaya. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, fat and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear and slight notes of melon associated with touches of nectarine as well as slight notes of fleshy white fruit and a slight hint of pineapple. Good length. Score: 15

Ferrari-Carano - Chardonnay 2013 Sonoma

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of acacia and fruit (pear, green apple, citrus fruits) associated with slight notes of almond. The palate is fresh, fruity, balanced and offers some creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, nectarine and clementine combined with touches of lemon and fleshy fruits. Good length. Score : 15.25



Ferrari-Carano - Zinfandel 2012

Dry Creek Valley - Sonoma

(83% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah, 5% Carignan)

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of blackberry associated with a few notes of strawberry juice as well as touches of raspberry and discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis juice, wild strawberry and notes of raspberry associated with slight notes of cherry, flowers as well as fine notes of mocha on the aftertaste. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Haywood Estate - Rocky Terrace - Zinfandel 2010

Sonoma

The nose is fine and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberries, ripe fruit and slight notes of anise associated with fine / discreet notes of flowers. The palate is fruity and balanced. It expresses notes of cassis juice, strawberry, raspberry, cherry and blackberry combined with touches of chocolate, Quetsche plum skin as well as a small woody notes. Tannins are fine and grainy. Good length. Score: 14.5

Lodi

Ironstone Vineyards - Chardonnay 2013 Lodi

The nose is fine, fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of citrus (grapefruit, lemon) associated with fine notes of Granny apple associated with a few fine notes of exotic fruits and flowers. The mouth is nicely fruity, balanced, creamy and and offers a beautiful expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, tangerine and nectarine fruit combined with touches of passion. Good length.

Score : 15

Ironstone Vineyards - Pinot Grigio 2013 Lodi

The nose is elegant, fine and beautifully aromatic. It reveals notes of nectarine and flowers associated with touches of acacia as well as slight notes of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, beautifully suave and reveals a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, nectarine and clementine combined with touches of orange as well as touches of lychee. Good length. Score: 14.75

Ironstone Vineyards - Merlot 2013

Lodi

(90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc)

The nose is harmonious, well defined and fruity. It reveals notes of plum and ripe fruit associated with small notes of spices, black cherry as well as slight notes of coffee, cornflower and a hint of black tea. The palate is fruity, round, depth and offers a beautiful intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry juice, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with a few fine notes of vanilla and coconut. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Ironstone Vineyards - Old Vine Zinfandel 2013 Lodi

(95% Zinfandel, 5% Petite Syrah) The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and plum associated with a few notes of violet and spices (pepper, chocolate). The palate is fruity and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry and plum associated with hints of minerality, violets as well as touches of fig and chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and well made. Good length and persistence with toasted notes, notes of chocolate and vanilla.

Score : 15.75

Ironstone Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Lodi

The nose is fruity, powerful and quite fine. It reveals notes of violet and fruit. The palate is fruity, well structured and quite juicy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of raspberry, cocoa as well as touches of vanilla, coconut and toasted notes on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly grainy. Good length and persistence. Score: 15,75

Ironstone Vineyards - Cabernet Franc 2013 Lodi

The nose is elegant and harmonious. It reveals notes of blueberry and fig associated with slight vegetal notes (in the background) and a discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fine and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, plum and fig combined with touches of flowers, mocha, oak and a fine note of coffee on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly grainy. Good length. Score: 15

Ironstone Vineyards - Petite Syrah 2013 Lodi

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of cassis associated with fine notes of cherry and a few notes of spices, nutmeg and fine notes of tea. The palate is fruity, full/ample, well-balanced and offers a beautiful smooth / a bit silky matter and a nice frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry associated with fine notes of red currant and fine notes of vanilla and coconut on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly grainy. Good length. Score: 15.5

Ironstone - Reserve 103 Rous Vineyard - Old Vine Zinfandel 2012 Lodi

The nose is fine, quite elegant and reveals a certain elegance and a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black berries and flowers associated with slight notes of sweet spices and a touch of curcumin. The palate is fruity, elegant, balanced and quite fresh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red currant, small black berries and slight notes of cherries associated with fine notes of chocolate, vanilla, toasted notes as well as touches of cinnamon. Tannins are fine and grainy. Good length. Score: 16.25

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Chianti Classico

Il Molino di Grace 2012

Chianti Classico

(100% Sangiovese)

The nose reveals notes of leather, flowers and red berries combined with fine woody notes, sweet spices as well as a touch of blackberry and a discreet touch of balsamic. The palate is fruity, fresh, silky, relatively elegant and offers a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (cherry, strawberry) and cassis combined with slight notes of blueberry cream as well as slight toasted notes and sweet spices on the finish. Tannins are quite dry and present. Good length. Score: 14.25

Poggio Scalette 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of ripe fruit and spices associated with slight notes of truffle and mocha. The palate is powerful, racy, fruity and offers a certain minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried strawberries and cherries combined with slight notes of cassis, blackberry, as well as discreet notes of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Vignamaggio - Gherardino 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine and a bit discreet. It reveals notes of red fruit (strawberry, cherry) combined with a slight note of dried cherry and slight / discreet notes of roasted aromatic herbs. The mouth is fine, fruity, precise, sleek / fluid and offers a small acid frame, precision and harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, strawberry and cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry and slight notes of liquorice. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. There are slight notes of saline minerality and caramel on the aftertaste. Score: 15

Tenuta di Capraia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively discreet. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of cherry, red currant as well as a slight note of blackberry and violet. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers a certain freshness / minerality (clay), juiciness (fruit) as well as a red fruits frame and a slight acidity in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of blackberry, undergrowth / mushrooms and spices. Tannins are supple. Good length and persistence on the fruit.

Score : 14.5

Il Tarocco 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of leather and red fruit combined with a slight note of mushroom. The palate is fresh, mineral, balanced and shows a small hint of sulfur. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits, blackberry associated with a few notes of spices and truffles. Tannins are medium-grained and a bit dry. Score: 14.25

Mazzei - Fonterutoli 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of truffle and mushroom associated with fruity notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, gourmand, suave and offers a good

matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh red fruit, cherry and raspberry combined with a touch of strawberry as well as slight notes of spice and a fine note of laurel / garrigue. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 14.75

Fèlsina 2012 - Berardenga

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity, gourmand, harmonious and offers a bit opulent. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with fine notes of fresh red fruit as well as a touch of Sichuan pepper, a discreet note of cedar and a discreet note of tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, elegant, harmonious, silky, smooth and offers tension as well as a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and raspberry combined with a touch of cassis, slight notes of licorice, small notes of violet as well as discreet notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 15.5

La Castellina Riserva 2011 - Squarcialupi Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of fresh fruit, red fruit and truffle associated with small notes of mushroom and a touch of flowers pistil. The palate is fruity, relatively fat and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and cherry combined with touches of red fruit (raspberry...), liquorice and a slight note of licorice. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Casa Sola 2010

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity, full and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberries and red fruits associated with fine notes of crushed plum, spices (Sichuan pepper and touch of ground black pepper) as well as slight notes of to-asted oak and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced, quite gourmand and offers freshness as well as a good fleshy and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and black cherry combined with touches of cherry, plum as well as touches of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence on slight toasted notes / toasted bread.

Vignavecchia - Vigneto - Odoardo beccari 2010

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity, elegant and relatively deep. It reveals notes of fruits baskets (blackberry, black cherry, cassis) associated with small notes of rose, touches of spice and a discreet touch of garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, nicely fleshy, fat and offers a small freshness, a mineral frame as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and cherry combined with slight notes of raspberry, a touch of blueberry, spice as wel as slight notes of tobacco and a touch of Zan. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. A powerful and well-balanced wine. Score: 15.5

Villa Calcinaia 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals fine notes of rose and red fruit combined with very slight notes of cassis. The palate is fruity and offers a certain juiciness and a small fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, raspberry and a slight note of fleshy cherry associated slight

notes of purple fig (in the background) and a fine touch of spice. Tannins are fine, grainy and relatively numerous. Score: 14.75

Setriolo - Vendemmia 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of ripe fruit, mocha and truffle associated with slight notes of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, straight, elegant, fat and relatively fine. The attack is juicy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry jam associated with slight notes of blueberry, raspberry, as well as small notes of black olive and Zan. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length. Score: 15.5

Castello di Meleto 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and dried red berries associated with a slight note of balsamic and a fine note of pepper. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant, mineral and offers a relatively silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (cherry, raspberry), dried raspberry and rose combined with slight notes of cassis, spices and slight woody notes. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15

Fattoria di Corsignano 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of red fruit, black cherry and dried cherry associated with slight notes of flowers and fleshy blueberry. The mouth is ample, fruity, relatively fat, balanced and straight / fine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and slight notes of cherry in kirsch associated with slight notes of plum, chocolate as well as a fine note of black olive and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, numerous and dry.

Score : 14.75

Il Poderino - Bello Stento 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of flowers, violet and slight notes of cassis associated with notes of red fruit as well as slight notes of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, smooth, harmonious, a bit silky, relatively powerful and offers a certain freshness and a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and blueberry associated with touches of cassis, spices and a fine woody note. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Score: 15

Casavecchia alla Piazza - Buondonno 2012 Chianti Classico

The nose is fine and relatively aromatic. It reveals notes of flowers (lilac, rose) associated with slight notes of fruit and spices (pepper ..). The palate is soft, elegant, fruity, suave and relatively gourmand. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and black cherry combined with slight notes of crunchy fruit, rose as well as discreet notes of spice. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length and persistence with notes of dried strawberries. Score: 15.5

Fattoria di Rietine - Rietine 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and cherry liqueur associated with a very slight minty note. The palate is fruity, soft, smooth, harmo-

nious and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits and notes of black berries combined with small notes of blueberry, black cherry, a touch of dried fruit (cherry, blackberry) and a slight note of chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length.

Score : 15

Cigliano 2012 Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and slight notes of blueberry associated with very slight notes of cassis and spices as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is balanced and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy fruit associated with fine notes of blueberry, cassis, a touch of cherry and a few slight notes of licorice / a discreet touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine, racy and supple. Score: 14.75

Fattoria Montecchio 2011

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine and a bit discreet. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with fine notes of black fruits, flowers and a touch of tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, fat and offers a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cherry and strawberry associated with slight notes of black berries, as well as slight notes of coffee / oaky notes and a slight note of laurel. Score: 14.75

Castello di Cacchiano 2011

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of leather and chocolate associated with slight notes of red fruits, blackberry as well as slight notes of dried flowers and a slight earthy note. The palate is fruity, fine, balanced and relatively elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of blueberry, red fruits, black cherries as well as a few notes of spices and slight notes of laurel. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length and persistence on notes of spices and a touch of gray pepper.

Score : 15.25

Castell'In Villa 2011

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of dried cherry, black olive and black fruits associated with slight notes of spices and cherry in kirsch. The palate is fruity and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried red fruit and berries associated with touches of strawberry, blackberry as well as slight notes of Zan and a discreet touch of coffee on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit dry.

Score : 14.75

Castello Monsanto 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of flowers and spices associated with very slight notes of truffles, garrigue as well as touches of red fruits, strawberry candy, cornflower and blackberry. The palate is fruity, balanced, gourmand and offers a beautiful acid frame (on red fruits). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberries and cherries combined with a touch of blueberry, a touch of fig as well as slight notes of licorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 16

Brancaia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity, fresh and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry candy, red fruit, roses and a slight note of blueberry. The palate is balanced, mineral and offers a certain freshness, suavity and relatively smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and blackberry associated with touches of cassis, a touch of green olive as well as a touch of mocha and a very discreet note of coffee. Tannins are fine and quite dry. Good length. Beautiful persistance on fruity notes. Score : 15.25

Podere Castellinuzza 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of flowers, cornflower, violet candy and mushroom associated with small notes of Ceylon tea and a slight note of grove / garrigue. The palate is fat, round, balanced, silky and offers a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of blueberry, fig, a touch of red berries and a slight note of chocolate licorice. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Good length.

Score : 16

Mannucci Droandi - Cepetto 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of mushroom, truffles and red fruit associated with small notes of red berries and a slight note of blackberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry, blackberry associated with slight notes of cassis, laurel and a slight note of Zan as well as a slight note of menthol in the background. Tannins are dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Castello della Paneretta 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of truffle, fruit cream, blueberry, cherry and blackberry associated with small notes of tea, violets and sweet spices. The palate is elegant, fresh, suave, silky, relatively concentrated and offers a juiciness as well as a beautiful and dense matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and blueberry associated with a few notes of sweet spices, coconut as well as slight notes of vanilla and touches of blackberry. Tannins are medium grain, racy and elegant. Good length.

Score : 16

Cecchi - Storia di Famiglia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of chocolate powder, slight notes of truffle and blackberry combined with notes of ripe fruit and a hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, beautifully elegant, well built and offers a beautiful / well-built fruity frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and cherry cream combined with touches of blueberry as well as slight notes of spices and coconut. Tannins are fine but quite dry. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Castello di Gabbiano 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and relatively fine. It reveals notes of red fruit, leather and flowers associated with touches of violet and a slight touch of cherry candy as well as discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, dense, suave, quite fat and offers a clay minerality. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of spices, a touch of fig and a fine note of mentholated licorice on the finish. Tannins are fine. Score : 15

Carpineto 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is a bit austere. It reveals notes of truffle and slight notes of oak and red fruit. The palate is round, fat, ample, guite precise and offers a fresh acid frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of raspberry associated with touches of blackberry, a slight note of cherry, a discreet touch of cassis as well as a few notes of spice, licorice, toasted notes and sweet spices. Tannins are fine but dry. Good length. Score : 15

Coltibuono 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of roasting, slight notes of mocha and truffle associated with a few notes of red fruits as well as a slight note of olive and garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and relatively precise. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry jam, strawberry jam and raspberry combined with slight notes of black fruits, licorice and a slight note of truffles on the persistence. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Good length.

Score: 15.25

Badia a Coltibuono 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of cherry associated with a touch of raspberry vinegar as well as a slight note of undergrowth and a very slight note of strawberry. The palate is fruity, fat, suave and offers an acid frame (relatively strong). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fresh cherry and slight notes of juicy blueberries associated with slight notes of liquorice. Tannins are fine but dry. Good length. Score : 14.25

Tenuta Casuccio Tarletti 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of truffle, mushroom, red fruits and a small note of red cherry liqueur combined with a touch of coffee. The palate is fruity, round, ample, fat and offers a certain suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (cherry, strawberry) and dried cherry associated with slight notes of mushroom and a very slight meaty notes. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Score : 14.25

Rocca di Castagnoli 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of red fruit, leather combined with a slight note of caramel (in the background) and a slight note of blackberry candy. The palate is fruity, balanced, harmonious and offers a certain elegance and a beautiful acid / red fruits frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with slight toasted notes, slight notes of vanilla and coconut on the finish. Tannins are fine but dry. Score : 15.75

Colle Bereto 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of mushroom and fruit associated with a few buttered notes. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, harmonious and relatively

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smooth. In the mouth it expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of spices / garrigue. Tannins are fine, a bit dry and relatively elegant. Good length. Score : 14.75

Bibbiano 2013 - Tommaso e Federico Marrocchesi

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine, elegant, relatively powerful and fruity. It reveals notes of red fruit, blackberries combined with a slight note of raspberry balsamic and spices (very slight note of tobacco and truffle). The palate is fruity, elegant and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and crushed strawberry associated with a few notes of blueberry as well as slight touches of fig, violet, toasted touches and slight notes of sweet spices (a very discreet note of coconut). Score: 16.5

Castellinuzza e Piuca 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is quite elegant. It reveals notes of lilac, cassis and raspberry combined with a slight note of laurel. The palate is balanced, mineral and offers a certain freshness and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis, black cherry and olive associated with slight vegetal notes and a slight note of licorice. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Score: 14.75

Castello di Radda 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is aromatic and quite powerful. It reveals notes of iris, blackberry, black cherry and cherry associated with slight notes of garrigue. The palate is round, fat, mineral, harmonious, suave and offers a beautiful matter, freshness and density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and cassis skin associated with slight notes of laurel / olive tree and a slight note of Zan. Good length. Score: 15.25

Vignamaggio - Terre di Prenzano 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of red fruits and spices associated with slight notes of black fruits. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a certain minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit, cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with slight notes of blackberry cream and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine. They still need time to be more supple. Good length. Score: 15

Malaspina 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of truffle, Sichuan pepper, spices and red fruit. The palate is fruity and offers a certain suavity and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of blackberry cream and a touch of vegetal / slight bitterness / laurel. Tannins are fine and currently young. Score: 14.75

Volpaia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits, violets and spices associated with small notes of black pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, fluid and offers a fresh frame and a certain suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and blackberry combined with a touch of cassis as well as slight notes of sweet spices and a slight note of tobacco. Score : 15.25

Poggio Torselli 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals notes of red fruit (strawberry, red currant...) associated with notes of blackberry. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful precision and a red fruit frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and blueberry associated with slight notes of red currant (in the background) and a slight note of Zan (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Castello di Querceto 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of cherry and blackberry combined with slight notes of leather. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, a bit powerful and offers a nice fruity frame and a small concentration and. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, strawberry juice and slight notes of cherry and blueberry. Tannins are well built. Good length. Score: 15

Terre di Melazzano - Riscoperto 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of mushroom, truffle and fresh strawberry associated with slight touches of cherry, blackberry and a slight / discreet notes of violet. The palate is fruity, relatively precise, balanced, fat and smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries and cherries combined with slight notes of cassis and blackberry. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. The finish is powerful. Score: 14.5

Fontalpino 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of truffle, mocha, coffee and red fruit combined with slight notes of Sichuan pepper and garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, smooth and offers a certain juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, black cherry and raspberry combined with discrete notes of blueberry as well as slight notes of olive / spices. Tannins are fine and currently young. Good length and persistence on fruity notes. Score: 15

Rocca delle Macie - Famiglia Zingarelli 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of mushroom and leather combined with a few notes of fruit, slight notes of dried flowers and a few small oaky notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, grape juice, cherry and touches of black cherry associated with slight notes of blackberry jam, Zan and slight notes of toasted oak on the aftertaste. Tannins are fine and a bit young. Note: 14.75

Poggerino - Vendemmia 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of cherry cream and fleshy strawberry associated with a slight note of Zan and a touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, relatively gourmande and offers a small minerality. In the

mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight / discreet notes of purple fig, sweet spices, licorice and a very discreet touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Good length. Score : 15.25

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Borgo Salcetino 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of red fruit combined with notes of blueberry, mushroom as well as slight notes of flowers and Zan. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand and offers a nice matter, a certain harmony, precision and good density. In the mouth it expresses notes of black cherry candy, blackberry and slight notes of red fruit combined with a touch of fleshy blueberry as well as a touch of Zan and toasted touches. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Good length and persistence with notes of red fruits, toasted notes and on a very slight note of liquorice / caramelization on the aftertaste.

Casa Sola 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively elegant and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cherry, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry, strawberry associated with slight notes of sweet spices / blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively elegant and offers juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, blackberry and cherry associated with slight notes of Zan as well as discreet notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Persistence with notes of red fruits and a slight acidity. Score: 14.5

Stefano Farina - Le Bocce 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of black cherry and leather combined with slight notes of red fruits, dried red fruit and a discreet touch of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, fleshy, quite gourmand and offers a small juiciness and a certain precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry, Zan and a discreet note of garrigue. Tannins are fine, well built and racy. Good length. Score: 15

La Castellina 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose offers notes of leather and black truffle associated with a few notes of red fruits as well as very discreet notes of sweet spices. The palate is round, fat, ample, suave, gourmand, elegant and relatively silky. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry and black cherry associated with slight notes of blackberry jam, black olive, liquorice and a very discreet note of laurel. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Score: 15.75

Terre di Melazzano - Chi André 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of red fruits, crunchy strawberries and small red berries associated with slight notes of blackberry. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain freshness and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of red currant, cherry, black cherry as well as very slight note of plum, a small vegetal notes and a slight note of Zan. Tannins are fine and firms. Good length. Score: 14.5

Castello d'Albola 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of garrigue, blackberry and black cherry combined with slight notes of cornflower. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and racy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cherry and raspberry combined with a touch of purple fig, slight notes of spice and a very discreet note of olive. Tannins are a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Casale dello Sparviero 2012 Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals fine notes of iris, leather, flowers associated with slight notes of dried berries. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and a bit elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, red fruit and touches of cassis associated with a few spicy notes. Tannins are well built. Good length and persistence with especially notes of blackberry, strawberry and flowers. The finish is a relatively powerful. Score: 15

Le Fonti di Panzano 2012 Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of cherry and cherry liqueur associated with slight notes of balsamic and strawberry. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain freshness, fat, a certain juiciness and a small fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and raspberry combined with touches of blueberry as well as slight notes of black cherry, spice and Zan. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15

Podere Torcilacqua 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine, fruity and relatively fleshy. It reveals notes of red fruit, black cherry and plum associated with slight notes of licorice. The palate is fruity (beautifully fruity), mineral, juicy, precise and offers a fruity frame and crunchy / fleshy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, cherry, blackberry and fleshy fruits associated with slight notes of licorice and hazelnut on the aftertaste. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. Score: 15,25

Casanuova di Nittardi - Vigna Doghessa 2012 Chianti Classico

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of cassis and slight notes of red fruits associated with discreet notes of rose as well as slight notes of leather and spice. The palate is fruity, fluid, smooth, harmonious, tight, quite fleshy and offer a small minerality, a certain density and a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a few slight notes of mocha, oak and mushroom / truffle. Tannins are fine and racy. Score: 15

Agricola San Felice 2012 Chianti Classico

The wine needs time to open. The nose reveals notes of terracotta, leather and slight notes of red currant associated with touches of cassis as well as a few slight woody notes and a slight note of mushroom. The palate is fruity, precise, relatively elegant and offers a certain freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, raspberry and blackberry jam associated with slight notes of cherry and a slight note of liquorice on the finish. Tannins are well built and a bit firm. Good length. Score: 14.75

Tenuta San Vincenti 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of truffle, violet and blackberry combined with fine notes of red fruits, spices and a slight note of dried red fruits and violets. The palate is elegant, nicely fruity, mineral and offers a fresh frame (beautiful freshness). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits, red berries and ripe cherries combined with slight notes of cherry cream, a slight note of Zan and slight notes of dark chocolate / coffee on the finish /persistence. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5

Castello Monterinaldi 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively complex and elegant. It reveals notes of flowers associated with slight notes of balsamic, blueberry, blackberry and a touch of red fruit. The palate is fruity, juicy, fat, nicely built and offers a beautiful and slightly matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, strawberry and slight notes of cassis. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Score: 15

San Fabiano Calcinaia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is quite elegant. It reveals notes of red fruit (cherries...) and truffles associated with slight notes of red fruit jam. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral, fluid, harmonious and smooth. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and a slight note of black cherry jam associated with small notes of black berries, spices, black pepper as well as woody notes on the finish / persistence. Tannins are slightly dry. Score: 14.75

La Sala - Vendemmia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and fine. It reveals notes of blueberry and black cherry combined with a touch of strawberry. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral, nicely precise and offers a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and slight notes of black cherry associated with a touch of blueberry, cassis as well as slight notes of sweet spices on the finish. Tannins are well built. Score: 15

Quercia Al Poggio 2011

Chianti Classico

The nose is relatively fine and fruity. It reveals notes of cassis, red fruits and cherry. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a certain freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, red currant jelly, raspberry and blackberry combined with slight notes of spices and toasted oak. Good length. Score: 15

Tenuta Sant'Alfonso 2013 - Rocca delle Macie Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of red fruit and leather combined with touches of cassis, slight notes of undergrowth as well as a few slight oaky notes. The palate is fruity, fat, round, relatively fresh and quite ample. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry cream, raspberry cream and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of spices, Zan as well as discreet notes of chocolate and mushroom. Tannins are fine, quite elegant but still young. Good length. Score: 15.25

Istine 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of mushroom and a very slight note of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, suave, a bit fat, quite fleshy and offers a small fresh frame and a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, wild strawberry and notes of juicy cherries combined with sloght notes of Zan on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 15

Casa Emma 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is powerful, intense and fruity. It reveals notes of cherry candy and cornflower associated with slight notes of strawberry and blackberry. The palate is fruity, fat, balanced and offers a fruity frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of a cherry candy and strawberry associated with slight notes of blackberry and a discreet note of Zan. Tannins are fine but still young. Good length. Score: 14.5

Principe Corsini - Le Corti 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of red fruits, underbrush and slight notes of mushroom. The palate is fruity, mineral, suave, ample, nicely fat and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with a few discreet notes of cassis as well as slight notes of spice (in the background) and oak. Good length. Tannins are medium-grained and slightly dry. Score: 14.5

Fattoria Rignana 2013

Chianti Classico

(85% Sangiovese, 15% Canaiolo)

The nose is fruity and moderately aromatic aromatic. It reveals notes of red fruit and cherry cream associated with a few notes of spices (gray pepper and a slight touch of tea) as well as a note of flowers. The palate is balanced, fruity, mineral and offers some juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, raspberry and slight notes of strawberry associated with a touch of blackberry, spice and pepper. Tannins are fine and quite dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Vignavecchia 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is elegant and quite complex. It reveals notes of red fruit (strawberry, cherry...), blackberry associated with a few notes of spice, minerality as well as slight toasted notes. The palate is fat, mineral, balanced, harmonious and provides softness, dynamism and a nice red fruit / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy strawberry, cherry associated with notes of chocolate and slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine but a bit young. Good length and persistence with notes of fruit and toasted notes. A promising wine, wait !

Lilliano - Ruspoli 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and coffee associated with slight notes of spices and underbrush as well as a discreet note of white pepper. The palate is balanced, fresh, mineral, suave, ample, fat and provides a certain elegance, a certain sweetness and a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and slight notes of blackberry

cream associated with notes of spices and gray pepper. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15.75

Castellare di Castellina 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose reveals notes of underbrush, garrigue and red fruit combined with a fine note of plum and dried flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers suavity as well as a fleshy matter (nice weight). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of sour cherry, cherry juice, blueberry and a touch of blackberry associated with a few discrete notes of toasted oak and a slight note of licorice and garrigue on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

Borgo Scopeto 2013

Chianti Classico

(90% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot and 5% Colorino)

The nose is fruity and full. It reveals notes of ripe fruit (blackberry, cassis...) and slight notes of cherry associated with a few small notes of black cherry as well as fine notes of leather and tobacco. The palate is fruity, balanced, elegant, harmonious, fine, mineral and offers a nice acid frame (on red fruits). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry associated with a few notes of black cherry, cherry, as well as fine notes of blueberry and touches of spices (pepper, cocoa). Tannins are fine and quite present. Good length. Score: 15

Barone Ricasoli - Brolio 2013

Chianti Classico

The nose is fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of dried red fruit combined with notes of flowers (violet) as well as notes of spices (pepper...) and a discreet touch of Zan. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, suave, nicely ample and gourmande. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry candy and slight notes of blackberry associated with very fine notes of spices as well as a touch of pepper. Nice softness on the finish. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15.25

Castello di Verrazzano - Vendemmia 2013 Chianti Classico

The nose is fine, fruity and relatively intense. It reveals notes of cherry cream associated with fine notes of strawberry, cassis as well as a few notes of spice and a touch of tea. The palate is fruity, mineral, harmonious, fat, balanced, fresh and offers a small fruity/fresh frame that guide the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and small fresh red berries combined with a few slight notes of licorice (quite discreet) as well as slight notes of oak and sweet spices (vanilla). Tannins are well made. Score: 15.25

San Jacopo - Da Vicchiomaggio 2014 Chianti Classico

(90% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo, Colorino 5%)

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and cherry combined with slight notes of raspberry and fine notes of garrigue and dried violet. The mouth is fat, sweet, suave, fruity, balanced and offers a nice small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, wild strawberry and cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry in the background. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length. Score : 15

Bibbiano 2013

Chianti Classico

(Sangiovese 95%, Colorino 5%)

The nose reveals notes of plum and spices combined with a few warm spicy notes as well as slight notes of flowers / dried leaves (in the background) and a touch of oak. The palate is fruity, a bit fat, fleshy and offers a mineral / acid frame that leads the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum and black cherry associated with a touch of blackberry jam as well as small notes of red fruit in the background (strawberry and raspberry) and fine / discreet oaky notes. Tanninsare well conducted. Good length.

Score : 15

Fontodi 2012

Chianti Classico

The nose is elegant and subtle. It reveals notes of red fruit and leather combined with touches of cassis, dried blackberry and touches of cherry and tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, precise and offers a nice acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and strawberry associated with a few notes of aromatic herbs as well as small oaky and spicy notes on the finish. Good length. Score: 15.5

Chianti Classico Riserva

San Felice - Il Grigio da San Felice 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of ripe fruit associated with a few notes of Sichuan pepper, spices, violet and slight notes of black tea. The palate is racy, well-made and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, sour cherry and cherry associated with touches of raspberry as well as a fine oaky notes and light notes of spices. Tannins are fine. Good length. A nice wine. Score: 15.5

Vignamaggio - Riserva di Monna Lisa 2010 -Gran Selezione

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is powerful, spicy, rich and elegant. It reveals notes of red fruits and spices associated with slight notes of cassis, slight notes of roasted Provence herbs and a touch of black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, deep and harmonious. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and cherry combined with slight notes of licorice and cloves. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Il Tarocco 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of red fruits. The palate is fruity, balanced, relatively fresh and a nice dense matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cherry and red currant associated with a touch of fig. Tannins are fine, relatively numerous, dry and racy. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Brancaia 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva (80% Sangiovese, 20% Merlot)

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and mushroom. The palate is balanced, fleshy and offers juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses

notes of blackberry, blueberry and black cherry combined with slight notes of black cherry cream. Tannins are fine, well-made, quite powerful and quite dry. Good length. Score: 15.5

Casale Dello Sparviero 2011 Riserva

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of raspberry balsamic and red fruit associated with small notes of minty licorice. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits, strawberry and cassis combined with slight notes of blackberry (in the background), spices and a touch of laurel. Tannins are fine and a bit dry.

Score : 15

Casa Emma 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry, red fruit as well as slight notes of sweet spices and licorice. The palate is fruity, balanced, suave, a bit elegant, relatively fat and offers a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit combined with a hint of blackberry. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Score : 15

Castella della Paneretta - Riserva 2011 Barberino Val d'Elsa

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is gourmand. It reveals notes red fruits cake, blueberry candy and blackberry. The palate is fruity, elegant, well managed, structured and offers a small minerality, freshness, a nice fruitiness and a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry candy, black olive, fine / slight notes of red fruit (in the background) combined with fine touches of red currant, spice and Zan. Tannins are fine, numerous and numerous. Good length. A promising wine! Score: 16

Castello Monterinaldi - Riserva 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a certain finesse. It reveals notes of candied cherries associated with slight notes of raspberry, blackberry and slight notes of laurel. The palate is fruity and offers a small minerality and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit combined with notes of blackberry, slight notes of chocolate (in the background) as well as slight notes of black cherry, Zan and slight toasted notes in the background. Tannins are fine and dry. Good length. Score: 15,25

Vigneti La Selvanella - Riserva 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cherry liqueur, blackberry jam and fine spicy notes associated with slight notes of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, elegant, fat and offers a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum skin, blackberry cream, raspberry and black berries combined with slight notes of red fruit (in the background), cherry stone as well as touches of chocolate and a slight note of black olive. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15.75

Badia a Coltibuono - Riserva 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of truffle associated with slight notes of red fruits,

blackberry and a few slight notes of roasting (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, gourmand and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry and notes of raspberry associated with fine notes of juicy blueberries and a touch of oak. Tannins are firm A beautiful wine!

Monsanto 2012 - 50 Vendemmie Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of cassis and red fruit associated with a few fine notes of spices (in the background) and a hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a beautiful juiciness and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cherry associated with slight notes of blackberry as well as a few slight notes of Zan (in the background). Score: 16

Castellinuzza Piuca 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is quite aromatic. It reveals notes of dried cherry and red fruit (cherry...) associated with slight notes of spice and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a certain elegance, a good density, suavity as well as a good, ample and relatively dense matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh cherries associated with slight notes of black cherry jam, blackberry, slight notes of creamy cassis (in the background) and a touch of raspberry. Tannins are well built and a bit dry. Score: 15.25

Poggerino - Bugialla 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, intense and elegant. It reveals notes of cherry, strawberry, rose and cassis associated with very slight notes of morello cherry. The palate is fruity, dense, fat and offers a certain elegance, a nice volume and a nice silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of cherry, rose, Zan, sweet spices and a discreet note of garrigue on the finish. Tannins are fine, dry and youth. Score: 15.25

Agostino Petri da Vicchiomaggio 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruit combined with slight notes of flowers and a small touch of blackberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, well built, relatively fat and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits and blackberry associated with a touch of black cherry as well as a small touch of fig, slight notes of Zan and sweet spices (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 15,5

Cecchi - Riserva di Famiglia 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and spices associated with slight notes of leather, earth, cherry and blond tobacco. The palate is fresh, relatively elegant and offers a good and dense matter. In the mouth this wine expresses a few notes of blackberries, strawberries and cherries combined with slight notes of cassis, spices as well as slight notes of chocolate. Tannins are fine, numerous and quite dry. Score: 15

Castellare di Castellina 2012 - Il Poggiale Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, relatively intense and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cherry and strawberry associated with a few slight notes of blueberry (in the background). The palate is balanced and quite intense. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (fleshy strawberry, cherry) combined with touches of candied cherry, blueberry and black fruits. Tannins are fine but a bit dry. Good length and persistence with fruity notes. Score : 15.5

Rocca delle Macie 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fresh, fruity, flowery and needs time to open. It reveals notes of red fruits, rose and flowers associated with slight notes of sweet spices (in the background). The palate is very fruity, fat and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits, flowers, strawberry, cherry and rose combined with a touch of sweet spices (in the background). Score : 14.75

Castello di Meleto - Vigna Casi 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is quite powerful and needs time to open. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with fine notes of spice, tobacco and a slight note of gray pepper. The mouth is balanced, well-structured and quite fruity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit and blackberry combined with a fine note of black cherry jam, a touch of Zan and a hint of spice. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score : 14.75

Rignana 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of cherry liqueur and red fruit combined with touches of licorice. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers freshness and a certain density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried cherry and strawberry combined with a touch of dried strawberry as well as slight notes of spices and a slight/discreet touch of bitterness. Tannins are fine and dry.

Score : 15.25

Podere Castellinuzza 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with fine notes of cherry liqueur, a touch of liquorice and a discreet minty note. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and relatively juicy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cherry and raspberry combined with a touch of liquorice and a touch of blackberry cream. Tannins are fine, a bit numerous and a bit dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 14.75

Castello di Volpaia 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of red fruits and mushroom. The mouth is nicely fruity, suave, silky, gourmand and offers a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and fleshy cherry associated with a touch of cassis, a touch of blueberry as well as slight notes of chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score : 15.25

Cresti Gioia e Filippo - Fontalpino 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and a bit discreet. It reveals fine notes of cherries and cherry liqueur associated with slight notes of blackberry and a small note of chocolate / oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, racy and

balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blueberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with a touch of blackberry and chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score : 15

Felsina - Rancia 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and quite fine. It reveals notes of blackberry jam and cassis associated with fine notes of licorice, spices, black pepper as well as slight notes of tobacco and a hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced, harmonious and offers an acid frame, fat and a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis combined with fine notes of cherry, touches of red currant as well as slight notes of spices, a few slight woody notes, sweet spice, a touch of minerality, s fine note of tobacco and a discreet hint of garrigue. Tannins are fine, well-built and a bit firm. Good long length and persistence on fruity notes and acidity. Score : 15.25

Il Poderino - Bellostento 2008

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and relatively fresh. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with fine notes of sweet spices and a discreet touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, suave, fat, silky, sleek, harmonious and offers a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, strawberry and black cherry combined with touches of blueberry, a touch of cherry stone and a few small notes of minerality. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and elegant. Good length. A beautiful, fruity and gourmand wine!

Score : 16.25

Antica fattoria Machiavelli - Vigna di Fontalle 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of plum and crushed strawberry combined with a touch of cassis cream and small notes of spices, black tea, as well as a touch of Zan, pepper and a fine note of tobacco on the finish. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, harmonious, slightly smooth and offers a fresh / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, crushed strawberry and plum combined with a touch of black cherry, a touch of Zan, black tea and a discreet note of gray pepper. Tannins are well conducted. Good length. Score : 15.5

Stefano Farina - Le bocce 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is quite powerful and a bit austere. It reveals notes of black fruit, leather and spice associated with fine touches of undergrowth and flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, fresh, gourmand, silky / sleek and offers juicy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry jam, raspberry and blackberry combined with a touch of red currant and licorice on the finish. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Mannucci Droandi - Ceppeto 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, gourmand, tight and a bit opulent. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and fig associated with small notes of flowers (rose...), garrigue and spice. The palate is fruity, fresh, dense, relatively elegant and offers minerality and tension. In the mouth this wine ex-

presses notes of blackberry, blueberry and black cherry combined with a note of cherry stone as well as slight / discreet notes of pepper, tobacco and spices. Tannins are slightly dry and supple. Good length. Score : 15.25

Podere Torcilacqua (badia a Passignano) 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and a bit concentrated. It reveas notes of raspberry and cherry associated with touches of blackberry, spices and slight notes of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, harmonious, slightly smooth and offers a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry jam associated with small notes of raspberry, touches of cassis, chocolate as well as a few discreet oaky notes. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14,75

Malaspina 2010 - Fattoria Castello di Starda Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, incisive and mineral. It reveals notes of red fruits and dried strawberry associated with touches of blackberry and spices (Ceylon tea...). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, silky, harmonious and offers a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (strawberry, raspberry) associated with small notes of blackberry as well as touches of blueberry, spices and a discreet touch of garrigue. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length.

Rocca di Castagnoli - Poggio a'Frati 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is intense. It reveals notes of red berries and rose combined with a few notes of spices. The palate is fruity and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit, cherry and strawberry associated with slight notes of cassis leaf, blackberry and slight notes of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

Score : 15

Caparsino 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and dried fruits combined with slight touches of balsamic. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral and offers a beautiful acid / red fruits frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and raspberry associated with slight notes of juicy blueberries (in the background) as well as slight notes of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well-built.

Score : 15.5

Tenuta San Vincenti 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of truffle, leather and slight notes of red fruit associated with a slight note of pepper and slight notes of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, balanced, slightly smooth and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry combined with slight notes of red fruit (in the background), a touch of olive tree and a touch of black olive. Score: 15

Tenuta di Capraia - Capraia 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and spices. The palate is fruity and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black-

berry and black cherry combined with touches of raspberry, slight notes of licorice as well as a slight touch of bitterness on the finish. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.5

Le Fonti di Panzano 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruits combined with touches of balsamic as well as small notes of spices (especially gray pepper). The palate is fruity, suave, relatively fat, a bit elegant and offers a fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black cherry jam associated with a hint of red fruits. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Castello D'Albola 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of red fruits, spices and slight notes of cassis. The mouth is nicely fruity, suave and offers a beautiful silky matter and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of black cherry, cherry as well as a fine touch of strawberry (in the background) and a hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly dry.

Score: 15.25

Colle Bereto 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of cherry, strawberry and dried cherry associated with a few notes of rose, a slight note of cherry liqueur as well as fine notes of blackberry. The palate is fruity, fresh and relatively mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, red fruit jam and blackberry combined with slight touches of black berries, spices and a hint of black pepper on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 14.75

La Sala 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of fruit and truffle associated with notes of coffee. The palate is fruity, fluid, slightly fat and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry combined with touches of blackberry, cassis, a few slight notes of red berries (in the background) as well slight notes of Zan on the finish. Score: 14.75

Agricola San Felice - Il Grigio 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of truffles and coffee associated with a few slight notes of red fruit (in the background) and a discreet touch of garrigue. The palate is fruity, balanced, a bit elegant and offers a certain minerality and a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (cherry, strawberry) and blackberry associated with touches of blueberry, a discreet touch of cassis as well as a few slight spicy notes (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15.5

Borgo Scopeto - Vigna Misciano 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of truffle, cherry, sour cherry and strawberry. The palate is balanced, fruity and racy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh red fruit and slight notes of blackberry associated with small
notes of raspberry as well as slight notes of coffee and bitterness. Score:15

Villa Cerna 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is intense. It reveals notes of red fruits and spices associated with touches of cherry and strawberry. The palate is fruity, mineral and fresh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and notes of raspberry associated with a touch of black cherry and a touch of fresh blackberry. Tannins are well built and a bit dry. Score : 15.25

Setriolo 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals slight notes of balsamic vinegar and raspberry combined with notes of cherry. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vinegar and raspberry combined with a touch of cherry as well as touches of blackberry and spices. Tannins are fine and integrated. Score: 14.75

Cigliano 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruit combined with fine notes of mushroom and cherry. The palate is fruity, intense and offers a certain elegance, a nice matter and acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy red fruit, raspberry and strawberry associated with slight notes of cherry, a few small notes of blueberry and a slight note of blackberry jam on the finish.

Score : 15.5

IV L'imperatore - Fattoria di Corsignano 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruit combined with slight notes of laurel. The palate is suave, balanced, dense, fat and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit, cherry and red berry jam combined with notes of blueberry (in the background) as well as slight notes of licorice. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 15.25

Castello di Querceto 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with slight touches of rose and a touch of red bell pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, dense, suave, well balanced, relatively fat and offers a good matter, a small silkiness and roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with a touch of raspberry as well as touches of cherry, Zan and olive tree. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15

Vignavecchia 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of touches of flowers associated with notes of truffle and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, dense, fat, slightly smooth and offers minerality and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and dried black fruit combined with touches of small red berries, blackberry, spices and a slight note of bitterness / laurel. Good length and persistence. Score: 14,75

Istine - Lavigne 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruit associated with touches of dried leaves and mushroom. The palate is fruity, fresh, suave and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and blueberry associated with a touch of raspberry and a touch of bitterness. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Barone Ricasoli - Rocca Guicciarda 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of cherry jam and fig. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a nice matter and a certain freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry and slight notes of raspberry combined with a touch of blueberry and a fine note of chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 14.75

Barone Ricasoli - Brolio 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruit combined with fine notes of spice and a slight / discreet note of mushroom. The palate is fruity, fresh, quite incisive and offers juiciness and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry associated with slight notes of blackberry, a touch of cherry, cherry stone as well as slight notes of minty licorice and toasted notes. Tannins are fine and a bit dry.

Score : 14.5

Castello di Verrazzano 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of red fruits and mushroom associated with fine notes of cassis and a discreet note of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits and chocolate associated with touches of cherry, slight notes of laurel (in the background), fig. cassis jam and a small touch of bitterness. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14,75

Castello di Gabbiano 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of dried red fruit associated with fine notes of licorice and a slight note of blueberry / fig. The palate is fruity, mineral, sleek, fluid, balanced and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and fig associated with a few notes of black berries, licorice, slight notes of red fruits as well as a touch of coffee and a slight note of grilled / roasted (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15,25

Bibbiano - Montornello 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals fine notes of balsamic vinegar and raspberry. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced, harmonious, elegant, quite fleshy and a bit gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits, fleshy strawberry, cherry and blueberry combined with a touch of figs as well as slight / discreet notes of licorice (in the background). Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 15.75

Castello di Radda 2012

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of dried red fruit and mushroom associated with slight notes of leather and a fine note of cocoa. The palate is fresh, elegant, balanced and offers a nice matter and a certain suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blueberry and raspberry combined with a touch of strawberry. Score : 15.5

Fattoria Montecchio 2009

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry and dried strawberry combined with touches of black cherry as well as touches of Zan, spice, Sichuan pepper and fine notes of grove. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, harmonious, fat and offers a silky / sleek matter and a fine note of saline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with slight notes of cassis, cassis bud and small notes of blackberry, raspberry, spice, fresh licorice and violet. Tannins are elegant and supple. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Casa Sola 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively complex. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and ripe strawberry associated with small notes of flowers, licorice, a touch of blackberry cream as well as touches of Zan, spices and fine notes of garrigue. The mouth is fat, suave, mineral, elegant, well-balanced, a bit powerful and offers a certain freshness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and cassis associated with small touches of fig, Zan, chocolate and pepper. Tannins are well conducted. Good length and persistence. Score: 15,5

Terre di Melazzano - Elikia 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fine, fruity and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cassis candy and blackberry combined with touches of menthol, flowers, small notes of spice and a touch of Ceylon Tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmande, harmonious, well built / structured and offers minerality, a small suavity, elegance and fleshy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry candy, blackberry and cassis combined with touches of wild strawberry and licorice. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. Score: 15.5

Poggio delle Rose 2009

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, strawberry and cassis combined with notes of spice as well as touches of pepper and menthol. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, harmonious, balanced, beautifully silky and relatively fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and raspberry combined with touches of cassis, strawberry, slight notes of licorice, Zan as well as fine toasted touches and sweet spices. Tannins are well built. Good length. Score: 15.5

Poggio Torselli 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic, relatively elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis candy and violet combined with a feww notes of spices (pepper, Ceylon tea) and a touch of Zan. The palate

is fruity, mineral, fresh, harmonious and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry and blackberry combined with touches of strawberry, slight notes of blueberry, licorice and fine notes of spices. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 15

Quercia Al Poggio 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis and raspberry associated with small spicy notes as well as fine notes of Zan, menthol and a touch of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, well balanced and offers fleshy fruit, a good precision and harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and strawberry associated with small notes of mocha, licorice and fine toasted notes on the finish. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Poggio Bonelli 2010

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of leather and black fruits associated with fine notes of truffle and a hint of aromatic herbs. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, relatively fat and offers a small acid frame and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, strawberry and black cherry combined with fine notes of fig, slight notes of licorice as well as slight notes of cherry stone, fine notes of graphite and a few discreet oaky notes.

Score : 15.25

Campo Alto - Tenuta Casuccio Tarletti 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is a bit powerful. This wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry, truffle and liquorice combined with a touch of plum as well as fine notes of chocolate and spices. The mouth is fruity, racy and well-balanced. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 14.75

Fèlsina - Berardenga 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry cream and strawberry associated with fine notes of rose and licorice. The palate is fruity, ample / round, silky, quite fat, slightly smooth and offers freshness and a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and cherry stone associated with touches of chocolate as well as slight / discreet toasted notes. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15

Castello di Cacchiano 2006

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of leather, blackberry and cassis associated with fine touches of white truffle as well as touches of red fruits, spices and dried violet. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, racy, harmonious, quite fat and offers a good silky matter and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of cassis, a hint of plum and slight notes of spices, sweet spices and a touch of vanilla / a toasted touch. Score: 15.25

Carpineto 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and gar-

rigue associated with slight toasted notes. The palate is fruity, dense, tight, harmonious, smooth, relatively and offers a small fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and strawberry associated with small notes of raspberry as well as slight notes of Zan and a touch of chocolate on the finish. Tannins are well done and relatively dry. Good length. Score: 15.5

Mazzei - Ser Lapo - Riserva 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of leather associated with small empyreumatic notes, very slight notes of fresh black fruit as well as a touch of black olive and a fine note of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a certain elegance and a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam associated with touches of black cherry buttons as well as fine notes of fresh red berries (in the background), liquorice and black olive. Tannins are fine, integrated and well built. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Borgo Salcetino - Lucarello Riserva 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry cream and fines notes of rose. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers elegance and a nice acid / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (strawberry, cherry, a slight note of raspberry) associated with slight notes of blueberry jam as well as touches of pepper and a very slight hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25

Rietine 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is relatively powerful and offers a certain intensity. It reveals notes of balsamic cherries and sour cherry associated with fine notes of black fruit and a discreet touch of leather. The palate is fruity, slightly tight and offer a small freshness, a small tension and a dense matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and black berries combined with slight notes of red berries and dark chocolate on the finish.

Score : 14.75

Nittardi 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of flowers associated with fine notes of leather and fruit. The palate is fruity and offers a certain minerality and a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and strawberry combined with touches of black cherry, Zan as well as a very slight hint of laurel on the finish. Tannins are well built and firm.

Score : 14.5

Casavecchia alla Piazza - Buondonno 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of earth, leather associated with fine notes of spices and laurel. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and strawberry combined with touches of cherry, olive and laurel. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Cultus Boni 2011

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose reveals notes of truffle, violets and black fruits. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a certain fat, fluidity and a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry jam associated with touches of strawberry, Zan and a touch of bitterness. Tannins are well built and a bit fine. Score: 14.75

Bibbiano - Montornello 2012 Chianti Classico Riserva

(100% Sangiovese)

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of dried red fruit combined with touches of blackberry, pepper as well as small toasted notes, spices, tobacco and a fine note of aromatic herbs. The palate is fruity, round, fat, mineral, balanced and elegant. It expresses notes of candied cherry, black cherry and blackberry associated with a few notes of raspberry as well as fine notes of chocolate and a discreet note of coffee on the aftertaste. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.5

San Felice - Il Grigio da San Felice 2011 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of ripe fruit associated with a few notes of Sichuan pepper, spices, violet and slight notes of black tea. The palate is racy, well-made and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, sour cherry and cherry associated with touches of raspberry as well as a fine oaky notes and light notes of spices. Tannins are fine. Good length. A nice wine. Score: 15.5

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

Tolaini 2011 - Montebello Vigneto N°7 Castelnuovo Berardenga

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione (100% Sangiovese)

The nose is fine, relatively elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and cassis combined with slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, gourmand, quite powerful and offers a nice fruitiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of dried cherry and red fruit (cherry, strawberry) associated with touches of cassis, cassis skin as well as slight notes of blueberry, spice and Zan. Good length.

Score : 16.25

Il Molino di Grace - Il Margone 2010 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(100% Sangiovese)

The nose reveals notes of mushroom, truffle, tobacco and slight notes of mocha associated with a few slight notes of red fruit (in the background), cherry, wild herbs and a touch of blueberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful matter and righteousness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and cassis jam associated with slight notes of black cherry / blackberry as well as fine notes of coffee and toasted oak on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine, relatively elegant and a bit powerful.

Score : 16

Bibbiano - Vigna del Capannino 2011

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(100% Sangiovese Grosso)

The nose is a bit powerful / concentrated. It reveals notes of red fruit combined with slight notes of plum as well as small notes of dried fruit in the background (red fruit, blackberry), with small notes of spices (pepper) and fine notes of toasted hazelnuts. The mouth is quite fruity, fresh, well-balanced, a bit fleshy, a bit concentrated and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (cherry, raspberry) and blackberry associated with a few fine notes of coffee (in the background) as well as small toasted notes on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75

San Felice - Il Grigio Da San Felice 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is powerful, fine, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of ripe fruit, plum, spice and black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine, mineral and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and leather combined with touches of black cherry, flowers, crushed raspberries and a few notes of saline minerality, coffee and toasted oak. Tannins are well made. Good length. Score: 16,25

Fontodi - Vigna del Sorbo - 2012

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of spices, ripe red fruit, cherry, aromatic herbs and slight notes of flowers associated with a few fine notes of garrigue. The palate is fruity, dense, sweet, elegant, aromatic, powerful and provides some creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh red fruits and ripe cherry associated with a few notes of flowers as well as slight notes of oak in the background. Tannins are grainy and slightly firm.

Score : 16

Fèlsina - Berardenga 2010 - Colonia

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic, elegant and precisely precise. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and fresh cassis associated with small notes of fresh strawberry as well as touches of spice and dried blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, silky, tight, smooth, mineral, racy, relatively fat and offers a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fresh strawberry and black cherry jam associated with a touch of violet, toasted oak, sweet spices and a touch of cherry stone on the finish / persistence. Tannins are elegant and firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25

Bibbiano - Vigna del Capannino 2011

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(100% Sangiovese Grosso) The nose is a bit powerful / concentrated. It reveals notes of red fruit combined with slight notes of plum as well as small notes of dried fruit in the background (red fruit, blackberry), with small notes of spices (pepper) and fine notes of toasted hazelnuts. The mouth is quite fruity, fresh, well-balanced, a bit fleshy, a bit concentrated and offers a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (cherry, raspberry) and blackberry associated with a few fine notes of coffee (in the background) as well as small toasted notes on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Fontodi - Vigna del Sorbo - 2012 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose reveals notes of spices, ripe red fruit, cherry, aromatic herbs and slight notes of flowers associated with a few fine notes of garrigue. The palate is fruity, dense, sweet, elegant, aromatic, powerful and provides some creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh red fruits and ripe cherry associated with a few notes of flowers as well as slight notes of oak in the background. Tannins are grainy and slightly firm. Score: 16

Vignamaggio - Riserva di Monna Lisa 2010 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is powerful, spicy, rich and elegant. It reveals notes of red fruits and spices associated with slight notes of cassis, slight notes of roasted Provence herbs and a touch of black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, deep and harmonious. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and cherry combined with slight notes of licorice and cloves. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 16

San Felice - Il Grigio Da San Felice 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is powerful, fine, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of ripe fruit, plum, spice and black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine, mineral and offers a beautiful silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and leather combined with touches of black cherry, flowers, crushed raspberries and a few notes of saline minerality, coffee and toasted oak. Tannins are well made. Good length. Score: 16,25

Brunello di Montalcino

Castello Banfi - Poggio All'Oro Riserva 2006 Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is elegant, intense, powerful, incisive and elegant. It reveals notes of truffle, mushroom and slight notes of dried leaves associated with a few notes of red fruit in the background. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, balanced and offers freshness, a nice sweetness, harmony and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cherry jam associated with touches of cassis, black cherry skin, cherry, black olive, laurel, spices and slight notes of licorice, chocolate, toasted notes and pepper. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 16.75

Castello Banfi - Poggio Alle Mura Riserva 2009

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fine, elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of blackberry and cherry liqueur associated with fine notes of mocha, sweet spices and slight notes of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers elegance, tension and a beautiful dense, fleshy and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry cream and slight notes of black cherry associated with touches of licorice and dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, slightly dry and quite present. Good length and persistence. A nice wine! Score: 16.25

Castello Banfi - Poggio Alle Mura 2009 Brunello di Montalcino

The nose reveals notes of of black fruit associated with slight notes of cherry as well as fine notes of truffle and a slightly minty touch of licorice.

The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, elegant and offers freshness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and cherry jelly associated with slight notes of blueberry, chocolate as well as a few slightly mentholated licorice touches. Tannins are fine and silky. Good length. Score: 16

Castello Banfi 2010

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is aromatic, relatively intense and offers a small elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, dried flowers and tobacco associated with a few spicy notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, smooth, harmonious, quite fleshy and provides a certain density and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and black cherry combined with slight notes of raspberry, fine notes of blackberry, saline minerality as well as fine notes of spice and toasted oaky notes on the finish. Tannins are quite present. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.5

Jacopo Biondi Santi - Tenuta greppo - Annata **2008**

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity, complex, aromatic, elegant and offers a small concentration and a certain righteousness. It reveals notes of strawberry, cassis and blackberry associated with touches of olive tree / grove, with fine notes of Zan as well as small touches of white truffle, blond tobacco, spices and oak. The nose opens slowly. The palate is fruity, straight, mineral, racy, elegant, complex and offers a fresh frame, a beautiful density as well as a silky and fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cherry associated with touches of raspberry, blackberry, cassis, as well as slight notes of

sweet spices (cardamom and a discreet note of nutmeg / clove), wood, olive, Zan and fine notes of tobacco. Tannins are fine, elegant and well built. Good length. Score : 17.25

Corte Dei Venti 2010

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose reveals notes of red fruit and truffle associated with fine notes of oak, garrigue, dried flowers as well as a few slight notes of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, racy and offers a beautiful and slightly silky matter, a certain density and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses a few notes of cherry and black cherry combined with fine notes of blueberry, blackberry, touches of dried strawberry as well as a few slight notes of spices, Zan and mocha on the finish. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25

Col d'Orcia - Poggio al Vento 2008 Riserva Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fine, elegant, racy / classic, opulent and delicate. It reveals notes of red fruit (cherry, strawberry) and fine spicy notes associated with a few slight notes of white truffle, leather, mushroom, grove as well

as fine notes of pepper, blackberry and dried flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, harmonious, opulent and offers a beautiful density and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with fine notes of cassis (in the background) and a few notes of spices, flowers, Sichuan pepper, licorice and fine oaky notes. Good length. Score : 17.25

Col d'Orcia 2010

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is elegant, powerful and fine. It reveals notes of ripe fruit and violet associated with touches of blueberry, slight notes of red fruits (in the background) as well as slight notes of truffle, Zan and fine notes of pepper. The palate is mineral, racy, elegant and offers a certain freshness and an alkaline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, slight notes of cassis associated with touches of red fruit (raspberry, cherry) in the background as well as notes of spice and fine notes of licorice on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length and juicy persistence. Score : 15.5

Le Potazzine - Gorelli 2010

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIG NE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA BIOND I-SANTI PROPRIA MARCA TENUTA "GREPPO, SANTI ITALIA 13 %vol e750ml

Brunello Di Montalcino

The nose reveals notes of blackberries flowers and slight notes of tobacco leaf associated with a few slight spicy notes as well as fine notes of blueberry, earth, dried strawberries and truffle. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, ample and offers a nice fat, a certain density, intensity and a nice suave matter. In the mouth this wine expresses a few notes of cherry and blackberry associated with touches of blueberry, strawberry candy as well as a few notes of spices, sweet spices, slight notes of dried leaves and oak. Tannins are fine, a bit firm and quite present. Good length.

Score : 16

Canalicchio di Sopra 2009 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is powerful and racy. It reveals notes of plum cream, ripe cherry and Provence herbs associated with a touch of thyme and tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, suave and dense. In the mouth it expresses notes of dried cherry, sour cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with a touch of prunes, chocolate and a very slight toasted note on the finish

Score:16

San Polo Montalcino 2010 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose reveals notes of ripe fruit combined with hints of plum, aromatic herbs, graphite, flowers and Zan as well as a touch of Provence herbs. The palate is fresh, mineral and well-balanced. In the mouth it expresses notes of black fruit cream, cherry and raspberry combined with small notes of very ripe blackberry and liquorice. Tannins are silky and well built. Good length. Score : 16

Poggio Al Vento 2007 - Riserva Col d'orcia -Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is elegant, fine and intense. It reveals notes of strawberry cream, plum, blackberry and slight notes of cassis, spice and a touch of licorice, oak and rose. The palate is fresh, racy, mineral, gourmand, harmonious and offers a nice tension. Beautiful structure. In the mouth it expresses notes of strawberry, blackcurrant, cherry and slight notes of Zan and spices. Tannins are supple and elegant. Good length. Score: 18

Cupano - 2009 Riserva

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, complex, delicate, supple, well-structured, charming and offer a controlled power. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and licorice associated with slight notes of blueberry, toasted oak (in the background), slight notes of sweet spices, Zan and a discreet touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, balanced, fat, suave, gourmand, delicious, elegant, complex and offers a nice racy minerality, a nice freshness and a nice acid / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and blueberry associated with touches of purple fig, strawberry jam, a discreet note of vanilla as well as small / elegant notes of toasted oak and licorice. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. Drink by 2023/2025.

Score : 18.5

Cupano 2010

Brunello di Montalcino

The nose is elegant, fine and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and fine notes of truffle, smoke associated with a few small notes of mocha, slight notes of flowers, tobacco, leather and a touch of laurel. The palate is fruity, balanced, fresh, harmonious, suave, gourmande, nicely fat and offers a beautiful silky matter, a racy minerality and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry associa-

ted with slight notes of black cherry, sweet spices (in the background), mocha, black olive (in the background) as well as slight notes of toasted oak and touches of liquorice on the finish. Tannins are fine, supple and elegant. Good length and persistence. The finish is more softened with time (aeration). A beautiful and well done wine! Perhaps there is slightly less matter in mouth than on other vintages. It will be interesting to taste again this wine in 8/10 years Score: 17.25

Rosso Di Montalcino

Jacopo Biondi Santi - 2011 - Tenuta Greppo Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is elegant, fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and blackberry combined with a few notes of olive tree, slight / discreet notes of menthol as well as a touch of cassis and a hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, racy, elegant, harmonious, relatively gourmande and offers a beautiful acid frame acid and a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, raspberry candy and cherry associated with small notes of blackberry, a fine note of saline

minerality as well as slight notes of licorice, wood and slight notes of olives. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 16.5

Cupano 2013

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of red fruit (cherry...), blackberry and sour cherry associated with slight notes of violet as well as touches of spices, fine notes of black cherry candy and slight notes of black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, fat, gourmand, slightly smooth, slightly fleshy and offers a small racy minerality and a nice silky matter (good weight in mouth). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry candy, cherry and slight notes of black cherry associated with a touch of cassis candy, small notes of violets, spices as well as slight notes of laurel / olive and slight notes of green almond / hazelnut on the finish. Tannins are fine and young (need time). Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.75

Corte Dei Venti 2013

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose reveals notes of rose and cherry liqueur associated with a few



notes of sour cherry, cherry candy and raspberry as well as fine notes of blackberry and discreet notes of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, harmonious, smooth, dense, fat, round and offers some juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and blackberry candy associated with fine notes of candied raspberry and minerality. Tannins are fine and well integrated. Good length. Score: 15.25

Castello Banfi - Poggio Alle Mura 2013 Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is elegant and more intense

than on the Cuvée Castello Banfi 2013 - Rosso di Montalcino. It reveals notes of cherry, black cherry and slight notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of pepper, leather, dried tea as well as a touch of garrigue and olive. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, slightly smooth, quite elegant and quite ample. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and cherry associated with slight notes of cassis, touches of raspberry as well as slight notes of cherry juice and spices. Tannins are fine and quite present. Good length. Score: 14,75

Castello Banfi 2013

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose reveals notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of laurel, touches of saline minerality as well as fine notes of leather and a discreet touch of white pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain fluidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruits (cherry, strawberry) and blackberry associated with slight notes of black cherry, violets as well as discreet notes of spices and blond tobacco. Tannins are fine and quite present. Good length. Score: 14,75

Col d'Orcia 2013

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of cherry and a slight note of sour cherry associated with fine notes of cornflower and a few notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, round, smooth, quite fat and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (cherry, raspberry) associated with a touch of blueberry, fine notes of blackberry candy (in background) and a few notes of spices. Tannins are fine. Good length. An "easy-drinking" wine. Score : 14.75

Le Potazzine - Gorelli 2013

Rosso di Montalcino

The nose offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of red fruit associated with fine notes of truffle, mushroom as well as slight notes of black fruits and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers jui-

ciness and an acid frame on notes of red fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, raspberry and slight notes of cherry associated with a few notes of cornflower (in the background), a few slight notes of candy (in the background) and slight notes of cassis. Tannins are fine and quite present. Good length and persistence (with notes of cherry).

Score: 15

Col D'Orcia - Banditella 2012 Rosso di Montalcino

The nose reveals notes of plum, red fruit jam associated with a few slight notes of licorice, Salted Butter Caramel and a touch of rose, thyme and aromatic herbs. The palate is fresh, fruity, fleshy, harmonious and creamy. In the mouth it expresses notes of red fruit, blackberries and a few small notes of jam, licorice and a slight hint of sweet spices. Score: 16

Sant'Antimo

Cupano 2013 - Ombrone Sant'Antimo

The nose is powerful, fruity and characterized by the Cabernet Sauvignon. It reveals notes of black

cherry, blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of laurel, blackberry candy as well as slight notes of Zan. The mouth is fat, elegant, suave, harmonious and offers a light acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, strawberry and slight notes of acidulous candy associated with notes of blackberry, fine notes of purple fig, Zan, violets as well as slight notes of toasted oak, hazelnut and coconut on the finish. Tannins are fine, elegant, integrated and racy. Good length. On the persistence there are notes of sweet spices and hazelnut. Score : 16.25

Corte Dei Venti - Poggio dei Lecci 2012

Sant'Antimo Rosso

(60% Sangiovese grosso, 20% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Syrah) The nose is fine, fruity and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of red fruit (cherry...) associated with fine notes of olive, flowers as well as slight notes of cassis and spices. The palate is fruity, fat, round, fresh, mineral, powerful, harmonious and offers a nice structure. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of cherry and raspberry combined with fine notes of cassis as well as a few slight notes of spices, pepper and a few slight oaky notes. Good length. Score : 15

Col d'Orcia - Nearco 2011 Sant'Antimo

(50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Syrah)

The nose is intense and powerful. It reveals notes of ripe fruit combined with notes of spices (vanilla...), a few licorice, mushroom and truffle. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, ample, full, round and fresh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry jam, raspberry and touches of cherry associated with a few notes of sweet spices and toasted notes on the finish.

Score : 16

Col d'Orcia - Olmaia - Cabernet 2012 Sant'Antimo

The nose is elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits and flowers associated with slight notes of spice, blackberry and slight woody notes and a small note of licorice. The palate is fruity, structured, balanced, quite fleshy and offers a small minerality. Tannins are elegant and integrated. Good length.

Score: 15.5

Toscana IGT

Jacopo Biondi Santi - Sassoalloro **2010**

Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, gourmand and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis candy, blackberry and cherry associated with a few notes of violets, spice and licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, supple, harmonious, precise, quite suave, relatively gourmand, relatively fat and offers a nice fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry candy and blueberry associated with small notes of cherry, raspberry, slight notes of licorice (in the background) as well as a hint of violet and wood.

Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75

Monteti 2011 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and Zan associated with touches of mocha and toasted touches. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced, rich and quite gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and plum associated with a small note of red fruits, discreet touches of sweet spices as well as slight touches of olive tree and black olive. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length. Score : 15

Tenuta Monteti - Caburnio 2011 Toscana IGT

The nose reveals notes of cassis and blackberry combined with touches



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of licorice and leather. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth, silky, gourmand and offers a nice dense and fresh matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam and raspberry combined with touches of cherry, cassis cream as well as slight notes of licorice, a discreet touch of chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length. Score : 15.75

Col d'Orcia - Pinot Grigio 2014 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of sweet citrus (grapefruit and tangerine) and flowers associated with slight notes of pear. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, fat and round. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus and slight notes of pineapple associated with small notes of lemon and a touch of peach. Good length. Score : 14.75

Col d'Orcia - Spezieri 2014 Toscana IGT

(85% Sangiovese and 15% Ciliegiolo)

The nose reveals notes of red fruit combined with sweet spices as well as slight notes of garrigue, laurel and slight notes of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, fluid, smooth, quite fat and offers a certain roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (cherry, raspberry...) associated with slight notes of fig as well as a few notes of spices (pepper, fine notes of tea) and a very fine note of Zan. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length. Score : 14.25

Le Potazzine - Parus 2013 Toscana IGT

The nose reveals notes of plum and fines notes of cherry associated with a few notes of cherry liqueur, dried cherry, spice and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, harmonious, guite fat and offers a nice acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cherry associated

Monteverro 2012

Toscana IGT

Score : 14.5

(30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc, 25% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot) The nose is complex, elegant, straight, less "exuberant" than on the Terra di Monteverro 2012 and quite powerful. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and slight notes of violet associated with fine notes of garrigue, oak as well as touches of rose, cedar, liquorice and black olive. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, harmonious, concentrated, powerful and reveals tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with slight notes of flowers, black olive, licorice, toasted / grilled oak and spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Score : 17

with fine notes of red cherry skin as well as slight notes of rose and toasted

notes (in the background). Good length. A nice "easy-drinking" wine.

Monteverro - Terra di Monteverro 2012 Toscana IGT

(50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot) The nose is aromatic, powerful, fruity and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of black cherry and blackberry combined with fine blackberry cream, flowers, blueberry as well as touches of laurel and a slight touch of menthol. The palate is fruity, fine, mineral, elegant, well-structured and offers a beautiful matter, suavity, a small tension and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry cream associated with fine notes of raspberry, fig, cherry, as well as hints of

chocolate, licorice, a few slight roasted notes and oaky notes. Tannins are fine, elegant and slightly firm. Good length. Score : 16.75

Monteverro - Tinata 2012 Toscana IGT

(70% Syrah, 30% Grenache)

The nose is fruity and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of sour cherry and cherry associated with a slight saline minerality note as well as fine notes of garrigue and laurel. The palate is fruity, fat, round, gourmande and offers a beautiful silky matter, a certain deepness and intensity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cherry in kirsch and raspberry combined with a few notes of blackberry, slight notes of cassis cream as well as fine notes of spices (chocolate, coffee), a few notes of wood (in the background), touches of garrigue and lavender. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length. Score : 16.25

Monteverro - Vermentino 2013

Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, full and quite opulent. It reveals notes of melon, pear, papaya and peach skin associated with fine notes of honeysuckle and a slight note of butter. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, gourmande and offers an acid frame, roundness, a small freshness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach and melon combined with small notes of crushed pear, fine notes of citrus (grapefruit, mandarin...) in the background and slight notes of vanilla. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Monteverro - Chardonnay 2012 Toscana IGT

The nose is aromatic, elegant and intense. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple, pear) associated with a few slight buttered notes (in the background) and slight notes of spice (curcumin, gray pepper) as well as a few notes of olive tree. The palate is mineral, fat and offers a beautiful deepness, a slight salinity and a certain sweetness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnon and white fruit associated with fine notes of exotic fruits, garrigue / olive, butter as well as touches of yogurt, black pepper, toasted oak and vanilla on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25

Il Cerchio - Dolce A. 2013 - Ansonica Passito Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and offers some complexity. It reveals notes of dried fruit, raisins, caramel and dried citrus fruit (orange, lemon) associated with touches of marmalade and slight notes of muesli. The mouth is fat, elegant, very well balanced, suave, complex and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, tangerine and slight notes of grapefruit associated with very slight notes of pineapple, quenette as well as slight notes of grape, caramel, vanilla, dried yellow raisins and citrus marmalade. Good length and persistence. Score : 16

Vignamaggio - Cabernet Franc 2010 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and powerful. It reveals notes of ripe fruit and spices associated with a few notes of dried flowers and a fine note of pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a nice acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (strawberry, raspberry) associated with

a few notes of spices, blackberry and fine touches of blueberry, violet and oak. Tannins are racy and well made. Good length. Score: 15.25

San Felice - Contrada Di San Felice 2013 -Toscana IGT

The nose is warm and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and cherry combined with spicy notes and a touch of violet. The palate is very fruity and well-balanced. It expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, strawberry and cherry associated with a few notes of spices. Tannins are well made. Score : 14.25

Maremma Toscana

Il cerchio - L'Altro 2014

Maremma Toscana

(70% Vermentino, 30% Ansonica)

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of white fruits (apple...) and apple skin associated with discreet touches of hawthorn and green almond. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat and provides an acid frame and a slight bit-terness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple skin, white fruits and quince combined with a touch of exotic fruit and a discreet note of flowers.

Score : 14.25

Il Cerchio - Valmarina - Sangiovese 2013 Maremma Toscana

(95% Sangiovese, 5% Alicante)

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of garrigue and gray pepper associated with fine notes of blackberry and black cherry. The mouth is fat and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry associated with slight notes of cassis and touches of blackberry, a few discreet notes of garrigue as well as a hint of liquorice and slight spicy notes. Tannins are fine, slightly dry and slightly grainy. Good length and persistence (with notes of spices, slight notes of coffee and liquorice). Score: 14.5

Il Cerchio - Tinto Alicante 2012 Maremma Toscana

Maremma Toscana

The nose is powerful and racy. It reveals notes of black fruit combined with a few notes of spices, garrigue / laurel as well as a few slight woody notes (in the background) and discreet touches of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, ample, fat and offers a little minerality, some suavity and a slightly silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed plum and red fruit associated with fine notes of strawberry, a touch of cherry as well as woody touches, sweet spices and a slight note of oak. Tannins are fine and quite present. Good length and persistence (fruity with notes of black berries). A good value!

Podere San Cristoforo - Amaranto 2012 -Sangiovese

Maremma Toscana

The nose is fruity and relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of cherry and ripe fruit associated with a touch of Provence herbs, licorice and slight notes of spices. The palate is racy, mineral, fruity and well-balanced. In the mouth it expresses notes of cherry, red fruit, blueberry candy combined with a touch of blackberry, violet as well as slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are well done and round. Good length. Score: 15.25

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Marche Wine Region

Pharus - Cantina Colli Ripani - Rugaro Gold 2014 Offida DOCG Pecorino

The nose is fruity and full. It reveals notes of guince, flowers and a touch of eucalyptus associated with small notes of melon, butter and baked apple. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a sliky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed white fruits (pear, nectarine) associated with fine notes of green mango, melon and a touch of guince as well as touches of beeswax and a few discreet / fine of oak. The finish is suave. Good length and persistence (fruity notes). Score : 15

Cantina Offida - Il Montanaro 2012 Offida DOCG Pecorino

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals small notes of flint, apple and quince as well as a discreet touch of clementine. The palate is fruity, fat, mineral, creamy and offers a little freshness and mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, Brugnon, slight notes of papaya associated with slight notes of vanilla, pineapple, quince, oak and honey. Good length and persistence (with notes of fruit, a discreet vegetal note and notes of toasted oak / vanilla). Score : 14.75

Castellano 2011 - Pharus

Rosso Piceno Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and plum associated with slight notes of cherry as well as touches of licorice and cardamom. The palate is fruity, balanced, fleshy and offers mineralityand a little freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and red fruit combined with fine woody notes as well as slight toasted and notes of notes garrigue/copse. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence (with notes of licorice, crushed plum and a fine note of cardamom).

Score : 14.75

Pharus - Leo Ripanus 2008

Offida Rosso

The nose is fruity and slightly austere. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of smoke associated with slight woody notes and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, smooth, silky, fleshy and offer a small freshness and a certain minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of dried strawberry associated with touches of cerry and Zan. Tannins are fine, well done and slightly dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Khorakhané - Vini Pharus 2007

Marche Rosso

The nose is fruity, powerful and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of Zan and violet. The palate is very fresh, fruity, juicy, balanced, tight and quite fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, figs, blackberries and red fruits associated with slight notes of orange, chocolate as well as a few discreet oaky notes. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. Score : 15

Velenosi - Villa Angela 2014 Offida DOCG Pecorino

The nose is fruity and quite precise. It reveals notes of apple, yellow fruits, green almond, sage / boxwood and touches of beeswax associated with small notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers some freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of apple, quince and slight notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with fine notes of honey, toasted oak and sweet spices. Good length and persistence. There are a fine note of vanilla and a slight note of patisserie on the finish. Score : 14.75

Velenosi - Vigna Solaria 2014 Falerio

The nose is a bit closed and fruity. It reveals notes of white fruits, nectarine and slight notes of quince associated with fine notes of beeswax and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, slightly "perlant" on the attack, fat, racy and offers a slightly unctuous matter, freshness and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, nectarine and slight notes of pear associated with slight notes of citrus in the background (quite discreet), a fine note of toasted oak and a discreet note of hazelnut. Good length. Score : 14.75

Velenosi - Roggio del Filare 2011 Rosso Piceno Superiore

The nose is fruity, quite concentrated and offers finesse and power. it reveals notes of blackberry and red fruit (cherry, raspberry, red berries) associated with slight notes of Quetsche plum. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, fleshy, balanced, elegant, slightly fat and offers a good fleshy matter, minerality as well as a small acid/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry and red fruit combined with slight notes of fig, licorice as well as touches of vanilla and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score : 15.25

San Giovanni - Zagros 2012 Offida DOCG Pecorino

(100% Pecorino)

The nose is quite intense and aromatic. It reveals notes of eucalyptus and flowers associated with fine notes of citrus, quince as well as fine touches of honey, exotic fruits and butter. The palate is fruity, fresh (especially on the attack), unctuous, fat, suave and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, white fruit and slight notes of honey associated with fine notes of almond, oak and a slight note of butter. Good length (with notes of butter and hazelnut). Score : 14.75

San Giovanni - Zeii 2011

Offida DOCG Rosso

(90% Montepulciano, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The nose is aromatic, concentrated and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and mint. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, racy, gourmand, juicy and offerss a nice concentration and structure. The palate is dominated by fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, black cherry and blackberry associated with touches of plum, strawberry as well as fine notes of cardamom and a hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine, structuring and well conducted. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.5

San Giovanni - Leo Guelfus 2011 Piceno Superiore

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, strawberry and blueberry jam associated with fine notes of saline minerality and touches of licorice, graphite, flowers as well as touches of spices and a touch of grilled bread. The palate is fruity, fresh, balanced, racy, gourmand, quite "aerial" and offers a nice mineral frame and good silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, strawberry and blackberry associated with touches of blueberry, chocolat as well as fine notes of graphite and flowers. Tannins are fine, elegant,

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integrated and well conducted. Good length and long aftertaste (with notes of creme de cassis and a touch of chocolate). Score: 15.5

Velenosi - Ludi 2011

Offida Rosso

The nose is fruity, elegant, straight, structured and offers a small mineral freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and strawberry associated with fine notes of spices (liquorice, vanilla) and toasted notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, quite fleshy, straight and offers smoothness and a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and Quetsche plum associated with touches of strawberry, touches of toasted oak, sweet spice as well as fine notes of tea, Zan and toasted coconut / vanilla. Tannins are fine, structuring and supple. Good length. Score: 16

Velenosi - Brecciarolo Gold 2013

Rosso Piceno Superiore

The nose is fruity, elegant, smooth and silky. It includes notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and fine notes of flowers and toasted. The palate is fruity, balanced, fleshy, elegant, quite ample, silky / smooth and quite fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (raspberry, cherry, wild strawberry) associated with fine notes of cassis and a few slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine, supple and well done. Good length. Score: 15

Ciù Ciù - Bacchus 2014 Piceno D.O.P.

The nose is fruity, quite elegant, slightly powerful and a bit concentrated. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry jelly and discreet notes of strawberry associated with touches of spices and a touch of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, fleshy, fat and offers a nice matter and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and raspberry associated with fine notes of blackberry balsamic as well as fine notes of blackberry, licorice and sweet spices (vanilla...). Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence. Score: 14.75

Ciù Ciù - Gotico 2012

Rosso Piceno Superiore

(70% Montepulciano, 30% Sangiovese)

The nose is fruity and slightly closed. It reveals notes of blackberry and blueberry cream associated with touches of cassis, touches of red fruits as well as fine toasted notes, spices, a touch of Zan and a touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, aromatic, elegant, structured, dense and tight. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry cream associated with touches of cassis as well as fine notes of licorice and vanilla. Good length. Score: 15,25

Ciù Ciù - Esperanto 2008

Offida D.O.C. Rosso

(70% Montepulciano, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The nose is fruity, fine and fresh. It reveals notes of dark berries and cassis combined with fine notes of cherry and black olive as well as a discreet note of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, ample, harmonious and offers a beautiful silky, gourmande and fleshy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and black berries combined with fine notes of raspberry, Zan, flowers, chocolate as well as fine oaky notes. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length. Score: 16.25

Ciù Ciù - Passerina - Evoè 2014 Marche

The nose is fruity, quite intense and quite elegant. It reveals notes of apple, pear and slight notes of nectarine associated with touches of citrus and a slight note of butter, quince and apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, dense, racy, creamy, fresh and offers a nice mineral frame, a nice expression as well as a fleshy matter. In mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, nectarine and roasted pineapple associated with fine notes of butter, oak, a slight note of honey and a discreet touch of muesli. Good length.

Ciù Ciù - Oppîdum 2010 Marche Rosso IGT

(100% Montepulciano)

The nose is fruity, gourmand, aromatic and provides concentration and precision. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine notes of rose and mint licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced, quite fat and offers quite powerful. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed Quetsche plum and blackberry associated with touches blueberry, fig. rose, toasted notes as well as touches of sweet spices, a discreet touch of vanilla, licorice and very fine notes of chocolate in the background. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length and persistence.





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Bordeaux

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux (Red wines)

Château Cantinot 2011

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of flowers, cassis and slight notes of cassis buds associated with slight notes of tobacco and spices (pepper). The palate is fruity, ample, round, a bit powerful and offers a nice unctuous matter and a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cassis and blueberry associated with slight notes of licorice (in the background), a touch of raspberry and a few discreet notes of chocolate on the finish. Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

Grand Vin du Château la Bretonnière 2010 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cherry, camphor and blackberry associated with small notes of ripe fruit and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively fleshy, quite gourmande and offers harmony and an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses small notes of

blackberry, cherry and raspberry combined with slight notes of blueberry, Zan and a touch of cassis bud. Tannins are fine and relatively firm. Score : 15

Château Cantinot -Cuvée Tours de Cantinot 2010

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose is fine. It reveals notes of leather and sweet spices associated with slight notes of cassis, blackberry, a hint of strawberry, fruit as well as a touch of oak and a hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, nicely fleshy, well-defined and offers a good and slightly silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fig and slight notes of

strawberry associated with notes of cassis buds, dark chocolate as well as very slight notes of sweet spices and a discreet hint of caramel. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25

Château Cantinot - Orbite 2011

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of leather and flowers (violet, rose) associated with a few fruity notes, slight notes of strawberry, black berries as well as a few slight woody notes. The palate is fruity, fine, balanced and offers a certaine elegance and a small minerality / freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with small touches of blueberry, slight notes of Zan, caramel and slight toasted notes. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15

Château Camille Gaucheraud - Cuvée Merlot 2010

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry cream, cassis and fig associated with a hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, right, well built, balanced,

quite elegant, a bit gourmand and offers a good unctuous matter and a nice definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, strawberry and cassis combined with slight notes of licorice, bell pepper and slight notes of candy. Tannins are fine, a bit dry and slightly numerous. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

Château Cantinot 2010 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of leather, red fruits and slight notes of blueberry associated with a hint of camphor and oak. The palate is suave, fresh, well built, well defined and offers fat and a fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, red fruits (raspberry, a touch of cherry) and cassis combined with a touch of blueberry, Zan, as well as slight notes of chocolate and toasted oak. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Château la Bretonnière -Cuvée Excellence 2010



Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of leather, cassis liqueur and blackberry combined with a hint of flowers and spices (Sichuan pepper, a touch of Ceylon tea). The palate is fruity, fresh, fleshy / full / dense, slightly smooth and offers a certain minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and raspberry combined with touches of black berries and dark chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 15

Château Vieux Planty -Cuvée Prélude 2011

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of black fruit associated with a touch of leather and

pepper. The palate is fruity, balanced, racy and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and blueberry associated with slight notes of cassis bud, slight notes of Zan and oak. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length and persistence (with notes of blackberry and slight notes of cassis). Score : 14.75

Château Camille Gaucheraud 2011 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of leather, oak and Sichuan pepper combined with slight notes of undergrowth / mushroom. The palate is fruity, balanced, slightly creamy and offers a fruity frame, good expression and a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and blackberry combined with slight notes of small berries, licorice, blackberry jam as well as a few slight oaky notes and fine notes of Zan. The finish is slightly powerful. Tannins are fine. Good length.

Score : 14.75

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2010

LOS DU LOUP

Château Sainte-Luce Bellevue 2012

Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is guite powerful. It reveals notes of cherry and black cherry associated with touches of blackberry, slight notes of licorice as well as a touch of pepper and a slight note of black tea. The palate is fruity, balanced, guite fleshy and guite gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with touches of fig (in the background), slight notes of licorice as well as slight notes of pepper and violet on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length. Score : 15

Tutiac - Lieu-Dit Le Pin 2012

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is elegant, aromatic and a bit complex. It reveals notes of truffle and woody notes associated with slight notes of Sichuan pepper, blueberry, blackberry, as well as touches of leather and spices. The palate is balanced, fat, ample, a bit powerful and offers freshness, a fruity frame and a small elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blueberry, cassis, blackberry and juicy grapes combined with touches of cherry, discreet notes of raspberry, sweet spices as well as touches of liquorice and cassis bud. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. Score : 15

Château Clos du Loup -Cuvée prestige 2010 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, aromatic and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and juicy blueberry associated with a small oaky notes and touches of slightly minty licorice. The palate is fruity, harmonious, balanced, straight, smooth, quite fleshy and quite unctuous. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and blueberry combined with slight notes of black fruit jam, woody notes as

well as slight notes of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score: 15

Château Clos du Loup - Cuvée tradition 2010 Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis liqueur, violets and leather combined with a touch of camphor, slight notes of blackberry as well as slight notes of pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, smooth, suave, fat and ample. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with small notes of camphor, slight notes of cassis, spices and blond tobacco. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score : 14.75

Château Lavenceau - Cuvée Divine 2012 Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry jam and blueberry associated with slight notes of oak, minerality, tea as well as fine touches of liquor. The palate is fruity, racy, dense, quite tight and offer minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe red fruit (strawberry, raspberry and a

touch of cherry) and slight notes of cassis associated with slight oaky notes, a touch of spices as well as touches of mocha and chocolate. Tannins are fine Score : 15

Château Cap Saint Martin - Cuvée Prestige 2012

Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of mocha and fruits associated with slight notes of coffee. The palate is fruity, balanced, quite elegant and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry associated with slight notes of fig, red fruit and slight notes of licorice, a touch of blueberry and touches of sweet spices (a touch of chocolate and toasted vanilla). Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15

Château Haut-Meneau 2012 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of flowers and red fruit (fresh and dried) associated with slight notes of candy as well as discreet notes of violet. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers fat and a dense and tight matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, gooseberry and slight notes of cherry associated with touches of blackberry, slight notes of cassis buds and a few discreet notes of oak. Tannins are fine and guite dry. Score : 14.5

Château Jussas 2012 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blueberry, cassis and slight notes of liquorice and chocolate. The palate is balanced, fruity, a bit fat and offer minerality and a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (strawberry, redcurrant, cherry) and touches of blackberry associated with a touch of cassis, slight notes of toasted oak, sweet spices, as well as slight notes

juicy black cherry and a touch of chocolate. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Château Lavenceau 2012

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cherry and blackberry combined with a few notes of spices, a small note of tea and a touch of leather. The palate is fruity, balanced, tight and offer minerality and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and cassis combined with touches of sweet spices, oak, fine / discreet notes of fruit jam (in the background) as well as a few slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score : 14.75

Château Mayne-Guyon 2014 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of rose and blackberry liqueur associated with notes of cherry and cassis. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced, quite fat, quite powerful and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses



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notes of strawberry, blackberry and black cherry combined with touches of black fruit jelly, a touch of blueberry and slight notes of sweet spices / licorice. Tannins are a bit young. Good length and persistence (fruity notes). The finish is quite powerful. A promising wine. Score: 15

Château Lacaussade Saint-Martin Trois Moulins 2014

Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is elegant and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of mushroom and blackberry combined with notes of spice and a touch of smoke. The palate is fruity, balanced, gourmand, creamy and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum juice and slight notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry candy as well as slight notes of liquorice and notes of roasted oak on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine and racy. Good length. Score : 15

Château Haut Colombier 2014

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of blackberry and rose combined with fine notes of mocha and oak. The palate is fat and fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, plum and redcurrant combined with touches of black cherry, spice, licorice as well as slight notes of chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly young. Good length. Score : 14.5

Château Roland la Garde - Cuvée Prestige 2012

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of truffle and oak associated with touches of camphor and black fruits. The palate is

fruity, mineral, a bit fat and offers a certain freshness, juiciness and a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and touches of fresh raspberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, cassis buds, toasted touches and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Roland La Garde - Grand Vin 2012 Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry cream, ripe fruit and fine notes of cassis combined with toasted touches as well as discreet notes of spices. The palate is fat, balanced, a bit fleshy and offers some freshness, a fruity frame and good smoothness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and touches of raspberry associated with slight notes of cassis and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length and persistence (with toasted notes and slight notes of hazelnut).

Score : 15.5

BORDEAUX GRAND CHÂTEAU AND LA GARDE GRAND VIN 2012 BLAYE COTES DE BORDEAUX PRODUCT OF FRANCE

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux (White wines)

Château Lacaussade Saint-Martin - Cuvée Trois Moulins 2014

Blave Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of flowers, exotic fruits associated with a touch of pear. The palate is fruity, fat, fleshy, unctuous, full and offers a nice matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, quenette, grapefruit and lemon combined with slight notes of candy. Good length. Score : 14.5

Château Camille Gaucheraud - Cuvée Sauvignon Blanc 2013

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of white peach associated with slight notes of pear, nectarine and a touch of citrus. The palate is fruity, balanced, slightly "perlant" and quite gourmande. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white fruits (white peach compote and

slight notes of pear) associated with slight notes of citrus as well as discreet touches of kumquat and lime on the finish / persistence. Score : 14.75

Tutiac - Sélection Excellence 2013

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of peach associated with fine notes of apricot, citrus (lemon, tangerine, a touch of pink grapefruit), slight notes of honey and a discreet touch of almond. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand, ample, quite fine, quite fat and offers a good fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of peach, yellow brugnon and slight notes of apricot associated with a few small notes of citrus

(lemon, orange) and a fine note of honey. Good length. Score : 14.75

Château Haut Colombier 2013 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of fruit and leather combined with slight notes of peach and citrus (especially grapefruit). The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a fruity frame, a certain elegance, tension and a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (quince, lemon, clementine) associated with slight notes of zest, a few notes of juicy peach as well as slight notes of papaya / vegetal notes. Good length. Score : 14

Château Haut-Meneau - Sauvignon 2012

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is aromatic, fruity and quite powerful. It reveals notes of vine peach associated with fine notes of Williams pear, exotic fruits as well as slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, suave, round, ample and offers a fruity frame and a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of vine peach combined with touches of grapefruit, pear, exotic fruits as well as slight floral notes. Good length. Score : 15



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Grand Vin Blanc du Château La Bretonnière 2010

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of fruit compote, fine notes of beeswax and candied peach associated with discreet notes of dried citrus as well as a touch of cumin and a discreet note of physalis. The palate is fruity, quite fine, elegant and offers a fresh / mineral frame, a little acidity and a unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of nectarine, quince and slight notes of mandarin paste associated with slight notes of exotic fruit, candied fruit / peach and a discreet note of physalis. Good length and persistence. Score: 15

Château Sainte-Luce Bellevue -Les Aubelines 2012 Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of flowers and slight notes of leather associated with slight notes of fruits and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fresh and very fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of white peach and slight notes of white fruit combined with touches of honey and quince. Good length. Score : 14

Château Vieux Planty 2013 - Passion

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of lemon, grapefruit and exotic fruit combined with slight notes of pineapple and apple. The mouth is fat, fruity, unctuous, ample and quite fresh. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, quince, a touch of pink grapefruit) and exotic fruit combined with a touch of pear and a very discreet touch of zest on the finish. Good length. Score: 14.75

Château Bois-Vert 2014

Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of apple and quince associated with touches of tangerine, pineapple and passion fruit. The palate is fruity, fat, slightly "perlante", relatively gournand and offers an unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candy, quince, mandarin and pineapple combined with touches of white fruit and a touch of quenette. Good length.

Score: 15

Bordeaux & Bordeaux Supérieur

Château Pierrail - Sauvignon Blanc & Sauvignon Gris 2015 Bordeaux

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The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of citrus (grapefruit, tangerine) and exotic fruits (passion fruit, litchi, pineapple) associated with slight notes of flint and a discreet vegetal note. The palate is fruity,

fat, ample, tight, relatively gourmand and offers a good unctuous matter, a small acid frame (that leads the tasting) and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and white fruit (nectarine, apple) combined with notes of citrus (tangerine, lemon) as well as slight notes of fruit passion and pineapple. Good length and aromatic persistence.

Score : 15.25

Château Pierrail - Cuvée Prestige 2014 Bordeaux

The nose is fresh and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, grapefruit) and zest associated with fine notes of pineapple, a few notes of toasted oak as well as slight notes of vanilla. The palate is fruity, rela-

tively mineral, very fat, ample, well structured round, harmonious, quite elegant and offers a fruity / acid frame that brings dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, zest (mandarin, grapefruit) and white fruits combined with slight notes of pineapple, brugnon, toasted oak and a discreet touch of fresh almonds. Good length. Score: 15

Château Dauphiné Rondillon 2012 Bordeaux

(100% Semillon) The nose is fine, concentrated and quite rich. It reveals notes of white fruits (in the background) and fine notes of honey associated with fine notes of spices, crunchy pear, flowers as well as discreet notes of eucalyptus and a discreet touch of oriental spices. The palate is fruity, quite concentrated, a bit rich, quite fat and offers tension and a nice acid / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses small notes of quince and zest associated with touches of lemon, eucalyptus, straw (slightly and in the background) as well as small notes of jammy pear. Good length and persistence. Score : 14.75

AltO de Cantenac Brown 2014 Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals muscated notes (muscat) associated with notes of citrus, fruits and flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, fat and offers a nice acid frame. In the mouth it expresses notes of pineapple, peach associated with a few notes of citrus (in the background), fine notes of roasted pineapple (in the background) as well as a slight muscated note and fine oaky notes on the finish. The finish / aftertaste expresses notes of citrus zest (orange, grapefruit) and toasted hazelnuts. Good persistence. A "gourmand' wine. Score : 15.75

Château Pierrail - Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé 2015 Bandaran

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The nose is fruit, relatively fresh and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of fresh strawberry, wild strawberry and redcurrant associated with fine notes of candy and a discreet note of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, gourmand, round, suave and well structured. On the



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palate this Rosé expresses notes of raspberry candy, redcurrant and slight notes of cherry associated with discreet notes of cassis, violet, white fruit, candy and a very discreet touch of bell pepper on the finish / in the background. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Château Boutillot - Révélations 2014 Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of leather and red fruit combined with a toasted touch / a touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, balanced and ample. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red fruits and toasted oak associated with a touch of coconut. Tannins are well made. Good length. Score: 13.75

Château Gallion - Révélations 2012 Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of leather and a slight note of stable associated with a few notes of cassis and raspberry. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and relatively fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and cassis associated with a few slight woody notes. Tannins are well conducted. Good length. An easy-drinking wine. Score: 14

Château Mathiot -Révélations 2014 Bordeaux

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fresh citrus, Sicilian orange and slight notes of lemon. The palate is fruity, racy, fleshy, a bit fat, quite gourmand and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon combined with touches of lime, clementine and a touch of crunchy white nectarine. Good length. Score: 14.25

Château Pierrail 2014

Bordeaux Supérieur The nose is fruity, fine and quite ele-

gant. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and violet associated with slight notes of wild berries, licorice and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmand, mineral, racy, quite fat, balanced and offers a nice volume, a good silky matter, harmony and an acid / fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild black berries, fleshy blackberries, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with slight notes of raspberry as well as small notes of toasted oak and cocoa. Tannins are soft and well done. Good length and persistence. The finish is a bit powerful. Score: 15,5

Les Hauts de Naudon de Château Pierrail 2014

Bordeaux Supérieur

The nose is fruity, a bit powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis combined with a touch of flowers, strawberry and a very discreet touch of red bell pepper. The palate is fruity, fluid, balanced and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy cassis and slight notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of dark chocolate, slight woody notes and a discreet hint of vanilla on the finish / persistence. Tannins are supple. Good length. Score: 14.75

Château au Vignoble - Révélations 2012 Bordeaux Supérieur

The nose reveals notes of mushroom, blueberry and blackberry combined with toasted notes and notes of candied fruits. The palate is fruity, balanced and relatively gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of fleshy strawberry. Tannins are slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14

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Château Laurence 2012 Bordeaux Supérieur

The nose reveals notes of black fruit associated with slight notes of game, a fine note of leather and a touch of cardamom. The palate is fruity, gourmand, fresh, balanced and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and a touch of cherry associated with slight notes of black fruit jam as well as a slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are well conducted. Good length and persistence.

Cadillac - Côtes de Bordeaux

Francs - Côtes de Bordeaux

Château de Francs -Les Cerisiers 2014

Francs Côtes de Bordeaux The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of black fruit and liquorice combined with touches of pepper and a discreet woody note. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced, fresh and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, fresh strawberries and cherries combined with touches of chocolate as well as a hint of coffee and a touch of bell pepper. Good length. Score: 15

Château de Francs - Les Cerisiers 2012 Francs Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of undergrowth and leather associated with a few empyreumatic notes, mushroom and very discreet notes of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, fine, balanced, relatively elegant and offers a fleshy and fruity matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and red fruit combined with touches of fig, licorice and chocolate. Tannins are fine and ripe. Good length. Score: 15

Château des Mille Anges 2014 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose needs oxygenation. It reveals notes of blackberry and strawberry associated with touches of menthol, leather as well as empyreumatic touches and a touch of sweet tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers a good juiciness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and raspberry combined with touches of cherry and a slight note of chocolate. Tannins are currently young and slightly dry. A fruity, juicy and easy-drinking wine. Score: 14.75

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Château des Mille Anges 2012

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The nose reveals notes of mushroom and leather combined with slight notes of black fruit (in the background), mocha and a very slight note of tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and blackberry associated with touches of cassis, red currant and slight woody notes. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Score: 14.5

Château Memoires - Baie d'Améthyste 2014 Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, boysenberry and cherry as well as slight notes of rosewood. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, quite elegant and offers a red fruits frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, plum and red fruit (including strawberry) associated with slight notes of licorice as well as touches of chocolate. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 14.75

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

Château Canon Montségur -Gaspard 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, cassis) and red fruit associated with touches of oak, Ceylon Tea and a discreet touch of licorice. The palate is fruity, fine and offers a certain minerality and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit (strawberry, cherry, a hint of raspberry) and small notes of blackberry associated with a few woody notes and slight notes of mocha. Tannins are fine and relatively dry. Good length and persistence with notes of mocha and fruit.

Score : 14.25

Château de Laussac - Cuvée La Fleur 2012 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of truffle, dark chocolate and toasted oak associated with slight notes of fruits (blackberry, cassis) and small notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a silky matter and a relatively fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackberry and strawberry combined with touches of cassis bud, cassis jam as well as touches of toasted oak and a very slight note of coffee on the persistence. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Château Cafol 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry cream, blueberry and violet associated with a hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, balanced, elegant and offers a certain minerality and an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with touches of red currant, cassis and slight woody notes, slight notes of licorice and violet. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length. Score : 15.25

Château Brehat 2012 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, berries) associated with slight notes of spices, mocha and a fine note of licorice. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a certain minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fruit jam and slight notes of cassis associated with a few small notes of red fruit (in the background) as well as touches of sweet spices, Zan, a hint of flowers and a very slight note of truffle on the finish. Score: 15

Château Bois Robin 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis and blackberry associated with a touch of balsamic and a toasted touch. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cassis and blackberry combined with touches of blueberry and Zan. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château Pillebois Vieilles Vignes 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux The nose reveals notes of blackberry, berries, toasted oak associated with slight notes of Sichuan pepper, as well as touches of violet, licorice and camphor. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers minerality, juicy fruits and a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cassis combined with slight notes of blackberry, candy, violet fig as well as touches of licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 15

Château Beynat 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of dried red fruit, blackberry and cassis combined with woody touches and slight notes of violets. The palate is fruity, relatively silky and offers a small

minerality and a fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, crunchy strawberry and slight notes of cherry jam (in the background), small notes of red fruit associated with woody touches, licorice, slight notes of cassis buds as well as slight notes of coffee on the persistence. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.75

Château La Chapelle Saint Jean 2012 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is powerful and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cocoa and truffles associated with slight notes of wild strawberries. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well structured and offers a nice acid / red fruits frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, crunchy strawberry and blackberry associated with small notes of blueberry jam, slight notes of licorice, woody notes as well as a slight touch of cassis buds, red fruits and spices. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score:15





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Domaine la Tuque Bel Air 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and flowers (violet and flowers pistil) combined with very slight notes of toasted oak and vanilla. The palate is fruity, mineral, quite precise and offers a fruity frame. It expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, blackberry jam and cassis combined with small touches of oak and touches of licorice. Tannins are dry. Good length and persistence with notes of roasting / grilled. Score: 14,75

Château de Laussac - Cuvée La Fleur 2011 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry, cassis and cherry combined with toasted notes as well as small notes of coconut. The palate is fruity, racy, relatively gourmand and offers a small minerality, freshness and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fig associated with slight notes of red fruits, licorice and oak. Good length and persistence with very slight notes of coffee. Tannins are fine and slightly dry but well-controlled. The finish is quite powerful. Score: 15

Château Brehat 2011

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and cherry associated with slight notes of flowers, slight notes of spices (Ceylon tea, pepper). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, harmonious, quite silky, quite gournand and offers a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry, wild strawberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of blackberry cream, toasted oak and a slight / discreet note of liquorice. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score: 15

Château de Belcier 2010

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is relatively gourmand. It reveals notes of red fruit and cassis associated with small woody notes and a small note of roasting. The palate is fruity, harmonious, quite fresh and offers a beautiful smooth matter and a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red fruits, dried cassis and fine notes of flint associated with slight notes of sweet spices (vanilla) as well as a few slight oaky notes. Tannins are fine, slightly dry but well built. Good length. Score: 15.25

Château de Belcier 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of red fruits, camphor, violet and blackberry. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a small minerality and a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of raspberry, cherry, violets associated with slight woody notes, slight notes of minerality as well as small notes of spices and a slight hint of black tea. Tannins are fine and quite dry. Good length and persistence on fruity notes. Score: 14.75

Château de Monrecueil 2010 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of red fruit combined with a few notes of red currant and cassis. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy and offers small saline minerality and a certain freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and flint associated with slight notes of raspberry (in the background), berries as well as small notes of spice and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 14.25

Château de Monrecueil 2011 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is floral and fruity. It reveals notes of flowers (blueberry, violet, rose), combined with notes of blackberry, cassis as well as slight woody notes and slight notes of dried tobacco. The palate is fruity, very mineral, smooth and offers a fleshy and smooth matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry, strawberry and cassis bud associated with slight notes of licorice, tobacco, cassis and oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.5

Château de Monrecueil 2012 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is a bit discreet. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of red fruit associated with slight notes of black berry, blueberry, oak and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain harmony and a fruity / acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, slight notes of red currant (in the background), blackberry, cherry and black cherry combined with small woody notes, slight notes of bell pepper, spice and

mocha on the finish. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence with notes of dark chocolate and oak. Score: 14.75

Le Pin de Belcier 2010

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, relatively aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and a few small notes of red fruit (in the background), very slight notes of licorice as well as a few discreet notes of oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, silky, fresh and offers a beautiful fruity definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and blackberry combined with slight notes of plum, slight notes of minerality (in the background) as well as slight notes of coffee, flowers, a hint of cassis bud and mocha on the finish. Tannins are fine, a bit numerous and a bit dry. Good length.

Domaine la Tuque Bel Air 2011

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and oak. The palate is fruity, relatively precise, quite powerful and offers some freshness, a slightly creamy matter, a fruity frame as well as a good small acidity in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of



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strawberry, blackberry and black cherry combined with a few notes of cassis, a few slight oaky notes and slight notes of cocoa. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 14.25

Clos la Madonna 2011

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of black berries and blackberry combined with woody notes as well as slight empyreumatic notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blueberry and strawberry associated with slight woody notes, gray pepper and spices. Tannins are fine and quitedry. Good length (with small notes of cocoa on the finish). Score: 14.5

Château Grimon 2011

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry and slight notes of black berries associated with notes of violet and oak. The palate is fruity, quite fleshy and offers a certain minerality, harmony as well as a nice fruity and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cassis and blackberry combined with slight notes of fig, oak and slight notes of coconut. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length and persistence on notes of roasting. Score: 15

Château d'Anvichar 2011

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of black fruits associated with small notes of truffle, a touch of black pepper and oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, quite gourmand and offers a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, strawberry and cherry associated with slight notes of blackberry, touches of chocolate (in the background) and touches of oak. Tannins are fine and well built. Good length and persistence with notes of fruit and toasted oak. Score: 15.5

Château de Laussac 2011

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals woody notes, mocha, truffle and slight notes of fruit associated with fine notes of coffee. The palate is fruity, relatively fleshy and offers freshness as well as a small acid / red fruits frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blackberry cream and strawberry associated with small notes of cherry, slight notes of toasted oak and a fine note of Zan. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length.

Score : 14.75

Château de la Pierre Levée - Révélations 2014

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, red fruits and spices. The palate is fruity, relatively mineral and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and red fruit / red berries associated with a few discreet woody notes. Tannins are well made and very slightly firm. Good length. Score: 14

Château Beynat - Cuvée Léonard 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of truffle, black fruits (cas-

sis, blackberry and a slight touch of blueberry) associated with notes of camphor and oak. The palate is fruity, balanced, well-built and offers a small minerality as well as a quite silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of spice, licorice, discreet notes of figs as well as touches of toasted oak, spices and a discreet note of tobacco. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence (with notes of fruits: blackberry, blueberry...). The finish is a bit powerful.

Château Moulin de Clotte 2014 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and fine spicy notes associated with slight notes of dried blond tobacco and dried black fruits. The palate is fruity, mineral and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of red fruit associated with oaky touches, sweet spices (especially vanilla and chocolate) as well as touches of licorice and coffee on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 14.75

Clos la Madonna 2010

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, black fruit jam and strawberry associated with a slight note of raspberry balsamic and a fine empyreumatic note / note of game. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a certain freshness, a fruity frame as well as a fine and silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry, cassis and slight notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with a slight note of vanilla and a fine note of toasted oak. The finish is a bit short. Score: 14.5

Château Les Armes de Brandeau 2010

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and a bit elegant. It reveals notes of cassis and blueberry associated with slight notes of strawberry. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful minerality and a fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit and raspberry combined with slight notes of plum, cassis (in the background), small notes of black cherry as well as discreet notes of sweet spices, tobacco and very discreet notes of mocha on the finish. Good length. Score: 15

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Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and camphor associated with touches of blueberry, purple figs as well as discreet notes of spices. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a certain minerality, freshness and a fruity frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and strawberry associated with small notes of blueberry, spice and flowers. Good length. Score: 14.5

Château Rocher Bellevue 2014 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis, camphor and violets combined with slight spicy notes. The palate is fruity, balanced, quite elegant and quite fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and cassis combined with touches of raspberry, fine woody notes as well as a few notes of sweet spices, a touch of cassis bud and a slight note of licorice. Tannins are well conducted. Good length.

Score : 14.75



Château Roc de Maugras 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis jam, blackberry and violet associated with fine / discreet notes of Zan / chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine / discreet notes of cassis buds, flowers associated with fine notes of sweet spices. Score : 14.5

Château La Pierrière - Cuvée du Fondateur 1607 - Millésime 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of cassis, black berry and cassis bud associated with fine notes of spices, touches of Zan and

a touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, smooth and offers small minerality, a good matter and an acid frame acid. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and cassis combined with touches of cassis bud, a fine note of liquorice as well as touches of toasted oak and sweet spices (especially vanilla). Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence.

Score : 14.75

Château Moya 2011 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals fine notes of truffle associated with a small fruity notes as well as woody notes. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers an acid frame and a nice matter. The attack is supple. In the mouth it expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and slight notes of blueberry associated with slight notes of red fruit and fine notes of licorice, toasted oak and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, a bit dry and a bit numeros.

Score : 14.75

Château Moya 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of plum and blackberry associated with touches of small black berries, cassis and a few slight oaky notes and fine notes of spices. The palate is fruity and offers mineralityand juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, damson plum and blueberry associated with fine notes of red fruits, licorice as well as touches of blackberry cream and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length and persistence (with notes of blackberry and mocha / chocolate). Score: 14,75

Château Les Armes de Brandeau - Privilège 2012

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose reveals notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with fine notes of roasting, camphor and oak. The palate is fruity, balanced, elegant, a bit fat and offers some minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine notes of purple fig (in the background) associated with touches of strawberry, licorice and toasted oak. Tannins are fine and quite elegant. Good length. Score: 15

Château La Fleur Fompeyre - Vieilles Vignes 2014

Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose offers a certain power. It reveals notes of black fruit and cassis combined with slight spicy notes. The palate is fruity and offers a fruity / acidic frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and blueberry associated with touches of raspberry as well as slight notes of cherry, dried black fruit and oak. Tannins are fine, quite elegant and well conducted.

Score : 14.75

Château de Laussac 2012 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose offers a small power. It reveals notes of roasting, fruit (cassis, blackberry, raspberry) and oak. The palate is fruity, balanced, a bit gourmand and offers minerality, a small sil-kiness and a certain juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis fruit combined with touches of red fruits as well as touches of licorice, violet and slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25

Graves

Château Haut Peyrous -L'Elégance 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity, gourmand, quite precise and offers a small velvety sensation. It reveals notes of juicy blueberry, red currant and cherries combined with slight notes of plum and oak. The palate is fruity, balanced, soft, mineral / racy, relatively fat, a bit gourmand and offers a slightly velvety matter and a fruity / acid frame (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis and

slight notes of plum associated with small notes of raspberry / red fruits as well as small notes of toasted oak, a hint of vanilla and a small touch of mocha. Tannins are relatively fine, young and firm. Good length. Score: 15

Château Haut Peyrous - L'Atypique 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity, dry and racy. It reveals notes of lemon and slight notes of green peach, mandarin combined with slight notes of minerality / flint as well as small notes of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, fat, elegant and offers a racy minerality and a nice unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, mandarin and slight notes of pineapple associated with slight / discreet notes of crunchy peach as well as a touch of zest, tangerine seed, oak and a discreet touch of vanilla. Good length. Score: 15.25

Château Dorleac - Révélations 2014 Graves

The nose is fruity and quite concentrated. It reveals notes of plum, cassis and strawberry associated with slight notes of licorice as well as touches of flowers. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced and offers a small minera91



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lity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry combined with touches of blackberry cream as well as touches of cassis bud, toasted oak and slight notes of licorice. Tannins are fine but relatively dry and youth. Good length. Score : 14

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Château Chantegrive 2014 Graves

(50% Merlot & 50% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of fig and blueberry combined with touches of red berries, plums and licorice. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry, cherry and slight notes of fig associated with touches of liquorice, mocha and notes of toasted / grilled oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry / youth. Good length. Score: 15

Château Chantegrive 2012

Graves

(50% Merlot & 50% Cabernet Sauvignon)

The nose reveals notes of underbrush and leather associated with slight notes of blackberry, a touch of blueberry as well as slight / subtle notes of pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, quite elegant and quite fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis associated with touches of fig, raspberry, cherry and a touch of licorice. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15

Château Chantegrive - Cuvée Caroline 2012 Graves

Glaves

(50% Sauvignon and 50% Sémillon)

The nose reveals notes of citrus, slight notes of linden and honey associated with slight notes of zests, pear and pineapple. The mouth is nicely fruity, quite gourmande, quite fleshy, fat and offers an acid frame and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, quince, clementine) associated with fine notes of zests, pineapple and candied white peach. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Chantegrive - Cuvée Caroline 2014 Graves

(50% Sauvignon and 50% Sémillon)

The nose reveals notes of lemon combined with fine notes of acacia, quince, clementine, flowers as well as a touch of fresh pineapple and a discreet toasted note. The palate is fruity, gourmand, round, fat, suave, balanced and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, clementine and slight notes of mandarin associated with slight notes of pineapple, flowers, passion fruit as well as a touch of vanilla, a slight note of oak and a discreet touch of beeswax. Good length. Score: 15.25

Château Chantegrive 2012 Graves

(50% Sauvignon and 50% Sémillon)

The nose is fruity and quite elegant. It reveals notes of lemon combined with fine notes of grapefruit zests, quince as well as a touch of honey, a fine / discreet notes of acacia and leather. The palate is fruity, fat, racy and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of citrus (lemon, grapefruit and a touch of clementine) associated with slight notes of white fruit / nectarine, a slight note of zests and a discreet note of lime zest (in the background). Good length. Score: 15

Château Chantegrive 2014 Graves

(50% Sauvignon and 50% Sémillon) The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite po

The nose is fruity, aromatic and quite powerful. It reveals notes of lemon, quince and zests associated with touches of passion fruit and a discreet

touch of nectarine. The palate is fruity, rich, quite gourmand and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, zest and grapefruit combined with slight notes of tangerine, passion fruit and a touch of pear. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Haut-Médoc / Médoc

Château Charmail 2012

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois The nose is a bit powerfu

The nose is a bit powerful and quite elegant. It reveals notes of truffle, fresh fruit and mocha. The palate is fruity, balanced, racy, mi-

neral, quite precise and quite fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, blackberry and cassis combined with touches of licorice and oak. Tannins are well conducted. Good length. Score: 14.75

Château Charmail 2014

Haut-Médoc

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and raspberry combined with a few notes of spices and liquorice. The palate is fruity, quite gourmand, balanced, quite fat and offers a certain suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry and raspberry associated with slight notes of blackberry, black cherry, as well as touches of sweet spices, cassis and licorice. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15

Château Arnauld 2011 Haut-Médoc

(52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot)

The nose is fruity and offers a certain concentration. It reveals notes of black fruit associated with fine notes of chocolate, oak and slight notes of



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sweet spices (vanilla...). The palate is fruity, well-structured, elegant, relatively dense and offers a racy minerality and an acid frame that leads the tasting. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and blueberry associated with slight notes of red fruits (especially red berries...) as well as slight woody notes, a slight note of chocolate and raspberry on the finish. Tannins are fine. Score: 15.5

Château Lanessan 2014

Haut-Médoc

The nose is concentrated, elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of blueberry, cherry in kirsch and blackberry associated with slight notes of liquorice. The palate is fruity, racy, relatively elegant and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with slight notes of blueberry, licorice, cinnamon and toasted notes. Tannins are fine, slightly dry

and currently a bit young. Good length.

Score : 15

Château Lanessan 2012 Haut-Médoc

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of leather, flowers and red fruit combined with notes of blueberry as well as touches of spices. The palate is fruity, tight, relatively fat and offer minerality, suavity and a good silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and raspberry associated with touches of blueberry, chocolate as well as slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score : 15

Nove par le Château Lamothe-Bergeron 2014

Haut-Médoc

The nose is a bit closed. It reveals notes of black fruit and chocolate combined with touches of Sichuan pepper and licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and fine. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, raspberry, cherry and a touch of blueberry associated with slight notes of spice, mocha, tobacco, licorice and a slight note of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence

Score : 15.25

Château Lamothe-Bergeron 2014 Haut-Médoc

The nose reveals notes of liquorice, caramel and ripe black fruits combined with a touch of raspberry and a touch of flowers. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, balanced, gourmand and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and raspberry combined with touches of fresh cherry, licorice, chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine, young and slightly dry. Good length and good persistence on notes of chocolate and juicy fruit.

Château Lamothe-Bergeron 2012 Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of undergrowth, leather and fresh fruit (blackberry, cassis, strawberry) associated with slight floral notes, sweet spices and a hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, gourmand, balanced, relatively fine and juicy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and blackberry combined with slight oaky notes and spices. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. There is very slight touch of chocolate and bell pepper on the finish. Score: 14,75

Château Bernadotte 2012 Haut-Médoc

The nose reveals notes of leather, undergrowth and oak associated with small notes of black fruit, raspberry and mocha. The palate is fruity,

mineral, well structured, balanced and relatively elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and raspberry combined with slight notes of cinnamon and sweet spices. Tannins are well made. Good length. Score: 15

Château Bernadotte 2014 Haut-Médoc

(65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot)

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of ripe fruit (strawberry, cassis) combined with a few toasted notes and notes of spices (cinnamon, cardamom). The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, balanced and quite elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis candy, raspberry and cherry associated with touches of chocolate as well as a few discreet oaky notes. Tannins are well

conducted. Good length and persistence (notes of chocolate). Score:15.25

Château Lamothe Cissac 2012 Haut-Médoc

The nose is a bit powerful and a bit concentrated. It reveals notes of fruit associated with a few notes of aromatic herbs and slight notes of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, concentrated and a bit rich. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and raspberry combined with touches of cassis (in the background) and a few notes of violets and toasted oak. Good length. Score: 15

Château Blaignan 2012

Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of undergrowth and blackberry combined with touches of red fruits as well as touches of Sichuan pepper and tobacco (discreet). The palate is fruity, minerality, racy, elegant, well-balanced and offers a good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of plum associated with notes of chocolate, sweet spices and toasted notes. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length. Score: 15





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Château Blaignan 2014 Médoc

The nose is aromatic and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of flowers, licorice and blackberry combined with slight touches of strawberry (in the background) as well as slight notes of blueberry and a discreet note of leather. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, elegant, gourmand, well structured and quite fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and crushed strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, licorice, sweet spices and slight toasted notes. Good length. Score : 15

Château Cambon La Pelouse 2014 Haut-Médoc

(49% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot) The nose is powerful, aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of flowers and ripe fruit combined with slight notes of menthol and licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, fleshy, ample, full, relatively elegant and offers freshness, a quite silky matter and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and raspberry combined with toasted touches,

caramel and vanilla. Tannins are well conducted. Good length and persistence on a slight note of cocoa. A beautiful and promising wine! Score : 16

Château Cambon la Pelouse 2012

Haut-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of cassis, violet, iris and red berries associated with a few slight woody notes. The palate is fruity, racy, ample, fat, structured and offers a beautiful matter, elegance and a certain minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry and cherry associated with touches of blackberry, oak and a hint of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well made. Good length. Score : 15.75

Domaine Fabre - Château Landat 2012 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fine and fruity. It reveals notes of cassis and red fruit associated with a few notes of spices, black tea, Sichuan pepper as well as slight notes of flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh and guite dense. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry and red berries associated with slight notes of cassis (in the background) and slight woody notes. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length. Score : 14.75

Château Grand Bouchon - Révélations 2012 Médoc

The nose reveals notes of leather and a small note of stable associated with slight notes of game, fruits (blackberry, strawberry) and oak. The palate is fruity, a bit fat and offers minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and raspberry combined with touches of cherry, licorice as well as slight notes of toasted oak and a discreet touch of vanilla. Tannins are well built. Good length. Score : 14.25

Margaux / Pauillac Saint-Estèphe

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse 2012

Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is quite powerful. It reveals notes of undergrowth, mocha and fruits associated with slight woody notes and a touch of graphite. The palate is fruity, gourmand, dense and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and black cherry combined with slight notes of blueberry, chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple. Good length. Score : 16

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse 2014

Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of blueberry, cornflower, blackberry and crushed strawberry combined with notes of licorice and a touch of mocha and a discreet note of cedar. The palate is fruity,

mineral, balanced, elegant, harmonious, quite precise and offers a small acid frame in the background. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of raspberry associated with small notes of licorice, toasted oak, sweet spices and chocolate. Tannins are fine, currently young and very slightly dry. Good length and good persistence on notes of chocolate and fruit. Score : 16.5

Château Siran 2014 Margaux

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, cassis...) associated with touches of cherry, strawberry, menthol as well as touches of toasted oak. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced and offers a nice minerality and a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine

expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and strawberry jam associated with touches of cherry and licorice / sweet spices. Tannins are fine and young. Good length and persistence with a very slight / discreet note of cocoa.

Score : 15.5

Château Siran 2012

Margaux

The nose reveals notes of smoke, mushroom and undergrowth associated with touches of black fruits as well as slight notes of Sichuan pepper and oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, balanced and relatively mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, blackberry and cherry associated with a slight note of plum as well as touches of chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 15.25

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Château Bellevue de Tayac 2014 Margaux

The nose is powerful and offers a nice intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, sour cherry and red cherry associated with a few notes of violet. The palate is fresh and elegant, dense, fat, well-structured, quite silky and offers a nice finesse. In mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with slight notes of coffee (in the background), grilled / toasted aok and toasted bread. Tannins are relatively fine, young and slightly grainy. Good length. Score: 15,75

Château Bellevue de Tayac 2012 Margaux

(70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot) The nose reveals notes of fruit and toasted notes associated with a few notes of leather, graphite as well as touches of roasted and truffle. The palate is fresh, mineral, balanced, powerful, racy, fruity and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry and

slight notes of strawberry associated with touches of cherry, slight notes of plum (in the background) and slight notes of saline rock. Tannins are fine and slightly dusty. Good length. Score: 15

Château Cantenac Brown 2012 - 3ème Grand Cru Classé

Margaux

The nose is fine, dense, harmonious, quite elegant and rightly powerful. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry, cherry and slight oaky notes and spices associated with a small note of plum (in background) as well as discreeet touches of cornflower / iris. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, concentrated and offers a nice precision and density. It expresses notes of fresh juicy plum and strawberry associated with a few notes of cocoa and oak on the finish. Tannins are fine, balanced, elegant and slightly dusty. Good length. A charming wine!

Score : 16.75

Brio de Cantenac Brown 2012 Margaux

The nose is velvety, quite dense and elegant. It reveals notes of boysenberries and strawberry associated with slight notes of violet, a small note of blueberry (in the background) as well as slight

notes of vanilla, caramel and toasted notes. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmand, mineral, racy and quite velvety, dense and offers juicy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and juicy cassis associated with touches of raspberry, a touch of purple fig, a light note of coffee as well as fine notes of saline minerality, dark chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine, slightly grainy and relatively elegant. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.5

Château Meyney 2012 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is elegant, quite powerful and offers a certain concentration and a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of black fruit and licorice associated with small notes of violet, a slight note of pepper as well as small woody notes. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, racy, elegant, suave, tight and offers a small fat and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and touches of cassis associated with touches of cherry, slight notes of spices as well as touches of cinnamon, tobacco and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Score: 15.5

Château Meyney 2014 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fine, aromatic, elegant, quite gourmand and a bit concentrated. It reveals notes of blueberry, sour cherry and blackberry combined with touches of strawberry, licorice as well as touches of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, racy and offers a racy minerality and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry, raspberry and blueberry combined with touches of licorice and oak. Tannins are fine, elegant and currently a bit young. Good length and persistence in the mouth. Score: 16,25

Listrac-Médoc Moulis-en-Médoc

Château Mayne Lalande 2012 -Bernard Lartigue Listrac-Médoc

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of undergrowth and ripe fruit combined with slight notes of coffee. The palate is fruity, nicely mineral, racy, fresh and offers a certain elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cherry and slight notes of raspberry associated with touches of licorice, Zan and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length. Score: 15

Château Mayne Lalande 2014 -Bernard Lartigue Listrac-Médoc

The nose is a bit powerful. It reveals notes of ripe fruit, strawberry and cassis combined with touches of cherry, blond tobacco as well as a hint of spices and a touch of cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, relatively gourmand and offers a nice minerality, a good matter and a small suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, cassis and strawberry

associated with slight notes of licorice, cherry, plum and toasted notes. Tannins are fine, well-conducted and (currently) a bit young. Score: 15.25

Château Branas Grand Poujeaux 2012 Moulis-en-Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

The nose is relatively powerful. It reveals notes of undergrowth and toasted oak associated with slight notes of red fruit as well as slight notes of menthol. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral, racy and offers a fruity / mineral frame and a slight acidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream, raspberry and red berries combined with touches of cassis, chocolate and oak. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence on woody notes, notes of blackberry juice and dark chocolate. Score: 15.25

CHÂTEAU MAYNE LALANDE Joie 2012 LISTRAC-MÉDOC Bernard Lartigue

GRAND VIN DE BORDEAUX



Château Branas Grand Poujeaux 2014

Moulis-en-Médoc

The nose reveals notes of black fruits associated with slight notes of licorice, a touch of red berries and a discreet toasted note. The mouth is fat, mineral / fresh offers juicy fruits, fruity / acid frame, a certain elegance and good unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and blackberry associated with slight notes of chocolate and slight woody notes. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length with notes of minerality and chocolate on the finish. Score: 15,25

Lalande de Pomerol

Château Sergant 2014

Lalande de Pomerol

The nose reveals notes of black fruit (blueberry...), spices, Zan and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and cassis combined with small notes of raspberry, chocolate and small toasted notes associated with discreet notes of sweet spices and a slight note of blackcurrant bud. Score: 15.5

Château La Fleur de Boüard 2012

Lalande de Pomerol

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of black fruit and raspberry combined with touches of sweet spices (in the background), toasted touches as well as slight notes of tobacco and caramel. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy, silky, well balanced, gourmand, precise and relatively fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and raspberry combined with slight notes of chocolate and a hint of flowers. Tannins are fine, well done and elegant. A beautiful wine! Score: 16.25

Château Sergant 2012

Lalande de Pomerol

The nose reveals notes of leather and juicy

black fruit combined with slight notes of blueberry and a discreet note of black pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral and quite gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of fig associated with a touch of chocolate, a toasted touch and a slight note of cassis bud. Tannins are fine and integrated. Score: 15

Saint-Emilion

Château de Candale 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and quite powerful. It reveals notes of cassis and blueberry associated with small touches of plum, violet, as well as fine woody notes and sweet spices (especially cardamom). The palate is fruity, well structured and offers a small minerality and a vel-

vety matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry and blackberry combined with touches of plum and oak. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 15.75

Clos Saint Vincent 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and quite elegant. It reveals notes of rose, blackberry and slight notes of black fruit jam associated with touches of violet and liquorice. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, relatively gourmand and offers a fruity frame and a certain juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry and blackberry associated with small touches of raspberry, violet and toasted touches. Freshness throughout the tasting. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 15.25

Château de Ferrand 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé The nose reveals notes of truffle, leather and oak associated with slight notes of black fruit. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, fat, relatively suave and offers an acid frame as well as a silky and slightly unctuous matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, slight notes of red fruit associated with touches of chocolate, oak, sweet spices as well as slight note of liquorice on the finish. Tannins are fine. Good length and persistence with fruity notes and slight a toasted note. Score : 15

Château de Ferrand 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé The nose is fruity and concentrated. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, blueberry) associated with a touch of red fruits as well as notes of spices, licorice and a slight note of caramel. The palate is fruity, balanced, ample, suave, relatively fat, quite gourmand and offers a certain elegance. It expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of wild strawberry, licorice associated with slight notes of mocha and oak. Tannins are young and a bit dry. Good length.

Score:15

Château Haut-Sarpe 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and gourmand. It reveals notes of blackberries, toasted notes and caramel associated with slight notes of licorice, a touch of camphor as well as slight notes of iris and cassis. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, fresh / mineral and offers a small acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry cream and blueberry associated with touches of cassis, red fruit (in the background) and slight toasted notes, vanilla, a discreet touch of bell pepper and a slight note of coconut. Tannins are currently a bit young and numerous. Good length.

Score : 15.5



LALANDE DE POMEROL



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Château Haut Sarpe 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of truffle, blackberry, cassis and slight notes of tobacco combined with a touch of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, mineral, racy, elegant, ample, gourmand, full and a certain suavity and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated slight notes of strawberry (in the background) as well as small notes of sweet spices, mocha and oak. Tannins are fine, well built and very slightly dry. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Château Laroze 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and spicy. It reveals notes of red fruit combined with touches of blackberry, a few spicy notes and a hint of chocolate. The palate is fat, ample, fresh, fruity and offers an acid frame, harmony and a certain lightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red fruit, blackberry and cassis combined with fine woody notes, notes of chocolate, a few notes of minerality, a touch of salinity and a hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length.

Château Laroze 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand

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The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of candied cherry, flowers (violet, cornflower) and blackberry associated with a hint of cassis as well as slight notes of licorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, smooth and balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red fruits and red berries associated with slight notes of cassis and slight woody notes. Tannins are fine, well done and very slightly dry. Good length. Score : 14.5

Château Villemaurine 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose reveals notes of cocoa, cigar and black fruits associated with fine blackberry cream. The palate is fruity, precise, balanced, a bit fat and offers a certain minerality / freshness and a beautiful acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and slight notes of blueberry associated with a few touches of cherry (in the background), a few notes of sweet spices, toasted coconut / vanilla, a slight toasted note and a touch of cocoa. Tannins are fine and slightly young / firm (wait). Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Villemaurine 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and harmonious. It reveals notes of black fruit (blackberry, cassis and blueberry) associated with discreet touches of wild strawberry, mocha, undergrowth and a few small notes of toasted oak and a fine touch of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, gourmand, mineral, fresh, balanced, quite fleshy and offers suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, wild strawberry, blackberry and cassis combined with slight notes of chocolate, saline minerality as well as touches of licorice, violet, oak and a slight / discreet note of tobacco. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 16.25

Château Montlabert 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, "accessible" and a bit powerful. It reveals notes of truffle, undergrowth and mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, silky, suave and gourmand. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and blueberry juicy associated with a slight note of licorice, sweet spices, caramel and toasted notes. Tannins are fine. Good length. Score: 15.25

Château Montlabert 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is quite elegant. It reveals notes of caramel, ripe black fruit and blackberry associated with slight touches of tobacco and toasted oak. The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers some freshness, a small juiciness and a small / slight concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, minerality and slight notes of blueberry

associated with touches of fig, sweet spices, toasted touches and a slight notes of liquorice on the finish / persistence. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25

Château Grand Corbin 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is concentrated and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of black fruit associated with slight notes of licorice as well as touches of caramel and vanilla. The palate is fruity, relatively elegant and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this

wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and red fruit combined with slight notes of toasted oak, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are fine and firm / youth. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.75

Château Grand Corbin 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and elegant. It reveals notes of truffle, undergrowth and violet combined with notes of blackberry and a discreet touch of oak. The palate is fresh, fruity, racy (clay) and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and slight notes of cassis associated with touches of toasted oak, blond tobacco, as well as slight notes of sweet spices. Tannins are fine, well-conducted and (currently) young. Score: 16

Château Roc de Boisseaux 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of undergrowth, leather, chocolate and truffle associated with slight notes of dark fruit (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced, gournand and offers a nice fruitiness and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and





touches of cassis associated with a touch of fig as well as touches of spices and oak. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence with a slight hint of dark cocoa. Score: 15.25

Château du Paradis 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fine, elegant and relatively powerful. It reveals notes blackberry cream, blueberry, licorice and small toasted notes associated with slight notes of tobacco and dried blueberries. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, relatively precise and offers a nice fruitiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry, blackberry and fine notes of red fruits (strawberries, cherries and a touch

of red currant) associated with a touch of cassis,

chocolate, licorice and oak. Tannins are fine and a bit dry.

Score : 15.75

Château Petit Val - Cuvée Alloin 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry and fine spicy notes associated with a touch of gray pepper and a discreet touch of blueberry. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a good and quite silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and fine notes of black cherry associated with small touches of cassis, mocha, tonka bean and oak. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Château Petit Val 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru The nose is fruity, fine and aromatic. It reveals notes of black fruit (cassis, blackberry) associated with small notes of spices, a few slight woody notes and a fine note of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, mineral, incisive, balanced, racy, harmonious and offers minerality and a small juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and fine note of cherry associated

with discreet notes of raspberry (in the background), notes of flint / minerality as well as fine woody notes, spices and tonka bean / mocha. Tannins are fine and supple. Good length. A promising wine. Score : 15.25

Clos Saint Vincent 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of blueberry, blackberry jam and Zan combined with a touch of violet. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, fat and offers a silky matter, tension and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and slight notes of black cherry associated with touches of Zan as well as slight toasted notes. Tannins are fine, young and well conducted. Good length. Score: 15.75

Clos des Jacobins 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blueberry and blackberry associated

with a few notes of toasted oak, sweet tobacco, coconut and a fine note of caramel. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, a bit fleshy and offers minerality and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, red fruits and very slight notes of black cherry combined with touches of toasted oak as well as a slight note of Zan and discreet spicy notes. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.75

Clos des Jacobins 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine and complex. It reveals notes of blackberries, cassis, red berries and licorice associated with touches of tobacco and flowers.

The palate is fruity, ample, fresh, balanced, a bit gourmand and offers suavity and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and a slight touch of liquorice combined with a hint of red fruit, chocolate as well as a few notes of sweet spices (vanilla) and licorice on the finish / persistence. Tannins are fine, well-made and very slightly firm. Good length and persistence. The finish / persistance is a bit powerful. Score: 16

Chateau Tour Peyronneau Cuvée Pierrick Lavau 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is concentrated, elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, rose, strawberry and cassis combined with slight notes of licorice, plum as well as slight notes of sweet spices and toasted notes. The palate is fruity, elegant, relatively gourmand and offers fat and a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blueberry jam, cassis and slight notes of cherry associated with slight notes of raspberry as well as touches of licorice, a slight toasted note and a slight note of chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. Score: 16.25

Château Tour Peyronneau 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of truffles and black fruit (blackberry, blueberry, plum) associated with small notes of tobacco and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, fresh, gourmand, well defined and offers an acid / fruity frame as well as a certain juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and cassis combined with slight toasted notes, notes of Zan as well as slight notes of blueberry candy. Tannins are well integrated and well made. Score: 15.25

Chateau Tour Peyronneau - Cuvée Pierrick Lavau 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, complex, gourmand and concentrated. It reveals notes of black fruit cream and blueberry associated with slight notes of chocolate, toasted notes, vanilla and a discreet touch of menthol. The palate is fruity, elegant, fleshy, ample, fat, relatively gourmand and offers a certain juiciness and good matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and cassis combined with notes of licorice, 99



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slight notes of chocolate, red fruits as well as touches of toasted oak, Zan and a slight note of tobacco. Tannins are fine and (currently) young. Good length. Score: 16

Château La Commanderie 2014

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is quite elegant. It reveals notes of licorice, violet and blackberry jelly associated with a hint of cassis as well as discreet toasted notes / notes of caramel. The palate is fruity, precise, racy, balanced and offers a certain freshness / a racy minerality, tension and harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and slight notes of cherry associated with touches of cassis juice, spices and toasted touches. Tannins are fine and a bit dry. Good length. Score: 15.5

Château Tour Peyronneau 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose reveals notes of leather, blueberry and cassis combined with touches of blackberry, oak and a hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, balanced and relatively mineral. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and cassis associated with slight notes of red fruit (in the background) and a discreet woody note. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm / youth. Good length. Score: 15

Château de Pressac 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, powerful, relatively concentrated and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis cream, blackberry and slight notes of violet associated with a few notes of minty licorice as well as hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fine, balanced, elegant, unctuous / silky, well done, fresh and quite gourmand. It expresses notes of cassis cream, blackberry and touches of raspberry associated with slight notes of chocolate and licorice. Good length. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. A beautiful wine! Score : 16,5

Château Bernateau 2010 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose revels aromas of ripe fruit (blackberry, plum, elderberry), spices, cedar and almond. The palate is elegant, fresh, with a good structure, without heaviness and offers especially aromas of black fruits (especially blackcurrant and blackberry) associated with some spices and woody notes. Tannins are fine and well made but still a bit young. The finish is long. Wait 2 or 3 years. Score: 15

Chateau Bernateau 2011 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of black fruit and violets combined with notes of red berries as well as notes of mocha, slight notes of blackberry, cocoa and a touch of oak. The palate is fat, ample,

quite fleshy, quite tight, well-structured, balanced and offers minerality, harmony and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black berries, cherry and red berries combined with notes of cocoa / dark chocolate, toasted oak and a touch of roasting. Tannins are quite fines and firm. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.5

Château Bernateau 2012 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and relatively fine. It reveals notes of blackberry and touches of blueberry associated with a few slight notes of red berries (in the background), chocolate, liquorice, oak and a touch of Ceylon tea. The palate is fruity, racy, fat, ample, relatively mineral and a bit fleshy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and cassis combined with touches of juicy blueberry as well as slight notes of chocolate (in the background) and a slight note of Zan on the finish. Tannins are fine, well-conducted and slightly firm. Good length. Score: 16



Château Bernateau 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and relatively concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, liquorice and cassis combined with touches of violet and tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, relatively precise and offers a silky matter, and acid frame (in the background) and a nice freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, cassis and blackberry combined with slight notes of juicy fruits, a touch of red currant and a touch of Zan. Tannins are fine and slightly firm. Good length. Good potential for years to come. Score : 16

Château La Commanderie 2012 Saint Emilion Crond Cru

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fine, elegant, aromatic and fresh. It reveals notes of black fruits, Sichuan pepper and tobacco associated with a touch of dried flowers. The palate is fruity, suave, straight,

smooth, fat and offers a silky matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry jam and slight notes of cassis combined with touches of spices, licorice and slight notes of toasted oak. Tannins are fine and integrated. Good length. Score : 15.5

Château Seglady 2012 - Révélations 2012 Saint-Emilion

The nose reveals notes of truffle, licorice and ripe black fruit. The palate is fruity, mineral / fresh, balanced and offers juicy fruit and a small fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of strawberry, blackberry and cassis combined with touches of licorice and toasted touches. Tannins are fine and slightly dry. Good length and persistence. Score : 14.25

Château Fougères - Révélations 2012 Saint-Emilion

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The nose reveals notes of leather, red fruits and spices associated with

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slight notes of cassis (in background), a touch of gray pepper and a slight vegetal touch. The nose needs to be aerated. The palate is fruity, relativement gourmand and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis and strawberry combined with a touch of liquorice. Tannins are fine and integrated. Score: 14.25

Château Trapaud 2010 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh and quite intense. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and red fruit (redcurrant, strawberry, raspberry) associated with small notes of toasted oak as well as a touch of cassis, licorice and violet. The mouth is nicely fruity, mineral, balanced, fresh and offers a beautiful silky and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and raspberry combined with fine notes of cassis, dark berries, a touch of black cherries as well as small notes of spices,

mocha, oak, black pepper and a touch of coffee. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good length and persistence (with notes of blackberry, coffee and oak).

Score : 15.5

Château Trapaud 2011 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fine and fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry associated with a few notes of fig, strawberry as well as touches of Sichuan pepper, leather, slight notes dried flowers (in the background) and slight notes of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and well-balanced. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry and raspberry combined with touches of cherry, crushed plum as well as fine notes of cherry, oaky notes, slight notes of coffee (in background) and a fine note of dried violet. Tannins are fine and slightly grainy. Good length.

Château Trapaud 2012

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru The nose reveals notes of cassis, ripe fruit, blackberry and slight notes of red fruit associated with a few notes of elder flowers (in the background), woody/toasted notes and spice. The palate is fresh, elegant, well-balanced, soft and reveals a certain harmony. In the mouth it expresses notes of wild strawberry, crushed strawberry and black-

berry associated with a few notes of cassis, raspberry, oaky notes, spices and a slight hint of pepper on the finish. Good length. Score : 15

Château La Voûte 2014 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is concentrated, rich and fruity. It reveals notes of cherry cream, raspberry and blackcurrant associated with a few slight notes of blackberries, flowers, licorice, tobacco, toast and vanilla. The palate is fruity, balanced, suave / gourmand, well built, silky, fresh and offers a nice tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry and blackberry associated with slight notes of blackcurrant and a fine touch of liquorice. Tannins are fine and well build. Good length. Score: 15,75

Côtes de Bourg

Château Fougas - Forces de Vies 2012 Côtes de Bourg

The nose is fruity and a bit concentrated. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and slight notes of licorice associated with a few slight notes of menthol and a few notes of spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, ample, powerful and elegant. In the mouth this wine expresses small notes of blackberry and plum associated with touches of cherry, spices as well as slight notes of licorice (in the background) and a few toasted notes. Tannins are fine and well conducted. Good length. Score: 15.75

Château Fougas - Cuvée Maldoror 2012 Côtes de Bourg

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, boysenberry, blueberry and fig asso-

ciated with a few spicy notes as well as slight notes of flowers. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a medium body. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and slight notes of cherry associated with touches of raspberry and slight / discreet oaky notes. Tannins are fine and slightly grainy. Good length.

Score : 15.5

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Cognac

VS/VSOP

Bertrand - VS - Cognac Petite Fine Champagne

The nose is fresh, powerful, dry and relatively fine. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, physalis, dried fruit, Zante currant and slight notes of dried Greengage plums associated with slight notes of honey, leather,

earth and flowers. The palate is fruity, powerful, fat and round. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Greengage plums, dates and slight notes of mirabelle plum associated with a touch of pear, honey, dried fruit and a discreet note of vanilla. Good length. Score: 15

Jean Fillioux - La Pouyade - Vieille Grande Champagne -1er Cru de Cognac - VSOP

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as a small sweetness. It reveals notes of apricot, tarte tatin and citrus associated with slight notes of lemon candy, flowers as well as a touch of rancio and a touch of candied orange peel. The palate is fruity, relatively gourmand, quite elegant, a bit fleshy, fat and offers suavity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied citrus (quince, orange), lemon paste and slight notes of apple and brugnon combined with a touch of flowers candy and slight notes of rancio / almond / oak. Good length.

Bertrand - VSOP - Cognac Petite Fine Champagne

The nose is fresh, fruity, dry and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of dry yellow grape, honey and slight notes of Greengage plum associated with fine notes of candied orange zests, flowers and a discreet touch of rancio. The palate is fruity, round, fat, quite powerful, balanced and offers a slight creaminess. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of yellow fruit, peach and slight notes of honey associated with fine notes of dates, a discreet note of blond tobacco and oak. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Meukow - Icône

The nose reveals notes of small citrus, oak, vanilla and slight notes of spicy. The palate is

round and « aerial ». In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of apple, pear, lychee, papaya and slight notes of vanilla, raisins and light woody notes. Good length.

Score : 15.25

Meukow - VSOP

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of exotic fruits (lychee, papaya), apple, hazelnut and flowers associated with a few woody notes. The palate is very round, slightly fruity and suave. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of vanilla, raisin de Corinthe and oak. Score : 15

Hine - Rare VSOP - Fine Champagne

The nose is elegant. It reveals notes of citrus, candied orange, small spices, flowers (especially lemon blossom and a slight note of jasmine) and rancio. The palate is round, smooth, complex, fruity, light and complex. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear, candied fruits, plum, dried fruits and slight notes of vanilla, oak and yellow fruits in the background. Good length.

Score : 17.5

H by Hine - VSOP - Fine Champagne

The nose is fruity, flowery and delicate. It reveals notes of citrus, lychee and small fruits. The palate is round, balanced, fat, elegant and delicate. It expresses notes of white fruits, peach and fine and well integrated woody notes on the finish. It also expresses a slight hint of ripe apricots. The finish is fruity. Good length. Score : 16.5

Napoléon / XO Hors d'Âge

Cognac Bertrand - Napoléon - Cognac Petite Fine Champagne

The nose is fruity, relatively powerful and incisive. It reveals notes of flowers candy, plum and brugnon associated with slight notes of rancio and spices (a hint of candied ginger). The palate is fruity, fat, suave, round, balanced, mineral, gourmande and offers an unctuous matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of brugnon, Pomme d'Amour and slight notes of citrus paste (quince and mandarin) associated with slight notes of caramel and a discreet note of hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 15.75

Alfred de Fussigny - Extra -Fine Champagne - Cognac

The nose is fruity, fresh, harmonious, elegant, aromatic, complex and quite intense. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarin, candied lemon and fruit paste associated with fine notes of flowers candy, a hint of prune as well as slight notes of rancio, oak, candied orange peel and spices (especially vanilla). The palate is fruity,

mineral / fresh, suave, elegant, harmonious, fine, straight, delicate and offers an unctuous, gourmande and elegant matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of nectarine, crystallized citrus and slight notes of fruits paste, plum associated with slight notes of pear, rancio, candy, caramel and a discreet touch of tobacco. Good length and persistence. An harmonious and gourmand Cognac ! Great success! Score : 18,5



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Maxime Trijol - XO - Cognac Grande Champagne - 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, elegant, complex and gourmand. It reveals notes of crystallized orange, lemon paste and slight notes of white peach associated with fine notes of flowers as well as small touches of rancio / caramel and a discreet note of cedar. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, suave, fat and offers a beautiful unctuous matter and a good definition. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of sweet citrus, candied citrus and lychee associated with small notes of white fruits as well as discreet woody notes and rancio. Good length and persistence. Score: 16

ABK6 - XO - Renaissance - Cognac

The nose is fine, aromatic and well built. It reveals notes of white peach, apple and quince associated with fine notes of lemon zest as well as slight notes of spices and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, fat, suave, mineral, ample, well built and offers an acid frame. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of nectarine, pear and quince associated with slight notes of rancio, discreet notes of candied orange zest as well as a fine note of caramel.

Score : 16

Maxime Trijol -Ancestral - Cognac Grande Champagne -1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine, gourmand, refined, complex and aromatic. It reveals notes of candied orange zest, dried strawberry and marmalade associated with a few notes of candied quince, apricot, as well as slight notes of cedar, rancio, caramel and a touch rosewood. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand, straight, fine, quite gourmand and offers a beautiful creamy matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of

candied orange, dried plum, dried apricot and slight notes of Zante currant associated with slight notes of crystallized lemon as well as fine notes of rancio, caramel and a touch of roasted almonds. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.75

Guillon-Painturaud - Vieille Réserve -Cognac Grande Champagne

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of candied citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with fine notes of menthol candies as well as touches of spices, tobacco and oak. The mouth is fat, suave, round, relatively creamy, mineral and fruity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of brugnon, yellow fruit and slight notes of citrus associated with fine notes of lychee, rancio and a touch of caramel. Good length and persistence on fruity notes. Score: 15.25

Jean Fillioux - Très Vieux - Très Vieille Grande Champagne - 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, fresh and powerful. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum and peach combined with slight notes of rancio, a touch of dates, dried white grapes and a slight hint of candied citrus. The palate is fruity, fat, suave, gourmande and offers a beautiful matter and a small mineral frame. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of mirabelle plum, brugnon and slight notes of apricot associated with a few slight notes of candied citrus (in the background) and slight notes of caramel, oak and rancio. Good length and persistence. Score : 16

Cognac Leyrat - XO - Elite - Cognac

The nose is fruity, fresh and a bit gourmand. It reveals notes of white fruit combined with notes of candied orange zest as well as slight notes of caramel, almond and spices. The palate is fruity, suave, relatively fat and relatively round. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear, brugnon and slight notes of candied citrus (mandarin, lemon) associated with discreet woody notes and a slight note of almond / hazelnut. Good length.

Score : 15.5

Alfred de Fussigny - XO - Fine Champagne - Cognac



The nose is fine, powerful and incisive. It reveals notes of dried apricot, candied citrus and slight notes of exotic fruit associated with slight notes of tobacco, rancio and a discreet touch of gray pepper and tea. The palate is fresh, mineral, fat, suave, round, balanced and offers sweetness as well as a fleshy and gourmande matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of fig, apricot, candy and slight notes of candied white fruits combined with slight notes of rancio, caramel as well as a touch of eucalyptus candy, marmalade and a fine toasted note / note of vanilla on the finish. Good length and persistence. Score: 17

Louis Royer - XO - Cognac

The nose is fruity, aromatic and relatively powerful. It reveals notes of plum, candied citrus and violet candy associated with slight notes of rancio, a touch of caramel and a touch of cardamom. The palate is fruity, fat, ample, round, relatively fresh and offers a fleshy and creamy matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of fleshy white fruit in syrup, white peach and slight notes of mirabelle plum associated with a few notes of clementine paste. Good length. Score: 16.5

Bertrand - XO - Cognac

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of brugnon candy, caramel and slight notes of plum associated with slight notes of citrus paste and violet candy. The palate is fruity, relatively suave, fat, balanced and offers a small minerality. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruit (pear, peach) associated with slight notes of lemon as well as slight notes of caramel, candied orange zest and oak. Good length. Score : 15,5

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Tesseron - Lot n°76 - X.O Tradition - 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and elegant. It reveals notes of citrus, apricot, dried fruit and slight notes of peach associated with fine notes of spices, cardamom, almond, brown sugar and cedar wood. The palate is fruity, mineral, fat, racy, ample, elegant, deep and gourmand. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruit (peach, pear and a touch of apple) associated with fine notes of apricot, candy, compote, Zante currant, honey as well as slight notes of spices. Good length and persistence. A gourmand Cognac!

Tesseron - Lot n°90 - X.O Ovation - Cognac

The nose is fruity, relatively intense, fresh, dry and elegant. It reveals notes of lime zest, exotic fruits and slight notes of dried fruit, quince, cedar associated with fine notes of yellow fruit as well as a hint of honey and almond. The mouth is fat, ample, straight, tight, ample, elegant, quite gourmand and offers tension. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of apricot, quince, and slight notes of yellow peach in syrup associated with fine notes of honey, Corinth

grape and a slight note of caramel. Good length and persistence. Score : 16.75

Tesseron - XO Passion -Cognac

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. Score : 18.25

La Fontaine de La Pouyade - Grande Champagne - Cognac 1er Cru

The nose is fine, elegant, powerful, aromatic and harmonious. It reveals notes of fresh mandarin, crystallized lemon and candied tangerine associated with fine notes of white fruit (peach, apple), flowers (especially the iris) as well as slight notes of lime zest, rancio, papaya and a discreet note of quenette. The palate is round, fruity, elegant, mineral, refined, harmonious, very gourmande and offers a nice unctuous, suave and fleshy matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of orange, tangerine and brugnon associated with slight notes of lemon, honey, apple, caramel, as well as a few very discreet oaky notes. Good length and persistence. A great/beautiful Cognac. It is gourmand, fruity and powerful (very well-managed).

Bel Ange - XO Suprême - Fine Petite Champagne - Cognac

The nose is fine, complex, full and aromatic. It reveals notes of peach skin, notes of Sicilian lemon and fine notes of tangerine associated with a discreet touch of jasmine, a touch of spices as well as a fine note of rancio and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is round, fine, elegant, well-conducted, straight, ample and offers a nice structure as well as a fleshy and quite velvety matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of peach, mango and apricot associated with fine notes of citrus fruits, caramel and rancio. Good length and persistence. Score: 16,25

Drouet - Hors d'Âge - Paradis de Famille -Grande Champagne - Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, aromatic and refined. It reveals notes of cedar, rancio and candied fruit associated with small notes of plums, cigar box, licorice stick, tobacco and oak. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, straight, tight and offers quite gourmand. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied citrus fruit (orange, lemon) and crushed pear

associated with slight notes of rancio, dried fruit, oak and a discreet note of tobacco. Good length. Score : 17.5

Meukow - Cuvée 1862 -Fine Champagne

The nose reveals notes of flowers, citrus, candied orange, rancio and nuts. The palate is fresh, sweet and rather elegant. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruits, flowers, citrus (including clementines), of oak and spices (cedar wood, vanilla, licorice, tobacco). Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.75

Meukow - Extra

The nose is finer and more fruity than the classic and the Grande Champagne Meukow XO. It reveals notes of fruits, oak and rancio. The palate is round and relatively elegant. It reveals notes of

white fruits, pear, candied fruits and slight toasted notes associated with some spicy notes (tobacco, cocoa). Score: 16.5

Hine - Antique XO - 1er Cru de Cognac -Grande Champagne

The nose is elegant, fruity and dynamic. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, orange), peach, apricot, pear, rancio, vanilla and caramel. The palate is round, fleshy, fine, complex, harmonious and elegant. It expresses notes of apple, pear, candied fruits, vanilla and caramel. It also expresses a few slight and well integrated woody notes. Good length. Score: 18.75

Cognac

Hine - Homage - Grand Cru, Fine Champagne

The nose is elegant and fruity. It reveals notes of citrus, dried fruits, spices and vanilla. The palate is round, smooth, fruity and offers a certain freshness and good texture. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruits, pear-vanilla, candied orange zest, cooked fruits and walnuts. It also reveals light and well integrated woody notes. Good length. The finish is aromatic and persistent. A beautiful Cognac! Score: 18

Meukow - XO - Grande Champagne

The nose is more elegant and complex than the classic Meukow XO. It reveals notes of juicy grape, apricot and peach (in the background) associated with some notes of tobacco. The palate is round, fresh and fruity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruits, pear, apricot and slight notes of wood associated with some spices as well as notes of liquorice. Score: 15.75

Meukow - XO

The nose is a bit discreet and slightly alcoholic. It expresses notes of rancio, tobacco and wood. The palate is round. It expresses notes of white fruits, candied fruits (pear, orange...) and rancio associated with a few spices. Score : 15.25

Maxime Trijol - Extra - Cognac Grande Champagne - 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fine, powerful, incisive and elegant. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, candied fruits and rancio associated with a few slight notes of oak and a hint of salted butter caramel. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand, elegant, and offers a small minerality and a beautiful matter. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of "pear with caramel", white peach and slight notes of citrus paste (lemon, clementine)

associated with slight notes of caramel as well as fine notes of sweet spices (cardamom, vanilla) and oak. Good length. Score : 17

Maxime Trijol - XO - Cognac

The nose is fine and powerful. It reveals notes of candied fruit, candied orange zests and caramel associated with a small note of honey and dried fig. The palate is fruity, fat, suave, relatively fleshy, quite elegant and offers a small freshness. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of white fruit associated with slight notes of rancio, oak and dried fruits. Good length. Score: 16.25

Vintage Cognac

Jean Fillioux - Collection Privée 1994 -Grande Champagne - 1er Cru de Cognac

The nose is fruity, gourmand, full and fine. It reveals notes of dried fruit, dried citrus and tobacco combined with slight notes of flowers, lemon zest and a touch of rancio. The palate is fruity, fine, suave, relatively fat and relatively gourmand. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of fruit in syrup, white fruit (especially pears...) associated with slight notes of yellow fruits, a touch of Zante currant and a small note of rancio / oak on the finish. Good length and good persistence in the mouth.

Score : 16.5

ABK6 - Vintage 1985 - Single Estate Cognac

The nose is fruity, fine, elegant, a bit gourmand and quite powerful. It reveals notes of apricot, fruit in syrup and slight notes of mango associated with small notes of cedar and flowers / rose. The palate is elegant, gourmande, suave, fat, fleshy, quite unctuous and quite powerful. In the

mouth this Cognac expresses notes of pear, ripe peach and slight notes of lychee associated with a hint of honey, ripe quince, quenette, caramel and sweet spices. Good length. Score : 16.75

Domaine Hine - Bonneuil 2005 - Cognac Grande Champagne

The nose is a bit discreet but elegant and fine. It reveals notes of flowers (including peach flowers) and fruits. The palate is fresh, fruity and round. It expresses notes of peach, grape and white fruits. A beautiful Cognac! Score: 16.75





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Whiskies

Thompson's Arran 1996 - 18 Years Old Sauternes Cask 1834

Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Isle of Arran

The nose is aromatic and quite gourmand. It reveals notes of rancio, citrus (orange, candied zest), honey and slight notes of caramel associated with fine notes of grape as well as a few slight touches of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, round, suave, gourmande, well structured and offers a certain power and a certain softness of the matter. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of rancio, candied peach and slight notes of citrus associated with small notes of zest, pear as well as fine notes of caramel, honey, oak and a touch of peat. Good length and persistence. A good Whisky !

Score : 16.75

Duncan Taylor - Black Bull 12 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky - Scotland

The nose is aromatic. It reveals notes of black tea and raisin associated with touches of peach, fine toasted oaky notes as well as hints of vanilla, grape, mirabelle plum, cocoa and a discreet note caramel. The palate is fruity, round, fat, soft, quite aromatic and offers a slight suavity. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of pear, yellow fruit and slight toasted notes associated with touches of spices, molasses as well as a discreet touch of chocolate and vanilla. Good length. Score: 15.25

Duncan Taylor - Black Bull Kyloe

Blended Scotch Whisky - Scotland

The nose reveals notes of raisin, white fruits (apple, pear) combined with mineral notes (rock) as well as fine notes of spices, oak, honey and slight notes of yellow fruit. The palate is dense, mineral and a bit fat. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of yellow fruits and Corinth raisin associated with slight notes of yellow peach, grape, pepper and a discreet touch of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 14.75

Writer's Tears

Pot Still Blended irish Whiskey - Ireland

The nose is aromatic, fat and slightly powerful. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, kumquat and raisin associated with touches of plum liqueur and honey. The palate is fruity, quite elegant and quite fat. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of dried apricot, Corinth raisin and plum associated with touches of peach in syrup as well as slight notes of spice, nutmeg, honey and vanilla. Good length. A nice whiskey. Score: 15.75

The Irishman - Founder's Reserve Single Malt Whiskey - Ireland

(70% whiskey single malt and 30% single pot still whiskey)

The nose is fine. It reveals notes of raisin, peach, malt, a small note of pepper, vanilla, as well as slight / elegant woody notes. The palate is round, nicely fat and offers a nice power. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of yellow peach combined with touches of Corinth raisin, apricot, fine woody notes as well as touches of bog, honey, vanilla and a slight hint of caramel. Good length. Score: 15.5

Glenfarclas - The Family Casks 1975 - Release IV

Single Cask - Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky The nose is elegant, complex and offers great finesse. It reveals notes of apricot, dried fruit, currants grape associated with a few fine notes of dried apricot, melon, flowers (elderflower / juniper) and spices as well as a discreet touch of green tea. The palate is fresh, harmonious, elegant, well-balanced and offers a small (slightly saline) minerality. In the mouth this Whisky expresses slight notes of apricot, melon, fruit, white peach and vine peach associated with slight notes of yellow fruit, touches of citrus, spices as well as fine notes of dried flowers, a touch of bog, fine oaky notes, a touch of nuts and fine minty note. Score: 18.5

Glenfarclas - The Family Casks 1961 -Release VII

Single Cask - Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky Beautiful caramel color. The nose is beautiful, aromatic, fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of candied fruit and peach associated with slight notes of candied orange, pineapple (in the background) as well as very fine notes of candied lemon, almond and a touch of leather. The palate is fresh, mineral, gourmand, perfectly balanced, suave, elegant, harmonious and offers a nice velvety matter. In the mouth this Whisky expresses notes of dried apricot, raisins and orange associated with slight notes of caramel as well as touches of rancio, sherry and dried flowers. Good length.

Score : 18

Glenfarclas - 105 Cask Strength

Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky The nose is deep and complex. It reveals notes of candied fruit associated with a few notes of rancio, sherry as well as slight notes of caramel (in the background), yellow fruit, candied apricot, a touch of honey and a few oaky notes. The palete is fruity freeh mineral powerful and heautifully

oaky notes. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, powerful and beautifully elegant. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of nectarine, caramel and toasted oak associated with slight notes of 'Pomme d'Amour', grape as well as a touch of spices and a slight note of nectarine. Good length. Score : 17

Glenfarclas - Aged 21 years Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is fine and elegant. It reveals notes of dried fruit associated with small notes of citrus (quince...), caramel and slight notes of sherry, melon, almond and menthol. The palate is suave, gourmand, well-balanced, relatively rich, fine and offers little freshness. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of melon, nectarine and slight notes of candied lemon (in the background) associated with small touches of dried fruit, hazelnut and spices. Good length and nice persistence.

Glenfarclas - Aged 15 years

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is harmonious. It reveals notes of raisin, sherry and dried yellow fruit associated with notes of caramel in the background. The palate is fruity, round, fat, harmonious, suave, gourmand and elegant. On the palate this Whisky expresses notes of yellow fruit, sherry and peach combined with touches of caramelized apple and wheat. Good length. Score: 16.25

Glendronach Revival - Aged 15 years Single Malt - Scotland

The nose is rich and incisive. It reveals notes of dried apple, sherry and cherry combined with touches of leather, orange, spices as well as very fine notes of bog, walnuts, curcumin, mushroom and white pepper. The palate is powerful, rich and aromatic. It expresses notes of dried fruits (grapes, dates, figs...) and rancio combined with notes of fruits in syrup,

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Whiskies

apricot, cherry in kirsch, oak, cocoa and toasted notes and slight notes of roasting on the finish. Good length. A whisky that needs an aeration of twenty minutes. Score : 15.25

The Buffalo Trace Distillery - Eagle Rare 10 Year Single Barrel - Aged 10 years Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey - USA

The nose is gourmand. It reveals notes of vanilla, caramel and Pomme d'Amour (candy apple) associated with touches of fruits in syrup, toasted oaky touches and a discreet touch of honey. The palate is round, powerful and fine. It expresses notes of caramel buttered with Rum and crème brulée associated with slight notes of grape, a hint of candied fruit, flowers and vanilla as well as touches of raisins and slight oaky notes. Good length and persistence. Score : 15.25

Ardbeg Perpetuum - The Ultimate Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose is powerful, concentrated and tight. It reveals peat notes (quite marked) associated with hints of rum raisin, currants, cocoa / dark chocolate, toasted, tar as well touches of hazelnut and spices (cedarwood, vanilla...). The palate is round, powerful, concentrated and well structured. It expresses notes of peat and white fruits combined with jammy notes of nectarine, mocha, toasted notes, vanilla and wood. Good length. Score: 16

The Midleton Distillery - Redbreast - Aged 12 years

Single Pot Still - Irland

The nose is fat and reveals a certain purity and elegance. It reveals notes of caramelization, fresh red fruit combined with sweet spices as well as fine grilled oaky notes, blond tobacco, cherry and slight notes of flowers (violet, blueberry) and blackcurrant bud. The palate is round, fat and aromatic. On the palate this whisky expresses notes of sweet spices, wheat and slight notes of dried fruits (especially berries) associated with very slight notes of pâtisserie, oak, brazil nuts and a slight roasted / toasted touch on the finish. Good length. A nice Whisky!

Lagavulin - 12th Natural Cask Strengh Single Malt - Scotland

The nose is powerful. It reveals notes of moss, bog associated with a very fine touch of sweetness and menthol. The palate is rich, suave, lively, powerful, complex and aromatic. It expresses notes of hot pear, toasted oak and slight roasted / burned notes associated with a few notes of warm spices, malted notes as well as slight notes of bog, hot white fruits, sweet spices and cigar. Score: 15

Bowmore - Islay-Aged 18 years

Single Malt Scotch Whisky

The nose reveals notes of raisins and slight notes of quince, caramel, spices and oak. The palate is smooth, complex, deep and well-balanced. It expresses notes of raisins, baked apple and chocolate associated with small hints of orange marmalade, a hint of earth, leather, smoke, spices and vanilla on the finish. Good length. Score : 15.5



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