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It is with great pleasure that I invite you to discover this 2019 Summer edition of VERTDEVIN magazine. For this issue I chose to explore and taste wines from different parts of France and Italy. This magazine is the result of exhilarating trips, amazing tastings, discoveries and fabulous meetings!



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So in the first part of the magazine you will meet great winemakers from Sicily, Campania, Bordeaux, Jura and you will find an article about Sauternes. It has been a few months that I have been working on this article explaining why it is our duty to defend Sauternes. I invite you to read it with special attention.

Concerning the second part: As you already know, from the previous issue I'm no longer the only one to write for the magazine. In the previous issues I introduced you to Joanie Metivier, a talented Canadian sommelier and journalist well known thanks to her blog and Instagram. In this issue she'll take you to California and to Australia. In pages 14 and 15 you'll also be able to read her first wine reviews for Vertdevin.

I also introduced you Erika Mantovan, a talented Italian journalist and sommelier. In this issue she'll take you to Abruzzo and to discover the Freisa grape. Discover these articles on pages 16 and 17.

Now I would like to introduce you to Loïc Siri, a talented winemaker and wine writer from Bordeaux. He learned to make wine in some great wineries of the region. He also holds a DUAD diploma. In this magazine you will discover and meet Sara Lecompte Cuvelier, the new director of Château Léoville Poyferré (page 19).

In the third part, you will find a special report about "Bordeaux En Primeurs" with the TOP 300 as well as some "Coups de Cœur" wines. A selection among more than 830 tasted wines. Before reading the TOP 300 2018 wines I think it is important to remind you that it is wine en Primeur. That is to say unfinished wines, in the process of being created and therefore not finished ! This could, if I dared to compare, be like an ultrasound of a baby in the sixth month of pregnancy. Just as for the child this "examination" allows us to have a good idea of what the wine will become without having a fixed, determined and 100% reliable image. The majority of the wines will remain in ageing between 12 and at most 24 months.

Keep also in mind that it would be incongruous to compare a wine from an AOC (appellation) with a wine from an independant because we don't have to expect the same thing from these wines ! Following the TOP 300, you will also find a short selection of wines that didn't necessarily get the best ratings but that offer an excellent value for the money... "Coups de Cœur" wines !

Let us also bear in mind that, as one famous taster said, "tasting is not about tracking down the fault, but about determining whether the pleasure exceeds it." Wine is not a technological product, standardized but a living product of human pleasure, sharing and conviviality !

After all these passionate interviews and EnPrimeurs report enjoy a buying guide made to suggest good values for wines and also for spirits.

Following that, in the fourth part, you will have your taste buds tickled while finding more than 500 wine and spirits reviews about: Bordeaux EnPrimeurs, White Bourgogne wines, Jura, Provence Rosé, Montecucco wines (Tuscany), Sicilian Wines, Piemonte wines, Vinho Verde, Zinfandel wines and Cognac.

Enjoy the reading, savor the tastings and read with delicacy the Wine Buying guide.

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WE MUST SAVE SAUTERNES !

A legendary appellation in grave danger...

There are wine appellations whose evocation leaves the mind dreamy and taste buds on alert. Sauternes is one of them! To talk about Sauternes wine is not only to talk about the Liquid Gold of Bordeaux, it is also to enter the legend of the great sweet wines of the world. It is to enter the gourmand community, in a world of sweetness but also in French history because Sauternes is our common heritage.

In this article I want to expose a problem that I think is more and more worrying, certainly for this appellation, but more generally for all sweet wines. As honest as I am, I am an epicurean, a lover of wines in general, of their history but with a special attraction for the great sweet wines of the world. Also note that it is very rare that I take the pen so personally, in the first person singular.

It would be exciting to start this article with the history of Sauternes but I must, to be brief, postpone this part to a later article to devote myself fully to the issue of the day. Currently, there are as many bottles coming out of Sauternes Châteaux as there are food critics in the fast food industry! In other words, very few, contrary to what one may think! So few that it seems to me that the fate of the Sauternes appellation for the next 50 years as an appellation producing sweet wines is in danger if we (the whole industry + consumers) do not react very quickly.

What do Sauternes and sweet wines represent on the market?

The production of sweet wine in France represents 1% of the total production, a little more than 69,000 hectoliters (about 9,200,000 bottles). It would therefore be enough for one in seven French people to

buy a bottle of it once a year to sell all the annual production of French sweet wines, thus enabling our wine growers to live. This would also preserve this tremendous diversity that we have within our sweet appellations.

thanks to the change of generations that has occurred. Indeed, today the key word for each winegrower of this name of legend is "b-a-l-a-n-c-e"! We are no longer focusing solely on sugar, on the quantity produced, but also on acidity, balance and "drinkability". So, Sauternes does not "hurt the head anymore" as it has been said for years.

I would say that this AOC, like the other sweet appellations of France is locked in "Sauternes = foie gras = Christmas". It is true that some Sauternes pair perfectly with this delicate dish that is foie gras. But to reduce it to only this is a heresy!

Alas, this bad (and easy) strategy has locked this wine category into a unique and "luxurious" tasting moment as would be a festive dish. We need to work on it at the level of the appellation, the CIVB, journalists, winemakers, sommeliers and communication agencies involved!

There is also a lack of communication from and around this Wine Appellation and a great lack of support from the interprofessional groups. It is true that we produce less bottles of Sauternes in Bordeaux than Bordeaux Rosé but do the Bordeaux Rosés contribute as much (and continue to) contribute to the aura of Bordeaux around the world? Do we find many writings of kings, philosophers, novelists or famous characters such as Thomas Jefferson, the Russian Tsars, The Grand Duke Constantine, Queen Elizabeth II, Charles IX extolling the qualities of a Bordeaux Rosé? No!

I want to reassure my friends who are rosé wine producers, I have nothing against you. I regularly taste your products and there are some very well done! But certain talking points, each year repetitive, have the annoying tendency to arouse my misunderstanding. It is imperative to talk about the sweet Bordeaux! Because



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Where does the problem come from?

In my opinion the problem is multifactorial. The responsibility is not only on a single player in the market but on all of us.

First of all, I would say that the AOC still has a bad reputation from the 80's and 90's linked to the race for residual sugar. This "trend" has been reversed for many years,

even if they represent only a few small percentages of Bordeaux production they participate greatly in the "Bordeaux wine legend".

We must also support the current Sauternes investors who are trying to wake up the appellation. It's not up to them alone to "do the job".

It is also essential that the wine appellation board itself, according to its means, finally start communicating efficiently. This is only that way that Sauternes can get out of the crisis it has encountered for years.

In my case I do it regularly, in my small measure, in interviews, ratings sessions, news or organized tastings (Wine Selection by Vertdevin).

Let's talk about the price. Though it is true that a bottle of sweet wine generally costs more than a bottle of dry white, it is still necessary to compare what is comparable. With a vine, a winemaker produces (on average) a glass of sweet wine, whereas with this same vine he could produce 7 glasses of dry white. Consumers and friends, do you know that a Sauternes or more generally a sweet wine sold below 10/12 euros (around 15\$) is a product sold at a loss?

I would also like to point out that, apart from the rare Sauternes wines that exceed one hundred euros a bottle, the price of the majority of wines is between 15 and 30 euros. This is far from valuing the work done and does not necessarily generate a profit equal to the investment. It is important to consider that a vineyard is not a philanthropic work but a business. So, if there is no profitability then the vineyard is destined to die.

Part of the responsibility also lies with the various resellers / wine merchants. It is true that it is more complicated to sell (given the previous points) a sweet wine than a red wine of a great name and concretely not much is done to help resellers to sell! But just as it is the duty of the journalist (patience, here I come!) to defend Sauternes and more generally the large appellations of sweet wines, it is also the moral duty of the seller / reseller to systematically offer these wines. The same goes for the preservation of our heritage, our history, our wealth and diversity of wine. Wine cellar friends, sommeliers, merchants, make allowances. Try to systematically place a few bottles of sweet wine in the orders or to



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regularly place a Sauternes wine in your meals with your customers. He will be the best possible ambassador to promote this product!

Finally, I would like to talk about the responsibility of journalists, bloggers and other consumers who rate wines online. It is true in our defense that when few people communicate about the AOC, production is low, very few advertisers (close to zero) and the product represents only a very small market share, it is not necessarily obvious at first sight to even speak regularly about it. As for the fact that the product in question is locked in a limited time to talk about it at one time of year reveals the best of passion, the worst of madness!

However, one can't be a serious wine "influencer" without being in love with wines as a whole, the history of wine in our country and without the desire or willingness to defend it! It is therefore also our moral duty to talk about Sauternes regularly. We need to put it out at any time of year and also to serve it ourselves at various dinners and events. Let's be crazy, let's talk about Sauternes this summer. Even if it only leads to one bottle let's talk about it!

So when and how to drink Sauternes?

This is a vast, complicated and endless

subject! Some will say to you "only at the end of the meal otherwise you will kill your taste buds ..." To those it is useless to enter the debate as I would not manage to convince them.

One must first of all take into consideration that there is no ONE Sauternes style but a great diversity of styles, terroirs, blends, sensibilities and therefore varieties of wines! You can perfectly, contrary to a preconceived idea, begin (aperitif or appetizer) with a Sauternes. Just plan to have a few bubbles (sparkling water, Champagne) before going on to a red wine.

As for the food & wine pairing try hard cheeses, blue cheeses, poultry, scallops, oysters, shrimp curry, some white fish, caramelized pork, sushi / maki (and more generally Japanese cuisine), spicy food (Examples: Thai, Chinese, Indian. But not too much spicy dishes), duck breast, tajine, caramelized lamb...and the list can be even longer!

Outside of the classic sweet combinations, (pay attention to sugar with sugar!) there exist a multitude of wonderful food and Sauternes pairings for those who want to make a work of originality. There are only three rules to remember, "leave the beaten trails, of Classicism!" look for the equilibrium and above all find what pleases you!

J.C.C.



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A jewel nestled in the heart of Sicily

Feudo Principi di Butera is located in the region of D.O.C. Riesi, in the Sicilian province of Caltanissetta. This beautiful ancestral property covers more than 320 hectares, 180 of which are planted with vines. The rest is covered by forests / groves, meadows, cereals, olive trees, almond trees and other agricultural products.

The history of Feudo Principi di Butera dates back to the 11th century, near the liberation of Sicily from the Saracen occupation (854 AD to 1089) by Norman Roger d'Altavilla. The history of the principality was then characterised by three great families in succession: the Santapau, the Bracinforte and the Lanza.

The Santapau held the Principi di Butera for two centuries before ceding it to the Bracinforte, a noble family originally from the Piacenza region. In 1543 King Philip of Spain then nominated Ambrogio Bracinforte as Lord of Principi di Butera, which remained the most important noble title in Sicily up until the 19th century.

"The Bracinforte dynasty became one of the most powerful in the history of Sicily and it is estimated that at the turn of the 18th century they owned what amounted to about ten percent of the entire island's income." The Bracinforte dynasty came to an end with the marriage of Stefania Bracinforte to Giuseppe Lanza, whose union brought together into one family dozens of titles, hundreds of manor houses, thousands of hectares of land and unbound riches. In 1997 the Zonin family, already owners of several properties in different Italian wine regions (Tuscany, Veneto, Friuli, Piemonte, Lombardy, Tuscany and Puglia), in Chile, in Virginia (USA) made the choice to extend their company in Sicilia. They bought this agricultural estate with the ambition to produce great Sicilian wines on this multi-millennial land. Let's go to meet Antonio Paolo Froio, general manager and oenologist of Feudo Principi di Butera.

Where does the name of the Winery come from?

Antonio Paolo Froio: The name Butera appears to have its origins in Re Bute, the first king of the Siculi, who along with the Sicani and Greek-colonisers, inhabited the strategically important southern central region of Sicily.

Principi di Butera belonged to the most prestigious Sicilian feudal domain once owned by the noble Branciforte and Lanza families. Ambrogio Branciforte was the first Prince of Butera. When the estate was acquired by the Zonin family in 1997, they wanted to celebrate the fascinating story of the property, naming it Principi di Butera (Princes of Butera).

What is your wine signature? I mean, what allows to recognize your wines in blind tasting?

A.P.F.: The main vine in Principi di Butera is the autochthonous Nero d'Avola, recognized worldwide as a symbol of the revival in Sicilian oenological traditions. The Nero d'Avola that grows in Principi di Butera is marked by an extraordinary aromatic elegance, elevated acidic properties and velvet-soft tannins, guaranteeing wines with extended longevity. I believe our wine signature is elegance, balance and a pleasant drinkability. Thanks to its unique characteristics, we were able to focus on the excellence of Nero d'Avola and to make extreme experimentations with it, producing not only elegant still red wines, but also an intense and mineral Chardonnay method (Neroluce) and a Classic Method, a noble blanc de noir Pas Dosé.

Why Did you choose to make wine / become a winemaker?

A.P.F.: When I was young, I was not fond of wine, but my beloved ones always told me about the charm and the pleasure of drinking wine. One day my dad opened a bottle of Cote Rotie Syrah and it intrigued me. I decided to learn more about this product of both nature and culture and I was enchanted by it. I graduated in Agriculture from the Faculty of Agriculture of Bologna in 2002 but then I dedicated myself to oenology: in 2005 I achieved a Master in Wine Business Management and in 2009 I obtained a second degree in Viticulture and Enology, too. After my studies, I wanted to expand my knowledge of the world of wine and I went abroad, working in Australia at Di Lusso Estate and then in California at Blossom Hill Winery. In 2005 I came back to Italy and worked in Franciacorta and Veneto. In 2016 I joined the Zonin Family in Sicily as Director in charge of Principi di Butera.

What make your terroir so specific?



A.P.F.: Principi di Butera benefits from a unique climate and an extraordinary terroir. The climate in Butera is mild with hot dry summers and rainfall of not more than 600 mm per year. Due to an altitude of between 300-350 metres above sea level, these hills benefit from broad fluctuations in day to night-time temperatures. In addition, there is constant air circulation due to breezes coming from the Mediterranean Sea. Concerning the soils, Butera has a great diversity in terms of composition. Surfaces are characterized by the presence of dark clays, marl referred to locally as 'trubi' and white calcareous rocks. Subsoil is composed with layers of salts, gypsum and sulphur, deposited from the Miocene epoch onwards (6 million

years ago), due to the evaporation of the waters of the Mediterranean sea.

Do you have an anecdote about the wine / winery?

A.P.F.: As I mentioned above, more than half of the surface area planted with vines in Principi di Butera is dedicated to the cultivation of Nero d'Avola. Clonal selection has led to the identification of 3 biotypes of this variety, A, B and C. Biotype A, cultivated in the central part of Sicily, where Principi di Butera is located, is the one expressing the best elegance and finesse. Thanks to this uniqueness, we were able to work on the challenging potential of the variety, both in its still red wine version and in its white sparkling one. At Principi di Butera, in fact, after exploring how Nero d'Avola could express freshness with Neroluce, the Chardonnay method of the estate, now we are launching the new Pas Dosé, that tells the aristocratic soul and the vocation to excellence of a Sicily of intense and austere beauty.

Do you have plans for your winery?

A.P.F.: We intend to give value to the autochthonous varieties of Principi di Butera, converting a lot of vines planted with International varieties to autochthonous ones. In addition to the enhancement of Nero d'Avola, we have another important focus, Syrah. I consider it an autochthonous Sicilian variety, because it was planted in this area centuries ago and found in Sicily the ideal place to grow.

Thanks to Antonio Paolo Froio. - J.C.C.

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TENUTA GORGHI TONDI

The chance to have the noble rot (*botrytis cinerea*) in Sicily

Tenuta Gorghi Tondi is a Sicilian family owned and operated winery. The domaine is located close to Mazara del Vallo, in south-western Sicily. It's extended over 130 hectares, 115 planted in vines and the rests for building, lands and 200 olive trees.

Currently the winery produces a range of 18 different wines as dry white (Grillo, Zibibbo...), red (Nero d'Avola, Syrah...), sparkling, sweet wine...blends and mono-varietal wines. That represents a total production of almost 800.000 bottles per year. Meeting with Annamaria and Clara Sala, co-owner of Tenuta Gorghi Tondi.

Why Did you choose to make wine / become a winemaker?

Annamaria Sala: My sister Clara and I belong to a family with a long tradition of viticulture, our great-grandmother was fascinated by the magic and unique atmosphere that characterizes the "Nature Reserve of Lake Preola and Gorghi Tondi lakes". A love for the vines and for the land that after a century, continues to nourish us, which we are also very passionate about.

Where does the name of the Winery come from?

A.S.: Gorghi Tondi are 3 small rounded lakes who are within the WWF Nature Reserve in Mazara del Vallo, where the winery and the vineyards are located. We decided to give this name to our Winery to get a stronger link between our Company and the nearby WWF Nature Reserve.

What is your wine signature?

A.S.: I would like to say: fruitiness, freshness and definitely the salinity, due to the constant ventilation coming from the proximity to the sea. We often say that ours is a real 'marine viticulture'

What make your terroir so specific?

A.S.: The terroir of the Gorghi Tondi is a karst landscape where the rain has over time eroded the soil (sandy, calcareous), creating few holes in the ground which after centuries, were filled up by the rains and underground aquifers. This terroir is not only suggestive and breathtaking, but gives the grapes a unique quality that only this terroir can offer. We are situated at an average height of 25 meters above sea level. This habitat is unique both in terms of its location and climate as well as its management and treatment of the land and complete respect for nature: we use clean energy to enable sustainable development both to meet our energy needs and to safeguard the local ecosystem."

Their love is dedicated to defending a unique wine-making and environmental heritage that the Salas safeguard today, to be in harmony with the environment and the fauna around the vineyards. "Our grandmother was fascinated by the local wild-flora and fauna (orchids, anemones, daisies, swamp Falcons, mallards, buzzards...) and by the unique atmosphere that characterizes the Nature Reserve of Lake Preola and Gorghi-Tondi.

Do you have an anecdote about the wine /winery?

A.S.: We produce a sweet wine deriving from a little two hectares vineyard overlooking the sea of Grillo grapes, affected by the "noble



rot" (*botrytis cinerea*). We are the sole producer in Sicily who has got the luck to have the development of *botrytis cinerea* in Sicily. Some particular climate conditions: first rains in September, humidity arriving from the sea and warm temperature, allow the development of the noble rot.

Only the berries affected by the *botrytis* are harvested in the second half of October by hand and then vinified. Then a 24 months ageing in new french oak barrel and another year refining in the bottles.

Of course if we don't have the right climate conditions to produce it (rain and humidity at the beginning of September) we don't produce this wine. (like in 2009 and 2013 vintages).

The anecdote is that we were about to dig up this vineyard just due to the fact that every year it was affected by this rot, unaware that it actually was the noble rot.

An agronomist, great connoisseur of the noble rot, one day during the harvesting period, with great surprise informed us the we were one of the luckiest producers of Sicily, having *botrytis* appear on our little vineyard.



Do you have plans for your winery?

A.S.: We want to stay focused on the importance of growing our sicilian native grapes and follow as much as possible our philosophy of sustainability.

Thank you to Annamaria Sala, Clara Sala and Ivan Gennuso for the interview and tasting - J.C.C.

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SAN SALVATORE 1988

"Our philosophy is to produce wines respecting nature and traditions and in our products carry the history and flavors of this land."

The Azienda Agricola San Salvatore 1988 is a family owned and operated winery located in Campania region, close to Paestum, in the heart of the Cilento National Park and very near the amazing island of Capri. A place rich in history and multi-millennial tradition.

The winery is located in the same area where the Ancient Greeks began the colonization of Magna Grecia and where they, for the first time brought Aglianico, Fiano and Greco grapes. Their vineyards were located in the same places where ours now are.

Historically the family business started to produce Buffalo cheese before producing wines. Wanting to stay environmentally friendly, to respect their terroir, their "soil"/heritage they launched, since the creation of the winery, a huge policy of CO2 reduction, recycling, no use of chemical products... and the use of Buffalo cow-dung to manage the vineyard. Currently San Salvatore 1988 is extended about 110 hectares, with 24 planted in vines. The rest is dedicated for olive groves, orchards, vegetable gardens, woodland... in order to maintain a natural balance in "our land".

Let's go get to know more about this great place. Meeting with Giuseppe Pagano, owner and creator of the winery and Charly Annes Vinuesa, winemaker of San Salvatore 1988.

Where does the San Salvatore name come from?

G.P. & C.A.V.: It comes from my father who use to produce wine in the Vesuvio area from 1963 to 1980 like my grandfather. Then my father use to commercialize grapes in the past in the Paestum area where my mother comes from. So they started with the properties of my mother producing 1000 quintals of grapes until 1974.

At that period me and my brothers decided to get into the tourism sector managing a hotel. Then, after a period spent in Tuscany at Rufino I understood the art of hospitality like another concept of tourism offering the inclusivity of wines. Because of that experience I had like a flashback, I went back to the period of my childhood. Then, I made the decision to plant and vinify the grapes by myself. Thinking on more deeply, as I've been a restaurateur- for years, I perfectly know if a chef wants a good plate he needs good ingredients. The same is true about wine: for a good one you need good grapes, difficult to find in the market. You have to produce it by yourself. So I decided to invest on Cilento area buying some hills also because I wanted to help growing the health of my region (I believed it has very good potential). I started in 2005 and lucky for me, my consultants have always made me proud of them. On the label I chose to introduce the figure of the buffalo because it's part of our economy, based mostly on mozzarella.

In Piemonte the Spinetta label is showing a rhinoceros for example. Another aspect is the quantities of manure buffalo is able to produce, still being useful to create compost for the soil. Even if at the beginning the idea was to put on the label some catchword reminiscent of the temples of Paestum, eventually we thought such an image had the danger to be geo localized outside Italy.

At the end we opted for a drawing esthetically close to the one made by the Greeks like the

ones found on the ancient jars. Nowadays we keep going with this visual on all our wine labels to make a storytelling of Cilento and get people curious who saw them not just in wines but in the all issues of the terroir.

What are the most important particularities of your terroir?

G.P. & C.A.V.: We are in the area of Paestum trying for twenty years to get into the market proposing our cultivars like Falanghina, Fiano, Greco and Aglianico brought 3 thousand years ago by the Greeks.

It all began thanks to two friends of mine in 1992 and 1995 by them willing to replant what we call today "indigenous" grape varieties. The job was hard because we are living in - wild nature and we had to deforest as to recreate the hills with the best exposition able to produce quality wines. The soil is rich of stones and clay but we find also rocks and part of schist even sandstone in some places; everywhere the results are very good. Our oenologist is Mr. Cottarella, he has always aimed to produce quality wines. In every process all the details are important for the final results, mostly for us willing to reach the best excellence as possible as to compete in the wine market. We bet on the sustainability and in the native cultivars vinified separately not used as in the past for blended wines. Aglianico for instance is one the best grapes we have for its complexity, longevity and structure.

What is the main characteristic that may define San Salvatore wine in a blind taste?

G.P. & C.A.V.: Very clean, with a good definition of style, good nose and a super drinkability. We are always looking for pleasure and salubrity. That's why we have worked with the University and Mr Cottarella to produce in the most natural way with no oxygen and no sulfites added. Thanks to these choices we have

noticed the best fragrances and explosion of the aromas on our wines.

What are your future projects?

G.P. & C.A.V.: We want to be looking at new great sites to produce wines. Today we have 75 hectares in different plots made with rocks, schists and red soils like in Provence. We are doing organic wine starting in the vines embracing the biodynamic rules. We have a very good oenologist and the only thing I must to do is give him the best grapes I can because he knows what to do.

Thanks to the Pagano family for their warm welcome - J.C.C.

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DOMAINE MONTBOURGEOU

"I'm a country girl, a terroir women! What I like is freedom."

Domaine Montbourgeo is a small family property located in AOC L'Etoile, in the Jura. When it was founded in the 1920s by the grandfather (Victor Gros) of the current owner (Nicole Deriaux), the Domaine Montbourgeo stretched over 8 hectares.

Today the property has 11 hectares of vineyards but also conserves green spaces (orchards, forests). Each year the estate produces around 50,000 bottles.

Let's go together to meet Nicole Deriaux...

Why did you choose to become a winemaker?

Nicole Deriaux: I studied oenology in Dijon thirty years ago, and then got a viticultural license. Subsequently I strengthened my skills in different houses (internships) then at Moët & Chandon. Then I wanted to go abroad but I was not allowed because at the time the big companies did not take the risk of sending young women out of France. So I only found work in a laboratory in France. I also worked for a vineyard of the Frontois where my hands were free, I could work there as if it were my home. Then my parents, who at that time had planted a lot of vines were a little overworked and asked me to come back. Which I did with my greatest pleasure.

It coincided with a moment in life when I was getting married and my husband was ready to come back with me to the Jura. We both wanted to be able to live with a lot of freedom in our work, with autonomy and raising our children in the countryside. We did not want to have a huge domain, rather human sized between 8 and 10 hectares. We wanted to both go to the vineyard, make the wine and sell it. Vignerons has always been a passion for us, which has left us little free time.

Where does the name of the property come from?

N.D.: The name 'Montbourgeo' does not come from the surrounding hills but is the name of a hamlet in our village. Indeed the name of the AOC L'Etoile is explained by the presence of 5 hills (Monterreaux, Mont-Augy, Mont-Morain, Montmuzard, Mont-Genezet) thus forming the points of a star whose village is the center. The latter is divided into three hamlets: the Chevalière, The Grappe and Montbourgeo.

Where does this famous red star come from, which is the characteristic logo of your property?

N.D.: The creation of our labels showing a red star dates from 1956 '1959'. They were created by a painter friend of my grandfather Victor Gros and my father Jean Gros.

If you had to define the property, its atmosphere and what the wine represents for you?

N.D.: This property is a place to live and work. We are very attached to this area because there is a spirit of freedom. Here we have space, a huge space. The property is lost in a valley of vineyards. I have a lot of childhood memories on the property. I even raised my kids here. Our domain is also a place of life where we receive our family and our customers. Some of them have become friends ... A wine estate is a place where wine is made but it's not just that ... There is the wine side (the tasting, the food and wine pairings) but also all the wine. human side (sharing, conviviality, laughter ...). For example during the grape

harvest we organize crust breaks. Montbourgeo is this alchemy: meetings, exchanges, moments lived together ... In short, simple moments. I think it's this simplicity that appeals to people and makes them feel good here.

How do you explain that so small a name is so recognized? How does it become the most famous AOC of the Jura?

N.D.: There is the AOC village, in 1937 our ancestors winemakers worked well, have presented their wines well for us to have the appellation.

There is in the wines of this AOC a real particular expression of chardonnays, thanks to our particular soil and our microclimate. I remain deeply convinced and I have always defended it!

After that it's true that we are lucky, there is also the name itself that can make you dream, "l'Etoile" is indeed a very nice word in itself.

Speaking about the terroir, could you tell us a bit about yours?

N.D.: In "The terroir of L'Etoile there is this configuration: the vines are on the hills and the real village is located in the hollow. There is this particular configuration in the form of a star, there are 5 hills surrounding the village which give it a slightly different climate. This is not a micro climate because it happens to us the same things as others but not at the same time. That is to say that we will have hail when others do not have hail, that we will freeze too but not necessarily at the same time. Personally I will not go so far as to say that one is lucky or that one has a microclimate, I have become prudent with age.

In our soil we often have a limestone layer with stony debris on which we find small fossils in the shape of a star. Yet it is the 5 hills that gave

the name of L'Etoile are not small fossils. They are also found in Sion near Nancy right on the ground. We have this crust that allows the soil to absorb water very easily. As you walk you will see that the earth (surface) is a very clear clay but also very dark gray. It is very typical of the AOC L'Etoile this layer of brown earth, with the clay / marl below.

What is the signature of the domain? What makes it possible to recognize them in blind tasting?

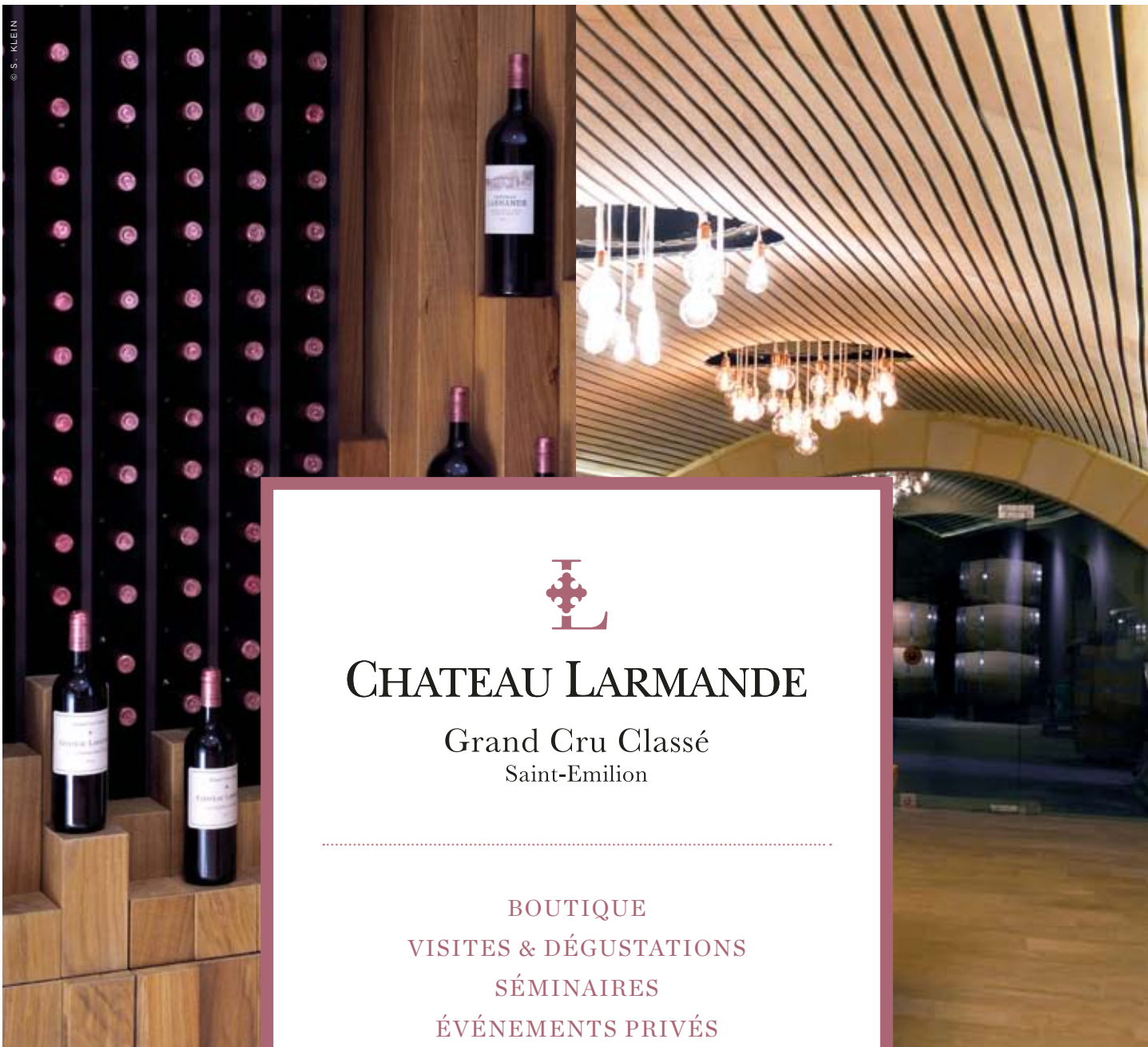
N.D.: Above all, I hope, each time, to be able to recognize them, but in tasting you must know how to remain humble. Already to recognize the AOC L'Etoile, it is first of all the typicality: it is wines that remain atypical with an oxidative edge but which are often elegant with a lot of finesse, elegance and minerality.

Regarding my wines I think I have exacerbated this minerality. It seems to me and my customers confirm that we always find this salty side, salted with a certain minerality. I also tried to bring forth the finesse and elegance of our wines of this beautiful appellation.

Thanks to Nicole Deriaux for her welcome. - J.C.C.



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"A beautiful property combining architecture, great terroir, respect for the environment and wine tourism. A property to follow!"

Château Soutard is an emblematic wine-growing estate of Saint-Emilion, awarded Grand Cru Classé status. The property covers 30 hectares and produces an average of 70.000 bottles each year. The history of Château Soutard goes back to Roman times when vines were already cultivated, some vestiges found on the spot attest to that. Like any property of the time it was not 100% devoted to the cultivation of the vines but managed in polyculture. However the first written records mentioning Soutard dates back to 1513 with the mention of the bourdieu (locality in Gascon dialect) of Mayne de Soutard, an area with a farm and a mill.

These buildings remained in place for a long time since it was not until 1741 that Jean Couture, notable of Saint-Emilion acquired this locality, razed the farm buildings and the mill to build the current "Maison de Maître" as we know it today. However, he did preserve, as evidence of the nobility of this place, the bread oven, the laundry and the dovecote of the time.

Subsequently Soutard was owned by the family Des Ligneris, famous local family, who participated greatly in the fame of the Château. In 2006, AG2R La Mondiale, a French social protection company and already owner of Château Larmande (since 1990), Château Grand Faurie La Rose (since 2005) and Château Cadet-Piola (since 2009) bought it. Let's go together to meet Château Soutard and Véronique Corporandy, cellar master of the estate.

Why did you choose to make wine?

Véronique Corporandy: *I think I've always wanted to do this job. I grew up in the vineyard, in the vineyards of Barsac, in Sauternes. This job has always been obvious to me even if I do not come from winegrowers parents.*

What I like about this job is that we are working on one of the rarest agricultural products where we can complete the loop. That is to say, we start by studying the soil, rooting the vine and then the plant itself. Then we will work on the maturities and then comes the work in the winery with different vinifications. After this long work comes the promotion, the education about its consumption then the sale. We therefore work the vine and its fruit from A to Z. The wine is a natural product which absolutely requires the intervention of man. Otherwise the grapes would be attacked by disease, eaten by birds and the wine would turn sour. There would be no wine. This is what I like about my job, this intervention of man on nature but for the sole purpose of magnifying it, without putting himself forward. It's fascinating. In the end it's a bit like a child to guide. I often think that every year has a new baby.

What is also fascinating is that wine is above all a product vector of conviviality, reflection, culture, exchange and meeting. It's a wonderful job!

Where does the name Château Soutard come from?

V.C.: *We did some research and it seems to come from the English Sout Hard. Indeed following the marriage of Eleanor of Aquitaine with the King of England all the duchy of Aquitaine, one of which was Guyenne, was reattached to the British crown. The region thus experienced English domination until the end of the 100 years war.*

What is the signature of Château Soutard? What makes it possible to recognize wine in blind tasting?

V.C.: *At first at the tasting we easily recognize the limestone plateau.*

These are wines in which there is wealth, a fresh side as well as a certain acidity that comes out. I would say that Soutard wines are a little more dense and a little more structured than others of the plateau. They are not in exuberance. Soutard's wines are broad, full and straight while offering a little wild side.

Our property base has changed in the past 15 years. There is a strong terroir identity, a common theme in all our vintages but also an evolution of the style of the wines. After all, we must remain at the service of our terroir!

I would add for my part that in recent years a lot of work on the subject has also been done. These are wines that offer good drinkability, race and freshness. These wines are not too woody, not concentrated too much and whose extractions have not been pushed too much.

Do you have an eco-friendly approach?

V.C.: *Yes, right now we are under HVE3 certification (High Value Environment Level 3). What is interesting in this labeling is that it is global. It takes as much into account the work in the vineyard, the work in the cellar as the protection of people too. It is not only about taking into account a phytosanitary notebook but a company as a whole.*

We also have a large agro-forestry project at Château Petit Faurie de Soutard (owns by the group). We will put in place a more global approach, more integrated into the environment. We would like to test alternative cultivation methods, rehabilitate hedges, corridors for animals, set up a market gardening project... We really want to make these eight hectares a laboratory of agronomy, recreate the fauna and flora, recreate a natural balance. We will also soon be creating an animal traction school here...

Soutard is one of the jewels of wine tourism on the right bank, could you tell us about this activity?

V.C.: *Wine tourism is a new activity for us. Before the purchase of the property we did not really set it up on our other Châteaux. We opened the shop and started to welcome people in 2011 which was quite pioneering for the time. Currently we welcome around 20,000 people a year. We are lucky to have a splendid tool for this activity. Indeed we are at the gates of Saint-Emilion, on a passing axis, the buildings are beautiful and the wines are good, everything is done to welcome the world. We propose different visits for the private individuals: visits in groups, private visits, customized visits, guest rooms... We also offer fun walks through the vineyard by foot or by bike. They are suitable for adults and also for the little ones.*

To complete this we would like in the near future to open a restaurant at Château Petit Faurie de Soutard.

What is the next big project for Château Soutard?

V.C.: *In recent years we have been devoted a lot to Château Soutard by investing a lot in infrastructures, vineyards and expansions. Our next big project is the filing for the new classification of Saint-Emilion. Château Soutard is already a Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé but we would like to apply to become Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé B. See you in 2022!*

Thanks to the Château team for the warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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TURLEY

DEFINING CALIFORNIAN CULTURE

If you're anything like me, you might have a complicated relationship with Zinfandel, one of love & hate. After all, it's not always well-done and I'm not even talking about the whole white Zin movement. I've always wanted to love it, but I've had such disappointment before. I was so happy when Christina Turley changed my mind and convinced me forever of the potential & value of this varietal, one of depth and history. When there's a sense of restraint, the varietal may shine through all that boldness & power.

Considered as the Zinfandel masters, The Turley family has been producing their quality-focused old-vines Zinfandels since 1993 when Larry Turley founded the estate. It all started from a strong love for old vineyards. At the very beginning, they only had 3 pieces of land and were making 6 different wines. Today, the production has grown significantly, with 50 vineyards all around California; 34 of which are 50 years old and 14 being centennial. By focusing on old vine vineyards in particular, Turley aims to both create and preserve California's unique winemaking culture. After all, California's wine culture is still young, and old vineyards are quite rare, but Zinfandel is a strong part of this culture. It may originate from Croatia under the unpronounceable name of Crljenak Kastelanski, but it chose California as its home. For Christina Turley it has a great importance and heritage that needs to be protected: "I think Zinfandel is the closest thing we have of a culture, of an identity."

So why is it so hard to make good Zinfandels? It's a grape varietal that needs to be made in the vineyard, not in the winemaking facilities. It has such an unstable, uneven maturity that each vineyard, each vines, each grape is different. In the same bunch, some berries might be shriveled while others are still bright green. This makes it hard to make balanced wines. That's why it's of

the utmost importance to know the vineyards, be attentive and reactive. If a grape starts to stunt, it needs to be harvested within 2 days only. Although it has its share of complication, it still is perfectly suited for the Californian climate. As the early ripening grape that it is, zinfandel is picked as early as August/September.

This means it's all done and cared for way before all the problems come (fire, heavy rain, floods, etc.) It just simply loves heat.

Turley is a true reference for World-class old vine zinfandels. Their quest to locate and preserve historic vineyards is admired & noble. Old vines are the key to Turley's success. They are the secret ingredient to make wines with remarkable intensity and layered concentration. They also have distinctive mineral character and lively acidity that is seldom found. It could be considered illogical and completely crazy on an economical basis. The vines have an insanely low yield; they produce only about two tons to the acres. In Napa standards, vines are usually pulled out at a quarter century, they could be compared to football players: useful in their youth but finished still a junior. Turley is looking for experienced golf players instead. The profitable status is only thanks to a wide fan community. They are considered an iconic estate. There is a two-year waiting list to buy the wines which are sold mostly directly to the consumer, 70 % direct sales are somewhat of a miracle, one that makes it all possible.

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TYRRELL'S WINES

A HUNTER VALLEY TRIBUTE

What if I told you, you can find decently priced, Chablis-styled, outstanding, hundred years old Chardonnay? You just have to turn to the Aussie side.

A pioneer of the Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest viticultural area, the historic estate of Tyrrell's wine continues to show the great potential of the hunter valley in terms of quality and age-worthy Semillon with astonishing wines that completely defy the consumer's general opinion of Australia. With their focus on some of the oldest vines in the world and some of the oldest soils in the world this makes a winning combination. The term new world might not be so adequate in this case, their first vintage being 1864. Today, Tyrrell's still sets the benchmark for this region, producing not just handcrafted & minimal intervention Semillons, but Chardonnays and Shirazes that are amongst the best if not the finest in the Hunter. I've had a complete blast with Mister Grant Bellvé, export manager for Tyrrell's Wines, a thoroughly entertaining & knowledgeable guy. It took every bit of my concentration to understand his strong, pronounced Kiwi accent, but it made the whole experience heavenly authentic.

Hunter valley is recognized for their very specific style of Semillon, rich & textured, with great acidity levels and lower alcohol levels. However, it's a very difficult area to grow grapes. The potential is only possible in the best conditions; the tension can easily be lost. Desperately hot and dry, while some see the hot climate as horrible, for Tyrrell, it just means they get flavor early and can also pick early. Just remember, the first vines in Hunter valley were planted back in 1828, it's less than a decade from turning 200 years old.

HVD

The oldest Chardonnay block in the world is owned by Tyrrell, the HVD planted in 1908. HVD stands for Hunter valley distillery which is the company that owned this vineyard. Upon purchased, the family decided to keep only the Semillon and Chardonnay grapes and pull the rest. Just imagine the look of these centenary vines.



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VAT 1

Vat 1 is maybe the most recognized wine of the estate. Bruce Tyrrell was responsible for Vat 1 being released as a five year old wine and thus for the recognition it got. The plot is the bit right in front of the winery planted in 1923. It wasn't until the end of the 80s that Bruce hid about a thousand bottles behind some Shiraz in the shed. He then started sneaking some of these aged bottles during international shows. That's when medals began to come.

There's a total of 11 blocks in Hunter that are reputed for their age and for being ungrafted, something even Europe can't claim. These are called by locals as the "Sacred sites". Tyrrell's got seven of them. The oldest block of Shiraz is called "four acres". These represent some of the rarest vines in the world. The vines there are first generation cuttings from the Hill of Hermitage (La Chapelle) from the Busby collection planted in 1867.

The Tyrrell's policy is simple, if the vineyard is over a hundred years old, it gets bottled on its own because it deserves to be.

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COLLINE TERAMANE

THE GEMS OF ABRUZZO

In most of the Italian regions it's very common to jump into traditional products like food and wines. It happens also in Abruzzo, a many-sided region producing a lot of very popular wines and oils. We are in a special terroir already appreciated during the Greek and Roman period where the green and wide hills are were the cradle of - fruits, unique ancient and cultural heritage of the human capabilities and vocations of the land, known as terroir. Indeed that was, since the beginning, the purpose of Consortium of Teramo Hills established in 2003.

It gathers forty companies spread over 1,500 Km² producing today a total of more than one million bottles. There is a local jewel of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. It is a red grapes varietal cultivated in the north of Abruzzo, in a special site influenced by the Gran Sasso peak, the Laga Mountains and the Adriatic coasts. These elements together form a unique microclimate able to give a peculiar organoleptic sensation you can feel in the wine named as Teramane Hills Montepulciano d'Abruzzo. This wine is the only DOCG of the area considered like a lighthouse. Here the producers were the first believers in the potential of the area working cleverly to promote the value of the restaurants and its recipes, aka the best wine partner. Besides that they introduced - the wine label the name of the spot (Teramo hills) before the name of the wine (Montepulciano). This choice has given the best synergy for the launch of this new challenge of Abruzzo wine makers.

The communication addressed both to wine lovers and operators expresses the quality of the wine, the style and the willingness to build a good brand value inclusive of fresh wines that are more drinkable, without missing the powerful structure especially in the riserva version. Colline Teramane represents also two other denominations: the Controguerra Doc and the Colli Aprutini Igt in which according to the disciplined, producers may also use inter-

national cultivars like chardonnay, cabernet, merlot, pinot noir, riesling and moscato.

All these cultivars contribute to the creation of the Abruzzo wine offered to enjoy at the table every day or on a special occasion, festivity or as an experience during a trip if you are a tourist.



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In every moment a glass of wine becomes a part of the discussion. Emotions and culture coexist in the taste. The terroir is showed in the wine. This is the aim and the image of this corner of Italy, willing to promote itself starting by the wine lists in restaurants as suggests the Italian journalist Antonio Paolini. The rewriting of the wine list means introducing the single areas (villages, crus and lieu dits) to enhance the non replicability of the soil and so of the wines, as happens for the most important wine world regions: Burgundy and Barolo. Furthermore to improve the values of the wines the consortium should reduce the bottling percentage of montepulciano outside of this region as to control better the supply chain and to keep the proper connection with its identity. The future of the well being of Terramane Hills is in the hands of all of the actors, the shareholders of the territorial heritage. Today we start to enjoy the results of this job counting the nice numbers of the labels exported abroad and some delicious modern wines made, very popular and appreciated both in the domestic and international markets. The wineries we most loved, especially in the more aged versions of Montepulciano are the ones made by Barba, Cantina Strappelli, Cantina Colonnella, Illuminati, Fattoria Nicodemi, Cerulli Spinuzzi and Emidio Pepe.

Erika Mantovan

THE HISTORY OF FREISA GRAPES

Freisa is one of the most ancient Piemontese grape varieties nowadays cultivated in more than one thousand hectares of surface. This ductile red cultivar has recently celebrated a history 500 years old, indeed looking at the historical sources in the area where it appeared for the first time was on the hill of Chieri not far from the Monferrato zone. This document is a customs tariff of the Pancalieri village dating back to 1517 describing freisa as one of the finest grapes. Then some wine writers and ampelographers such as Giovanni Battista Croce, Giuseppe Di Rovasenda and Count Nuvolone, mention freisa as a wine “unripe, dry and robust” present in two sub-varieties: a small and big one, (this last recognized then as another grape) always present in the hills close to the first Italian capital, Turin.

Besides that, Piemonte owes the spread of freisa to trade and consumption reasons by the noble Piemonte families with documents of the cultivation founded also in Neive (Langhe region) and in the Lu village (Monferrato). However the value and the popularity of the grapes increased thanks to the nice words spoken by Victor Puillat, a famous french ampelographer, who described that the wine tasted able to face with the best produced in Piemonte at the end of the eighteenth century. Freisa records a good period of prosperity during the Unification of Italy then drop because of the phylloxera crisis and the two world wars. Despite these events the cultivar has always been and it is still present on the hills surrounding Biella, Cuneo, areas of Asti and Pinerolo. According to the studies freisa is a rustic, strong and generous grape able also to contrast the frosts. Eventually it lives with the best confort on several kind of soils as long as it draining.

Furthermore as it happens in many other wine regions the style of wines can be different depending on the terroir. Actually the most important quirks of freisa is its capability to be a perfect base for the production of sparkling, still wines (vinified in inox or barrels) and sweets.

A multitasking grape marked by intense fragrances and aromas of juicy red fruits melted with spicy notes; the texture is very rich of tannins, a very distinctive trait that - brings the researchers to think about fresia as a relative of nebbiolo. Today we find freisa mostly in the area of Asti but also in Chieri with two different denominations established in 1973 recognizable by their structure and elegance developing with aging. Besides there is still present with a more gentle style in Langhe and crispy in Monferrato denominations. Which wineries of Piemonte do we enjoy the most? Balbiano, Tamburnin, Gilli, Vigneti Massa and Vajra.

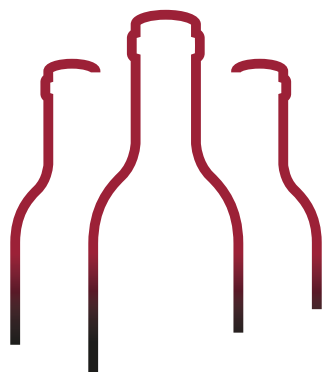
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CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE POYFERRÉ

THE PREFERRED POYFERRÉ !

The original domain of Léoville was divided into three shared parts. It owes its creation to Maître Jean de Moytié in 1663. It is one of the first wine estates founded in the great Médoc viticulture. Due to succession, there are now three estates that have been ranked second in the 1855 classification.

Without this sharing which gave less weight in the balance of the 1855 ranking, it is believed that a level of first would have been possible had it been ranked by itself. The Poyferré, heirs of one of the shares had to sell in 1865 because of the risky loans of the Russian railways.

The Cuveliers, a family of wine merchants from the north of France since 1804, has owned the castle since 1920. Out of the three parts of Léoville, Poyferré was not the favorite for a long time. Since the arrival of Didier Cuvelier, when looking for a great Saint-Julien, we know that we can refer to Poyferré. After a life dedicated to the service of the property, on August 1st, 2018, Didier Cuvelier passed the torch to Sara Le-compteCuvelier, his cousin.

In preparing this article, interview and photo, I could see in her a sharp mind, but without the arrogance often related to her function. She is down to earth which is rare in the world of classified growths. There is a spontaneity that goes well with the atmosphere prevailing on the property. A Cuvelier DNA that allowed Didier to transform this house with a top team to lead this still young thoroughbred.

Sarah, what is the genesis of your arrival at the head of the property?

This change of directing management was not done in a day. Wine is an integral part of my family history, since childhood I have woven emotional ties with Medoc. It rocked my holidays and honed my desire for coming back to it. I was gradually prepared to succeed Didier. My father joined me in the beginning of 2002 on the board of directors. This allowed me to do my classes, and especially to progressively gain the support of Didier as a potential successor. Then a family affinity choice naturally took place. Managing such an estate also means learning how to embrace complex issues: agricultural, oenological, managerial, strategic. At this point nothing is better than practice. I was lucky to be coached by Didier with whom we worked in tandem with me giving me time to take my mark.

How do you live this new life?

First of all I have the feeling of having integrated a top team, with all the momentum that Didier gave me to arrive at the quality of our wine. This is also a great family challenge: with my husband and our two children we settled in Bordeaux.

How would you describe the position of the property when you took in charge last year ?

We must see in the renaissance of Léoville Poyferré initiated by Didier as a strategic path that puts together all the fundamentals for the success of a grand cru classé. The complete reconfiguration of this second classified growth was carried out over a long period of time (40 years), quite recently and by the same person. In fact, the identity codes that have been added to it are a perfect compilation of iconic wine well established in modernity, and still remaining family owned.

What are the broad lines of action you will focus on?

I am positioning myself in the long-term perspective of managing a grand cru classé. More than just a winemaking tool, Didier has put in place a new philosophy where organic will eventually impose on the conventional. It already represents 20% of planted areas. I am completely in line with this plan. I want to continue to give a more societal response to the dynamics of our grand cru classé. In its ecosystem Léoville poyferré plays the card horizontally. I do not want to change the accessibility of our wine, which has regained its quality potential.

One of the first projects that I put in place was to meet all the actors of the distribution of our wines. In addition I have the immense luck to have started with a first exceptional vintage, the 2018. It is an exceptional Poyferré.

There is in the way Sarah speaks of her classified growth, an obvious equation between brand equity and sympathy capital.

Without breaking the codes, but with an obvious bias towards progress, the estate Leoville Poyferré indisputably moves away from the discomfort of a certain old school rigidity which lives on in many great estates. Sarah warmly embodies these values.

Loïc Siri

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ABOUT LOÏC SIRI

Born in the medoc, I am endiplomed "Wine Tasting" of the oenology Faculty of bordeaux. I spent part of my youth in a magical apprenticeship in some great classified growths: Chateau Lynch-Bage, Château Pichon Baron and Château Latour. I share my time between writing and lecturing on wine and making wine from our micro family estate in Pauillac. The wine is first the result of the taste of the one who made it.

Wines to discover...

Château Beychevelle

Château Beychevelle 2017 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, powerful, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as intensity [...]. The palate is well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful minerality, a fresh frame (beautiful freshness), tension, elegance, finesse, juiciness...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2005 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is powerful, racy, elegant and offers a fine grain as well as a beautiful balanced power. [...] The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, a mineral frame, a good definition, precision, a small straightness, a beautiful finesse/elegance, delicacy, a beautiful silky side, a very fine unctuousity as well as elegance...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2016 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, fresh and offers a beautiful racy power. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh blackberry, gravels [...]. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, a fine straightness, a fine tension, delicacy as well as gourmandize...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2003 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power. It reveals notes of very ripe strawberry, ripe blackberry [...]. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers richness, fat, a small freshness, tension, juiciness, a juicy/mineral frame as well as a small power...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2014 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fine, racy and offers precision. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild strawberry [...]. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/acidulous frame, generosity/richness, a good definition, precision, tension, a juicy/fresh fruit, freshness...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2013 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers power, a fine freshness as well as a small aromatic power. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh cassis, ripe/fresh Boysen berry [...]. The palate is fruity, beautifully fresh, elegant, well-balanced and offers precision, an acidulous/mineral frame...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2010 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully built, elegant, racy, complex and offers power, richness, freshness, complexity as well as a beautiful fine grain [...]. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, power/richness, elegance as well as juiciness...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2009 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, mineral and offers a fine power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and wild raspberry [...]. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers freshness, juiciness, a mineral frame (racy minerality), tension, precision, a good freshness, richness as well as a good definition...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2006 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power as well as a fine and very slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry [...]. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a juicy frame, tension, gourmandize, a beautiful freshness, power as well as precision...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 2000 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a freshness, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful power as well as a fine grain. [...] The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, beautifully elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandize, precision, a beautiful minerality/freshness, a beautiful finesse...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 1998 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, precise and offers a small aromatic power, a fine intense/incisif side as well as finesse. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry [...]. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful precision as well as an acidulous/juicy frame...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 1996 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers power, a certain finesse, complexity as well as a certain power. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe blackberry and small notes of juicy cassis [...]. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful juicy/acidulous frame, tension, fullness, silky, finesse, a certain richness, gourmandize, freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as complexity...

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Beychevelle 1986 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, powerful, precise and offers a beautiful grain as well as density. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of violet, Cuben pepper [...]. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, beautifully gourmand, precise and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous/juicy frame, a small frank side, complexity as well as richness [...]. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, juicy/acidulous raspberry and small touches of acidulous/juicy wild blackberry [...]. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A beautiful finish !

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Wines to discover...

Azienda Agricola Le Strette

Le Strette Nas-Cëtta 2018 del Comune di Novelo Langhe DOC

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a small richness/fleshiness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, honeysuckle and small notes of white fruits associated with a hint of lily of the valley and ripe/juicy orange. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good freshness, a small fat, a small crunchiness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of honeysuckle, lily of the valley/white iris and small notes of fleshy/fresh peach associated with touches of juicy/ripe green apple as well as fine hints of orange and very discreet hints of spices.



Le Strette Pasinot, Nas-Cëtta 2017 del Comune di Novelo Langhe DOC

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers a small juiciness, precision as well as straightness. It reveals notes of honeysuckle, lily of the valley and small notes of fresh rose associated with small touches of fresh/crunchy peach, fresh citrus as well as very discreet hints of fresh kumquat and fine hints of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral/acidulous frame, tension, precision, deepness as well as a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh vine peach, rose and small notes of honeysuckle [...]. Good aromatic persistence. Very discreet toasted hints on the persistence.

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Le Strette 2018 Dolcetto d'Alba DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, freshness as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, cassis and small notes of fleshy violet plum associated with small touches of cherry as well as fine touches of liquorice and very discreet hints of peony (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small juiciness, a fine tension, minerality, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of violet plum [...]. Good length and a good persistence. Sapidly on the finish. There is an imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the aftertaste.

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Le Strette Persole 2017 Barbera d'Alba Superiore DOC

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy violet plum and small notes of wild small red berries associated with a touch of Bigarreau cherry, fine hints of tonka bean, local grove/sense of the place as well as very discreet hints of spices, a subtle hint of Cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, a small straightness, gourmandize, fullness, a good volume as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of liquorice, chocolate associated with small touches of Bigarreau cherry, [...]. Good persistence on touches of acidulous fruits as well as very discreet hints of toasted.

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Le Strette Bergera - Pezzole 2014 Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power/racy structure as well as minerality. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, fresh wild raspberry and small notes of fresh/ripe blackberry associated with small touches of Cuben pepper, spices as well as discreet hints of violet, thyme flowers and an almost saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, tension, a good structure, freshness, precision, a good structure, a very discreet softness as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy wild cassis, juicy/ripe small red fruits and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with fine hints of sense of the place, spices and a very discreet hint of grove. Tannins are elegant and structuring. There are fine hints of chocolate, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut on the finish/persistence (bring gourmandize).



Le Strette Corini - Pallaretta 2015 Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a certain complexity as well as a beautiful finesse in its power. It reveals notes of cherry, red berries and small notes of violet/dry rose associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as a very fine hint of nutmeg/spices, fleshy/juicy violet plum and very discreet hints of grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension, a small fleshiness/richness, gourmandize, power, a beautiful finesse of the grain, flesh, minerality, complexity, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy plum and small notes of fleshy/juicy red berries associated with small touches of dry violet, liquorice stick, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of laurel, balsamic and toasted almond. Good length. There is a subtle hint of toasted/vanilla/caramelization on the finish (bring gourmandize). Very beautiful sapidity on the finish. A very discreet saline hint on the finish. A very beautiful persistence.



Le Strette Bergera - Pezzole 2015 Barolo

The nose is power, elegant, racy and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, ripe raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of balsamic, flowers (violet, discreet hints of peony), fine touches of liquorice stick/zan, discreet hints of Cuben pepper/green pepper, balsamic as well as a hint of cardamom and fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely on the hold and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, a mineral frame, a small richness, precision, freshness, a beautiful structure, complexity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of zan, grove/sense of the place as well as subtle hints of green pepper, cardamom, a subtle hint of fresh nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are elegant and a bit more marked than on the previous vintage. There are very discreet toasted hints, caramelized almond and a discreet touch of toasted hazelnut on the finish. Chews, sapidity and gourmandize on the finish. There is a discreet hint of fresh almond on the aftertaste.



WHAT DOES WINE

Emanuela Bolla

Co-owner and winemaker of Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno (Piemonte)

Wine is the enthusiastic soul of the ones who produce it, the ones who know how to gather and transmit the authenticity of the land from which they come.

Wine is my life, I know it might seem trivial, but it's true. The wine contains and represents everything I care about most: it is my family, it is my home, it is the story of my family and our territory where I was born.



"Each vintage is different then at the end of a harvest, you must remember to start a new vintage as if it were the first. You must never take anything for granted."

My grandfather always used to tell me "to become a good winemaker you must remember to always be humble, respectful but in particular curious in the vineyard."

So every harvest, every moment to get to it is unique emotion for me. Without a doubt, 2016 was an important year: I realized that I could manage the vineyard and in particular the harvest with autonomy, to I saw the satisfied eyes of my family. I felt the harvest even more mine. Without, however, forgetting that one must never stop learning ...

Photo Sara Remington



Fabio Sireci

Owner & winemaker of Feudo Montoni (Sicily)

It is to "play" with the time... It's extremely exciting to walk in the past, create in the present and dream for the future... every year, every harvest, every tasting, your mind and your soul run around investigating, understanding, thinking, dreaming on the terrace of time of your life... from the written notes of a visit to Feudo Montoni of 1550 by Andrea Bacci, to tasting notes written by my grandfather at the end of the nineteenth century, or from my father's advice of the twentieth century, to the harvests made and which, as soon as they have already been concluded, are a laboratory of ideas on what to do in the next harvests of the future.

"Wine is the sublimation of the essence of creation."

Everything starts from the earth. The earth is woman and mother and everything starts from her. Everything is power and it is in her. If you love her, you take care of her, you are always beside her, you realize that she delicately succeeds in transferring to the man what he does not see, he does not bear: Wine is the tip of a turntable that transfers sounds and emotions from a rigid vinyl record to the deep soul of the listener. Bach, Beethoven, Mozart of a record intertwine with aromas of cherries in alcohol, notes of tobacco, essences of bergamot, a glass, musical notes and notes of licorice or mint intertwine in a marvelous orchestra in which the winemaker is the only one the orchestra conductor... only tries to put one after the other... the notes on a pentagram... but everything was already created, everything was already in her...

MEAN TO YOU ?



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Damien Barton Sartorius

Brand ambassador & co-owner of Vignobles Barton

Wine for me is memories, it is current life and it is a futur that keeps my mind wondering along.

"Wine is our family history and is also a way of life for all the people who are around us daily, it's our life."

Memories with family: When my mother made me taste a Lafitte Rothschild on a 31st of December at the age of 10 (maybe younger?!). My Grand Father who would come every Sunday Lunch with a bottle of wine that would be blind tasted; most often guessed with higher success when I would think about his last trip. It could be a modest Egyptian wine up to the impressive Screaming Eagle or family wines... it could be anything! It's also childhood memories, starting by picking three bunches of grapes before deciding that the tractor was a lot more fun. The workers at the Chateau where closer to me of an enlarged family than

of employees. Three quarters of them saw me born and grow up. It's a chance that I cherish immensely.

I am still young but wine is all my life because its also the case for my sister Mélanie, my mother Lilian and for my Grand Father Anthony. Wine is also current life where I am lucky to walk in the huge steps shaped by the previous generations. A big pressure of course, but what a chance I have to have as a daily trafic the tractors going to the vineyard, morning sunrises on a white frost in winter, the indescribable excitement the eve before harvest...

Finally, its constant questions regarding the futur of family, consumption, technical and environmental aspects which could be resumed in one question: « and what is next? ».

Guillaume Pouthier

Winemaker of Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion

"Wine is a colorful hydro-alcoholic solution that is not obligatory in our life but can create exceptional moments in our existence. "

These moments can become unique if they are shared with others... The wine crosses – generations, accommodates beliefs, surpasses the strongest symbols. It is a sign of joy, well-being and gathering. A ½ bottle, even more so a bottle and even a magnum has within it the complex alchemy between man and his place. It is very difficult to tame and reproduce this alchemy, as it can surprise us! But nothing is more beautiful than when the consumer discovers and feels inside him, the often complex vision of the winemaker. In the end, the winemaker does not just try to set to music a score that he does not know but in which he discovers the notes over the growing season. What a challenge! The culmination is just a biological transformation of a grape juice into a nectar that will each have to attain its true value. We are talking about VIN !!

For me, to date one of the greatest wine emotions was a bottle of cathelin 1991. This bottle was perfection... How the winemaker was able to gather in the same bottle all this aromatic complexity, texture and structure, this finesse, this elegance and balance... Bravo Mr Chave !!!



Photo Phil Labeguerie

TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

- SAUTERNES ET BARSAC -

L'Extravagant de Doisy-Daëne
Sauternes-Barsac

Score
18.5
97-100

Château Coutet
Sauternes - Barsac
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18
96-100

Clos Haut Peyraguey
Sauternes
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5
95-100

Château Sigalas-Rabaud
Sauternes
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château La Tour Blanche
Sauternes
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château Doisy-Daëne
Sauternes-Barsac
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château de Rayne Vigneau
Sauternes
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey
Sauternes Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château Rabaud-Promis
Sauternes
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château Suduiraut
Sauternes
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château d'Arche
Sauternes
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94-100

Château Suau
Sauternes
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94-100

Château Haut-Bergeron
Sauternes

Score
16.5
93-100

Château Caillou
Sauternes
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93-100

Château Doisy Védrières
Sauternes
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.25+
93-100



- PESSAC - LÉOGNAN -

Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
20
100-100

Château Haut-Brion
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
20
100-100

Château Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
18.75+
98-100

Château Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.75
97-98-100

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.25
96-97-100

Château Smith Haut Lafitte
Pessac-Léognan

Score
18
96-100

Château Pape Clément
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18
96-100

Domaine de Chevalier
Pessac-Léognan
Cru Classé

Score
18
96-100

Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
17.75
95-96-100

Château Malartic Lagravière
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru classe

Score
17.5
95-100

Château Pape Clément
Pessac-Léognan

Score
17.5
95-100

Domaine de Chevalier
Pessac-Léognan
Cru Classé

Score
17.25+
95-100

Château Haut-Bailly
Pessac-Léognan

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château Carbonnieux
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château Malartic Lagravière
Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classe

Score
17
94-100

Château Carbonnieux
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Le Clarence de Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
17
94-100

Château Couhins
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château Larrivet Haut Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.75
93-94-100

● Sweet white ● Dry white ● Red

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SECOND GRAND CRU CLASSÉ MARGAUX



A FEW 2ND CRU CLASSÉ DESERVE TO BECOME FIRST

«The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with small touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, discreet hints of spices as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness, a mineral frame, precision, tension as well as concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with small touches of fleshy/juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of violet, discreet hints of espresso, cocoa/mocha, very discreet hints of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of grilled (in the background). Tannins are well-built, precise and very finely firm. Good length.»

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SECOND GRAND CRU CLASSÉ MARGAUX

TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château Olivier
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Palmer
Margaux
Grand Cru Classé

Score
19
98-100

Château Kirwan
Margaux
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château Léognan
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Rauzan-Ségla
Margaux
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18+
96-97 100

Pavillon du
Château Margaux
Margaux

Score
17
94-100

Le C des Carmes
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Brio de Cantenac Brown
Margaux

Score
17
94-100

Château Larrivet
Haut Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Rauzan Gassies
Margaux Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château Olivier
Pessac-Léognan
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château du Tertre
Margaux Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

La Clareté
de Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Giscours
Margaux Cru Classé

Score
16.75+
94-100

L'Aura de Cambon
La Pelouse
Margaux

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Domaine de la Solitude
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.5
93-100

Château Cantenac
Brown
Margaux Grand Cru Classé

Score
18+
96-97 100

Château de Rouillac
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château Dauzac
Margaux
Cru Classé

Score
17.5
95-100

Château Marquis
d'Alesme Becker
Margaux Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Couhins
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château D'Issan
Margaux
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Château Ferrière
Margaux Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château
Lespault-Martillac
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château Prieuré Lichine
Margaux Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château de Rouillac
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Lascombes
Margaux
Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95 100

Château Desmirail
Margaux Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93-100

La Chapelle de
la Mission Haut-Brion
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château
Bellevue de Tayac
Margaux

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château
Lespault-Martillac
Pessac-Léognan

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Le Créateur
Margaux

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château La Galiane
Margaux

Score
16.25+
93-100

Gassies
Margaux

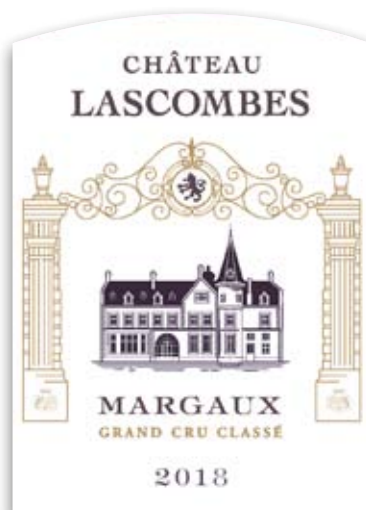
Score
16.25+
93-100

Château La Gurgue
Margaux

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château Margaux
Margaux
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

Score
20
100-100



- MARGAUX -

CHATEAU
Bellefont-Belcier
GRAND CRU CLASSE
SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU



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TOUR SAINT CHRISTOPHE
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TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Charmes de Kirwan
Margaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Marojallia
Margaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Siran
Margaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Les Hauts du Tertre
Margaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Saint-Pierre
Saint-Julien
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5
95 100

Château Lagrange
Saint-Julien
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Château Talbot
Saint-Julien
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95 100

Le Petit Lion
Saint-Julien

Score
17
94 100

Amiral de Beychevelle
Saint-Julien

Score
17
94 100

Château Langoa-Barton
Saint-Julien
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Moulin Riche
Saint-Julien

Score
16.75
93-94 100

La Croix
Ducru-Beaucaillou
Saint-Julien

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Clos du Marquis
Saint-Julien

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Lalande-Borie
Saint-Julien

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Gloria
Saint-Julien

Score
16.5
93 100

Connetable de Talbot
Saint-Julien

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Les Fiefs de Lagrange
Saint-Julien

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château
Pichon Comtesse
Pauillac Grand Cru Classé

Score
19.5
99 100

Château Pontet Canet
Pauillac
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.5
97 100

Château
Mouton Rothschild
Pauillac 1er Grand Cru Classé

Score
18+
96-97 100

Carruades de Lafite
Pauillac

Score
18
96 100

Château
Pichon Baron
Pauillac Cru Classé

Score
17.75
95-96 100

Château Lynch-Bages
Pauillac
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25+
95 100

Les Forts de Latour
Pauillac

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Château Duhart-Milon
Pauillac Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Château Haut-Batailley
Pauillac
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Réserve de la Comtesse
Pauillac

Score
17+
94-95 100

Château
Haut-Bages Libéral
Pauillac Cru Classé

Score
17
94 100

Le Petit Mouton de
Mouton Rothschild
Pauillac

Score
16.75+
94 100

Château Croizet Bages
Pauillac Cru Classé

Score
16.75+
94 100

Les Griffons
de Pichon Baron
Pauillac

Score
16.75+
94 100

Le Pauillac de Latour
Pauillac

Score
16.75
93-94 100



- SAINT-JULIEN -

Château
Léoville-Poyferré
Saint-Julien Grand Cru Classé

Score
19
98 100

Château Beychevelle
Saint-Julien
Grand Cru Classé

Score
19
98 100

Château
Ducru-Beaucaillou
Saint-Julien Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.25+
97 100

Château Leoville-Barton
Saint-Julien
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.25+
97 100

Château
Brancaire-Ducru
Saint-Julien Grand Cru Classé

Score
18
96 100

Château
Léoville Las Cases
Saint-Julien Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.75+
96 100

Grand Vin
de Château Latour
Pauillac Grand Cru Classé

Score
20
100 100

Château
Lafite Rothschild
Pauillac Grand Cru Classé

Score
20
100 100

- PAUILLAC -

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TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château Clerc Milon
Pauillac
1er Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Verso de Haut Batailley
Pauillac

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Pedesclaux
Pauillac Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse
Pauillac Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Tour Sieujan
Pauillac

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Pibran
Pauillac

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château d'Armailhac
Pauillac
1er Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.25
92-93 100

- SAINT-ESTÈPHE -

Château Cos d'Estournel
Saint-Estèphe
Grand Cru Classé

Score
20
100 100

Château Montrose
Saint-Estèphe

Score
18+
96-97 100

Château Lafon-Rochet
Saint-Estèphe
Cru Classé

Score
17.5+
95-96 100

Château Phelan Segur
Saint-Estèphe

Score
17.5
95 100

La Dame de Montrose
Saint-Estèphe

Score
17.25+
95 100

Château Meyney
Saint-Estèphe

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Pagodes de Cos
Saint-Estèphe

Score
17
94 100

Château Tronquoy-Lalande
Saint-Estèphe

Score
17
94 100

Château Cos labory
Saint-Estèphe
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Haut-Marbuzet
Saint-Estèphe

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château de Pez
Saint-Estèphe

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Tour des Termes
Saint-Estèphe

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Le Crock
Saint-Estèphe

Score
16.5
93 100



Château Ormes de Pez
Saint-Estèphe

Score
16.25
92-93 100

- SAINT-ÉMILION -

La Mondotte
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
2e Grand Cru Classé B

Score
20
100 100

Château Figeac
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
20
100 100

Château Tertre Roteboeuf
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
19.5
99 100

Château Angelus
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé A

Score
19.25+
99 100

Château Croix de Labrie
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
19.25
98-99 100

Château Pavie
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
19.25
98-99 100

Château Canon
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
19.25
98-99 100

Château Cheval Blanc
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé A

Score
18.75
97-98 100

Château Sansonnet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.5+
97-98 100

Château Canon La Gaffelière
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
18.5+
97-98 100

Château Pavie-Macquin
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
18.5
97 100

Château Beauséjour Héritiers Duffau-Lagarrosse
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
18.5
97 100

Château Bélair-Monange
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
18.5
97 100

Château Valandraud
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé

Score
18.5
97 100

Château Ausone
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé A

Score
18.25
96-97 100

Château Ripeau
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
18
96 100

Clos Fourtet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
18
96 100

Château Rauzan-Gassies

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TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château La Gaffelière
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
18
96-100

**Château
Beau-Séjour Bécot**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.75+
96-100

Clos Dubreuil
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.75
95-96-100

**Château
Bellevue-Mondotte**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.75
95-96-100

**Château Tour Saint
Christophe**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.5+
95-96-100

Château Soutard
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5+
95-96-100

Château Corbin
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5+
95-96-100

Château Fleur Cardinale
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5
95-100

Château Soutard-Cadet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.5
95-100

Virginie de Valandraud
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.5
95-100

La Chapelle d'Ausone
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.5
95-100

- SAINT-ÉMILION -

**Château Balestard La
Tonnelle**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.5
95-100

Château Pavie-Decesse
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25+
95-100

Couvent des Jacobins
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25+
95-100

**Château
Mangot Todeschini**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château de Pressac
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château Pierre 1er
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château Fonplégade
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château Larmande
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château Villemaurime
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Le Petit Cheval
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château La Clotte
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château Badette
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17+
94-95-100

Clos des Jacobins
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château La Couspaude
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

**Château
Grand Corbin-Despagne**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17+
94-95-100

Château Jean Faure
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Chapelle de Labrie
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17
94-100

Château Dassault
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

**Château Balestard
La Tonnelle**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Clos Badon
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17
94-100

Château La Voute
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17
94-100

Arômes de Pavie
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
17
94-100

Château Grand Corbin
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château Guadet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Château La Serre
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

Clos La Madeleine
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
17
94-100

**Château
Bellefont-Belcier**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75+
94-100

**Château
Grand Corbin Manuel**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.75+
94-100

Château Laroze
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94-100

Petit Faurie de Soutard
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.75
93-94-100

TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château Péby Faugères
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Faugères
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Château La Marzelle
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château La Dominique
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Destieux
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Patris Querre
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Bellevue
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Quinault l'Enclos
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5
93 100

Clos Saint-Julien
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Le Carillon d'Angélus
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Gracia
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5
93 100

Lynsolence
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Berliquet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Le Prieuré
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

N°3 d'Angélus
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Clos de Sarpe
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Roc de Boisseaux
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Bernateau
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Monbousquet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Clos Saint Martin
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Château La Tour Figeac
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château La Commanderie
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Grand Corbin Manuel
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Saint-Georges Cotes Pavie
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru-
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Les Grandes Murailles
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château Jean Voisin
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Puy-Blanquet
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Franc Mayne
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château de Ferrand
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

- SATELLITES SAINT-ÉMILION -

Château Mangot
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Moulin Saint-Georges
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château Clos de Boüard
Montagne Saint-Emilion

Score
17
94 100

Château Larcis Ducasse
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
1er Grand Cru Classé B

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Simard
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château Cap St Georges
Saint-Georges Saint-Emilion

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château Pindefleurs
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Roc de Candale
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château La Diligente
Puisseguin Saint-Emilion

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Fombrauge
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Grand Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Muse du Val
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

- POMEROL -

Château Magrez Fombrauge
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Plince
Pomerol

Score
19+
98-99 100

Château L'Evangile
Pomerol

Score
19
98 100

Château La Conseillante
Pomerol

Score
19
98 100

TOP 300 Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château La Fleur Pétrus
Pomerol

Score
18.75
97-98/100

Château Latour à Pomerol
Pomerol

Score
17.5
95/100

Château La Clémence
Pomerol

Score
17
94/100

Château Trotanoy
Pomerol

Score
18.5+
97-98/100

Château Lafleur-Gazin
Pomerol

Score
17.25+
95/100

Château Bourgneuf
Pomerol

Score
17
94/100

Château La Grave
Pomerol

Score
17.75+
96/100

Château Mazeyres
Pomerol

Score
17.25
94-95/100

Château Beauregard
Pomerol

Score
16.75+
94/100

Château Hosanna
Pomerol

Score
17.75+
96/100

Château Certan de May
de Certan
Pomerol

Score
17.25
94-95/100

Enclos Tourmaline
Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94/100

Château Lagrange
Pomerol

Score
17.5+
95-96/100

Château Vray Croix de Gay
Pomerol

Score
17+
94-95/100

Blason de L'évangile
Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94/100

Château Clinet
Pomerol

Score
17.5
95/100

Château Nenin
Pomerol

Score
17
94/100

Château Feytit-Clinet
Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94/100

Château Gazin
Pomerol

Score
17.5
95/100

Château Le Gay
Pomerol

Score
17
94/100

Château Rouget
Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94/100

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TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Clos du Clocher
Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château de Viaud
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Clos de la Vieille Eglise
Pomerol

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

L'Ambroisie
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château La Création
Pomerol

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Clos Lunelles
Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
17+
94-95 100

Château Vieux Maillet
Pomerol

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Domaine de L'Aurage
Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
17+
94-95 100

Château
Le Bon Pasteur
Pomerol

Score
16.5
93 100

Château La Brande
Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Clos 56
Pomerol

Score
16.5
93 100

Domaine de l'A
Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château La Pointe
Pomerol

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château Joanin Bécot
Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Monregard
La Croix
Pomerol

Score
16.25+
93 100

- FRONSAC & CANON FRONSAC -

Château La Dauphine
Fronsac

Score
17
94 100

Château La Cabanne
Pomerol

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Moulin
Haut-Laroque
Fronsac

Score
16.75+
94 100

Château Porte-Chic
Pomerol

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Fontenil
Fronsac

Score
16.5+
93-94 100

Château Saint Pierre
Pomerol

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Plain-Point
Fronsac

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Bellegrave
Pomerol

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Dalem
Fronsac

Score
16.25+
93 100

- LALANDE DE POMEROL -

Plus de La Fleur de
Boüard
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
17.5
95 100

Château La Rousselle
Fronsac

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château De Bel-Air
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
17+
94-95 100

Château Vrai Canon
Bouché
Canon Fronsac

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château La Fleur de
Boüard
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
17
94 100

Château Siaurac
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
17
94 100

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- MÉDOC & HAUT-MÉDOC -

Goulée by Cos d'Estournel
Médoc

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Cantemerle
Haut-Médoc
Cru Classé

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Malescasse
Haut-Médoc

Score
16.5
93 100

Château Cambon
La Pelouse
Haut-Médoc

Score
16.25+
93 100

L'Orme de
Rauzan-Gassies
Haut-Médoc

Score
16.25+
93 100

Château Fourcas Hosten
Listrac Médoc

Score
16.25
92-93 100

Château Sénéjac
Haut-Médoc

Score
16.25
92-93 100

- OTHER BORDEAUX -

Le Défi de Fontenil
Vin de France

Score
18
96 100

Roc de Cambes
Côte de Bourg

Score
17.25+
95 100

Balthus
Bordeaux Supérieur

Score
17.25
94-95 100

Domaine de Cambes
Côte de Bourg

Score
17
94 100

Château Fieuzal
Graves

Score
17
94 100

Château Haut Selve
Graves

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Château de Reignac
Bordeaux Supérieur

Score
16.75
93-94 100

Clos Dubreuil
Chardonnay
Vin de France

Score
16.5
93 100

TOP 300

Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château de Renon
Cadillac

Score
16.5
93-100

Croix de Labrie
Stella Solare
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17.5
95-100

Château La Grande
Clotte
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.5
93-100

Château de Chantegrive
Cérons

Score
16.25+
93-100

Ailes d'Argent
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17.5
95-100

Blanc de Lynch-Bages
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.5
93-100

Château de Cérons
Cérons

Score
16.25+
93-100

Château de Reignac
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17.25+
95-100

Château Monbousquet
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.5
93-100

Château Chantegrive
Cuvée Caroline
Graves

Score
16.25+
93-100

Opalie de
Château Coutet
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17.25
94-95-100

Château Fonréaud
Le Cygne
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.5
93-100

Parcelle Siri
Vin de France

Score
16.25
92-93-100

Château Talbot
Caillou Blanc
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17
94-100

Château Lafaurie
Peyraguey
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.25+
93-100

- BORDEAUX BLANC -

Pavillon Blanc du
Château Margaux
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
18.75
97-98-100

Clos des Lunes
Lune d'Or
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17
94-100

Château Magrez
Fombrauge
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.25+
93-100

Alto de Cantenac Brown
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
18.25+
97-100

S de Suduiraut
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
17
94-100

Pagodes de Cos
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.25
92-93-100

Cos d'Estournel
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
18.25
96-97-100

Virginie de Valandraud
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.75+
94-100

Blanc de Valandraud
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16.25
92-93-100

● Sweet white ● Dry white ● Red

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COUPS de CŒURS

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Labastide Dauzac
Margaux

Score
16+
92-93/100

Loudenne Le Château
Médoc

Score
15.5+
91/100

Château Cantinot
Blaye Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
15.75
91-92/100

Loudenne Le Château
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
15.25+
90-91/100

Château Doyac
Haut-Médoc

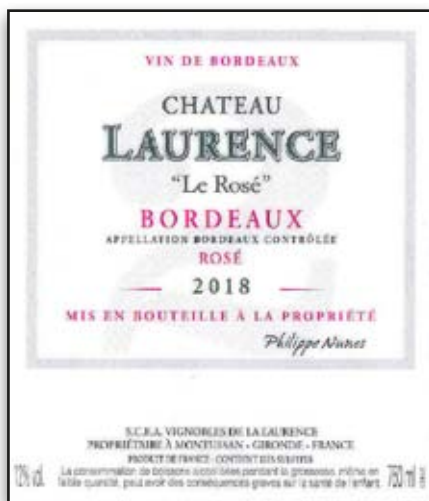
Score
15.5+
91/100

Château Lestage -
La Mouette
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château du Cros
Loupiac

Score
16+
92-93/100



Château Laurence
Le Rosé
Bordeaux Rosé

Score
15.75
91-92/100

Château Cissac
Haut-Médoc

Score
15.75
91-92/100

Château Poitevin
Médoc

Score
15.5+
91/100

Château Roquegrave
Médoc

Score
15.75
91-92/100

Château Haut-Peyrous
Graves

Score
16
92/100

Château Perron
Lalande-de-Pomerol

Score
15.5+
91/100

Le Blanc d'Aiguilhe
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16
92/100

Château Monlot
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16+
92-93/100



Sweet white



Dry white



Red



Rosé



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Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

Château La Grande
Clotte - L'Envolé
Lussac Saint-Emilion

Score
15.75+
91-92/100

Château de Lussac
Lussac Saint-Emilion

Score
15.75+
91-92/100

Le Clos du Beau-Père
Pomerol

Score
16
92/100

M de Mangot
Vin de France

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château Soudars
Haut-Médoc

Score
15.75
91-92/100

Château Haut-Brisson
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château Mauvesin-Barton
Moulis-en-Médoc

Score
16+
92-93/100



Château Ascension
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château Beynat -
Cuvée Léonard
Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

Score
15.25
90/100

Château Franc La Rose
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château d'Agassac
Haut-Médoc

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château Trapaud
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Score
15+
89-90/100

Noaillac - Prestige
Médoc

Score
16+
92-93/100

Heritage La tour de By
Médoc

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château Laurence
Bordeaux Blanc

Score
16+
92-93/100

Château Thieuley -
Cuvée Francis Courselle
Bordeaux Supérieur

Score
16
92/100

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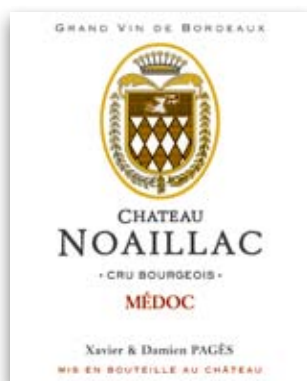
Selection

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Château Noaillac 2018

Médoc

The nose is powerful, spicy, aromatic and offers a fine and finely tight grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of cherry/red fruits associated with very fine touches of graphite, cardamom and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of juicy/fresh red fruits associated with small touches of toasted, liquorice and a subtle hint of toasted almond. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of hazelnut on the finish. A beautiful and gourmand finish.



Château du Perier 2018

Médoc

The nose is quite aromatic and offers a fine concentration/power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of Bourbon vanilla associated with fine touches of flowers, fleshy strawberry and very fine hints of toasted and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, precise, frank, finely tight, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension and a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh red berries and small notes of flowers associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, crunchy blackberry, varieties and very discreet hints of toasted/chocolate. An imperceptible hint of vanilla on the finish.



Château Roquegrave 2018

Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a small power/concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe/crunchy berries associated with small touches of violet, grilled bread and very fine hints of violet and subtle hints of sweet spices, liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension, a good definition, juiciness, freshness and precision as well as a good persistence. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, pulpy/juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy small red berries associated with small fine touches of cherry as well as fine hints of violet/cornflower and very fine hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of cardamom and tea. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A beautiful wine.



Château l'Or des Terres 2018

Médoc

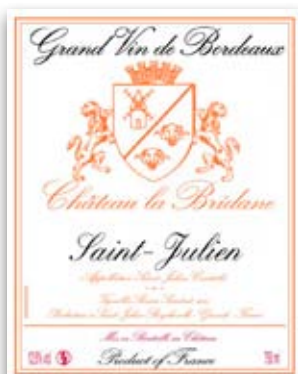
The nose is fruity and offers a fine power/intensity/richness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice as well as very fine hints of caramelization, an imperceptible hint of cardamom and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, juiciness, a good structure, gourmandize as well as a small finesse. On the palate this wine expresses note of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with small touches of flowers (violet, cornflower), very fine hints of fresh liquorice stick as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and very fine hints of toasted almond. Good length.



Château La Bridane 2018

Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of fresh leather associated with small touches of red fruits, fine hints of spices, a very fine hint of nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of green cardamom and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, well-balanced and offers minerality, power as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with small touches of caramelization, toasted as well as very discreet hints of flowers and a subtle hint of green cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.



Château Fleur La Mothe 2018

Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful ripe fruit, a fine intensity, a small concentration and a finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry, fine hints of violet as well as discreet hints of toasted and nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/finely acidulous frame, a fine juiciness and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, juicy/acidulous raspberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with a touch of crunchy cassis, violet/cornflower as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and a subtle/very discreet hint of cardamom.



Bordeaux 2018 - En Primeurs

2018 is a vintage that comes from afar !

The year 2018 begins with a very wet January. Winter temperatures oscillate around seasonal averages with a very mild January (+ 3° C on average), but a cold February (-2° C on average). December and March are within the season averages.

Bud bursting occurred in the first half of April. The spring of 2018 is marked by temperatures above the normal of the season of 2° C, with a sunshine deficit. The vine grows normally and we see this year a beautiful output of inflorescence, especially on the vines affected by frost in 2017.

If the temperatures are higher than the seasonal norms, it is the same for the precipitations. There is therefore a strong pressure of fungal diseases. Vigilance this year is, more than ever, very important. The vine growers are relentless in their plots to carry out specific foliage work in order to ventilate their bunches as much as possible and to avoid the development and spread of diseases such as late blight.

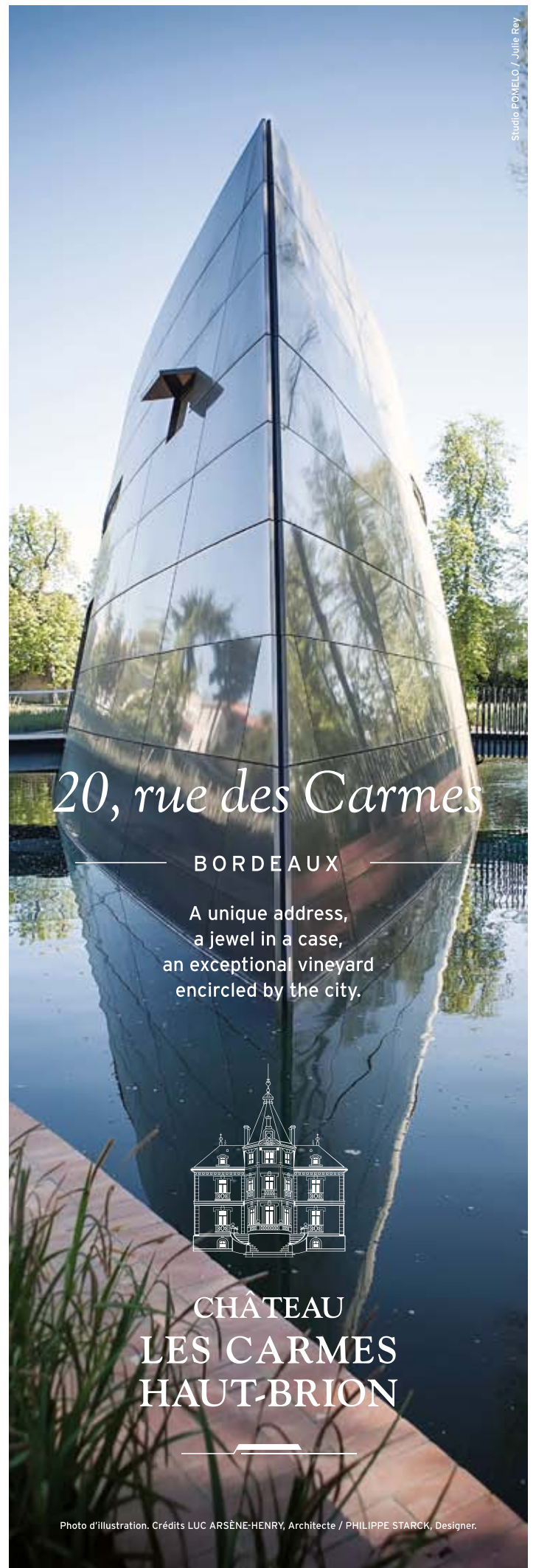
As too often in recent vintages, properties are affected by climate disasters. This year, hail has hit the Médoc three times, but also in Côtes-de-Bourg, Blaye, Graves and Sauternes.

From mid-July, the sunshine and temperatures rise: these conditions give morale to growers who are exhausted. The hot days, but not a heat wave, alternate with rather cool nights favorable to the synthesis of anthocyanins. Precipitations at the end of August are auspicious and particularly beneficial for reviving the maturity sometimes slowed down on the parcels of young vines.

The month of September the weather conditions remain perfect. The harvest of the red grapes began around the 20th of September on the early earth, but generalized at the end of September. 2018 is a classic vintage, at least as far as harvest dates are concerned.

On the wine side, the colors are particularly deep this year. The aromas are clear with a good intensity of ripe fruit and the tannin and anthocyanin concentrations are close to the exceptional vintage 2016. The wines have a beautiful structure, volume and beautiful balance.

The heterogeneity of the vintage is based on the amount of harvest. Depending on the terroirs, the cultural practices or the vineyards affected by the storms of hailstones, the returns from one property to another are very variable. A few small pre-harvest rains, especially between Libourne and Saint-Hypolites allowed for a little more juice. One thing is certain, for all winegrowers, 2018 is a vintage that comes from far away.



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Wines to discover... and savor !

Château Saint-Roux 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful gourmandise, freshness, juiciness, a beautiful aromatic purity as well as precision. It reveals notes of juicy red peach, juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy citrus associated with a hint of blackberry and apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, gourmandise, a fine acidulous frame, tension, a good structure, delicacy, complexity, suavity as well as aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe citrus fruit (kumquat, lemon, tangerine) and small touches of peach, crushed apple associated with hints of racy minerality, a subtle hint of lemon blossom as well as an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

Ready to drink / Price: €

Vertde
Vin
Score
16.25+
93/100



Ramos Pinto 2000 Vintage Port

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers power, intensity, fat, suavity, freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, scrubland and small notes of gray pepper associated with fine touches of black cherry, plum, very slight hints of graphite, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral / slightly acidulous frame, a good definition, fine power as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy cassis, juicy red / crunchy cherry and small notes of juicy / crunchy red berries associated with slight touches of wild blackberry, slight hints of zan, garrigue as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean / chocolate, almond, cardamom, toasted, a very discreet hint of dried fruit and a subtle hint of coffee. Beautiful persistence. Beautiful definition and gourmandise !

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €€

Vertde
Vin
Score
17
94/100



Roger & Didier Rimbault 2017

Sancerre

The nose is fruity and well-built. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy citrus, flat peach and small notes of apple associated with touches of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hints of mandarine seeds (in the background). The palate is fruity, precise, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful minerality, gourmandise/generosity, fullness, a beautiful definition, a fine grain, a good balance as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy vine peach and small notes of ripe grapefruit associated with touches of apple, quenette as well as a discreet hint of kumquat. Good length.

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €

Vertde
Vin
Score
16
92/100



Michel Redde & Fils Barre à Mine 2016

Sancerre

The nose is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers richness (but well-balanced) as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarine and small notes of ripe zests associated with touches of ripe grapefruit, pear/quince as well as hints of apple and discreet hints of bee wax/almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, finesse, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine straightness as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarine and small notes of flat peach associated with fine touches of zests as well discreet hints of quince and a very discreet hint of almond/bee wax. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful wine!

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €€

Vertde
Vin
Score
16.25
92-93/100

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet Vieilles Vignes 2017

Grevey-Chambertin

The nose is elegant, fruity, beautifully racy, beautifully built and offers a beautiful elegance, richness as well as structure. It reveals notes of juicy/fleshy black cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of fleshy strawberry as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, toasted, flowers, cardamom and sweet spices. The palate is beautifully defined, structured, racy, elegant, very discreetly tight, well-balanced, frank/net and offers a good aromatic precision, a beautiful mineral frame, tension as well as a small freshness (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of plum associated with touches of red berries as well as hints of violet, spices, cardamom and zan. Good length.

To keep / Price: €€

Vertde
Vin
Score
17
94/100



Domaine Roger Belland Morgeot-Clos Pitois 2016, Monopole

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic, elegant, beautifully defined and offers a beautiful aromatic range, a fine richness (in the background) as well as generosity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy Quetsche plum associated with touches of toasted, caramelization, nutmeg as well as hints of crushed blueberry, a very discreet hint of mild tobacco, Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of underwood. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced, precise and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a small richness, tension, a good finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition as well as a finely tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/acidulous Quetsche plum, fleshy/acidulous strawberry... [Read full review Online].

To keep / Price: €€€

Vertde
Vin
Score
17.25+
95/100



Wines to discover... and savor !

Domaine Stéphane de Sousa Les Vaumuriens 2016

Pommard

The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of wild berries, plum and small notes of fleshy raspberry, crushed cherry associated with fine touches of flowers, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and a very discreet hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, beautifully defined, beautifully balanced, elegant and offers a fine acidulous frame, minerality, a beautiful structure, a beautiful suavity, juiciness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy wild raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with small touches of juicy Quetsche plum as well as discreet hints of chocolate, toasted and very discreet hints of nutmeg (in the background). Tannins are elegant.

To keep / Price: €€



Col d'Orcia - Nastagio 2011 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is fruity, powerful, well-balanced, racy, precise and offers elegance as well as a enchanting / charming side. It reveals notes of crushed wild strawberry, blackberries, wild small fruits and ripe / crushed cassis combined with touches of black olive, racy minerality, toasted oak, vanilla, a hint of liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of garrigue, tea and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth (in the background). The wine needs to be decanted. The palate is fruity, delicate, melodious, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, silky and offers a good suavity, a good structure, a beautiful finesse, tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy redcurrants, juicy cherry and small notes of cassis associated with slight touches of toasted oak, liquorice, cardamom and black olive. There is a touch of acidulous fruits in the middle of the mouth. Good length. The finish is suave.

Ready to drink / Price: €€



Rizzi - Vigna Boito 2013, Riserva

Barbaresco

The nose is elegant and offers power, richness (full of finesse), a beautiful finesse, complexity, gourmandize as well as a beautifully fine and very finely tight grain. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, violet and small notes of plum associated with touches of ripe red fruits (red berries...), crushed bigarreau cherry, hints of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of liquorice, toasted and chocolate. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand, beautifully defined, racy and offers a beautiful precision, a racy minerality, a beautiful identity, richness (full of finesse) as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy wild raspberry and small notes of violet plum... [Read full review Online]

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €€€



Château La Tour Blanche 2017

Sauternes Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, elegant, precise and offers richness as well as freshness. It reveals notes of candied kumquat and ripe citrus associated with fine notes of yellow fruits (Mirabelle...), candied fruits as well as fine hints of roasted pineapple and spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition/finesse, fat, a small unctuousity, a beautiful freshness, a good volume, fat as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied pear and more slightly kumquat, crushed Mirabelle associated with hints of candied pineapple, a fine touch of biscuit, spices as well as a hint of vanilla and fresh flowers. Good length and good persistence.

To keep / Price: €€€



Château Haut-Bergeron 2016

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, well-built, a bit gourmand and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, peach in syrup and crunchy pear associated with touches of apricot, small touches of exotic fruits as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, honey, ginger and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a good freshness, a slight tension, a good guideline as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of honey, apple in syrup and pear in syrup associated with touches of candied lemon, kumquat, candied apricot as well as discreet hints of spices. A quite riche style. Beautiful and gourmande persistence. There a hint of almond, dried apricot and a hint of honey on the persistence.

To keep / Price: €€



Champagne Michel Gonet Cœur de Mesnil 2009

Blanc de Blancs, Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine juiciness as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of apple tree flowers, apple and small notes of lemon associated with touches of racy minerality as well as a hint of juicy white grapes and discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, freshness, a beautiful roundness/suavity, a beautiful juiciness, delicacy as well as gourmandize. The effervescence is dynamic and offers a beautiful bubble finesse as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy green apple and small notes of juicy brugnion associated with touches of juicy mango, quenette as well as discreet hints of white flowers, limestone and an imperceptible hint of toasted/almond (in the background). Good length... [Read full review Online].

Ready to drink / Price: €€€



Wines to discover... and savor !

B Cellars - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Beckstoffer George III Vineyard

Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, concentrated and aromatic. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of elderberries associated with touches of blueberry, small hints of Sichuan pepper, graphite as well as discreet hints of cocoa and blond tobacco. The palate is well-balanced, concentrated, racy, very slightly tight and offers a beautiful fat, roundness, a beautiful definition, a slight acid frame, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, a good finesse, structure, tension, a small juiciness, a small melodious side as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, crushed cassis and touches of Gariguet strawberry associated with slight touches of dark chocolate, tonka bean, caramelization, slight toasted touches / vanilla as well as discreet hints of toasted hazelnut... [Read full review Online].

To keep / Price: €€€€€

Vertde Vin
Score 18
96-100



San Salvatore Calpazio 2018 Paestum Greco IGP

The nose is fruity and offers delicacy as well as a beautiful freshness. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy peach, ripe / juicy pear, and small notes of ripe / juicy green apple associated with slight touches of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin), minerality and fresh lemon blossom. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, a good freshness, gourmandise, roundness, a beautiful juiciness, precision, straightness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarin / juicy and small notes of ripe / juicy vine peach associated with slight touches of crunchy / juicy apple as well as very slight hints of lemon / mandarin flowers, exotic fruits and very discreet hints of racy minerality.

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €

Vertde Vin
Score 17
94-100



Domaine de l'Amauve Les Merrelies 2017

Côtes du Rhône Villages Seguret

The nose is elegant, racy, precise and offers a beautiful finesse, complexity as well as concentration / richness (but full of balance). It reveals notes of black cherry, wild blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of berries, licorice, spices, very slight hints of Cuben pepper as well as a very slight hint of blond tobacco and Bourbon vanilla. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The mouth is beautifully balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful freshness, a beautiful juiciness, tension, an acidulous frame, a small straightness, a good structure / construction, fleshiness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine suavity / gourmandise. Beautiful quality of the fruit ! On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe / crushed red berries... [Read full review Online].

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €

Vertde Vin
Score 16.75
93-94-100



Domaine de l'Amauve Réserve 2016

Côtes du Rhône Villages Seguret

The nose is elegant and offers freshness, concentration as well as a beautiful aromatic finesse. It reveals notes of black cherry, fleshy boysenberry and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of ripe red berries, violets, hints of gray pepper, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of minerality racy and a very discreet hint of sense of place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, slightly on the reserve and offers fleshiness, a beautiful firmness, a beautiful gourmandise, a fine juiciness, a very fine unctuousity, precision, freshness as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy / crushed cassis... [Read full review Online].

Ready to drink or to keep / Price: €

Vertde Vin
Score 17+
94-95-100



Curto 2018 Dolcetto d'Alba

The nose is fruity, ripe, elegant and offers gourmandise, power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe raspberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of Cuben pepper, spices as well as very discreet hints of laurel/laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe/juicy wild raspberry and small notes of juicy/ripe wild blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of local grove. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

To keep / Price: €€

Vertde Vin
Score 16
92-100



Curto 2018 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is fruity and offers minerality. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of juicy/ripe cherry associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy/acidulous cassis and small notes of small red fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice, toasted as well as very discreet hints of flowers, almost saline minerality, chocolate and toasted almond. Good length.

To keep / Price: €€

Vertde Vin
Score 16.25
92-93-100



Spirits to discover... and savor!

Paul Giraud - XO Cognac, Grande Champagne

The nose is aromatic, powerful, fruity, elegant, complex, intense and offers a slight richness. It reveals notes of peach, peach blossom and slight notes of Williams pear, lemon zests, citrus associated with a slight touch of apricot, violet, spices, rancio as well as a subtle hint of pâtisseries and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant, well defined and offers a slight acid frame, a slight juiciness as well as a slight suavity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy apple and slight notes of apricot, citrus (mandarin, lemon) associated with slight touches of zests, rancio, caramel / pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice / menthol, cigar, cedar / blond tobacco, Zante currant and a very discreet hint of flowers. Good length and persistence. A beautiful, fine, delicate, precise and well defined Cognac!

Price: €€€€



Meukow - Palme d'or Rarissime Cognac

The nose is fine, elegant and offers gourmandise, a slight fleshiness as well as a small richness (in the background). It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, brioche, candied orange and slight notes of white fruits, peach combined with touches of citron, cedar as well as small notes of dried apricot and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, finely powerful and offers a beautiful finesse, a beautiful definition, a very beautiful balance as well as delicacy. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied orange / marmalade, caramelization, brioche, candied lemon and slight notes of quince / pear associated with slight notes of apricot puree, rancio, slight touches of cedar, citron, almond, vanilla Bourbon as well as a very discreet hint of spices / cardamom (on the finish) and an imperceptible hint of black pepper (in the background).

Price: €€€€



Veuve Goudoulin - XO, Single Cask Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant, precise and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of dried lemon, dried lime zest and small notes of kumquat associated with small touches of peach, apple as well as discreet hints of flowers (white and violet), pâtisseries, cedar, rosewood, a discreet hint of exotic fruits / quenette and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers straightness, precision, finesse, a small aerial side, a fine acid frame (in the background) as well as delicacy. Beautiful matter! On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of fleshy pear, jammy orange / marmalade and small notes of lemon zest associated with a hint of dried mandarin, kumquat, pâtisseries, caramelization, Zante currant, a discreet hint of exotic fruits / quenette... [Read full review Online].

Price: €€€€



Trois Rivières – Triple Millésime (1999, 2000, 2009), Hors d'Age Rhum Vieux Agricole

The nose is fruity/aromatic, elegant and offers power, a very beautiful finesse, a beautiful intensity, a beautiful definition, deepness as well as complexity. It reveals notes of orangette, dried citrus and small notes of molasse associated with fine touches of pâtisseries, cedar, camphor as well as fine hints of pâtisseries, cedar, camphor as well as fine hints of cigar, exotic fruits, violet, cocoa and pepper. The palate is fresh, fruity, beautifully well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful elegance as well as a small tension. On the palate this Rum expresses notes of candied orange zests, dried citrus and small notes of pâtisseries associated with small touches of small yellow fruits, mango/juicy quenette... [Read full review Online].

Price: €€€



Distillerie Garnier - 20 ans Très Vieux Calvados

The nose is fruity, aromatic, beautifully built and offers concentration. It reveals notes of apple cooked in butter, lemon zest, quince and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of purple flowers, cider as well as discreet hints of cinnamon / spices, cedar wood and an imperceptible hint of white pepper (in the background). The palate is beautifully balanced, elegant, unctuous, suave, beautifully gourmande and offers fleshiness / juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine mineral frame, tension, roundness as well as a good precision. On the palate this Calvados express notes of fleshy peach, quince and fleshy / juicy apple combined with small / fine touches of violet flowers, rose, cooked yellow plum, toasted almond as well as a hint of rancio and vanilla. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of grilled / grilled hazelnut on the persistence / aftertaste. A beautiful Calvados!

Price: €€€€



Delord – X.O. Premium Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, complexity as well as a beautiful balance between finesse / richness / power. It reveals notes of candied citrus (lemon...) and Zante currant associated with touches of pear, gray pepper, a small touch of orange as well as a hint of white flowers, mint, chocolate and an imperceptible touch of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers a good definition, finesse, a fine acidulous frame, a fine straightness, precision, a very fine freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of marmalade / candied citrus, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of pâtisseries, caramelization associated with fine touches of caramel pear as well as discreet hints of white flowers (in the background), chocolate and hints of cigar. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of cocoa / roasting on the aftertaste.

Price: €€€€





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White Bourgogne

CHABLIS & GRAND AUXERROIS

Chablis & Grand Auxerrois Simonnet-Febvre 2018 Chablis

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a juicy fruit. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarin / juicy and small notes of quince associated with small touches of crushed white fruit and discreet toasted hints, almond and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, an acidulous frame, freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh lemon, juicy / fresh tangerine and small notes of juicy / fresh kumquat associated with slight touches of crunchy white fruit and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine des Malandes 2018 Chablis

The nose is elegant, racy and offers concentration, intensity as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of lemon zest, lemon and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with fine touches of white flowers, racy minerality (terroir) as well as very discreet hints of apple and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers suavity, a good definition as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of ripe / juicy tangerine associated with touches of juicy apple as well as a subtle hint of white flowers / yuzu and racy minerality (terroir). Good length.

Score : 15.75/20
(91-92/100)



Photo Domaine Fougeray de Beauclair

Domaine du Colombier 2017 Chablis

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a limestone minerality (terroir). It reveals notes of lemon, quince and small notes of yellow berries / mirabelle plums associated with a hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, suavity, a racy minerality, roundness, a very fine unctuousity as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy white fruits combined with a hint of juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum and a very discreet hint of zest (in the background).

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Malandes - Montmains 2018 Chablis, Premier Cru

The nose offers intensity, a beautiful structure, concentration, a beautiful grain as well as a very fine creaminess. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of vanilla associated with slight hints of white fruit, zest and an imperceptible hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy tangerine and small notes of juicy / acidulous plum associated with slight hints of nectarine / juicy apple, racy minerality (terroir) and very discreet hints of beeswax and spices. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Olivier Morin - Olympe 2017 Bourgogne, Chitry

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of fresh yellow apple, white fruits and small notes of minerality associated with an imperceptible hint of citrus zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers

a good definition, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous lemon and small notes of white fruits associated with a subtle hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Olivier Morin - Constance 2017 Bourgogne, Chitry

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness as well as crunchiness. It reveals notes of juicy / fresh peach and small notes of apple associated with slight touches of fresh mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, minerality as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, crunchy / juicy peach and small notes of juicy plum associated with a subtle hint of ripe / juicy pineapple and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background).

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Simonnet-Febvre 2018 Petit Chablis

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a racy minerality as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh small white fruits and small notes of fresh tangerine associated with slight hints of racy minerality and a discreet hint of almond. The mouth is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a small freshness, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fresh lemon, juicy / fresh kumquat and small notes of mandarin associated with slight touches of crunchy white fruit, racy minerality and an imperceptible almost almost saline hint and almond.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Simonnet-Febvre Vaillons 2017

Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant, fresh, racy and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of ripe yellow apple, pear and small notes of quince associated with a hint of small yellow fruits, slight hints of butter and a discreet hint of almost saline minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, gourmandise, tension, fat as well as a fresh / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe brugnon and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of quince as well as slight hints of almond / toasted, almost saline minerality and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. There is an imperceptible almost tannic hint on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Simonnet-Febvre - Montmains 2017 Chablis Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince, ripe Williams pear and small notes of crushed peach associated with slight touches of citrus, a subtle hint of exotic fruit as well as very discreet hints of beeswax / almond and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe kumquat and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with small touches of fleshy / juicy yellow fruits, slight hints of butter, beeswax as well as a subtle hint of minerality, yellow flowers and very slight toasted hints / vanilla. Good persistence with minerality and citrus fruits.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

White Bourgogne

Simonnet-Febvre - Sauvignon 2017 Saint-Bris

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of fresh zest, fresh citrus and small notes of pink litchi associated with a hint of flowers, varietal as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, a small gourmandise, tension, freshness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of zest, flowers, citrus (lemon, mandarin) and small notes of ripe / fresh green apple associated with slight touches of varietal and a hint of racy minerality.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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Domaine du Roc des Boutires 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, elegant, very slightly concentrated, racy and offers a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruit, juicy mirabelle plum as well as a discreet hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmande, well-balanced, racy, precise and offers minerality, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful definition, a fine concentration, a very fine creaminess as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy yellow fruits associated with slight touches of pear, almond, toasted and very discreet hints of beeswax / butter. Good length. Power on the finish.

Score : 16.25/20
(92-93/100)

Pierre Naigeon - Clos Ressier 2016, Vieilles Vignes Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers minerality, freshness as well as a slight gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince and white fruit (apple, brugnon) associated with touches of juicy citrus (lemon, tangerine) and very discreet hints of racy / gravels minerality and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, minerality, elegance, delicacy, a fine unctuousity as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy brugnon and small notes of crushed apple associated with small touches of quince, beeswax, very slight hints of small yellow fruits as well as a hint of vanilla, dried yellow grapes and honey. Good length.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Domaine Sophie Cinier - Collection 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers gourmandise as well as a fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe Brugnon, ripe apple and small notes of quenette associated with slight touches of juicy / fresh citrus (mandarin...) as well as a subtle hint of almond blossoms. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness / minerality, gourmandise, precision, elegance as well as a mineral / fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / crushed vine peach and small notes of pear associated with slight hints of mirabelle plum, kumquat as well as a subtle hint of almond / toasted. A very slight firmness on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sophie Cinier 2016 Pouilly-Vinzelles

The nose offers a small straightness, structure as well as a slight richness. It reveals notes of ripe flat peach, kumquat and small notes of juicy mirabelle combined with small touches of juicy / fresh quince, very slight hints of white flowers and a subtle hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-

balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, gourmandise as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy vine peach and small notes of fresh / juicy kumquat combined with slight touches of crunch / juicy mirabelle plum as well as very discreet hints of ripe seeds of ripe mandarin, a subtle hint of flowers and an imperceptible hint of almond / vanilla flowers.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Domaine Jean-Pierre Sève - Terroir 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power / concentration. It reveals notes of dried zest of orange, quince and small notes of yellow apple associated with a subtle hint of beeswax / chestnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, gourmande and offers a good definition, juiciness, dynamism, tension as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy quince and small notes of kumquat associated with slight hints of white fruit as well as very discreet hints of yellow flowers, racy minerality and a very discreet hint of almond (in the background). There are subtle buttered hints in the background.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine Luquet - La Colonge 2017 Pouilly-Loché

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, a small concentration as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat zest and small notes of yellow fruit associated with touches of beeswax, dried grapefruit zest, slight hints of flowers and a very discreet hint of hint of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, minerality, precision, a juicy / acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy kumquat and small notes of wild small fruits associated with slight varietal hints as well as discreet hints of dried

zest of grapefruit, white flowers and butter. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine Luquet - Aux Scellés 2017 Pouilly-Loché

The nose is well-structured, frank and offers concentration. It reveals notes of juicy quince, zest and small varietal notes associated with very slight hints of juicy Williams pear and yellow apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, straightness, tension, a mineral frame as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with very discreet hints of dried zests and varietals. Good length. Beautiful persistence with hints of beeswax and butter / brioche.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Domaine Luquet - Au Bourg 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose and aromatic and offers a fine complexity as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, varietal and slight hints of acacia associated with very discreet hints of ripe / juicy citrus notes. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a fine grain, a good guideline, juiciness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, wild small fruits and small varietal notes / acacia associated with slight hints of juicy citrus. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)



Photo Rijckaert

White Bourgogne

Domaine Jean-Pierre Sève - Aux Chailloux 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of beeswax, quince and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with very discreet hints of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of jasmine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, dynamism as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy lemon and small notes of white fruits associated with a subtle hint of exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine Carrette - Les Crays 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy quince, juicy kumquat and small notes of apricot associated with slight hints of beeswax and butter / chestnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful straightness, a fine acidulous frame, roundness, a very fine creaminess as well as a beautiful gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy quince, juicy / fleshy kumquat and small notes of apricot associated with slight hints of white fruits and butter / chestnut / brioche. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Sylvaine & Alain Normand - Les Crays 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine delicacy / richness. It reveals notes of ripe white fruit, ripe lemon and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of beeswax / sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of chestnut. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, racy, very discreetly tight,

elegant and offers gourmandise, precision, tension, a fine grain, fat, a beautiful juiciness, minerality as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy lemon, fleshy / ripe brugnon and small notes of fleshy / ripe pear combined with slight touches of juicy / ripe kumquat, slight hints of green apple, exotic fruits as well as subtle hints of white flowers and racy minerality. Good length. There are very discreet hints of vanilla / toasted on the finish / persistence. A gourmand wine.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Sylvaine & Alain Normand 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and elegance. It offers notes of juicy / ripe lemon, quince and small notes of juicy / ripe apple, juicy / ripe vine peach associated with slight touches of fresh almond as well as slight hints of white flowers and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a good definition, gourmand, precision, juiciness, a fine structure as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe quince and small notes of crushed brugnon combined with slight touches of pear as well as very fine toasted hints, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Rijckaert - En Crêches 2017, Vieilles Vignes Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-built and offers a fine concentration / richness as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of butter, mirabelle plum and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of white fruit and very discreet oaky hints / beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, finesse, a slightly acidulous frame as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed mirabelle plum, beeswax and small notes of yellow fruits combined with slight hints

of crushed nectarine / apple as well as very discreet hints of butter / brioche. Good length. Beautiful, gourmande and slightly acidulous persistence.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine Luquet - Vieilles Vignes Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity, intense and offers power. It reveals notes of citrus and small notes of quince associated with slight hints of dried zest mandarin as well as slight hints of beeswax / small yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly gourmande and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, minerality as well as a slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy apple associated with slight hints of juicy mirabelle plum and a subtle hint of dried mandarin zest. Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Rijckaert - Les Vercherres 2017, Vieilles Vignes Viré-Clessé

The nose is fresh, elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe Brugnon, ripe green apple and a touch of quince combined with a touch of mango, slight hints of racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of vanilla / butter and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity,

well-balanced, elegant, gourmande, clean and offers tension, precision, a beautiful juiciness, finesse as well as aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe green apple, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of ripe / juicy kumquat associated with a touch of mango, crushed white fruit as well as very slight hints of exotic fruit, quenette, flowers and vanilla. Good length. A fine unctuousness on the finish

(brings gourmandise). A very discreet firmness on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

L'œuvre de Perraud 2015 Mâcon La Roche-Vineuse

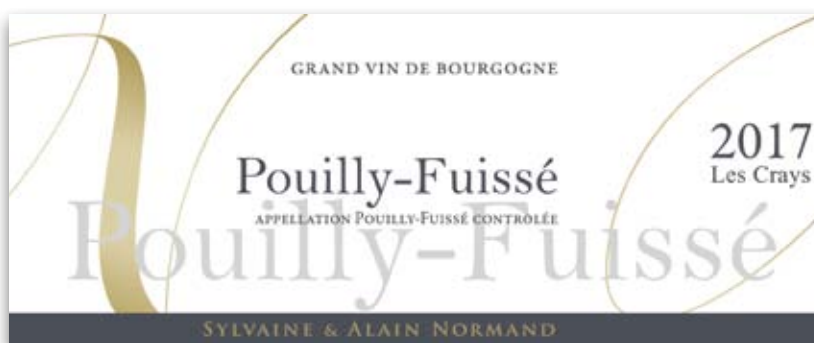
The nose is fruity, aromatic, well-built and offers roundness / suavity. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with slight hints of beeswax, white fruit, spices and a vinous hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, gourmandise, a juicy / acidulous frame, dynamism as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / ripe quince and small notes of ripe / juicy kumquat associated with slight touches of white fruits, ripe yellow fruits, very fine slight of racy minerality, discreet vinous hints as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and brioche butter / hay (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

L'œuvre de Perraud 2017 Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of quince and white fruits associated with slight hints of minerality as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, fat, suavity, tension, minerality, juiciness as well as a fine juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple and small yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of citrus zest as well as an imperceptible varietal hint. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)



White Bourgogne

L'œuvre de Perraud 2018

Mâcon Villages

The nose is aromatic and offers aromatic power, a fine grain as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of quince, fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of zest associated with small touches of white fruit as well as a discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a good structure, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum associated with slight touches of white fruits, white flowers / honeysuckle and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Carrette 2018

Mâcon-Milly-Lamartine

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of dried lemon associated with small touches of white fruit, crunchy peach as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral / juicy frame, gourmandise, precision, a fine richness, straightness, freshness as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy lemon, ripe / fleshy quince and small notes of juicy / acidulous kumquat associated with slight touches of juicy nectarine. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Jean-Pierre Sève 2018

Mâcon-Solutré

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers intensity / aromatic power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of lemon, small yellow fruits and small notes of quince associated with very slight hints of spices and a subtle hint of chestnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a fine gourmandise, tension as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy tangerine and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of white fruit as well as an imperceptible hint of chestnut (in the background) and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine de la Jobeline - Clos des Chanaux 2017

Mâcon Verzé

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince and small yellow fruits associated with slight hints of dried zest as well as very discreet hints of yellow plum and chestnut / oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-built, precise, well framed and offers a fine freshness, an acidulous frame, gourmandise, a good structure as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy kumquat and small notes of crunchy yellow plum combined with fine touches of juicy / fresh quince as well as very discreet hints of juicy apple, subtle hints of beeswax / almond and an imperceptible oaky hint (in the background). Good length. Good aromatic persistence. A very discreet chews on persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cave de Lugny - Lieu-dit Les Beluses 2017

Mâcon-Chardonnay

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of yellow plum, white fruit and small notes of lemon blossom associated with a touch of juicy citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, precision, roundness / fat, freshness as well as a small straightness / tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with fine varietal touches.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cave de Lugny - Lieu-dit La Carte 2016

Mâcon-Lugny

The nose is well-structured, slightly strict and offers concentration. It reveals notes of quince, zest and small varietal notes associated with slight touches of white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juicy / acidulous, a fine fat as well as a fine minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of zest associated with slight varietal touches and discreet hints of green apple. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine de la Jobeline 2017

Mâcon-Verzé

The nose is fruity, fresh, well-structured, precise and racy. It reveals notes of dried lemon zest, juicy quince and small notes of juicy mirabelle plum associated with discreet hints of nectarine and a very discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, a fine tension, gourmandise, racy minerality, fat as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of acidulous / juicy mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of crunchy nectarine / apple. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Louis Dorry - Les Collonges 2016

Mâcon Milly-Lamartine

The nose is fruity and offers fleshiness, juiciness, gourmandise as well as a small depthness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits and a hint of beeswax. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, fresh, precise, well-balanced and offers a fine grain, a beautiful finesse, a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a juicy, acidulous and fresh fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of juicy / ripe mirabelle plum combined with a hint of Golden apple and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine du Roc des Boutires 2017

Mâcon-Solutré

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The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built and offers juiciness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, juicy / fresh quince and small notes of crunchy / juicy vine peach combined with very slight hints of dried almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good mineral / fresh frame, juiciness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh lemon, juicy / fresh tangerine and small notes of juicy pear associated with touches of juicy vine peach, fresh / juicy quenette as well as very slight hints of white flowers as well as discreet hints of exotic fruit and almond / toast. A beautiful, gourmand and racy wine.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Sylvaine & Alain Normand - Vieilles Vignes 2017

Mâcon La Roche-Vineuse

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers delicacy, precision as well as finesse. It reveals notes of juicy lemon, fresh / juicy quince and small notes of ripe kumquat combined with slight touches of juicy white fruits, a subtle hint of flowers as well as very discreet hints of fresh apricot blossom and almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, precision as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of ripe / juicy kumquat combined with slight touches of juicy mandarin, hints of juicy white fruit as well as very discreet hints of beeswax, chestnut and vanilla. Good length. A beautiful, fresh juicy and racy wine. It's on the fruit and offers a good aromatic purity.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)





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Domaine Sophie Cinier 2017

Mâcon-Fuissé

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy / fresh kumquat associated with touches of fresh peach as well as discreet hints of blossom peach / fresh verbena and an imperceptible hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a juicy / fresh fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy kumquat and small notes of crunchy nectarine combined with a hint of fresh lychee as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality and a subtle hint of butter / brioche. Good length.

Score : 15.25+ / 20 (90-91/100)

Sophie Cinier 2017

Mâcon Villages

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality as well as a juicy / fresh fruit. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe tangerine / juicy and small notes of juicy / fresh kumquat associated with very slight hints of fresh lychee, a hint of crunchy peach as well as slight hints of racy minerality and toasted. The palate is fruity, gourmand, elegant, well-built, racy and offers minerality, a juicy / mineral frame, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / ripe kumquat and small notes of juicy quince associated with slight touches of juicy vine peach as well as very discreet hints of crushed pear, vanilla and toasted. Good length.

Score : 15.75+ / 20 (91-92/100)

Sylvaine & Alain Normand 2017

Mâcon-Villages

The nose is slightly tight and offers freshness as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with slight hints of nuts / lychee as well as a discreet hint of white flowers and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-built and offers a mineral frame, freshness, straightness, fat, tension, a good definition as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy lemon, fleshy / ripe quince and small notes of crushed white fruits (brugnon, pear) associated with slight touches of ripe / fleshy mirabelle plum as well as very slight hints of white flowers.

Score : 15.5+ / 20 (91/100)

Rijckaert - Vieilles Vignes 2017

Mâcon Fuissé

The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of juicy plum associated with slight touches of orange blossom as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, well-built, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse / elegance, a fine richness / unctuousity as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy quince, crushed mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed brugnon associated with slight touches of exotic fruits, butter and a subtle hint of vanilla. Good length. There is a hint of almond / nuts on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.25+ / 20 (93/100)

Rijckaert - Les Crays vers Vaux 2017, Terroir de Bissy

Mâcon-Lugny

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers delicacy as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of small exotic fruits associated with slight touches of ripe white fruit as well as discreet toasted hints / beeswax and a subtle hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, fat, tension, fleshiness,

a small density, a fine unctuousity as well as a mineral (racy minerality) / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed white fruits and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of apple as well as slight hints of exotic fruits and a subtle hint of flowers (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

CÔTE DE NUITS, HAUTES CÔTES DE NUITS, DE POURPRE & D'OR

Bouchard Aîné & Fils 2017

Marsannay

The nose is elegant, fine, fruity and offers a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy peach combined with very slight hints of ripe / juicy tangerine and very discreet hints of oak / chestnut and a subtle hint of spices / almond. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, unctuousity, gourmandise, precision, a beautiful racy minerality, freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate

this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy peach and small notes of quenette associated with slight touches of citrus fruit as well as very discreet hints of small yellow fruits and very discreet hints of butter / brioche on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Pierre Naigeon - Champs Perdrix 2017, Vieilles Vignes

Marsannay

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine juiciness as well as a fleshy / juicy fruit. It reveals notes of juicy / ripe peach, juicy / ripe pear and small notes of quenette combined with small touches of stewed white fruits, vanilla as well as a subtle / discreet hint of butter (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fresh frame as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of juicy / crushed peach associated with slight touches of stewed white fruits, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of chest-

nut. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+ / 20 (93/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Clos des Perrières 2017

Nuits-Saint-Georges, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, intense, aromatic, elegant and offers a small concentration as well as freshness. It reveals notes of quince, dried orange and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with slight touches of flowers, butter and zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, discreetly tight and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, gourmandise, finesse, a fine tension, a fine acid frame as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy orange and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with slight touches of butter, flowers as well as a hint of zest and an imperceptible hint of spices. Good length and persistence. There are discreet toasted hints / toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of dried almond on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

CÔTE CHALONNAISE ET COUCHOIS

Maison Chanzy - Les Trois 2017

Bouzeron

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, ripe / fresh green apple and small notes of crunchy / fresh vine peach associated with very slight hints of lemon / zest, minerality as well as very discreet hints of fresh flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a beautiful



White Bourgogne

freshness, a beautiful definition, precision, a mineral frame, a beautiful finesse of the fat, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy lemon, crunchy / juicy vine peach and small notes of fresh apple combined with very slight hints juicy / fresh quince, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of almond on the finish.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Maison Chanzy Clos de la Fortune 2017, Monopole Bouzeron

The nose is elegant, complex, beautifully fresh / mineral and offers a fine "perfume" side. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh brugnion and small notes of fresh pear associated with slight touches of fresh kumquat, discreet hints of racy minerality, verberna as well as an imperceptible hint of yuzu and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse / elegance as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / ripe lemon, fresh / ripe vine peach and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of fleshy pear as well as very discreet hints of lychee, crushed white fruit, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Louis Max Les Caudroyes 2017 Mercurey

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of green apple, fresh peach and small notes of apple blossoms associated with slight hints of exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of almond. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh apple, fresh / juicy vine peach and small notes of fresh / juicy quince associated with small touches of fresh / juicy yellow fruits as well as slight hints of racy minerality, almond and toasted. Good and acidulous length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

François d'Allaines - L'Epaule 2016 Montagny 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity, gourmand and offers a fine richness as well as intensity. It reveals notes of quince, crushed brugnion and small notes of small computed white fruit associated with toasted touches, citrus, a subtle hint of vanilla, almond as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and nutmeg / sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, precise, frank and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful gourmandise, straightness, fat, finesse, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a mineral frame (racy minerality), tension as well as a melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Brugnion, fleshy pear and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of small yellow fruits, vanilla, butter and an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

François D'Allaines - Tête de Cuvée 2017 Rully

The nose is fresh, elegant, racy, fine and offers gourmandise as well as dynamism. It reveals notes of quince, crushed mirabelle plum and a small note of butter associated with fine touches of crushed pear as well as discreet oaky / toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, gourmandise, precision, finesse, tension, a small richness, freshness as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy mirabelle plum, crushed quince and small notes of crushed apple associated with small touches of butter, almond as well as slight hints of citrus and a discreet hint of flowers.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

CÔTE DE BEAUNE & HAUTES CÔTES DE BEAUNE

Domaine Patrick Miolane 2016 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a small richness, a fine juiciness as well as a beautiful fleshy / juicy fruit. It reveals notes of quince, ripe / crushed white fruit and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of citrus as well as a hint of vanilla and toasty / chestnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, tension as well as a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, crushed Brugnion and small notes of quince associated with slight touches of beeswax, vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of juicy pineapple (in the background) and very slight hints of hazelnut / chestnut. Good length. There are a very slight tannic hint, a very slight hint of vanilla and almond on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Patrick Miolane 2017 Saint-Aubin

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandise as well as a fine concentration / richness. It reveals notes of crushed pear, quince and small notes of cooked apple associated with slight touches of beeswax as well as a hint of dried mandarin zest and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandise, freshness as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy tangerine and small notes of ripe / juicy kumquat associated with slight touches of crushed white fruit as well as slight hints of beeswax, almond / vanilla and chestnut. There are a very discrete tannic hint as well as a very fine firmness on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Patrick Miolane Sur le Sentier du Clou 2015 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of quince, toasted and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with a hint of crushed apple as well as very slight toasted hints and oak. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandise, precision as well as a beautiful minerality, fat and a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy / ripe quince and small notes of juicy / ripe brugnion associated with small touches of pear as well as very slight toasted hints, oak, an imperceptible hint of crushed mirabelle plum and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background).

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

François D'Allaines - Les Frionnes 2017 Saint-Aubin, Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic, complex and offers elegance, a small richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as power. It reveals notes of lemon, lemon blossoms / mandarin blossoms and small notes of orange zests / kumquat zests combined with small touches of juicy apple, fresh / crunchy peach as well as discreet toasted hints and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautifully elegant, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, finesse, straightness (but full of finesse) as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy kumquat and small notes of crunchy peach associated with fine touches of crunchy yellow apple, racy minerality as well as very slight hints of yellow flowers and an imperceptible hint of almond / beeswax. There are a fine almost tannic sensation as well as an imperceptible hint of butter on the persistence.

Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)



White Bourgogne

Domaine Patrick Miolane 2017

Puligny-Montrachet

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy, fine and offers a fine power / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe zest of lime and small notes of vine peach associated with slight touches of juicy kumquat as well as very discreet hints of white flowers and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced, racy, precise / clear and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, elegance, suppleness as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy peach and small notes of ripe / juicy pear combined with slight hints of exotic fruits as well as a hint of lime zest and very discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Stéphane de Sousa Les Millerands 2017

Meursault

The nose is fresh and offers a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of ripe citrus associated with slight hints of lychee, fresh leather, flowers as well as very discreet hints of toasted oak / cooked butter. The mouth is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as a fine juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of fresh leather, almond and slight hints of cooked butter / brioche on the finish. Good length. There are slight hints nuts on the persistence. (fresh almond, hazelnut).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Bouchard Aîné & Fils

Les Marconnets 2016

Beaune, 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy and offers power, depthness and a beautiful, fine and very slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle plum and a touch of butter combined with touches of racy minerality (terroir), cooked apple as well as subtle hints of sweet spices, nutmeg, citrus and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a fresh frame, a racy minerality, a small tension, juiciness, gourmandise, roundness, a very fine unctuousity as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of apple associated with small touches of beeswax, butter / brioche as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers (in the background). A very discreet firmness (in the background) and a subtle hint of chestnut / hazel on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 18.25/20 (96-97/100)

Domaine Roger Belland Morgeot-Clos Pitois 2016, Monopole Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, fresh and offers a racy minerality, a good definition as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, beeswax and small notes of crushed peach combined with slight touches of sweet spices, almonds and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandise, depthness, richness, suavity as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of juicy yellow fruits associated with small touches of crushed white fruit as well as slight hints of beeswax, butter and an imperceptible hint of vanilla flowers. Good length. A beautiful, elegant, fine, mineral and racy wine. There is an imperceptible almost saline sensation in the background (supports the finish).

Score : 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Domaine Roger Belland 2016

Santenay-Beauregard Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, juicy, racy and offers a fine incisive / intense side as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of juicy citrus notes (lemon, tangerine) and small notes of white fruit (flat peach, apple) associated with slight hints of mesocarp, slight toasted hints / hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of zests and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, precision, tension, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy mandarin and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of apple / brugnion as well as a subtle hint of pineapple and an imperceptible oaky hint. Good length.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Patrick Miolane - La Canière 2017

Chassagne-Montrachet

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness as well as a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy mandarin, and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with slight touches of white fruit, yuzu as well as subtle hints of racy minerality and ripe almonds. The palate

is fruity, mineral, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, juiciness, freshness as well as a melodious side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe apple, ripe / juicy kumquat and small notes of fleshy pear associated with fine touches of juicy citrus fruits as well as slight hints of exotic fruits and beeswax / butter. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of toasted almond on the finish / persistence. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Domaine Roger Belland 2016 - Criots Bâtard Montrachet Grand Cru

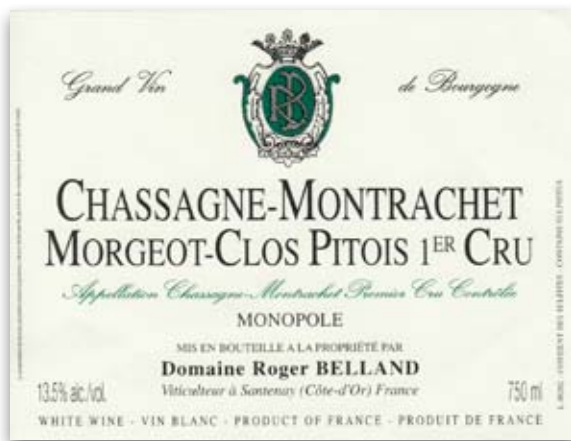
The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers complexity, a small richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince, crushed white fruit and small notes of ripe / dried lemon associated with small touches of racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of zest and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, precision, purity as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of ripe / juicy tangerine associated with fine touches of exotic fruit, zest, racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of almond. Good length and persistence. There is a discreet almost saline sensation on the finish / persistence. There are slight toasted hints / toasted almond on the persistence.

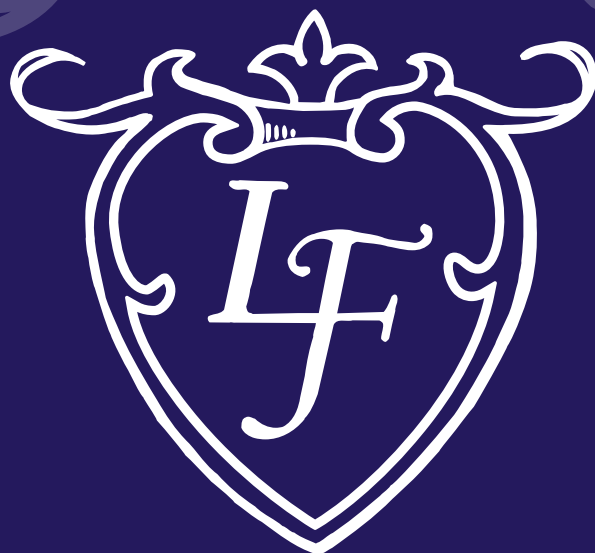
Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Domaine Roger Belland Les Champs-Gains 2017 Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, fine, racy, harmonious, delicate and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy quince, dried citrus and small notes of zest associated with fine touches of plum, hot apple, racy minerality, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of beeswax. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmande and offers a beautiful definition, unctuousity as well as a beautiful finesse, delicacy and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy quince, fleshy / juicy yellow apple and small notes of fleshy / juicy plum associated with slight touches of citrus fruits as well as very slight hints of flowers, vanilla / butter and toasted oak / toasted almond. Beautiful gourmandise !

Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)





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White Bourgogne

Bouchard Aîné & Fils 2017

Pernand-Vergelesses

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, racy and offers intensity. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy kumquat, and small notes of ripe / juicy mirabelle plum combined with slight touches of chestnut / brioche, juicy / fresh Golden apple, racy minerality and discreet hint of yellow flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, tension, gourmandise, a fine fleshiness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quince and small notes of ripe / juicy mirabelle plum combined with slight touches of Golden apple, crushed yellow nectarine as well as discreet hints of butter / brioche and toasted / vanilla. Good length and persistence. There are a very discreet chew and hints of ripe almond on the persistence. A beautiful, elegant, juicy and gourmand wine.

Score : 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur

Les Gollardes 2017

Savigny-Les-Beaune

The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy and offers richness, gourmand as well as a good structure. It reveals notes of quince, crushed yellow fruits and small notes of fleshy peach associated with slight hints of beeswax, yellow flowers as well as a very discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, precise, well-structured, elegant and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, a racy minerality, suavity, a good finesse of the grain as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / acidulous kumquat and small notes of quince associated with a hint of nectarine, apple as well as slight hints of racy minerality and beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Pierre Bourée Fils 2017

Pernand-Vergelesses

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers intensity as well as a beautiful finesse in its concentration. It reveals notes of quince, butter and small notes of chestnut associated with very slight touches of yellow fruits and slight hints of Golden apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful tension, a beautiful finesse as well as an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy kumquat, juicy quince and small notes of juicy small wild yellow fruits associated with a touch of juicy nectarine / Golden apple as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, butter, racy minerality and spices. Good length and persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of toasted almond (in the background) on the finish / persistence.

Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Pierre Bourée Fils 2017

Meursault

The nose is fruity, well-structured, racy, elegant and very slightly tight. It reveals notes of dried lemon zest, wild flowers and small notes of kumquat associated with slight hints of yellow plum, beeswax, spices and an imperceptible hint of dried fruits and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, very discreetly tight and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, a fine tension, gourmandise, straightness, tension as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy / acidulous yellow apple and small notes of acidulous yellow plum associated with slight hints of dried zest, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax and spices. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Vaudoisey-Creusefond - Terres Blanches 2017

Meursault

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of plum and wild small yellow fruits combined with slight touches of dried orange zest, yellow flowers as well as discreet hints of beeswax, brioche and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, fatness, tension, finesse, a beautiful straightness, a beautiful precision, concentration, a fine acidulous frame, a racy minerality as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy yellow plum and small notes of kumquat associated with very slight touches of juicy yellow peach as well as slight hints of beeswax / brioche. Good length. There is an imperceptible almost tannic sensation on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Bouchard Aîné & Fils 2017

Meursault

The nose is elegant, beautifully built, precisely concentrated, racy and offers precision as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe kumquat, ripe mirabelle plum and small notes of fleshy yellow fruits associated with a hint of exotic fruit as well as very discreet hints of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, an acidulous frame, precision, finesse, straightness, a good structure, gourmandise as well as a fine richness (but full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe quince / juicy and small notes of juicy / tangy mirabelle plum associated with slight hints of crushed white fruits as well as imperceptible hints of flowers, beeswax and ripe almond. Good length. A very discreet

firmness on the finish / persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Bouchard Aîné & Fils 2017

Savigny-les-Beaune

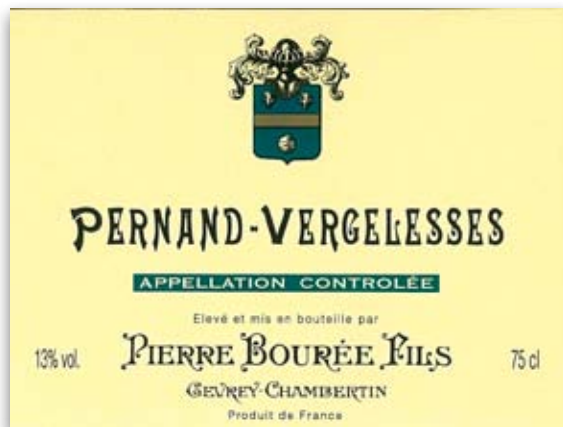
The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers intensity, a fine concentration as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of orange zests, orange blossom and small notes of kumquat associated with slight hints of crushed yellow fruit, white flowers and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, minerality as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy tangerine, acidulous / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of juicy quince associated with slight touches of juicy yellow apple / yellow peach, slight hints of racy minerality, white flowers as well as very discreet hints of ripe almond and toasted.

Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

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Provence Rosé

MIP, Guillaume & Virginie Philip Classic 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, fleshy pear and small notes of peach associated with fine touches of lemon and mandarin zest. The palate is fruity, fluid, very slightly tight and offers minerality, a small gourmandise as well as a fine richness. On the palate it expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, crushed cherry and small notes of pear associated with touches of peach and citrus. There is an imperceptible varietal hint on the finish.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

MIP, Guillaume & Virginie Philip Collection, Premium 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, fresh raspberry and small notes of small white fruits associated with a hint of quenette / fresh mandarin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, a good definition, fat, gourmandise as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, crushed white fruits (peach, pear) and small notes of citrus (lemon, tangerine) associated with a fine touch of white flowers and zests. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Chantrose 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy wild peach, fleshy raspberry and small notes of quince associated with slight hints of yellow flowers as well as a discreet hint of lemon, mandarin and a very discreet hint of almond / vanilla flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, fleshiness, a small tension, a good definition, minerality as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy peach, fleshy / juicy quince and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of flowers as well as very fine hints of fresh apricot. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of rose on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Charmes des Demoiselles 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy flat peach, ripe citrus and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as precision / tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / fresh pear, fleshy / fresh brugnion and small notes of quenette associated with slight touches of citrus and lemon flowers. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château des Demoiselles 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy white berries, crunchy strawberry and small notes of crunchy peach combined with very slight touches of juicy tangerine. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, fat, precision as well as a slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy peach and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of fleshy strawberry as well as slight hints of citrus and white flowers. Good length. There is a very discreet almost tannic / firm sensation on the persistence.

Score : 15.5/20 (90/100)



Château Maupage 2018

Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power / richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of nectarine, wild raspberry and small notes of apricot associated with fine touches of citrus as well as a hint of orange zest and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandise, tension, freshness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy yellow peach and small notes of fleshy yellow apple associated with small touches of citrus as well as a subtle hint of apricot. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château L'Afrique 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, wild red berries and small notes of citrus zest associated with slight hints of pear as well as a very discreet hint of mesocarp and very discreet varietal hints / flower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, freshness, gourmandise as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe wild raspberry, pear and small notes of juicy / ripe cherry associated with fine touches of citrus and a hint of mesocarp.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Thierry Le Château 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandise as well as a fine freshness / concentration. It reveals notes of pear, apple and small notes of citrus (mandarin, kumquat) associated with fine touches of apricot as well as slight hints of flowers, hazelnut and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, delicacy, a mineral frame, roundness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, crushed peach and small notes of quince associated with very

slight hints of tangerine and subtle hints of fleshy raspberry.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Thierry, Les Abeillons 2018

Coteaux Varois en Provence

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, racy, precise and offers elegance as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, ripe small wild red fruits and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of citrus as well as very discreet hints of kumquat, exotic fruits and peach blossoms. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers a fine grain, juiciness, gourmandise as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy / fresh cherry, juicy / fresh red berries and small notes of nectarine associated with a hint of peach, apple as well as very discreet hints of exotic fruit and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Tulipe Noire 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, pear and small notes of ripe pink grapefruit associated with touches of quenette, exotic fruits as well as slight hints of flowers and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy / fresh peach and small notes of fleshy / fresh pear associated with slight touches of exotic fruits and vanilla flowers.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Provence Rosé

Château Reillanne - Tradition 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers richness as well as richness. It reveals notes of linden, flowers and small notes of white fruit (nectarine ...) associated with touches of quenette, slight touches of kumquat and a hint of peach blossoms. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy pear and small notes of flowers / honeysuckle associated with fine touches of citrus (kumquat ...) as well as very discreet hints of linden.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château Chevron Villette - Cosmique 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration / richness. It reveals notes of Williams pear, ripe raspberry and small notes of crushed apple associated with very slight hints of mango and discreet hints of almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy / fresh frame, a good definition, precision, a very fine straightness, suavity, a fine grain as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pears, fleshy peach and small notes of citrus associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of beeswax / almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Estandon Lumière 2018 Coteaux Varois en Provence

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, juicy pear and small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) associated with fine touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of zest and an imperceptible hint of "sense of place". The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, a fine grain as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, Williams pear and small notes of juicy citrus (lemon, kumquat) associated with fine touches of apple, flowers (white flowers, a hint of rose) as well as very discreet hints of "sense of place" and an imperceptible almost saline hint.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine Longue Tubi 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, elegance as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of stewed peach, quince and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with a hint of mandarin as well as very slight hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, freshness, suavity, fat, gourmandise as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of stewed flat peach, quenette and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as discreet hints of citrus (mandarin, lemon) and a subtle hint of flowers. Good length. There are very discreet hints of almond on persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château des Ferrages - Roumery 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness, a small minerality as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy pear and stewed peach combined with slight hints of almond, crushed apples, flowers, zest as well as very slight hints of "sense of place" and vanilla. The palate is fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, gourmandise, precision, tension, minerality as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear / juicy and flat juicy / crunchy peach associated with fine touches of juicy quince, kumquat as well as very discreet hints of orange blossom and an imperceptible hint of almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Dupéré Barrera - En Caratère 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and well-built. It reveals notes of raspberry, violet and small notes of Williams pear associated with fine touches of citrus as well as a subtle hint of flowers and lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, precision, minerality as well as a fleshy / juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy peach, fleshy / juicy Williams pear and small notes of quince associated with a subtle hint of fresh raspberry as well as very discreet hints of exotic fruits.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Figuière - Confidentielle 2018 Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance, a fine grain, a fine "perfume" side as well as a small depthness. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe vine peach and small notes of ripe green apple combined with very slight

hints of lemon, apricot as well as discreet hints of "sense of place" / local vegetation. .

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, a juicy frame, fat, finesse as well as fleshiness (all in finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed peach, crushed apple and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as very discreet hints of citrus, minerality and flowers. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Reillanne In Arduis Stat 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe mandarin, ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe grapefruit associated with fine touches of dried grapefruit zest and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of lemon / mandarin associated with very slight hints of spices as well as subtle hints of flowers. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Maravenne - Donum Dei 2018 Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is aromatic and offers delicacy / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe tangerine, red peach and small notes of rose associated with fine touches of fresh cherry, fresh small fruits and very discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandise, precision as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy brugnon, fleshy / juicy apricot and small notes of quince associated with slight hints of pear as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine des Peirecèdes - Le Fil d'Ariane 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe mandarin, ripe kumquat and small notes of apricot associated with very slight hints of rose and fresh red berries. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension, gourmandise, a beautiful fine grain, roundness, finesse as well as fat / unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy vine peach and small notes of apricot associated with very slight hints of exotic fruit / quenette and a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

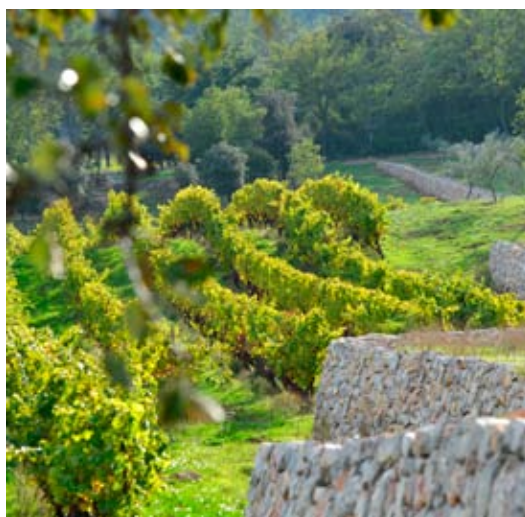


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Provence Rosé

Château Coussin César à Sumeire 2018

Sainte-Victoire Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe lemon and small notes of juicy peach associated with a subtle hint of yuzu and a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness, minerality, precision, a good structure, purity as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh green apple and small notes of fresh / juicy vine peach combined with fine touches of crunchy pineapple as well as a subtle hint of yuzu, fresh / juicy apricot and an imperceptible hint of flowers.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Château Les Mesclances Faustine 2018

Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is fruity and offers freshness and a very fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed / fresh apple, pear and small notes of citrus associated with slight hints of flowers and very discreet hints of quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers delicacy, a good freshness, fatness, precision, a fine concentration as well as a beautiful, juicy and fresh fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / ripe mandarin, fresh / juicy quenette and small notes of lemon associated with slight hints of exotic small fruits as well as a subtle hint of flowers / "sense of place". Good length.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Les Mesclances Romane 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy peach and small notes of pear associated with slight hints of lychee / exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of fresh green tea / fresh flowers (in the background). The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy apple, fresh / juicy peach and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of quince as well as slight hints of quenette / exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Maravanne Collection Privée 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and very slightly milked. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh yuzu and small notes of vine peach associated with subtle hints of orange blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry candy, juicy / ripe cherry and small notes of peach combined with fine touches of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) as well as very slight hints of quenette / stewed apple. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine du Vignaret 2018 Coteaux Varois en Provence

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a candy side. It reveals notes of cherry acidulous candy and ripe raspberry combined with slight hints of juicy citrus (pink grapefruit, mandarin). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, tension, a mineral / acidulous frame as well as suavity / sweetness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry acidulous candy, ripe raspberry and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with slight touches of sweet pink grapefruit. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Coussin 2018

Sainte-Victoire Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as power / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe / fresh white fruit (peach, apple), fresh strawberry and small notes of quince associated with a subtle hint of fresh blackberry. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, fine, precise and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fleshy / juicy peach, fleshy / juicy apple and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with discreet touches of citrus.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château de Pampelonne 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is beautifully fresh, fruity and offers fleshiness, fine density as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy / fresh peach, fresh citrus and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with a subtle hint of white flowers / apricot blossoms as well as an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, minerality, straightness, a fine suavity as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / fresh raspberry, fleshy / fresh green apple and small notes of fresh / fleshy vine peach combined with very slight hints of citrus as well as a subtle hint of mandarin zest. Good length. There is an imperceptible saline hint in the background.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine La Sanglière - Spéciale 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers aromatic richness. It reveals notes of fleshy vine peach, fleshy raspberry and small notes of citrus (pink grapefruit, mandarin) associated with fine touches of lychee and a discreet hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, a small tension, suavity as well as a mineral / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy / crushed vine peach and small notes of juicy lemon associated with a hint of juicy clementine as well as a subtle hint of fresh cherry and blackberry. Good length. A very fine chew on the finish.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Maïme 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built, fine and offers a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of juicy / fresh peach, fresh / juicy raspberry and small notes of citrus fruits combined with very slight hints of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, precision, elegance as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy peach, fleshy / juicy apple and small notes of citrus (kumquat, ripe lemon) associated with touches of exotic fruits. Good length and good persistence. An imperceptible almost saline hint and sapidity on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Bonisson 2018

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is fresh and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy / juicy peach, crunchy / juicy apples, and very slight hints of fresh zest combined with subtle hints of racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of olive / garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, tension, elegance as well as a beautiful juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy vine peach, crunchy / juicy apple and small notes of juicy quenette associated with touches of citrus (tangerine, lemon), a hint of yuzu zest as well as slight hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of olive / sense of place. A slight saline hint (in the background) and sapidity on the finish. There is an imperceptible hint of varietal bitterness on the persistence.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)



Provence Rosé

Vignerons de Gonfaron Hédonique 2018 Côte de Provence

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy / fresh brugnion, fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh citrus associated with a subtle hint of fresh cherry and fresh flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a fine fat, a fine richness, a mineral frame, tension as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy brugnion and small notes of fleshy / juicy fleshy quénette associated with fine touches of ripe citrus, exotic fruits and a very discreet hint of varietal bitterness on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Roseline Prestige 2018 Côte de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh white fruit and small notes of juicy citrus associated with slight touch of juicy pineapple and a hint of mandarin blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise / clean, well-built and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, roundness, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, vine peach and small notes of ripe / fresh apple associated with small touches of citrus and exotic fruits. Good length and acidulous persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Peirecès Règue des Botes 2018 Côte de Provence Pierrefeu

The nose is aromatic, elegant, greedy and flowery. There are notes of lemon / mandarin blossom, exotic fruits and small notes of ripe pink grapefruit combined with fine touches of fleshy vine peach as well as a hint of quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, freshness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, exotic fruits and small notes of ripe citrus (ripe pink grapefruit, mandarin) combined with touches of ripe lemon / fresh lemon as well as small hints of lemon flowers, jasmine and a discreet hint of zest. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Les Beates Les Béatines 2018 Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of crunchy raspberry, fresh peach and small notes of flowers associated with slight hints of citrus and red berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, juiciness, an acidulous / juicy frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of crushed apple associated with fine touches of citrus as well as discreet hints of zest. Good length. There is a slight hint of varietal bitterness on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Gassier Esprit Gassier, Limited Night Edition 2018 Côte de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of tangerine zest, citrus and small notes of peach associated with very slight hints of blackberry and apricot. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good

definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, elegance as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe citrus, tangerine zest and small notes of kumquat associated with very slight hints of peach, blackberry and discreet hints of zest. Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château du Seuil 2018 Coteaux d'Aix-En-Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of citrus (tangerine, kumquat), zest and small notes of plum associated with small touches of exotic fruits, fresh apple and a subtle touch of fresh raspberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, roundness, a fine acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach, quenette and small notes of ripe / sweet citrus (pink grapefruit, mandarin) associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as a hint of crushed apple and very discreet hints of flowers. Good length. A beautiful, gourmand, well-built and finely tight rosé wine !

Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Château Les Mesclances Cuvée Saint Honorat 2018 Côte de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine richness and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh / ripe raspberry, fleshy / fresh peach and small notes of citrus associated with small touches of pear as well as discreet hints of ripe grapefruit zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, juiciness, gourmandise as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and quenette / lychee associated with small hints of fleshy vine

peach as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of varietal bitterness on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Figuière Première 2018 Côte de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant, structured and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of juicy peach, ripe/juicy mandarin and small notes of juicy kumquat associated with hints of lemon as well as very discreet hints of lemon blossom and zest. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, tension, a beautiful texture as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh tangerine, lemon zest and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of vine peach as well as a subtle hint of mandarin flowers and an imperceptible hint of exotic fruits.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Estandon – Zénith 2018 Côte de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity and elegant. It reveals notes of fresh peach, flowers and small notes of jasmine combined with fine hints of fresh cherry and discreet hints of fresh citrus. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality, suavity, a fine grain as well as a beautiful tension. All in finesse ! On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh citrus, juicy / fresh vine peach and small notes of jasmine associated with fine touches of juicy / ripe cherries, juicy / ripe strawberries as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)



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Provence Rosé

Château des Ferrages

Mon Plaisir 2018

Sainte Victoire Côtes de Provence

The nose is elegant and offers richness, a fine freshness as well as a fine concentration / finesse. It reveals notes of ripe kumquat, tangerine zest and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of red berries as well as very fine hints of zest and a hint of fresh blackcurrant. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mandarin zest, fleshy / juicy kumquat and small notes of fleshy / juicy red peach combined with small touches of red fruit, fleshy / juicy blackberry as well as a subtle hint of zest and flowers (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Maïme

Origine 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, concentrated and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of tangerine zest, rose and small notes of citrus associated with fine touches of red berries, cherry blossoms as well as a very discreet / imperceptible hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, fine, racy and offers suavity, roundness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine acidulous frame, generosity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry / juicy, quenette / lychee and small notes of citrus associated with fine touches of zest, cherry blossom as well as discreet hints of jasmine and a very discreet hint crushed small white fruits.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Marouine

2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity, gourmand and offers elegance. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, cherry blossoms and small notes of citrus associated with fine touches of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of scrubland (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, tension, gourmandise as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe flat peach and small notes of pear associated with touches of mirabelle plum, ripe / juicy citrus as well as subtle hints of minerality and a very discreet hint of scrubland / sense of place. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Tour Saint Honoré

Sixtine 2018

Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is fresh, elegant, gourmand and offers a very fine grain. It reveals notes of cherry, ripe raspberry and ripe peach combined with fine touches of ripe citrus (pink grapefruit, yuzu) as well as discreet hints of mandarin and a touch of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers a good definition, a juicy / acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / sweet mandarin, ripe / sweet pink grapefruit and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with a touch of quenette and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Comte du Puget 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant, a bit tight and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of citrus, dried lemon peel and small notes of crushed peach combined with a subtle hint of fresh strawberry / blackberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced

and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, a mineral frame, fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach, quenette and small notes of ripe / sweet citrus (pink grapefruit, lemon) associated with a subtle hint of crushed apple and a very discreet hint of white flowers.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Tour Saint Honoré 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy as well as a slight tight and fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh / juicy vine peach, lemon blossom and a small notes of fresh citrus associated with hints of fresh / juicy raspberry and exotic fruit (pineapple and a subtle hint of pineapple). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, fat, a beautiful precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy vine peach, fleshy quenette / litchi and small notes of fleshy green apple associated with fine touches of citrus (lemon, lime) and a subtle hint of exotic fruits. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



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Mathilde Chapoutier

Grand Ferrage 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of juicy citrus (tangerine, lemon) and small notes of litchi associated with fine hints of juicy pink grapefruit, flowers as well as a discreet hint of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral / fresh frame, gourmandise, a fine fleshiness, a fine grain as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy citrus, quenette and small notes of juicy flat peach associated with a touch of juicy green apple as well as very discreet hints of flowers (in the background). Good length and

good persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Mathilde Chapoutier

Grand Ferrage 2018

Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness as well as a beautiful and fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy flat peach, fleshy / juicy quince and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of yuzu. The palate is fruity, well-structured, elegant, well-balanced, precise and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension, a fine fat as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy green apple and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of quenette, exotic fruits as well as hints of ripe / juicy citrus. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Beaulieu

Cuvée Alexandre 2018

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of strawberry, raspberry and small notes of peach associated with very fine hints of citrus (mandarin, yuzu). The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandise, a beautiful suavity, fat, a fine unctuousity, a fine grain, tension, finesse as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, lychee and small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin, a subtle hint of yuzu) associated with very slight hints of zest as well as subtle hints of flowers (jasmine, flowers lemon tree). Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Provence Rosé

Domaine La Sanglière Prestige 2018

Côtes de Provence La Londe

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity and a fine power. It reveals notes of flat peach, exotic fruits and zest associated with slight hints of mandarin flowers, lemon blossom and an imperceptible hint of sense of place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine suavity, tension, straightness, a good structure, roundness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy mandarin and small notes of nectarine associated with a hint of apricot as well as discreet hints of exotic fruit.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Bonisson La Petite Causerie 2018

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence

The nose is juicy and fruity. It reveals notes of juicy peach and exotic fruits associated with touches of juicy citrus fruit (yuzu, lemon) and very discreet hints of peach / verberna flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, precision, fine tension, gourmandise, juiciness as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy kumquat and small notes of exotic fruits associated with very discreet hints of yuzu as well as a subtle hint of juicy apple and an imperceptible varietal hint (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Vignerons de Gonfaron Cuvée Féérique 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers intensity. It reveals notes of peach, exotic fruits and small notes of crushed apple associated with discreet hints of verberna. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, fat, unctuousity as well as a very fine intensity / concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, crushed apple and small notes of nectarine associated with very fine hints exotic fruit.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Vignerons de Gonfaron Rosé de Légende 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of citrus (kumquat, quince, lemon) and small notes of crunchy apple associated with discreet hints of varietal / jasmine and a subtle hint of redcurrant. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a small gourmand side, a fine acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed peach, crushed apple and small notes of quenette associated with very fine hints of citrus as well as a very discreet hint of verberna / jasmine. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château des Sarrins 2018 Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity / concentration. It reveals notes of lemon zest, citrus flowers and small notes of apple associated with discreet hints of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, fat, well-built and offers a fine grain, an acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy vine peach and small notes of juicy apple associated with a touch of juicy cherry as well as hints of citrus / quenette. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Aix 2018

Coteaux d'Aix En Provence

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small freshness, a small intensity as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of peach, ripe / sweet citrus (mandarin, grapefruit, lemon) and small notes of flowers associated with discreet hints of fleshy / juicy cherry and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, fine and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine grain, roundness as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, fleshy nectarine and small notes of juicy apple associated with slight touches of citrus / quenette and a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Laurent Gerra 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh peach and small notes of juicy strawberry combined with discreet hints of apricot and a subtle hint of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank, dynamic and offers a good definition as well as a juicy / fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy peach and small

notes of fleshy quenette / apple associated with a hint of exotic fruits as well as slight hints of citrus.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Mas de Cadenet 2018

Côtes de Provence Sainte Victoire

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of peach, flowers and small notes of olive associated with fine touches of citrus as well as a discreet hint of verberna. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, well-built, racy and offers a good definition, a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, suavity, a good finesse as well as a fine and elegant grain. On the palate this wine

expresses notes of sweet citrus (orange, lemon, kumquat) associated with small touches of peach, apricot as well as a subtle hint of quenette and discreet hints of mandarin flowers / verberna.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Château Maïme Heritage 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a fine concentration / richness. It reveals notes of peach, flowers and small notes of brugnion associated with touches of ripe / juicy lemon, zest as well as discreet hints of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-built and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, depthness, an acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy citrus (lemon, kumquat), juicy apricot and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with slight hints of exotic fruit / quenette and a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Grand Seuil 2018

Coteaux d'Aix-En-Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of orange blossom, tangerine and small notes of quince associated with small touches of white fruit as well as a very discreet hint of rose and garrigue / olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, ripe / juicy orange and small notes of white fruits (brugnion, pear) associated with a touch of quenette as well as a subtle hint of cassis. Good length. A gastronomic rosé !

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)



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Provence Rosé

Château Sainte-Croix Charmeur 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is aromatic and offers power, finesse as well as intensity. It reveals notes of sweet pink grapefruit and small notes of nectarine associated with touches of zest as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful minerality, gourmandise, a beautiful definition, dynamism, a fine freshness as well as fat (precisely built!). On the palate this wine expresses notes of sweet pink grapefruit, sweet raspberry and small notes of ripe citrus (lemon, mandarin) combined with fine touches of cherry and exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine des Diablies – Rose Bonbon 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose offers concentration and a small intensity. It reveals notes of red-currant, kumquat zest, dried tangerine zest and small notes of exotic fruits combined with a discreet hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous / juicy frame, a fine tension, gourmandise as well as suavity / fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / sweet raspberry, fleshy / sweet lemon and small notes of ripe tangerine associated with fine touches of exotic fruits and a subtle hint of jasmine. Acidulous persistence.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Château Reillanne – Emoa 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and gourmand. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, ripe lemon and small notes of ripe mandarin associated with fine touches of exotic fruits (papaya, pineapple, quenette) as well as discreet hints of white flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, tension, gourmandise as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, crushed apple and small notes of quenette associated with very slight hints of lemon and zest. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Estandon – La Vigne & La Roche 2018

Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small juiciness, elegance as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of peach, fresh apple and small notes of juicy citrus (orange, lemon) associated with very slight hints of verbena / flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise / clean, well-structured and offers fat, suavity, a fine tension, juiciness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy tangerine, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy green apple associated with very slight hints of quenette as well as an imperceptible hint of zest and sense of place (in the background).

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Mas de Cadenet – L'Echappée Belle 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of zest, green peach and small notes of apple associated with slight hints of citrus (tangerine, orange), exotic fruits and a subtle hint of jasmine. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a fine tension, precision, fat, suavity as well as a juicy / slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy mandarin, juicy lemon and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruits (quenette, papaya) as well as a subtle hint of apricot and jasmine. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Clos Beylesse 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness and freshness. It reveals notes of juicy tangerine, juicy lemon and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with very discreet hints of fresh cassia and fresh apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers straightness, freshness as well as a fine acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy apple, crushed peach and small notes of juicy citrus associated with a subtle varietal hint.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

La Ferme Saint-Roux - Le Pigeonnier 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers gourmandise as well as juiciness. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh/ripe vine peach and small notes of citrus associated with very slight hints of fresh flowers (apple blossom ...) and a very discreet touch of racy minerality / sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers finesse, a fine grain, straightness, juiciness, precision, aromatic purity as well as a slight acidulous frame.

On the palate, it expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, fresh cherry and fine touches of crunchy peach combined with very discreet hints of apple blossoms and an imperceptible hint of juicy mandarin (in the background). Good length. Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Saint-Roux 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful gourmandise, freshness, juiciness, a beautiful aromatic purity as well as precision. It reveals notes of juicy red peach, juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy citrus associated with a hint of

blackberry and apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, gourmandise, a fine acidulous frame, tension, a good structure, delicacy, complexity, suavity as well as aromatic purity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe citrus fruit (kumquat, lemon, tangerine) and small touches of peach, crushed apple associated with hints of racy minerality, a subtle hint of lemon blossom as well as an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Ultimate 2018

Côtes de Provence

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandise as well as a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of ripe / fleshy lemon, ripe / fleshy mandarin and small notes of fleshy peach combined with slight hints of crushed pears and a subtle hint of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, slightly tight and offers a good suavity, gourmandise, a fine tension as well as a mineral pattern. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, crushed pear and small notes of juicy citrus associated with slight hints of exotic fruit / quenette.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Sainte Roseline

Lampe de Meduse 2018

Côtes de Provence, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a fine grain, a fine intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of juicy nectarine, tangerine and small notes of ripe lemon associated with discreet hints of zest, racy minerality and an imperceptible varietal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, fat, a fine tension,



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an acidulous frame, roundness and a fine grain as well as very discreetly tight. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy white fruits (green nectarine, apple) and small notes of kumquat / mandarin associated with fine touches of quenette as well as a subtle hint of zest and an imperceptible hint of scrubland (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Paradis 2018 **Coteaux d'Aix en Provence**

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe grapefruit, nectarine and varietal associated with discreet hints of citrus flowers and a very discreet hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, freshness, minerality, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy peach, juicy tangerine / tangerine zest and small notes of juicy / fresh lemon associated with fine touches of fresh green apple as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers (in background) and an imperceptible hint of olive.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Thuerry 21 **Coteaux Varois en Provence**

The nose is aromatic and offers a small intensity / concentration as well as a fine freshness (in the background). It reveals notes of mandarin flowers, zest and small notes of white fruits associated with a very discreet hint of olive / grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a fine acidulous frame, precision, a good finesse of the grain, a fine tension as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy apple and small notes of juicy orange combined with slight hints of juicy / fleshy raspberry and a subtle hint of juicy apricot. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Paradis - Terre des Anges 2018 **Coteaux d'Aix en Provence**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine "perfume" side. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe peach and small notes of juicy citrus associated with fine touches of lemon blossom, lemon as well as a hint of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the "guideline", freshness, harmony, a juicy / acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, ripe / juicy mandarin and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with very slight hints of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Other Rosé

Chartreux **Cuvée des Chartreux, Belle Emilie 2018** **Gard IGP**

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness / concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, nectarine and small notes of redcurrant associated with small touches of flowers as well as a subtle hint of lemon blossom and an imperceptible hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, roundness, fat, tension as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses crushed peach, crushed apple and small notes of redcurrant combined with discreet hints of citrus (lemon ...). Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Le Bouïs **Confidences 2018** **Pays d'Oc IGP**

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of exotic fruits, peach blossoms and verbena associated with fine touches of citrus fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, quite fat and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension as well as a very fine juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnol / apple, exotic fruits and small notes of peach blossoms associated with fine touches of citrus compote.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

La Cigale 2018 **IGP D'Oc**

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of peach and citrus blossoms (orange, mandarin) combined with crushed touches of crushed apple as well as discreet hints of raspberry and zest. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, fleshiness, fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, crushed pear and small notes of peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as slight hints of citrus.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Domaine Les Hautes Roches 2017 **Tavel**

The nose reveals notes of cherry, fleshy peach and small notes of cherry blossoms associated with hints of plum as well as fine varietal hints. The palate is fruity, frank and offers richness, a fine mineral frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cherry, fleshy peach and small notes of juicy citrus associated with very slight varietal hints. There is a very discreet hint of candy on the persistence.

Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

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Jura

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Le Clos des Grives - Musicienne 2017 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers a fine fleshiness and a small minerality/freshness. It reveals notes of quince, fleshy peach and small notes of exotic fruits associated with discreet hints of toasted/smoke. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, juiciness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, yellow peach and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits/mango associated with discreet hints of toasted. Good length and persistence on very discreet hints of hazelnut and grilled.

Score : 14.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Le Clos des Grives - Grandes Reserve 2013 Côtes du Jura

The nose offers a fine richness and gourmandize. It reveals notes of yellow flowers, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of dry fruits and toasted. The palate offers an acidulous frame, a good definition as well as suavity, tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of citrus associated with fine hints of fresh hazelnut, bee wax as well as discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). A very discreet tannic and very discreetly tight hint on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Le Clos des Grives - Savagnin 2014, Vieilles Vignes Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers gourmandize. It reveals notes of pear, dry fruits and small notes of toasted associated with discreet hints of hay as well as fine hints of spices and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, citrus and small notes of dry orange as well as very discreet hints of flowers and subtle hints of spices. Good length. An acidulous finish. A hint of hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

DDS - Chardonnay 2014 Côtes du Jura

The nose offers a fine power, a fine freshness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of toasted as well as a discreet hint of toasted, smoke/grilled bread. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, William pear and small notes of yellow peach associated with fine hints of mirabelle plum as well as fine hints of flowers, discreet hints of toasted/grilled bread and an imperceptible hint of butter. Good length. A very discreet hint of green apple, flowers and grilled on the persistence.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Maison du Vigneron Chardonnay 2015, Vieilles Vignes Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers minerality as well as a fine structure. It reveals notes of apple, William pear and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of toasted as well as a discreet hint of pepper and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, a mineral/juicy frame, tension as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, lemon and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine hints of toasted. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

La Côte 39 par Marcel Cabelier Côtes du Jura

The nose offers power, structure as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of toasted/vanilla, kumquat, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of frog and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers minerality, suavity, fat as well as a fine acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe quince and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of toasted, sweet spices as well as

a hint of grilled bread and hazelnut/dry fruits (in the background). Good length. A very discreet chew and very discreet hints of almond on the finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Durand Perron - Savagnin 2014 Côtes du Jura

The nose is very finely closed and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of quince, toasted and small notes of pear associated with discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small suavity, a fine aromatic power as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince and small notes of Mirabelle plum, William pear associated with a fine touch of kumquat as well as discreet hints of bee wax, toasted and a very discreet hint of dry fruit/almond.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Baud Génération 9 Cousin Main 2016, Trousseau Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of cherry, strawberry and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of red berries jam. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers minerality, straightness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, red berries/ripe redcurrant and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of flowers. An easy-drinking wine.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Baud - Cuvée Flor 2017, Chardonnay Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of vine peach, William pear and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of quince as well as very fine hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, straightness, juicy/mineral frame, a good structure as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, vine peach and small notes of quince associated with fine hints of apple and quenette. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Baud Génération 9, Les Premices 2015 Côtes du Jura

The nose offers richness, more concentration as well as fat. It reveals notes of crushed Mirabelle plum, pear and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, tension, finesse, fat as well as richness/ On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, crushed vine pear and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of hazelnut, small dry fruits as well as a subtle hint of toasted. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine Jean-Claude & Annie Credoz Chardonnay 2017, Vieilles Vignes Côtes du Jura

The nose is well-balanced and offers a beautiful grain, a fine intensity as well as fat. It reveals notes of apple, quince and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of melon, white flowers, very fine hints of minerality as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse of the fat, a fine tension as well as a very fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy Mirabelle plum, juicy kumquat and small notes of quince associated with a hint of pear, melon, a subtle hint of citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and butter. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Jean-Claude & Annie Credoz Savagnin 2015 Côtes du Jura

The nose is aromatic, fruity, racy and offers finesse as well as deepness/intensity. It reveals notes of peach, flowers and small notes of pear, Mirabelle plum/ muscat associated with discreet hints of toasted and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, fat, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the fat and harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of toasted almond, toasted oak, smoke, white flowers as well as very discreet hints of nougatine/spices. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Jura

Domaine Baud Génération 9 Deux Grains de Paradis 2015, Tradition Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine intensity as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of quince and wild small yellow berries and offers minerality, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe small yellow berries, almond and small notes of fresh hazelnut associated with fine hints of mirabelle as well as discreet hints of almond and a very discreet hint of flowers.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Domaine Jean-Claude & Annie Credo Melon à Queue Rouge 2017 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, frank and offers a fine richness, a fine intensity as well as fat. It reveals notes of melon, quince and small notes of white flowers associated with fine hints of kumquat. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers tension, a good definition, fat, a beautiful suavity and a very fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, melon and small notes of brugnion associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as a discreet hint of dry almond, bee wax and a very discreet hint of dry fruits.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

ARBOIS

Fruitière Vinicole d'Arbois - Love Poulsard 2018 Arbois

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration as well as straightness/tension. It reveals notes of cherry and raspberry jam associated with fine hints of crushed/ripe redcurrant as well as very discreet hints of racy spices and copper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, juiciness, a fine tension/straightness, a good guideline as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of ripe redcurrant associated with a hint of cassis (in the background) as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and leather. Good length. An easy drinking wine.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Fruitière Vinicole d'Arbois Terre de Marnes - Trousseau 2016 Arbois

The nose is fruity and offers structure, racy minerality and power. It reveals notes of cherry and fleshy/ripe wild strawberry associated with fine touches of cassis as well as a very discreet hint of violet and liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers volume, power as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy wild strawberry and black cherry associated with a touch of jam of small wild berries as well as discreet hints of flowers, spices and very discreet hints of liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of mocha/cardamom. Good persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Fruitière Vinicole d'Arbois Terre de Marnes - Chardonnay 2015 Arbois

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness as well as freshness. It reveals notes of vine peach, flowers as well as a pear associated with discreet hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, tension, a mineral frame as well as a certain straightness (signature). On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and small notes of fresh peach associated with fine hints of flowers as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits and imperceptible hints of toasted. The finish is falling.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Fruitière Vinicole d'Arbois - Béthanie 2015 Arbois

The nose is aromatic, well-built and offers freshness. It reveals notes of hay, quince and small notes of fresh/juicy apple associated with fine touches of quince and small notes of fresh/juicy apple associated with fine touches of fresh walnut, crunchy William pear as well as a discreet hint of hazelnut and an imperceptible

hint of bee wax. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful fat/suavity as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy William pear associated with fine touches of apple, yellow peach as well as discreet hints of bee wax, hazelnut/walnut and an imperceptible hint of toasted (in the background).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

L'ÉTOILE

Marcel Cabelier 2016 L'Etoile

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of toasted/vanilla, kumquat, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of frog and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers minerality, suavity, fat as well as a fine acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of toasted, sweet spices as well as a hint of grilled bread and hazelnut/dry fruits (in the background). Good length. A very discreet chew and very discreet hints of almond on the finish.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine de Montbourgeau - Chardonnay 2015 L'Etoile

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful fine racy, complexity as well as a certain aromatic power. It reveals notes of green peach, physalis and small notes of white fruits associated with fine hints of anis and discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, racy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a small tension as well as an aromatic richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, physalis and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of apple as well as fine hints of spices and discreet hints of green anis. Good length. An imperceptible hint of almond/toasted hazelnut and grilled bread on the persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine de Montbourgeau - En Banode 2015 L'Etoile

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers precision, saline minerality as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pear, vine peach and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with very discreet hints of anis/aromatic plants and a very discreet hint of butter (in the background). The palate is fruity, racy and offers minerality, a beautiful finesse of the grain, fat, as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, green apple and small notes of vine peach associated with touches of juicy mirabelle, a hint of kumquat as well as discreet hints of toasted hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of bee wax.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Philippe Vandelle - 2015 Vieilles Vignes L'Etoile

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe pear, quince and small notes of butter associated with fine hints of small flowers, fresh walnut and discreet hints of small yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/mineral frame, tension, a good definition as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed pear and small notes of crushed small yellow fruits and saline minerality. Good length. A good persistence/finish with a hint of walnut/toasted almond.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine de Montbourgeau - Montangis 2015 L'Etoile

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, racy minerality, a good finesse of the far as well as power. It reveals notes of quince, crushed white fruits and small notes of flowers associated with fine hints of racy minerality and spices. The palate is well-balanced and offers freshness, juiciness, a beautiful/good definition, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed white fruits and small notes of quince associated with a subtle hint of crushed kumquat, bee wax, toasted hazelnut as well as very discreet hints of cardamom.

Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Jura

Domaine de Montbourgeau - Cuvée Spéciale 2014 L'Etoile

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power, concentration, a fine unctuousity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of Mirabelle plum, physalis and small notes of pear associated with touches of quince and fine hints of flowers, butter as well as very discreet hints of anis and spices. The palate is fruity, frank, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, straightness, gourmandize, a beautiful precision as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with a discreet touch of exotic fruits, almond as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, hazelnut, a very fine hint of saline minerality (in the background). A very beautiful persistence on chew and gourmandize.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

VIN JAUNE & VIN DE PAILLE

Domaine de Montbourgeau - Vin Jaune 2011 L'Etoile

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful definition, a small power as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of quince, butter and small notes of yellow fruits associated with a hint of yellow flowers as well as fine discreet hints of crystallized lemon and an imperceptible hint of bee wax. The palate is fruity, harmonious and offers minerality, tension, precision, frankness, a fresh frame as well as a racy minerality/a small salinity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crystallized lemon and small notes of juicy green apple associated with fine touches of yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of bee wax, butter, toasted hazelnut and a very discreet hint of green cardamom (in the background). Peps on the finish. A beautiful wine.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Fruitière Vinicole d'Arbois - Vin Jaune 2011 Arbois

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers power as well as structure. It reveals notes of quince, dry fruits and small notes of dry citrus associated with fine hints of walnut, almond as well as an imperceptible hint of oak, pepper and cumin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a good structure, a beautiful tension as well as power. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a good structure, power as well as a beautiful tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed apple and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with a fine hint of physalis, flowers, dry fruits (walnut, hazelnut...), a discreet hint of almond as well as an imperceptible hint of oak (in the background), beeswax and butter (in the background). Fine gourmandize on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Philippe Vandelle - Vin Jaune 2011 L'Etoile

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers power, elegance as well as a small finesse. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small touches of white fruits associated with discreet hints of dry fruits (citrus, peach, apricot) as well as very discreet hints of almond, racy minerality, flowers and almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers minerality, a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry lemon, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits, mirabelle plum associated with touches of saline/racy minerality as well as discreet hints of almond. Good length. A beautiful acidulous and toasted almond on the finish.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Le Clos des Grives - Vin Jaune 2008 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity and offers a good finesse of the grain as well as complexity. It reveals notes of candied peach, dry fruits associated with fine touches of hazelnut associated with fine hints of orangette, white flowers, aromatic flowers/mountains flowers as well as discreet hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good definition, finesse of the material and a very fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry lemon and small notes of orangette associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as fine hints of bee wax. Good length. A beautiful suave finish on a very discreet hint of walnut. A beautiful hint of hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Domaine Durand Perron - Vin Jaune 2011 Château-Chalon

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power as well as richness. It reveals notes of quince, Mirabelle plum and small notes of yellow peach associated with discreet hints of dry fruits as well as discreet hints of hazelnut/walnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful tension, straightness, a fine acidulous frame, minerality, suavity as well as a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of ripe small yellow fruits associated with touches of dry fruits, dry pear, flowers as well as discreet hints of toasted (in the background). Good length. An imperceptible hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Marcel Cabelier - Vin Jaune 2009 Châton Chalon

The nose is fruity, sunny, racy and offers power, richness as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of oak and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers minerality, a mineral frame, precision, a good definition/dynamism as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small dry yellow currant and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of citrus, discreet hints of flowers, fleshy yellow brugnion, dry apricot as well as discreet hints of dry fruits/almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Jean-Claude & Annie Credo 2011 Château-Chalon

The nose is elegant, racy and offers intensity, a beautiful finesse as well as structure. It reveals notes of quince, small wild yellow fruits, spices, toasted associated with a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, a fine acidulous frame, precision as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum and small dry yellow fruits associated with a hint of spices, discreet hints of almond as well as a hint of salinity and minerality. Good persistence.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Domaine Jean-Claude & Annie Credo 2010 Chalon-Chalon

The nose is mineral, racy and offers a very discreet hint of saline minerality. It reveals notes of Mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of underwood associated with small typical fruits as well as discreet hints of toasted/toasted oak and a hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness, minerality, a good definition, freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy Mirabelle plum and small notes of dry apricot associated with very fine hints of toasted almond, discreet hints of grilled hazelnut and smoke. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Jean-Claude & Annie Credo 2003 Château-Chalon

The nose is aromatic, fine, elegant and offers freshness, a beautiful definition and deepness. It reveals notes of quince, mirabelle plum past and small notes of small dry fruits associated with fines of dry citrus (lemon, kumquat) as well as fine hints of dry flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, juiciness and a beautiful juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of dry apricot associated with fine hints of dry fruits, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of walnut, almond and toasted oak.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Baud Génération 9, Vin de Paille 2012 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power as well as freshness. It reveals notes of lemon jam, crystallized mandarine and small notes of spices associated with fine hints of dry apricot, hazelnut, almond and nougatine. The palate offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful balance, freshness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry apricot, crystallized lemon and small notes of crystallized vine peach associated with fine hints of toasted almond, nougatine as well as a very discreet hint of toated. A very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut, nougatine and an imperceptible hint of grilled on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (94/100)

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Vinho Verde

Cazas Novas, Avesso 2017 Vinho Verde

This relatively new project has taken shelter in the historical and whimsical Quinta de Guimarães. The region's being home of the Avesso grape, Cazas is obviously keen on this aromatic and textured grape. Unsurprisingly, their watery gold Avesso 2017, is extremely satisfying and quench thirsting. Its delicate granitic texture and beautiful fruits is smooth with a good dose of acidity.

Score : 13.25+/20 (85/100)

Vale dos Ares, Alvarinho 2017 Monção e Melgaço

Vale do Ares was a dream comes true for Miguel Queimado in 2012, when the century old cellar was transformed into a working boutique winery. The colheita 2017 is very bright, intense and tasted like biting into a lemon with salt (where's the Tequila?). Apart from some hint of Yuzu, this wine is simple and intensely acidic.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Vale dos Ares, Alvarinho limited edition 2015 Monção e Melgaço

This 2015 is rather oxidative with mostly passion fruits, pineapple and apricot aromas. It has a smooth and long lasting taste. There's no tartness at all, just a developing accent of hoary exotic fruits.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Sem Igual 2016 Vinho Verde

The producer João Camizão Rocha has its own vineyards of 9 hectares in the Amarante sub-region called 100 Igual (without equal). Using Arinto and Azal, he has the ambition of proving his Vinho verde can age in bottle. The results are incredibly structured wines with leesy/waxy character and a very persistent acidity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Quinta do Santiago 2017 Vinho Verde

All of the labels are showcasing traditional Portuguese embroidery which is the curved Viana Heart. This is a wink to all the women of the region. Quinta do Santiago produces some of the most delicate and lean wines I've tasted in Vinho Verde. Their balance is outstanding and all the intricate floral aromas make them unique.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Muros Antigos Escolha 2017 Vinho Verde

A good representation of the main grapes that Anselmo Mendes works with: Alvarinho, Loureiro and Avesso. This felt like a hint of what was yet to come. Overall, the wine was quite thin and flat yet with a blink of the Alvarinho structure, a subtle touch of the Avesso mineral aspect and just hints of Loureiro's freshness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Muros Antigos, Loureiro 2017 Vinho Verde

This wine is quite perfumed and delicate. Not much fruit up front, but instead a lovely balanced mouth feel. It's a neutral wine based on the minerality feel and freshness instead of fragrant aromas. It's a wine based on subtlety.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Loureiro selection 2017 Vinho Verde

A very specific selection of Loureiro from parcels with the best soils. It's an exuberant wine with clear, fresh litchi and dried floral aromas. Its lingering finish and very specific personality makes it a unique product.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Anselmo mendes, Muros Antigos, Avesso 2017 Vinho Verde

Made in the region of Baiao with grapes from Quinta de Guimaraes, this

avesso is ripe and soft with crushed stone and limey characteristics. It has a simple expression that makes it very approachable.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Muros Antigos Alvarinho 2017 Vinho Verde

Everything's about acidity in this wine. It starts with a strong sour attack that softens up into a lively finish. It has an easy balance, poise and a very vivid expression.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Contacto 2017 Vinho Verde

This wine is made from Alvarinho grown in specific favorable soils and 4 month of barrel ageing with batonnage. It doesn't have the acidity previous wines had. However, it has an intricate phenolic aspect and big, round body. The barrels are really just apparent in the structure and it doesn't have any wood-related aromas.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Muros de Melgaço 2017 Monção e Melgaço

This is an Alvarinho made from a specific parcel in Melgaço. It's been kept in 400l barrels for 6 months, which gives it a subtle and interesting smoky character.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Parcela Unica 2017 Vinho Verde

One of the most renown and acclaimed wine of Anselmo mendes' portfolio is this intensely textured Parcela Unica. It's definitely the richest wine for now and proves wrong anyone who still had doubts about Vinho Verde's versatility. To achieve such depth and structure from Alvarinho grape is quite the winemaking prowess. However, this might not be suitable for enjoyment just yet. I'd recommend pushing the experimentation further and see what time can bring.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Blancs de noirs 2017 Vinho Verde

A white wine made with the local red grape Alvarelhão. This one is particularly soft and interesting. Light red fruits aromas meet delicate floral, smoky and white pepper notes. The finish is a little short but it was great while it lasted.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Anselmo Mendes, Tempo 2015 Vinho verde

Tempo has spent more time in oak than any other wines of the portfolio, a total of 12 months in used barriques. Surprisingly, it is not at all about oak. Instead, the wine's character is within its very waxy texture and burnt caramel aromas.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

A&D Wines, Espinhosos 2012 Vinho verde

Espinhosos is a blend of Avesso and chardonnay. It has a deeper color. It's also floral but also with a lovely wild honey aroma. The acidity is screeching, but rounded by the chardonnay in the blend. It's very slightly carbonated as the style of A&D wines does not put a priority on bubbles.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

A&D Wines, Monologo Arinto P24 2017 Vinho verde

Monologo are the newest references of the estate. They started with the 2015 vintage to showcase singular unique parcels with specific varieties. The Arinto is extremely vibrant with pitted fruit aromas and a strong phenolic character.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)


A&D Wines, Monologo Avesso P67 2017 Vinho Verde

The Avesso is very aromatic. It showcases complexity yet with delicacy. There's a slight hint of bruised pear, lemon pie and apricot but the taste

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Portugal Vinho Verde

is so integrated that it is difficult to pinpoint exactly the aromas. Again, a screeching acidity and lovely granitic texture makes it very refreshing. It is slightly carbonated, but I believe the wine doesn't need it at all.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

A&D Wines, Monologo Malvasia Fina, P70 2017 Vinho Verde

The skin contact is very apparent in this wine. It has an almost buttery, brioche style, but still as fresh as it can get. A slight smokiness brings everything together. Malvasia Fina is not very common in Vinho Verde, but I felt this expression was impressive from its tight tension.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

A&D Wines, Singular Vinho verde

This is a full-bodied blend, the bolder wine of all the portfolio of the estate. It's made with 50% of very old vines. It has a filling and coating textured with a bright lingering finish. The warmth of the region can be sensed in the concentration of the flavors.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Quinta de Santa Cristina, Batoca 2017 Vinho Verde

Batoca is a very rare, abandoned, high-maintenance and rustic white grape variety seldom found in the Basto sub-region. This varietal wine is well worth the trouble. It makes an amazing textured and saline wine. It's very aromatic and crispy with scathing acidity. You can feel how rustic and savory this unique grape is.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Astronauta Arinto Vinho Verde 2018 Vinho Verde

The concept of Astronaut Wines and the idea of Anibal Couthino, Portuguese Oenologist, is to put forward emblematic grape varieties of different regions, representing not only the place it comes from, but the actual wine-making culture of a region. This Arinto based wine is crispy and light with a bright acidity and minerality. Typical, classic, well-done.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Quinta de Santa Cristina, Avesso 2017 Vinho Verde

The varietal wines of Quinta de Santa Cristina does stand out with impressive quality and balance. This Avesso has the exotic characteristic it is known to get in the Basto region but joined with subtle bread crumbs aromas. The slight carbonation is almost camouflaged from the perfect crispness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Aphros wines, Phaunus Pet Nat rosé 2017 Vinho Verde

Made from Alvarelhão & Vinhão in huge traditional amphoras using ancestral method. It's rich and deep with aromas of flowers and savory, saline flavors. The body is naturally slightly cloudy, with quiet bubbles issuing a broad scent of lavender and faint grapefruit.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Aphros wines, Loureiro 2017 Vinho Verde

This is a gorgeous white, very bright, rich and well balanced. A pure expression of the varietal, unique to Lima sub-region. It's properly lean with aromas of tropical fruit, honeysuckle, lemon blossom and ginger. The acidity is very fine, leaving a juicy, lemony trail across the finish. It has a vivid expression.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Aphros wines, Daphne 2017 Vinho Verde

The fermentation in French oak barrels and chestnut barrels gives a lot of richness & creaminess to the wine. The very ripe orchard fruit aromas are exuberant and enhanced by a slight spiciness that tingles. It's generous & structured yet with a vibrant acidity and very lively finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Quinta D'Amores Loureiro 2017 Vinho Verde

This Loureiro based wine is quite simple but with some slight nuance that makes it interesting. The aromas are mostly citrus fruits, but there's also hint of pineapple, peach and star fruit. The taste is light and soft, harmonious in a relaxed way. The minerality comes only towards the finish and brings freshness.

Score : 13.25+/20 (85/100)

Niepoort Olo 2017 Vinho Verde

A blend of different local grapes from the region of Basto, this wine is showcasing complexity and harmony. While the color is extremely light and watery, the backbone is strongly maintained by freshness and minerality. The nose expresses a whole range of citrus-fruit, peach, nectarine and even some delicious hints of ginger roots. The palate is made of tension from the very high acidity and the rounded body. The layered flavors add up to the complexity, length and overall generosity.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Quinta de Covela Escolha 2015 Vinho Verde

The wine's blend is led by the local bright and mineral touch of Avesso, but also with a substantial amount of Chardonnay. All fruit on the nose and all body on the palate. Even the fruit character is quite rich with lychee, very-ripe pear and juicy peach. The wine is linear with a pure expression but definitely made for texture.

Score : 13.25+/20 (85/100)

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California Zinfandel

Turley Wine cellars, Cuvée juvenile 2015 California

The Cuvée juvenile is made up of replanted/replacement vines within 20 Vineyards. Even with a quick sniff, you can smell the richness, the weight and the heat of this wine. There's literally a fruit compote of aromas with some dried flowers. The palate is explosive with length and so much weight. It has a stressed & nervous character that comes from the bright acidity.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Turley Wine cellars, Cuvée juvenile 2016 California

While the 2015 vintage was marked by drought, 2016 was blessed with plenty of rain. The term maturity would describe this wine perfectly. It is well-rested, still intense and bold, but with a freshness instead of an anxiety.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Turley Wine Cellars, Old vines 2015 California

Old Vines is composed of a variety of old sites from California that are either too small to be made into a single vineyard wine or are "new" to the Turley family. Some of them are co-planted and some other varieties found their way in the blend : Grenache, Mourvèdre, Palomino, all the muscats, etc. The total amount is still lower than the 25% allowed by AVA's regulation. It has the estate's concentrated flavor profile, but without the weight. It's elegant and fresh, with a slight sweetness that mirrors the qualities of the many fruity flavors.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Turley wine cellars, Frederick Vineyards 2015 California - Sonoma Valley

This vineyard planted back in 1937 is quite unique. Just a mile and a half from the Napa border on the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas, the vines are planted at a 900 feet altitude along steep, contoured terraces/20 (now prohibited). The extraordinary vines sit in the fog and has adapted to these special features. The grapes have a thicker, tougher skins. The result is a very deep purple wine with increased and impressive structure & tannins. It also has a scabrous character like a peach skin effect.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Turley Wine Cellars, Cedarman 2015 California - Howell Mountain

Cedarman is also an altitude vineyard standing proudly in the Howell Mountain. It's a completely different wine with lots of savory flavors. Instead of being fruit-forward, it boasts a strong spiciness along, of course, heavy structure, density and power. It's the favorite wine of Larry Turley because he likes to cook grilled and smoked meats, and this wine is well-suited.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Seghesio Sonoma, Zinfandel 2017 California - Sonoma County

This is an impressive wine, especially considering it is only an appellation wine. The aromas open broad and very fragrant with bright red fruits, bramble fruits, as well as earthy and leathery undertones. The palate is more concentrated than what was announced on the nose. It's jammier and even has candied cherry flavor. Aged in both American & French oak, the mix of smoke and spices joins the juicy backbone for a filling mouth feel.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Seghesio Old Vines, Zinfandel 2015 California - Sonoma County

Made from old vines of an average of 75 years, this is a concentrated, bright and layered wine. Black fruits, Cajun spices, sweet spices and leather are some of the many aromas this complex and developing wine exhibits. On the palate, taste and body is full, but the acidity and structure is light. There's a chewy feeling from the heavy concentration and a tasteful style.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Seghesio Cortina, Zinfandel 2016 California - Dry creek Valley

In the Seghesio portfolio, Cortina is the most delicate of the zinfandel. It's fruit-forward, with a pure expression of crushed red and black fruits. Its full-bodied frame is wide and spacious. The tannins are soft and integrated with just a slightly drying aspect. The most structure is found on the mid-palate, but rapidly leaves the highlight to the saucy, fresh, juiciness.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Seghesio Home Ranch estate, Zinfandel 2015 California - Alexander Valley

Home ranch is a deep purple-ish wine that is as bright a color as a precious stone. Its bouquet is rich and complex, offering a succulent crumble of wild-berries, small and ripe. It also boasts of vanilla integrated with other sweet spices, cinnamon and nutmeg. The freshness comes from the delicious fruit character as well as a dusty minerality. The layered texture is so filling and robust that you almost feel the need to chew instead of sipping.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Ridge Vineyards, 3 valleys 2016 California - Sonoma County

Intense depth & overall intensity. It boasts of dry and jammy fruits with an uplifting black licorice aroma. The oak is camouflaged, providing mostly texture, body and complexity with no strong smell of wood. The wine is all about integration and fullness.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Ridge Vineyards, Lytton Spring 2016 California - Dry Creek Valley

As deep as it can get, the Lytton spring is the very definition of maturity of fruits. The complexity is all based on different fruit character from red to dark black, from fresh to jammy. It is loyal and truthful to the varietal style, but it's also pushing its limits. On the palate, you can feel a mix of different style. The wine is dry but you feel a slight impression of sweetness from the concentration and the medium acidity. It's mostly light, with a candied flavor, but also an uplifting minerality and cherry flavor at the very end. This gives some decent length and might be from the little percentage of Carignan.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ridge Vineyards, Geyserville 2016 California - Alexander Valley

First impression was a little straightforward, but then comes a bright red cherry kick. It's classic and almost balanced overall except for the warm touch of alcohol. This wine boasts bold flavors and a graceful, rich mouth feel. While quite timid on the nose, the palate is the exact opposite, extremely juicy and explosive. The firm structure is thick and fully intense. Besides some blackberry, there's some hint of earthiness and sage, but they are being concealed by the alcohol & body.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Joseph Swan Vineyards, Bastoni Vineyards 2013 California - Sonoma County

This wine has a strong difference between the nose and the palate. From the very perfumed and delicate aromas coming through, it's hard to anticipate the concentrated, rich and full-bodied taste. Bramble & very dark fruits pie filling makes up most of the flavors, but some sweet spices from the American oak and a savory side brings complexity to the lot. I find the duality interesting from soft to strong.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Howell Mountain Vineyards, Beatty Ranch 2015 California - Howell Mountain

Beatty ranch Zinfandel is a structured, layered, absolutely complex and developing wine. This comes from a selection of the best barrels of Zinfandel from some of the oldest vines of the appellation. Its dark profile is syrupy while providing hints of leather, roasted coffee, cinnamon & cardamom. The structure is definitely grippy and grainy with fiery and dramatic flavors. The finale is escalating into a new developing style.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

California Zinfandel

Ravenswood Zinfandel, Big River 2015 California - Alexander Valley

This wine is dense, thick and filled with concentration, but very finely structured. The tannins are soft and the body is not overwhelming. It boasts with empyreumatic aromas of cocoa, espresso and smoke, but also have very noticeable oak character. Licorice and clove come along for the finale that is decent.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Ravenswood Teldeschi, Zinfandel 2015 California - Dry Creek Valley

Very dark in color with a fine nose of red fruits, bramble, bark as well as a sweet caramel note. The palate gets smoky with a lead of vanilla and a warm alcohol embrace. It's definitely powerful and wide.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Pedroncelli, 90 celebration Bushnell Vineyard zinfandel 2016 California - Dry Creek Valley

Intensely jammy with strong aromas of blueberry pie filling and intense wood fire. It's like a barbecue in there. Within the density of the aromas, there's still a hint of tartness that lifts up the overall intensity. The palate is large and bold, definitely full-bodied. The heaviness almost puts pressure instead of texture on your palate. The wine is dry with an overall boosted, juicy taste and limited tannins.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Francis Ford Coppola, Director's cut Zinfandel 2015 California - Dry creek valley

This wine as the deepest of color and the deepest of bouquet. The intense aromas include overripe blackberries and wild berries as well as licorice and a sweet touch of brown sugar. The palate is succulent and supple with a soft touch in terms of texture. The very limited sweetness level is quite apparent and transforms the taste into a saucy finale.

Score : 13.25+/20 (85/100)

Prototype Zinfandel 2016 California - Lodi

Prototype is a wine with a fresh overall fruit character, but with tarter finish. Even the color is surprisingly light and brilliant. The aromas combine a mix of juicy and fresh, little, concentrated berries. On the palate, it's tasteful, soft and light. I'd say it's closer to a Grenache than a zinfandel in style. There's a slight bitterness on the finale that is well placed.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Windstorm, old vines Zinfandel 2016 California - Lodi

Deep, opaque color with deep & concentrated wild berries, cassis and strawberry aromas. It's fruit-forward with a simple and pure expression. It needs opening, breathing as the intensity is quite shy. On the contrary, the mouthfeel is intense enough, with an explosive juiciness. It makes me think of the bursting fruit marbles in Bubble tea.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Brazin, Old Vines Zinfandel 2016 California - Lodi

This wine is very expressive with mostly under ripe, tart cherries aroma at first. With a little whiff of air, it will disclose an interesting smoky and meaty side. The palate is thick in every aspect with a strong boldness and very apparent oakiness, not so integrated.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Fly By 2017 California - Lake County

This zinfandel is quite bright in color with purple hue. Its aromas are mostly small juicy berries such as raspberry and wild strawberries. There's also a slight spiciness and a soft oak side. You can definitely smell the woody, grilled coconut hint of American oak. The palate is even juicier, turning to jammy. We lose all spice subtlety. The structure is quite light with very limited acidity. The overall taste is somewhat balanced in a light note but falls short.

Score : 13/20 (84/100)

Three Finger Jack Old vine 2016 California - Lodi

This Zinfandel from old vines, up to 110 year old, is truly daring. It's very expressive character, extremely aromatic, exhumes all kind of concentrated aromas, black fruit, licorice, dried flower petals, Molasse, baking spices and strong coffee. The mouth is light and lean in terms of tannins but quite delicious. The wild fruitiness makes it on the hither side of tease with just enough richness to believe this is from old vines.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Limerick Lane Russian river zinfandel 2016 California - Russian River Valley

Very savory and developing in style, especially for a zinfandel. Spices, leather, tobacco, dust and earth are the main aromas of this exclusive and surprising wine. There's an unparalleled clarity concerning the aromas, like a very well-defined picture. On the palate, the wine is more fruit-forward with extremely concentrated bramble berries, blueberry and a tingling wet stone character. It's definitely opulent and chewy, but the bright acidity stops it from feeling overly heavy. The structure is as defined as the aromas with a very decent finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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Feudo Montoni - Nero D'Avola - Lagnusa 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, racy and offers complexity as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, ripe cassis and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of ripe/juicy wild blueberry as well as very discreet hints of thyme flowers, liquorice and very discreet hints of black olive. The palate is fruity, elegant, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis and juicy/crunchy blackberry associated with a touch of juicy plum, very fine hints of liquorice, violet flowers/thyme flowers, liquorice stick, spices as well as a subtle hint of cinnamon and a very discreet hint of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant, fine and very finely straight/firm. Good persistence. A very discreet hint of tonka bean/toasted hazelnut on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Feudo Montoni - Vrucara 2014 DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, racy, fine and offers a beautiful definition, a fine power, a finesse of the grain, complexity as well as a beautiful deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry, liquorice associated with touches of tonka bean, very discreet hints of toasted, toasted almond as well as an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper, cardamom, sense of the place, a subtle hint of tonka bean/dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful definition, finesse, precision as well as complexity (full of finesse) and authenticity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of small red fruits associated with discreet hints of liquorice, black olive/olive tree, very discreet hints of dark chocolate/tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond. This wine teaches you patience and needs time before being tasted. Tannins are elegant, well-built and structuring. This wine is full of authenticity, elegance and complexity.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Feudo Montoni - Perricone 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers power and concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with very discreet hints of Cuben pepper, racy minerality, nutmeg, liquorice, spices and an imperceptible almost saline hint/olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely firm and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, gourmandize, a good definition as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, liquorice and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of liquorice, blueberry as well as very discreet hints of cocoa and racy minerality. Tannins are fine and very finely firm. A very beautiful gourmandize on the finish/persistence on notes of crushed almond, chocolate, fleshy/juicy fruits and very discreet hints of zan.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Castello Solicchiata - Solicchiata 2012 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, finely firm and offers a small power. This wine requires work in the glass. It reveals notes of Boysen berries, juicy/fresh black plum and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of small wild red berries as well as very discreet hints of spices, a subtle hint of tobacco. The palate is mineral, juicy and offers tension, a fine freshness, gourmandize as well as very fine creaminess. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe black cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy small red berries associated with fine touches of small local flowers/violet as well as a subtle hint of sense of the place and dark chocolate. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Castello Solicchiata - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fresh and offers a small minerality. It reveals mineral notes, fresh blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with hints of zan. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small varietal touches/bud as well as very discreet hints of zan.

Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Castello Solicchiata 2013 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition and a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with small touches of spices, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of Brazilian pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy Boysen berry and small notes of small black berries associated with small hints of wild strawberry, very discreet hints of wild strawberry as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, Brazilian pepper and very discreet hints of sense of the place. Tannins are structuring and fine. Sapidité and suavity on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Spadafora dei Principi - Schietto 2012, Cabernet Sauvignon IGP Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, precise and offers minerality. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe small black berries associated with touches of ripe wild strawberry, sense of the place, a hint of garrigue as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy Bigarreau cherry as well as fine hints of zan, tonka bean, sense of the lace as well as a very discreet hint of mild tobacco. Tannins are slightly firm.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Tasca d'Amerita - Vigna San Francesco 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon DOC Sicilia

The nose is mineral and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe/fresh raspberry and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of zan and an imperceptible hint of laurel. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame, a good definition, precision as well as a fine gourmandize/unctuosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with a touch of laurel, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of terroir/sense of the place. Tannins are precise, structuring and slightly firm. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Casa Vinicola Fazio - Cartesiano 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose offers minerality, structure as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, olivier and small notes of sense of the place associated with fine touches of dark chocolate as well as very fine hints of nutmeg, discreet hints of dry tobacco and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is well-balanced and offers juiciness and a juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, crunchy raspberry and small notes of red fruits associated with fine touches of chocolate on the finish.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



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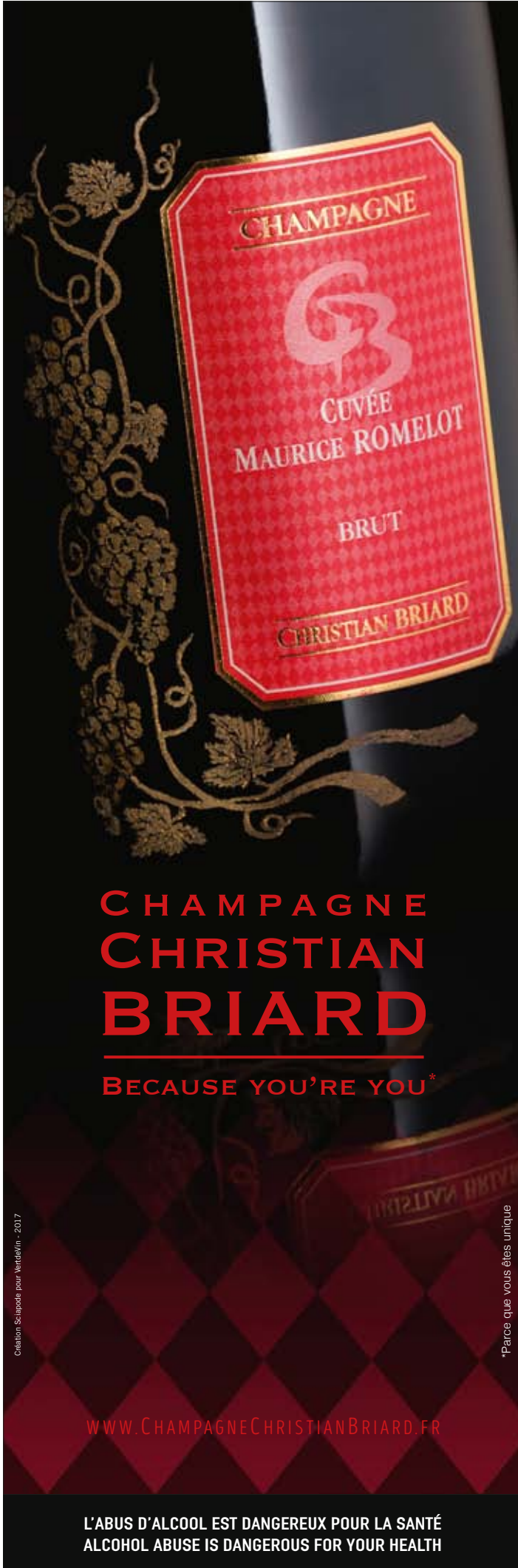
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Tenute Rapitalà - Hugonis 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, ripe and offers a fine creaminess. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, black plum and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with fine touches of crushed cassia as well as very fine hints of caramelization (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of ripe cassia associated with fine touches of chocolate/toasted. Good length. A very discreet hint of crushed almond on the persistence (brings a fine chew).

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Planeta - Burdese 2015 DOC Menfi

The nose is fruity, racy, precise and offers a certain elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cassia, blackberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of ripe Bigarreau cherry as well as a hint of liquorice and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy bigarreau cherry and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice, chocolate as well as very fine hints of chocolate, mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of mushroom (in the background). Good length.

Score : 14.75/20
(88-89/100)

Fina - Caro Maestro 2015 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed small black berries and small notes of tonka bean associated with a touch of blueberry/violet as well as very fine hints of toasted and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers freshness, tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small black berries and small notes of olivier, chocolate associated with fine touches of toasted. The finish is firm. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Feudo Principe di Butera - Symposio 2015 IGT Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine intensity and a grain fine. It reveals notes of small wild fruits, raspberry and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of olivier as well as very discreet hints of mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of flowers and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassia, juicy/fleshy black cherry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small fine touches of toasted, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of black olive and terroir. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Donnafugata - Tancredi 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition, precision, gourmandize, a fine grain as well as a very fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry and fleshy/crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of local flowers, nutmeg and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, a fine juiciness, tension as well as a good guideline/redline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassia, juicy/fleshy black cherry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of toasted, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of dark olive and terroir. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Cantine Nicosia - Fondo Filara Frappato Biologico 2018 Doc Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness as well as precision. It reveals notes of rose, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of ripe red fruits, violet as well as a very fine touch of orange. The palate is racy, fruity, flowery and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of rose, violet/small local flowers, juicy plum/quetsch and small notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry associated with a hint of cherry as well as an imperceptible hint of rosemary/olivier.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Dimore di Giurfo - Belsito 2017 DOC Vittoria

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of juicy red cherry and flowers (violet, cornflower, local flowers) associated with fine touches of rosemary, thyme as well as very fine touches of small black fruits and a hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, a good definition as well as straightness. On

the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cherry and flowers (rose, cornflower, local flowers...) associated with fine touches of rosemary/olivier, chocolate, tobacco/liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization (in the background) and sense of the place. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Feudi del Pisciotto - Frappato FDP 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassia, ripe black cherry and small notes

of fleshy strawberry associated with a touch of plum as well as very fine hints of balsamic, small local flowers and a subtle hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, fullness, suavity, gourmandize, precision as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of balsamic, rose and a very discreet hint of olivier/rosemary. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi - Dumé 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers intensity and a small perfume side. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of balsamic associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of olivier and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandize, minerality as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, rose and small notes of small red berries associated with fine hints of crunchy/wild raspberry as well as very fine hints of rosemary and an imperceptible hint of liquorice (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Valle dell'Acate - Il Frappato 2018 DOC Vittoria

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers complexity. It reveals notes of cherry, rose and small notes of lilac associated with a touch of juicy plum, crunchy cassia as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of olivier/gargigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness,



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precision, a beautiful definition, fullness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy/crunchy red berries and small notes of rise, lilac associated with subtle hints of toasted, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of tea/cardamom. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Horus - Di Sicilia... Sole e Terra 2017 DOC Vittoria Frappato

The nose is fruity, precise, finely tight and offers a small richness/power. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of wild raspberry and discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a ripe/juicy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, rose and small notes of crunchy cherry associated with fine touches of zan as well as a very discreet hint of rosemary and small local flowers. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A fine firmness on the finish. A good persistence with in particular a very discreet hint of dark chocolate.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Dimore di Giurfo - Maskaria 2015 DOCG Cerasuolo di Vittoria

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, crunchy small wild red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with a hint of pepper and olivier. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, suavity, fullness, fat as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, crunchy/juicy cherry and small notes of small red fruits associated with a touch of rosemary, olivier as well as an imperceptible hint of thyme, zan and a subtle hint of tobacco. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Centopassi - Sulla Via Francigena 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

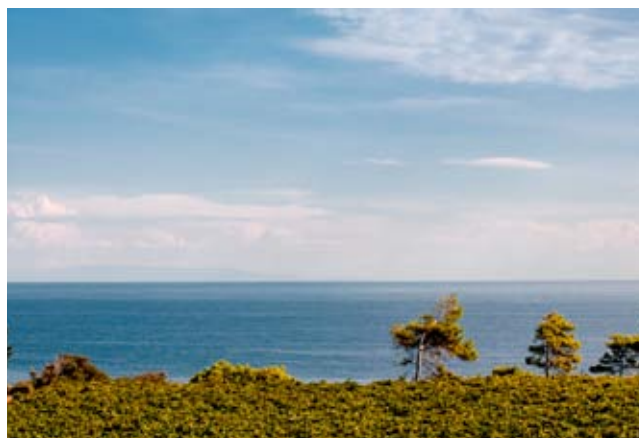
The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a fine grain as well as precision. It reveals notes of ripe plum, crunchy strawberry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, juiciness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy plum, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy bigarreau cherry associated with fine touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut and sense of the place. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantine Settesoli - Mandrarossa Cavadiserpe 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity and offers power, gourmandize as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, violet and small notes of griotte associated with a touch of thym, very fine hints of chocolat (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine grain as well as a beautiful juiciness/freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy/crunchy Bigarreau cherry associated with a touch of ripe raspberry as well as very fine hints of tonka bean/chocolate and a very discreet hint of cardamom (in the background). Good length. A very fine touch of chocolate and caramelization on the aftertaste (brings gourmandize).

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)



Casa Vinicola Fazio - Castelmedio Nerello Mascalese 2017

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The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of bud, red pepper and small notes of crunchy red cherry associated with fine touches of crunchy small red berries as well as fine hints of flowers and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, tension as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous redcurrant candy, crunchy/juicy cherry and small notes of crunchy/juicy cassis associated with a fine hint of liquorice and fine hints of flowers. The persistence is flowery.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Viafrancia 2014 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fine and offers a small power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry/acidulous raspberry candy, crunchy/acidulous strawberry and small notes of

flowers associated with a fine touch of crunchy plum as well as very fine hints of flowers and dark chocolat. Tannins are well-built and slightly firm.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Cottanera - Contrada Diciassettesalme 2017 DOC Etna

The nose offers a small power. It reveals fine notes of leather, blackberry associated with very fine touches small red berries as well as fine hints of black pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry and crunchy small red berries associated with fine hints of pepper, varietales as well as very fine hints of chocolate and very discreet hints of caramelization/vanilla (in the background).

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Cottanera - Contrada Feudo di Mezzo 2015 DOC Etna

The nose offers a small power. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of cocoa, toasted as well as very fine hints of Cuben pepper and a subtle hint of olivier. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, a fine suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy raspberry and small notes of black cherry associated with a touch of blackberry, liquorice, mild tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of black olive/chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Cottanera - Contrada Zottorinoto 2014 Riserva DOC Etna

The nose offers a small gourmandize, a fine concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, Cuben pepper and small notes of wild small red berries associated with fine touches of mild tobacco, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of mild tobacco, caramelization, chocolate as well as very fine hints of dry black olive and flowers (in the background). Tannins are slightly firm.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

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Cusumano - Alta Mora 2017 DOC Etna

The nose offers power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of local flowers, rose and small notes of small wild red berries associated with a hint of liquorice, varietal and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, fat as well as an acidulous/juicy frame and a small crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy red berries, crunchy raspberry and small notes of wild local flowers associated with fine touches of tobacco, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of olivier. Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Cusumano - Alta Mora Guardiola 2015 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small tension and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with fine touches of juicy violet plum as well as very discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize, tension, a good freshness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, crunchy cherry and small notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers as well as very fine hints of liquorice (in the background). Tannins are well-built. A fine firmness on the finish.

Score : 15.25+/20
(90-91/100)

Cusumano - Alta Mora Feudo di Mezzo 2015 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy black cherry, ripe/juicy cassis and small notes of small black berries associated with fine touches of flowers as well as a discreet hint of olivier, pepper and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, precision, a small freshness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, acidulous/juicy small red berries and small notes of juicy/acidulous raspberry associated with small touches of crunchy plum as well as a subtle hint of flowers and olivier. Tannins are finely dry and structuring.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Tasca d'Almerita - Contrada Pianodario 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, bigarreau cherry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of red fruits as well as a hint of pepper and a discreet hint of olivier. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandize, fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy frame, juicy/acidulous raspberry and small notes of juicy small plum associated with fine touches of small berries, flowers of pink laurel as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Tasca d'Almerita - Contrada Sciaranova 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers power, a beautiful fine grain as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of raspberry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of flowers, Cuben pepper as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and sulfur/volcanic rock. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a small juiciness as well as precision. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe bigarreau cherry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of wild raspberry as well as very discreet hints of spices.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Donnafugata - Sul Vulcano 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is aromatic and offers gourmandize as well as a fine complexity/intensity. It reveals notes of red cherry, flowers and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of liquorice and very fine hints of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, frank, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, tension as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, crunchy cherry and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with a touch of flowers (lilac, local flowers as well as discreet hints of spices). Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Donnafugata - Fragore 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, crunchy blackberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with fine touches of pepper, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of cumin and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy black cherry and small notes of

juicy plum associated with a touch of crunchy raspberry, very fine hints of flowers (local, lilac) as well as a subtle hint of olivier, an imperceptible hint of rosemary and a very discreet hint of tobacco (in the background).

Score : 15.75/20
(91-92/100)

Gulfi - Reseva 2014 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe black berries and small notes of spices (nutmeg, gray pepper) associated with very fine hints of olivier/sense of the place as well as a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, fres,

juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, a fine tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of plum as well as subtle hints of black olive, pink laurel, flowers and subtle hints of sense of the place. There is an imperceptible hint of tobacco/chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Tenute Rapitalà 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of balsamic, Cuben pepper as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, precision, suavity as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of balsamic as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and tobacco. Tannins are precise and structuring. There is a very discreet hint of ripe almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Vivera 2017 DOC Etna

The nose is finely tight and offers power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, thyme, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of pepper, a very discreet hint of tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers juiciness, an acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize and fullness. On the palate this wine



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expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, ripe raspberry associated with touches of ripe strawberry as well as discreet hints of olivier/laurel, a subtle hint of balsamic and a very discreet hint of liquorice.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Pietradolce - Contrada Santo Spirito 2016 DOC Etna

The nose offers a fine power and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of blackberry, plum, very fine hints of liquorice, violet as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of terroir/sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, precision as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy bigarreaucherry, juicy/fleshy plum and small notes of raspberry associated with a hint of small red berries, a subtle hint of balsamic as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are precise and structuring. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Benanti - Contrada Monte Serra 2017 DOC Etna

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of black plum, small wild flowers and small notes of raspberry associated with a hint of balsamic as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, precision, a very fine unctuousity and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, precision, a very fine unctuousity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy black cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers, small red berries as well as very discreet hints of mild tobacco. Tannins are finely firm and straight. Good length. Good persistence with a fine power.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Benanti - Contrada Cavaliere 2017 DOC Etna

The nose offers notes of livier, pink laurel and small notes of black cherry associated with a fine touch of plum and fine hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a mineral frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry associated with notes of crunchy cassis and small notes of small berries associated with varietal touches as well as very discreet hints of liquorice stick and tobacco. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Duca di Salaparuta - L'Àvico 2015 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is elegant and offers richness, gourmandize, a fine grain as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, dark chocolate, ripe small red berries and liquorice associated with a touch of strawberry, a hint of cinnamon and an imperceptible hint of orange (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, clean/fresh and offers a mineral frame, juiciness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of small red fruits associated with small touches of liquorice, dark chocolate, tobacco as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of tobacco (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Pietradolce - Barbagalli 2015 DOC Etna

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity. It reveals notes of leather, small red fruits and ine hints of balsamic associated with very discreet hints of olivier. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, precision, gourmandize as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy red cherry and small notes of red berries associated with small touches of balsamic, flowers (lilac, violet) as well as very discreet hints of liquorice stick and mild tobacco. Tannins are finely dry.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Pietradolce - Archineri 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of ripe red berries, sense of the place and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with fine touches of balsamic as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy red cherry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of juicy/ripe plum associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as very fine hints of zand balsamic. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Pietradolce - Contrada Rampante 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers power, elegance and gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of violet, chocolate as well as very fine hints of small local flowers. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension, gourmandize as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy blackberry and

small notes of red fruits associated with fine touches of chocolate, liquorice as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and a racy minerality. Tannins are well-built and finely firm.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Cantine Nicosia - Vulkà 2017 DOC Etna Rosso

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers power, elegance as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of violet as well as very fine hints of small local flowers and chocolate. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension, gourmandize as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of red fruits associated with fine touches of chocolate, liquorice as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and a racy minerality. Tannins are well-built and finely firm.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Torre Mora - Cauru 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, wild red berries and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of pink laurel flowers and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, precise, tight, well-balanced and offers a juicy and finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, ripe/juicy bigarreau cherry and small notes of red fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as very discreet hints of mild tobacco (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of olivier.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

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Tenute Bosco - Vico Prephyloera 2015 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with fine hints of Cuben pepper and very fine hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, acidulous raspberry candy and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of rose, very fine hints of liquorice as well as very fine hints of chocolate (in the background)

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Cantine Nicosia - Monte Gorna 2012, Riserva DOC Etna

The nose is powerful and spicy. It reveals notes of blackberry, leather and small notes of gray pepper associated with fine touches of ripe raspberry, blackberry as well as a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, precision as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe plum and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as a subtle hint of violet. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Pietro Caciorgna - Guardovento 2016 DOC Etna

The nose is powerful, aromatic and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild red berries associated with touches of Cuben pepper, flowers (iris, lilac) as well as fine hints of pepper and very discreet hints of rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy bigarreau cherry and small notes of red fruits associated with fine touches of plum as well as fine hints of liquorice and oak. Good length. A hint of grilled on the finish.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Pietro Caciorgna - N'Anticchia 2015 DOC Etna

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of violet, iris associated with fine touches of sense of the place (garrigue, olivier) as well as very discreet hints of gray pepper and discreet hints of coffee (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as a racy minerality and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, ripe bigarreau cherry and small notes of red fruits (raspberry, small berries) associated with fine hints of flowers and very fine hints of tobacco.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Feudo Arancio - Cantodoro 2016, Riserva DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with subtle hints of crunchy blueberry as well as discreet hints of cardamom, toasted and hot black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy violet plum and small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of crunchy/fleshy strawberry, discreet hints of cardamom, mild tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice and almond. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Assuli - Lorlando 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose offers power and tension. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe wild blueberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of wild raspberry, violet/lilac as well as a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, a small tension as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy black cherry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of blueberry, tobacco, a very fine touch of chocolate (in the background) as well as a very discreet hint of violet. Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Feudo Arancio - Hedonis 2015 Riserva DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers gourmandize as well as a very fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of plum associated with small touches of crushed raspberry, violet, graphite, very fine touches of caramelization, vanilla, a subtle hint of pepper as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean and toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a juicy/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy

cassis, black cherry and small notes of ripe small wild black fruits associated with fine touches of black olive, violet, sense of the place as well as very discreet hints of toasted hazelnut and smoke.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Feudo Arancio - Nero d'Avola 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose offers power, a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe wild blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of caramelization, liquorice, very discreet hints of sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of fresh leather and rosemary/sage. The

palate is fruity/well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy/ripe wild red berries and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with fine touches of zan as well as very fine hints of rosemary, thyme and a subtle hint of tobacco/dark chocolate. Tannins are structuring. A very discreet chew on the finish.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Feudo Maccari - Nerè 2017 IGP Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small power as well as intensity. It reveals notes of ripe red cherry, ripe cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, a very discreet hint of sage. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and well-defined. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy wild raspberry associated with a touch of acidulous candy, small red berries as well as fine hints of small local flowers, olivier and a subtle hint of pink laurel. Tannins are structuring. Good length. A very discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Feudo Maccari - Saia 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose offers power and a small intensity. It reveals notes of leather, gray pepper and small notes of flowers associated with small touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of strawberry and very fine hints of tobacco and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, a mineral/juicy/acidulous frame, precision as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, juicy



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cassis and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of red fruits as well as very fine hints of toasted, almond, mild tobacco and sense of the place. Tannins are slightly dry.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Valle dell'Acate - Il Moro 2015 DOC Sicilia

The nose is aromatic, structured and offers straightness. It reveals notes of small red berries, cassis and small notes of olive associated with fine varietal touches, sage as well as very fine hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fresh frame, a beautiful guideline as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of wild small fruits associated with a hint of plum, flowers as well as very fine hints of olive. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Valle dell'Acate - Bellifolli 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is powerful, spicy and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of small red berries associated with touches of olive, laurel/ varietal as well as a very discreet hint of eucalyptus and a subtle hint of pink pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a good definition, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh cassis, crunchy/fresh raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of laurel, eucalyptus as well as subtle hints of pink pepper/flowers. A discreet varietal bitterness on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Feudi del Pisciotto 2016 DOCG Cerasuolo di Vittoria

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity as well as a very fine captivating side. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and small wild red berries associated with fine hints of cassis as well as fine touches of pink laurel, olive and very discreet hints of zinfandel/tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy and offers gourmandise, precision, a fine tension and a small frank side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ crunchy cassis, juicy/crunchy raspberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy small red berries associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean and toasted. Tannins are structuring, frank and finely firm. Good length.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Valle dell'Acate - Classico 2015 DOCG Cerasuolo di Vittoria

The nose is fruity, harmonious and offers a fine grain as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe black cherry and small notes of ripe red berries associated with a hint of flowers, discreet hint of thyme as well as very fine hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandise, precision as well as a fine unctuousness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of ripe wild raspberry associated with fine touches of tobacco, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of olive/chocolate and sense of the place. Tannins are fine and structuring. Good definition.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Valle dell'Acate - Classico 2017 DOCG Cerasuolo di Vittoria

The nose reveals notes of wild blackberry and small notes of sense of the place (olive...) associated with fine touches of gray pepper as well as very

fine hints of small red fruits, flowers and a hint of ripe black cherry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, precision as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy black cherry and small notes of rosemary, thyme associated with fine touches of small flowers as well as fine hints of wild raspberry and a subtle hint of olive. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Assuli - Furioso 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild fruits associated with touches of liquorice as well as fine hints of grilled, coffee and a discreet animal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy red berries and small notes of violet plum associated with fine hints of violet, thyme/flowers as well as a subtle hint of tobacco, caramelization and chocolate. There is a hint of cocoa and toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Azienda Agricola Todaro - Pericone Feotto 2016 IGP Sicilia

The nose offers a fine gourmandise, a fine richness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of dark chocolate associated with fine touches of violet, blueberry as well as discreet hints of caramelization and toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy black cherry and small notes of juicy/ripe blueberry associated with touches of violet, thyme flowers as well as a subtle hint of sense of the place and a subtle hint of underwood. Tannins are structuring. Good length. Good persistence on an imperceptible almost saline hint, dark chocolate, toasted hazelnut as well as Bourbon vanilla.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Centopassi - Cimento di Pericone 2017 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose offers power, a fine grain as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of small wild berries associated

with fine touches of small violet local flowers, tobacco and a subtle hint of tea and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blueberry and small notes of violet associated with a subtle hint of small red berries, wild raspberry as well as a subtle hint of violet plum, tobacco and a very discreet hint of olive (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Sibilliana - Eugenes Perricone 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a good definition, precision as well as fine tension and concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of wild strawberry, a subtle hint of flowers, tonka bean as well as a very discreet hint of leather and sage. The palate is fruity, gourmandise and offers generosity, a fine creaminess, gourmandise and a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe plum, blueberry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of small red fruits, sage, a discreet hint of rosemary as well as a subtle hint of chocolate/caramelization. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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Caruso e Minini - Naturalmente bio Perricone 2017

IGP Terre Siciliane

The nose offers intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of gray pepper associated with fine hints of olivier as well as a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, finely acidulous, a fine tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous black cherry, juicy/acidulous violet plum and small notes of raspberry acidulous candy as well as very fine hints of juicy strawberry and flowers.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Feudo Disisa - Granmassenti 2017

DOC Monreale

The nose offers power and a fine and tight grain. It reveals notes of gray pepper and fine hints of smoke associated with a subtle hint of blackberry and fleshy strawberry (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe black cherry and small notes of small red fruits associated with fine touches of violet as well as subtle hints of mild tobacco. A very fine saline hint on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Firriato - Quater Vitis 2014

DOC Sicilia

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of nutmeg associated with fine touches of sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small freshness, a good definition and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy red berries associated with fine touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of thyme, a subtle hint of sweet spices as well as very fine hints of caramelization/tobacco. Tannins are slightly firm.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Feudi del Pisciotto - Pinot Nero 2014

IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, underwood, chocolate as well as very fine hints of thyme, caramelization and a discreet hint of sage. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches small red fruits, violet, very fine touches of chocolate, underwood as well as a hint of caramelization and caramelized hazelnut. Tannins are precise and structuring.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Feudo Arancio - Syrah 2017

DOC Sicilia

The nose is powerful and offers a fine grain, a fine intensity as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe/crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of eucalyptus and a very discreet hint of flowers and thyme/sense of the place. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a good definition as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, ripe/crushed redcurrant and small notes of cherry associated with a touch of blueberry as well as a subtle hint of liquorice, cardamom and very fine hints of chocolate/coffee.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Tenuta Regaleali - Perricone 2016

DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, powerful, racy and offers a beautiful grain as well as a beautiful juiciness. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, ripe redcurrant associated with a touch of blueberry, small and local violet flowers, a very discreet hint of hazelnut (in the background) and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, precision, tension, a good definition as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of juicy/ripe blueberry as well as subtle hints of small red berries, violet/small local flowers, very discreet hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of tonka bean (in the background), tea and tobacco. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Tenuta Regaleali - Rosso Del Conte 2014

Contea di Sclafani D.O.C.

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power, a fine concentration/intensity, a fine grain as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe black cherry, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of cola, Cuben pepper as well as an imperceptible almost saline hints and a very discreet hint of sense of the place (grass/local flowers). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a beautiful juiciness, a good definition as well as gourmandize, a very fine creaminess, finess, freshness as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of plum, liquorice, chocolate, tea as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Rosato 2018

DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, ripe raspberry and small notes of fleshy peach associated with fine touches of ripe apple as well as very fine hints of lemon and a very discreet hint of ripe pink grapefruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, fullness, gourmandize, juiciness as well as a juicy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous raspberry, juicy/acidulous vine peach and small notes of juicy/acidulous

cherry as well as very fine hints of juicy/acidulous mandarine, a subtle hint of pineapple and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). A very fine grainy side on the finish.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Adènzia 2017

DOC Sicilia

The nose is beautifully fresh, fruity, aromatic and offers intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of ripe red fruits (red berries, strawberry) associated with small chalky hints as well as very fine hints of violet and an imperceptible hint of cardamom/spices. The palate is fruity, chalky, well-balanced, precise, very finely tight and offers a mineral frame, tension as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe black cherry and small notes of juicy/ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are structuring and well-built. Good length. Good sapide and suave persistence. There are discreet hints of toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)



Sicilia

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Lusirà 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine freshness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, small juicy/fresh black cherries and small notes of raspberry, ripe strawberry associated with a touch of cherry in kirsh, hints of graphite, cardamom, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of cornflower, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of Brazilian pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a mineral frame, a good definition, suavity, a fine fat, tension, a good structure, a good juiciness as well as juicy/crunchy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy black cherry, crunchy/juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy red berries (raspberry, strawberry) associated with a touch of plum, very fine hints of violet, liquorice, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of tonka bean and caramelization. Tannins are elegant and very finely chewy. A very fine chew on the finish. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Lu Patri 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fresh, beautifully mineral and offers a small intensity/concentration, a fine grain as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, ripe small black fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, tonka bean, hints of fleshy blackberry, a fine hints of balsamic, sense of the place as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom, violet, pepper (in the background) and sugared mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a beautiful precision, a beautiful definition, gourmandize, minerality as well as a beautiful ripe/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy black cherry and small notes of red fruits (raspberry, strawberry) associated with fine touches of chocolate, liquorice, sugared mild tobacco, balsamic, sense of the place/dry local vegetation as well as a very discreet hint of ripe almond. Tannins are structuring, fine and elegant. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of fresh hazelnut on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Lu Patri 2009 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fresh, aromatic, fruity and offers elegance as well as power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe black plum and small notes of zan associated with fine touches of small black berries, black olive, smoke, very fine hints of olivier, spices, truffle, a subtle hint of meat, a very discreet hint of olivier, eucalyptus as well as an imperceptible hint of black pepper and fresh nutmeg. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame, a good definition, a chalky side, gourmandize as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of very ripe small black fruits associated with fine touches of blackberry, very ripe raspberry as well as fine hints of zan, graphite, smoke, very fine hints of dry black olive and a subtle hint of truffle (in the background/very discreet).

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Canicatti - Centuno 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity as well as a fine concentration/minerality/richness. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of zan, smoke, gray pepper as well as very fine hints of fresh nutmeg, spices and garrigue. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality as well as a juicy/very finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/acidulous plum

and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of juicy small wild black berries, juicy blueberry, fine hints of liquorice, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of garrigue/black olive and a subtle almost iodine hint. Tannins are structuring. There is an imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Canicatti - Diodoros 2015 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, concentration, elegance, a fine/racy grain, a small power as well as a very fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of ripe blueberry associated with small touches of zan, Cuben pepper, very fine hints of violet, dry black olive as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, fresh herbs/olivier and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful definition/juiciness, an acidulous frame, suavity, tension, precision, a fine grain as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of ripe small wild red fruits, tobacco, zan, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of black olive and a subtle hint of cardamom, olivier and tea. Tannins are well-built, fine and very discreetly tight. Good length.

**Score : 15.75/20
(91-92/100)**

Canicatti - Diodoros 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandize, finesse as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of ripe wild raspberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, blackberry, cardamom, very discreet hints of black olive as well as a very discreet hint of dark chocolate and sense of the

place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, suavity, a good definition, elegance, finesse, precision as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, ripe/fleshy cassis and small notes of ripe/fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of ripe/fleshy blueberry, fine hints of zan, sugared mild tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of hot black olive, a subtle hint of toasted/caramelization and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Principe di Butera - Syrah 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose is aromatic, racy, elegant and offers power, intensity, emotion as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe Boysen berry and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with fine touches of very ripe small red fruits, very fine hints of liquorice, spices, Cuben pepper as well as a very discreet hint of violet, sense of the place, very discreet hints of toasted/caramelization and an imperceptible hint of vanilla/toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, tension, a good definition, precision, finesse (but full of gourmandize) as well as a beautiful tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, ripe bigarreau cherry and small notes of small ripe red fruits (red berries, wild strawberry) associated with fine touches of liquorice, tonka bean, spices as well as a discreet hint of olivier and sense of the place. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly chewy. Good length and persistence with very discreet hints of toasted hazelnut. A beautiful wine !

Score : 17/20 (94/100)



Sicilia

Principe di Butera - Nero d'Avola 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power/intensity/minerality, elegance as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe black cherry and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, black plum as well as very discreet hints of chocolat, aromatic herbes (olivier, rosemary/sage), sense of the place and an imperceptible hint of pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a fine grain, tension as well as suavity and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy black cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of black plum, violet/cornflower, local flowers as well as very discreet hints of ripe/crushed grape seed. Tannins are elegant, structuring and fine. Good length.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Principe di Butera - Deliella 2015 DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers a fine grain, a beautiful intensity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry, acidulous raspberry/balsamic associated with fine hints of liquorice, tobacco as well as a very discreet hints of rosemary, sage, Brazilian peppet and offers minerality, juiciness, tension, richness, gourmandize/generosity, deepness, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, rose as well as very fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Ramione 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, fine, aromatic and precise. It reveals notes of black cherry, ripe cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with slight hints of liquorice, sweet spices and very discreet hints of aromatic herbs. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, straight and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes ripe wild blackberry combined with slight hints of acidulous small wild berries as well as discreet hints of licorice, toasted, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. Tannins are straight and structuring.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Viafrancia Rosso 2014 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and very fine notes of spices associated with slight hints of wild black berries, tea, fine hints of wild strawberry, tobacco, chocolate as well as a hint of cardamom and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, a juicy/ fresh frame as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe/ juicy cassis and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of spices as well as very discreet toasted hints and chocolate. Tannins are precise and relatively fine. Fine sapidity and suavity on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Cembali 2013 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers intensity, delicacy as well as complexity. It reveals notes of black plum, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe blueberry combined with fine touches of violet as well as slight hints of liquorice, toasted and very discreet hints of caramelisation. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and

offers an acidulous frame, finesse, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and small notes of juicy blueberry, juicy plum associated with very slight hints of liquorice, sweet blond tobacco as well as very discreet hints of rosemary and sage. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi - Coste a Preola 2018, Nero d'Avola DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, fine and offers power/ concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of cooked/ ripe blueberry associated with fine hints of violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice, wild strawberry, spices, rosemary/ olive and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, a good definition as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy purple plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of zan, black tea as well as very discreet hints of sense of the place. Tannins are structuring, fine and supples. There are a very discreet hint almost saline and discreet hints of almond/ hazelnut on the finish/ persistence. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi - Sorante 2015 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain, complexity, a small finesse as well as intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, black plum and wild berries associated with fine touches of small blue fruits, slight spicy hints, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of chocolate and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, a fine straightness, a beautiful structure, a fine creaminess, suavity

as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, purple plum and small notes of red berries associated with hints of local flowers, rosemary, sweet blond tobacco as well as slight hints of caramelization, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of thyme. Tannins are structuring and elegant. Fine sapidity on the finish.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Mandarossa - Nero D'Avola 2018, Costadune Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers gourmandise as well as a fine untuosity. It reveals notes of plum, black cherry and small notes of chocolate associated with fine touches of red berries, sweet spices and a discreet touch of hot black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, a juicy frame / slightly acidulous, finesse, minerality, straightness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black plum, black cherry and small notes of ripe wild redcurrant combined with slight hints of crushed strawberry as well as very discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of local grove. The tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Alcesti - Nero d'Avola 2017, Nesos Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small power, a fine richness as well as a very fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of cherry associated with discreet touches of raspberry as well as discreet hints of spices, local grove and a very discreet hint of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, crunchy plum and small notes of crunchy red fruits associated with slight hints of local vegetation / local grove. Tannins are fine and very discreetly firm.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



Sicilia

Alessandro di Camporeale – Donnata 2017 Sicilia DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration and a fine power. It reveals notes of wild black berries, crunchy wild blackberry and small notes of dark chocolate associated with slight hints of flowers, spices and an imperceptible hint of blood orange (on the finish) and toasted / vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-structured and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a racy minerality, suavity as well as a fine bitterness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, crunchy plum and small notes of blackberry associated with varietal touches (olive tree, grove, garrigue) as well as very discreet hints of dark chocolate (on the finish).

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Vivera 2017 Etna Rosso DOP

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cherry, terroir / volcanic rock and small notes of wild berries associated with slight touches of fleshy strawberry as well as a hint of juicy cassis and toasted hint / cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine tension, a racy minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild red berries, crunchy cherry and small notes of cassis, fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with touches of racy minerality / terroir (volcanic rock) as well as slight hints of cardamom. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Vivera 2016 Terra dei Sogni IGP

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful fleshy / juicy fruit. It reveals notes of cherry, strawberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of flowers, toasted as well as hints of crushed redcurrant and Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame and acidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed redcurrant, acidulous plum and small notes of strawberry combined with slight hints of small berries, flowers, chocolate, cardamom and very slight hints of chocolate / toasted. Tannins are very slightly marked and slightly dried. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Alcesti – Zibibbo 2018 Terre Siciliane IGT

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine concentration and a fine depthness. It reveals notes of quenette / exotic fruits, zest and small notes of apple associated with discreet hints of lime and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, framed and offers a good definition, juiciness, a very fine tension as well as an acidulated / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lime zest, pink grapefruit and small notes of white flowers (lemon, honeysuckle) associated with very discreet hints of exotic fruits (quenette...) and apple.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Alcesti – Medea 2018, Catarratto Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and mineral. It reveals notes of lemon, zest and more lightly white flowers associated with discreet hints of lime and apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine suavity as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, nectarine and small notes of sweet citrus (lime, mandarin) associated with a hint of quenette and very discreet hints of flowers. Good length. There is an imperceptible almost tannic sensation / firmness on the finish.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Alcesti – Perricone 2017 Terre Siciliane IGT

The nose offers a fine power / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of garrigue, Cuben pepper as well as hints of spices and olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a fine tension, a fine unctuousness, suavity, fat as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of wild berries associated with slight touches of redcurrant, racy minerality, local vegetation as well as very slight oaky hints / toasted hints and ripe almond.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Alcesti – Frappato 2017 Terre Siciliane IGT

The nose is slightly tight, racy and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild berries and small notes of blackberry associated with slight touches of flowers (violet, lily ...) and scrubland / local vegetation. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, juicy plum and small notes of juicy small blue fruits associated with a hint of strawberry as well as very discreet hints of flowers and sense of place. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Vivera – Altrove 2018 Terre Siciliane Bianco IGP

The nose reveals hints of exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruit ...) and small notes of ripe lemon combined with fine touches of Granny Smith green apple and a very discreet hint of honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, straightness as well as a fine mineral / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy exotic fruits, Granny Smith green apple and small notes of honeysuckle associated with discreet hints of crunchy nectarine as well as a very discreet iodized hint on the finish. Good length.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Mandarossa – Cartagho 2016 Sicilia DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness as well as a fine delicacy. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of strawberry combined with slight touches of chocolate as well as hints of

caramelization, olive, local grove and cardamom. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a mineral frame, a small richness, a fine gourmandise as well as a slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, chocolate, toasted and small notes of plum associated with small touches of crushed red berries, slight hints of local grove as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and tobacco sweet blonde. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Mandarossa – Bonera 2017 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small richness, fleshiness as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of chocolate, toasted / caramelization and small notes of plum, strawberry associated with a subtle touch of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, fleshiness, gourmandise, a fine unctuousness as well as a juicy / slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, black cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of chocolate, vanilla and subtle hints of black olive.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)



Sicilia

WHITE WINES

Pietradolce - Archineri 2018 DOC Etna Bianco

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe/ fresh pink grapefruit, fresh crunchy brugnon and small notes of lemon flowers associated with fine hints of white flowers as well as discreet hints of quenette/ exotic fruits and a subtle hint of apple. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh crunchy brugnon and small notes of juicy/ acidulous mandarine associated with a fine touch of fresh/juicy pink grapefruit as well as subtle hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of honey suckle.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Benanti - Pietra Marina 2015 DOC Etna Bianco Superiore

The nose reveals notes of hazelnut, chestnut tree and small notes of fresh white fruits associated with a subtle hint of fresh lemon as well as fine hints of leather and racy minerality. The palate is fruity and offers a mineral frame, fullness, freshness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe apple, ripe/fresh brugnon and small notes of fresh/ripe lemon associated with a small touch of fresh/juicy mirabelle as well as hints of hazelnut and leather.

Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Tornatore 2018 DOC Etna Bianco

The nose is fresh and offers a fine crunchiness as well as a fine richness/ gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe/ juicy lemon, ripe/juicy kumquat and small notes of ripe/juicy brugnon associated with fine hints of pear as well as a discreet hint of butter. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a small gourmandize, straightness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe lemon, fresh/ripe apple and small notes of ripe/juicy peach associated with fine touches of fresh/juicy nectarine as well as a discreet hint of pink grapefruit and white flowers (in the background).

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Alessandro di Camporeale - Catarratto Vigna di Mandranova 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe kumquat and small notes of fine touches of peach flowers, exotic fruits associated with fine hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, tension as well as harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe vine peach and small notes of juicy pear associated with fine touches of quenette, juicy/ripe kumquat as well as fine discreet hints of juicy mango and flowers.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Feudi del Pisciotto - Chardonnay 2017 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a good definition and gourmandize. It reveals notes of peach, mango and small notes of juicy citrus associated with fine hints of honeysuckle as well as a very discreet hint of honey (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, gourmandize, fullness, fat, a small suavity, precision as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy mango, fleshy/juicy vine peach and small notes of citrus (lemon, kumquat) associated with a subtle hint of oragne as well as very discreet hints of butter/hazelnut tree and an imperceptible hint of honey. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Feudi del Pisciotto - Tirsat 2017 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of flowers, honeysuckle and small notes of hay associated with fine hints of citrus as well as a subtle hint of green apple and discreet hint of leather/almond. The palate is fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, precision as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon,ripe/ juicy quince and small notes of butter associated with fine hints of hay as well as a subtle hint of apricot and almond.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Timeo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers freshness and minerality. It reveals notes of fresh/ fleshy peach, fleshy/fresh pear and small notes of apple associated with very fine hints of citrus, quenette, honeysuckle as well as an imperceptible hint of bee wax/ almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a good definition, gourmandize, juiciness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh crunchy peach, juicy/crunchy/fresh pear and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of juicy/fresh crunchy citrus as well as a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Barone Sergio - Alègre 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers gourmandize as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quenette, juicy flat peach and small notes of flowers (lily, honeysuckle, lily of the valley) associated with fine touches of green apple as well as discreet hints of ripe pink grapefruit and a very discreet and imperceptible hint of yuzu(in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, juiciness and a

good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, juicy/ripe green apple and small notes of juicy flat peach associated with fine touches of kumquat, juicy yuzu, subtle hints of flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe almond and discreet hints of minerality racy. Good persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Feudo Arancio - Grillo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose offers a small firmness. It reveals notes of quince, hay and small notes of mngo associated with fine touches of brugnon, a very discreet hint of citrus as well as a subtle hint of mandarine zests and very fine hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, tension, fat as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, juicy/ripe kumquat and small notes of juicy/ripe mandarine associated with fine hints of quenette, brugnon as well as a subtle hint of hay/ quince and a very discreet hint of toasted/toasted almond (in the background).

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Feudo Disisa - Grillo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-built and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy/juicy peach, crunchy/juicy apple and small notes of honeysuckle associated with a fine touch of yuzu as well as a very discreet hint of crunchy pineapple. The palate is fresh, crunchy, well-balanced, well-built, chased and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy flat peach, juicy/crunchy apple and small notes of citrus (kumquat, crunchy pineapple) as well as very fine hints of toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of vanilla/oak (in the background). Good length. The finish is very discreetly grainy.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Sibilliana - Eughenes Grillo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition, a very fine richness and a small freshness. It reveals notes of juicy fresh quince, juicy fresh pear and small notes of citrus associated with fine discreet touches of peach flowers. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a mineral and chased frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, juicy quince and small notes of crushed peach associated with fine hints of juicy pear, a very discreet hint of citrus as well as very fine hints of toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of honey. Good length.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Spadafora dei Principi - Grillo 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose offers a small power. It reveals notes of almond and small notes of juicy citrus, leather associated with small touches of juicy peach as well as an imperceptible hint of hay/dry grass. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame, a small freshness as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of fleshy William pear associated with small touches of fleshy mirabelle, bee wax and a very discreet hint of hay, flowers and butter (in the background). A fine hint of varietal bitterness in the background on the finish.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Naty Insolia 2016 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose reveals notes of quince, ripe mirabelle and small notes of white fruits associated with a hint of honey as well as an imperceptible hint of dry peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, fullness, a small unctuousity, tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/acidulous quince, ripe/acidulous mirabelle and small notes of bee wax associated with fine hints of hay, flowers as well as a subtle hint of fresh almond. Good length. A very discreet tannic sensation on the aftertaste.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Tasca d'Almerita - Didyme 2018 IGT Salina

The nose offers crunchiness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of vine peach, ripe green apple and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of ripe apricot and ripe mirabelle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral frame, a good definition as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of brugnion, crunchy pear and small notes of ripe yellow apple associated with fine touches of lemon and a subtle hint of yuzu. Good length.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Feudi del Pisciotto - Alaziza 2018 IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose reveals fine hints of hay associated with fine hints of ripe white fruits and a discreet hint of dry mandarine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a small freshness, a mineral frame, juiciness and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crunchy/juicy flat peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of apple, toasted and a very discreet/imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)

Tenuta Regaleali - Nozze D'Oro 2017 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, minerality as well as a very fine richness/complexity. It reveals notes of ripe mirabelle, ripe peach and small notes of honey associated with discreet hints of fresh flowers, citrus as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, juiciness as well as a good definition, a fine grain, a fine tension as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy mirabelle, juicy kumquat and small notes of juicy/fresh peach associated with small touches of green apple, citrus, zests as well as a subtle hint of flowers, amand floweres, bee wax and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background).

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Tenuta Regaleali - Nozze D'Oro 2014 Sicilia Contea di Sclafani DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, a beautiful grain, minerality as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits/Mirabelle associated with fine touches of hay, bee wax, very fine hints of grass/fresh flowers, dry orange as well as an imperceptible hint of bee wax and nutmeg.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a very fine tannic sensation, juiciness, a mineral frame as well as tension and a beautiful finesse/guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon/ripe quince, ripe Mirabelle and small notes of hay associated with small touches of bee wax, nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of orange/dry kumquat, spices and a very discreet hint of apricot pit (in the background). Beautiful persistence.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Tenuta Regaleali - Nozze D'Oro, Vendemia 2006

Sicilia Contea di Sclafani DOC

The nose is fresh, elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, freshness as well as a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh quince and small notes of ripe/fresh kumquat associated with fine touches of ripe/fresh mandarine, fine hints of hay, small local wild flowers as well as a very discreet hints of fresh almond and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, juiciness, a beautiful definition, a small richness, freshness, straightness as well as a beautifully fine and finely tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe kumquat, ripe quince and small notes of very ripe mandarine associated with small touches of ripe/juicy mirabelle, hay, bee wax as well as discreet hints of dry almond, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cereal (in the background). Good length. Sapidity and suavity in the finish.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Adènzia 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of fleshy vine peach, fleshy/fresh apple and small notes of racy minerality associated with discreet hints of pear as well as an imperceptible hint of quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, a good definition as well as a racy grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus notes and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of quenette as well as very fine hints of zests, a hint of crunchy/juicy pineapple and an imperceptible hint almost saline (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)



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Baglio del Cristo di Campobello Laluci 2018, Grillo DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, very discreet tight and offers richness, freshness, a fine grain as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of vine peach, quenette and small notes of ripe green apple associated with touches of exotic fruits as well as fine hints of bee wax, white flowers and a very discreet hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, very precise and offers a good definition, tension, a fine straightness as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, very precise and offers a good definition, tension, a fine straightness as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy vine peacha, crunchy/juicy pear and small notes of ripe/juicy green apple associated with fine touches of citrus (lemon, mandarine), a very discreet hint of zests as well as very discreet hints of white flowers/honey, almond and very fine hints of racy/chalky minerality. A fine sapidity as well as a very fine firmness on the finish.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello, Laluci 2013 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness and a fine gourmand side. It reveals notes of quince, ripe/fleshy mirabelle and small notes of almond associated with fine touches of small yellow flowers, bee wax as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good freshness, fullness, fat, a fine grain as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy mirabelle, fleshy quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of crushed kumquat, racy mineral as well as very discreet hints of flowers, vanilla, honey and fresh almond. Good length. An imperceptible/very discreet chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Laudari 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy William pear, fleshy yellow apple and small notes of quince associated with very fine hints of honeysuckle, discreet hints of honey as well as a subtle hint of orange and toasted/oak. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, fullness, a small richness, a fine grain, tension as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy kumquat as well as very fine hints of juicy citrus, subtle hints of honey, small yellow fruits/mirabelle and a discreet hint of butter/toasted (in the background). There is a very discreet hint of toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of chestnut on the aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Baglio del Cristo di Campobello - Adènzia 2009 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small minerality, a small intensity and a fine deepness as well as freshness. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/fresh citrus zests and small notes of apple associated with small touches of fresh flowers, racy minerality as well as a hint of fresh quince and very discreet hints of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame, precision, finesse, gourmandize, a fine fat as well as a good definese of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/fresh quince and small buttered notes associated with small touches of crushed mirabelle as well as fine hints of pear, honey, toasted hazelnut and very fine hints of almond/chestnut. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of grilled/grilled hazelnut on the persistence. A chalky sensation on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Canicatti - Cataratto 2018 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a small power as well as richness. It reveals notes of crunchy/ripe flat peach, peach skin and small notes of green apple associated with fine touches of white flowers (elderflower, lemon flowers...) as well as a hint of fresh grass and very discreet hints of litchee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality, savviness as well as a crunchy/juicy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy flat peach, juicy/crunchy green apple and small notes of lemon associated with very discreet almost iodine hint, a fine hint of litchee, flowers (white and pink) associated with an imperceptible hint of juicy clementine.

Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Canicatti - Fileno, Grillo 2018 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is fruity and offers tension. It reveals notes of kumquat, juicy/fresh mirabelle and small notes of juicy citrus associated with small touches of leather as well as a very discreet hint of sweat and orange flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, fat, suavity, a juicy/

finely acidulous frame, minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, crunchy green apple and small notes of crunchy brugnon associated with fine touches of juicy mandarine as well as very fine hints of flowers/honeysuckle, lemon flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of honey (in the background) and fresh almond. A discreet hint of lemon seed/fresh almond on the persistence.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Canicatti - Aqualae, Grillo 2018 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose offers energy. It reveals notes of juicy nectarine, pear and

small notes of flowers associated with fine hints of sweat as well as discreet hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a fine creaminess as well as an aromatic precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy nectarine, juicy/fleshy pear and small notes of fleshy mirabelle associated with small touches of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarine) as well as fine hints of crunchy quenette and a subtle hint of pink grapefruit. Good length. An imperceptible hint of grass on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.25/20 (87-88/100)

Principe di Butera - Grillo 2018 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and offers concentration/richness. It reveals notes of ripe pear, ripe apple and small notes of ripe/fleshy mirabelle associated with small typical chewed fruits, very fine hints of flowers/honeysuckle as well as very discreet hints of butter, sweet spices and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the fat/grain, tension, finesse as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, quince and small notes of fleshy mirabelle associated with fine hints of sense of the place and imperceptible hint of butter (in the background).

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Principe di Butera - Insolia 2018 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, racy, aromatic and offers a small intensity as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits (pear, brugnon) and small notes of citrus (quince, kumquat) associated with discreet hints of zests as well as very fine hints of flowers, sense of the place and a very discreet hint of olivier. The palate is well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition, fullness, elegance, an acidulous/juicy frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/



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juicy brugnion, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of typical chewed white fruits associated with fine touches of quince, water melon as well as very discreet almost vanilled hint and almost iodine on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Principe di Butera - Sero 2016 Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, racy, aromatic and offers freshness, intensity as well as a small perfume side. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of bee wax associated with fine touches of mirabelle, very fine hints of hay, flowers as well as very discreet hints of yellow peach (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, racy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame, a fine tension, minerality, a beautiful elegance as well as generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, bee wax and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of citrus (mandarine, lemon), very discreet hints of toasted/butter as well as an imperceptible hint of bee wax (in the background). Sapidity on the finish.

**Score : 17.25/20
(94-95/100)**

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi - Coste a Preola Grillo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, juicy quince and small notes of ripe white fruit associated with a hint of peach as well as a subtle hint of grove and very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers sapidity as well as a good and racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of citrus (kumquat, lemon ...) associated with small touches of juicy vine peach as well as very discreet hints of exotic fruits and ripe pink grapefruit. Good length. The finish is slightly acidulous and juicy.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi - Meridiano 12 Zibibbo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a good definition, a fine richness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of quenette, exotic fruits and small notes of sweet pink grapefruit, crushed brugnion associated with slight hints of white flowers (lemon blossom, mandarin blossom). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, gourmande and offers precision, straightness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, exotic fruits and sweet pink grapefruit associated with small notes of vine peach and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond (in the background).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi - Midor 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh white peach and fresh yellow fruits/ quince combined with touches of mirabelle plum, citrus (lemon, tangerine), slight touches of flowers and discreet iodine hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, a fine grain, a fine fat, a good definition, suavity as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ juicy peach, fresh citrus (kumquat ...) and small notes of white flowers associated with slight hints of zest as well as discreet hints of lemon zest, white flowers (lemon, jasmine, mandarin), anise and very fine iodine hints.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Mandarossa – Grillo 2018, Costadune Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe grapefruit, ripe lemon and small notes of Granny Smith green apple associated with slight touches of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, suavity, gourmandise, a good structure as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon and small notes of ripe grapefruit associated with slight touches of juicy mandarin, apple and exotic fruits. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Mandarossa – Santannella 2018 Terre Siciliane IGT

The nose is fruity and offers precision. It reveals notes of quenette, green apple and small notes of ripe pink grapefruit associated with very discreet hints of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, an acidulous frame, suavity as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruit, mango) associated with touches of ripe pink grapefruit, discreet hints of zest as well as an imperceptible hint of almond / hazelnut and vegetation local.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Mandarossa – Zibibbo Secco 2018, Costadune Terre Siciliane IGT

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quenette, sweet pink grapefruit and small notes of sweet orange zest combined with slight hints of exotic fruit and lemon blossom. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, gourmandise, precision, a fine grain as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy quenette and small notes of green apple associated with slight touches of exotic fruits and crushed lime / sweet lemon zest. Good length. A very discreet

firmness on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Alessandro di Camporeale – Kaid 2016, Syrah Sicilia DOC

The nose is slightly tight and offers power as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of cassis, cherry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of black fruit, Sichuan pepper, black tea, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, framed and offers a racy minerality, a good guideline, a fine tension as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of redcurrant, fleshy cassis and small notes of black plum associated with very discreet hints of fleshy raspberry, scrubland as well as a subtle hint of black olive and cocoa / roasted oak. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Alessandro di Camporeale – Catarratto 2017, Vigna Di Mandranova Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as freshness. It reveals notes of green apple, quince, hay and small notes of juicy / fresh citrus associated with a subtle hint of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, very slightly "perlante" (very discreet sparkling sensation), well-balanced and offers a fine tension, juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a very slight straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lime, quince and small notes of yellow apple associated with very discreet hints of chestnut / butter. Good length. The persistence is slightly acidulous.

Score : 15/20 (89-90/100)



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Alessandro di Camporeale – Grillo 2018, Vigna di Mandranova Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity, oaky and offers a fine richness as well as freshness. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy citrus, apple and toasted notes combined with slight touches of lime, discreet hints of quenette and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, discreetly "perlante" (discreet sparkling sensation) and offers a good definition, juiciness, a very discreet suavity (in the background), gourmandise as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lime, ripe / juicy clementine and small notes of Granny Smith green apple associated with discreet hints of quenette, clementine zest as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible almond spike (in the background). There is an imperceptible almost saline hint on the finish. Good length and good acidulous persistence.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Alessandro di Camporeale – Benedè 2018, Catarratto Sicilia DOC

The nose is fresh and juicy. It reveals notes of fresh / juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) and small notes of juicy / crunchy peach associated with very discreet hints of crunchy apple. The palate is fruity, crunchy, well-balanced, finely gourmand and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy apple and small notes of juicy / crunchy citrus associated with slight hints of crunchy pear. Good length. Good and slightly acidulous persistence.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Alcesti – Edesia 2018, Grillo Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of ripe Brugnion, ripe apple and small notes of juicy citrus associated with very discreet hints of quince, ripe zests (in the background) and spices / nutmeg / fresh leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, finely gourmande and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, precision as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / acidulous quenette and small notes of juicy / acidulous apple associated with very slight hints of sweet zest.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Alessandro di Camporeale – Kaid 2018, Sauvignon Sicilia DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of lemon zest, tangerine zest and small notes of lemon blossom associated with very discreet hints of Granny Smith apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, fresh / juicy citrus and small notes of fresh tangerine associated with slight hints of fresh / crunchy apple and very discreet hints of limestone / minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Vivera – Salisire Contrada Martinella 2015 Etna Bianco DOP

The nose is fruity and very slightly restrained. It reveals notes of ripe / juicy citrus and small notes of leather / nutmeg associated with fine touches of crushed white fruit, zest and an imperceptible iodine hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers roundness, suavity, an acidulous frame, fat as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, zest of lime and small notes of ripe tangerine associated with fine

touches of quenette, apple as well as very discreet hints of papaya and an imperceptible hint of sense of place (in the background).

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

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Canicatti - Delicio 2018 Terre Siciliane IGP

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power, gourmandise as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe raspberry, ripe/fresh redcurrant and small notes of ripe/fresh cassis associated with small touches of citrus as well as a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, juiciness, tension, a fine gourmandise as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy redcurrant, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a hint of cherry as well as subtle hints of citrus, a very discreet hint of crunchy/juicy peach and an imperceptible hint of quenette.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Murrilaie 2018 Monreale DOC

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of green apple and fresh zest associated with small touches of kumquat and very discreet hints of fresh herbs/ flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a good finesse of the grain, a fine fat as well as sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) and small notes of zests associated with very slight hints of kumquat. Beautiful length (acidulous). There is a touch of fresh almond on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Timeo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers freshness as well as a small minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon and fresh/ juicy nectarine associated with very fine hints of citrus and rosemary/ sage. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a good definition, a juicy frame, tension, good juiciness, a good structure as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy brugnion, acidulous apple and small notes of citrus associated with a touch of toasted/ butter and a very discreet hint of dried almond (in the background).

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Baglio di Pianetto - Viafrancia Bianco 2016 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity and offers a good freshness. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus associated with very fine hints of papaya as well as a discreet hint of almond/ beeswax and an imperceptible hint of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance, a fine richness, tension, a fine straightness, fat, a fine grain, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, mirabelle plum and fine touches of pear associated with a hint of juicy tangerine, very discreet toasted hints as well as a discreet hint of almond/ beeswax and an imperceptible hint of butter. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Feudo Montoni - Catarratto 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, mineral, racy (sense of the place) and offers a beautiful definition as well as complexity. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and



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small notes of ripe green apple associated with fine touches of flowers, racy minerality, varieties as well as very discreet hints of hay (in the background). The palate is fruity, racy (sense of the place), well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a small complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow plums and small notes of fleshy/juicy pear associated with fine hints of flowers as well as very discreet hints of minerality and a subtle hint of spices (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Feudo Montoni - Inzolia 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a beautiful definition, a fine freshness as well as a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of brugnol, apple and small notes of litchee associated with fine touches of citrus (lemon, kumquat) as well as very discreet hints of flowers, juicy/fresh mirabelle, sense of the place and a racy minerality/terroir. This wine needs time. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful precision, an acidulous frame, finesse as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy litchee and very fine hints of quenette, brugnol associated with very discreet hints of kumquat, quince as well as an imperceptible hint of racy minerality and sense of the place (in the background).

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Feudo Montoni - Grillo 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers minerality, freshness as well as a small captivation side. It reveals notes of small white fruits, litchee and small notes of fresh/juicy kumquat associated with discreet touches of zests, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of jasmine, terroir/sense of the place, juicy/ripe berries and an imperceptible hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, precision as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, juicy/fresh zests and small notes of litchee associated with a fine hint of jasmine as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. A fine chew/a fine crunchiness as well as a very fine sapidity on the finish. Good length and good persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Feudo Montoni - Nerello Mascalese 2018 DOC Sicilia

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of crunchy fresh strawberry, crunchy fresh raspberry and small notes of crunchy fresh white fruits associated with very fine hints of crunchy/juicy peach, very discreet hints of fresh herbs and a subtle hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy peach, juicy/crunchy kumquat as well as very discreet hints of flowers, fresh herbs and a subtle hint of racy minerality. There is an imperceptible hint of toasted almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

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Tenute Rapitalà – Cielo Dalcamo 2017 DOC Alcamo

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness, a very fine concentration and minerality. It reveals notes of peach in syrup, lemon in syrup and small notes of apricot in syrup associated with fine hints of candied zests and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, fat, a small fullness and a small unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied peach and small notes of candied lemon associated with fine touches of honey and a subtle hint of apricot in syrup. A good persistence on candied/dry apricot and on an imperceptible hint of dry peach.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Feudo Disisa – Krysos 2017 DOC Sicilia

The nose offers persistence as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of pepper, candied mirabelle and small notes of candied quince associated with small fine touches of honey, almond and a hint of cumin and pistil of flowers.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, tension as well as precision, a good definition, gourmandize and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple, candied vine peach and small notes of apricot jam associated with small touches of quince and an imperceptible hint of exotic fruits/mandarine jam. Good length. Very fine hints of spices in the finish. Good persistence on an imperceptible hint of coffee/toffee.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Duca di Salaparuta – Aegusa 1994 DOC Marsala

The nose reveals touches of prune, cigar and small touches of zante currant associated with fine hints of jam, rancio as well as a subtle hint of peach, nougatine and a very discreet hint of caramelization/chocolate. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers richness, gourmandize, power as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of prune, caramelization, chocolate, nougatine associated with small touches of tobacco as well as hints of pepper and very discreet hints of vanilla.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Feudo Maccari – Sultana 2014 Moscato di Noto

The nose reveals fine notes of candied kumquat and fine hints of quince associated with very discreet hints of peach flowers, cigar, honey as well as a very discreet hints of ginger bread. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, chased and offers juiciness and a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry apricot, candied peach and small notes of mango associated with small touches of crystallized mandarine, candied lemon as well as very fine hints of crunchy pineapple and very discreet hints of caramelization. Good length. Good acidulous persistence.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Viverra – Rosato di Martinella 2018 DOC Etna

The nose reveals fine hints of wild strawberry, ripe redcurrant associated with fine hints of leather as well as discreet hints of juicy vine peach (in the background) and olivier. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, gourmandize, precision as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy peach, fresh/juicy apple and small notes of raspberry associated with fine hints of vine peach as well as very discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of citrus.

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Sicilia

Feudo Arancio – Hekate 2015

IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of candied kumquat, jam and small notes of dry apricot associated with very fine hints of sweet spices, very discreet hints of flowers and safran. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, minerality and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied kumquat and small notes of dry apricot associated with fine hints of juicy green apple, very discreet hints of candied zests as well as a subtle hint of toffee and cigar. Good length. A hint of almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Firriato – L'Ecrù 2016

IGT Terre Siciliane

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of mirabelle, safran, flowers and small notes of dried yellow peach associated with a very discreet hint of cumin and spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, tension, precision, a fine unctuousity, a small fat as well as a small complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied peach, dry apricot, safran and small notes of candied kumquat associated with a hint of jam, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of toffee, ginger bread and toasted almond. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Tornatore – Pietrarizzo 2017

DOC Etna Bianco

The nose is beautifully fresh, fruity and offers a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh vine peach and fresh citrus (lemon, mandarine) associated with fine hints of orange flowers, fresh lemon blossom, fresh peach flowers and a hint of apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy peach, fresh/juicy apple and small notes of crunchy white peach associated with fine hints of mesocarp and very discreet hints of flowers, fresh peach as well as an imperceptible hint of verberna (in the background).

Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Palmento Costanzo – Mofete Tosato 2018

DOC Etna

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers intensity and gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, ripe raspberry and small notes of peach associated with a hint of blackberry and pear as well as an imperceptible hint of lime. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, tension, a big freshness, finesse as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh cherry and small

notes of fresh blackberry associated with small touches of fresh peach, very fine hints of juicy apple, almond as well as an imperceptible hint of juicy/fresh citrus. Suavity and sapidity on the finish. An almost iodine hint on the persistence.

Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Tenuta Gorgi Tondi – Grillo D'Oro 2015

IGP Sicilia

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarin, apricot and small notes of crystallized orange associated with slight hints of saffron as well as discreet hints of flowers, almonds (in the background) and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, elegant, well-structured and offers tension, finesse as well as a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied clementine, crystallized orange and small notes of candied apricot combined with slight hints of mango, jammy mirabelle plum as well as slight hints of honey, grilled almonds and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut (in the background). There are a very discreet mineral hint and an imperceptible hint of walnuts (in the background) on the finish/ persistence. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Feudo Montoni – Passito Rosso

DOC Sicilia

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of prune, ripe blackberry and fine touches of dry fig associated with fine hints of liquorice, strawberry jam, cigar as well as very discreet hints of caramelization, almond, spices and an imperceptible hint of blood orange. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, gourmandize, a good definition as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry jam, ripe cassia, dry fig and small notes of dry apricot associated with very fine hints of caramelized blood orange as well as very discreet hints of pastries, toasted almond and candied lemon. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Feudo Montoni – Passito Bianco

DOC Sicilia

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, complexity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied vine peach and aromatic herbs associated with fine touches of dry apricot, quince, bee wax as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, dry apricot and small notes of candied quince associated with a touch of pineapple in syrup, aromatic herbs as well as a hint of jam and a very discreet hint of flowers. Good length and beautiful persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



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Poggio Mandorlo - Il vignetto di Poggio 2016 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy raspberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine hints of liquorice, olive tree as well as a very discreet hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine freshness, a fine gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of juicy blackberry as well as very fine hints of spices, a very fine hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of garrigue/violet. Tannins are well-built. Good length and good persistence. A small sapidity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Poggio Mandorlo - Il Guardiano 2015 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a beautiful pulpy/juicy/fresh fruit. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh wild raspberry, fresh/juicy cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine hints of violet, very fine hints of liquorice, subtle hints of oak/caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of olive tree, garrigue and an imperceptible hint of thyme/almost saline minerality. The palate is fruity, gourmande, elegant, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, a small fat, precision, a good finesse of the grain as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as very fine hints of toasted almond. Tannins are elegant and offer finesse. Gourmandize and suavity on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



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Poggio Mandorlo - La Querce 2012 Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy and offers a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with touches of ceps, underwood as well as very discreet hints of olive tree (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of meat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, a mineral frame/minerality, a very fine density as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of ripe small red berries associated with small touches of underwood, ceps as well as very discreet hints of toasted almond (in the background) and a hint of meat. Good length. There is an imperceptible almost saline on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Poggio Mandorlo - Le Ombre 2012 Toscana IGT

The nose is elegant and offers a small intensity, a small freshness/minerality, a fine complexity as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, wild small fruits and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of Sichuan pepper, discreet hints of olive tree, spices, liquorice/sweet spices as well as subtle hints of olive tree and cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, tension, a fine density as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of ripe small red fruits associated with small touches of toasted, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of spices, garrigue, black olive, very fine hints of caramelization (in the background) and a subtle hint of tobacco. Tannins are fine, well-built, elegant and structuring. An imperceptible hint of salinity on the finish. Gourmandize and a very fine chew on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Poggio Mandorlo - Il Poggiomandorlo 2012 Toscana IGT

The nose is racy and offers minerality, a fine power as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe blackberry, fleshy/ripe wild strawberry and small notes of fleshy/ripe raspberry associated with fine touches of toasted, chocolate as well as fine hints of caramelization and discreet hints of underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small juiciness, straightness, a small freshness, complexity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of toasted, underwood, very fine hints of black olive (in the background) as well as discreet hints of toasted almond, caramelization and a very discreet hint of underwood. Good length and good persistence. A very fine chew, suavity as well as a fine hint of caramelization and almost saline minerality on the finish/persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Parmoleto - Carabatto 2018, Vermentino Maremma Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as a small juiciness/gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe apple, juicy William pear and small notes of juicy citrus associated with fine touches of fruits as well as discreet hints of flowers, camomile and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers fat, suavity, an acidulous frame, fullness, a small density, a small unctuousity, a small straightness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy nectarine, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of juicy citrus associated with fine touches of racy minerality, camomile as well as an imperceptible hint of olive tree and toasted. Good length and beautiful persistence. Gourmandize on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Parmoleto 2016 Montecucco Rosso DOC

The nose is elegant, mineral, very finely tight and offers a small racy power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe black cherry and small notes of wild small fruits associated with fine touches of liquorice, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of black olive, pepper and a subtle hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, juiciness, straightness, a fine tension, a beautiful definition of the fruit, suavity, a small fat, fullness as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy raspberry, ripe/fleshy Bigarreau cherry and small notes of ripe/fleshy strawberry associated with hints of black olive, very fine hints of garrigue, cardamom and very discreet hints of underwood. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. There are very discreet hints of tonka bean, toasted almond, toasted and salinity on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Parmoleto 2015 Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is elegant, fruity, gourmande, racy and offers a small density as well as a small richness but full of balanced. It reveals notes of ripe small black berries, black cherry and small notes of ripe blueberry associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, almost saline minerality as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, mild tobacco, very discreet hints of olive tree/black olive and an imperceptible hint of oregano. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize, fullness, a good definition, fleshiness, tension, juiciness, a small freshness, a silky touch as well as a beautiful/pulpy fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/ripe blueberry and small notes of very ripe small red berries associated with a touch of cherry, fine hints of olive tree, black olive, cocoa, caramelization and a very fine hint of oregano. Sapidity. A good length.

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

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Parmoleto - Riserva 2015 Montecucco Sangiovese

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a small power, a good finesse of the grain as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of ripe small wild red berries, violet, garrigue, hints of Sichuan pepper, a subtle hint of pink laurel, spices as well as an imperceptible almost saline hint and underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a fresh frame, precision, a good structure as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, ripe/fleshy wild red berries and small notes of ripe/fleshy cherry associated with small touches of wild raspberry, fine hints of violet, garrigue, black olive and spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Very fine hints of chocolate, toasted almond, salinity, tobacco, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of underwood on the finish/persistence. A beautiful wine !

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94)

Parmoleto - Syrah 2016 Maremma Toscana DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe blueberry, ripe cassis and small notes of ripe wild redcurrant associated with fine touches of fresh ripe raspberry, hints of tobacco, underwood as well as discreet hints of cardamom, black olive, a hint of black pepper and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a mineral frame, precision, a small strightness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of ripe wild redcurrant associated with fine touches of zan, tobacco as well as very discreet hints of garrigue (in the background). Fine sapidity/salinity as well as a very discreet chew on the finish. Tannins are slightly firm.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Parmoleto - Sormonno 2016 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power as well as a good structure (but full of elegance). It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe plum and small notes of ripe blueberry associated with small touches of ripe raspberry, crushed/candied redcurrant associated with fine touches of caramelization, toasted, very discreet hints of black olive, violet/laurel, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of balsamic. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition, a small freshness, juiciness, a beautiful finesse, delicacy as well as a mineral and finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy blueberry and small notes of juicy/ripe red berries associated with fine touches of violet, black olive as well as very fine hints of caramelization, toasted almond, cardamom/sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and finely tight. Suavity on the finish.

Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Peteglia - Vermentino 2018 Montecucco DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness, a fine richness and a small minerality. It reveals notes of fleshy/fresh brugnion, fleshy/fresh apple and small notes of fleshy/fresh pear associated with fine touches of orange zests, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of apple flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good freshness, tension, precision as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh apple, fleshy/fresh brugnion and small notes of pear associated with small touches of juicy grape, racy minerality as well as fine hints of juicy/fresh citrus (orange, kumquat). Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Peteglia 2016 Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers freshness, a fine intensity, minerality as well as a very fine almost saline sensation. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of ripe small red berries associated with fine touches of zan/liquorice stick, spices, very discreet hints of olive tree as well as subtle hints of mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers freshness, a good definition, gourmandize, a small richness, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a fine saline sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, fleshy/ripe wild strawberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy small red berries associated with fine touches of fleshy/ripe blackberry, fine hints of zan, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of caramelization and chocolate. Very fine hints of dark chocolate on the finish/persistence as well as an imperceptible hint of hazelnut.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Peteglia 2015 Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy and offers a small intensity/power as well as complexity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe wild small red fruits associated with touches of spices, toasted, very fine hints of sense of the place as well as a subtle hint of olive tree and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral frame as well as a fine acidulous. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy/juicy wild raspberry associated with small touches of small fleshy/juicy wild raspberry associated with small touches of very ripe small wild red berries, touches of caramelization, toasted as well as very discreet hints of underwood, a subtle hint of spices (cardamom, tea), black

olive and a hint of sense of the place. A beautiful finish on gourmandize and suave with a fine tension. Tannins are elegant. A beautiful gourmande et suave persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Peteglia - 2015 Riserva Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with small touches of ripe small red fruits as well as discreet hints of toasted/oak, caramelization, very discreet hints of mild tobacco, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a mineral frame, a fine freshness, a small aerial side, a beautiful silky/suave/fat touch as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of juicy/fleshy small fruits (raspberry, blueberry) associated with fine touches of black olive, violet/pink laurel and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco/caramelization. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Peteglia - 2013 Riserva Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power (but full of elegance), a beautiful touch as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, wild cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of spices, Cuben pepper, almost saline minerality, sense of the place as well as very discreet hints of zan, dry black olive and an imperceptible hint of aromatic herbs. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of ripe small wild fruits (blue-



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berry, raspberry) associated with small touches of mild tobacco, toasted, sweet spices as well as very fine hints of black olive and an imperceptible hint of tea/ cardamom. Beautiful persistence and gourmandize on the finish.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Basile - Artéteca 2018 Montecucco

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe brugnion, ripe William pear and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of crunchy/fresh small yellow plum, very fine hints of linden as well as very discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of hay. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral almost saline frame, tension, gourmandize as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy green apple, juicy/crunchy quince and small notes of crunchy/juicy small yellow plum associated with fine touches of citrus and very slight hints of hay (in the background). Good length. A very discreet saline hint of the finish/persistence.

Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Basile - Cartacanta 2015 Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is fruity, powerful, racy and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of wild cassis and small wild berries associated with fine touches of racy minerality, Cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of olive (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of juicy ripe wild red fruits, fine hints of mild tobacco, pink laurel as well as very discreet hints of black olive and spices. A very fine chew and a very discreet hint of vanilla on the finish.

Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Basile - Comandante 2015 Maremma Toscana

The nose is elegant and offers power and a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of small ripe wild red fruits associated with small touches of sense of the place, racy minerality/graphite as well as fine hints of black olive and very discreet hints of spices/Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy wild cassis and small notes of ripe/juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of small wild red fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice/zan, mild tobacco, very discreet hints of olive, sense of the place and a subtle hint of almond/caramelization. Good length and persistence. A fine sapidity, a very fine saline minerality on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Basile - Ad Agio 2014 Riserva Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy, aromatic and offers power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, gray/Timut pepper and small notes of ripe/fresh blackberry associated with touches of ripe/fresh small red fruits (wild raspberry, red fruits), hints of violet, pink laurel, olive tree as well as very fine hints of toasted, tea, ripe black olive as well as very fine/discreet hints of underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, gourmandize and a mall fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe wild blackberry, very ripe wild cassis and small notes of very ripe wild red fruits associated with fine touches of pink laurel, violet as well as very fine hints of zan, sweet spices, tea/olive tree, very fine hints of toasted, sense of the place and a subtle hint of game (in the background). Good length. A fine chew on the finish.

Score : 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)



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Paul Giraud - Vieille Réserve Grande Champagne, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmet and offers a beautiful aromatic palette as well as a fine richness / unctuousity. It reveals notes of fleshy yellow peach, mirabelle plum and small notes of citrus marmalade (lemon / tangerine) associated with fine touches of vanilla flowers, apple blossoms as well as slight hints of pâtisseries, crème brûlée, spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant and offers unctuousity, a beautiful definition, fleshiness, a fine acidulous frame, minerality, a beautiful precision, a good matter, fleshiness (but full of finesse) and the gourmandise. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy quince and small notes of crushed apple combined with slight touches of crushed apricot, slight hints of orange marmalade, pâtisseries / crème brûlée and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good length. Good persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of toasted almond / tannic sensation on the finish (brings gourmandise).
Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Paul Giraud - Napoléon Grande Champagne, Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful juiciness, intensity as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of juicy peach, ripe/juicy mirabelle plum and juicy raisins combined with slight touches of brugnion, quince, discreet hints of exotic fruit as well as discreet hints of rancio, pâtisseries and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, tension, finesse, gourmandise, precision, a good structure as well as a fine fleshiness. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of dried / fleshy yellow peach, pear and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of quince, discreet touches of dried / fleshy yellow grapes as well as slight hints of vanilla / pâtisseries. A subtle hint of hazelnut and sweet spices. Good persistence. A very discreet chews / ripe almond on the finish.
Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Guy Pinard - Napoléon, 10 ans Cognac

(Bio) The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a fine grain, a fine intensity as well as a fine suavity / richness. It reveals notes of orange zest, mandarin marmalade and crushed apple associated with very slight touches of cherry, slight hints of lemon, lemon blossom, a hint of pâtisseries as well as a discreet hint of almond, very discreet hints of caramelization and an almost imperceptible almost saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers fat, suavity, fleshiness, a beautiful finesse, a fine mineral frame (in the background), roundness, a fine unctuousity as well as aromatic purity. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of compoted apple, crushed brugnion and small notes of ripe / sweet tangerine associated with slight touches of pâtisseries, vanilla and toasted. Small alcoholic power on the finish.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Vallein Tercinier, Domaine des Forges Vieille Réserve Cognac, Napoléon

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of dried lemon, dried orange zest and small notes of mirabelle plum marmalade combined with discreet hints of dried peach flowers as well as very discreet hints of spices, gray pepper, violet, rancio and an imperceptible grilled hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, fat, a fine unctuousity as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this Cognac expresses hints of caramelization, orange marmalade and small notes of orange / grapefruit zest

associated with fine touches of crushed peach, toffee, caramelization and dark chocolate (on the finish). Beautiful gourmandise on the finish. There is an imperceptible hint of cedar on the persistence / finish of mouth. Good persistence.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Meukow - XO Cognac

The nose is powerful, structured and offers intensity. It reveals notes of dried grapefruit zest, dried orange zest and small notes of dried lemon combined with slight hints of dried flowers, white fruits, fine touches of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. /White pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension, intensity as well as a controlled power. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of dried orange and small notes of dried citrus zests associated with fine touches of white fruits, dried flowers as well as discreet hints of coffee, caramelization / pâtisseries, almonds and roasting. Good length.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Vallein Tercinier - Hors d'Âge Cognac

The nose is aromatic and offers power, richness, gourmandise as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of Zante currants, caramelization and small notes of orange dried zest associated with very slight hints of crushed plum / prune as well as discreet hints of dried quince, spices, violet and of white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, power, an acidulous frame, dynamism as well as a fine incisive side. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currants, dried lemon zest and small notes of dried mandarin associated with small touches of prune, crushed apple, quince as well as very slight hints of rancio, pâtisseries as well as very discreet hints of roasting / chocolate. A very fine sapidity on the finish. Good length and persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Vallein Tercinier - 46°, Unchillfiltererd - Small Batch Cognac

The nose is powerful, intense, frank and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of dried kumquat, dried orange zest and small notes of dried grapefruit zest combined with slight touches of exotic fruits (quenette ...), flowers as well as very discreet hints of rancio / dried tobacco and pepper / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, roundness, a fine unctuousity, suavity as well as a

beautiful finesse of tension. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of ripe lemon, mandarin marmalade and small notes of exotic fruits associated with discreet hints of almond as well as very discreet hints of chocolate / pâtisseries on the finish / persistence. There is a slight alcoholic hint on the finish / persistence.
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Maison Gautier - XO Cognac

The nose is fruity, powerful, structured and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of dried orange, dried lemon zest and a touch of dried peach combined with a hint of potpourri / dried flowers as well as discreet hints of violet, cedar / cedar and gray pepper and a very discreet hint of dried tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fleshiness, a small unctuousity, a fine firmness, a fine gourmandise as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of caramel pear, mandarin marmalade and small notes of pâtisseries associated with fine touches of cedar / citron as well as slight hints of caramelization, spices and gray pepper. Power on the finish. There are slight hints of coffee, chocolate and toffee on the finish (bring gourmandise). Good length and persistence. A very fine chews / ripe almond on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)



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Cognac Park - Borderies, Mizunara - Aged 10 Years Cognac

The nose is powerful, incisive, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, power as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of dried yellow grapes, dried orange and small notes of dried lemon zest associated with fine touches of yellow fruit, dry oak, tobacco and very discreet hints of spices / white pepper and pâtisseries / chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, a beautiful precision, finesse, a small straightness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, power, fat, a fine unctuousity as well as a beautiful, fine and precise construction. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of dried yellow grapes, dried lemon and small notes of dried orange combined with fine touches of quince, small yellow fruits as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, dry oak, tobacco, an imperceptible hint of pepper and pâtisseries. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Maison Gautier - 1755, Extra Cognac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of caramelized orange, dried orange zests and small notes of dried lemon combined with slight hints of dried white flowers, juicy / dried mandarin and subtle hints of exotic fruit, citron. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, well-built, elegant and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as gourmandise. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy mandarin / mandarin marmalade and small notes of dried citrus associated with slight touches of flowers, exotic fruits, citron, dried almond and very discreet hints of caramel / vanilla. Good persistence with slight hints of dried almonds, pâtisseries and an imperceptible hint of coffee.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Maison Gautier - Tradition Rare, Vieille Réserve Cognac

The nose is powerful, racy, elegant, incisive and offers straightness. It reveals notes of dried orange, dried mandarin and small notes of rancio associated with fine touches of dried nectarine as well as discreet hints of cedar, white pepper and an imperceptible hint of jasmine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, precision, a fine acidulous frame, intensity, a beautiful matter, a fine richness, a beautiful fruit as well as power (but full of elegance). On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of orange marmalade, dried mandarin and small notes of dried white flowers combined with very slight hints of dried peach as well as subtle hints of caramelization, pâtisseries and a discreet hint of toffee / coffee. Good length. Power on the finish. There are a discreet hint of crème brûlée and a discreet hint of roasted hazelnut on the finish / persistence.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Maison Gautier - Pinar Del Rio, XO - Exclusive Cigar Blend Cognac

The nose is powerful, precise and offers fruity, a fine grain, an incisive side as well as richness (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of rancio, dried citrus (orange, lemon) and small notes of potpourri, mandarin blossom associated with very slight hints of tobacco, dry oak, Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, elegant, precise and offers finesse, a slight straightness, suavity, a beautiful matter as well as a beautiful, juicy and fleshy fruit. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of ripe / jammy lemon, quince and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum combined with slight touches of pâtisseries, cigar / tobacco, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of citron, spices and dried flowers.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

A. de Fussigny - XO Fine Champagne

The nose is fruity, beautifully fine and offers tension as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of dried lemon zest, ripe orange and small notes of rancio associated with fine touches of dried zest as well as very discreet hints of caramel / pâtisseries, pear and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandise, a fine richness as well as a fine fleshiness. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of fleshy / juicy pear, ripe / juicy orange and small notes of dried lemon combined with fine touches of apples compote, very slight hints of caramelization / pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of cocoa / toasted and vanilla. Good length. There are a fine hint of almond / hazelnut and a fine firmness on the finish. The finish is very discreetly tight. Good persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château de Beaulon - Napoléon, XO Cognac

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers delicacy as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of dried lemon, orange marmalade and small touches of pâtisseries / caramelization associated with very discreet hints of citron, fleshy peach, white flowers and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy, precise, harmonious and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a good definition. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of lemon / juicy mandarin, fleshy peach and small notes of dried orange associated with a slight hint of apricot, discreet hints of pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of dried blond tobacco and ripe almond on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Guy Pinard & Fils - XO, Folle Blanche Cognac

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of quince, dried lemon and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with slight touches of cedar, sweet spices as well as very discreet hints of flowers and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, beautifully precise and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, aromatic precision, a fine grain as well as a fine acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe tangerine and small notes of juicy peach combined with fine touches of juicy mirabelle plum as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. Good length. Small power on the finish. A beautiful Cognac!

Score : 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

Frapin - XO, VIP Cognac

The nose is powerful and offers a fine intensity as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of dried orange,

rancio and small notes of dried peach, marmalade associated with a discreet hint of strawberry as well as very discreet hints of caramelization / blond tobacco, spices / gray pepper and toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, precision, a fine gourmandise, a fine richness as well as a fine fat. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of orange marmalade, rancio and small notes of quince associated with slight hints of peach, strawberry as well as very slight hints of pâtisseries, vanilla and a subtle hint of pepper. Small power at the end of the mouth.

Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Merlet - XO Cognac

The nose offers freshness, fruit, power, harmony as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of dried zest of mandarin, orange marmalade and small notes of crushed apricot associated with slight touches of flowers, cedar and peony. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine juicy frame, a very fine unctuousity / fleshiness, roundness, gourmandise as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes



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of fleshy nectarine, orange marmalade and small notes of dried lemon associated with slight hints of pear, zest, flowers as well as a very discreet hint of pepper, caramelization, toffee and toasted. Good length. The finish offers power and a slight alcoholic sensation. There is grilled hint / roasting on the aftertaste.
Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de Beaulon - XO Premier, Single Estate Cognac

The nose is powerful, incisive, elegant, straight, fine as well as well-built. It reveals notes of crushed pear, quince and ripe peach combined with small notes of crystallized citrus fruits, almonds, Zante currants, dried orange zest, dried rose petals as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced, harmonious and offers a fine straightness, a fine tension, a beautiful precision, juiciness, straightness, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a very beautiful finesse, suavity, a fine gourmandise, a very fine juiciness, a beautiful elegance as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of orange marmalade, peach in syrup, apricot and citrus associated with slight touches of apple compote, spices, pâtisseries as well as subtle hints of white flowers / cherry blossom, cherry, almond and a very discreet hint of cocoa / grilled on the finish. Beautiful length and persistence (with a hint of Bourbon vanilla and brioche). Beautiful gourmandise full of finesse!

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Prince Hubert Polignac - Extra Cognac, Grande Champagne

The nose is elegant and offers richness, a small intensity as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of Zante currants, rancio and small notes of candied orange associated with slight touches of pâtisseries, toffee as well as very discreet hints of cedar, cigar, dried violet flowers, spices and a discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, finesse, a beautiful finesse of the guideline, a fine juicy frame, a fine fat, gourmandise as well as a very slight unctuousity. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized orange and mandarin marmalade combined with slight touches of caramelized peach, white fruits as well as hints of pâtisseries, roasted almonds, tonka beans, sandalwood and very discreet hints of toasted oak.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Hardy - Noces d'Or Cognac, Grande Champagne

The nose is elegant, powerful, aromatic, delicate and offers a beautiful complexity as well as richness. It reveals notes of orange marmalade / dried orange and small notes of candied lemon associated with discreet hints of quince, crushed yellow plum as well as very discreet hints of caramelization, toasted, cedar, Bourbon vanilla and a very discreet hint of lemon blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a very beautiful definition, juiciness, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful gourmandise, a fine mineral frame, a beautiful harmony, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine unctuousity. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of marmalade, jammy yellow plum and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of jammy apricot, subtle hints of caramelization, pâtisseries, white fruits, cocoa as well as very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of saffron (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 18.75+/20 (98/100)

Hardy - XO Rare Cognac, Fine Champagne

The nose is powerful, fruity, spicy, concentrated as well as slightly incisive. It reveals notes of dried grapefruit zest, dried orange and a touch of Zante currants combined with touches of dates, dried white flowers, dried rose petals as well as touches of rancio, caramel, cocoa and slight hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a fine acidulous frame, a very fine juiciness, a beautiful straightness, a good structure, a beautiful elegance, finesse, a beautiful suavity, gourmandise, elegance, a good structure, richness (but all in balance) as well as power (but well controlled). On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of marmalade, peach in syrup and small notes of dried apricot combined with hints of Zante currants, a subtle hint of candied lemon, dried flowers (rose and white flowers), rancio / caramel, hints of pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of cigar and chocolate. Good length. Beautiful and gourmandise persistence.

Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Prince Hubert de Polignac - XO Royal Cognac

The nose is aromatic, fine, a slightly tight, elegant and offers complexity, power, freshness as well as a fine grain and very slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of dried citrus (lemon, orange) and small notes of raisin associated with slight notes of jammy yellow plum, date, a hint of potpourri, dried rose, rancio, spices as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a fine mineral frame, a good definition, fat, suavity, a small freshness, a fine power, a fine acidulous frame as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of candied mandarin / marmalade and small notes of dried zests, dates, jammy yellow plum / mirabelle plum associated with small touches of rancio, dried white flowers, a very discreet hint of caramelization, cigar, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper and slight hints of vanilla bourbon. Good length.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Frapin - Château Fontpinot XO, Single Vineyard Cognac, Grande Champagne

The nose is powerful, gourmand, racy, elegant, and offers a fine richness as well as finesse. It reveals notes of Zante currants, dried flowers (rose, white flowers, potpourri) and small notes of caramelized orange, dried zest, candied citron associated with a subtle hint of candied strawberry, white fruits, cedar, wood, vanilla and spices. The palate is fruity, fine, well-balanced, gourmande and offers elegance, a fine acid frame, a fine tension, a beautiful finesse of the guideline as well as a beautiful fine grain. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of candied lemon, candied orange and small notes of crystallized citron associated with small touches of apple, juicy yellow grapes, slight touches of caramelization, pâtisseries as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate, cigar, roasted almond and an imperceptible hint of wood / toasted oak. Good length and persistence. Small power on the finish.

Score : 17+/20 (94-95/100)

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Château de Beaulon 1980, Single Estate Cognac

The nose is fruity, powerful, racy, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a small intensity as well as a beautiful personality. It reveals notes of dried quince and small notes of dried orange combined with slight touches of mandarin marmalade, crushed apricot, rancio as well as very discreet hints of pâtisseries, hazelnut, tonka bean, Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, suavity, gourmandise, a fine tension, a slight straightness, a beautiful structure, a slight mineral frame, a fine freshness, finesse, a small richness as well as a small power (but full of elegance). On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currant, quince and small notes of dried mandarin / orange combined with slight touches of caramelization, cigar, rancio and very discreet hints of pâtisseries, hazelnut, grilled and with a discreet hint of roasting / tonka bean. Good length and persistence. Beautiful elegance!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château de Beaulon 1975 Vintage Cognac

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, pure, aromatic, beautifully defined, captivating and offers a very beautiful personality, dynamism, intensity, a beautiful grain as well as delicacy. Beautiful matter, full of finesse / delicacy. It reveals notes of dried lemon, mirabelle plum, fresh mandarin zest and small notes of crystallized citrus fruit (lemon, tangerine) associated with small touches of lemon blossom, pear as well as slight hints of crème brûlée, vanilla, cedar, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of sweet blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced, elegant, dynamic, melodious / captivating and offers a beautiful finesse / delicacy, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine complexity, a juicy / acidulous frame, gourmandise, suavity as well as a very beautiful definition. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of crystallized orange and candied lemon associated with small notes of crystallized mandarin, jammy peach, citron, almond, orange blossom as well as slight hints of rancio, cedar, chocolate and spices. Beautiful length and persistence. A very beautiful Cognac! Congratulations!

Score : 19.75/20 (99-100/100)

Cognac

Paul Giraud - Millésime 1999 Cognac Grande Champagne, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse as well as power. It reveals notes of dried orange zest, mandarin flowers, dried lemon zest and small notes of dry green apple associated with discreet hints of rancio, cigar as well as a hint of white pepper, peach blossom and saffron. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, suavity as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currants, crystallized mandarin orange and small notes of dried orange zest, dried lemon associated with slight hints of flowers as well as very slight hints of coffee and grilled oak. Very beautiful persistence. There are very discreet hints of pâtisseries and toasted almond on the finish. A very beautiful cognac!

Score : 18.25/20 (96-97/100)

Bourgoin - Microbarrique 1998 Cognac

The nose is fruity, well-built, elegant and offers a fine power, roundness, gourmandise as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of marmalade, ripe apricot and slight touches of dried white grape puree combined with slight hints of lemon, very discreet hints of crème brûlée, vanilla, grilled oak as well as an imperceptible hint of spices and pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, a fine fat, a beautiful finesse of the grain, aromatic purity as well as tension (but full of finesse). In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of marmalade, apricot in syrup and dried citrus associated with slight touches of nectarine as well as very discreet hints of dried white grapes, cedar, crème brûlée, grilled oak as well as very discreet hints of spices. Small power on the finish. Good persistence and gourmandise.

Score : 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Frapin - Multimilléme 1989 - 1991 - 1993 Série N°7

Cognac Grande Champagne, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power, generosity, complexity as well as a beautiful, gourmand and ripe fruit. It reveals notes of Zante currants, orange marmalade and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of dried lemon zest, crushed mirabelle plum, hints of dried nectarine as well as discreet hints of toasted oak, rancio, Cuben pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a ripe / fleshy / juicy fruit, gourmandise, generosity, a slight fresh frame as well as a fine grain. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of orange marmalade, fleshy apricot, fleshy yellow nectarine and small notes mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of dried lemon, very discreet hints of rancio, citron, cedar as well as subtle hints of spices and nutmeg. Good persistence. Fineness and fine power on the finish.

Score : 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Frapin - Millésime 1990, 27 ans d'âge Cognac Grande Champagne, Premier Cru

The nose is powerful, elegant and offers a fine grain, depth, a fine incisive side and a captivating side. There are notes of dried orange, potpourri and lightly dried white flowers associated with very fine spice and rancio spikes. The mouth is sweet, elegant, gourmet, balanced, racy and offers fat, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, precision and a fine richness. On the palate, this Cognac expresses notes of caramelized mandarin, marmalade and slightly candied lemon associated with very fine exotic fruit tips, peach blossoms and caramelization points, nutmeg / cardamom, spices sweet and with a very discreet touch of pepper (in the background). Good length. There are very discreet hints of dark chocolate and espresso in the background. A beautiful Cognac!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)



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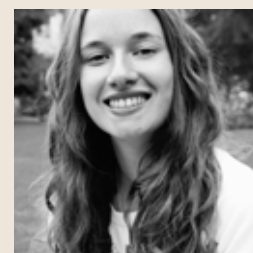
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