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So in the first part of the magazine, the interview session-you will meet great winemakers from Gascony, Bordeaux and Languedoc.

After that Joanie Metivier, a talented Canadian sommelier and journalist well known thanks to her blog and Instagram will introduce you Ramos Pinto (p. 16-17) and speak about the Fortified side of Roussillon (p.18). In pages 75-76 and 99-100 you'll also be able to read her wine reviews for Vertdevin.

Erika Mantovan, a talented Italian journalist and sommelier will take you to Alta Langa and to discover the Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie. Discover these articles on pages 19 and 21.

In this Winter magazine we also will suggest to you a selection of 40 selected Wines & Spirits to enjoy during your Christmas holidays.

In the third part you will be able to discover a vertical tasting of Château Léoville Barton. Following that the "Winemaker's voice" part will be waiting for you.

Following that, in the last part, you will have your taste buds tickled while finding more than 800 wine and spirits reviews about: Saint-Emilion, Fronsac, Pessac-Léognan, White Bourgogne wines, Champagne, Alsace, Jura, Floc de Gascogne, Armagnac, Austrian white wines, Tuscan wines (Brunello, Bolgherie...), Piemonte wines, Pinot Grigio delle Venezie, Piemonte wines, Roussillon and Armagnac.

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

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CLOS DES JACOBINS

Meeting with one of the most dynamic “vigneron” couple of Saint-Emilion !

Clos des Jacobins is a family owned and operated property located on the calcareous hillside of Saint-Emilion and raised to the rank of Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé since the origins in 1954. The property covers 8.5 hectares composed of clay-limestone soils, scree and some calcareous sand on the surface (from coastal erosion). The vineyard is divided into 24 plots and planted with 80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Formerly owned by the Cordier family, it was acquired in 2005 by the Decoster family (Magali & Thibaut Decoster). The property being closely linked with the Chateau La Commanderie, also for sale, both were purchased simultaneously. The latter was recently classified Grand Cru Classé in 2012. The vineyard covers 3.7 hectares. Those that are south facing are planted in 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc. Latter, in 2017, they also acquired the Château de Candale, Château Roc de Candale and their restaurant L'Atelier de Candale (in full restoration by the way). A place that I highly recommend you as much for its panoramic view of the vineyard as for the quality and generosity of its menu. Let's go together to meet this young, dynamic and passionate couple of winemakers.



there was a real sympathy for this name. When we arrived in Bordeaux we worked during the week in Leognan but every weekend we went to visit the vineyards of Gironde. When we arrived in Saint-Emilion we could not remain indifferent... It is a village that has 2000 years of history ! Beyond the tasting of the wines when we arrived here we were seized by this energy that emerges from the village and the vineyards. When after a few years of experience in the Pessac-Léognan area we felt ready to manage a vineyard we turned exclusively (and naturally) to Saint-Emilion.

Where do the Châteaux names come from ?

T.d.C.: The name of 'Clos des Jacobins' comes from the Jacobins monks of Saint-Emilion. The name was not affiliated with the convent of the Jacobins. In the early 20th century, the owner sold the "Couvent part" (convent) but keeping the Clos des Jacobins. The name was the result of an agreement with the purchaser of the Couvent. For the 'Commanderie' there is a building in Saint-Emilion which is called commanderie. Because before being a name it was an architectural style. It seems to me that initially a 'commanderie' was the first line of defense of a kingdom. We often find them in villages and see that our region has long been the scene of fighting between the kingdom of France and the crown of England following the marriage of Aliénor d'Aquitaine with the English king...

Why did you decide to become a winemaker?

Thibaut de Coster: From an early age I always wanted to be a farmer. I was born in Limoges where there are many cattle. I need to touch, to see things grow. I'm more on the manual side than spiritual side. When I was 15 years old I considered undertaking studied in agriculture for my future but it was not a very promising sector. It was at that age I started to discover wine with meals, cuisine, all shared with friends and there I told myself that raising cows is certainly a dream but it is complicated... Growing wheat is the



same but wine is a wonderful world, attractive, progressive and so I thought why not work in this sector? Alas I didn't have a family or personal attachment in the sector so I dropped it. I finally left for studies of business and marketing intended to open to me doors to all the sectors. With the diploma in hand Magali, who wasn't yet my wife, agreed to go to Bordeaux and we would give ourselves a little more than a year to see if there is a place for us in the world of wine. We started to work in Pessac-Léognan as agricultural workers, then in the cellar...

What does wine represent for you?

T.d.C.: It's the fruit of a terroir to which I belong. It is friendship, it is the story and the most perfect expression of nature.

Why did you choose to settle in Saint-Emilion?

T.d.C.: Because these are my first favorites of tasting. Saint-Emilion, it 's a name that always challenged me and made me dream. Others, too, but

What makes it possible to identify the wines of Clos des Jacobins and Château La Commanderie ?

T.d.C.: For Clos des Jacobins wines, it's the power that comes from our clay-limestone Saint-Emilion soils, but with a fruit, maturity / crunchy aspect of the fruit that is even more emphasized at Clos des Jacobins thanks to its exposure West facing South. This situation increases its maturity capacity because the soil is very hot on the surface. But at the same time, thanks to the chalky clay, the vines don't suffer from heat because the soil remains wet and cool. Our type of clay-limestone also brings us a very special finesse when most Saint-Emilion soils mainly offer big structures. Regarding Château La Commanderie, I would say that for me it is one of the most Pomerol wines of Saint-Emilion. That is to say that there is no question of power even though it is basically a powerful wine because of the Merlot and Cabernet Franc. It is a wine with finesse and elegance. It is red fruits with very spicy notes on the nose but also light spices. There are also floral notes and a real elegance and finesse. It is a very feminine wine.

Thanks to Thibaut and Magali Decoster for their warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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CHÂTEAU FIGEAC

Meeting with a real myth of Saint-Emilion

The Château Figeac is a famous family property of Saint-Emilion, raised to the rank of 1st Grand Cru Classé. Owned by the Manoncourt family since 1892 the La vineyard extends over 54 hectares. The reputation of Château Figeac owes much to one of its first vigneron, Thierry Manoncourt. "He was for us the founder of the Figeac style..."

Currently the vineyard of Château Figeac covers 41 hectares planted with vines of which 36 hectares are in production. The rest of the estate is occupied by a park and buildings. Even if the whole estate is classified the Manoncourt family wishes to keep spaces dedicated to parks, the horses and the meadows because "they are a way of life for the owners but also for our employees. We are on a family property and it will remain so. We work to preserve our living environment but also for the next generation. We have no pressure, we think about the quality and identity of the product.

What is special about this first Grand Cru Classé is its location on the outskirts of the Pomerol appellation as well as its atypical terroir for Saint-Emilion and the presence of the 3 Bordeaux grape varieties. Indeed the vineyards of Château Figeac extend on three hills of Graves as well as on the under layer of soil, the end of the vein of blue clay of Pomerol. Currently Figeac produces an average of 120,000 bottles a year of the great wine and 60,000 bottles of the second wine.



Photo: Château Figeac

Why did you choose to become a winemaker?

Frédéric Faye: *On the creative side. I come from a Périgord family of peasants, so I have always been close to the land. I grew up with these peasant values that were transmitted to me very early. There has always been wine at home on the table. They were not the biggest ones of course... My grandfather managed his land in mixed farming and breeding, he even made some wine for the family. He quickly passed on his passion for the land. Growing up I quickly understood the values of wine; the conviviality, the pleasure brought by a bottle and its creativity. Every year is different. It takes a lot of questioning and working each vintage differently to succeed in bringing back each year pleasure... while maintaining the Figeac style, a bit like a music. This is really what I like in wine... work in nature and the farming side. So I went very early into an agricultural school then I did a BTS viti-oenologie, a Vine and Wine license and a school to become an agronomist. In my youth I had the chance to meet people very close to my family, Michel and Danny Rolland. They told me a lot about this exciting world of wine. I did internships at Fronsac, Pomerol and then in the Medoc. Subsequently, on the advice of Michel I went to make wine abroad (Argentina). It was also a very beautiful experience! On my way back, I returned as a trainee to Château Figeac... I never left. Michel became the oenologist consultant of the property. In 2013 I became the director general of Château Figeac*

If you had to define in a few words what wine represents for you?

F.F.: *Conviviality, singularity, artistic, pleasure and emotions*

What makes the Château Figeac wines so special?

F.F.: *Unquestionably its plots of Cabernet Sauvignon! The nose of de Figeac is singular thanks to its three grape varieties. There is a particu-*

lar aromatic, very complex, aerial and very deep. On the palate it is an elegant wine, straight and offering endless length. Figeac also has a texture of tannins and an incredible freshness.

Where does the name of Château Figeac come from?

F.F.: *It is thought that the name comes from the former Figeacus estate created by the eponymous family in the 2nd century AD. At the time it was not a vineyard in the true sense of the term but a domain managed probably in polyculture on which many people had to live. We still have traces of this presence on the property.*

You started the work of the new winery, can you tell us about the project?

F.F.: *A lot of precision and flexibility. The size of the vats and their numbers will allow us to make more plot selections and even intra-plot. We will be able to pick up and work separately pieces of parcels. We do not want to change the identity of Figeac so we will always work with wooden vats but also stainless steel vats. Everything will be done by gravity and the ergonomics for the workers will be optimal. We will also have a research center. We already have a plot with a collection of mass selection but thanks to this center we can go further in understanding and selection. We have already, thanks to that, replanted whole plots thanks to our own clones. It took a long time because we started in 2008*

to work on it but we were able to plant in 2016. We also isolated our lactic acid bacteria, we worked on our yeasts and now we will work on how to harvest plots. The idea is not necessarily to apply everything later but to know and understand trends, innovations but without necessarily applying / agree with them. We want to go towards more knowledge and understanding without necessarily upsetting everything. One wants to go towards more purity and one will obtain it only by the improvement of a sum of small details in the vineyard, the vat room and in the work of the barrel. There will also be an entire wine tourism aspect including rooms, terroirs, a kitchen, panoramic terraces, gardens... All without hindering the production! We will even have the space to host cultural events. We will welcome people, we will always have doors wide open. These values are the Manoncourt as well as the team values! The new building should be ready for us for the grape harvest of 2020. To build it we favored local small businesses, as it is important to promote local work. We must not only make wine without taking into account its environment, we also have a local mission. Thanks to this construction, 70 local jobs have been created.

You started the work of the new winery, can you tell us about the project?

F.F.: *Yes. The first time I arrived at Château Figeac as a trainee, I washed the windows.*

Thanks to Frédéric Faye and his team for hosting. - J.C.C.

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CLOS DUBREUIL

A Saint-Emilion' jewel nestled on the calcareous slope

Clos Dubreuil is a family owned and operated winery located in Saint-Christophe des Bades, in Saint-Emilion Grand Cru AOC. Founded in 1996 by Marc Poyeton, it was bought in 2002 by Benoit Trocard.

Currently the property extends over 7 hectares planted with 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet sauvignon. The property also has two beautiful plots (1.2 hectares) located on the limestone slopes and planted with Chardonnay.

Let's go together to meet Benoit Trocard, owner-winemaker of Clos Dubreuil

Why did you become a winemaker ?

Benoit Trocard: *It's a family history that has been going on for over 400 years. The first winemaker of our lineage began to make wine in 1620. But in all sincerity when I started my graduate studies I did not intend to make wine. I completed one business school and then a second and then a master degree in Ireland. It was during this first absence away from my family for the harvest that I realised something was missing. While staying at my parents' house I had a room above the cellar... I then realized I was missing the smell of the fermentation. So I went back for the harvest and I never left... Wine is a passion that arrived late for me (23 years old)... I never studied wine (except the DUAD)... However since I was 5 years old I have always been in the cellars or in the vineyard with my father and my grandfather. This may seem to be a weakness because the oenology is important but we have oenologist laboratories to help us. Wine is primarily a matter of taste, sensitivity and intuition otherwise we would all make the same wines. After that, there are technical issues I had not mastered before but that, thanks to the experience, I have now. When we are passionate we are thirsty to learn and we assimilate more easily.*

What does wine represent for you ?

B.T.: *It's more than a passion, it's a life. It's my life! There are no rules in wine, there is no miracle recipe. I taste my barrels every day twice a day for my vats during the fermentation, I discuss, I inspire myself, I make food and wine pairings... Finally it is permanently improving learning. I would even say that it is beyond passion because passion is made for pleasure, wine is something that I also do everyday to live and feel good.*

Wine is not just a story of wine, it is also a story of man. I think that the success of a wine is the incarnation of its owner and the one who makes it. It is the continuity of an idea and a human objective and not only of the soil. We have terroirs that give a certain style of wine but there is a complexity of wine styles and it is up to us 'Men and Women' to influence the style of the wine. For me it's very sad that some time we forget that we have a human part to play and I oppose myself against people saying that everything is in the soil. The winemaker has to be a part of the wine, he has to interfere. I always take the example of amazing organic tomatoes, the best in France. If we give them to two different chefs they will prepare dishes that will be diametrically opposed. Despite its origin the product is exactly the same. You have to embody the properties and not leave the wine alone. The man is part of the terroir in its overall definition.



What makes it possible to recognize your wines in tasting ?

B.T.: *My signature is to make a wine that resembles me. I want wines with a lot of strength so rather rich. In Clos Dubreuil wines we have a lot of freshness in the finish and an acidity backbone that balances the wine in its power. I am looking for a fruit of extreme precision with a fairly good acidity. I am lucky to have limestone on 98% of the plots and it helps me to achieve this maturity of the fruit. However, these wines remain rich with a lot of volume. The idea is to make a wine that I like...*

At the cellar we do everything by gravity in whole berries, so a lot of punching, pumping over with buckets. The wines are barreled by gravity and the first pump only comes in when the barrel is racked

after malo-lactique fermentation. The fermentations last between 20 and 24 months but on Extra fine grains French Oak barrels. I work with a lot of tasting, little racking and my cellar is regulated. The racking is not systematic but the filtration is.

Concerning the Clos Dubreuil Chardonnay the idea comes from my passion for this variety. I even vinified some in Australia. As there is no appellation for white wines in Saint-Emilion I first began by making a claret vinified in barrels on total and sticky lees. Then I had a conversation with my grandfather and my father who both explained to me that before the area was planted with white grape varieties because historically the wine was

destined to the church. So I thought the terroir was perfect to try.

In 2010 we had an agreement signed with the US that allowed us to put a grape varietal and the vintage on the label and I thought it was the right time to plant Chardonnay. 2013 was my first vintage. In the style I want it gastronomic, without malolactic fermentation because it is a choice of maturity. We keep the maturity in the fruit but we also keep a lot of freshness that looks like a form of acidity. These are wines that are on the citrus side of Chardonnay rather than on the buttered side or flint. For me, white wine is a wine of thirst. I am looking for a balance with a lot of freshness.

On 'Château Franc La rose', my other property, we also have a nice freshness but not the same richness because we can't do the same wines everywhere. And then it's a bigger production that is made to drink more easily.

Do you have any special projects for the property ?

B.T.: *I am planning for the property the construction of a reception room and a tasting room upstairs with a capacity of a hundred people. Thereafter we will turn the house into a Villa available for rent. The idea is to create a destination to capture a clientele of wine collectors and sportsmen. We want to link wine to sport and collectors. We will have a pool, a sports coach, a gym, a concierge and a beautiful wine cellar. Attracting a clientele that only drinks great wines at home at Clos Dubreuil is also a way to position the property among these great wines.*

Thanks to Benoit Trocard for his hospitality. - J.C.C.

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CHÂTEAU LES CARMES HAUT-BRION

Meeting with a famous name from Pessac-Léognan

Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion is an old property located at the junction between Bordeaux, Pessac and Mérignac, in Pessac-Léognan AOC. It is currently one of the few vineyards entirely located in the city, inside the enclosure.

It was bought in 2010 by Patrice Pichet from the Chantecaille family. Currently the property covers 7 hectares and produces an average of 45,000 bottles per year. The estate also owns a 30-hectare vineyard on Martillac allowing it to make a second signature (Le C des Carmes) produced at about 100,000 bottles a year. Let's meet together Guillaume Pouthier, Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion.

Why did you choose to become a winemaker?

Guillaume Pouthier: *Wine is a passion that came very late for me, when I was 18 years old. Until the end of the high school I was not too much into studies, but rather into sports. I excelled in tennis however because of a serious injury to my back I could not continue. So I found myself having to change plans, abandon my desire for a sporting course for something else. What was really important for me was to work outdoors. I did not want a sedentary job sitting behind a desk.*

After obtaining my baccalauréat, I wasn't supposed to do an agricultural school when I had the chance to join Purpan School. It was during my 2nd year internship at Hafner Vineyard (Sonoma, USA) that I discovered all the magic of the wine world.

What appealed to me was that it was a family business, where the whole family worked in different jobs. Everyone found his job and completed it. There was remarkable human warmth and a great team spirit. From there I knew that what I wanted was to continue working as a team and to make a product in a team. From this stage my love story with wine started...

From there I have not stopped asking myself during my studies how to optimize the industry. I have done many courses across the technical and commercial sector and then decided that what I wanted was to make wine.

What does wine represent for you ?

G.P.: *For me, wine it's first of all sharing and a moment of conviviality. We never argue over a good bottle of wine. We can discuss everything, we can agree on a certain point or not, have preferences but in the end we like to share this product. This is also why we make wine to share with those we love and learn from them, enjoying a moment with them.*

I think that the wine gets better every year thanks to experience. As we get older, we are refining our winemaking character.

What is the signature of Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion wines ?

G.P.: *It's a wine that has a lot of particularity and singularities. It comes from a blend dominated by Cabernet Franc which is quite rare for a wine from the Bordeaux' left bank. In a blind tasting you can confuse Les Carmes Haut-Brion with a right bank but with a wine from the left bank it's quite complicated. It is a grape variety that brings, especially on our gravels an airy character. It is a wine that offers some power as well as width while maintaining verticality.*

Also, we practice a whole grape vinification which brings us some salinity that few winemakers are looking for.

Who planted Cabernet Franc and why does it make sense to keep them ?

G.P.: *This is a property where there are vines planted since the 14th century. Originally Cabernet Franc was called Cabernet Franc Bouché and all the part that you see was planted in Franc but not with a density of 10 000 vines per hectare but in "jouale" (4 tight short rows and two rows with nothing).*

Previously when Mrs. Chantecaille (the former owner) made her wine there was almost 90% Cabernet Franc and the rest was Merlot. It wasn't until the mid-1970s that Cabernet Sauvignon was introduced to the property. The area planted with Merlot was also enlarged.

Since 2012 and after a long work on our massale selection made with the famous nurseryman Berillon we began to replant Cabernet Franc. We also planted it on the lands we bought on Martillac. The terroir is different but we found a vein with more clay and limestone.

Where does the name of the Château come from ?

G.P.: *We are on the place called Haut-Brion. In 1584 Jean de Pontac, the owner of Château Haut-Brion gave the property to the White Carmes which was a purely masculine religious office (in contrast to the Carmelites which was a female office). It should be noted that the White Carmes or Grand Carmelites are the people who first made wine under the term Petit Haut-Brion. The Carmes take their name from Mount Carmel, which means 'vineyard of God'.*

At the revolution the property was nationalized by the State and the convent destroyed. Then during the 30s and 40s the property fell into disuse before it was taken again in 1842 by Jean de Colin whose descendants remained owners until 2010. In tribute to the Carmes he renamed the Petit Haut-Brion in Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion.

Do you have an anecdote about the property ?

N.D.: *The cellar where we vinify took a lot of time to be thought out. Given that it was designed by Philippe Stark everyone thought that would be a decorative object without practicality. On the contrary, it is much more spacious than it might suggest externally. What is remarkable about this tool is that everyone can work independently with accurate movements and exceptional practicality. With this cellar we could improve our working techniques make winemaking fragmented, use gravity to better manage different containers. In short it allowed us to give a new dimension to the wine! In this cellar we have tulip-shaped concrete vats. Since 2015 every year we choose an artist, we explain the vintage, we give him a tank and he must put the spirit of the vintage, transcribe it through his vision. For example, in 2017 the artist Beniloy painted a vat so that it represents an Etruscan vase that allowed the wine to age. She nicknamed the tank "Bijou" which is the nickname of Madame Chantecaille, descendant of Jean de Colin. 2017 was the year of her 100th birthday. For the anecdote she still lives in the Château. I think it's a beautiful picture of what wine: art, a sense of family, history and sharing.*

Thanks to Guillaume Pouthier and his team for hospitality. - J.C.C.

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CHÂTEAU MOULIN HAUT-LAROQUE

Meeting one of the oldest families of the appellation

Château Moulin Haut-Laroque is a family property located on the right bank of the Garonne on Fronsac. The family estate covers 16 hectares divided into two large blocks planted with Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec. The vines are on average 55 years old.

Meeting with his current owner, Thomas Hervé, winemaker and co-owner of the estate.

Why did you choose to become a winemaker?

Thomas Hervé: *My family has been present on Fronsac for more than 400 years. Even if the date of creation of the Château is 1890 we know that the family has been producing wine for 300 years. So I am the 17th generation to live here and the 7th to be officially a wine-grower. I have always bathed in this atmosphere, in this world... it is therefore natural that the vocation came to me. However before coming back to work on the property I went to work a few years in finance... but the roots quickly brought me back here. Being born into a winemaker family, on a family property is something that has been living since childhood. It is a family unit that even if you want to deviate you still have your roots that remind you of the field and you are lucky to have an identity. In 2012 when I resigned from my former position in finance I did not say it directly to my parents. I waited a week before the end of my contract and then I sent them my CV, a letter of recommendation and motivation. My father then replied in a 7-page letter inviting me not to come back, he encouraged me to do something else. It was not said in the tone of irony... His conclusion was very interesting when he asked me 'Do you know how to become a millionaire in the world of wine? Be a billionaire before to own a winery'. Then a job interview followed with my mother.*

What does wine represent for you?

T.H.: *It is a pride to produce wine, to express oneself through nature and to highlight a terroir. It's also annoying at times, sometimes frustrating as well but it's a great satisfaction to create wines that are drunk. A wine is made to be opened with people we love whether it is with family or friends... to share time with them. It is a pleasure to contribute to these moments of joy.*

Can you present us your terroir?

T.H.: *Our property is divided into two large parcels. There is no huge variation between the two... it's mostly clay-limestone. On Moulin we have a lot of shallow limestone (80 cm from the surface). On Laroque we have a little more clay (a lot of blue clay and a little yellow clay). It's an incredible terroir! I always thought we can have the best terroirs in the world but if we do not make the right decisions we will not make one of the best wines in the world. What is also true is that one can have correct terroirs and do very good things. Then we can also have very good soils and make very good decisions oriented towards quality and not quantity so from that extraordinary things can come.*

Today many talk about the soil without really observing it or even living it. We can find products for the work of the cellar which allow the apprentice sorcerers to make aesthetic and profitable products.

However a great wine is a terroir, a team, big decisions (some years very painful ones) oriented on the long term. You have to have a vision for the wine, a certain idea of what it must be... It must be able to give pleasure in 5 years as well as in 100 years.

We work our vineyard without insecticide, without intrusive products and without weed killers. We are currently certified High Environmental Value Level 3. The conservation of our soil to leave it in good health to our children is an important thing for me. But I am not an environmental populist activist!

What is the signature of your wines? What allows you to recognize your wines in blind tasting?

T.H.: *My father succeeded my grandfather in 1977. At that time in Fronsac we had very beautiful Malbec which were almost totally replaced with Merlot, then more in fashion, by the vine growers in the 70's and 80's. However, my father made the decision to keep the old Malbec because he always considered that a great wine easily recognizable among others blindly. To be recognizable it must be identifiable and to be identifiable he must have an identity. This identity goes by the terroir but also by this choice to have not only in our blend Merlot, Cabernet Franc or Cabernet Sauvignon but also very old Malbec. They are on a single parcel with a rather infrequent renewal but we want to keep the identity and the mass selection of our old vines which are more than centenarians.*

Where does the name of the property come from, Château Moulin Haut-Laroque?

T.H.: *Moulin is the name of the locality on which our property is located. 'Haut' because we are on the heights of Fronsac and 'Laroque' is linked to our soil with rock (shallow) as well as blue clay and large blocks of limestone in this clay.*

Do you have plans for the field?

T.H.: *Yes, we recently acquired a small plot of 38 acres with white grape varieties (Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon). This year we made our first 4 barrels. The idea is not to make a big production but in terms of producing a small cuvee of few thousand bottles.*

Do you have an anecdote?

T.H.: *We have a limestone subsoil, especially in our beautiful parish of Saillan. The first member of my family Jean-Marie who arrived here in 1607 was a Breton sailor who worked in the Royal Navy of France. It's unclear how he got here, certainly for a love affair at a stopover. When my father reworked this plot he was confronted with huge limestone slabs found in the basement including a huge one. He then thought that it would be nice to erect it in front of the property like a menhir. This was the opportunity to build our basement but also to wink at our Breton history.*

Thanks to Thomas Hervé for his warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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DOMAINE ENTRAS

A domaine where time and traditions matter

Domaine Entras is a family property that was founded in 1964, located in the valley of Baise. It was founded by the grandparents of the current owner, Michel Maestrojuan. Formerly farm laborers but wishing to work on their accounts they proposed to their boss to buy the property. Initially spread over 8 hectares of vines, it was enlarged over the years to 90 hectares including 30 hectares of vines. At the time all the property was still worked with oxen.

"Over the years, my father and my uncle settled on the farm and decided to stop managing it in polyculture / animal breeding to devote it to the vineyard. Currently the property no longer only cultivates vines but also cereals. Concretely it is the vineyard that makes the company run, but when you are farmers all agricultural trades are interesting. We want to get the best of our Domaine. The entire estate is managed in organic farming and the lunar calendar is followed for the work of the Domaine as well as the vineyard. Every year the Domaine Entras produces an average of 1,500 bottles of Armagnac, 10,000 bottles of Floc (5,500 red floc and 4,500 white Floc) and about 90,000 bottles of wine. Recently, in collaboration with a local brewery, a beer raised in barrels of Floc has also been produced. Meet Michel Maestrojuan, a dynamic and passionate winemaker who "touches everything".

Why become a winemaker?

Michel Maestrojuan: *I asked myself that question a long time because when you are a farmer's son it is difficult to deviate from the family pattern. I have done other trades before but they have always been related to the wine industry because I am quite fond of wine tasting, I like the product itself. And then as I had the desire to make wine here in the region. The idea was to make a wine with a big local expression of the Gascon land, where my territory and my identity are anchored. The first thing was to respect my land by planting only classic grape varieties for our Côtes de Gascogne. So I'm on Petit Manseng, Colombar and Ugni Blanc. Then each of our varieties are worked on blends, terroirs, typicities and different farms. I work mainly on vinification in barrels and quite long fermentation. But I also work with a certain matter to obtain a local and original expression. As for the red wines they come from vines planted by my parents in 1976. These are old vines of Tannat and Merlot. They are planted on hillsides, on a clay-limestone soil and are harvested by hand.*

Could you describe the values that your Domaine carry?

M.M.: *I would say: Sincerity, very human... We try to maintain this human link, this involvement in the local at all levels. There is strong local inking, a collective notion of a territory and a desire to make products that touch on excellence. There are also notions of 'family', 'time' and 'transmission' that are important. If only for our Armagnacs... For the blends; I use Eaux-de-vie distilled by my grandparents or my parents.*

What characterizes your products?

M.M.: *On our Floc de Gascogne the color is a little bit more tile, evolved only on a young Floc freshly mutated of the year. It is aged for 18-24 months in neutral big barrels. Our Red Floc will then take more kirsch notes and offer some tension. The barrel will bring a nice grain finesse and complexity to the Flocs; red as well as white.*

Regarding our Armagnacs we offer four different ones for sale. A 5 years old which has vanilla notes and an easy accessibility, the 15 year old which offers more complexity, spices as well as fine points of white pepper. This range is completed by two vintages. However, by choice I make them mature longer to better showcase... They are marketed only when they are ready to be drunk. I find them more interesting... For example, currently I sell the 1997 as well as the 1999. Soon we will move on to the 1994 vintages (full, powerful and gourmand) and the 2000 (round and smooth).



How does one drink a Floc de Gascogne?

M.M.: *You can drink it 'straight' or you can have it used as a cocktail on a Mojito. Then add ices and an orange slice. As our Floc is poured, to meet the piece of orange it will offer a nice complexity, a bitterness and it will resemble a Martini, or a Vermouth.*

Do you have a project for the Domaine Entras?

M.M.: *We would like to buy a new wine press and build a new cellar because we are starting to be a little cramped because of the different fermentations we do. Even if we already respect an agriculture that is respectful of our terroirs and of nature, we would like to return to polyculture. I would like to buy cows to re-introduce them to the property. They could help us maintain our grasslands, to use their manure for our soils. I would like to do management tests in Biodynamic Agriculture. That would make sense. We will also replant hedgerous and create 'ecological corridors'. This is very important for the balance of our ecosystem. The domain straddles the valley L'Auloue and the Valley of the Baise. Between the two there are a lot of obstacles and my idea is*

to connect one side of the property to another. We will also set up nest boxes for birds and bats. It is a functional biodiversity, that is, the birds will help us regulate insects and protect the vines from pests.

You have created the 'Floc Beer Recital', can you tell us about it?

We created with a beer-specialist friend of mine (César Coste) a festival called the "Récital Bières et Flocs" in the idea of bringing together the neo-brewers of the region and create the beginnings of an inter-professional beer to have exchanges of know-how etc. During the 2018 harvest he told me he wanted to graft the Floc de Gascogne. At first I was not too much for it but he managed to convince me of the approach. So we set up this festival and we even created a range of beer. These are dry beers that ferment a little longer and therefore are little bit more bitter. All sugars are fermentable by the yeasts that are used. We had three beers, one of which had a barrel of White Floc from Domaine d'Entras.

For the "Récital Bières et Flocs", a program was proposed with Floc / Beer and food 'battles'. On each dish we made this 'battle'. This activity surprised and pleased everyone.

Thanks to Michel Maestrojuan for his warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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DOMAINE DE MAOUMHUM

When tradition, family and terroir are one

The Domaine de Maouhum is a family farm that was created by the grandfather of Christelle Lasseignou, current owner. A blacksmith by trade, but wishing to work the vines, he decided early on to invest little by little by buying land as soon as possible to plant. In keeping with what was happening at the time in the region he managed his domain in polyculture combining vines, corn and sunflower. In 1979 his son, Jean-Claude, succeeded him. He worked a lot on Floc de Gascogne, of which he was one of the big names. In 2001 his daughter Christelle Lasseignou, following the death of her father returns to the property to take back control.

Today the Domaine de Maouhum covers 45 hectares, 8 of which are planted with vines with grape varieties such as Colombard, Gros Manseng or Ugni-blanc. Each year the property produces an average of 21.000 bottles including Armagnacs, dry white wines, red wines and sparkling white wines.

Meeting with Christelle Lasseignou, impassioned and passionate viticulturist.

What is the signature of Domaine de Maouhum?

Christelle Lasseignou: *Our property is located on the land of Bas-Armagnac Landais. We are on light sand soils with a typical gravels that can have a richness and a very interesting depth that can develop a nice maturity on the grape varieties, both white and red. We also benefit from a nice heterogeneity of exposure that when we grant them with the good grape varieties, the good clones and when we do everything from A to Z it works. For the Red Floc we had to plant Merlots to bring us richness and balance in maturity, Cabernet for its fruity note and its structure. For Floc de Gascogne Blanc, IGP Côtes de Gascogne dry wines and our Armagnacs have done a very big job of restructuring the vineyard. Colombard is unavoidable and dominant in our blends. Depending on the cuvées we make the blend with more or less Gros Manseng and Ugni Blanc but we stay each time on a majority of Colombard. We are also in the process of redeveloping the Baco on the property. It is an inescapable variety for the regularity and production of eaux-de-vie. It is also important for our viticulture to be more respectful of the environment because it is a vine rooted in the soil. It's part of our local history! For our Armagnac we use a traveling distiller (Bouilleur de Cru) who has a wood-fired still. We will always distill to around 56°. We also try to push our "local" logic further by making our Armagnacs in local barrels. They are made less than 3km from here by cooper Gilles Bartholomeo, with Gascon oaks.*

You produce Floc de Gascogne, what is it?

C.L.: *We must already know that it is a liqueur wine and that there is not one Floc but one Floc per producer. To start we will distill our Eau-de-vie around 56°. Others do it at 53° or 54°... This difference will have an impact on the dilution of the juices. Concerning our Floc de Gascogne we try to extract the aromas and fruitiness on the whites with a more or less short or intense maceration by playing especially on the enzymes. We can also play on the maintenance of some light lees to gain in matter and aromatics. To these juices we will add Blanche d'Armagnac (white eaux-de-vie not aged in barrels). Subsequently the Flocs of Gascony will pass on to an inert container such as a stainless steel tank. A Floc de Gascogne must be by definition: Fresh, Fruity, Young and Aromatic. It must not express tertiary aromas, evolution or oxidation. At the level of the alcohol it must turn between 16 and 18%.*



Christelle Lasseignou and Patrick Arnaud (oenologist)

Note that 'Floc' means 'Bouquet of Flowers' in Gascon.

It should be noted that even though everyone in the region has been producing this type of wine for a very long time, the Floc de Gascogne union was born in 1976 thanks to the impetus of many producers, including my father. This liqueur wine only gained importance from 1990 when we obtained the AOC

Where does the name of the Domaine de Maouhum come from?

C.L.: *The name of the property comes from the Gascon 'Mao' (bad) 'Hum' (which means smoke) so Bad Smoke The name was given after the fire on the property in 1840. Subsequently the estate was rebuilt as it is today. As a little anecdote the beams that escaped the fire were reused for reconstruction. Today they are over 200 years old and are still there. It was already a family estate...*

Do you have a particular project for the property?

C.L.: *Currently we produce around 20,000 bottles of Floc de Gascogne each year (compared to 7,000 in the year 2000). I want to continue this momentum. We are also producing Côtes de Gascogne on which we have also worked and invested in since 2015 (replanting, restructuring, production tools...).*

Now that I have been able to hire, I would like to work more with marketing, to devote more time to go to market... Another project, if we could, I wish in the future to have a wood still...



Thanks to the team of Domaine de Maouhum for its warm and friendly welcome. - J.C.C.

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CASSAGNE & VITAILLES

A young winery in the heart of Languedoc

Cassagne & Vitailles is a young winery located on Terrasses du Larzac, more specifically on Montpeyrroux. It was created ex nihilo in 2015 by two friends, Nicolas Seffusatti and Matthieu Rollin. It currently extends 7,85 hectares planted mainly with Syrah, Grenache, Carignan, Mourvèdre and Cournoise. Each year the property produces about 19.000 bottles.

Let's go together to meet these epicureans in love with their terroirs.

How was this ambitious project to create a vineyard from A to Z born?

N.S & M.R.: We had been thinking about this dream since 2005. A few years ago the price of land was still reasonable in this region. We wanted to build a domain and not buy one already established. We were offered many vineyards that were either poorly managed, over-treated, over-exploited or simply planted on dead soil. So we had to do a lot of research on qualitative land plots whose grapes were sold fresh at harvest. After several months we found these beautiful parcels on Terrasses du Larzac and we were really enamored with this place. We had to do major works of pulling out, fallow, planting and replanting works as well as mass selection work thanks to Lilian Berillon particular... We also chose to switch to all organic conversion and practicing biodynamics from inception. We absolutely want to preserve our soil. For example, in 2018 we had a lot of mildew attacks but we decided not to use copper because we did not want it to stay in our soils. We lost certainly 60% of the harvest but we kept a healthy earth. Our winery was built according to the precepts of energy without forgetting the operational facility, all in "Fontvieille" stone to keep a thermal inertia (almost 1 ton / stone). We want to work on the wine as little as possible during the harvest but also in the cellar. We work by gravity to avoid any pumping. We have all the necessary tools to work in biodynamics (dynamisers, tea-makers...). To summarize our philosophy is to accompany nature, to guide and to sublimate its product but with the least impact possible on the authenticity of our terroir.

What does wine represent for you ?

N.S & M.R.: It's our life, with Nicolas and I met around wine, we made our debut in wine. We were wine importers, commercial agents, we did all the downstream part. What interested us was something always with this desire for balance, which is our brand at Cassagne & Vitailles. In our logo there is a scale in which there is a sun as well as a cloud. It means the balance of wine and life. It takes that balance to make things good and right. And the phrase under our logo is perfection in balance in Latin. Wine is part of the balance of our life. When we were in China we learned that there is in life Yin and Yang, fire and ice. Here it is the same there is a balance of character between me and Nicolas. We are completely different in our character and our way of doing things. Together we are a balance. Our children are harvesting with us, we go on holiday together with family, we are a family around wine and we get together and we love wine. It fits into our DNA and we want to transmit it. I grew up in Africa and Nicolas in Avignon, his father is in administration and mine is an agronomist. Initially we were not destined to enter the world of wine, it is we who chose it by will and desire. To summarize I would say that for us it is the wine : the family, the balance and the authenticity. The latter is also for us a very important value, we want to do something 'true'.

What is the signature in your wines ?

N.S & M.R.: I would say that it is the good maturity of our grapes and the ageing on which a great and meticulous work is done. We have a real devotion to the Carignan grape... Wines are often marketed too young... This is not our case, our wines spend more than 30 months in new barrels... We work a lot on growing, on wood but also on matters. Some of our wines also go into concrete eggs or by will. Currently there are also tests on terracotta amphora. I mean we keep our wine until their will be ready to be launched on the market. Our other particularity is that we also store our wines after bottling in order to deliver them only after they are "in place", as soon as they are completed. We also work a lot on the fruit in its evolution. Our wines are very marked by Carignan.



Can you tell us about your three wines ?

N.S & M.R.: With "Nimalaya" the goal is to stay on the fruit. The wine is usually marketed younger, after 3 years. We want to keep the integrity of the fruit because the vines date from 1954, which produce 12 hectoliters / hectare. It's a 100% Carignan that is exceptional. We wanted to keep its authenticity, finesse and

fruit so we did not push too much fermentation. The name comes from the contraction of the first names of four of the five shareholders (Nicolas, Matthieu, Paola, Yannick).

The "Chausmes" is a Montpeyrroux which is the nerve center of Terrasses du Larzac. All major wineries of our region are located around Montpeyrroux. There is a filing in progress. We extremely well manage our vineyards... with a quality that is different from what we can find elsewhere. It is a territory that is very characterized by clay-limestone, it is a rather poor soil. Montpeyrroux is located at the foot of Mont Saint Baudile which allows us to benefit from a micro-climate. We have on this wine a disconcerting freshness compared to the other wines of Terrasses du Larzac. There are nights that are very cool which allows the grapes to keep their freshness and a very nice acidity while retaining the power of southern wines. The wine is made from a blend of Syrah, Grenache and Carignan. It remains about 12 months in fermentation on new Chassin barrels and wine-barrels. After 4/5 years we launch on the market our wines. For example currently we sell the 2016.

"Clos Mani" is a wine from Terrasses du Larzac from our three flagship grape varieties. For the latter we do a very big job of selection at harvest. The wine will stay 18 months in new Chassin barrels. It is a wine that is made for the long term... to enjoy after 10 years minimum.

Do you have specific projects ?

N.S & M.R.: Yes, in the last two years we have been experimenting with white grapes that have proven very satisfying. So for 2018 we decided to release 600 bottles of white wines. The idea is to buy a few more hectares in order to plant them in white to produce a little more while increasing the quality and diversity of terroir / grape varieties.

Thanks to Nicolas Seffusatti and Matthieu Rollin for their welcome. - J.C.C.

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Tasting side

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles Nimalaya 2016, Vieux Carignan Vin de France

Vertde Vin
Score
17.5
95/100

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a beautiful fruit and a good concentration. It reveals notes of cherry, small ripe red fruits and touches of garrigues associated with very fine hints of blackcurrant, liquorice as well as a hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a good definition as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry and small fleshy/juicy red berries associated with fine hints of garrigues/laurel berries as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are elegant. Good length. A very fine chew with notes of almond on the aftertaste.



Vertde Vin
Score
16.5+
93-94/100

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles Les Chaumes 2016 Montpeyroux

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry and crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, violet associated with fine hints of garrigues/aromatic herbs as well as very fine hints of sweet spices and a hint of fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as very fine hints of fresh nutmeg and dark chocolate. Good persistence with notes of caramelization.

Maison Cassagne et Vitailles Clas Mani 2016 Terrasses du Larzac

Vertde Vin
Score
17+
94-95/100

The nose is fruity and offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain, power as well as intensity (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of ripe cassis and small ripe black fruits associated with touches of ripe/fleshy blueberry as well as hints of cardamom, nutmeg and very discreet hints of grey pepper. The palate offers a beautiful freshness, definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, precision, fat as well as generosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blueberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry associated with small touches of fleshy Boysen berries as well as very fine hints of liquorice and violet.




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RAMOS PINTO

MEETING JORGE ROSAS

Established by Adriano Ramos Pinto in 1880, the Ramos Pinto Cellar is one of the most renowned Portuguese-owned port houses. Ramos Pinto has managed to conquer various markets with top quality wines, but also an innovative thinking that brought development and better understanding to the whole producing region. The Ramos Pinto company was a pioneer in the study of Portuguese grape varieties, viticulture in the Douro region, as well as in winemaking and the mixing of grapes from different estates. In their case, the four splendid Quintas: Ervamoira, Urtiga, Bom Retiro and Bons Ares.

The strong, unique character of Ramos Pinto is mostly based on the fact that they own their own vineyard almost exclusively. Everything they do, they own it. Ramos Pinto has been a pioneer in the Douro and brought many innovations such as the Patamares and Vinha ao Alto terraces. They also claimed to have the oldest LBV declared to the IVDP. As one of the rare port houses with Portuguese origin, they have been implicated in all the major steps of the port wine trade development. Jorge Rosas, now director of Ramos Pinto, is following the footsteps of his father José António Ramos Pinto Rosas with the help of his cousin, winemaker extraordinário João Nicolau de Almeida.



How many generations have succeeded at the head of Ramos Pinto?

Jorge Ramos: *Officially, it was my great-grandfather who founded the house. However, his father already had a Quinta, he was already making Port wines. My family has been producing port wine for at least 5 generations, but we don't know if my great grandfather's father had bought this Quinta or if he had inherited it. The inheritance could be longer.*

How many vineyards do you own?

J.R.: *For me, this is the main strength of Ramos Pinto. That is to say, all the major brands of Portos are essentially traders. Even if they own vineyards, the percentage of grapes that comes from their own vineyards is tiny compared to what they buy. They buy grapes, but they also buy wines in bulk. We have a completely opposite politic. We buy very few grapes. In a normal year, we're completely independent for reds and we might purchase a little for whites. Also, if we do need extra, it will be from winemakers*

who are situated next to our own vineyards, neighbors, and that we can control. We have the biggest self-supply rate of all the major brands of Portos.

There are more than 30,000 winemakers in the Douro Valley. On average, each has a little more than one hectare. How is it possible to control 35,000 small winemakers? Even if they were open to recommendations, they don't have the will to invest. These are people who'll take care of their vines on their free time, during weekends; it's like taking care of their garden. This vine gardening is a tradition. They'll treat vines empirically, not necessarily in a professional and scientific way. We, on the other hand, have a team of engineers, viticultural specialists who take care of our 250 hectares of vines divided in four estates, four Quintas.

Where are these Quintas located?

J.R.: *The Douro Valley has three sub-regions, two of our Quintas are in the central region which is called the Cima corgo (Quinta de Urtiga & Quinta de Bom Retiro) and two Quintas are in the more eastern region, near the Spanish border which is called Douro Superior. We were among the first producers to plant vines in the latter, Douro superior. In surface, in km², it is the largest region, but the density of vines planted is lesser. My father, 40-50 years ago, understood that we could make wines of exceptional quality in this region so he invested in two*

different Quintas. One was bought in the 70s (Quinta de Ervamoira) and the other in the 80s (Quinta de Bons Ares).

When did you start making table wines?

J.R.: *We were pioneers on this point. We were the first to put the name Douro in the map of the world. In the Douro Valley, all the vines are classified. While Champagne use a percentage-based classification, our vines are classified from A to F. At Ramos Pinto, we only have A or B grade grapes. However, even if you have the chance to own the best ranking grapes, there's something called the beneficio. You're not allowed to use all your grapes for port making. Each year, you'll be told the amount of hectoliters per hectare destined for port. Before, the remaining hectoliters were sent to distillers to make the aguardiente, the spirit used to fortify Porto. In the 80s, we decided that it was a shame to burn these exceptional A-grade grapes. So, we planted quinta de Bons Ares, from scratch. Everything was thought to make table wine within the Douro appellation. The first Duas Quintas was launched in 1990 and it was the first to be present everywhere because we*

RAMOS PINTO

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are present now in about 100 countries in the world. We were precursors in the Douro Valley dry wines wave.

Do you believe that the future of the port houses lies in these dry wines?

J.R.: Port wine sales are rather stable. There is a decrease in volume, but a progression in value. People drink less, but they drink better. In the meantime, Douro wine sales, either in the export or in Portugal, are on a roll. We're talking double-digit growth.

Why Duas Quintas?

J.R.: Duas Quintas means two estates, two Quintas: Ervamoira and Bons Ares. Both are in the upper Douro, but with completely different soils and climates. In Ervamoira, we are 150 meters above sea level, it is a giant amphitheater of extraordinary beauty. It's pretty hot and dry in the summer. It gives wines with volume, concentration, and a lot of color. That's why my father bought in the 80s, Quinta dos Bons Ares at higher altitude, 600 meters, with a much cooler climate. The soil in Bons Ares is made of granite and it gives a minerality, a natural acidity to the wine.

Is Granite a common soil in Douro Valley?

No, but there is some scattered outcrops of granite in some places. My father chose this place precisely for the freshness of the altitude and the freshness of the granite. This is the concept of Duas Quintas, on the one hand, we have the richness of Ervamoira, and on the other side, we have the finesse and the aromatic side of Bon Ares.

What are the plans for the future at Ramos Pinto?

There are things that I can't disclose yet. The idea is to focus on



the terroir, to make single plot wines, single estates wines. We will, of course, maintain Duas Quintas, but I want to be more precise on the expression of each parcel. On the other hand, we want to work towards organic culture.

What measures are in place in terms of sustainable or organic culture?

We have 25 hectares in organic and we started biodynamic two years ago on our oldest Quinta. It has 4.5 hectares, planted on pre-phylloxera terraces, with all handmade stone walls. It's a hundred-year-old co-planted vineyard with more than 60 grape varieties. We were the first in the Douro Valley to introduce herbicides, but we were also the first to abandon them. For ten years now, we have been using zero herbicides.

Joanie Metivier



ABOUT JOANIE METIVIER

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THE FORTIFIED SIDE OF ROUSSILLON

A TRUSTY HERITAGE

Technically and historically, the fortification of wines had one simple goal: conservation. The alcohol would kill any potential bacteria in the wine and extend its life potential. Simple and useful. Well, time has changed and our needs are not the same. The quality and identity of a wine are definitely more important today than its stability. Still, Fortified wines in general remains a wine category of the utmost interest by the very potential of these wines.

We all know port and sherry as the most famous & historic places for fortified wines, but the first patent for the process of fortification was actually granted in southern France to a Catalan doctor called Arnaud de Villeneuve at the end of the 13th century. He was the one who discovered mutage, the basis behind this unique style of wine. The Roussillon quickly became a major player in different fortified styles. If we go back in time of about 50 years, well over 80% of all wines made in the region were a product of fortification. This is not the case anymore; most of the production is focusing on still wine, but the fortified side is seen as a precious and historic treasure. Roussillon remains the cradle of the style.

You've probably heard of the category: Vins doux naturels or simply put as VDN. This refers to the arrested fermentation and the natural residual sugar that stays untransformed in alcohol. Rivesaltes, Maury, Banyuls, these are all good examples of VDN. VDN are more than a part of the Roussillon's history, in many cases, they are a family heritage. Since previous generation would put a focus on fortified wines, this is exactly what you find in family cellars. Some old, rare, sometimes centenary, but always precious treasures are hiding under Roussillon's underground. This is not the kind of stuff you'll find profusely in export markets, but it shows the quality potential of an aged and matured VDN. If it doesn't convince you to buy a younger version and keep it for yourself, I don't know what will.

The varieties of VDN you can find depends on three factors: The varietal, the maturation process and the appellation they were grown in. There's a diversity of styles including blanc, Grenat ambré and tuilé. Other terms that may appear on labels are hors d'âge, rancio, rimage and rosé.



RIVESALTES

Rivesaltes might be one of the most popular styles of VDN, it's the largest appellation for vins doux naturels. Three rivers - the Agly, the Têt and the Tech - cross the land, creating hills and incredibly stunning terraces. Rivesaltes are made from Grenache of all three forms (Noir, Blanc and Gris) although other grapes are permitted including Macabeu and Muscat. The latter is used in Muscat de Rivesaltes production. This incredibly fragrant varietal makes some of the finest and most delicious Vins doux Naturels. It makes pale colored, decently sweet wines with a high alcohol level from the fortification process, but also a vibrant acidity that

makes the wine able to withstand time. Old Muscat de Rivesaltes are treasured, whether it's 10 years old or half a decade, the wines get extremely sublimated with age. When youthful, you'll get very floral component and a very fresh & light taste, but aged Muscat de Rivesaltes couldn't be more complex.

Styles of Rivesaltes basically depends on color, whether it has seen oxygen or not, and its age. Rivesaltes ambré is predominant, they are deep golden-yellow in their youth, with aromas of sweet nuts and caramelized citrus fruits. Rivesaltes Grenat is made protected from oxygen and results in a deeply colored purple/black wine with vivid aromas and flavors of fresh black and blue fruits (blackberries, blueberries and cassis). Fruity would be an understatement. These are mostly destined for early, easy consumption. Rivesaltes Tuilé is its aged counterpart, aged for at least two years, it shows developed aromas and a similar style than what you'll find in Banyuls.

BANYULS

In terms of the deliberately oxidized style, the best example can be found in the appellation of Banyuls. Its steep terraced hills are known for the quality and intensity of their Grenache noir which must make up at least 50% of the blend. First recognized as a protected area of production in 1936, the Banyuls appellation is superposed with the Collioure appellation which is destined for non-fortified wines. Banyuls have some Grand cru sites where wines have to be aged for at least 30 months to be designated as so. However, in most cases the ageing period is much longer. Producers aim for quality, not quantity. They make the best of what they got, no matter how long it takes.

MAURY

Maury is another famed appellation for VDN from the Grenache Noir grape. With its dramatic hills and valleys, the landscape of Maury is as wildly untamed as its famed VDN wine known as "Rancio". This deeply colored brown wine is made in a deliberately over-oxidized style in which the wine matures directly under the sun outdoors. The wine sits in wood vats or glass jars called bonbonnes or Dame Jeanne. The Maury vineyards are based in hills of black marl and schist, which lend a distinct minerality and concentration to the resulting wines.

ALTA LANGA

BUBBLES AND TRUFFLES SOUNDS LIKE A PERFECT PAIRING

Not so far from the vocated Barolo and Barbaresco areas, the Alta Langa region, with its one hundred hectares, is running faster reaching a very nice results than many other Italian young denominations thanks the production of a special sparkling wine, indeed called as "Alta Langa". The set up of this project have taken more than ten year before the drafting of a disciplinary, one of the most stiff compared to other Italian wine classic method. The producers can sell, as Alta Langa, those wines which have spent at least 30 months on yeasts produced on the provinces of Asti, Alessandria and Cuneo (right bank of Tanaro River) with only chardonnay and pinot noir grapes, either 100% or in variable percentages, picked in a single harvest - it is, so, always a vintage sparkling wine - like a millesimé, as French people use to say.



tasty piedmont bubbles gives its best results after months of patience like the best champagne. Along Alta Langa's wineries there is a sort of underwritten though: "Alta Langa is a sparkling wine who need time". Time is needed for its production and for its evolution on the least 30 months followed by the proper rest on the bottle, around at least one year. If the Alta Langa's origins dated back since the beginning of the 19th century, when Italy started producing its first classic method sparkling wine, around the villages of Canelli, today, in the

"Underground Cathedrals" recognised by UNESCO as World Heritage, this wine reborn with a new concept, a new energy, faced to preserve the history but also focusing into the future. To confirm this happy trend, there are the data given by the Consortium which reveals that by the end of 2020 the production of Alta Langa will be around 3 million of bottles.

To obtain the perfect acidity, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay requires moderately-fertile calcareous clay marl soils, like those selected by most of the wineries who are producing Alta Langa. At any rate, others focal points are: the altitude (must to be at a minimum altitude of 250 metres above the sea) and the maximum grape yield per hectare established at 11,000 kg (the must yielded from each pressing phase must be less than 65%). On the shelf we can find some kinds of Alta Langa: white or rosé, both may be brut, pas dosé and riserva.

In all of them, the main features are the presence of delicate pastry hints getting along with almonds, citrus or blackberry - depending on the type of sparkling wine you are facing at the moment - with very intensive and structured body, and great finesse in the perlage. The production of this harmonious and

From this area, rich in woods, the unspoiled and wild nature gives another important and well-known culinary resource of the Langhe: the white truffle. And one of the most beautiful and functional choices of the consortium - taken recently - was the presentation of truffles and wine under one single hat named as, of course, Alta Langa. How? By setting up exhibitions addressed both to the trade and wine lovers presenting this special pairings on the table, the best place to fall in love with them. The explosion of aromas, the finesse and the intensity, in the mouth pair perfectly remembering how magic and unique can be a single land plot.

Top Alta Langa sip:
Enrico Serafino, Brandini, Cocchi, Pianbello, Gancia, Coppo.



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THE PINOT GRIGIO

OF D.O.C. DELLE VENEZIE

The pinot grigio is one of the most worldwide popular grapes variety. Its presence on the global market must to be nowadays geo localized as not to be confused. Why? Because it's always a question of point of views. Because in the wine world there are also some topic to be focused on like timing, brand and diverse styles presented according to some specific tastes or to get in the trend consumption. That's why when people come across to an Italian pinot grigio produced in the area surrounding the Alps, the Garda Lake, the Venice lagoon and the Adriatic Sea face to the Collio hills, should remember that here a young consortium is trying to work of the promotion on a special and different terroir.

Indeed the Consortium Vini delle Venezie has the aim to promote a new DOC called as "Delle Venezie" which embrace the province of Trento, the autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Veneto Region. Looking at the numbers it represents the 85% of the Italian production and the first in the world by volume. Comparing the surface planted at pinot grigio in 2014 to these days, the hectares have been increase up to 25,810 (+ 30.3% in Veneto, + 23.2% in Friuli Venezia Giulia and + 4.5% in the Province of Trento).

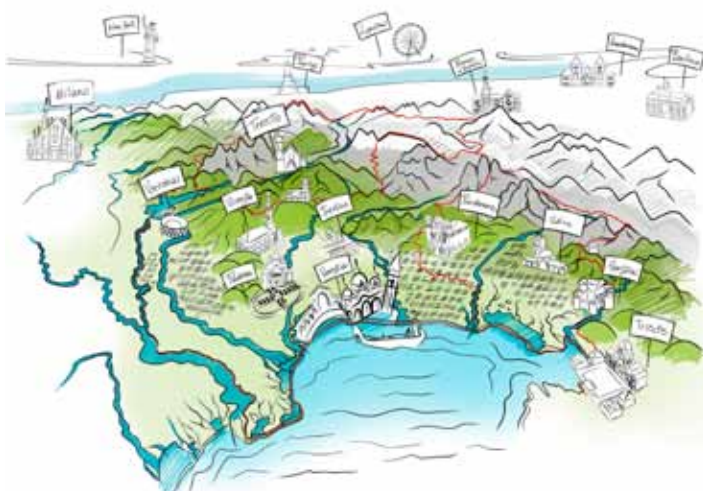
This huge Italian voice has the capability to present a different style of taste confirmed by the positive exports demand mostly in USA and United Kingdom. To pursuit this trend the wineries and the consortium are glad to declare their careful management of the vineyard which include a proper use of water, genetic material all to preserve the environmental sustainability.

Furthermore to enhance and improve the pinot grigio wines quality, disciplinary of DOC delle Venezie has imposed a decrease of the production by as much as 26 hectoliters / hectare compared to IGT. A benefit for the final consumer that will choose one of the wines produced in one of the 20 villages inside the area of Triveneto.

Wine lovers and people working on the Ho.re.Ca may choose among pinot grigio both still and sparkling type as well Spumante in V.S and V.S.Q. categories.



Photos Consortium vini DOC delle Venezie



To introduce our best wineries associated to the Consorzio Vini DOC delle Venezie we briefly present some features of the wines produced in the different area:

- **Province of Trento:**
wines with a lot of freshness (green apple note on the nose), salty just in the after taste;
- **Friuli Venezia Giulia:**
wines based on a nice minerality, sapidity and zesty notes.
- **Veneto Region:**
wines reach in aromas (citrus fruits), round and delicate.

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Château Climens 2008
1^{er} Cru Classé à Barsac

Sauternes

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of vine peach, verbena and small notes of candied citrus (lemon, grapefruit) combined with small / fine touches of dry apricot, lychee as well as a discreet sappy hint, almond and very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, elegance, finesse, tension, a beautiful texture as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, citron, verbena and small notes of vine peach associated with small / fine touches of kumquat, pineapple in syrup, mango as well as discreet hints of lime tree, almond, honey and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. There is a very discreet almost tannic hint on the finish. Beautiful gourmandise and persistence. A beautiful wine.

Price: €€€€



Château Léoville Poyferré
2005

Saint-Julien, 2nd Grand Cru Classé

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is elegant, delicate, precisely built / balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a fine power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, dried strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed raspberry, very discreet hints of flowers, spices, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg, animal and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful delicacy, minerality, freshness, tension, deepness, a fine richness, a fine fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of wild strawberries, cassis and small notes of acidulous redcurrants associated with fine touches of blackberry, violet, a very discreet hint of chocolate, minerality as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg, spices, cloves and an imperceptible mineral hint. Tannins are elegant, well defined and precise.

Price: €€€€



Egon Müller
Scharzhofberger
Spätlese Riesling 2015
Mosel (Germany)

Selected by J.M.

The Riesling-focused Egon Müller estate dates from 1797 and is particularly renowned for its Scharzhofberger wines. These wines are produced from just over 8 hectares of south-facing vines planted in the prestigious Scharzhofberg vineyard in Wiltingen, Mosel. Like his father before him, Egon Müller IV is one of the world's established masters of sweet and dessert winemaking. This wine is taut and racy, with dazzling overripe orchard fruits, Ginger, star anise and even an exotic side ; it' severely mineral, crushed slate, and have an endless finish. 2015 being a fantastic vintage in Mosel, the wine shows a lavish expression filled with purity and raciness.

Price: €€€€€



Domaine Georges Vernay,
Condrieu, Les Chaillées de
L'Enfer, 2015

Condrieu (France)

Selected by J.M.

Self-proclaimed as the house of Viognier, but also renowned for their Syrah, Domaine Georges Vernay has always been an important actor in the development and promotion of Northern Rhône and the survival of the Condrieu appellation. The estate, now directed by the well-awarded Christine Vernay, daughter of Georges Vernay, has become an iconic estate in the region for their respect & values. Opulent and full-bodied, this wine always has a remarkable balance, with an aromatic range that gives a true tone by avoiding all heaviness or warmth, but instead, a coated palate of nuttiness, vanilla beans and custard, nectarine and apricot.

Price: €€€€



Domaine Laroche Chablis
Grand Cru Les Clos 2015

Chablis Grand cru, Bourgogne

Selected by J.M.

Arguably called the king of Chablis Grands crus, this vineyard was formerly entirely surrounded with walls, hence the name "Les Clos". With its southern exposure and ideal sunshine, it's one of the most mineral and ripe expression in Chablis. Still very young, this Grand cru filled with great tension has great aging potential. Delicate apricot peel, tart yellow apple and white pepper make up the delicate aromas with razor sharp acidity and minerality. It's characterized by finesse, complexity and superb length. Deliciously fresh and intense now.

Price: €€€€



Albert Grivault
Clos des Perrières 2016
Meursault 1^{er} cru, Bourgogne

Selected by J.M.

The small terroir of Clos des Perrières is located within the larger Perrières region; however, it is so high in quality that it deserves its own mention here. Clos des Perrières is a 1 ha monopole of Albert Grivault, a producer known for the raciness of his wines. The 2016 is absolutely floral and perfumed, with a rich fruit maturity and a confit lemon characteristic. Structure, creaminess and minerality reigns. Chardonnay from this terroir is subtler in flavor than wines made in other parts of Perrières and is especially age-worthy.

Price: €€€€€



X-MAS
selection

Domaine E. Guigal,
Château d'Ampuis 2013
Côte Rôtie, Vallée du Rhône

Selected by J.M.

2013 was a very rustic, austere, structured vintage and it's extremely apparent in the wines that are bolder and more structured than their regular form. Even so, Château d'Ampuis is always a treat for me. The unique and original expression with such concentration is not to be missed as it may not be back. It's a handsome and worthy Syrah, with unbelievable acidity and Character. It's made from the seven peripheral parcels surrounding La Mouline and La Turque, a mix of both Côte Brune and Côte Blonde: Le Clos, La Garde, La Grande Plantée, La Pommère, Le Pavillon Rouge, Le Moulin and La Viria. The pure and precise aromas include graphite, heavy cassis, cracked pepper, praline, leather and a hickory smokiness. There's a lot of masculine elements, quite on the complete opposite as la Mouline in general.

Price: €€€€



Lucien Le Moine
'Les Rugiens' 2016
Pommard 1^{er} cru, Bourgogne

Selected by J.M.

Mounir Saouma and Rotem Brakin have launched this small house dedicated entirely to the first and grand cru of Burgundy. They set their maximum production at 100 pieces per year to be able to do things "by hand" and with the utmost precision. The production is based on the terroir and the characteristics of each vintage. The result is an impressive palette of premier cru and grand cru with insignificant doses of sulfur, a millimetered aging and a tailored production. The name 'Les rugiens' comes directly from the soil, which is of a red and frank color. A particular land that gives a particular premier cru. This Pommard has a bright, shiny ruby color. It has a shift between the bouquet that is soft, with delicate aromas of subtle red fruits and the rather explosive, robust and earthy palate. A pleasant surprise that lingers elegantly towards a layered finale filled with finesse and sophistication.

Price: €€€€



Camille Giroud 2015
Beaune Les Avaux 1^{er} Cru
Beaune Premier Cru

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is well-built, aromatic and offers intensity as well as depth. It reveals notes of cassis, flowers / cassis buds, and slight hints of plum, crushed strawberry associated with a hint of wild fruit, toasted hints / liquorice as well as subtle hints of Sichuan pepper, a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible touch of leather. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers suavity, finesse, a mineral frame, a slight freshness, tension and a beautiful definition / guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, Quetsche plum and touches of raspberry associated with a subtle hint of Zan, spices, chocolate and Zan. Tannins are fine, elegant and finely chewy. Beautiful persistence. A great wine!

Price: €€€



Domaine Serene
Pinot Noir
Evenstad Reserve 2015
Willamette Valley, Oregon

Selected by J.M.

Iconic Pinot Noir producer from the Willamette Valley, Domaine Serene was part of the few majestic producers that've put Oregon on the map for outstanding quality wines. Blended from a mix of the winery's vineyards in Dundee Hills, Evenstad comes from a very selective process. The art of blending has been the hallmark of the Domaine Serene winemaking program. The nose here is simply sensational ranging from cardamom accents to peat moss and black truffle shavings to bright red fruits and citrus zest that all amalgamate marvelously. The texture is beautiful as this silky wine effortlessly dances across the mid-palate. The seamlessness of this wine really entices. Dense, dark and red fruits pack this seductive, hedonistic Oregon Pinot Noir.

Price: €€€€



Acclivi 2015
Burlotto
Barolo DOCG, Italy

Selected by E.M.

Fabulous, admirable for its elegance and perfect interpretation of the terroir, Fabio still keeps going on his family project with an amazing, specific, and personal, point view. All of this attitude are included in the term "style". A stimulating wine, rich in his body drawn by flowers, velvety spices surrounded by a nice powerful tannins. A magic sip with an unbelievable finesse capable to give more and more in the future.

Price: €€€€



Cantine Cavicchioli
Millenovecento ventotto
Lambrusco di Sorbara (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

Since 1928, is the prestigious name of Lambrusco. It is a smart wine with techniques used to emphasize the terroir of Sorbara. At the palate evokes the history of the brand and the confidence with the production. The sip is gourmand, rich of aromas (violets and blueberries) but absolutely fragrance and pleasantly effervescent.

Price: €



X-MAS selection

Villa Guelpa 2016 Lessona (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

It is one of the best Daniele Dinoia's wine. His project started with the purchase of Villa Guelpa at the borders of Lessona village a couple of years ago. This wine shows all of his sacrifices among the Alto Piemonte hills. This sip is able to represent the story, a definition, interpretation and loyalty at the mainly and queen piedmont grapes, nebbiolo. Even if in this area it gets along well with Vespolina e Uva Rara grown on Sizzano village. The use of cement and Slavonia oak barrels with the sandy soil are the helpful tools able to create a unique wine with personality, finesse and, moreover, personality. It is balsamic, live, harmonious, in the right place all for a velvety and live sip.

Price: €€€



Álvaro Palacios Finca Dofi 2015 Priorat (Catalonia)

Selected by J.M.

One of Spain's most celebrated and expensive cult wines. Alvaro Palacios, trained in oenology in Bordeaux, is one of the pioneers of the region. He is a champion of Spain's terroir and he's been a true defender of the Garnacha's potential. Notably, his admirable work includes propelling the two amazing and unique regions of Priorat and Bierzo into the spotlights. Also, refocusing on old Garnacha vines, the traditional variety that had fallen out of favour in Rioja Baja and that is now considered the true Spanish treasure and heritage. He's calling Garnacha "The queen Grape of Rioja Baja" and encourages producers to come back to this variety that was once traditional there. Finca Dofi is from a single-estate vineyard planted to 60% Garnacha along with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, and Cariñena. This wine is alluring, silky smooth and endowed with beautiful herb and mineral notes along with light oak, fine tannins and non-stop length on the finish. I always felt

the qualitative style of Alvaro's wines comes from restraint. The wine is showing the meticulous work behind it with elegance, a keen presence and grace.

Price: €€€€



Rizzi Vigna Boito 2013, Riserva Barbaresco (Italy)

Selected by J.C.C.

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 associated with small touches of blackberry, chocolate, toasted/caramelized, ripe almond as well as very discreet hints of liquorice stick. Tannins are fine, elegant and well-built. There is an imperceptible hint of saline minerality (in the background), Cuban pepper and tobacco on the finish. Beautiful and gourmande persistence.

Price: €€€

Balbiano Vigna Villa della Regina 2016

Freisa di Chieri DOC (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

When you land in Turin, the first capital of Italy, you must meet this urban vineyard held by this expert winery of Freisa grape. Round with elegance and vigor. Under a frequent firmness of the tannins, passion burns, mastered by an enjoyable court elegance.

Price: €€



Enrico Serafino Zéro Riserva pas dosé 2013 Alta Langa DOCG (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

It is the best Alta Langa, the sparkling wine produced in Langhe region in Piedmont, by a historical winery able to enhance the features of pinot noir and chardonnay grapes which clones have been introduced from Burgundy. Today there is a precise choice: produce finesse and romantic and performant classic method. This pas dose Version shows the best vintage freshness and fragrance.

Price: €€



Anna Maria Abbona San Bernardo 2015 Dogliani Superiore (Italy)

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful finesse, a fine concentration, complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of wild cassis combined with touches of gray pepper, ripe wild raspberry and touches of blueberry, lily, black tea as well as slight hints of chocolate, toasted and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, a bit tight, elegant, precise and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, a good structure as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy blueberry / juicy and small notes of plum associated with a touch of wild raspberry as well as slight hints of chocolate, toasted, liquorice, discreet hints of vanilla and a very discreet hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Price: €



X-MAS
selection

Château Pichon Longueville
Comtesse de Lalande 2010
Pauillac, Cru Classé

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy and offers a small richness, power as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of ripe cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as hints of Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of undergrowth. The palate is elegant, fruity and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, a good structure, gourmandise, a small generosity, sapidity as well as a beautiful matter and a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with small touches of small ripe wild red berries, hints of undergrowth, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, mushroom, a very fine salin hint (in the background) and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are structuring and a bit firm. Good length.

Price: €€€€€



Robert Mondavi
Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard
Oakville, Napa Valley (California)

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, fresh, powerful and offers concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and wild red berries associated with small / slight touches of blackberry, black cherry, small hints of spices, Timut pepper as well as very discreet hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of crushed blueberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight, elegant, racy, gourmand and offers a good definition, a slight juiciness, a beautiful finesse, a small melodious side, harmony, a good structure as well as a beautiful fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, wild/juicy ripe raspberry and small touches of crushed strawberry, blueberry associated with fine hints of crushed / stewed cassis, subtle hints of vanilla, blond tobacco, toasted / caramelized touches as well as an imperceptible hint of dry local forest and chocolate. Tannins are elegant, fine and very slightly firm. Good length.

Price: €€€€€



Tenuta La Novella
Casa di Colombo 2015
Chianti Classico (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

It is the mirror of the whole organic project: delicate, floral and powerful thanks its perfect tannins well ripe at 500 meters. Precise with and enjoyable evolution in the palate with a rhythmic and beautiful structured sip produced in 7 hectares in Greve in Chianti.

Price: €



Orestilla 2017
Montonale
Lugana DOC (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

If we think about the origin, we must go back since the Romanian period, thanks to the particular mixture of the soil (clay and calcareous) of Lugana, a wine popular, today, for its great longevity. The Turbiana grapes here grown in 2 hectares in the village of Montonale; the intense mineral and aromatic herbs feelings embrace a deep and mineral sip marked by a gentle juice full of acid freshness.

Price: €€



Matthias & Emile Roblin
Enclos de Maimbray 2016
Sancerre (France)

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandise. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe mandarine and small notes of mandarine tree flowers associated with touches of vine peach/vine flowers as well as fine hints of apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous/juicy frame as well as a beautiful minerality/definition and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe/juicy mandarine and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with touches of apple and discreet hints of zests. Good length.

Price: €€



Domaine de
L'Amauve
Laurances 2017
Côtes du Rhône Villages, Séguret

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers concentration as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with touches of fleshy / ripe cassis, hints of plum, licorice, spices, very slight hints of cardamom, tonka bean as well as an imperceptible hint of violet flowers and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, a fine straightness / tension, a very fine grain, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful juiciness, dynamism as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. Beautiful quality of the fruit! Lace ! On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crunchy / juicy wild red berries and small notes of wild strawberry...

[Read full review on www.vertdevin.com]

Price: €



X-MAS selection

Champagne Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque 2004 Blanc de Blancs, Brut

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers elegance, a fine richness as well as a very discreet creaminess. It reveals notes of yellow fruits, ripe apple and small notes of frangipane/yellow flowers associated with touches of yellow peach, candied mandarin, ripe citrus as well as discreet vinous hints, honey and vanilla/sweet spices (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful juiciness, minerality, a beautiful precision/harmony, delicacy, elegance, peps, gourmandize, roundness as well as a beautiful acidulous structure and finely tight. The effervescence is elegant and beautifully built. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of ripe citrus, quince and small notes of yellow fruits associated with fine vinous touches, yellow flowers, bee wax as well as discreet hints of nougat and sweet spices. Good length. [Read full review on www.vertdevin.com]

Price: €€€€



Champagne Deutz, Amour de Deutz 2008

Selected by J.M.

Champagne Deutz, one of the founding members of the Syndicat des Grandes Marques, was established in 1882 by William Deutz et Hubert Geldermann and remained in the same very central location in Ay ever since. The Deutz style is a dense and tense one, definitely destined to connoisseurs and appreciative of distinction and finesse. Their prestige Cuvée, Amour de Deutz 2008 is a vintage Blanc de Blancs from Grand cru vineyards in Avize & le Mesnil-sur-Oger as well as the chardonnay dominated premier cru in Montagne de Reims, Villers-Marmery. It's a polished & sophisticated wine with tension joined by the impressive quality level and complexity, yet with a very approachable and silky texture. The rich nose of Brioche, almonds, honey and delicate white flowers compose this fragrant nectar. It comes from a great Champagne vintage, giving it both intensity and an acidity built for long term aging.

Price: €€€€€



Champagne Christian Briard Cuvée Maurice Romelot - Brut

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, finely incisive, gourmand and offers elegance. It reveals notes of lemon, fleshy peach and small notes of pear associated with fine hints of juicy / fresh pineapple, lemon flowers as well as a slight hint of sourdough. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, racy and offers tension, a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, gourmandise as well as a small racy / chalky minerality. The effervescence is well-built, fine, dynamic and well-structured. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, juicy peach, juicy pear and small notes of fresh / juicy lychees associated with fine touches of lemon flowers, mandarin flowers, rose as well as a very discreet hint of fresh almond and sourdough. Good length. There are an imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut and meringue on persistence / the aftertaste.

Price: €



Champagne Xavier Alexandre Blanc de Blancs 2010 - Brut

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers freshness, a small creaminess as well as a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of crème pâtissière, lemon and crunchy apple associated with fine touches of crunchy brugnion as well as a hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous frame, vivacity, a beautiful freshness as well as a very fine aerial side. Beautiful finesse, structure and elegance of the effervescence. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy/crunchy apple and small notes of fleshy brugnion associated with fine touches of zests, lemon caviar as well as fine hints of toasted, crème pâtissière as well as an imperceptible hint of almond/biscuit. A beautiful Champagne!

Price: €

La Morandina 2018 Moscato d'Asti DOCG, Italy

Selected by E.M.

One of the best Moscato, produced by a man who has a talent to enhance the features of the grapes each single harvest. In this last release, there is an intense cream melt with hints of flowers, almonds and rip apple. Deep and soft in the after taste, is always live thanks its balanced freshness. Giulio is running his family winery with a deep and thrilling passion.

Price: €



Domaine de Montbourgeau Montangis 2015

L'Etoile (Jura, France)

Selected by J.C.C.

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.

Price: €



X-MAS
selection

**Raventós I Blanc,
Manuel Raventós Negra
Gran Reserva Personal 2008**
Penedes, Spain

Selected by J.M.

Raventós is one of Spain's masters when it comes to sparkling wines. This non-Cava (the winery chose to leave the appellation to affirm their search of excellence and constant effort to express the terroir of their land) is the exclusive result of the selection made of the best Xarel-lo, Macabeo and Parellada wines obtained that year. Due to its exceptional nature, it's only bottled in the most special vintages. Conca del Riu Anoia is the name of a small geographical area, centered around the River Anoia Basin, with unique deposits of fossils within the limestone bedrock. A lively, mineraly, golden blend, it boasts aromas of warm toast, citrus, honey and a Champagne-like brightness and elegance. It's a brut nature, and only 3,425 bottles were made. This is the more evolved of the few vintages produced. It evokes lust with its flavorful palate, aromas of baked apple and sourdough bread, salty side, orange and a satisfying umami filled finish, steady and elegant. You can smell it for minutes and you'll still be trying to figure out everything.

Price: €€€€



**Château Mangot
Cuvée Todeschini 2008**
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, chocolate and small notes of fresh / fleshy red fruits associated with touches of truffle, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, silky and offers a beautiful definition, a small concentration, a beautiful guideline, a fine intensity as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy redcurrants associated with touches of undergrowth / truffle as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices (in the background). There is a fine acidulous touch on the finish / persistence.

Price: €€€



Valentino Brut Rosé 2012
Rocche dei Manzoni
Monforte d'Alba (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

This classic method rosé spends 60 months on lees and, even on this vintage, for its great impact on rebounds of minerals and pulp, reveal a great balance and persistence. Fresh, with a nice growing salinity, for a convincing sip for the whole meal.

Price: €€



**Brut Leonia
Frescobaldi**
Pomino DOC (Italy)

Selected by E.M.

It is the only sparkling wine method of Frescobaldi group. A special project, already produced in the middle of 1800 in the vocated area of Pomino. The one hundred hectares spread in the Tuscany mountain hills returns with a powerful acidity melted in gorgeous fruits. This sip more and more comes in the palate, it is impossible to forget this gourmet cloud.

Price: €€



**Domaine de la Poulette
Les Vaucrains 2006**

Nuits-Saint-Georges 1^{er} Cru

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity / aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a very fine richness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of ripe red fruits and ripe wild red berries associated with small touches of blackberry, blueberry as well as subtle hints of dried flowers, crushed wild strawberry, licorice and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful suavity, a small fat, a fine tension / straightness, a fine acid frame as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, crushed redcurrant and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cassis, subtle hints of plum, liquorice as well as discreet touches of spices and a very discreet hint of gray pepper. [Full review on www.vertdevin.com]

Price: €€



Ramos Pinto 1997
Vintage Port

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness, a fine power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, iris / blueberry, crushed plum and small touches of strawberry associated with slight hints of sap, liquorice as well as a touch of Cuben pepper, tea and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful delicacy, finesse as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis, plum and small touches of ripe black berries, flowers associated with slight hints of caramelization, chocolate, pâtisseries as well as discreet hints of flowers, toasted / rancio, tea, tobacco, imperceptible tobacco and colas (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length and good persistence. Gourmandise and a very fine chew on the finish. Beautiful persistence with hints of cocoa, tobacco and pâtisseries.

Price: €€€



X-MAS selection

Château Fleur Cardinale 2016

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru,
Grand Cru Classé

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity/aromatic, powerful, elegant, racy and offers intensity, gourmandise and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches liquorice stick, green pepper as well as discreet toasted hints, a discreet hint of violet, Sichuan pepper/spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful precision, a good structure, beautifully defined, beautifully built, a fine tension, gourmandise as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of fleshy strawberry, cornflower...

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Price: €€€



Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2017

Pessac-Léognan (France)

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose offers a small power, a fine grain, a fine gourmandise as well as a fine firmness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of mandarin / kumquat and small notes of crunchy green apple, litchi associated with touches of citrus, a touch of crunchy yellow plum, fine toasted / naked touches, fresh almond, zests as well as slight hints of minerality, graphite and very discreet hints of beeswax. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers juiciness, precision, delicacy, a fine grain, a beautiful touch as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, vine peach, pink lychee and small notes of exotic fruit associated with discreet hints of peach as well as very discreet hints of zest. Good length and persistence. A very fine almost saline racy minerality on the finish.

Price: €€



Château Mazeyres 2016 Pomerol (France)

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers intensity, concentration, fine richness, a small complexity, a beautiful grain as well as a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe wild blue fruits and small notes of ripe strawberries associated with small touches of dark chocolate / cocoa, flowers, Cuben pepper as well as a touch of hazelnut / toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, a good freshness, a beautiful touch, gourmandise, fine grain, straightness, a good structure as well as suavity / fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy small blue fruits and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with fine touches of small red berries / redcurrants...

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Price: €€



Bulas Grande Reserva Tinto 2011

Douro DOC

Selected by J.C.C.

The nose is fruity, elegant, complex, racy, beautifully conducted and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe wild currants and small notes of black plum associated with fine touches of cherry, purple flowers, local grove / sense of place as well as fine hints of licorice stick, spices, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, racy and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine suavity, a very fine freshness (in the background) as well as a fine tension. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy cassis, ripe / juicy plum and small notes of small wild red berries associated with very slight hints of grove, purple flowers, discreet hints of chocolate, licorice stick... [Read full review on www.vertdevin.com]

Price: €



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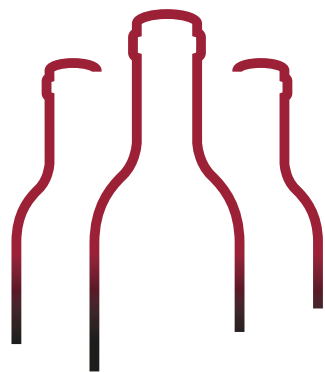
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Wines to discover... Château Léoville Barton

Château Léoville-Barton 1994 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of dried cassis, dried blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry combined with fine touches of spices, cardamom, slight hints of nutmeg, white truffle, roasted hazelnut as well as a very discreet hint of pepper and violet. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a good freshness as well as a beautiful acidulous side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, very ripe blackberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of dried strawberry and discreet hints of caramelization, undergrowth / truffle as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom and tobacco.

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Château Léoville-Barton 2006 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers aromatic power, a fine incisive side as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe wild cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of small berries, a hint of violet, slight hints of vanilla flowers, toasted as well as an imperceptible hint of cornflower and pepper (in the background). [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of violet, Bourbon vanilla, toasted and an imperceptible hint of truffle (in the background). Beautiful tannic structure ! Beautiful acidity / freshness !

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Château Léoville-Barton 1999 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers delicacy as well as power (but precisely done). It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, very ripe strawberry and small notes of flowers associated with touches of very ripe berries as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of undergrowth and an imperceptible hint of licorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a mineral / acidulous frame, freshness, complexity as well as a beautiful, ripe and acidulous fruit. [...] Beautiful, suave and gourmande finish. Good length and beautiful persistence.

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Château Léoville-Barton 2007 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully elegant, fond and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a flattering side. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of ripe berries associated with fine touches of tonka bean / mocha, sweet spices, a subtle hint of caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of warm spices and undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, fine tension, juiciness, suavity, a good racy minerality, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of juicy / ripe blackberry [...]. Good persistence.

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Château Léoville-Barton 2000 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, powerful, beautifully-built as well as a truffle side. It reveals notes of black pepper, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, undergrowth as well as hints of liquorice and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well balanced, very discreetly tight, fond and offers gourmandize, a mineral frame, tension, an almost saline minerality, suavity, precision, power as well as a beautiful structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, undergrowth and small notes of crushed strawberry combined with fine touches of truffle, ripe small fruits Bourbon vanilla, toasted, caramelized hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm. Beautiful persistence.

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Château Léoville-Barton 2010 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful contained power as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy wild strawberries, fleshy blackberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of violet/flowers, Bourbon vanilla, tasted as well as a subtle hint of chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a good definition, tension, a fine airy side, a beautiful finesse of the structure, an acidulous frame, freshness, a beautiful juiciness, a beautiful juicy / acidulous fruit as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh blackberry, juicy / fresh cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with very fine touches of cherry as well as slight toasted hints, chocolate, almond and a subtle hint of vanilla. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm. Good length.



Château Léoville-Barton 2004 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is gourmand, elegant and offers a small richness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe strawberries, crushed blackberry and small notes of chocolate combined with slight hints of caramelization as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and tonka bean. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame, a beautiful juiciness, suavity, a good structure, a beautiful precision, freshness as well as a fine minerality almost saline (in the background). [...] Good length.

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Château Léoville-Barton 2012 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power (well managed!), a very fine grain, subtlety as well as a very fine deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysenberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with very fine touches of racy minerality, a hint of juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of vanilla, black pepper and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness [...] On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy cassis, juicy / ripe raspberry and small notes of juicy berries associated with fine hints of vanilla, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of caramel.

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Château Léoville-Barton 2005 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is powerful, aromatic, elegant, precise (even-plate!) and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of gray pepper, violet, discreet hints of Sichuan pepper as well as a hint of nutmeg and Bourbon vanilla. [...] On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy cassis, fleshy / pulpy black cherry and small notes of acidulous raspberry associated with fine touches of acidulous blueberry as well as slight hints of violet, nutmeg, vanilla and very discreet hints of toasted almond. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly marked. [...] Beautiful and gourmande persistence. There are slight hints of ripe almond, chocolate and a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla on the finish / persistence.

[Read full review online www.vertdevin.com]



Château Léoville-Barton 2015 Saint-Julien, 2^e Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a small richness, a fine intensity as well as complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with fine toasted touches, caramelized as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and a subtle hint of nutmeg / cedar. The mouth is fruity, elegant, balanced, fond and offers tension, an acidulous frame, minerality, a juicy / acidulous fruit as well as a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cherry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a subtle hint of juicy plum, fleshy / juicy raspberry as well as very discreet toasted hints, almond and an imperceptible hint of spices Tannins are elegant, well-built and racy. Good length.



WHAT DOES WINE

Cathy Corison

Owner of Corison Winery (Napa Valley)



At it's most basic, wine is really good at washing down your food. Beyond that, one can dive in and wine will meet you wherever you are and take you on a journey. There is always something new to discover and learn. For me it's one definition of infinity.

Wine is a celebration of life, plugging me into the universe. It is a collaboration of earth and sky; Mother Nature is the real winemaker.

"As a biologist I am eternally fascinated by the way so many living systems conspire to the alchemy that is wine."

Grapes grow on a vine and are converted to wine by yeast, a living organism. Barrels and corks were once trees. Even in the bottle wine is alive in a sense-living, breathing and evolving.

What is your greatest wine emotion?

Wonder. No matter how much we learn about wine, each answer leads to more questions. Winemaking is a fine balance between technology and art. It is important to make clean, sound wine but that's just the start. My favorite wines in the world have a life force or vibration that can't be quantified. I hope wine will always remain a little mysterious.



Laurent Mailler

Winemaker of Bouchard Aisé & Fils (Bourgogne)

This is a difficult question that I will try to answer in the most sincere way possible.

"Wine is for me a source of happiness, it's a catalyst of conviviality, tradition, sharing."

As far as oenologist training it's been 22 years that I have been lucky at the House Bouchard Aisé et Fils to vinify, grow and bottle the jewels of the appellations of Burgundy. Coming from an old Burgundian family (Dijonnaise) I had the chance to be "elevated" in Burgundy then the virus was such that I made it my job.

Cradled by the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay I learned over time that we should not try to tame these two grape varieties but rather let them express themselves so that in each bottle we feel the emotion. We could not succeed without the help of our mosaic of terroirs that allow us for

centuries to develop small quantities of wines with multiple aromatic combinations.

Making wine is relatively easy today, but making great wines that will provide pleasure 20 years after bottling is the challenge. It is questioning one's self every day because every day a Burgundy wine changes, evolves. It is what makes us rise, improve. As Ernest Hemingway put it: "Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection..."

MEAN TO YOU ?



Basile Tesseron

Owner of the Château Lafon-Rochet (Saint-Estèphe, Bordeaux)

“The answer for me is very simple, it’s my life. From both a personal and professional point of view. I love wine!”

I don't get tired of tasting the wines other than those of my family and I can not imagine a good meal without wine. It is sad to see the bottles of wine deserting restaurant tables. We go regularly to Italy and it is very rare that the guests drink only water, where in France it has almost become the opposite. I will defend the wine until my last breath.

What is your greatest wine emotion?

My biggest emotion of tasting was a red Burgundy, a Romanée Saint-Vivant 1990. It is this wonderful bottle that pushed me in 2006 to return to the family property, Château Lafon-Rochet, to join my father and to produce my wine..

Luisa Borges

Co-owner & winemaker of Vieira de Sousa (Douro & Porto) I grew up with Port wine around me, so it was a matter of time that I felt in love with it. This is a tradition, passion and life! To think I am producing wine that will out live me it is something extraordinary. Producing wine but also our own grapes is great.

“Every year is a different story, different quality and to have something that tells you and others exactly what a great feeling surrounds it is something unique!”

To work for an entire year in the vineyards, growing the best grapes in the best region of the world is a privilege, that culminates in the wine. For me, it is all about the grapes and intervening the least possible in the transformation, so the wine is a mirror of our grapes, region and life.

What is your greatest wine emotion?

Maybe the most memorable tasting would be when I went for a round tasting the old pipas and finding a 100 years old port wine. This was a surprise and also a galactic tasting... a unique wine, forgotten. Perfect in its age and concentration.



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Sauternes

SAUTERNES 2017

Château d'Yquem 2017

Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Supérieur

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a fine tension. It reveals notes of fresh/crystalized lemon, crystalized apple and small notes of pear associated with fine hints of crunchy pineapple, citrus zests as well as a very discreet hint of yuzu, fresh gravels and an imperceptible hint of honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight, elegant and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful tension, finesse, a beautiful freshness, dynamism, racy minerality as well as a beautiful gourmand material. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized/ripe lemon, crunchy/crystalized green apple and small notes of crunchy/crystalized vine peach associated with fine touches of crunchy pineapple, honey, discreet touches of kumquat as well as subtle hints of sweet spices, candied ginger and very discreet hints of nutmeg (in the background). Good length.

Score : 18.5+/20 (97-98/100)

Château Rabaud-Promis 2017

Sauternes, Premier Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers freshness, a fine incisive side as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe vine peach, candied apple and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of flowers, fresh citrus, flint as well as fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a beautiful material, fat, fullness, a beautiful guideline, gourmandize as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, juicy/fleshy vine peach and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine touches of crystalized mandarine, flint/minerality as well as a very discreet hint of spices. Good persistence on notes of fruits as well as on acidulous fruits.

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2017

Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic, racy, fine and offers a small spicy side, a fine grain as well as a beautiful controlled power. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow frits and small notes of nutmeg, citrus associated with touches of fresh/juicy vine peach, apple, hints of spices, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of pepper and ginger. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small unctuousity, gourmandize, an acidulous/juicy frame, fat as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystalized lemon, crystalized mandarine and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of pineapple in syrup, peach in syrup as well as fine hints of candied ginger, almond, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Good length. There are discreet hints of honey and almond on the finish/persistence. A beautiful gourmand and elegant wine!

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Clos Haut-Peyraguey 2017

Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, beautifully racy and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon, yuzu zests and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of crunchy white fruits, very fine hints of flowers (peach flowers, white flowers...) as well as a discreet hint of white tea and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, beautiful racy, a fine unctuousity, precision, a fine grain as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied peach and small notes of lemon associated with touches of zests, crunchy pineapple as well as fine hints of flowers (peach flowers, white flowers...), white tea, honey as well as discreet hints of spices. There is a very discreet hint of almond in the persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Lamothe Guignard 2017

Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

This wine should be decanted. The nose reveals notes of small nut fruits, yellow fruits and small notes of quince associated with touches of kumquat, breadfruits as well as fine hints of oak and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension, fat, juiciness, a good freshness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, breadfruits and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with touches of kumquat/citrus as well as a fine hint of yellow peach, honey and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Filhot 2017

Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers freshness, a small concentration/richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of zests, quince and small notes of yuzu associated with fine touches of crunchy white peach, white flowers, hints of white tea as well as a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, precision, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a beautiful grain, fullness as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed peach and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of citrus (lemon, yuzu), a subtle hint of Mirabelle as well as discreet hints of flowers honey and dry almond. Good length. Good persistence on acidity as well as a fine hint of almond.

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

Château de Myrat 2017

Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers power as well as minerality. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of zests associated with touches of breadfruits, candied William pear, spices as well as very fine hints of oak and a discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers

juiciness, freshness, a racy minerality as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, zests and small notes of vine peach associated with a hint of crunchy/juicy pineapple as well as discreet hints of lime/juicy mandarine, lemon flowers and racy minerality. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of dry almond on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Doisy Daëne 2017

Barsac, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity, power as well as a small crushed side. It reveals notes of lime/yuzu zests, crystalized lemon and small notes of crystalized green apple associated with fine touches of small exotic fruits, litchee as well as very fine hints of nut fruits, almond, spices and a hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers gourmandize, a small unctuousity, a fine acidulous/juicy frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed vine peach, crushed apple and small notes of crushed Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of candied lemon, lemon as well as discreet hints of flowers, vanilla, honey, candied ginger and spices. Good length and persistence.

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

Château Liot 2017

Sauternes

The nose is fruity, crushed and offers freshness as well as juiciness. It reveals notes of candied apple, candied pear and small notes of peach in syrup associated with fine touches of pineapple in syrup, discreet hints of citrus as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers, litchee and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, crushed and offers a mineral/fresh frame, fullness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied pear, candied apple and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with fine touches of fresh kumquat. Good length.

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



Sauternes

Château Haut-Bergeron 2017**Sauternes**

The nose is elegant and offers a fine intensity, a fine freshness, a small richness as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of candied pear, quince and small notes of candied vine peach associated with fine touches of kumquat/mandarine as well as very discreet hints of zests and citrus flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral/fresh frame, a beautiful material, a beautiful fullness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes quince, vine peach in syrup and small notes of pear in syrup associated with fine touches of candied lemon, exotic fruits as well as very discreet hints of almond flowers and an imperceptible hint of fresh hazelnut (in the background). Good length and good persistence. A gourmand, tight and elegant wine.

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

Château Lapinasse – Vieilles Vignes 2017**Sauternes**

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of quince, juicy yellow peach and small notes of candied lemon associated with fine touches of mango crunchy pineapple as well as discreet hints of spices and flint. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain, fat, a fine complexity as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/candied lemon, juicy/candied yellow peach and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of crystalized mandarine, fine hints of crunchy pineapple as well as a discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background/finish and persistence). Good length and good persistence. There is an imperceptible hint almost saline on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+ /20 (93/100)

Château Lapinasse 2017**Sauternes**

The nose is fresh (beautiful freshness), fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon, zests and small notes of candied vine peach associated with very fine hints of juicy green apple, white flowers as well as a very discreet hint of fresh ginger and an imperceptible hint of vanilla flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, discreetly tight and offers an acidulous/juicy beautiful frame, gourmandize, precision, tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, candied lemon and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of crunchy pineapple, green apple as well as a subtle hint of juicy mandarine and fresh ginger. Good length.

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

Château Fontaine 2017**Sauternes**

The nose is fruity, candied and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, peach in syrup and small notes of fresh Mirabelle associated with fine touches of fresh quince and fresh ginger. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, an acidulous frame, minerality, juiciness, a fine freshness as well as a fine tension/straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied pear, candied peach and small notes of quince associated with a touch of lemon jam, pineapple in syrup as well as a subtle hint of litchee, flowers and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+ /20 (91/100)

Château Piada 2017**Barsac**

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers freshness as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy/juicy yellow apple and small notes of crunchy small yellow plum associated with fine touches of orange zests, kumquat as well as discreet hints of flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, fat, a fine unctuousity, generosity as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and small notes of small acidulous yellow plum associated with fine touches of crushed yellow apple, pink litchee as well as a very discreet hint of flowers, almond and very fine honey hints (in the background/finish).

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

SAUTERNES 2009**Château d'Yquem 2009****Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé Supérieur**

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse full of power/richness, a beautiful definition, freshness, a fine incisive side as well as a lacy aspect of the grain. It reveals notes of candied lemon, crystalized/crunchy flat peach and small notes of fresh mandarine associated with fine touches of honey, ginger and almond/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, fresh and offers a beautiful fresh frame, fullness, finesse, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/candied lemon, crystalized flat peach and small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of pineapple, kumquat/mango, a hint of fresh litchee (in the background) as well as very fine hints of almond and spices. Good length. A beautiful persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of vanilla flowers on the persistence.

Score : 19.75 /20 (99-100/100)

Clos Haut-Peyraguey 2009**Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé**

The nose is elegant, aromatic, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, complexity as well as a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of crystalized lemon, candied mandarine zests and small notes of quince associated with small touches of vine peach, pineapple, pink litchee as well as fine hints of flowers (lemon tree, rose) as well as a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral (racy minerality) and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, tension, precision, a fine grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crystalized lemon, crystalized mandarine zests and small notes of candied quince associated with small touches of candied vine peach, crunchy pineapple as well as discreet hints of verbena, elderflower/lemon tree, honey and very discreet hints of almond.

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

Château Suduiraut 2009**Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé**

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers powers, a fine grain, a fine intensity as well as richness. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of bee wax associated with fine touches of vine peach, kumquat/mandarine zests as well as fine hints of pepper, honey/pâtisseries as well as discreet hints of spices and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers fat, unctuousity, a juicy/acidulous frame as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied yuzu and small notes of candied peach associated with small touches of candied Mirabelle as well as hints of exotic fruits, honey, pâtisseries as well as a discreet hint of hazelnut/roasted hazelnut and vanilla. Good length and good persistence.

Score : 17.75+ /20 (96/100)

Château Rabaud-Promis 2009**Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé**

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, aromatic and offers richness, a racy minerality as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of quince, crushed kumquat and small notes of litchee associated with touches of small nut fruits, candied peach, fine hints of citrus as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, a mineral frame (racy minerality), a fine tension, freshness, a good structure, a certain straightness in the structure as well as a fine and elegant grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystalized mandarine and small notes of crystalized pineapple associated with fine touches of kumquat, quince, crunchy pear as well as very discreet hints of flowers, candied ginger, a subtle hint of spices (in the background) and honey/vanilla. Good length.

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

Sauternes

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2009 Sauternes, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers power as well as richness but full of finesse. It reveals notes of candied Williams pear, candied lemon and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of spices, Timut pepper, white tea, litchee as well as very fine hints of candied ginger and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, freshness, a racy minerality, elegant, sugar as well as deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple, candied William pear and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of candied lemon, candied green apple, litchee, candied ginger as well as hints of spices, nutmeg and a discreet hint of fresh hazelnut. Good length and good persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of chocolate on the aftertaste.

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

Château Climens 2009 Barsac, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé de Sauternes

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers freshness, a racy minerality, intensity, complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crystalized lime, candied lemon and small notes of passion fruit associated with fine touches of verbena, lemon flowers as well as discreet hints of white/green tea, green apple, pink litchee as well as discreet hints of spices. This wine should be decanted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, beautifully racy and offers fat, a beautiful finesse of the grain, precision, unctuousity, gourmandize, a beautiful delicacy/finesse, freshness, an acidulous frame as well as complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied green apple, candied vine peach and small notes of crystalized lime associated with fine hints of exotic fruits, white tea, lemon flowers, vanilla flowers as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

Score : 18.5/20 (97/100)



Château Doisy Daëne 2009 Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé à Barsac

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as richness. It reveals notes of quince, candied Williams pear and small notes of candied kumquat associated with touches of spices, nutmeg as well as a very fine hint of tea, roasted hazelnut as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, elegant, well-built and offers a racy minerality, unctuousity, a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful gourmandize as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and small notes of candied zests associated with touches of candied kumquat, pâtisseries, honey/caramelization as well as discreet hints of hazelnut. Good length and good persistence. There are fine hints of almond, hazelnut and honey/pâtisseries on the persistence.

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

Château Lamothe 2009 Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers richness, concentration, freshness as well as a very fine minerality. It reveals notes of candied lemon, quince and small notes of Mirabelle jam associated with a touch of jam, spices as well as very fine hints of nutmeg/ginger and a very discreet hint of bergamot. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers richness, a mineral/juicy frame as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, quince and small notes of peach jam associated with fine touches of crunchy pineapple, Mirabelle jam as well as very fine hints of nutmeg/ginger and spices.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Liot 2009 Sauternes

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers richness as well as freshness (in the background). It reveals notes of candied pear and crushed vine peach associated with small touches of kumquat, quince as well as discreet hints of litchee and

very discreet hints of almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed vine peach, pear and small notes of litchee associated with a subtle hint of pineapple in syrup as well as very discreet hints of crushed dry apricot. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Filhot 2009 Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is beautifully fresh, fruity, elegant and offers richness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of candied lemon, crystalized mandarine and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of exotic fruits, crushed green apple as well as very fine hints of lemon flowers, fresh ginger and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, gourmand, precise and offers a beautiful juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, freshness, richness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystalized mandarine and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with touches of crystalized green apple, very fine touches of lemon flowers, exotic fruits as well as fine hints of fresh quince, almond and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

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

Château de Myrat 2009 Sauternes, 2^{ème} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, precise, racy and offers freshness, power/intensity as well as richness. It reveals notes of quince, candied mirabelle and small notes of candied ginger associated with touches of nutmeg, lemon zests as well as fine hints of spices and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a beautiful racy minerality, precision, tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses crystalized lemon, crystalized mandarine and small notes of dry apricot associated

with fine touches of juicy pineapple as well as very fine hints of honey/pâtisseries, candied pepper, sweet spices and vanilla (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Bergeron 2009 Sauternes

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, very finely tight and offers richness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of candied/crushed pear, candied/crushed apple and small notes of litchee associated with fine touches of quince, candied Mirabelle plum, hints of fresh citrus as well as very discreet hints of ginger and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, tension, fat (well-controlled), a good freshness as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied/crushed pear, litchee and small notes of candied vine peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as very discreet hints of dry apricot, white flowers, honey as well as an imperceptible hint of almond/almond flowers. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence. A very beautiful and elegant wine.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

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Chapelle de Labrie 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, a fine grain and a fine richness/concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of small fruits associated with very fine touches of ripe strawberry, a very discreet hint of violet/black plum (in the background) as well as slight hints of spices, pepper and graphite. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, freshness, tension as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with very discreet hints of juicy/fresh black plum as well as very discreet hints of flowers, toasted, graphite and a hint of black pepper. Tannins are elegant. Good length. **Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)**

Château Croix de Labrie 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a fine freshness, richness, a fine grain, power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of wild ripe raspberry, fine hints of graphite, violet as well as a discreet hint of cornflower, Cuben pepper, cardamom and liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition as well as a mineral/finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry associated with fine hints of violet, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of spices and roasted (in the background/persistence). A very discreet hint of bitterness of the cocoa on the finish. Good length. **Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)**

Château de Candale 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, concentration (full of finesse), deepness and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of gray pepper associated with very fine hints of small wild fruits, chocolate, pink pepper, violet as well as a very discreet hint of almond and graphite (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, elegance as well as an acidulous/mineral frame (racy minerality). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with very fine hints of violet plum, strawberry, sweet spices, chocolate/toasted as well as a subtle hint of caramelized almond (in the background). Tannins are structuring and very slightly marked on the persistence. A subtle hint of bitterness (chocolate/flowers) on the persistence. **Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)**

Château Capet-Guillier 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a fine grain and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of small wild fruits/blue fruits associated with discreet hints of violet, tonka bean, a hint of nutmeg as well as a very discreet hint of sandal wood and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame, a small tension and dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with a subtle hint of black cherry, liquorice, chocolate and toasted/vanilla. Tannins are elegant. Good length. A very discreet chew on the finish. **Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)**

Château Lucia 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers freshness as well as a very fine deepness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of small red fruits associated with fine hints of Cuben pepper, spices and very discreet hints of tonka bean/violet (in the background). The palate is

fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a mineral/acidulous frame, freshness, tension, suavity, a fine fat as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of juicy/ripe raspberry associated with very fine hints of chocolate, toasted as well as a subtle hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of bitterness on the finish. **Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)**

Château Rol Valentin 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a small power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild fruits associated with discreet hints of cardamom, spices, gray pepper as well as a subtle hint of incense and violet. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy strawberry associated with a hint of juicy/violet plum, very fine hints of sweet spices, almond/cardamom as well as discreet hints of vanilla/caramelization and an imperceptible hint of incense (in the background). Tannins are well-built. An imperceptible hint of mandarine zests on the finish. **Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)**

Château Boutisse 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity, a fine grain and freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh cassis, crunchy/fresh strawberry and small notes of small crunchy berries associated with very discreet hints of Cuben pepper, orange zests and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, freshness, a fine grain as well as a fine deepness/intensity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of juicy/fresh blueberry associated with a subtle hint of orange as well as fine toasted hints, almond and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are slightly firm and well-built. **Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**



La Bienfaisance de Château Sanctus 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, précise, slightly austere/firm and offers a fine straightness. It reveals notes of cassis, blue fruits and small notes of strawberry associated with very fine hints of gray pepper, flowers as well as very discreet hints of orange, nutmeg, exotic spices and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful juiciness/gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy strawberry associated with very fine hints of violet as well as very discreet toasted hints, chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. **Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)**

Château Godeau 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers intensity, concentration, a fine freshness as well as dynamism. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy cassis, wild blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy wild strawberry as well as fine hints of Timut pepper and a very discreet hint of toasted/fresh nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as richness/concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/crushed cassis and small notes of violet plum associated with very fine touches of wild strawberry, violet as well as very fine hints of Timut pepper, cardamom, almond and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are very finely firm. A very discreet chew on the finish. A discreet hint of bitterness and incense on the finish/persistence. **Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)**

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Sanctus 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers power and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with very fine hints of spices, violet plum/raspberry and a discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, an acidulous frame, tension, material, gourmandize as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of red berries/fleshy/ripe strawberry associated with very fine hints of violet, violet plum, chocolate/tonka bean and toasted/caramelization. A beautiful finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Quinault l'Enelos 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small intensity and a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed black blackberry and small notes of violet, blueberry associated with touches of incense, Sichuan pepper, spices and a subtle hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous/mineral frame as well as a very slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with very fine hints of violet, lily, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of liquorice.

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

Petit Cheval 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power, a fine freshness as well as a very discreet varietal hint. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of red fruits associated with discreet hints of plum, a subtle varietal hint, lily, very discreet hints of plum as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, precision, tension, a fine grain as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, crunchy/juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/ripe/fresh blueberry, dark chocolate/tonka bean and very discreet hints of cornflower. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A very fine firmness on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Cantin 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity and power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of liquorice associated with a discreet touch of flowers and discreet hints of Cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral and slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with very fine varietal hints as well as fine hints of toasted/tonka bean and spices. Tannins are finely chewy.

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

Vieux Château des Combes 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, well-built and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy Boysen berry, ripe/crushed strawberry associated with touches of crushed cassis as well as fine hints of violet/varietal, Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, precision, tension, freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a hint of ripe cherry, violet as well as fine hints of tonka bean, toasted and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of crushed almond on the persistence.

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

Château Clos des Prince 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose offers freshness and straightness. It reveals note of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy strawberry as well as discreet hints of cornflower, Cuben pepper and toasted/sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a fine dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, varietals and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with a hint of violet/lily as well as very fine toasted hints. Tannins are very finely firm/dry. A persistence on a hint of dark chocolate.

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

D de Dassault 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness/minerality. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small blue fruits and small notes of flowers associated with a touch of crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of cardamom, toasted as well as a subtle hint of hazelnut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, an acidulous/mineral frame and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of small juicy blue fruits associated with a touch of violet, toasted and a very discreet hint of vanilla (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Haut-Brisson 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose offers gourmandize and a very fine richness/power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, Cuben pepper, spices as well as a very discreet hint of fresh nutmeg and toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension, freshness and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of fruity/juicy small black fruits associated with a touch of fleshy strawberry, tonka bean/dark chocolate as well as very discreet hints of toasted and almond. Good persistence and length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Fleur 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

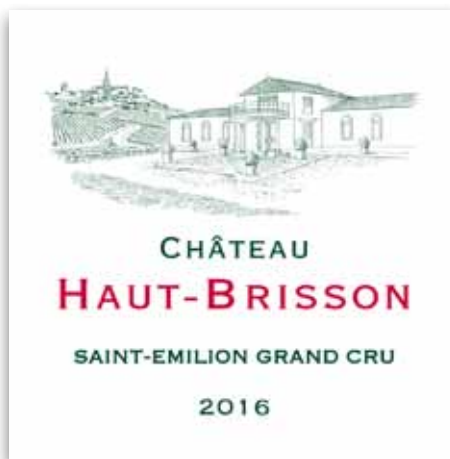
The nose is fruity and offers a very fine richness and a fleshy fruit. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/fresh blueberry associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/acidulous cassis associated with fine touches of blueberry, violet as well as very discreet toasted hints and a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla. There are very fine hints of chocolate on the finish.

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

La Fleur d'Arthus 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is powerful and spicy. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry and small crunchy berries associated with touches of grey pepper, varietal hints/fern as well as very discreet toasted hints/sweet spices. The palate is juicy, precise and offers freshness, suavity as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy small berries and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with a touch of red fruits as well as a discreet varietal hint, very fine hints of minerality, toasted and a subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins are slightly firm.

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



Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Abelyce 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black cherry / sour cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, lily as well as very discreet hints of liquorice stick, a subtle hint of juicy blueberry, tobacco and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful freshness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of sweet spices, liquorice/ cardamom associated with a subtle hint of tobacco. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Haut Gravet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration/power. It reveals notes of juicy/pulpy cassis and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of tonka bean, wild berries as well as very discreet hints of flowers/Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers tension, straightness, a beautiful precision as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of tonka bean associated with very fine hints of wild strawberry, violet as well as subtle toasted hints, cardamom. There is an imperceptible hint of tea on the finish. Tannins are structuring.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Ascension 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful fin/racy grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of roasted/coffee associated with fine touches of violet/cornflower, fleshy/juicy blueberry as well as very fine hints of sweet spices and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, racy, elegant, well-balanced and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, ripe/juicy blackberry and small notes of ripe/juicy blueberry associated with touches of violet/cornflower, red fruits as well as hints of chocolate and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Daugay 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power and a fine intensity. It reveals note of ripe wild berries, cassis and small notes of small ripe red fruits associated with fine hints of Cuben pepper, spices and a subtle hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild cassis, juicy red fruits and small notes of small ripe red fruits associated with fine hints of liquorice, blackberry, cardamom, chocolate, spices as well as a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Roc de Candale 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers concentration/power as well as a very fine richness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, wild raspberry and small notes of green pepper associated with discreet hints of small fruits, spices and very discreet toasted hints/chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a juicy/mineral frame, gourmandize as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fresh small red fruits associated with very fine touches of chocolate, caramelization, toasted as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good persistence (with notes of chocolate).

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

Château Tour Saint Christophe 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a racy power, a fine concentration, gourmandize as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with very discreet hints of wild cassis, tonka bean, Sichuan pepper as well as a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, beautifully racy and offers a beautiful grain, an acidulous frame as well as minerality/freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of ripe/juicy raspberry associated with a subtle hint of violet plum as well as very discreet hints of toasted almond and caramelization. Good length. Beautiful tannins on the finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Martinet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, full, fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, small wild black fruits and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of spices and very fine toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral/racy frame, a fine tension as well as suavity/fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cassis, juicy/pulpy blackberry and small notes of juicy/pulpy raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy/fresh red fruits (red berries, raspberry), very slight hints of cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of violet and spices. Good persistence with an imperceptible hint of dry almond and caramelization.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Le Menut des Jacobins 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a small power. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of green pepper and coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fleshy/juicy/finely acidulous fruit as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of small berries, violet, cardamom, green pepper as well as hints of varietals and fine toasted hints. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château Franc La Rose 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine grain, a fine intensity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small black berries and small notes of black pepper associated with fine touches of small wild fruits, spices, violet/iris as well as a subtle hint of toasted/tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, roundness, suavity as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy small berries associated with fine touches of cherry, flowers/violet, spices as well as fine hints of green pepper, tonka bean and very discreet hints of coffee (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Soutard-Cadet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of gray pepper associated with small touches of small fruits, violet as well as discreet hints of spices, coffee and cardamom. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a racy minerality as well as a juicy/fresh/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small hints of violet, iris, nutmeg/spicy as well as very discreet hints of chocolate/toasted.

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



Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Clos Dubreuil 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, slightly tight and offers a small power as well as a fine richness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of violet. Cuben pepper, strawberry associated with fine touches of nutmeg, liquorice and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a racy minerality, elegance, a good structure as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of small juicy red fruits associated with fine touches of juicy plum as well as very slight hints of flowers (violet, iris), toasted, tonka bean/cocoa, cardamom and a subtle hint of spices (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Mangot 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine freshness as well as a fine power. Currently this wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of ripe red berries associated with fine touches of cornflower/flowers, crunchy raspberry, fine hints of Cuben pepper, spices as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and toasted/vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juicy/acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a good definition, precision as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, liquorice as well as a hint of tonka bean and almond. Good length. A finish on dry almond and tonka bean.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Mangot Todeschini 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy, fine and offers deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild small fruits associated with fine touches of strawberry, Sichuan pepper, violet, liquorice as well as hints of spices and a discreet hint of nutmeg. Currently this wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a beautiful racy gain, a fine acidulous/juicy frame, a fine suavity, a fine fat as well as harmony/delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with very fine touches of violet/cornflower, fleshy strawberry, a fine hint of small berries as well as fine toasted hints, almond, nutmeg and chocolate (in the background). Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Clos Saint Emilion Philippe Année Blanche 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers generosity and a fine power/intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of raspberry, hints of hazelnut/almond, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of mild tobacco and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, gourmandize, a fine suavity as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with a touch of ripe cherry, toasted, violet as well as very discreet hints of almond and caramelization. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château Tour de Pressac 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness/concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of flowers, crushed/fleshy cherry as well as fine hints of spices, vanilla

and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of raspberry, cherry, violet/cornflower as well as hints of bourbon vanilla and toasted. Tannins are very discreetly dry. Good length.

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

Château Petit Val 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a fine power as well as a small generosity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, toasted/vanilla as well as hints of spices/cardamom, a very slight hint of liquorice and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, freshness, tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of cornflower associated with a touch of crunchy cassis, liquorice, Bourbon vanilla and very fine hints of caramelization. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Clos Badon 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness, power (but full of balance), a fine grain as well as deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of wild blueberry associated with touches of violet, Sichuan pepper, liquorice as well as hints of spices, Bourbon vanilla, caramelization and camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, precision as well as power (but full of elegance). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry, flowers as well as very fine hints of almond, toasted/vanilla and a subtle hint of camphor. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A beautiful persistence with notes of liquorice, mild tobacco and caramelization.

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

Carillon d'Angélus 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

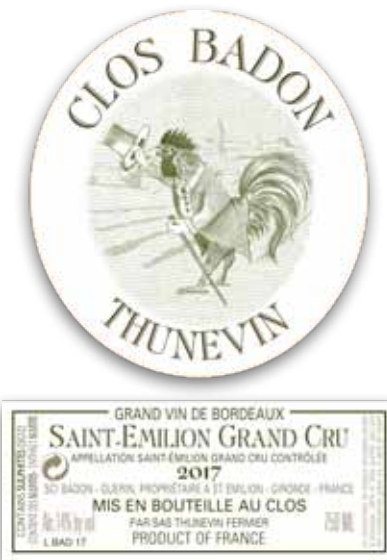
The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, a fine intensity, a fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, gray pepper, spices and very slight toasted hints. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers suavity, a mineral/slightly acidulous frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with fine touches of cornflower/flowers, hints of fresh/juicy small fruits as well as very slight toasted hints, tonka bean and spices. Tannins are well-built and structuring

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Badette 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine intensity, precision as well as deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blueberry, liquorice, cornflower as well as hints of cardamom, sweet spices and very discreet hints of vanilla pod. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, fat as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of blackberry, raspberry, liquorice as well as hints of cardamom, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of black tea. Tannins are well-built. Persistence with notes of chocolate and almond.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Tertre Roteboeuf 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a racy minerality and freshness. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe cassis, very ripe/fresh plum and small notes of fleshy/juicy blueberry associated with touches of strawberry, touches of liquorice, roasted, violet as well as discreet hints of Sichuan pepper, graphite and chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers a fine richness and a very ripe/fresh/juicy fruits. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe/juicy cassis, fresh/ripe blueberry and small notes of chocolate, coffee and discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length. Beautiful persistence.

Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château Moulin Saint-Georges 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of small red berries as well as hints of Cuben pepper and discreet hints of violet/iris. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh strawberry and small notes of small red berries associated with discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are supple.

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

Virginie de Valandraud 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power, concentration, a fine richness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blueberry and small notes of small wild black fruits associated with touches of gray pepper, violet, liquorice, sweet spices and very discreet hints of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, a fine tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of crushed cherry, violet, liquorice/cola as well as very discreet hints of roasted almond and vanilla pod. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A very discreet chew on the persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Chapelle d'Ausone 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and offers a fine grain, power, a fine deepness as well as intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, gray pepper and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of raspberry, spices and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize, precision as well as a juicy/fleshy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of chocolate, toasted as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and spices/gray pepper. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Guillemin La Gaffelière 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, rather aromatic and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of gray pepper, fresh strawberry as well as hints of cocoa, violet and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as minerality and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of liquorice stick associated with fine touches of fresh/juicy strawberry, fine toasted hints/vanilla and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

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

Château Les Gravières 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of pepper, nutmeg, violet and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, fat, a small gourmandize as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, wild small black fruits and small notes of wild raspberry associated with a fine touch of violet, cherry as well as very slight hints of spices, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Tannins are structuring and very slightly firm.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Champion 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is spicy and offers power. It reveals notes of wild berries, cornflower and small notes of pepper, varietales associated with touches of blackberry, toasted, spices and slight hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy plum associated with fine touches of cornflower, spices, toasted hints and very slight varietal hints.

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

Petit Soutard 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, gourmandize as well as density. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of violet, cornflower as well as hints of cocoa and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a beautiful suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a fine density / creamy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy Boysen berry and small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of small blue fruits, cornflower, chocolate as well as fine hints of caramelization and toasted. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Lynsolence 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

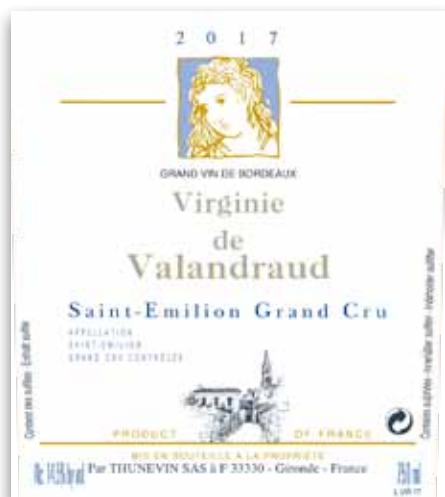
The nose is powerful, fruity and offers a fine power and a very fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of cherry, crushed blackberry, hints of gray pepper/Cuben pepper as well as a subtle hint of sugar mild tobacco, cardamom and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, a good tension, a fine grain as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, iris and chocolate. Good length. There are very slight hints of almond and chocolate on the persistence.

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

Château Barrail du Blanc 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a very fine grain as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy black cherry, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with hints of violet, discreet hints of fresh cornflower, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of tea, graphite and a discreet toasted hint. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers juiciness, a light structure, gourmandise as well as a good suavity and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy cassis associated with fine touches of chocolate, toasted as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, flowers and cardamom. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

Château Puy Blanquet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose offers a fine richness and a very fine power/intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of green pepper associated with fine touches of violet as well as hint of cardamom, nutmeg, spices and toasted/vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy/crunchy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with a fine touch of fresh blackberry as well as fine toasted hints, chocolate and vanilla (in the background). Tannins are elegant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Bellevue Mondotte 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power, a beautiful fine grain as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of star anise, sweet spices and very discreet hints of mild tobacco leaf. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandise as well as a beautiful generosity/suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy Gariguet strawberry associated with fine touches of juicy plum, violet as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, dry tobacco leaf and vanilla. Tannins are racy and structuring. Good length. There are very slight hints of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Arômes de Pavie 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, power as well as a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of wild small black fruits associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry, green pepper as well as hints of graphite, chocolate and very discreet hint of nutmeg. In mouth this wine is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, juicy/acidulous raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of acidulous red berries, hints of vanilla, small juicy fruit as well as fine hints of caramelization, vanilla and toasted. Tannins are precise, elegant and structuring. A good persistence with notes of roasted/grilled.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Voûte 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a very fine power/concentration and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, very ripe cassis and small notes of ripe/fleshy Gariguet strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, toasted, caramelization as well as fine hints of gray pepper, chocolate, iris and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness, a good definition as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry associated with fine touches of wild raspberry, small berries, violet as well as hints of caramelization, chocolate, toasted and a discreet hint of cardamom. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly firm. Good length and persistence.

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

Petit-Figeac 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers power, a beautiful finesse as well as richness. It reveals notes of camphor, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, Cuben pepper, blueberry as well as discreet hints of iris and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, precise and offers a beautiful definition, a fine aerial side as well as an acidulous/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy small blue fruits, fresh cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice, cardamom, chocolate, caramelization and spices. Tannins are elegant and

very slightly marked. Good length.

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

S by Candale 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power and a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of blackberry, juicy/ripe strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a fine touch of crunchy/juicy cassis as well as very discreet toasted hints and a subtle hint of Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with fine toasted touches, juicy red berries, chocolate and crunchy almond. Tannins are discreetly chewy.

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

Château Grangey 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers gourmandise, elegance, a fine richness, a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, violet, lily, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, very discreetly tight and offers tension, a beautifully silky touch, roundness, a fine freshness as well as a slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy fruits associated with touches of strawberry, cherry as well as hints of violet/cornflower, chocolate, vanilla, a very discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background) on the finish. Tannins are elegant, fine and well-built. Good length and persistence. There are fine hints of caramelization on the persistence. A very discreet hint of dried / ripe almond on the aftertaste.

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

Château Monlot 2016 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity, juicy, aromatic and offers a fine grain, a fine power, a fine delicacy, a small deepness as well as complexity. It reveals notes of juicy Boysenberry, juicy raspberry, and small notes of ripe / juicy cassis combined with fine touches of juicy / ripe blue fruits, very slight hints of violets / cornflowers as well as discreet toasted hints / caramelization, sweet spices, a subtle hint of nutmeg (in the background) and a very discreet hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers suavity, a small fat, a fine tension, elegance, a beautiful mineral frame, a good fine grain as well as a small dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of boysenberry associated with a touch of juicy plum, violets / cornflowers, very discreet toasted hints, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of caramelization and very slight hints of cocoa bitterness in the background / on the finish. There are a very discreet hint of hazelnut (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are very slightly mellow. Good persistence.

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

Heritage de Monlot 2016 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry combined with very slight hints of small blue fruits, cornflower, very slight toasted hints, spices as well as a subtle hint of camphor, cocoa and an imperceptible hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, a bit supple and offers freshness, a good definition, an acidulous frame, tension, a fine straightness as well as a small gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits as well as slight hints of cherry, very slight hints of liquorice, camphor, racy minerality and very discreet hints of cocoa. An imperceptible/very discreet hardness (from oak) on the finish. Tannins are very slightly firm. Good length and persistence. Suavity and sapidity on the finish / persistence.

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

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château d'Ausone 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is elegant, spicy, fine and offers a well-built power, juiciness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with touches of wild strawberry, plum as well as toasted hints, chocolate and discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced, fresh and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of cherry, juicy plum as well as fine hints of caramelization, cardamom, toasted/tonka bean and a subtle hint of sugar mild tobacco/sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and beautifully defined. Good length.

Score : 18.75/20 (97-98/100)

Château Cheval Blanc 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a fine controlled richness, a beautiful fine grain, a fine freshness and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe blueberry associated with very fine hints of incense, berries/black/pink pepper as well as very fine hints of spices, toasted and cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension and a very discreetly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, crushed black blackberry and small notes of juicy/pulpy violet plum associated with hints of crunchy red berries, fine hints of flowers (cornflower, violet, lily) as well as very discreet hints of spices, tonka bean, chocolate and toasted. Tannins are elegant, racy and well-built. Good length. Sapidité on the finish.

Score : 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château Angélys 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness/intensity and a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, fleshy/ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe crushed strawberry associated with very fine touches of violet, juicy violet plum, a subtle hint of green pepper (in the background), violet flowers and camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous/juicy frame, gourmandize as well as a slightly creamy texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed cassis, crushed/ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with very fine hints of ripe redcurrant, hints of chocolate/tonka bean, cardamom, toasted as well as discreet hints of caramelization/toasted and toasted almond. Tannins are very fine and elegant. Good length.

Score : 18.5+/20 (97-98/100)

Château Pavie 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé A

The nose is fruity, beautifully elegant and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, cornflower, a subtle hint of violet, juicy/fleshy raspberry as well as toasted hints, tonka bean, sweet spices and very discreet hints of orange. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of juicy Boysen berry, fine touches of chocolate, toasted, caramelization, discreet hints of mild tobacco leaf as well as a subtle hint of tea and vanilla. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

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

Château Bélair-Monange 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, beautifully racy and offers power, a beautiful fine grain as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe and small notes of crunchy wild raspberry associated with a fine touch of green pepper, fresh flowers (cornflower...), a hint of crunchy/fresh violet plum as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a fine/racy grain as well as a beautiful minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed/fresh cassis, fresh violet and small notes fleshy Gariguette strawberry associated with fine touches of caramelization, toasted, cardamom and discreet hints of vanilla. Tannins are elegant, precise and offers suppleness.

Score : 18/20 (96/100)

Château Canon-La-Gaffelière 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, powerful, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain and richness. It reveals notes of cassis, cornflower, violet and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of Boysen berry, fleshy Gariguette strawberry, hints of nutmeg, graphite as well as slight hints of sweet spices and toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a good suavity/fat, a beautiful precision as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small juicy/crunchy small fruits, violet, iris, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of cardamom, tea and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, racy and structuring. A very discreet hint almost saline and a hint of caramelization on the persistence.

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



Photo Château Figeac

La Mondotte 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers richness, a racy power and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy wild blackberry, small fleshy/ripe black fruits, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of blueberry, tea, "sens of the place" as well as hints of graphite, Timut/gray pepper, cocoa and very discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, finesse as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy wild raspberry associated with touches of violet, purple plum, cornflower as well as hints of chocolate, toasted, cardamom and an imperceptible hint almost orange. Tannins are elegant, racy and fine.

Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

Château Beau-Séjour Bécot 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity, racy, deep and offers a beautiful racy grain, finesse and power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small wild fleshy fruits, very fine hints of gray pepper, flowers (cornflower, violet), incense as well as very discreet hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a very beautiful precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild fleshy cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with very fine hints of wild fleshy strawberry as well as discreet hints of small berries, gray pepper/black berries, flowers and very discreet hints of cocoa/grilled wood. A subtle hint of crushed almond and a very discreet chew on the finish. Tannins are precise.

Score : 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château Jean Faure 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe Boysen berry and small notes of crushed strawberry, blueberry, liquorice associated with very fine hints of gray pepper, violet/lily and very discreet hints of spices and incense. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, tension as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of violet plum, small juicy/fresh red fruits as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of peony (in the background). Tannins are precise and very finely firm. An imperceptible hint of grilled bread and crushed dry almond on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Figeac 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, powerful, harmonious and offers complexity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet and small note of blackberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits, gray pepper, tonka bean, strawberry, cardamom and graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a beautiful freshness, justness, tension, fat as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of flowers (cornflower, violet), toasted, almond, graphite, cocoa as well as discreet hints of hazelnut, menthol liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and offer a very discreet chew. Good length.

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

Château Larcis Ducasse 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, coffee and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of strawberry as well as very fine hints of flowers, toasted almond and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers tension and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes juicy/fresh blackberry, small juicy/fresh blue fruits and small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with a subtle hint of crunchy cherry, violet as well as very discreet hints of cornflower, tonka bean and spices. Tannins are fine and very discreetly tight. Good length. Good persistence on hints of bitter of chocolate/coffee.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Les Grandes Murailles 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, slightly tight and offers a fine richness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry/wild blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of ripe blue fruits/griotte, Cuben pepper as well as toasted hints, liquorice, spices and very discreet hints of caramelization. The palate offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, richness, a good guideline as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crushed small blue fruits associated with very fine hints of liquorice, violet as well as subtle hints of caramelization. Tannins are elegant and very slightly dry. Good length. A very fine hint almost saline on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Pavie Macquin 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is elegant, racy and offers precision, a good complexity/structure and gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with very fine hints of violet, a subtle hint of nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine tension, a fine fat as well as suavity/roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, ripe/crushed raspberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with crushed/ripe strawberry as well as very discreet toasted hints, tonka bean and very discreet hints of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant. Good length and persistence with an imperceptible hint of almond/ripe hazelnut.

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

Château Saint Georges Côte Pavie 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and offers a racy power and a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with very fine hints of plum, violet, Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, raspberry and small notes of violet as well as very fine hints of chocolate, toasted and caramelization. Tannins are well-built and elegant. A subtle hint of dark chocolate on the finish.

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

Château Beauséjour Héritiers

Duffau-Lagarrosse 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and elegant. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of crunchy small blue berries associated with fine touches of red fruits (strawberry, cherry) as well as discreet hints of caramelization, liquorice and a subtle hint of cardamom/tonka. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant, slightly retained and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, an acidulous frame as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Boysen berry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of strawberry, flowers as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Clos Fournet 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is racy, elegant and offers minerality, a fine freshness and a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of flowers associated with fine touches of fleshy strawberry, toasted, fine hints of Bourbon vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper and sugar mild tobacco. The palate is fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a superb finesse of the grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes fresh ripe cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla, cardamom, toasted and an imperceptible hint almost orange. Tannins are elegant, fine and superb! Good persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Canon 2017

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1er Grand Cru Classé B

The nose is fruity, beautifully fresh and offers a racy minerality, a very beautiful finesse and elegance. It reveals notes of crunchy fresh cassis, fresh blackberry and small notes of violet, strawberry associated with fine hints of liquorice, violet/lily as well as discreet hints of cardamom, spices, a subtle hint of gray pepper and fresh ginger. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a beautiful definition, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of small red fruits associated with subtle hints of sweet spices, tonka bean/chocolate and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good persistence and a very discreet hint of bitterness (in the background). An imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

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

Château Yon-Figeac 2018

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a racy minerality as well as a beautiful grain and definition. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh blackberry, ripe/fresh cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine touches de Cuben pepper, violet, very fine hints of blue fruits, discreet hints of spices, Cuben pepper, toasted as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and orange. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, tension as well as a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy/ripe cassis and small notes of ripe wild raspberry associated with fine touches of small juicy blue fruits, violet, cardamom, spices/chocolate as well as a very discreet hint almost orange. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château Petit Faurie de Soutard 2018
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy and offers a fine grain, a fine power as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of fresh cassis, crunchy strawberry and small varietals notes/of flowers associated with fine touches of gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of spices and chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as a crunchy/juicy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, raspberry and small notes of small berries associated with very fine hints of violet as well as subtle hints of vanilla, blue fruits and toasted. Tannins are well-built, structuring and slightly firm.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Dominique 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, finely tight, racy and offers a fine grain as well as power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with fine touches of gray pepper, spices, liquorice and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry associated with a subtle hint of lily, sweet spices, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are well-built and very slightly chewy. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of dry almond on the persistence.

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

Clos Saint-Martin 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers richness, a fine gourmandize. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe wild cassis and small notes of pepper, toasted bread associated with fine touches of violet, fleshy purple plum, graphite, cardamom and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, gourmandize as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of red fruits associated with very fine hints of chocolate, toasted, cardamom, graphite and a subtle hint of caramelization.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château La Couspaude 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine concentration and a racy power. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh wild blackberry, juicy/fresh wild cassis and small notes of juicy/fresh small black fruits associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as discreet hints of cardamom, tonka bean, Cuben pepper and very discreet hints of black tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful pulpy/acidulous/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, pulpy/juicy blackberry and small notes of pulpy/juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, juicy raspberry as well as very fine hints of chocolate, toasted, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of nougatine/toasted hazelnut. Tannins are elegant, beautifully built and supple. Good persistence.

Score : 17.25 (94-95/100)

Château Destieux 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, gourmand and offers elegance and a fine freshness (in the background). It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe/fresh Boysen berry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers (violet, rose), juicy/crunchy purple plum as well as very fine hints of Cuben pepper and caramelization/toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy Boysen berry and small notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of

flowers (violet, cornflower) as well as a hint of small juicy blue fruits, vanilla and caramelization. A very fine chew on the persistence (gives gourmandize).

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

Château Cadet-Bon 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, concentrated and fruity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of flowers as well as very discreet hints of gray pepper and a subtle hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine fleshiness, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a subtle hint of berries, violet, caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Château Bellefont-Belcier 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, finely racy and offers power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with very fine hints of toasted, camphor, a very discreet hint of vanilla, orange and a subtle hint of pepper, cornflower/iris. The palate is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize, suavity and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of violet, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with a subtle hint of fleshy/juicy cassis as well as very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. There are hints of chocolate and toasted almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Faugère 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry, crushed blueberry as well as fine touches of caramelization, hazelnut/toasted almond and tonka bean. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry and small notes of juicy/acidulous red fruits associated with fine touches of violet, almond as well as very discreet toasted hints.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

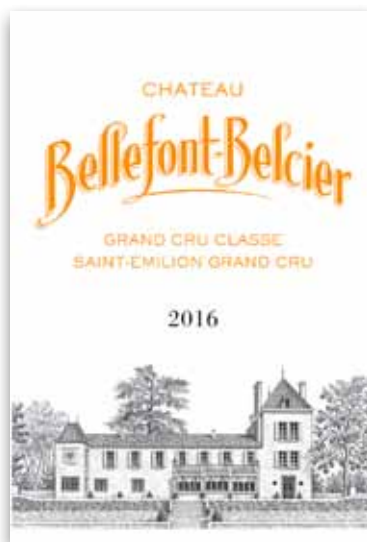
Château La Marzelle 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, varietals (lily, bulb) and small notes of crunchy red fruits associated with a hint of Timut pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/fresh/racy frame as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh blackberry, crunchy/fresh cassis and small varietals notes associated with a subtle hint of violet, crunchy raspberry as well as very discreet hints of toasted/chocolate. Tannins are straight.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Sansonnet 2017
Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful grain and complexity. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, graphite, violet plum as well as hints of toasted, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous/fresh frame as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, ripe/juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, violet plum/blueberry as well as very fine hints of tonka bean, toasted, chocolate and a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla. Tannins are ele-



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gant and well-built. A very discreet hint of coffee on the finish. Good length.
Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Clos des Jacobins 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy, beautifully gourmand and offers deepness, harmony as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of cassis, small blue fruits and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with very fine hints of cornflower/violet as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper/toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness/minerality, an acidulous frame, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe plum and small notes of crunchy/ripe raspberry associated with very fine touches of Timut pepper/nutmeg. Tannins are elegant, fine, supple and beautifully built. Good persistence on fine hints of chocolate, juicy/ripe fruits and discreet hints of almond.

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

Château La Commanderie 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy, precise, spicy and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy wild berries, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with very discreet hints of gray pepper and a subtle hint of cardamom/spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers tension, a racy minerality, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild strawberry, crunchy/juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with subtle touches of violet/fresh flowers, pulpy purple plum as well as very discreet hints of green pepper and cardamom/spices. Tannins are well-built. There are very discreet hints of chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos des Jacobins 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy, beautifully gourmand and offers deepness, harmony as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of cassis, small blue fruits and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with very fine hints of cornflower/violet as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper/toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness/minerality, an acidulous frame, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe plum and small notes of crunchy/ripe raspberry associated with very fine touches of Timut pepper/nutmeg. Tannins are elegant, fine, supple and beautifully built. Good persistence on fine hints of chocolate, juicy/ripe fruits and discreet hints of almond.

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

Château Berliquet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh, racy, mineral and offers a good richness. It reveals notes of fresh strawberry, fresh cassis and small notes of fresh/crunchy blueberry associated with touches of tonka bean as well as discreet hint of violet, toasted, chocolate and a subtle hint of tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a good definition, a fine suavity, gourmandize as well as a certain precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe/juicy raspberry associated with touches of racy minerality as well as fine hints of flowers, cardamom, sweet spices and a subtle hint of nutmeg (in the background). Tannins are structuring. A subtle hint of mocha and an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the aftertaste.

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

Château Ripeau 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fruity and offers finesse, power and a beautiful

finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of fleshy small black fruits associated with fine touches of wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of grey pepper, spices and a subtle hint of flowers (iris, cornflower). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, ripe/juicy blackberry and small notes of violet/iris associated with touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of blueberry, toasted, tonka bean and discreet hints of toasted almond. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A good bitterness on the second and third caudalie that give dynamism.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Moulin du Cadet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration/power. This wine needs aeration. It reveals notes of blackberry, kirsch cherry and small notes of fleshy black fruits combined with touches of strawberry as well as very fine touches of spices, green pepper, licorice, toasted / mocha and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of kirsched cherry associated with fine touches of ripe raspberry, toasted, chocolate, caramelization and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Tannins are well-built. A good persistence.

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

Couvent des Jacobins 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a fine richness, complexity as well as a fine and slightly grainy grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet and small notes of lily associated with touches of cassis, cornflower, fresh red fruits as well as very fine hints of graphite, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a beautiful juicy/acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry and small notes of flowers (iris, cornflower) associated with touches

of wild strawberry, hints of raspberry as well as very fine hints of tonka bean, nutmeg and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Cap de Mourlin 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is racy and offers a small power, a fine incisive side as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of flowers (violet, iris) associated with fine touches of cherry/raspberry, liquorice as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of liquorice stick, varietales/iris/flowers as well as very fine hints of cocoa. Tannins are well-built and precise. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Corbin Michotte 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a small power, a small intensity and a slightly fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crunchy wild berries and small notes of cassis associated with a touch of strawberry, varietales as well as very discreet hints of spices and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, straightness/tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry associated with touches of small wild berries, varietales as well as fine hints of spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are well-built.

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



Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château Balestard La Tonnelle 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, beautifully racy and offers power and a small concentration. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of coffee associated with small touches of small black berries/blueberry, violet, Sichuan pepper and mild tobacco/cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers tension, a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine straightness, precision as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of berries associated with touches of wild strawberry, violet, liquorice stick as well as very fine touches of vanilla pod and spices. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm. Good length.

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

Château Petit Faurie de Soutard 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, powerful, precise and very discreetly tight. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of cassis, pink pepper berries and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of crushed blackberry, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of flowers, varietals and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of pink pepper berries associated with touches of crunchy wild red fruits (raspberry, berries), fine hints of liquorice, chocolate as well as discreet hints of cardamom and vanilla. Tannins are straight, fine and precise. Good length. Good persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Grand-Pontet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power and a very fine grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small black fruits and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touch of blackberry, violet, Cuben pepper as well as slight hints of graphite, spices, liquorice and discreet hints of mocha. The palate is fruity, mineral, precise, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, racy minerality as well as very slight hints of tonka bean/cardamom, tea and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of toasted almond on the finish.

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

Château Bellevue 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers a fine concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of small berries, flowers (violet, cornflower), fine touches of liquorice, red fruits as well as hints of mild tobacco, chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted almond/roasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, precision, a fine generosity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, liquorice, chocolate, toasted as well as a discreet hint of flowers, green pepper and nutmeg/spices. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Pressac 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, powerful, racy and offers a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, gray pepper and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of raspberry, small berries, green pepper, flowers as well as hints of toasted and discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced,

precise, racy and offers minerality, juiciness, suavity/fatness and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of small juicy red fruits associated with a touch of violet, liquorice, tonka bean as well as very fine hints of sweet spices and a subtle hint of mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly chewy. A good persistence on hints of dry almond, toasted and juicy fruits.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château Soutard 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy, beautifully defined and offers concentration/power and deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of liquorice, gray pepper, fine touches of small red fruits as well as a hint of violet, spices, camphor and discreet hints of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, tension and finesse/richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of small berries, liquorice, violet/iris as well as discreet hints of cardamom, sweet spices, toasted and toasted almond. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Villemaurine 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, spices and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, freshness, a fine/racy grain as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of flowers, vanilla, cardamom and toasted. Tannins are elegant. Good length. A very fine hint of roasted and hazelnut on the finish/persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



Château Laniote 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power/concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, cassis and small notes of crunchy small red fruits associated with fine touches of spices, violet/iris, Cuben pepper and fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers concentration, a fine richness, fatness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed small black fruits and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with fine hints of violet, liquorice and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. A persistence on hints of almond and mocha.

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

Château La Clotte 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of fleshy/ripe cassis as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandize, an acidulous/juicy frame, suavity as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/gourmand cassis, juicy/gourmand blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of crunchy cherry as well as hints of toasted/chocolate and discreet hints of cardamom. Good length. Tannins are structuring and racy.

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

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Château La Serre 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers a fine richness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of flowers (violet, peony) as well as fine hints of vanilla, gray pepper and very discreet hints of nutmeg/toasted. The palate is fruity, well-built, juicy, precise and offers a racy minerality as well as a slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with a touch of juicy strawberry, violet as well as a subtle hint of juicy blueberry, toasted and cardamom/vanilla. Tannins are precise. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of tea on the finish/persistence.

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

Clos de la Madeleine 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers a fine grain, a small racy minerality and a fine power. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy/ripe strawberry associated with touches of Cuben pepper, Bourbon vanilla, tea, nutmeg as well as very discreet/imperceptible hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity, a fine grain, roundness, an acidulous frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of fleshy/ripe cassis associated with fine touches of blueberry, small black fruits, hints of vanilla, toasted, cardamom as well as a fine hint of tonka bean and toasted almond. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence.

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

Château Fleur Cardinale 2016 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant and offers intensity, gourmandize and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry and small notes of fleshy small black fruits (blackberry...) associated with touches liquorice stick, green pepper as well as discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg/almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful precision/définition, a good structure, a fine tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of strawberry, cornflower, toasted as well as fine hints of liquorice, hazelnut, almond and chocolate on the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant, fine and well-built.

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

Château Monbousquet 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh and offers a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild/ripe cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with a fine touch of strawberry as well as fine touches of Cuben pepper, spices and discreet hints of tobacco leaves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, precision, finesse as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of juicy raspberry as well as small berries and fine hints of cocoa/mocha. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Power on the aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Pavie Decesse 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic and offers power, finesse/a fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower/violet, a hint of blueberry, star anise and sweet spices/nutmeg. The palate is juicy and offers minerality, freshness, a good definition as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, juicy violet plum, a subtle hint of tonka bean, spices, a very discreet hint almost orange as well as discreet hints of star anise, nutmeg and vanilla. Tannins are very finely marked. Good length and persistence.

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

Château Laroze 2016 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity/power. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of small berries associated with very fine touches of crushed strawberry, crushed blueberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of juicy/ripe wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small berries as well as fine touches of liquorice, chocolate, caramelization and discreet toasted hints. Tannins are elegant and precise. Good length. A very discreet hint of roasted on the persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clos de L'Oratoire 2017 Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy, fine and delicate. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of violet, caramelization, chocolate as well as fine hints of graphite, star anise and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, suavity/fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy Boysen berry and small notes of red fruits associated with hints of cornflower, liquorice, toasted and very discreet hints of cardamom/graphite. Tannins are elegant and very fine. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

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Château Rolland-Maillet 2017 Saint-Emilion

The nose is elegant, precise, clear, well-built, fruity and offers a very fine power (in the background). It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of violet, wild strawberry, a fine touch of small blue fruits as well as hints of nutmeg, spices and graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a fine acidulous (in the background), suavity as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, cassis and small notes of juicy/crunchy violet plum associated with small touches of small crunchy red fruits as well as hints of flowers (iris, cornflower), spices and fine hints of cocoa. Tannins are structuring, straight and precise.

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

Château Saint Brice 2017 Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity, flowery and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed wild cassis and small notes of violet associated with a touch of cornflower, cardamom, toasted and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, minerality as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of cardamom associated with fine touches of caramelization, strawberry as well as discreet hints of violet and tea/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

Divin de Corbin 2017 Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh cassis, fresh wild blackberry and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with fine touches of fresh flower, a varietal hint as well as very discreet hints of spices and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/crunchy cassis and small notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy/fresh raspberry, cocoa/bitterness of the cocoa as well as very fine toasted hints and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Montagne Saint-Emilion & Lussac Saint-Emilion

MONTAGNE SAINT-EMILION

Clos La Croix d'Arriailh 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a good definition, gourmandize and generosity. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy Boysen berry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with fine hints of violet, small blue fruits, toasted, a very discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good juiciness, a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of violet, plum as well as very fine hints of caramelization/toasted. Tannins are well-built, racy and structuring.

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

Les Piliers de Maison Blanche 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose offers a very fine concentration and power. It reveals notes of small wild berries, cassis and small notes of flowers associated with very fine hints crunchy blackberry as well as very fine hints of pepper.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, a fine aerial side, gourmandize as well as a good juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy small berries associated with very fine hints of toasted and caramelization. Tannins are structuring and very slightly dusty. A very discreet chew on the finish and a very discreet hint of toasted almond in the background/finish.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Coucy 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine grain, a fine richness, a fine intensity and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of spices (cardamom, Si OK chuan pepper, Bourbon vanilla...) as well as very fine hints of small ripe/crushed black berries. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers freshness, minerality, an acidulous frame as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous raspberry, juicy/acidulous cassis and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with very fine touches of violet, crushed blackberry as well as hints of spices and caramelization/vanilla. Tannins are straight, racy and structuring. Notes of toasted/vanilla on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Tour Calon 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is gourmand, fruity and offers a small intensity and a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, ripe/fleshy blackberry and small notes of ripe/fleshy strawberry associated with a hint of flowers (cornflower, rose) as well as very fine hints of toasted, spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg/pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as an acidulous/juicy frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/pulpy cassis, juicy/pulpy raspberry and small notes of juicy/pulpy blueberry associated with very fine touches of flowers as well as hints of toasted/vanilla. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Roc de Calon 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, crunchiness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe blackberry, fresh/ripe raspberry and small notes of small black fruits/sour cherry associated with fine hints of Cuben pepper, spices and a discreet hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy

cassis, fresh blackberry and small notes of small fresh red fruits associated with fine touches of minerality as well as very discreet hints of chocolate/toasted. Tannins are slightly dry and straight. A very discreet chew on the persistence.

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

Dame de Boüard 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is crunchy, fruity and offers a fine intensity and a fine gourmandize (in the background). It reveals notes of ripe/crunchy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of small berries associated with very slight touches of flowers (violet) and very slight hints of spices (nutmeg, a subtle hint of Cuben pepper). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a fine juiciness, tension, a fine richness/concentration, à beautiful finesse as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed strawberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with fine touches of small red berries, violet, rose as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, nutmeg and subtle hints of chocolate (on the finish).

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

Château Clos de Boüard 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose offers power, gourmandize, a fine grain, freshness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of vanilla, spices and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of ripe blackberry, very discreet hints of gray pepper and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy and offers straightness, a fresh/mineral frame, a good structure as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe blackberry, fresh/ripe strawberry and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with very fine hints of fresh flowers as well as a subtle hint of toasted, chocolate and cardamom/toasted almond. Tannins are slightly firm.

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

Maison Blanche 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is flowery. It reveals notes of blackberry, flowers (lily, violet) and small notes of crunchy/fresh strawberry associated with very fine varietal hints and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness, a mineral frame, tension, a fine fatness, suavity and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/crunchy blackberry, fresh/crunchy strawberry and small notes of juicy small black berries associated with touches of flowers (lily, violet, rose) as well as very fine hints of toasted/chocolate. Tannins are fine and slightly dry.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Flaunys 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is slightly tight and offers a very fine power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet and small notes of strawberry associated with fine hints of small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, toasted and a discreet hint of tea/liquorice. The palate is fresh and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a fine richness/pulpiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysen berries, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of blue fruits associated with fine touches of violet/cornflowers as well as hints of chocolate and vanilla. Tannins are very slightly tight and dry.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



Montagne Saint-Emilion & Lussac Saint-Emilion

Château Franc-Baudron 2015 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose offers a fine richness, a fine freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of very ripe small red fruits associated with fine touches of underwood, toasted, caramelization, cardamom and a subtle hint of chocolate/sugared mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, ripe/juicy blackberry and small notes of small ripe red fruits (wild strawberry, small berries) associated with fine touches of underwood, toasted, hazelnut as well as a hint of tonka bean. Tannins are structuring and well-built. Good length. A small chew on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Mirande 2018 par Château Franc-Baudron Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers a pulpy/juicy fruit as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, fleshy Boysen berry and small notes of juicy/ripe strawberry associated with very fine hints of blueberry, flowers and a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy/fleshy blueberry associated with touches of juicy/fleshy raspberry as well as very discreet hints of violet/lilac. Good length. A beautiful wine on the fruit.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Plaisance 2014 Montagne-Saint-Emilion

The nose reveals notes of blackberry, underwood/mushroom and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of spices and hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, very slightly tight, structured and offers juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe blackberry, underwood/mushroom and small notes of very ripe cassis associated with a hint of wild strawberry, a subtle meaty hint as well as very slight hints of spices. Tannins are structuring and very discreetly sticky.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Roudier 2017 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of small wild berries, cassis and small notes of iris, bulb associated with touches of red fruits (cherry, strawberry) as well as hints of liquorice and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, fat as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with very slight touches of flowers as well as hints of liquorice, chocolate, a subtle hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of underwood (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15/20 (89/100)

Château Plaisance 2016 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine power, a good definition and a ripe/gourmand fruit. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysen berry, crushed cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, sweet spices, nutmeg and discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a racy minerality/almost saline minerality, suavity, a good structure as well as a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with a touch of plum, liquorice, cardamom as well as discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Plaisance - Réserve de Famille 2012 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose offers power, a fine intensity and a fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, graphite and small notes of strawberry/crushed raspberry associated with small touches of underwood, tea, a discreet hint of crushed blueberry as well as very discreet hints of chocolate/toasted. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, a small tension, a racy minerality as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with a fine touch of flowers, hints of underwood, tonka bean, nutmeg, liquorice and spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château Plaisance - Réserve de Famille 2011 Montagne Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers power, concentration, a fine grain, a fine freshness as well as a very fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of violet/cornflowers associated with touches of graphite, crushed strawberry as well as a hint of plum, cardamom and spices. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers juiciness, precision, gourmandize as well as a mineral/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of juicy/ripe violet plum, cardamom, toasted/chocolate as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, graphite and a very discreet hint of flowers. Good length. Tannins are well-built. Beautiful persistence.

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

LUSSAC SAINT-EMILION

Château La Rose Perrière 2017 Lussac Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with a touch of acidulous berries, hints of violet as well as a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crunchy cassis and small notes of varieties (fern) associated with fine touches of crunchy/green red berries as well as very slight hints of violet, toasted/chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Croix de Rambeau 2017 Lussac-Saint-Emilion

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration/richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy small red fruits associated with fine touches of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy/crushed red fruits associated with a fine touch of flowers as well as slight toasted hints and vanilla. There are a hint of ripe almond and a hint of vanilla on the persistence. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly chewy. A very slight almost saline hint on the background.

Score : 15/20 (89/100)

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WHITE WINES

Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose offers a small power, a fine grain, a fine gourmandise as well as a fine firmness. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of mandarin / kumquat and small notes of crunchy green apple, litchi associated with touches of citrus, a touch of crunchy yellow plum, fine toasted / naked touches, fresh almond, zests as well as slight hints of minerality, graphite and very discreet hints of beeswax. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers juiciness, precision, delicacy, a fine grain, a beautiful touch as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, vine peach, pink lychee and small notes of exotic fruit associated with discreet hints of peach as well as very discreet hints of zest. Good length and persistence. A very fine almost saline racy minerality on the finish.

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

Château Cantelys 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose offers a fine power and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of kumquat / small citrus and small notes of crushed white fruit combined with a touch of quince, lychee / exotic fruit, flint as well as a discreet hint of flowers and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, freshness, gourmandise, racy minerality, a very fine unctuousity, a very fine tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, kumquat and small notes of crunchy / juicy pear associated with a subtle hint of grapefruit, white flowers and slight toasted hints / vanilla and very discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length.

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

Le Petit Haut Lafitte 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness as well as a very fine power. Currently the wine needs to be in carafe. It reveals notes of small citrus, quince and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of lychee, apple blossom as well as a discreet hint of apple and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy frame, a beautiful juicy / acidulous fruit, fat, suavity, tension, a beautiful definition as well as racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy pink grapefruit and small notes of ripe / juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of exotic fruits, vanilla flowers / white flowers as well as discreet toasted hints. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Les Hauts de Smith 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fresh, mineral and racy. Currently the wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe / fresh citrus, pink lychee and small notes of white fruits combined with fine touches of lime blossom as well as a very subtle hint of fresh rose. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, an acidulous / juicy frame, gourmandise, a beautiful tension, a fine grain, suavity as well as a fine straightness / vertical side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe grapefruit and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of white flowers / lime blossom as well as hints of racy minerality and discreet toasted hints. Beautiful acidulous persistence.

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

Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers minerality, freshness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat, fresh mandarin and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with fine touches of fresh apple, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of flowers and a very discreet aniseed hint (in the background). The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, an acidulous / juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandise, a beautiful suavity, a fine fat, a fine salinity (in the background) as well as a beautiful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy grapefruit, ripe / juicy lemon and small notes of tangerine associated with fine touches of juicy lychee, ripe / juicy green apple as well as slight hints of racy minerality. A very discreet almost tannic sensation in the background. Good length and good persistence. There is a very discreet hint of toasted almond on the persistence.

Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

Château Carbonnieux 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality and a very fine righteousness. Currently the wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe lemon,

ripe grapefruit and juicy grapefruit peach combined with fine touches of exotic fruit, racy minerality as well as slight hints of citrus flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, fat, gourmandise, a juicy / acidulous frame, freshness, a racy minerality, a good structure, juiciness as well as a very slight unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe pink grapefruit and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with a fine touch of lychee as well as discreet hints of exotic fruit. Good length. There is a discreet almost saline hint on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

La Clareté de Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers minerality as well as a crystalline side. It reveals notes of fleshy nectarine, ripe citrus and small notes of sweet grapefruit zest associated with fine touches

of exotic fruits as well as hints of flowers and imperceptible hints of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral, balanced and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandise, fat / suavity, roundness, a small fleshiness, finesse as well as tension / dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, sweet citrus fruits (kumquat, lemon, grapefruit) and small notes of exotic fruits associated with discreet hints of white flowers (honeysuckle, lemon tree) as well as slight hints of minerality, racy and very discreet / imperceptible hints of vanilla (in the background). Good length.

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

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, racy, fine and offers a small minerality (in the background) as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe / fleshy nectarine and small notes of litchi, ripe apple associated with fine touches of ripe citrus as well as a subtle hint of zest, flint and rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful elegance / definition, a fine grain, gourmandise, precision, fat as well as a fine depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy vine peach, fleshy / juicy apple and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of exotic fruits, citrus fruits, zest as well as discreet hints of quenette, almond, toasted and a subtle hint of fresh hazelnut. Good length and persistence. The finish progressively narrows. A very discreet salinity, a very discreet firmness and an imperceptible almost tannic hint on the finish / persistence.

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



Photo Château Carmes Haut-Brion

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Château Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, fine, very slightly tight and offers a small juiciness, precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of pear, ripe white grapefruit and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of lychee, zest, apple blossom as well as discreet hints of minerality racy / flint, a very discreet hint of Timut pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of acacia / oak (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, harmonious, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful juiciness, an acidulous frame, depthness, a beautiful gourmandise, dynamism, a beautiful structure as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy pink grapefruit and small notes of ripe / juicy vine peach combined with fine touches of ripe / juicy tangerine, kumquat as well as slight hints of crunchy / juicy apple, juicy quenette and discreet hints of flowers (white, lemon, almond). Good length and very beautiful persistence. There are slight toasted hints / almond on the persistence (bring gourmandise).

Score : 19+/20 (98-99/100)

Château de Rouillac 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, racy and offers freshness as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of fresh / fleshy pear, lemon and small notes of lemon blossom / mandarin blossom associated with fine touches of juicy / fresh apple as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, finesse, a good definition, a beautiful structure, suavity, gourmandise as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe vine peach and small notes of juicy / ripe pear combined with fine touches of crunchy / acidulous green apple as well as discreet hints of white flowers and an imperceptible toasted hint / fresh almond (in the background). Good length.

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

Château Olivier 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of lemon, tangerine zest and small notes of brugnion associated with fine touches of apple blossom, grapefruit mesocarp as well as hints of racy minerality / gravels (terroir), quenette and very discreet hints of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, gourmandise, roundness / suavity as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy apple and small notes of peach associated with fine touches of mandarin zest as well as discreet hints of mandarin, quenette / exotic fruits and very discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. Sapidité on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Clos Marsalette 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, suave and offers gourmandise / fine richness. It reveals ripe / fleshy peach, juicy / fresh apple and small notes of juicy citrus (kumquat, lemon) associated with a touch of pink grapefruit as well as slight hints of flowers, exotic fruit / quenette and minerality. The palate is fruity, suave, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity / juiciness, gourmandise, a fine unctuousity, fat as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses fleshy / juicy peach, quenette and small notes of juicy citrus (tangerine, pink grapefruit) combined with fine touches of crushed / juicy apple as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruit and racy minerality. Good length. There is an imperceptible almost tannic hint on the persistence.

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

RED WINES

Château Le Pape 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers power, a very fine grain, a racy minerality as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, violet plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of fleshy small wild berries, fine hints of gray pepper / Cuben as well as discreet toasted hints and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame (racy / Graves minerality), precision, gourmandise as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy blackberry, juicy / fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy / fleshy plum associated with touches of juicy raspberry, flowers (violet / cornflower), nutmeg, spices as well as a subtle hint of varietal and an imperceptible toasted hint / chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Parde Haut-Bailly 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers power (full of elegance), a fine grain as well as a fine richness (in delicacy). It reveals notes of boysenberry, wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of Sichuan pepper, violet, racy minerality, small wild black berries as well as slight hints of licorice, green pepper and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a fine depthness, gourmandise, juiciness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy wild strawberry associated with a fine touch of juicy plum as well as very slight toasted hints, spices sweet, chocolate and an imperceptible varietal hint. Tannins are elegant. Straightness and a fine firmness on the finish.

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

Clos Marsalette 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of wild blackberry associated with slight hints of Cuben pepper, spices and a slight hint of varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension / dynamism, a fine juiciness, precision, a fine straightness as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crunchy / juicy red berries, juicy / crunchy blackberry combined with fine touches of blackberry, violet, graphite / racy minerality as well as slight hints of cardamom, varietal and cocoa. Tannins are finely structuring. Good length. There are a hint of cocoa, caramelization and a hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château D'Eck 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers fine power, fine straightness as well as racy minerality. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, crunchy blackberry and small notes of iris associated with touches of pepper, reduction as well as slight hints of strawberry, varietal and toasted. The palate is fruity and offers delicacy, an acidulous frame, suavity and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cassis combined with touches of racy minerality as well as hints of iris / varietal and slight hints of cocoa / spices.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château d'Eyrac 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet combined with touches of strawberry as well as hints of blueberry, Timut pepper, toasted, sweet spices and a very discreet hint vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good tension, a small freshness as well as an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry / small berries, cornflower / iris and slight hints of spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

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Château de France 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small minerality as well as power. It reveals notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of minerality racy / graphite associated with hints of violet, pepper and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy / fleshy black small berries associated with touches of violet as well as fine touches of graphite, nutmeg, racy minerality and very slight toasted hints / caramelization. Good length. There are a very fine hint of coffee / cocoa and caramelization on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15+/20 (90/100)

Château de Rouillac 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a beautiful juicy / ripe fruit as well as crunchiness. It reveals notes of juicy / ripe red cherries, cassis and small notes of blackberry combined with fine touches of violets, wild small fruits as well as hints of liquorice and very discreet hints of spices / Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, precision, tension, a racy minerality, suavity as well as a beautiful dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy / crispy cherry and small notes of crunchy / juicy raspberry associated with small touches of cassis, liquorice as well as discreet hints of violet, cocoa and dried almond. Tannins are elegant, fine and well-built. Good length. There is an imperceptible hint of black tea on the persistence. A good and gourmand wine !

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Léognan 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is quite aromatic and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, cornflower and small notes of small black fruits associated with fine touches of pepper, violet / varietal as well as discreet toasted hints / caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fat / suavity, gourmandise, tension, good texture as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pulpy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers / varietals, cherry as well as hints of vanilla and liquorice. Tannins are slightly marked.

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

Le Clarence de Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, fine and offers freshness / minerality, a fine power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, boysenberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of violet, blueberry, slight hints of incense, lilac, cardamom as well as discreet toasted hints / spice and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, verticality, a fine richness, gourmandise / suavity, a beautiful definition as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of violet, cornflowers, licorice as well as slight hints of cardamom and chocolate / vanilla Bourbon. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length. There are very slight hints of caramelized hazelnuts and caramelization on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Larrivet Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is spicy, racy and offers a beautiful fine grain, a small intensity as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of wild small fruits associated with fine touches of violet, racy minerality, licorice, green pepper as well as slight hints of spices and a subtle hint of nutmeg / cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, chopped and offers fat / suavity

(brings a beautiful gourmandise / generosity), a fine acidulous frame, finesse, a beautiful racy minerality, delicacy as well as a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry associated with a touch of raspberry / juicy blueberry, violet as well as hints of liquorice, cardamom, minerality racy and discreet hints of spices. Tannins are elegant and structuring. There is a subtle hint of chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Château Le Thyl Comte Clary 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, graphite and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of cherry, red berries, slight hints of liquorice, green pepper as well as discreet varietal hints and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers an acidulous frame, a good tension / verticality, juiciness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, red berries and small notes of wild crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of crunchy cherry, iris / varietal as well as slight hints of caramelization / chocolate. Tannins are very finely marked.

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

Château Cantelys 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose offers freshness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, cocoa and small varietal notes associated with touches of red berries, flowers as well as fine hints of spices / nutmeg and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, precision, tension, fat, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe black cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry combined with fine varietal touches (iris, bulb) as well as hints of chocolate and vanilla / toasted hints. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Les Hauts de Smith 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is mineral, fruity and offers a small intensity / power, a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of juicy / fresh cassis, blackberry and raspberries are combined with fine touches of fresh blueberry, graphite / flint, spices, chocolate as well as discreet hints of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and

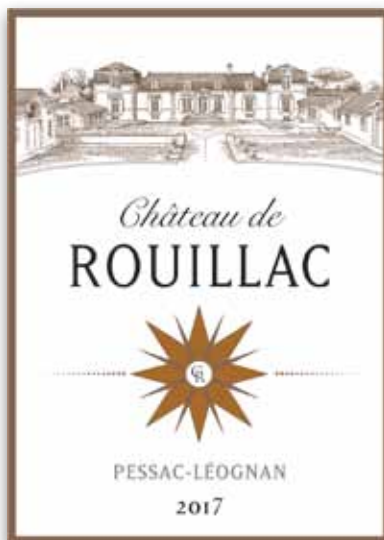
offers a beautiful freshness / definition, an acidulous / juicy frame, a very fine salinity (in the background), a fine fleshiness as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a hint of graphite / flint, chocolate, caramelized almond and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Le Petit Haut Lafitte 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality, a fine grain, power, a fine intensity as well as a fine depthness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a hint of ripe cherry, graphite, black pepper as well as hints of vanilla and star anise (badiane) / cardamom. The mouth is fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition / verticality, tension, an acidulous frame, suavity as well as gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry combined with a hint of juicy purple plum and very slight hints of violet, tonka bean / cocoa and discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, structuring and well-built.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)



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La Chapelle de la Mission Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is elegant, flattering / aromatic, gourmand and offers a fine power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of minerality (gravels), ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, fleshy small red fruits, caramelization, toasted, a discreet hint of green pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of almond, tea and cocoa (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral / acidulous frame, tension, straightness, dynamism, a beautiful freshness / delicacy, precision, roundness / suavity and finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe cassis, juicy / ripe strawberry and small notes of juicy / ripe blackberry combined with touches of graphite / minerality, raspberry, caramelization as well as hints of cocoa / roasting and an imperceptible hint of cornflower. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Bailly 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers a very beautiful definition, a beautiful precision as well as richness (but with a very beautiful finesse). It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis combined with fine touches of blueberry, Bourbon vanilla, toasted, graphite and discreet hints of nutmeg, chocolate and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, precision, a fine suavity, a beautiful finesse of structure, power as well as a very beautiful finesse of the fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysenberry, graphite / Graves (racy minerality), cassis, raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with a discreet touch of juicy / crunchy blueberry as well as toasted hints, vanilla, nutmeg and spices. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Les Carmes Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully fine (in its complexity) and offers a beautiful aromatic palette, a very beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful finesse in its pulpy / fleshy side. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry combined with fine touches of warm gravels (terroir / graves), Cuben pepper, cornflowers as well as slight hints of plum, cocoa, nutmeg, discreet hints of graphite, toasted / chocolate and a subtle hint of blond tobacco (in the background). The palate is mineral, beautifully fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful verticality, finesse / delicacy, dynamism, a beautiful juiciness, an acidulous frame, depthness, silkiness, a very fine grain, an enveloping side, a beautiful tension, generosity / richness (in its delicacy) as well as an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous cassis, juicy / acidulous blackberry and small notes of red berries associated with fine touches of crunchy / juicy raspberry, crunchy / juicy plum, toasted hints, graphite, sweet blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of iris / cornflower, a very discreet hint of bitterness (good bitterness) and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. Tannins are elegant, very fine and "rounded". There are very discreet hints of caramelization on the finish. Fine salinity in the background. Beautiful finesse, length and persistence.

Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful gourmandise and richness (but full of finesse / beautiful finesse). It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of violet / blueberry as well as hints of sweet spices, graphic, toasted and discreet hints of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, precise and offers juiciness, tension, straightness, an acidulous frame, fat, complexity, gourmandise, a beautiful definition as well as richness (but full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of strawberry, licorice, chocolate as well as discreet hints of star anise, flint, vanilla and caramelization. Tannins are elegant, structuring and well-built. There is a very discreet saline hint in the background / on the finish. Beautiful length and persistence. Fine creaminess on the finish. There is a very discreet hint of hazelnut on the persistence / aftertaste.

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

Château Carbonnieux 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a racy minerality and freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, crunchy wild blackberry and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, iris, liquorice stick as well as discreet hints of star anise (badiane) / tobacco leaf and very discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, tension, precision, gourmandise, a fine grain, juiciness as well as a fine silky side. On the palate this wine expresses juicy / ripe blackberries, juicy cassis and small notes of wild strawberry combined with small touches of berries, licorice / cardamom as well as discreet hints of vanilla and toasted / chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is elegant, gourmand, fine, racy and offers a small power (full of delicacy), fleshiness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of blueberry, violet as well as hints of purple plum, toasted, caramelization, graphite and sweet blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmande, racy and offers a beautiful definition / precision, a mineral / acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, a very beautiful delicate / aerial touch, a very beautiful finesse of the grain, verticality, a velvety side, a beautiful texture, fleshiness as well as fat (but full of finesse). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of fleshy cherry as well as hints of caramelization, toasted and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. A very discreet firmness on the finish. There is a discreet hint of graphite on the finish. Very beautiful persistence (with toasted almond, chocolate and fleshy / juicy small fruits).

Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

Château Haut-Brion 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Premier Grand Cru Classé de Graves

The nose is fine, elegant, racy and offers a very beautiful aromatic finesse. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of fleshy plum / cornflower, toasted, caramelization, hints of Cuben pepper, very discreet hints of graphite, spices and an imperceptible hint of lily and cardamom. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined, precise, very discreetly tight and offers a fine tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain, verticality, dynamism as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of caramelization associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry, crunchy / juicy purple plum as well as hints of vanilla Bourbon, graphite, tonka bean, cardamom, very discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tea / sweet blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are elegant and offer a subtle chew. Very beautiful persistence.

Score : 19/20 (98/100)

Château Olivier 2017 Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers elegance, a very fine intensity, a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of boysenberry, pulpy / juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy / fleshy berries associated with fine touches of cornflower, liquorice, varietal as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper, tea, spices and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy, precise and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, a fine grain, freshness, gourmandise as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, pulpy / juicy blackberry and small notes of pulpy / juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, cornflower as well as toasted hints / vanilla. Good length.

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

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Château Bourdieu La Valade 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe/crushed raspberry and small ripe fruits associated with fine hints of violet/flowers, racy minerality, very discreet hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of cocoa, salinity and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine mineral frame (almost saline), a small fat/fleshiness, a fine suavity, gourmandize as well as a beautiful definition/construction. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of small wild black berries associated with fine hints of limestone, a subtle hint of spices and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are precise, fine and elegant. Good length. A fine salinity on the finish
Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Richelieu 2017 Fronsac

The nose is flowery. It reveals notes of iris, cornflowers and small notes of lily associated with touches of crushed cassis as well as fine hints of strawberry, very discreet hints of toasted/cocoa and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, juiciness, a small freshness, a fine tension as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, flowers and small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and saline minerality. Good length.
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Valade 2017 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic (fruity and flowery) and offers a small intensity as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of cornflower, lilac and small notes of blackberry associated with fine hints of cassis and very fine hints of blackberry. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a mineral frame, a small tension, a very fine salinity (in the background), a good volume, juiciness, a fine freshness, crunchiness as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry and flowers (violet, lilac and a very discreet hint of rose) associated with fine hints of ripe/crushed small red berries as well as subtle hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are elegant. There are a fine salinity as well as a fine hint of grilled on the finish.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Les Troix Croix 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of racy minerality (almost saline) as well as subtle hints of violet, vanilla/toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, freshness (in the background) as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh strawberry and small notes of juicy/fresh cassis associated with fine touches of violet/fresh flowers as well as very discreet hints of toasted/hazelnut (in the background) and chocolate (on the persistence).
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Plain Point 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a fine richness/concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with a touch of violet as well as very discreet hints of almond, toasted and a subtle hint of spices. The nose is slightly closed and needs

aeration. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame (beautiful minerality) as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of raspberry, violet as well as very discreet hints of spices, cocoa and a very discreet hint of leather. Tannins are fine and very slightly dry.
Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Valade - L'Intime 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offer a fine fleshiness, a fine concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a fine hint of cornflower/blueberry as well as a discreet hint of red berries, very fine hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, freshness, finesse, a very fine salinity (in the background) as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy black cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with very fine hints of flowers, cocoa, toasted/caramelization (in the background) as well as discreet hints of liquorice. Tannins are elegant and very slightly tight. Good length and persistence.
Score : 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Château Les Roches de Ferrand 2017 Fronsac

The nose is gourmand, fruity, elegant and slightly flowery. It reveals notes of strawberry, juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with a touch of juicy blueberry, a fine touch of lily, very fine hints of sweet spices as well as a discreet hint of Cuben pepper and vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers a mineral/juicy frame, a good definition as well as a beautiful fleshy/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with very fine hints of toasted, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of caramelization (in the background). Tannins are elegant. Good length.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château La Dauphine 2017 Fronsac

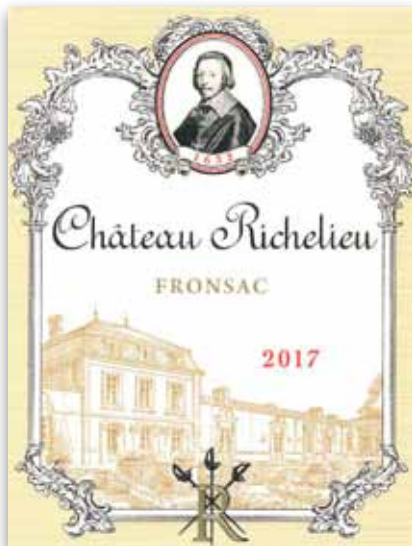
The nose is fruity and offers crunchiness/juiciness and a small freshness. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh cassis, fresh/ripe blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of rose, red berries, very fine hints of toasted and a hint of pink pepper berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, quality of fruit, gourmandize and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy/fleshy blueberry as well as a subtle hint of lily, racy minerality and vanilla/toasted. Good length. Tannins are well-built. Good persistence on a hint of cocoa.
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château L'Escarderie 2017 Fronsac

The nose needs aeration. It reveals notes of blackberry, fresh mushroom and small notes of small fleshy fruits associated with a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, very finely tight and offers a mineral frame, tension, freshness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fresh mushroom and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a subtle hint of cornflower and toasted/vanilla. Tannins are very slightly marked.
Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Magondeau 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with



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fine touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, a beautiful material, a beautiful grain (in the background), a small melodious side, freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe blackberry and small notes of fresh/crunchy blueberry associated with fine touches of flowers as well as hints of vanilla/chocolate. Tannins are elegant. There is a very discreet salinity (in the background).

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

Château Moulin Haut-Laroque 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully racy and offers power as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of racy minerality / flint combined with touches of Cuben / green pepper, hints of spices as well as very discreet iris / varietal tips, toasted hints, cardamom, spices / cedar wood and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, finesse, delicacy, a beautiful guideline, a beautiful freshness, juiciness, gourmandise as well as a slightly pulpy fruit (fleshy / juicy). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh cassis, fresh / ripe blackberry and small notes of crunchy raspberry combined with very slight hints of juicy / fresh cherries as well as discreet hints of tonka bean and toasted. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Good length. Currently the wine needs to be put in carafe.

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

Clos du Roy - L'Arabesque 2017 Fronsac

The palate offers a very fine notes of spices, fresh leather and small notes of fresh/juicy cassis as well as fine hints of flowers, varietals and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a fine fat, suavity as well as a mineral frame as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of flowers (lily, violet) associated with fine touches of fresh leather, spices and very discreet hints of vanilla. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Haut Carles 2017 Fronsac

The nose offers a small concentration and a fine/very slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of violet associated with a subtle hint of fleshy blueberry, crushed strawberry and vanilla/caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame as well as a good definition/elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, lily as well as fine hints of small blue fruits, bourbon vanilla and toasted. Tannins are elegant and offers a very discreet firmness.

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

Château La Rivière 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant, slightly tight and offers concentration as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, cassis and small notes of small wild fruits associated with discreet hints of cornflowers, fresh lily and nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry and juicy/fleshy small red berries associated with a touch of fresh blueberry, fresh flowers as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, spice and a subtle hint of vanilla. A fine saline hint and caramelization on the persistence. Good length. A very fine chew on the finish.

ciness, a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry and juicy/fleshy small red berries associated with a touch of fresh blueberry, fresh flowers as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, spice and a subtle hint of vanilla. A fine saline hint and caramelization on the persistence. Good length. A very fine chew on the finish.

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

Château Saint Remy 2017

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The nose is aromatic, spicy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, strawberry and black pepper berries associated with a fine touch of flowers (in the background), ripe/juicy small red fruits and discreet hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame as well as fat/suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy red berries associated with a hint of blueberry, cornflower as well as discreet hints of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Dalem 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness and a small power. The nose needs aeration. It reveals notes of blueberry, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of liquorice stick, nutmeg, chocolate and cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, racy minerality as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy blueberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. A hint of fresh almond on the persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Magondeau Beau Site 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of juicy wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of spices associated with fine hints of lily, pepper and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a good definition, gourmandise, a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy blueberry associated with fine touches of berries as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, spices and cardamom. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)



Château La Rousselle 2017 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic, spicy, slightly tight and offers a small power. It reveals notes of raspberry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, gray pepper as well as a very discreet hint of cardamom (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of crunch/juicy small red berries associated with fine touches of fresh flowers and subtle hint of spices (in the background). Tannins are structuring. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

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Château Tessendey 2017 Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of juicy cassis, crunchy red berries and small notes of varieties associated with very fine hint of flowers, liquorice stick and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, fat, full and offers minerality, freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, juicy/fresh red berries and small notes of juicy/fresh strawberry associated with fine hints of flowers and varietal. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château Carlmagnus 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, complex and offers a small gourmandize as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy wild berries and small notes of blueberry associated with very fine hints of flowers, spices (nutmeg, pepper...) as well as a very discreet hint of tea and coffee bean. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a mineral frame, a good definition and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh/juicy blackberry, fleshy/fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/fresh/juicy strawberry associated with a hint of juicy/crunchy blueberry as well as subtle hints of cornflower/flowers and spices. Tannins are finely chewy. Good length.

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

Château La Rousselle 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful racy grain, controlled power and subtlety. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with very fine touches of cocoa, cardamom, violet as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a fin/racy grain as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with very fine hints of cassis as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, cardamom, a subtle hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and elegant. A very discreet hint of dry almond on the persistence.

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

Château Puy Guilhem 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, finely tight, fresh and offers a fine intensity (in the background). This wine opens up little by little and need to be decanted. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, ripe strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with very fine hints of spices, minerality, limestone and very discreet hints of nutmeg, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine hints of fresh violet as well as fine hints of limestone, tonka bean/ chocolate and spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

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

Château Toumalin 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness, a small concentration and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of juicy cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with discreet hints of cardamom, violet as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension as well as a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small

notes of juicy raspberry associated with a subtle hint of juicy blueberry, chocolate, violet, toasted and caramelization. Tannins are elegant, straight and structuring.

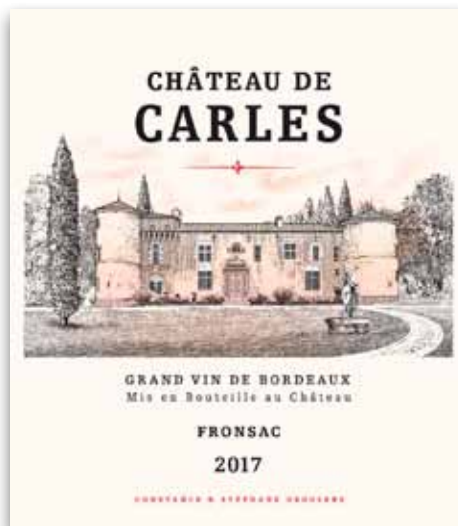
Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Château Fontenil 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, racy and offers freshness. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh Boysen berry and small notes of wild strawberry, fresh flowers associated with fine touches of Cuben/gray pepper, fine hints of spices, very discreet hints of cardamom and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a slightly acidulous / juicy frame, tension as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe/juicy raspberry associated with very fine touches of violet, rose, minerality as well as very fine varieties hints and discreet hints of juicy blueberry. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de Carles 2017 Fronsac



The nose is flowery and offers a small intensity as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, rose, cornflower/lily and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as a hint of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a good definition, a good freshness, precision, minerality as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, ripe/juicy blackberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with a touch of small crunchy red fruits as well as very slight hints of hazelnut (in the background) and discreet hints of toasted/chocolate. Tannins are precise and structuring and offers a very discreet chew. Good length. There is a hint of salinity on the finish. The persistence is very slightly tight.

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

Château Beauséjour 2017 Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and very finely tight. It reveals notes of crushed/very ripe cassis, very ripe blackberry associated with very fine hints of underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a racy minerality as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, ripe/juicy blackberry and small notes of red fruits associated with fine touches of racy minerality, a subtle toasted hint/vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of tea/flowers (in the background). Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Hervé-Laroque 2017 Fronsac

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers power, freshness, a fine grain as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe blackberry and small notes of black berries associated with touches of raspberry / crushed red berries, cardamom as well as very discreet toasted hints and coffee. The mouth is fresh, fruity, juicy, fine, precise, well-balanced and offers minerality, an acidulous frame, a fine grain as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy/fresh raspberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of juicy/fresh blackberry associated with fine touches of small ripe / juicy red berries, a touch of fresh violet, liquorice, cardamom as well as discreet toasted hints and an imperceptible hint of spices. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good length. There is an imperceptible saline hint (in the background).

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

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Château Gazin 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers power, straightness, a fine grain, tension as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and pepper associated with fine touches of wild small fruits, wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of spices (in the background) and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, caramelization, fresh violet as well as a subtle hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Canon St Michel 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose offers power and intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, spices/pepper and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy small red fruits and liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy/acidulous raspberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry associated with very fine hints of violet, liquorice as well as a subtle hint of spices.

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

Château Mazeris Bellevue 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, finely tight and needs aeration. It reveals notes of crunchy wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with a fine touch of black cherry, liquorice, spices as well as very fine hints of small crushed fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, juiciness, a fine tension, fleshiness as well as fatness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine hints of violet, cornflower as well as discreet hints of liquorice and a subtle hint of chocolate (in the background). An imperceptible hint of caramelization (in the background).

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

Château Canon La Valade 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, Cuben pepper and small notes of toasted associated with fine touches of red fruits, violet and a very discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, fatness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy small red berries associated with fine hints of crunchy raspberry as well as a subtle hint of flowers and a hint of liquorice stick.

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

Château Mazette 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose reveals notes of green pepper, small fresh fruits and small notes of flowers associated with very fine hints of sweet spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, precision, a juicy/very slightly acidulous frame as well as a slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers as well as very discreet hints of spices and dry leaves/pepper.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Château Moulin Pey Labrie 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, slightly firm and needs aeration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet associated with a discreet touch of rose as well as fine hints of pink pepper berries and spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, fat as well as an acidulous frame and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, crunchy/fresh blackberry and small notes of crunchy/fresh small red fruits associated with fine hints of spices.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Barrabaque - Prestige 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of red fruits as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, fresh leather and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers definition, juiciness, fat, an acidulous/juicy frame and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy blueberry associated with very fine hints of liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet chew on the finish.

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

Château Capet Begaud 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose needs aeration. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild fruits and small notes of pepper associated with fine hints of crunchy berries and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh/juicy small wild berries and small notes of fresh flowers associated with fine varietal hints and a subtle hint of nutmeg.

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

Château Coustolle 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, a small concentration and a fine power. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with very fine hints of spices and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as a mineral frame and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of blueberry associated with a hint of small red fruits as well as discreet hints of racy/almost saline minerality and very discreet hints of spices. Good length. Tannins offer a very fine chew in the background.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Vrai Canon Bouché 2017 Canon-Fronsac

The nose is fruity, juicy, fresh, racy and structured. It reveals notes of crushed ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of fleshy black fruits associated with a hint of juicy violet, fine hints of cornflower as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition as well as precision, freshness and an acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of red fruits associated with a touch of juicy plum as well as very fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and a hint of crushed almond. Tannins are elegant and structured. Good persistence. Beautiful finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

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WHITE WINES FROM FRONSAC

Château Magondeau 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of crunchy/juicy vine peach, juicy green apple and small notes of juicy citrus associated with an imperceptible hint of fresh/juicy litchee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, fat and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy vine peach, juicy exotic fruits (Quenette, litchee) and small notes of juicy citrus.
Score : 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Château La Rivière 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy nectarine, juicy citrus and very discreet hints of zests as well as an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, juiciness, a mineral frame as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe apple and small notes of juicy/crunchy nectarine associated with very discreet hints of juicy mandarine as well as a hint of exotic fruits. Good length. An imperceptible hint of salinity in the background.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Château Volcelest 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fruity, fresh, crunchy and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of elderflower, crushed nectarine and small notes of juicy pear associated with very discreet hints of citrus and exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, precision as well as a fine tension and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/ripe Williams pear and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with a hint of pink litchee/exotic fruits and a subtle hint of zests (in the background). Good length.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Roc Meynard 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, crunchy pear and small notes of lemon flowers and exotic flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, elegance, a beautiful definition and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe nectarine and small notes of exotic fruits associated with discreet hints of flowers and a subtle hint of Quenette/litchee. Good length.
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Coustolle 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is aromatic, fruity, fresh and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of William pear and small notes of juicy citrus associated with fine hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe apple and small notes of Quenette associated with very fine hints of ripe zests and grapefruit. Good length.
Score : 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Château Plain Point 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy ripe lemon, crunchy vine peach and small notes of white flowers (elderflower, honey-suckle) associated with very discreet hints of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition as well as deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe nectarine and small notes of juicy/ripe mandarine associated with very fine hints of exotic fruits. Good length.
Score : 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Côtes-de-Bordeaux

CASTILLON CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Château Joanin-Bécot 2017 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, complexity and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy/ripe small red berries associated with very fine hints of Cuben/gray pepper, very discreet hints of violet, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of violet plum and cacao. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers tension, straightness, a fine salinity (in the background) and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy/crunchy blackberry associated with very fine touches of crunchy red berries as well as a subtle hint of toasted, cocoa and a very discreet hint of toasted/roasted vanilla. Tannins are structuring.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Le Rey Les Rocheuses 2017 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose offers power, elegance, power and a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of crushed Boysen berries, crunchy/fresh cassis and small notes of grey pepper associated with a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, juicy blueberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with very fine hints of liquorice/chocolate as well as a subtle hint very discreet of vanilla. Good length.

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

Château Le Rey Les Argileuses 2017 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, spices and small notes of small berries associated with very discreet hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine suavity as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy blueberry associated with a subtle hint of cherry, violet and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built. An imperceptible hint of caramelization on the finish.

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

Domaine de l'Aurage 2017 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful freshness and minerality. It reveals notes of candied but fresh cassis, ripe/fresh blackberry and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with touches of blueberry, flowers, racy minerality as well as hints of liquorice/tonka bean and sugar mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, freshness, tension, a beautiful definition and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh cassis, blackberry, fresh wild raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of liquorice, violet, cardamom and discreet hints of allspices. Tannins are elegant. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château La Brande 2017 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a fine richness and a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, raspberry, cocoa and discreet hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built and offers gourmandize, a juicy/fleshy fruit and a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy strawberry associated with a touch of raspberry,

violet, a hint of iris as well as fine hints of toasted, caramelization/chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of vanilla on the finish/persistence.

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

Clos Lunelles 2017 Castillon Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine richness and gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, blueberry as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper, chocolate, graphite and discreet hints of vanilla/caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality and a beautiful acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with fine touches of redcurrant, cornflower as well as hints of blueberry and tonka bean. Good length. A very discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla on the persistence. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château d'Aiguilhe 2017 Castillon Côtes-de-Bordeaux

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of crunchy strawberry, iris as well as hints of Cuben pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, an acidulous/juicy frame, tension and a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of small fleshy blue fruits associated with fine touches of fleshy strawberry as well as hints of Bourbon vanilla, graphite, caramelization and a very discreet hint of dry almond. Good length. Tannins are elegant and racy. There are slight hints of chocolate on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



CÔTES-DE-BORDEAUX

Domaine de Cambes 2017 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is elegant, racy and offers gourmandize and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of toasted bread associated with fine touches of cocoa, juicy violet plum, toasted as well as discreet hints of spices, pepper, incense and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fresh, fruity, racy and offers a good finesse of the grain, tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, candied/fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with fine touches of fresh blueberry, liquorice, toasted as well as hints of toasted bread and cocoa. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence.

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

Roc de Cambes 2017 Côtes de Bordeaux

The nose is elegant and offers fitness, richness and deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small black fruits and small notes of toasted/tonka bean associated with fine touches of roasted, raspberry and small notes of small blue berries, cornflower as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, Cuben pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a fresh/elegant frame, richness and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a touch of juicy/fresh plum as well as hints of toasted, chocolate and small notes of discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

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

Bourgogne Red wines

MARSANNAY

Pierre Naigeon - Vieilles Vignes 2016 Marsannay

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine richness, a fine grain, gourmandize as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of tonka bean/ chocolate, toasted, vanilla and a very discreet hint of hazelnut, cardamom/ spices (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers elegance, gourmandize, tension as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy/acidulous quetsche plum associated with small fine touches of red fruits (raspberry) as well as a subtle hint of violet, chocolate, toasted and a very discreet hint of toasted almond. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Charles Audoin - Les Longerois 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe red cherry, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of violet/fresh flowers, ripe/fresh raspberry as well as hints of racy minerality, liquorice and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, straightness as well as a small racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy red cherry, ripe/juicy raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, cassis, graphite, toasted/caramelized and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Tannins are elegant and supple. Good persistence on a hint of cardamom.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Charles Audoin - Clos du Roy 2016 Marsannay

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, a fine grain as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of Quetsche plum, black cherry and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with a hint of cornflower, raspberry as well as discreet hints of cardamom, spices, toasted and very discreet hints of pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe black cherry, juicy/ripe Quetsch plum and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of small blue fruits, strawberry as well as fine hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are elegant and supple. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

CÔTE-DE-NUICTS VILLAGES

Maison Chanzy 2016 Côte de Nuits-Villages

The nose is racy and offers a fine and slightly tight grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, graphite as well as fine hints of spices, cardamom and a very discreet hint of wild pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and brings gourmandize, a fine richness, an acidulous frame, tension, minerality as well as a small power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, juicy/crunchy berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cassis as well as hints of graphite, fresh flowers, cardamom and discreet hints of fresh leather. Good length. Tannins are very discreetly marked.

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

Louis Max 2017 Côte de Nuits-Villages

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power/deepness. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-built, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy blackberry and small notes of wild cassis associated with discreet hints of wild strawberry, spices as well as a subtle hint of cardamom and chocolate (in the background).

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

FIXIN

Domaine Charles Audoin - Le Rozier 2016 Fixin

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power/richness. It reveals notes of black cherry, small red berries and small notes of black plum, cornflower associated with a touch of rose, blueberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, liquorice stick and very discreet hints of black tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cherry, juicy/crunchy black plum and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of violet, rose as well as fine hints of tonka bean, spices and toasted. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

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

Pierre Naigeon - Les Hervelets 2017, Vieilles Vignes Fixin

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of wild small fruits associated with fine touches of violet and very discreet hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and very discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine tension as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy black plum and small notes of blackberry associated with very fine touches of red fruits as well as hints of chocolate and toasted. Tannins are well-built and precise. Good length.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Clos du Chapitre Monopole 2017, Cuvée Vieilles Vignes Fixin 1^{er} Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine fleshiness/richness, a fine intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of crushed black plum associated with touches of wild strawberry, Cuben pepper as well as hints of violet, liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a fine gourmandize as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe blackberry, juicy wild strawberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy violet plum associated with small touches of flowers as well as fine hints of blueberry, Ceylan tea and toasted. Tannins are elegant. A beautiful wine!

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

MERCUREY

Louis Max - Vignes du Domaine 2017 Mercurey

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers concentration, a small richness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of chocolate associated with fine touches of red cherry, very fine hints of chocolate, hazelnut and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, precision, a fine tension, elegance, a fine grain, a fine richness as well as a mineral / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, violet plum and small notes of raspberry, red cherry associated with fine hints of chocolate and liquorice stick. Tannins are well-built.

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

Maison Chanzy - Clos du Roy 2017 Mercurey 1^{er} Cru

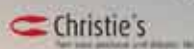
The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a small deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of plum associated with touches of wild strawberry, rose/rose wood, flint/racy minerality, pink pepper as well as fine hints of spices and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, suave, beautifully precise, racy and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cherry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of juicy/acidulous quetsche plum associated with small touches of juicy/acidulous red fruits as well as hints of violet, rose and rooibos tea. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

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Bourgogne Red wines

NUITS SAINT-GEORGES

Louis Max - Les Lievres 2017 Nuits Saint-Georges

The nose is aromatic, gourmand, racy and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy Quetsche plum and small notes of violet associated with very fine touches of small blue fruits, strawberry, toasted and a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, Quetsche plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of fleshy wild raspberry, small blue fruits as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, mild tobacco and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant.

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

Pierre Naigeon - Herbeux 2017, Vieilles Vignes Nuits Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity and offers a small power/concentration and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, violet and small notes of green pepper associated with fine touches of cassis, small black plum as well as fine hints of cornflower, cardamom and nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a racy minerality, fat, suavity as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, plum and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with touches of fresh flowers as well as fine hints of crunchy blueberry, varietal and very fine hints of spices. Good length. A very discreet hint of cocoa and tannins on the persistence.

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

Pierre Naigeon - Les Charmottes 2016, Vieilles Vignes Nuits Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness, a fine concentration/power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of rose, small red fruits/redcurrant, minerality as well as fine hints of spices, blond tobacco leaves, graphite and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension, a fine grain as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, ripe raspberry and small notes of plum associated with a touch of blackberry, rose/violet as well as fine hints of liquorice and spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine de Suremain - Clos L'Evêque 2017 Mercurey 1^{er} Cru

The nose is fruity, flowery, structured and very finely tight. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as hints of chocolate, Cuben pepper and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a small freshness, minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe redcurrant and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of violet, cassis, cornflower as well as hints of graphite, nutmeg and sweet spices. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine de Suremain - La Bondue 2017 Mercurey 1^{er} Cru

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, intensity and a fine/racy grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of plum, graphite/camphor as well as very fine hints of rose, pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, freshness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, cherry and rose. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate and acidulous fruits on the persistence.

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

Domaine de Suremain - En Sazenay 2017 Mercurey 1^{er} Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power and a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, cassis, plum associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, toasted, caramelization and chocolate. The palate is fruity and offers tension, a fine fat as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cherry, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with a touch of plum, violet/rose as well as discreet hints of tonka bean. Tannins are fine, structuring and racy. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

MONTHELIE & BEAUNE

Domaine Eric Montchovet - Meix Bataille 2014 Monthelie 1^{er} Cru

The nose offers power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, small wild berries and small notes of cornflower, blackberry associated with fine touches of pepper, Ceylan tea and spices. The palate is elegant, gourmand, beautifully mineral and offers a fine acidulous frame, roundness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, juicy plum, cornflower, graphite, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of liquorice and caramelization/cocoa. Tannins are elegant.

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

Domaine Eric Montchovet - Coucheries 2014 Beaune 1^{er} Cru

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, elegance and a very fine/racy grain. It reveals notes of violet plum, cassis and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with touches of small fresh red berries, rose, flowers and fine hints of liquorice/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh plum and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of crunchy strawberry, liquorice as well as hints of cocoa, toasted and very discreet hints of graphite. Tannins are very discreetly marked. Good length.

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

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Bourgogne White wines

CÔTE DE NUITS

R. Dubois & Fils - Les Monts de Boncourt 2017 Côte de Nuits Village

The nose is fruity and slightly tight. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of nectarine, flowers/honeysuckle and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of racy minerality/flint and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, fat, a good finesse of the grain as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, Mirabelle plum and small notes of lemon associated with fine hints of flowers, zests and an imperceptible hint of tilleul. Good length. A subtle hint of butter/beeswax on the persistence.

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

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes - Chardonnay 2018 Côte de Nuits Village

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine power/intensity, a small minerality as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of juicy lemon, mandarin flowers, mesocarp and small notes of juicy Granny Smith apple associated with touches of vine peach and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, suavity, tension, dynamism as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, lime and small notes of Granny Smith apple associated with small touches of vine peach, flint and almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Alain Jeanniard – Chardonnay 2017 Côte de Nuits-Villages

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine richness as well as fleshiness. It reveals notes of crushed pear, crushed peach and small notes of juicy lychee associated with fine touches of juicy citrus and very fine hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon/lemon zests, crunchy/juicy peach and small notes of fresh lychee associated with discreet hints of fresh/juicy Quenette as well as a subtle hint of white flowers. Good length. An imperceptible hint of fresh almond on the persistence.

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

Domaine du Château de Marsannay Les Champs Perdrix 2016 Marsannay

The nose is fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy white peach and small notes of crunchy apple associated with discreet hints of white flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, gourmand and offers an acidulous/racy frame, fat as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy white fruits associated with very fine varietal hints, fine hints of jam as well as a subtle hint of zests and fresh almond. Good length.

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

Domaines Charles Audière La Charme aux Prêtres 2017 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a slightly tight racy grain. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe lemon, crunchy small yellow fruits and small notes of fresh quince associated with fine hints of flint as well as discreet hints of white flowers and beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, generosity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with very fine hints of nectarine/juicy apple.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine du Château de Marsannay 2017 Marsannay

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize/richness as well as a fine freshness/minerality. It reveals notes of ripe apple, small yellow fruits and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of lemon and a subtle hint of lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, fat as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe

lemon, ripe quince and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with subtle hints of lychee, small yellow fruits and a very discreet orange hint. Good length.

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

Domaine du Château de Marsannay Les Champs Perdrix 2017 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, racy and offers minerality as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of white nectarine associated with fine touches of minerality, white flowers and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine suavity as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with very discreet hints of juicy lychee, racy minerality, white flowers as well as very discreet hints of orange zests. Good length.

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

Domaines Charles Audière Au Champ Salomon 2017 Marsannay

The nose is fruity, fresh, charming and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy lemon and small notes of white peach associated with very fine touches of crunchy pear as well as very fine hints of white flowers, zests and Quenette. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy vine peach and small notes of Quenette associated with discreet hints of Quenette, zests, quince as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax/spices. Good length.

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

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Bourgogne White wines

CÔTES DE BEAUNE

Domaine du Château de Meursault - Blanches Fleurs 2017

Beaune, Premier Cru

The nose is mineral, fresh, elegant, racy as well as "clear". It reveals notes of fresh lemon, ripe white peach and small notes of lychee, white flowers associated with fine touches of quince, zests, a hint of flint as well as a very discreet hint of toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, finesse as well as subtlety. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh quince, ripe/fresh peach and small notes of apple associated with touches of white flowers, lemon flowers as well as hints of pink lychee and caviar lemon zests. Good length.

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

Edmond Cornu & Fils 2017

Chorey-Les-Beaune

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon, crunchy apple and small notes of fresh small yellow plum associated with very discreet hints of honeysuckle. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity and offers a fine concentration, an acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, nectarine and small notes of juicy small plum associated with very fine hints of exotic fruits, minerality and flowers. Good length. A fine tannic sensation on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Joël Remy - Le Grand Saussy 2017

Chorey-Les-Beaune

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince and flowers (white and yellow) associated with fine touches of Mirabelle plum as well as very fine hints of tilleul/verbena, beeswax/brioche and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension, fat as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, zests and small notes of quince associated with a hint of citrus mesocarp, apple as well as fine hints of flowers. Good length. A persistence with slight notes of almond/honey.

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

Lucien Muzard & Fils 2017

Chassagne-Montrachet

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a small freshness and finesse. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh apple and small notes of kumquat associated with fine hints of citrus as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine mineral frame, tension, a good freshness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe/juicy kumquat and small notes of ripe/juicy yellow apple associated with fine touches of small crunchy fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of yellow flowers/zests and beeswax. Good length. Acidulous notes and an imperceptible tannic sensation on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Vigne des Hospices de Dijon - Cuvée Maizière 2015

Puligny-Montrachet

The nose is aromatic and offers concentration, a small power, a small intensity as well as straightness. It reveals notes of dry lemon zests, kumquat and small notes of dry orange associated with small touches of crushed yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, ripe/juicy mandarine and small notes of juicy kumquat associated with fine touches of juicy yellow apple. Good length.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Vigne des Hospices de Dijon

Cuvée Maizière 2017

Puligny-Montrachet

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small complexity / intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, lemon tree blossom / yellow flowers and small notes of crushed yellow plum associated with fine touches of racy minerality, fresh yellow peach and a very discreet hint of fresh almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a very beautiful suavity as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, crushed / juicy yellow plum and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits as well as very discreet hints of minerality and an imperceptible hint of spices. A very fine salinity on the finish.

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

Aegerter - Reserve Personnelle 2017

Puligny-Montrachet

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine grain as well as power. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of crunchy Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of citrus, flint, yellow flowers as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, well-definition as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, kumquat and small notes of juicy/ripe Mirabelle plum associated with very fine hints of crunchy apple,

orange zests as well as very discreet toasted hints (in the background). Good length. An imperceptible hint of beeswax on the finish.

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

Lucien Muzard & Fils 2017

Puligny-Montrachet

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of juicy lemon, acidulous yellow plum and small notes of green apple/nectarine associated with very discreet hints of zests, flint and toasted. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous lemon and acidulous small yellow plum associated with subtle hints of flat nectarine as well as discreet hints of physalis, racy minerality, beeswax/yellow flowers and an imperceptible toasted hint.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Eric Montehovet 2017

Puligny-Montrachet

The nose is powerful, elegant and aromatic. It reveals notes of lemon zests, flint and small notes of quince associated with small yellow fruits, zests and very discreet hints of spices/gray pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers suavity, gourmandize, fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy yellow plum and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with a subtle hint of lychee/Quenette as well as very discreet hints of butter (in the background). Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Lucien Muzard & Fils

Les Meix Chavaux 2017

Meursault

The nose is fresh, fruity, ract and offers intensity. It reveals notes of fresh/ crunchy mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed yellow peach associated with fine hints of butter, toasted and a subtle hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers definition, juiciness, elegance as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy kumquat and small notes of crunchy Mirabelle plum associated with very fine hints of compoted yellow peach as well as a subtle hint of brioche (in the background). Good length and persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)



Bourgogne

White wines

Domaine du Château de Meursault 2017 Meursault-Charmes, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers deepness, intensity as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy white nectarine, quince and small notes of flowers (peach flowers...) associated with fine hints of kumquat, pear as well as very discreet hints of yellow fruits and an imperceptible hint of honey. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers an acidulous frame (beautiful acidity) as well as a beautiful finesse (but full of richness). On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, Mirabelle plum and small notes of crunchy white nectarine associated with fine hints of crunchy green apple as well as very discreet hints of citrus (lemon). Good length.

Score : 17+/20 (94/100)

Domaine du Château de Meursault Le Limozin 2017 Meursault

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine freshness, a fine grain as well as a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of quince, crushed kumquat and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with very fine hints of citrus, a subtle hint of white flowers and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, juiciness, a racy minerality as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy Mirabelle plum and small notes of fleshy pear associated with very fine hints of kumquat, discreet hints of zests/citrus (lemon, mandarin), flowers as well as very discreet hints of butter and almond.

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

Domaine Doreau 2017 Meursault

The nose is elegant and offers a very fine richness and freshness. It reveals notes of yellow plum, juicy William pear and small notes of kumquat associated with discreet hints of citrus, toasted, spices and butter/brioche. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine richness, dynamism, deepness as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh yellow plum, fresh/crunchy apple and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of fresh kumquat, a subtle hint of fresh lychee as well as fine hints of racy minerality and dry almond. Good length.

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

Domaine du Château de Meursault Clos des Grands Charrons 2017 Meursault

The nose is fruity, elegant, juicy, racy and offers a fine richness (in the background). It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of juicy citrus associated with fine touches of honey/beeswax as well as discreet hints of white flowers, minerality and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a fine juicy/acidulous frame, a fine suavity as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of peach associated with very fine touches of apricot (in the background) as well as a subtle hint of bee wax. Good length and persistence. A very discreet hint almost saline on the background/persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine du Château de Meursault 2017 Meursault-Perrières, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, very discreetly tight and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, lemon and small notes of white flowers (lemon tree blossom, peach tree blossom) associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, a good racy definition, a beautiful minerality as well as a very beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of crushed Mirabelle associated with very discreet hints of yellow flowers, butter, almond and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg (in the background). Good length.

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

Domaine du Château de Meursault Les Charmes Dessus 2017 Meursault, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as richness. It reveals notes of ripe yellow apple and small yellow fruits associated with discreet hints of citrus and a subtle hint of almost saline minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine tension as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, small ripe yellow fruits and small notes of kumquat associated with discreet hints of yellow flowers, exotic fruits (in the background) as well as a hint of almond and saline minerality. Good length and persistence.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Closierie des Alisiers, Stéphane Brocard Terroir de Meursault 2017 Meursault

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a very slightly tight grain, a small richness as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of ripe citrus associated with fine touches of yellow flowers, fresh hay/honey and very discreet hints of butter and toasted. The palate is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine juiciness, a small straightness, a fine fat as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of ripe/crushed small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of Quenette, butter and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond. Good length.

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

Loïc Forin 2017 Pernand-Vergelesses

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a fine grain and a fine intensity/deepness. It reveals notes of quince, peach and small notes of peach flowers associated with fine touches of William pear, brioche and discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, a fine straightness as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of crushed nectarine/pear as well as very fine hints of zests and racy minerality. Good length.

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

Domaine André Moingeon & Fils Les Frionnes 2017 Saint-Aubin, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful freshness, a fine grain and elegance. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach, juicy/fresh citrus (lemon, mandarine) and small notes of fresh lychee, green apple associated with slight touches of flint as well as hints of fresh quince and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, fat, a fine richness, a good balance, a fine aerial side, tension, precision, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, crunchy William pear and small notes of crushed apple, fleshy/fresh brugnion associated with very fine hints of Quenette/quince as well as fine hints of racy minerality, almond and white flowers (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine André Moingeon & Fils Sous Roche Dumay 2017 Saint-Aubin, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine richness and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of fleshy pear, fleshy peach and small notes of yellow peach associated with fine touches of butter, almond and very fine hints of lemon and a subtle hint of lime/flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, precision as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Williams pear, fleshy peach and small notes of yellow apple associated with a touch of quince, quénette and fine hints of citrus. Good length.

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

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Domaine André Moingeon & Fils

La Chatenière 2017 Saint-Aubin, 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, incisive and offers a fine intensity, elegance as well as a fine grain and raciness. It reveals notes of Golden apple, Williams pear and small notes of juicy/ripe quince associated with touches of honeysuckle, apple flowers, a subtle hint of mesocarp as well as discreet hints of quenette and lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful tension, a good definition, a fine straightness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe pear and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of exotic fruits/Quenette, ripe/juicy quince as well as a very discreet hint of zests and very fine hints of racy minerality/flint. Good length. A beautiful wine!

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

Domaine Patrick Miolane - Les Champlots 2017 Saint-Aubin 1er Cru

The nose reveals notes of ripe small yellow fruits and small notes of citrus associated with very fine hints of butter. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful roundness, suavity, a very fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe Mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits, apple and small notes of yellow peach associated with very fine hints of citrus and flint. Good length and persistence. An imperceptible almost tannic hint on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut - Les Basses Mourottes 2017 Ladoix 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandize, a very fine concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of juicy lemon, white fruits and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of flint, juicy/ripe white peach, zests and very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers elegance, a fine grain, fat as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of yellow peach associated with a touch of juicy Mirabelle plum as well as hints of crushed apple and flint. Good length. A very discreet hint of butter and almond on the finish/persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Edmond Cornu & Fils 2017 Ladoix

The nose is mineral and fresh. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, flint and small notes of fresh quince associated with discreet hints of fresh vine peach and a very discreet hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh pear, fresh vine peach and small notes of fresh lemon associated with a fine touch of fresh/crunchy Mirabelle plum. Good length. A very discreet chew on the finish.

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

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Pascal & Mireille Renaud 2017 Mâcon-Charnay

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of small juicy yellow fruits and small notes of apple associated with very fine hints of Mirabelle plum, white flowers and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, zests and small notes of quince associated with fine hints of apple/crunchy pear as well as a hint of Quenette and white flowers. An acidulous persistence (with a very discreet varietal hint).

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

Sylvaine & Alain Normand 2017 Mâcon La Roche-Vineuse

The nose is mineral, racy and offers power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy peach and small notes of zests associated with very fine hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, precision, suavity as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach, lychee and small notes of mandarin blossom associated with fine touches of zests/lemon as well as very discreet hints of juicy quenette and flint. Good length.

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

Cave de Lugny - Lieu-Dit En Chassigny 2017 Mâcon-Péronne

The nose offers notes of flowers, boxwood and small notes of crunchy white fruits associated with a touch of juicy lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, suavity, fat as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy white fruits (apple, peach) associated with fine touches of citrus and a fine hint of flowers. Good length.

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

Collovray-Terrier, Deux Roches - Plants du Carré 2017 Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a very fine power, a fine freshness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of Williams pear, ripe peach and small notes of citrus associated with very fine touches of juicy lemon, mandarin and toasted/butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy pink grapefruit and small notes of crushed pear associated with fine touches of crushed vine peach, quenette as well as hints of vanilla/toasted/butter. Good length.

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

Domaine de la Croix Salain 2017 Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fruity and offers tension and minerality. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh kumquat and small notes of white flowers associated with very fine hints of fleshy peach and very fine hints of flint. The palate is fruity and offers fat, suavity, a very fine unctuousity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crushed vine peach, juicy/fleshy apple and small notes of pear associated with touches of citrus as well as a hint of exotic fruits and fine hints of butter. An imperceptible hint almost saline on the finish.

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

Cave de Lugny - Les Charmes 2017 Mâcon-Lugny

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small concentration as well as a very fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, fleshy William pear and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of lemon flowers, apple flowers, fine hints of ripe lemon as well as a discreet hint of quenette and flint. The palate is fruity and offers richness, a small straightness, an acidulous frame as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, fleshy/juicy peach and small notes of juicy quince/juicy lemon associated with a hint of butter and racy minerality. Good length. An imperceptible hint almost saline on the persistence.

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



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Cave de Lugny - Cœur de Charmes 2014

Mâcon-Lugny

The nose is mineral and slightly tight/closed. It reveals notes of pear/ripe apple and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of zests, varietals and flint. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers an acidulous frame as well as juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous citrus, juicy/acidulous peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of quince as well as discreet hints of zests, butter/beeswax and varietal. A very discreet hint almost tannic on the finish.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Vignerons de Buxy - Chardonnay 2018

Mâcon Villages

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a fine fleshiness and a fine minerality. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe lemon and small notes of quince associated with a touch of apple, white flowers and very discreet hints of lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy peach, juicy/fleshy pear, apple and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) as well as fine hints of flowers. Good length.

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

Domaine Catherine & Didier Tripoz - Clos des Tournons 2018

Mâcon Charnay Lès Mâcon

The nose is racy and offers precision. It reveals notes of crunchy white peach, apple and small notes of zests associated with very fine hints of kumquat and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, gourmandize as well as a juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, fleshy peach and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of juicy mandarin as well as fine hints of juicy quenette and a very discreet hint of juicy lychee.

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

Deux Roches, Collovray Terrier - Tradition 2017

Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fruity and offers juicy fruits. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe kumquat and small notes of juicy clementine (in the background) associated with very fine hints of almond and bee wax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a small juiciness, a fine roundness as well as a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy green apple and small notes of juicy clementine associated with very fine hints of almond and yellow fruits. There are very discreet oak hints and a subtle hint of butter on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Joël Curveux & Fils 2017

Mâcon-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe peach and small notes of crunchy green apple associated with fine hints of small yellow fruits and a very discreet buttered hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers roundness, suavity, fat, gourmandize as well as a slightly acidulous and very discreetly tight frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy white peach, ripe / fleshy apple and small notes of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) combined with very slight hints of exotic fruits (quenette) and a subtle buttered hint / vanilla. Good length.

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

Nadine Ferrand - Les Roches 2016

Mâcon-Villages

The nose offers concentration as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of crushed nectarine, ripe exotic fruits (quenette, papaya) combined with very slight varietal hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine fat, minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of nectarine and ripe exotic fruits associated with very fine varietal hints and an imperceptible hint of linden. Good length.

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

Domaine Luquet - Le Pavillon 2017

Mâcon-Villages

The nose offers freshness, fruity and a small oak. It reveals notes of ripe citrus (lemon, mandarin, kumquat) and small notes of yellow fruits associated with very fine hints of toasted and a discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity as well as tension. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/juicy Mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat/yellow fruits associated with very fine hints of oak/almond, beeswax and an imperceptible hint of white flowers. An imperceptible hint almost saline and almost tannic on the finish/persistence.

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

Pascal & Mireille Renaud

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Mâcon-Charnay

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers concentration and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, zests and small notes of fresh/crushed white peach associated with fine hints of clementine and very discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, fat, minerality, freshness, tension as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed yellow plum and juicy/crushed yellow plum associated with fine touches of kumquat, physalis as well as very discreet hints of white flowers and toasted/almond. A very discreet tannic sensation on the finish/persistence.

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

Domaine du Château de Pierreelos - Vieilles vignes 2016

Mâcon-Bussières

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness, a fine juiciness as well as a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy / juicy peach, juicy apple and small notes of juicy lemon associated with very slight hints of juicy quenette and a subtle hint of juicy / fresh mandarin. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers good definition, precision, a good structure as well as a mineral / slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy mandarin and small notes of ripe / juicy peach combined with very slight hints of juicy / crunchy vine peach and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length. A very discreet almost saline hint on the finish / persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Closerie des Alisiers 2018

Mâcon-Villages

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy lemon, juicy vine peach and small notes of Williams pear associated with fine touches of small exotic fruits and discreet hints of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine straightness, fat as well as a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy William pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of exotic fruits (Quenette...) associated with discreet hints of very ripe citrus.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Nadine Ferrand 2018

Mâcon Solutré-Pouilly

The nose is fruity and offers crunchiness, a fine juiciness and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, crunchy peach and small notes of crunchy pear associated with discreet varietal hints/white flowers and a hint of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, an acidulous/juicy frame, precision as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/crunchy vine peach and small notes of zests associated with a discreet hint of crunchy/juicy apple and very discreet varietal hints.

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

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Domaine de la Jobeline - En Prévisy 2017 Mâcon-Versé

The nose is fruity, gourmand, racy and offers a fine richness as well as a small minerality. It reveals notes of juicy/crunchy peach, juicy quince and small notes of fresh lemon associated with very fine hints of crushed pear/butter and an imperceptible hint of fresh white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, fat, suavity, a good structure, gourmandize as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of quince associated with subtle hint of fresh lemon/lemon zests as well as very discreet hints of butter (in the background) and a subtle hint of vanilla.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Joël Curveux & Fils Les Ménestrières 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers freshness as well as a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, crunchy white nectarine and small notes of juicy mandarin associated with discreet hints of citrus flowers and an imperceptible hint of almond flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as fat/suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon and small notes of kumquat associated with very fine hints of crushed quince, butter/beeswax.

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

Domaine Joël Curveux & Fils Les Vignes Blanches 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration/power as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, ripe zests and small notes of small ripe white fruits (peach, pear) associated with very fine hints of white flowers as well as discreet hints of vanilla, toasted, fresh almond and a very discreet varietal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, freshness, precision as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed pear, crushed peach and small notes of quince associated with very fine hints of white flowers as well as a subtle hint of fleshy Mirabelle plum. Good length.

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

Sylvaine & Alain Normand - Aux Vignerai 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh apple and small notes of crunchy peach associated with fine touches of zests, flowers, fresh lychee and hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as suavity/fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy green apple and small notes of zests associated with a hint of crunchy/juicy peach, juicy lychee as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. An imperceptible hint almost tannic on the finish.

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

Closerie des Alisiers - Trilogie de Terroirs 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of William pear associated with a fine hint of lemon and quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a small unctuousness, tension, a good guideline as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy/crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of ripe lemon associated with fine touches of mandarine as well as fine hints of beeswax/butter and an imperceptible toasted hint/vanilla. Good length.

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

Château de Lavernette Cuvée Jean-Jacques de Boissieu 2016 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers power as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of fresh/crunchy quince, fresh exotic fruits and small notes of nectarine/peach flowers associated with very discreet hints of fresh citrus. The palate is fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers suavity, gourmandize, tension, fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/fresh quince and small notes of exotic fruits (lychee, Quenette) associated with fine hints of crunchy green peach/peach flowers as well as very fine hints of racy minerality.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Aegerter - Les Crays 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a fine grain as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of caviar lemon and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of juicy mandarin zests as well as very discreet hints of exotic fruits and a hint of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, suavity, fat, gourmandize as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, white nectarine and small notes of caviar lemon associated with very fine hints of exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of butter.

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



Domaine Carrette - Pres des Gours 2016 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine elegance. It reveals notes of quince, beeswax/butter and small notes of nectarine associated with very fine hints of small yellow plum as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, suavity as well as structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous yellow plum, quince and small notes of citrus associated with very fine hints of beeswax/almond/butter.

Good length. A very discreet tannic hint on the finish.

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

Domaine Sophie Cinier - Classic 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, crunchy apple and small notes of quince associated with very fine hints of white flowers and flint. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a fine tension, an acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of green apple, litchi and small notes of lemon associated with a subtle hint of exotic fruits as well as very fine hints of flowers and flint. Good length.

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

Château Lavernette - Maison du Villard 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, slightly flowery and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of vine peach, crushed brugnion and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with very fine hints of beeswax, small yellow fruits and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy lemon and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine hints of juicy apple as well as very discreet hints of almond flowers. Good length.

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

Bourgogne White wines

Pascal & Mireille Renaud Aux Bouthières 2015 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness/minerality. It reveals notes of quince, Mirabelle plum and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine hints of dry orange zests as well as very discreet hint of crunchy peach. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine fat as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, quince and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of fleshy peach, apple, flint and a subtle hint of yellow flowers. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Pascal & Mireille Renaud Aux Insarts 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers elegance, raciness, finesse and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of Reine Claude plum associated with fine touches of yellow apple as well as a discreet hint of white flowers, juicy citrus, almond, an imperceptible hint of exotic fruits and a hint of toasted/toasted oak.

The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness and a juicy/slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe peach and small notes of crunchy yellow plum associated with fine hints of juicy citrus/juicy yellow fruits as well as discreet toasted hints/almond. Good length and good structure.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Pascal & Mireille Renaud - Vieilles Vignes 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is juicy, fruity and offers a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe peach and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of crushed Mirabelle plum as well as a subtle hint of dry orange, lime zests and very discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful grain/definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe Mirabelle plum and small notes of green apple associated with a subtle hint of pear, pineapple as well as a very discreet hint of yellow flowers, almond and butter. Good length. A very fine tannic sensation on the finish.

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

Sébastien Giroux - Les Raidillons 2016 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is mineral, racy and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of racy minerality/flint, green apple and small notes of lemon associated with fine hints of quince, flowers and discreet varietal hints. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, suavity and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of pear/peach associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits, butter, racy minerality, flowers/varietals as well as discreet hints of vanilla. Good length.

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

Domaine Luquet - En Chatenet 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of honeysuckle, yellow flowers and small fine notes of yellow peach and small notes of yellow fruits associated with fine touches of oak and bee was. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine grain, a fine acidu-

lous frame as well as structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/ripe quince and small notes of juicy small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of yellow flowers, honeysuckle, almond as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

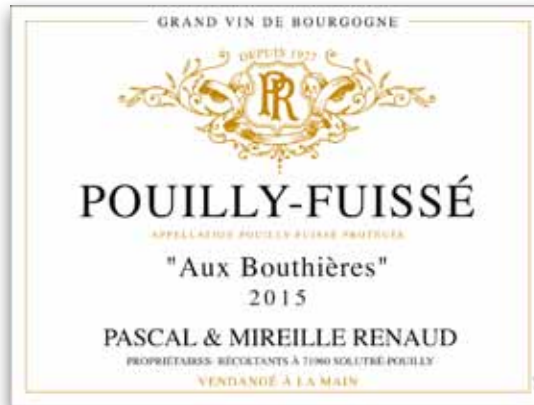
Score : 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Collovray & Terrier

Deux Roches - Vieilles Vignes 2017 Pouilly-Fuissé

The nose is fruity and offers freshness. It reveals notes ripe lemon, crushed pear and small notes of crushed Mirabelle associated with very discreet hints of white flowers and imperceptible toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension, an acidulous/mineral frame as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy vine peach and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of Quenette, Mirabelle plum as well as very discreet hints of butter and vanilla. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Pierre Naigeon Clos Reyssier 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)



Pascal & Mireille Renaud - Champ de Perdrix 2018 Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity and mineral. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, zests and small notes of white fruits associated with touches of flint as well as a subtle hint of juicy Mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, precision as well as a good structure.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of

quince, juicy citrus and small notes of zests associated with touches of juicy apple as well as subtle touch of exotic fruits and fine hints of flint.

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

Domaine Carrette - Les Mures 2017 Saint-Véran

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-built, racy and offers minerality and tension. It reveals notes of lemon, zests and small notes of small juicy/acidulous white fruits associated with very discreet hints of almond (in the background) and spices. The palate is fruity, well-built and offers a juicy frame, tension, precision as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, zests and small notes of vine peach associated with very fine hints of crunchy pineapple, flint and lychee. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Bourgogne White wines

Collovray & Terrier, Deux Roches - Les Terres Noires 2017 Saint-Véran

The nose is fresh and offers a fine minerality and richness. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy pear and small notes of Mirabelle associated with very fine hints of yellow peach as well as flint and discreet hints of spices. The palate is juicy, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle plum, juicy/fleshy quince and small notes of yellow peach associated with very fine touches of juicy lemon, zests, butter as well as discreet hints of almond. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Deux Roches, Collovray Terrier - Tradition 2017 Viré-Clessé

The nose offers a fine power, a very fine concentration as well as freshness. It reveals notes of yellow fruits and small notes of fresh citrus, zests associated with fine hints of hay and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, roundness, fat as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous Mirabelle plum, yellow fruits and small notes of yellow plum associated with very fine hints of fleshy/juicy pear as well as a very discreet hint of zests and spices.

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

Domaine Le Virolys - Quintaine 2017 Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a very fine richness and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of quince, fleshy nectarine and small notes of lychee associated with very fine hints of flowers, pear, flint as well as imperceptible hints of almond flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-built, well-defined as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, fleshy pear and lychee associated with very fine hints of flowers, minerality, citrus and fresh almond. Good length.

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

Domaine Le Virolys 2018 Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity, beautifully mineral, fresh and offers power. It reveals notes of fresh zests (kumquat, lemon, mandarine) and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of pear and very discreet hints of fresh lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, suavity, grain as well as a certain straightness/finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy kumquat and small notes of exotic fruits associated with very fine hints of flowers and very discreet hints of butter/toasted/vanilla. Good length.

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

Sophie Cinier 2017 Viré-Clessé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of kumquat, lemon and small notes of zests associated with very fine touches of crunchy white fruits and flint. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine and offers an aerial side, fatness/roundness, a fine grain as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, quince and small notes of lemon associated with a fine touch of crunchy Mirabelle plum and hints of flint. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Le Virolys 2016 Viré-Clessé

The nose is elegant and offers a fine power as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of beeswax, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of lemon, apple as well as fine hints of toasted oak and butter. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine fat, a fine straightness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow lemon, quince and small notes of butter associated with fine touches of crushed Mirabelle plum, a subtle hint of jam, apple as well as very fine hints of toasted oak and almond. A gastronomic wine.

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

Sophie Cinier 2016 Viré-Clessé

The nose is mineral, racy and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of zests ripe/juicy lemon and small notes of green peach associated with a hint of green apple as well as very fine hints of pink lychee/quenette, flint and very discreet hints of honeysuckle. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, tension, fat as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, quince and small notes of zests associated with fine touches of crushed nectarine as well as very fine hints of quenette/lychee and a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

CÔTE CHALONNAISE

Domaine Louis Max - Les Rochelles 2017 Mercurey

The nose is fruity and offers a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of lime, crunchy quince and small notes of small crunchy yellow fruits associated with touches of honeysuckle as well as very fine hints of lime (in the background) and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, crunchiness as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy green apple and small notes of crunchy quince associated with a subtle hint of honeysuckle.

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

Domaine de Villaine 2017 Bouzeron

The nose is fruity, well-built and precise. It reveals notes of quince, honeysuckle and small notes of fresh lilac/orange flowers associated with fine touches of white fruits, crushed yellow plum as well as fine hints of beeswax/brioche, dried mandarin zests and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers minerality, a beautiful acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon, kumquat and small notes of orange flowers associated with small touches of brioche, butter, toasted and spices.

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

Francois D'Allaines 2016 Givry

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful racy minerality and a good definition. It reveals notes of Mirabelle plum/yellow plum, apple and small notes of citrus associated with very fine touches of racy minerality as well as hints of lychee and flowers (rose, white). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality, straightness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe citrus (mandarin, lemon), crunchy/juicy vine peach and small notes of apple associated with very fine hints of lychee, white flowers as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruits and almond. Good length.

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

Vignerons de Buxy 2016 Montagny

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize as well as a small fleshiness. It reveals notes of lemon, juicy lemon and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with a subtle hint of white rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a fine richness, fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, fleshy green apple and small notes of quince associated with an imperceptible hint of racy minerality. The finish is slightly tight.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Vignerons de Buxy 2017 Montagny

The nose is fresh and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon zests, fresh citrus and small notes of apple associated with very slight hints of crunchy yellow fruits and an imperceptible hint of yellow flowers. The palate is fruity and offers a good structure, tension, a fine straightness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/fresh nectarine and small notes of quince associated with a subtle hint of apple tree flowers and minerality. Good length.

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

Bourgogne

White wines

Millebuis - Monteuchot 2017 Montagny, 1er Cru

The nose is fresh, mineral, aromatic and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe yellow peach, Mirabelle plum and small notes of butter associated with fine touches of ripe citrus as well as a very discreet hint of crushed pear, honeysuckle and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a fine fat as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed nectarine and small notes of crushed pear associated with fine touches of butter, apple as well as very discreet toasted hints and almond. Good length.

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

Maison Géraldine Louise - Les Chaniots 2017 Montagny, 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild small yellow fruits and small notes of crunchy yellow apple associated with fine touches of citrus zests, minerality and hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of crunchy pear, flint as well as very fine hints of toasted almond and butter brioche. A very discreet hint of almond on the aftertaste.

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

Domaine Louis Max - Les Plantenays 2017 Rully

The nose is fruity, fresh and very slightly tight. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with very fine hints of small white fruits as well as discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small white fruits and small notes of flint associated with very fine hints of zests, racy minerality and a very discreet hint of white flowers. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Chanzy - Les Cailloux 2017 Rully

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine richness and precision. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of crushed white fruits associated with a very fine hint of lychee and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, juicy/fresh kumquat and small notes of crushed white fruits associated with a subtle hint of exotic fruits as well as fine hints of flint. Tannins are well-built.

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

Chanzy - En Rosey 2017 Rully

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity and a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of lemon, zests and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits and an imperceptible hint of bee wax. The palate is fruity, juicy, racy and offers a beautiful racy minerality, an acidulous frame as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, zests, quince and small notes of white fruits (crunchy apple, pear...) associated with very fine touches of white flowers and flint.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

CHABLIS & GRAND AUXERROIS

Closierie des Alisiers - Vieilles Vignes 2018 Chablis

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very slightly tight grain as well as a very fine richness. It reveals notes lemon/ripe quince associated with very discreet hints of zests and racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers/variety in the background. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, juiciness and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy quince and small notes of zests associated with small mineral touches, crunchy peach as well as a very discreet hint of grapefruit's mesocarp and very discreet hints of white flowers. Good length.

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

Closierie des Alisiers 2018 Chablis

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and a fine mineral frame. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh zests and small notes of flint associated with discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality, a fine fat as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon zests, juicy/fresh quince and small notes of crunchy/juicy nectarine associated with very fine hints of exotic fruits, almond as well as a subtle hint of almond. Good length.

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

Simonnet-Febvre - Chitry 2017 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, lemon and small notes of white fruits associated with a hint of citrus mesocarp, flowers/variety and flint. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers tension, a fine juicy/acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/fleshy peach and small notes of juicy mandarin associated with a touch of juicy pear as well as very fine hints of exotic fruits and flint. Good length. An imperceptible hint almost tannic on the finish/persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

OTHERS WHITE BURGOGNE

Domaine du Clos des Poulettes - Chardonnay 2018 Bourgogne Côte d'or

The nose is fruity and offers a small power/concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh quince and small notes of zests (mandarin, yuzu/lemon) associated with touches of apple, discreet hints of small yellow plum as well as fine hints of racy minerality and beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, racy minerality as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, quince and small notes of crunchy white peach associated with fine touches of flowers and butter.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Petitjean 2017 Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of lemon, zests and small notes of orange mesocarp associated with fine touches of crushed white peach, white flowers as well as very slight hints of flint and imperceptible hints of spices/dry almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers suavity, a small fleshiness as well as an acidulous frame and a very discreet firmness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy vine peach and small notes of quince associated with very slight hints of pear, juicy mandarin as well as an imperceptible hint of butter and almond.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Millebuis - Chardonnay 2017 Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh grapefruit zests and small notes of juicy green apple associated with a hint of crunchy pear as well as discreet hints of lemon/jasmine flowers. The palate is fruity, suave, gourmand and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy/acidulous green apple and small notes of crunchy peach associated with fine touches of flowers and hints of flint. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Vignerons de Buxy 2018 Bourgogne Aligoté

The nose is fruity and finely gourmand. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of fleshy peach as well as fine hints of zests and very fine hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed yellow apple associated with very fine touches of lychee, flowers and flint. Good length.

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

Champagne

Champagne Germar Breton, Blanc de Noir, Brut

The nose is fruity and offers a fine creaminess, a small freshness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, yellow peach and small notes of mirabelle plum associated with a fine touch of lemon and apple blossoms. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good structure as well as a fine straightness. The effervescence is very fine, elegant and frank. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of lemon, fresh quince and small notes of fresh apple associated with very slight hints of fresh pineapple as well as discreet hints of brioche. Good length. There are very discreet hints of dried almond on the persistence.

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

Champagne Yann Alexandre Sous les Roses 2013, Blanc de Noirs, Extra Brut

The nose is fruity and offers a fine creaminess and elegance. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, apple and small notes of lemon associated with very fine touches of mandarine flowers, a hint of pineapple, brioche as well as an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, fat, roundness and a beautiful definition. The effervescence is fine and slightly unctuous. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of crunchy nectarine, Williams pear and small notes of lemon associated with very fine touches of pineapple, flowers, brioche and an imperceptible hint of meringue. Good length.

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

Champagne Georges Vesselle – Blanc de Noirs - Extra Brut

The nose is elegant and offers creaminess, finesse, a fine freshness as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of lemon, toast and small notes of apple associated with slight hints of almond (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a fine tension, elegance as well as dynamism. The effervescence is fine, elegant and offers dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy yellow peach associated with fine touches of dried zest, toast as well as a subtle hint of dried almond and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. Good length and persistence. Very beautiful persistence. Beautiful barrel work!

Score : 16.25+ /20 (93 /100)

Philipponnat - Blanc de Noirs 2012 Extra-Brut

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a juicy/fresh fruit. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, lemon flowers and small notes of apple associated with discreet hints of fresh litchie, rose and an imperceptible toasted hint. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine and offers delicacy, deepness, an acidulous/juicy frame, a fine creaminess as well as a fine tension. The effervescence is very fine. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of lemon juicy green apple and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with fine touches of lemon/juicy mandarine as well as discreet hints almond and brioche. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Champagne Michel Lorient, Apollonis Monodie 2010, Meunier Vieilles Vignes - Extra-Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant, racy and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of yellow peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of kumquat, small fruits, discreet hints of yellow flowers, spices as well as very discreet hints of brioche butter, beeswax and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, fat, a small tension, elegance as well as a good definition and a fine melodious side. The effervescence is well-built and elegant. On the palate this Champagne expresses notes of yellow plum, quince and small notes of yellow peach associated with fine touches of brioche butter as well as very discreet hints of zest, flowers (yellow flowers, lemon flowers), dried almond and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. An imperceptible chews on the finish / persistence. A gastronomic Champagne.

Score : 16.25+ /20 (93 /100)

Champagne Bollinger - La Grande Année 2008, Brut

The nose is fresh, fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, mandarin) and small notes of lemon flowers associated with very fine touches of peach, crunchy pear as well as discreet hints of meringue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision, a beautiful finesse of the structure, an acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. On palate this Champagne expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, juicy/fresh nectarine and small notes of pear associated with very fine hints of peach flowers, almond and toasted. Good persistence. A beautiful effervescence, very fine and delicate.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)



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Roussillon

Domaine de la Rectorie, Argile 2017 Collioure Blanc

This white wine from Collioure is made of 90% Grenache Gris and 10% Grenache Blanc, coming from schist terraces. These varieties are harvested at early maturity to maintain the best balance between finesse and volume. Fermented in barrels, this wine is aged on lees until April. Almost transparent, the wine is net & direct, some flowers and some wet rock, but it opens completely in the mouth. Ample and balanced with a finesse that comes from the minerality. The structure is exemplary.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Clos Saint-Sébastien, Empreintes 2016 Collioure Blanc

On the Côte Vermeille, in the village of Banyuls sur Mer, Clos Saint-Sébastien was founded in 2008 by the association of Jacques Piriou and the oenologist Romuald Peronne. This wine has an attractive and vibrant bouquet of kiwi, lime, tomatillo and white peaches. It has an aromatic finesse, a soft texture and a light acidity. A note of green melon adds extra character to the palate.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Clos Saint-Sébastien, Inspiration marine 2016 Collioure Rouge

Mostly made of Mourvèdre with a bit of Grenache Noir, this wine shows all the rustic potential of this varietal. Spicy with earthy accents, leather and licorice are closely linked to its red fruit core & dense Morello cherry character. The tannins are strong and give a lot of texture on the palate as well as grip and length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine de la Rectorie, Côté mer 2017 Collioure Rouge

Marc and Thierry Parcé inherited a family vineyard. In the region of La Rectorie, winemaking is guided by the choice of vines: from 30 plots of different exposures and altitudes. The estate is attached to the rugged slopes of the seafront around Banyuls and Collioure in Roussillon. Fine nose of ripe black fruit with a touch of vanilla. Its palate is complex, with a nice balance between fruit aromas and woody notes. Pleasant, long finish with hints of spices for added details.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Domaine du Clos des Fées, Vieilles Vignes 2015 Côtes du Roussillon Villages

Hervé Bizeul had a little crazy idea in 1997 to settle in a lost village, in the middle of nowhere, in an area made of limestone, clay and mountains, Vingrau. This neglected corner of the Valley of Agly is known for the richness of its terroir and its old winding vineyards. This wine from the oldest vines in the vineyard (50 to 100 years old) is composed of 50% Grenache and Lladoner Pelut, 35% Carignan, 15% Syrah. Intense ink color and a surprising intensity of candied fruits, with notes of tobacco and vanilla, this wine is of a generous and unctuous concentration.

Score : 15.5+/20 (90/100)

Michel Chapoutier, Occultum Lapidem, 2015 Côtes du Roussillon Villages Latour-de-France

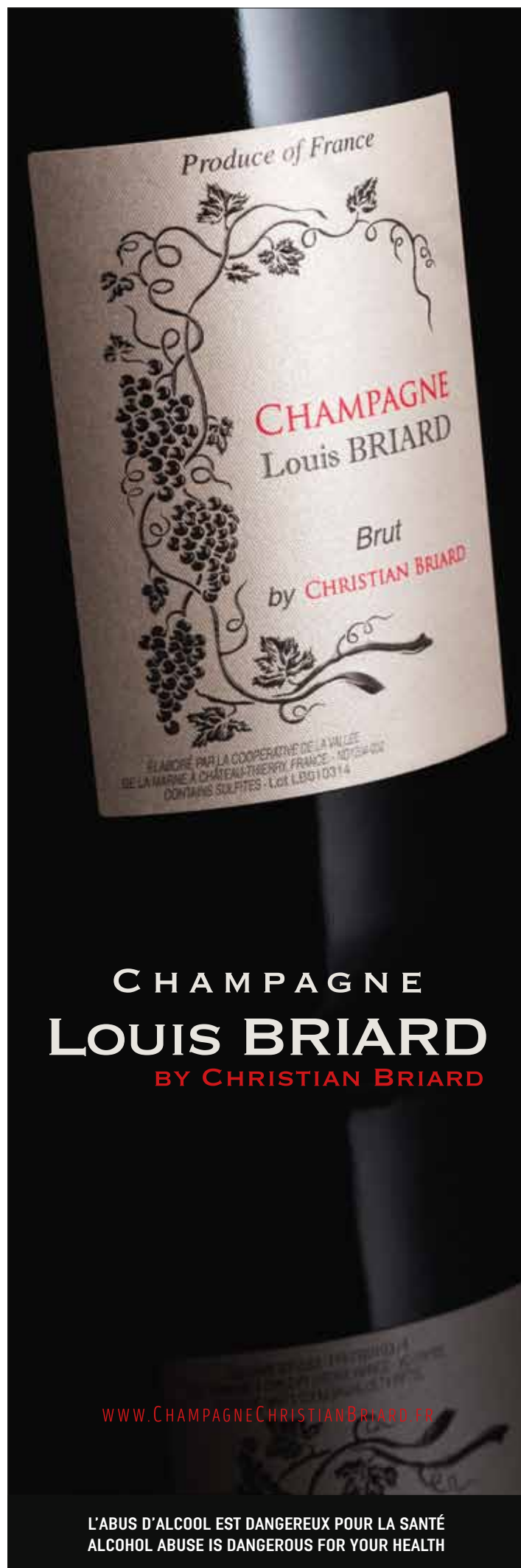
Originally from the Rhôdaniennne region, Mr. Chapoutier has scattered all over the world to discover new terroir, including Côtes du Roussillon. Occultum Lapidem, a blend of 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache and the rest of Carignan and Mourvèdre is refined to perfection. On the nose, there is a relationship between delicate berries, raspberries, blackberries, and a richer intensity of aromas such as coffee and graphite. The texture is round, but also has structured tannins and a superb touch of spice.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Gardiés, les Millères 2018 Côtes du Roussillon Villages

Spread over different types of soil, Domaine Gardiés reds are among the best in the region, with a beautiful volume on the palate and flavors of great precision. Ripe enough, but with elegance, the inevitable Les Millères is a fine example of the drier part of Roussillon, on the black schists of Agly. Complex, structured and harmonious.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



Roussillon

Gérard Bertrand, Grand Terroir Tautavel 2016
Côtes du Roussillon Villages Tautavel

Gérard Bertrand, renowned Languedoc producer is a strong advocate of sustainable practice and biodiversity, he was one of the first to introduce biodynamic farming on a large scale in the Cigalus vineyard. This blend of Syrah, Grenache and Carignan is very flashy with aromas of very ripe black fruits, pepper and a woody presence. On the palate, there's rich matter, heat (especially in the finish) and a surprisingly supple tannic structure.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Domaine du Clos des Fées, Les Sorcières 2017
Côtes du Roussillon

The fruity characteristics are the star of this wine, quite the opposite of the cuvée old vines of the same estate. With notes of wild berries, red plums and cherries that shows great intensity. Subtle accents of chocolate and smoke add depth. The structure is fine and very approachable.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Domaine Cazes, Hommage 2017
Côtes du Roussillon

This cuvée is made of 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre. It shows great purity in its expression with pure red fruit & cherry aromas, hints of herbs and crushed blackberry. Every aspect of the wine is defined & clearly stand out. The acidity is uplifting with great concentration and a finale that brings a tapenade flavor.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Mas Bécha, Classique Charles 2017
Côtes du Roussillon

Exceptional vineyard nestled in the heart of the Aspres, the 25 hectares of Mas Bécha was a key player in the revival of Roussillon wines. This classic Côtes du Roussillon has pronounced aromas of herbs, which then give way to plum, cherry and a touch of bitter cocoa. Quite plump, the mouth shows finesse and elegance with a nice intensity of expression.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Domaine Treolar, Tahï 2012
Côtes du Roussillon

Tahï is the Maori word for "I". It is made from the parcels of Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre on Le Roubau, a rare limestone hillside, and aged for 12 months in French oak barriques. Completely torrefied and empyreumatic, the richness and concentration of the wine are surprising. All kinds of berries and tree bark comes to play along too. The palate is a mix of the bright acidity, the soft texture and the framed full body.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château de l'Ou, Secret de Schistes 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Secret de schistes is a Syrah from mosaic-like schists in the Agly Valley at 325 meters of altitude. It's an intricate Syrah with its many facets, deep and unctuous texture and concentrated body. This structured wine has aromas as delicate as raspberries, but also mature herbs, licorice, chocolate, graphite & white pepper. This tannic wine expresses an extraordinary purity, with a well-integrated acidity and a beautiful finish.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Château de l'Ou, Infiniment de l'ou 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Made of Syrah exclusively, vinified and aged in barrels, this wine boasts a very deep black color with a slightly purple hue. The expression is ripe, sleek and unctuous with wild berries, dried herbs, graphite and peppery meaty character. The palate is structured and textured with soft, integrated tannins and an evolving finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Vacquer, Exigence 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Frederique Vacquer is a small, almost confidential vineyard in the very interesting, upcoming Aspres region. They work different single varietal cuvée like this 100% Grenache Noir. A combination of old vines and terroir. Dominated by ripe and concentrated black fruits, there's also a touch of wild herbs and licorice. The palate is spicier and finely textured with decent length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Vacquer, L'expression 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Based on a not so popular varietal in the Roussillon, at least as a single varietal, this pure Carignan is original. Crisp & elegant with chiseled pure fruits and Scrubland aromas, the expression is as bright as it can get with very apparent effect & minerality from the clay soils.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Domaine Olivier Pithon, Mon p'tit Pithon Rouge 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Young vines of Grenache Noir bought in 2008. This wine is a crisp and bright, lighter styled blend of Mourvèdre, Grenache noir and Syrah. Fresh red berries & a slight touch of sweet spices are joined by a refreshing acidity. It's easy-drinking in every way.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Riberach, Synthèse Blanc 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

The Riberach project started in 2006 with 20 acres of vineyard, with the aim of making wines that reflect terroir, soil and climate. A blend of Macabeu, Carignan, Grenache Blanc & Grenache Gris, this wine is dry and filled with fresh citrus fruit expression. Other aromas include white flowers, fennel, white pepper and a decent salinity for added complexity. Overly easy-going, slender and delicate.

Score : 13.75/20 (86/100)

Riberach, Hypothèse Blanc 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Made exclusively from Carignan gris vines with an average of 50 years old, this wine shows a massive mineral component. Quite austere and surprising, the wine feels like pure rock juice. The acidity is highly framing the palate.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Riberach, Hypothèse Rouge 2016
IGP Côtes Catalanes

Made exclusively of Carignan, this wine offers a deep and concentrated character. It's intense, enchantingly fragrant and profound with precise and clean aromas of ripe red berries, cassis, scrubland and graphite. The palate offers a good vibrancy & tension while maintaining the same complexity and purity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Castell d'Agly 2015
Maury sec

Domaine Cazes watches over one of the largest vineyards of Languedoc-Roussillon in organic and biodynamic agriculture. The appellation Maury was officially authorized to produce dry wines in the form of AOP in 2011 and has been doing wonders ever since. A partnership between Maison Cazes and Mas de Lavail, Castell d'Agly offers a blend of Grenache Noir and Carignan. On the nose, it has pronounced aromas of vanilla, clove, violet, pepper, cocoa and a touch of ground coffee. In the mouth, the tannins are silky and refined, with smoke and mineral notes.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Alsace

Kuentz-Bas - Mosaik 2017 - Riesling Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, juicy/ripe yellow plum and small notes of quince associated with very fine touches of mandarin flowers as well as a hint of fresh zests, fresh quince and fine hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity, tension, gourmandize as well as a fleshy/juicy/generous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin), fresh zests and small notes of crunchy green apple associated with very fine touches of acidulous yellow plum as well as fine hints of white flowers. Good length and persistence.

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

Frédéric Mochel - Riesling 2017, Cuvée Henriette

Altenberg de Bergbieten, Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fresh, slightly tight and offers minerality, it reveals notes of fresh zests, crunchy apple and small notes of flint/racy minerality associated with a hint of fresh lemon flowers and fine hints of small crunchy fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, tension, precision as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, juicy/ripe nectarine and small notes of juicy/crunchy pear associated with fine touches of zests, fresh white flowers as well as fine hints of quenette and flint. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Ruhlmann - Riesling 2017 Muenchberg, Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a racy minerality as well as a slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, quince and small notes of pineapple associated with fine touches of yellow peach as well as a discreet hint of lychee, yellow flowers and very discreet hints of beeswax. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a fine grain, a fine acidulous frame as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed yellow plum and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of quenette as well as discreet hints of yellow plum and honey/butter (in the background). Good length.

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

Domaine Dussourt - Riesling 2017, Réserve Prestige Scherwiller, Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of pear flowers as well as imperceptible hints of sweet spices and honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh and offers a fine airy side, verticality as well as a juicy/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe yellow apple, quince and small notes of acidulous yellow plum associated with fine touches of honey/beeswax, flowers, minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of spices.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Jean-Baptiste Adam - Le Riesling 2017 Kaeffertkopf, Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine/well-built grain. It reveals notes of quince, yellow plum and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of apple, citrus as well as very discreet hints of honey. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh quince, yellow plum and small notes of crushed apple associated with a fine touch of pear as well as very fine hints of fresh/juicy quenette. Good length. A small crunchiness on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Jean-Baptiste Adam - Le Riesling 2017 Wineck-Schlossberg, Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of Mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and small notes of crushed brugnong associated with fine touches of citrus, zests as well as

very discreet hints of flint. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, gourmand and offers a good definition as well as a juicy/slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy Mirabelle plum, juicy/fleshy pear and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of lemon, zests and quenette. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Ruhlman - Riesling 2017 Frankstein, Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, precise and offers structure as well as a very fine firmness. It reveals notes of quince, pear and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with fine hints of small yellow plum as well as discreet hints of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, a good definition as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe yellow plum, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of yellow plum associated with touches of quenette, exotic fruits as well as very discreet hints of apricot.

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

Ruhlmann - Riesling 2017, Granit "S" Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, candied Mirabelle and small notes of crushed pear associated with a fine touch of sugar lemon and a very discreet hint of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, gourmandize as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed pear and small notes of crystallized lemon associated with a fine touch of sugar white grapefruit as well as fine hints of lychee and white flowers. Good length.

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

Kuentz-Bas, Trois Châteaux - Riesling 2017 Eichberg, Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, sweet spices/nutmeg and small notes of yellow apple associated with very fine hints of lemon and beeswax. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize as well as a very fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of beeswax associated with very fine touches of nutmeg as well as fine hints of butter as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good persistence with an imperceptible almost tannic hint.

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

Kuentz-Bas, Trois Châteaux - Riesling 2017 Pfersigberg - Alsace Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of beeswax, small yellow fruits and small notes of dry lemon zests associated with a touch of quince as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of grey pepper and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, minerality, roundness as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of dry lemon associated with a fine touch of yellow apple, a subtle hint of flowers as well as fine hints of beeswax, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. Good persistence.

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

Kuentz-Bas, Trois Châteaux - Riesling 2017 Alsace

The nose offers a fine freshness and a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of quince, nutmeg and small notes of fleshy white fruits associated with small touches of citrus as well as discreet hints of vanilla/brioche. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a fine gourmandize, a very fine tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy Mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed brugnong associated with a fine touch of fleshy/juicy apple and a hint of quenette. Good length. An imperceptible hint of bitterness on the aftertaste.

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

Alsace

Schieferkopf - Riesling 2017, Lieu-dit Buehl Alsace

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of crushed pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with discreet touches of flowers and flint. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality as well as a slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of mango, crushed yellow apple as well as very fine hints of white flowers.

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

Schieferkopf - Riesling 2017, Lieu-dit Berg Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers freshness and precision/straightness. It reveals notes of fresh yellow apple, fresh quince and small notes of fresh apple flowers associated with small touches of crushed nectarine. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine tension/straightness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, juicy/fresh quince and small notes of fresh/crushed nectarine associated with fine touches of fresh/crushed nectarine associated with fine touches of fresh white flowers as well as very discreet hints of flint. Good length.

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

Schieferkopf - Riesling 2017, Via Saint-Jacques Alsace

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of fresh flowers and small notes of pear, quince associated with fine touches of fresh citrus (lemon, mandarin) as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers gourmandize, a small suavity as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of crushed peach associated with a fine touch of yellow currant, fresh quenette as well as a subtle hint of fresh pink lychee. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Schieferkopf - Riesling 2017, Lieu-dit Fels Alsace

The nose is fresh and offers a fine richness/intensity, a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, nutmeg and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of small white fruits as well as fine hints of apple, dry almond and very discreet hints of oak. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine deepness, a fine incisive side as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, acidulous Mirabelle plum and small notes of crushed white fruits associated with small touches of citrus, pineapple as well as hints of beeswax, nutmeg and very discreet hints of sweet spices.

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

Adam - Le Riesling 2017 - Letzenberg Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers concentration/power and intensity. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, zests and small notes of brugnion associated with fine touches of yellow flowers as well as fine hints of rose, flowers and lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, precise, a good structure as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy mandarine and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of pineapple, pear as well as discreet hints of zests.

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

Frédéric Mochel - Riesling 2017 Alsace

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of lemon zests, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of flowers as well as discreet hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality, precision as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of zests associated with fine touches of crunchy green apple as well as a very discreet hint of juicy pink lychee and an imperceptible hint of beeswax/almond (in the background). Good length.

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

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ARBOIS

Jacques Tissot 2011 Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is fruity, fresh, very discreetly tight and offers a fine straightness. It reveals notes of dried kumquat, peach and small notes of white flowers combined with fine hints of dried quince, almond / almond milk, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of vanilla and fresh walnuts. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful tension, straightness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried lemon, dried kumquat and small notes of dried mirabelle plum associated with small touches of fresh walnuts, fresh almond / almond milk and an imperceptible hint of apricot (in background). Good length and good persistence.

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

Domaine Rolet Père et Fils 2011 Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is fruity, racy and offers juiciness as well as a fine depthness. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh apple and small notes of juicy peach associated with fine touches of acidulous / juicy mirabelle plum, racy minerality and very discreet hints of brioche. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, beautifully defined and offers a fine richness / fat, suavity, intensity, a small straightness, precision, a certain delicacy as well as a fine depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of juicy mandarin, acidulous mirabelle plum as well as discreet hints of beeswax / brioche and toasted almond. Good length and acidulous persistence.

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

Domaine Foret - Savagnin 2005 Lieu-dit Curon Les Corvées Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a fine grain as well as a fine minerality. It reveals notes of juicy lemon / lime, quince and small notes of juicy yellow apple associated with a touch of pear, slight hints of small yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg/spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, a fine intensity, a beautiful definition, a beautiful matter as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe quince, crushed yellow peach and small notes of juicy lemon associated with fine touches of fresh flowers, dried green apple, a hint of dried mirabelle plum, racy minerality, dried almond, beeswax as well as an imperceptible hint of star anise and caramelization. Good length.

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

Domaine Foret - Savagnin 2006 Lieu-dit Curon Les Corvées Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is fruity, elegant, fresh and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of fresh mirabelle plum, fresh kumquat and small notes of clementine zest combined with fine touches of racy minerality, lemon blossom as well as a touch of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a small straightness, a fine grain as well as sweetness / sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh lemon, fresh / juicy yellow apple and small notes of racy minerality associated with small touches of quince, crunchy peach, hints of racy minerality as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh almond and fresh walnuts. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Foret - Savagnin 2007 Lieu-dit Curon Les Corvées Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is beautifully fresh, fruity and offers elegance, a very fine richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as minerality. It reveals notes of quince, fresh lemon and small notes of fresh yellow apple associated with fine touches of fresh peach as well as fine hints of exotic fruits, fresh flowers, racy minerality / flint, a very discreet hint of spices and an imper-

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ceptible hint of brioche. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh / juicy white fruit (apple, pear) and small notes of dried peach associated with touches of flowers, fine touches of flint and slight hints of fresh almond, spices, a discreet hint of brioche and a very discreet almost saline hint (in the background). Beautiful persistence. A very discreet firmness on the finish / persistence.

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

Domaine Foret - Savagnin 2008 Lieu-dit Curon Les Corvées Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers a small delicacy as well as a fine complexity. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of quince, yellow apple and small notes of fresh walnuts associated with fine touches of dried orange, dried mango as well as hints of white flowers and a very discreet / imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers dynamism, straightness, a racy minerality, a fresh / acidulous frame, juiciness, gourmandise are well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh / juicy quince, crushed yellow apple and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of white flowers / peach blossoms, hints of fresh walnut, a very discreet hint of butter as well as an imperceptible hint of fresh hazelnut and oak. Good length. There is an imperceptible saline hint on the persistence.

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

Domaine Foret - Savagnin 2004 Lieu-dit Curon Les Corvées Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is elegant, very discreetly on the reserve and offers a small richness as well as a beautiful freshness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, ripe kumquat and small notes of dried small yellow fruits combined with fine touches of fresh apple, walnuts, slight hints of small yellow flowers and a very discreet touch of beeswax and brioche. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmande and offers suavity, a beautiful minerality (almost saline), an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a good precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy kumquat and small notes of juicy apple associated with fine touches of juicy peach, zest, saline minerality, plum, almond as well as very discreet walnuts and spices. Good length. A very discreet touch of bitterness (good bitterness) and a very discreet firmness on the finish. There are very slight hints of ripe almond, butter and an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the finish / persistence (bring gourmandise). Beautiful wine!

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Foret - Savagnin 2012 Lieu-dit Curon Les Corvées Arbois, Vin Jaune

The nose is fruity. There are notes of mirabelle plum, small yellow fruits and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of flint, crushed peach as well as discreet hints of butter, almond and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy / acidulous, a small tension, finesse, a beautiful structure and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon / fresh, juicy apple / peach and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of lychee, racy minerality, white flowers as well as slight hints of almond / almond milk and sweet spices. Good length and persistence.

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

CÔTES DU JURA

Domaine Badoz - Vin Jaune 2012 Côte du Jura

The nose is elegant, beautifully aromatic and offers finesse. It reveals notes of kumquat, dried mandarin and small notes of dried peach combined with touches of quince, dried fruits as well as a hint of dried apricot, nutmeg, hazelnut and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, a beautiful tension, a very fine richness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful definition / guideline, a small freshness as well as depthness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, dried kumquat and small notes of dried small white fruits combined with a touch of juicy citrus (orange, lemon) as well as hints of flowers, beeswax, brioche, toast and spices. Good length and persistence. A very discreet chews on the finish. Sapid and gourmandise on the finish. Beautiful wine!

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

Domaine Baud Génération 9 - Vin Jaune 2012 Côte du Jura

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a small gourmandise. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of quince, yellow apple and small notes of zest associated with very slight touches of curry/épices, dried lemon as well as a discreet hint of lemon blossom, flint and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a racy minerality, a fine gourmandise, suavity, a fine freshness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy kumquat and small notes of juicy mirabelle plum associated with a touch of pear, spices as well as discreet hints of toasted almond / hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of brioche. Beautiful acidulous and gourmande. There is an imperceptible hint of dried almond on the aftertaste.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Grand - Vin Jaune 2012 Côte du Jura

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy and offers a fine richness, a fine concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of quince, dried citrus and small notes of juicy apple associated with a touch of zest, hints of butter, hazelnut, spices as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers and juicy orange (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh / acidulous frame, dynamism, a fine tension, a racy minerality as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, dried citrus and small notes of plum associated with a fine touch of quince, fresh almond, white flowers / fresh herbs as well as very discreet hints of fresh walnuts and butter. Good length.

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

Maison du Vigneron - Vin Jaune 2011 Côte du Jura

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of dried zests combined with fine touches of dried peach, spices as well as a very discreet hint of beeswax, pepper, honeysuckle and fresh walnuts. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, juiciness, minerality, tension as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy kumquat, dried mandarin and small notes of juicy / acidulous plum associated with fine touches of quince, juicy / acidulous apple as well as slight hints of brioche, flint and beeswax. Good length. Good, acidulous and sapid persistence. An imperceptible almost tannic hint and dried almond on the persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



Jura

Domaine Durand Perron - Vin Jaune 2009 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers fine power, a fine grain as well as a fine intensity / power. It reveals notes of dried lemon, quince and small notes of dried vine peach associated with small touches of pear, dried mandarin as well as a hint of dried mandarin blossom, brioche and spices. The palate is fruity, suave, fat, well-balanced, precise, gourmandise and offers a beautiful tension, a beautiful definition, roundness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried lemon, juicy quince and small notes of acidulous yellow plum associated with touches of white flowers, curry/spices as well as very discreet hint of almond, hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of butter. Good length. Beautiful, gourmand and sapid persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of caramelization on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine de Savagny - Vin Jaune 2012 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of yellow plum compote, pear and small notes of quince associated with very slight hints of minerality as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, a good definition, freshness as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous yellow plum, quince and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of dried mandarin, juicy / fresh apple as well as slight hints of butter, almond and toasted / sweet spices. Good length. Sapidity and gourmandise on the finish. Beautiful persistence with very discreet hints of cooked butter, toasted almond and nutmeg.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Grand - Vin Jaune 2011 Côtes du Jura

The nose is fruity, elegant, very discreetly tight and offers a small richness as well as a fine tension. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe kumquat and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of dried yellow peach as well as slight hints of racy minerality and beeswax. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, a small tension, fat, a fine richness, gourmandise as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of acidulous mirabelle plum associated with small touches of crushed apple as well as slight hints of racy minerality, beeswax, flowers and dried almond. Good length. Good and gourmand persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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CHÂTEAU-CHALON

Domaine Baud Génération 9 - 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is fruity, fresh, slightly on the reserve and offers a fine richness. The wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of juicy plum, quince and small notes of yellow flowers combined with a touch of juicy yellow peach, stewed pear as well as a subtle hint of exotic fruit, nutmeg and a very subtle hint of almond. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, elegant, gourmande, juicy, precise, racy and offers a beautiful definition as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy vine peach, juicy / acidulous mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of dried lemon, juicy pear as well as slight hints of almond, yellow flowers and an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Grand - En Beaumont 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is fresh, juicy, elegant, precise and very slightly retained. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh zest of mandarin and small notes of quince combined with fine touches of white fruit, peach blossoms and hints of spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, well-framed and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a small tension as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy / fresh mandarin and small notes of quince associated with small touches of juicy yellow fruits, white flowers, hints of nutmeg, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of brioche and a subtle hint of curry/spices. Good length. Imperceptible almost tannic hint / grainy hint on persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine de Savagny 2012 Château-Chalon

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes of green apple associated with fine touches of kumquat, flowers as well as very slight hints of almond and fresh walnuts. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandise, a small richness, a beautiful juiciness, a fine fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy quince and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with a touch of juicy kumquat as well as toasted hints, fresh walnuts, flowers and a hint of nutmeg. Good length and good persistence.

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

Domaine Durand Perron - Vin Jaune 2011 Château-Chalon

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as freshness. It reveals notes of small yellow berries, crunchy plum and small notes of fresh / crunchy apple combined with touches of fresh quince as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and very discreet hints of oak. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, balanced, slightly tight and offers tension, juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh quince, fresh lemon and small notes of fresh / crunchy small yellow fruits associated with small touches of crunchy apple as well as slight hints of racy minerality, almond and spices. Good length and persistence. A very fine power on the finish.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Maison du Vigneron - Vin Jaune 2009 Château-Chalon

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers a fine power / intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy / fresh mirabelle plum, small fresh wild berries and small notes of fresh citrus (lemon, mandarin, yuzu) associated with fine touches of juicy peach as well as hints of flowers, peach, nutmeg and spices / curry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a juicy / mineral frame, a good tension, a slight acidity, juiciness, a good definition as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crunchy / juicy mirabelle plum and small notes of small berries associated with touches of juicy / crunchy apple as well as hints of flowers and butter. There is an imperceptible hint of bitterness on the persistence (good bitterness).

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

Pinot Grigio delle Venezie

Casa Girelli, Canaletto 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a small minerality. It reveals notes of green apple, fresh lemon and small notes of fresh mandarin zests associated with fine touches of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, juicy and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, fat, freshness, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fleshy apple, ripe / fleshy pear and small notes of quenette associated with a touch of ripe lemon, pink grapefruit as well as slight hints of racy minerality.
Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Cantina Castelnuovo del Garda 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers a fine concentration / power. It reveals notes of fresh lemon and small notes of mandarin zest associated with a touch of fresh flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good structure, a small gourmandize, a touch of residual sugar as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, crushed pear and small notes of crushed Brugnion associated with touches of lychee, sweet pink grapefruit as well as a fine touch of candied lemon and a fine salinity (in the background / on the finish).
Score : 14.25+/20 (87-88/100)

Ecco Domani, Collezione 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, fleshy pear and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of quenette / exotic fruits and a discreet hint of zest. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, minerality as well as a touch of residual sugar. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear / fresh, fleshy / fresh apple and small notes of litchi associated with a fine touch of juicy quenette as well as a discreet hint of juicy citrus and a very discreet saline hint (background). Good length.

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

Prophecy 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe green apple, apple blossom and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with a very fine touch of yuzu as well as a discreet hint of zest and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-built and offers a fine suavity, gourmandize as well as a good definition. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy green apple, ripe / juicy nectarine and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of juicy grapes, ripe tangerine, a hint of lime as well as a discreet hint of mesocarp and flowers. Good length.

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

Bosco Dei Cirmioli 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose expresses notes of crushed nectarine, kumquat and small notes of apple associated with a touch of quince and ripe / crushed almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a juicy / mineral frame, a fine tension as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, quince and small notes of crushed yellow apple combined with fine touches of fresh lychee as well as slight hints of flowers and a discreet hint of ripe almond.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Cantina Caorsa 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy vine peach, fleshy / juicy pear and

small notes of juicy lemon associated with a touch of mesocarp. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine grain, a small gourmandize, juiciness, fat, a good definition as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy vine peach, ripe green apple and small notes of juicy lemon associated with a touch of zest as well as a discreet hint of lime and white flowers. Good length.

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

Cantina Valpantena, Torre del Falasco 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is aromatic and offers a small richness and a fine power. It reveals notes of apple, pink lychee and small notes of mandarin blossom combined with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of rose and lemon blossom. The palate is fresh, fruity, tense and offers a mineral frame, a fine roundness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pink lychee, juicy / ripe green apple and small notes of peach blossoms associated with touches of mandarin blossom as well as fine hints of exotic fruit.

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

Natale Verga 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers notes of pear and small notes of brugnion associated with fine touches of zest as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, tense, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, a small fat, juiciness as well as a very fine acidulous side (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / fresh green apple, crunchy / fresh pear and small notes of litchi associated with a touch of lemon and a discreet hint of flowers. Good and acidulous persistence.

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

Piera Martellozzo, 2018 Pietra di Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, a bit restrained and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe peach, apple and small notes of zest associated with a touch of mesocarp and flint. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, "clear" and offers a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, apple and small notes of apple blossom associated with a touch of crunchy brugnion and slight hints of racy minerality.

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

Allegrini, Corte Giara 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, minerality and a fine juiciness. It reveals notes of fresh zest, apple and small notes of litchi associated with touches of ripe / juicy lime as well as slight hints of ripe tangerine zest. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers an acidulous frame, a fine tension, a good freshness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe green apple and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of crushed Brugnion and a hint of crystallized lime. There are slight hints of zest and flint.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Le Poesie 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers a small power as well as a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of juicy lemon / fresh, fresh apple and small notes of flint associated with a touch of fresh white flowers. The palate is fruity, juicy, tense, well-structured and offers freshness, a fine grain as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe apple, ripe peach and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of juicy lemon as well as hints of juicy vine peach, white flowers / lemon blossom and very slight hints of flint. Good length.

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



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Pinot Grigio delle Venezie

Corte Moschina, Granetto 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fresh and offers a racy minerality and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, exotic fruits and small notes of quenette associated with touches of peach and a very discreet hint of ripe pineapple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension, precision, a good definition, roundness, a small richness as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy brugnion, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of ripe / juicy lemon associated with touches of exotic fruits (passion fruit, quenette ...) as well as slight hints of white flowers and apple flowers (in the background).

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

La Delizia 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fruity, fresh, a bit restrained and offers density. It reveals notes of pear, crunchy flat apple and small notes of fresh small yellow fruits associated with very fine hints of zest as well as a subtle hint of pineapple (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, restrained and offers a juicy frame, a fine delicacy as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe yellow apple / juicy and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of brugnion as well as very slight hints of flint stone, a very discreet hint of beeswax / sweet spices (in the background) and an imperceptible varietal hint (in the background).

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Cantina di Gambellara 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fruity and offers a small crunchiness as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fresh / juicy nectarine, fresh / juicy apple and small notes of fresh / juicy yellow plum combined with a touch of zest as well as a very discreet hint of flint and varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense, dynamic and offers a juicy / mineral frame as well as a small fat / roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh yellow apple, small yellow plum and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with discreet hints of fresh citrus. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Bidoli 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fresh, mineral, structured and very discreetly tight. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh / crunchy small yellow fruits and small notes of flowers associated with fine touches of flint and a touch of spice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense, structured and offers a fine tension as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, acidulous / crunchy small yellow fruits and small notes of lemon juicy / ripe associated with a discreet hint of apple blossoms and flint.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Corte Montresora 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, yellow flowers and small notes of beeswax associated with a touch of fresh yellow / juicy plum, lemon and a fine hint of nutmeg. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fine tension, a juicy / very slightly acidulous frame as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / crunchy yellow apple, juicy / crunchy vine peach and small notes of ripe / juicy lemon associated with fine touches juicy lychee as well as discreet hints of fresh flowers and a imperceptible hint of beeswax. A fine oxidative hint on the nose and on the finish (mouth).

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Astora, Alisia 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of fresh / fleshy nectarine, ripe pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with very fine touches of meso-carp and a hint of lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, well-built and offers suavity, fine gourmandize, ripe / juicy fruit, a very slight acidulous frame as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy vine peach, crunchy / juicy apple and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of quenette, lemon and a subtle hint of lime (in the background).

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

Castelforte 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fresh, a bit restrained and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy pear, fresh / juicy quince and small notes of juicy lemon associated with very slight hints of flowers / varietal as well as very discreet hints of spices and

a very discreet almost saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, suavity, a small fat, a fine straightness, tension as well as softness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy yellow apple, fleshy pear and small notes of crushed fresh peach combined with fine touches of exotic fruits, juicy lemon as well as a very fine hint of sweet lime and flowers. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Ca'Duso, Motolo, Tre 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fresh and on the restraint. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of beeswax and apple. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juiciness, straightness, a fine richness, a good minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, crushed pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of flowers, beeswax as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. There is a very discreet hint of rose on the finish / persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Maso Bianco, Seiterre 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose offers power, fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of fresh pear and small notes of fresh quince associated with touches of fresh citrus and varietal hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a fine tension, a small fat, juiciness, roundness, a good suavity, a fine grain as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, juicy / ripe nectarine and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of juicy citrus as well as a hint of racy minerality, yellow flowers and a very discreet hint beeswax (in the background). Good length.

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

Lamberti, Sante Pietre 2018 **Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC**

The nose is fresh and offers crunchiness as well as fruit. It reveals notes of yellow apple, ripe / juicy citrus and small notes of Williams pear associated with a touch of quince and zest. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe pear / juicy and small notes of yellow apple associated with fine touches of zest, juicy mandarin as well as an imperceptible hint of ripe / juicy lime and a very fine saline hint (in the background). Good length. Acidulous persistence.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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Pinot Grigio delle Venezie

Collis, Decanto 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh and offers fruit. It reveals notes of zest, lemon and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, fat, gourmandize a juicy / acidulous frame, a small juiciness as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / fleshy vine peach and small notes of juicy pear associated with fine touches of juicy tangerine as well as a hint of quenette. Good length and acidulous persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of bitterness (good bitterness) on the persistence.

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

Gaierhof, Torre di Luna 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, fresh lemon and small notes of zest associated with fine touches of kumquat and peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, a fine fat, roundness as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, apple and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of zest as well as a subtle hint of quince and a very discreet hint of flowers (in the background). Good length (on freshness and acidity).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Botter 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of peach, pear and kumquat associated with fine touches of zest as well as a touch of lemon and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / fresh frame as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy white nectarine and small notes of crunchy pear associated with very slight hints of apple blossoms and a subtle hint of flint.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Terre di Gioia 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity / power. It reveals notes of kumquat, quince and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of apple and a very discreet varietal hint. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers fat, a mineral frame as well as a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, crunchy / fresh apple, crunchy / fresh pear and small notes of fresh pink lychee associated with very discreet hints of white flowers and rose. Good length.

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

Borga 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh and a bit restrained. It reveals notes of fresh / crunchy plum, lemon and small notes of white flowers associated with very fine touches of green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, tension, fat, a good structure, a nice freshness, a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy vine peach, quenette and small notes of litchi associated with very slight hints of apple blossom and a subtle hint of ripe pink grapefruit. Good length.

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

Montelliana 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers hints of small yellow fruits, kumquat and small notes of tangerine associated with discreet hints of beeswax and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, a fine suavity, fat, juiciness, a fine oxidative side as well as freshness. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of yellow fruits, quince and small notes of mandarin associated with a touch of yellow apple as well as discreet hints of pineapple and beeswax.

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

Delibori 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers concentration. It reveals notes of quince, apple and small notes of lemon zest associated with fine touches of mesocarp. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize, juiciness as well as a juicy / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe grapefruit and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of apple and a very discreet hint of apple blossom. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

La Torretta 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and aromatic. It reveals notes of ripe pink grapefruit, lemon and small notes of lemon blossom associated with fine touches of quenette as well as a discreet hint of exotic fruit. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, tension as well as a very discreetly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, lychee and small notes of ripe grapefruit associated with very fine touches of crunchy peach and a subtle hint of lemon. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Salvaterra 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of fresh lychee, fresh quenette and small notes of green apple combined with fine touches of fresh exotic fruit as well as a subtle hint of ripe pink grapefruit and mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, a good definition, precision, juiciness, roundness as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh litchi, lemon and small notes of ripe lime zest associated with fine touches of crunchy nectarine as well as a hint of quenette and a very discreet hint of white flowers. Good length.

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

Largo dei 5, 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, fresh lemon and small notes of mandarin flowers combined with very fine zest and fresh pear / crunch pear. The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, a small gourmandize, a small tension, juiciness, a good definition as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / fresh lemon, quenette, ripe / fleshy apple and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of mandarin flowers as well as a hint of zest and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg.

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

Tenuta Grimani 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lychee, yellow peach and small notes of ripe kumquat associated with fine touches of green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, fat, minerality, a fine tension, a good matter, gourmandize as well as a fine fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, fleshy/juicy yellow nectarine and small notes of kumquat associated with a hint of lemon and tangerine zest. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)



Pinot Grigio delle Venezie

Cantina di Verona, Terre di Verona 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity / aromatic, fresh and offers a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of peach, rose and small notes of pink lychee associated with very slight hints of flowers as well as a discreet hint of citrus / exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a small juiciness as well as tension / dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, quenette and small notes of rose associated with fine touches of crushed vine peach and a slight touch of ripe lemon and exotic fruits.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Tommasi, Le Rosse 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness and a fine concentration. There are notes of kumquat, rose and more lightly ripe pink grapefruit associated with touches of quenette, lemon blossom as well as very fine tips of exotic fruits and ripe green apple. The palate is fruity, balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension, fat, a little greediness, juiciness, a small wealth, a little righteouslyness and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of sweet pink grapefruit, kumquat, quenette and slightly exotic fruits associated with a fine touch of peach blossoms, mandarin flowers and a hint of green apple.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Monte Tondo 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh and offers a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh apple and crunchy peach combined with a touch of peach blossom, lemon and a discreet hint of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidic frame, a small tension, a good freshness as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy / crunchy vine peach and small notes of crunchy apple associated with very fine touches of lemon blossom, juicy / acidulous kumquat as well as slight hints of quenette.

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

Cielo 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers notes of fleshy white peach, kumquat and small notes of small yellow plum associated with a touch of lemon. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, tension, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy white/fresh peach, juicy / fresh kumquat and small notes of juicy / fresh pear associated with a touch of quenette and a hint of apple blossoms.

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

Tério Le Uve 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh and a bit restrained. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh brugnion and small notes of fresh quince / lemon associated with fine touches of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, crunchy / fresh apple and small notes of crunchy / juicy peach combined with very slight hints of tangerine zest, juicy kumquat and an imperceptible hint of flowers.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Gemma di Luna 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a small concentration as well as minerality. It reveals notes of ripe / fresh lemon, mesocarp and small notes of juicy white nectarine combined with a hint of tangerine seeds as well as very slight hints of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / aci-

dulous frame, minerality, fat, freshness, juiciness, roundness as well as a fine residual sugar. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach, apple and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of lemon and a hint of crystalline mandarin. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Voga 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of ripe green apple, ripe brugnion and small notes of quenette associated with an imperceptible hint of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidic frame, suavity, juiciness as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of fleshy / juicy apple associated with a touch of quenette and an imperceptible hint of pineapple (in the background).

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

Antichello 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of pink lychee, ripe pink grapefruit, ripe lemon and small notes of vine peach combined with a touch of peach blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidic frame, a juicy / ripe fruit, suavity, gourmandize as well as an acidulous structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, ripe / juicy lemon and small notes of juicy / ripe pink grapefruit associated with fine touches of sweet peach, exotic fruits and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background). Good length.

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

Paladin 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe peach, quenette and small notes of kumquat associated with very slight hints of juicy lemon / fresh as well as an imperceptible hint of yellow plum and almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy vine peach, juicy / fleshy mandarin and small notes of

juicy lemon associated with fine touches of quenette / sweet green apple.

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

La Gondola 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of pink lychee, quenette and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with a touch of lemon and a very discreet hint of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / fresh frame, tension, minerality, a very fine saline hint (in the background) as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pink lychee, quenette and brugnion / vine peach associated with slight touches of lemon, flowers and flint. Good length.

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

Villa San Martino 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, mineral, aromatic and offers a fine crunchiness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh nectarine and small notes of crunchy pear associated with a hint of lemon zest. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers dynamism, juiciness, freshness, a fine grain, a good definition, finesse as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, apple, fleshy/ripe vine peach and small notes of lemon associated with a touch of ripe pink grapefruit and a subtle hint of lemon flowers. There is an imperceptible almost saline hint (in the background). Good length.

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



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Casa Lunardi 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of nectarine, green apple and small notes of Williams pear associated with fine touches of fresh lemon and a hint of fresh flowers / lemon blossoms. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a fine straightness, a small suavity, gourmandize, a small tension as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of peach, Williams pear and small notes of quenette associated with small touches of tangerine zest as well as slight hints of ripe lemon and a very discreet hint of ripe grapefruit.

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

Campagnola 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is mineral and offers freshness as well as a very fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh / crunchy brugnon and fresh / crunchy apple associated with a very slight hint of lemon blossom as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, mineral, tense, very discreetly tight and offers fat, juiciness as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crunchy / juicy vine peach and small notes of apple associated with a hint of zest as well as a subtle hint of peach blossoms and a very discreet hint of salinity (in background).

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

Zonin, 20 Ventiterre 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of apple, ripe lemon and small notes of ripe kumquat associated with fine touches of fresh green apple and an imperceptible hint of mandarin. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, tension / straightness, dynamism, a fine fat, a racy minerality, precision as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, fleshy / juicy nectarine and small notes of small acidulous yellow fruits associated with a touch of lychee as well as a fine touch of kumquat. Good length and good persistence.

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

La Vallesana 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of peach, quenette and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine touches of ripe lemon as well as a very discreet hint of lemon blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, a small tension, gourmandize, suavity, a good definition as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, vine peach and small notes of exotic fruit associated with fine touches of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy green apple, very slight hints of ripe grapefruit, lychee as well as a subtle hint of mandarin blossoms and an imperceptible hint of almond (in the background).

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Lavis 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers a fine touch of fresh leather, spices and small notes of apple associated with a hint of flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy frame / mineral, suavity, a small fat, a fine tension, a small freshness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lychee, apple and small notes of quenette associated with very slight hints of flowers, juicy lemon and a very discreet hint of fresh leather.

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

Ruffino, Lumina 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh kumquat and small notes of lemon blossoms associated with a touch of fresh apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame,

freshness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe kumquat and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of zest, lemon blossom, juicy / crushed nectarine as well as slight hints of pink lychee.

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

Tamburino Sardo 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness and a very fine concentration / intensity. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh white peach and small notes of pear associated with a touch of fresh kumquat and a very discreet hint of crunchy pineapple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / fresh frame, tension, fat, roundness, a good definition / structure, tension as well as a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear, nectarine and small notes of juicy/fresh/ripe lemon associated with small touches of juicy apple, lemon blossom as well as slight hints of lychee. Good length. A very discreet firmness on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Perlage 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC



The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight, well-built and offers elegance as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of pink litchi associated with touches of quenette as well as slight hints of citrus, zest of mandarin and a subtle hint of lemon blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight, precise, well-built and offers a juicy / slightly mineral frame, elegance, fat, freshness as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed nectarine, fleshy pear and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of citrus fruit as well as slight hints of exotic fruits and lemon / mandarin flowers. Good length.

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

Cavit Collection 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh and fruity. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, quince and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of citrus, hints of minerality / flint as well as a discreet hint of mesocarp and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and

offers a juicy / mineral frame, small suavity, a small fat, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of juicy / ripe citrus as well as a fine hint of lemon blossom and quenette.

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

Le Rive, Famiglia Bonato 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine concentration / power. It reveals notes of ripe apples, litchi and small notes of peach blossom combined with hints of ripe lime, kumquat and a subtle hint of fresh / juicy nectarine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, a small tension, a good structure / construction, a fine freshness, a good volume as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy nectarine, fleshy pear and small notes of ripe / juicy citrus (kumquat, lime) associated with fine touches of lychee as well as slight hints of lemon blossom and imperceptible hint of almond.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

S. Osvaldo 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and a bit close. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, Williams pear and small notes of apple blossoms associated with fine touches of citrus zest as well as a subtle hint of mesocarp. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-

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balanced, precise and offers a beautiful minerality, a good definition, a fine grain, elegance, a ripe/juicy/fleshy fruit, juiciness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy pear, crunchy / fresh nectarine and small notes of apple blossom associated with fine touches of fresh lychee, hints of fine kumquat as well as a discreet hint of lemon blossom and almond. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Monteci 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of lychee, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of fresh lemon and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity, juiciness, freshness, gourmandize, a small fat, tension as well as a small elegance. On the palate this wine expresses hints of quenette, ripe / juicy lemon and small notes ripe / juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of white flowers as well as a touch of pear, mandarin and a very discreet hint of almond flowers. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Kris 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, a bit restrained and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy brugnion, fleshy / juicy pear and small notes of lemon, lemon zest associated with a very slight hint of apple. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, fat, a fine tension as well as a very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed Brugnion, fleshy pear and small notes of litchi associated with a slight hint of apple and a discreet hint of lemon.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Cantina di Custoza 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration / power. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, fleshy apple and small notes of quenette associated with touches of lemon and lemon blossom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank, tense and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, a good juiciness / gourmandize, minerality as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy nectarine and small notes of fleshy green apple associated with touches of quenette as well as slight hints of lemon and ripe mandarin. Good length and persistence.

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

Anno Domini 2017 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine complexity as well as freshness. It offers notes of ripe lemon, fresh / crunchy peach and small notes of juicy / fresh quince associated with fine touches of almond blossom and juicy / fleshy pear. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, minerality, precision, a fine grain, tension, a good structure as well as a fine richness / complexity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Williams pear, quince and small notes of fleshy peach associated with a touch of small yellow plums as well as slight hints of kumquat and dried lemon. Good length. There are very discreet hints of almond as well as an imperceptible almost buttered / brioche hint in the background / persistence.

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

Terre Forti 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of juicy apple, fresh yellow plums and small notes of peach blossoms associated with very discreet hints of fresh tangerine. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame,

freshness, a fine tension as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, juicy / fleshy yellow plum and small notes of quince associated with a fine touch of flowers and a hint of apple blossoms. There is an imperceptible hint of dried almond on the finish.

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

Albino Armani 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers freshness and a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh pear and small notes of fresh quince associated with a touch of yellow plum and a discreet hint of lemon zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, freshness, suavity, a fine gourmandize as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy nectarine and small notes of ripe / juicy apple associated with fine touches of lychee.

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

Bosco del Merlo 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine concentration / power. It reveals notes of fresh / ripe quince, brugnion and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of ripe citrus / fresh (mandarin, lemon) as well as a hint of quenette and peach blossoms. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, minerality, a good definition, a good guideline, juiciness as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy white grapefruit and small notes of juicy / crunchy vine peach associated with fine touches of apple, lychee as well as a hint of peach blossoms / rose. Good length. Good and acidulous persistence.

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

Borgo Stajnbach 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose offers freshness, concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh zest and small notes of fresh white fruit combined with fine touches of fresh lychee, flint and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a small tension, a fine richness, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of litchi, fleshy / fresh peach and small notes of citrus zest associated with fine touches of fresh lemon as well as a very discreet hint of verbena and flowers. Good length.

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

Borgoluce 2017 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe juicy lemon, juicy vine peach, juicy kumquat associated with slight touches of juicy pears and a hint of fresh pink lychee. The palate is fruity, juicy, balanced, well-built and offers a small fat, a small silkiness, a good guideline, finesse, elegance, a good definition, a fine grain, a good construction, freshness as well as a juicy / slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, juicy / crunchy vine peach and small notes of pear associated with a fine touch of quince, kumquat and a very discreet hint of peach blossom. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Itinera, Prima Classe 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers power / intensity. It reveals notes of green / crunchy peach, crunchy Williams pear and small notes of fresh peach blossom associated with fine touches of lemon blossom as well as an imperceptible hint of quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, dynamism, suavity, a beautiful juiciness, a juicy / acidulous frame as well as a beautiful and a bit tight grain. On the palate this



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wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy vine peach, juicy / fleshy apple and small notes of peach blossoms associated with touches of kumquat, ripe lemon as well as very slight hints of quince and a hint of imperceptible rose (in the background). Good length.

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

Villa Mattioli 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, crunchy and offers a small complexity as well as a fine flowery side. It reveals notes of peach, pink lychee and small notes of fresh / ripe grapefruit associated with fine touches of mandarin, rose as well as a very discreet hint of apple and an imperceptible hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, frank, airy and offers a juicy / acidulous side, a beautiful minerality, tension, a good precision, gourmandize as well as a fine richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach, pink lychee and small notes of ripe / fresh pink grapefruit associated with a touch of zest, lemon as well as hints of mandarin blossom, lemon blossom and a subtle hint of verbena (in the background). Good persistence. There is a very discreet varietal hint on persistence.

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

Re Teodorico 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh, slightly tight and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of apple, peach and small notes of kumquat associated with touches of litchi rose, fresh citrus and a very fine hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, airy and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, precision, tension, a good freshness, finesse as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy brugnon, fleshy / juicy vine peach and small notes of apple associated with touches of juicy quenette, juicy / ripe clementine and very slight hints of fresh lemon (in the background). Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Cantina Valdadige 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, fruity, slightly restrained and offers a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of fresh / crunchy apple, fresh lemon and small notes of lemon blossom as well as a discreet hint of kumquat (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a good definition, a small tension, a fine roundness, gourmandize, a fine complexity, juiciness / suavity as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of vine peach, fleshy / juicy pear and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of juicy / fresh lemon, ripe / juicy kumquat as well as very discreet hints of apple blossoms. Good length. There is an imperceptible almost saline mineral hint in the background / on the finish.

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

Recchia 2017 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a good structure, a very fine concentration as well as precision. It reveals notes of peach, lemon and small notes of small acidulous yellow fruits associated with fine touches of kumquat and a very discreet hint of quenette. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, suavity, roundness, a fine grain, juiciness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, juicy pear and small notes of fleshy / juicy yellow plum associated with fine touches of lemon as well as a hint of kumquat and a very discreet hint of pink lychee. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Scriani 2017 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity and ripe. It reveals notes of ripe vine peach, ripe apple and small notes of exotic fruit combined with touches of ripe lemon as well as a very discreet hint of zest and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, minerality, freshness, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, fleshy peach and small notes of exotic fruit associated with touches of pear as well as fine touches of crystallized lemon and a very discreet hint of ripe mandarin. Good length and persistence.

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

Vendrame, Vignis del Doge 2017 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fresh, mineral, racy and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of ripe apple, ripe / juicy brugnon and small notes of crunchy pear associated with fine touches of lemon zest, flint and a very discreet hint of lemon blossom. The palate is fruity, fresh, tense, well-balanced and offers a racy minerality, a fine fat, a small gourmandize, a fine grain as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh apple, fresh pear / juicy and small notes of fresh plum / juicy mirabelle plum associated with small touches of fresh lychee as well as discreet hints of lemon and flint. Good length.

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



Tenuta Corte Giacobbe 2018

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The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration as well as a certain precision. It reveals notes of lemon zest, kumquat and small notes of peach flowers associated with a discreet hint of lychee / quenette. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a small gourmandize, a fine unctuousness, tension, a fine acidulous frame, a fine freshness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, pear and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as a discreet hint of juicy lemon and an imperceptible hint of

tangerine seed. Good length. There is an imperceptible varietal hint on the finish / persistence.

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

Bennati, I Gadi 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of quenette, lychee and small notes of flowers (white flowers, rose) associated with fine touches of crunchy peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, precision, a small tension, a fine straightness, a very discreetly tight structure, freshness as well as a juicy / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pink lychee, crushed apple and small notes of crushed peach associated with touches of flowers (white flowers, rose) as well as very slight hints of pineapple and a subtle hint of lemon crystallized. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Paladin 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

(Rosé) The nose is fresh, finely fruity and offers a very discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh apple and small notes of fresh mandarin associated with a discreet hint of grapefruit. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy frame, suavity, fine tension, gourmandize, freshness, a good structure, a fine grain as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe/juicy tangerine and small notes of crunchy / juicy peach combined with a subtle hint of quince as well as very discreet hints of crunchy pineapple and a subtle hint of fresh lemon blossom. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

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Bidoli 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

(Rosé) The nose is fresh, fruity, well-managed and offers a fine fleshiness as well as a fine delicacy. There are notes of peach, pink lychee and fine touches of zest associated with a very discreet hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a small tension, fat, juiciness, freshness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy peach, crushed pear and small notes of litchi associated with a touch of brugnion as well as a very discreet hint of zest, flowers and flint. A rosé made on the roundness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Bosco del Merlo 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie DOC

(Rosé) The nose is fruity, well-managed and offers a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, fleshy quince and small notes of quenette associated with a touch of crushed fresh white fruit as well as an imperceptible hint of white flowers and fresh raspberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, gourmandize, a fine intensity, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful definition, a beautiful roundness as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy vine peach, ripe / juicy lemon, quenette and small notes of ripe apple associated with a fine touch of ripe / fresh apricot and subtle hints of juicy tangerine.

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

Rechsteiner 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie

The nose is fruity and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of lemon flowers, zest and small notes of fresh / crunchy white fruits associated with a subtle hint of juicy peach and exotic fruits. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, frank and offers straightness, a good structure, precision, fine indulgence as well as verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, pear and small notes of quince associated with touches of exotic fruits, quince, yellow flowers as well as a subtle hint of apricot and dried zest. Good length. There are slight saline touches on the finish. Beautiful freshness and precision / definition.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

AI Palazzi, Dorsoduro 2018 Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe citrus (lemon, tangerine) and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as a discreet hint of lemon / mandarin flowers, lime and a very discreet hint of candy. The mouth is fresh, fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine concentration / deepness, fat, a fine tension, a fine minerality as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lychee, juicy kumquat and zest of kumquat associated with fine touches of crunchy white fruits as well as a subtle hint of white flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and minerality. Good length.

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



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Villanoviana - Teia 2018 Bolgheri Vermentino

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a racy minerality as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of fresh quince, ripe Mirabelle plum and small notes of ripe / fresh pear associated with fine touches of mandarin as well as discreet hints of minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, acidity, fat as well as an acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow plum and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of zest and mandarin.

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

Varv ra 2017 Bolgheri

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness as well as a fine racy power. It reveals notes of crushed wild blackberry, cassis and small notes of black berries associated with fine touches of wild blueberry, slight hints of Cuben pepper, cardamom, toasted as well as very discreet hints of spices and dry local vegetation. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful tension, a beautiful definition, precision, a fine linear side, a beautiful juiciness, elegance as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with a hint of crushed wild strawberry as well as slight toasted hints, Cuben pepper, spices and a subtle hint of rosemary (in the background). Tannins are elegant and supple. Good length. There are very slight hints of cocoa / tonka bean and Bourbon vanilla / almond on the persistence.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

PietraNova - Cuv e « 1698 » 2015 Bolgheri

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a small intensity, a fine power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, kirsch black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of black pepper, strawberry, very fine hints of spices, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of "sense of place" (dry local vegetation). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a juicy / acidulous frame, a fine tension, a good definition, roundness as well as a fine gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with very slight hints of blackberry, violet, licorice as well as a subtle hint of spices, gray pepper and cardamom. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible touch of almond on the persistence.

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

Le Macchiole - Paleo 2015 Bolgheri

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as freshness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, very discreet hints of olive as well as slight hints of liquorice, toasted, toasted almond and vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers freshness, a beautiful definition as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy / fresh cassis and small notes of juicy / fresh raspberry associated with small touches of fresh / juicy strawberry, very slight hints of flowers, olive, toasted, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of spices and cardamom.

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

Batzella - Pe n 2016 Bolgheri

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, a fine intensity, a fine power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of flowers (violet, cornflower) associated with hints of small wild fruits, slight toasted hints, liquorice stick as well as very discreet hints of graphite (in the background), spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality,

delicacy, a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, tension, elegance as well as a good and very discreetly tight tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of chocolate, toasted, very slight hints of spices as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A hint of sapidity and an imperceptible hint of olive tree in the background / on the finish. A very discreet chews on the finish. Good persistence.

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

Tenuta Meraviglia 2016 Bolgheri

The nose is fruity, gourmande and offers a fine richness, a beautiful precision, delicacy as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe / juicy boysenberry, small notes of ripe strawberry and small notes of minerality, liquorice associated with very discreet hints of chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background), sweet spices and toasted almonds. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, tension, finesse, minerality as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe / fleshy raspberry associated with small touches of flowers, toasted as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Tannins are fine and elegant. A very fine chew on the finish / persistence.

Score : 16/20 (91/100)

Campo Alle Comete - Stupore 2016 Bolgheri DOC

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers intensity, deepness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet / cornflower and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of fleshy/ripe Gariguette strawberry, black cherry, crushed raspberry as well as slight hints of scrubland, almost saline minerality, Cuben pepper, a very discreet hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a mineral frame, a small tension as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of flowers, crushed raspberry as well as slight hints of black olive, toasted and very discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant.

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

PietraNova - Renzo 2015 Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is elegant, well-built and offers a fine richness, a fine complexity as well as delicacy / deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy plum associated with touches of small blue fruits, violet, camphor, hints of Bourbon vanilla, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of tea and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, delicate, beautifully-built and offers finesse, gourmandise, an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of crushed cherry / strawberry, Bourbon vanilla, toasted as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, caramelization, tea, a subtle hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of rosemary. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. There is a very discreet hint of truffle on the persistence.

Score : 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Castello di Boldheri 2016 Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers deepness, a fine richness as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed black plum and a touch of wild raspberry associated with a touch of ripe blueberry, hints of Sichuan pepper, toasted, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of camphor, violet, caramelization and a very discreet hint of dark chocolate. The palate is beautifully gourmande, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain that is very discreetly tight (lace!),



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an acidulous frame as well as a ripe / juicy and fleshy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crushed wild blueberry associated with a hint of purple plum, cornflower / violet as well as a subtle hint of raspberry, toasted, black pepper, caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of pepper and varietal on the aftertaste.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

CS Campo Alla Sughera 2016 Anima D'Arnione Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers freshness, concentration / power (full of finesse) as well as a beautiful finesse in its deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and ripe wild small red fruits combined with fine touches of olive / varietal as well as discreet hints of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandise, juiciness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe / crunchy cassis, crunchy / juicy / fresh wild fruits and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of wild blackberry as well as very slight varietal hints / olive tree and very discreet hints of almond toasted / caramelized / cocoa. Tannins are fine, racy, elegant as well as a bit chewy. A beautiful gourmandise and suavity on the finish / persistence.

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

PietraNova - Liborio 2015 Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is elegant, aromatic, gourmande, racy and offers power, finesse as well as complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy strawberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla as well as floral hints (violet, a very discreet hint of iris), black olive and chocolate. The palate is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, finesse, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy cherry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of flowers, toasted, vanilla and very discreet toasted hints / toasted almond. Good length. There is a hint of hazelnut / vanilla on the finish / persistence. A very fine fat and a very fine creaminess on the finish. Beautiful persistence.

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

Millepassi 2015 Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small minerality, freshness, a fine concentration, a fine grain as well as a small power / intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry / fresh, ripe / fresh cassis and small notes of violet / cornflower, small blue fruits associated with fine touches of garrigue, camphor as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper (in the background), nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, fine, elegant, well-balanced, very slightly tight, precise and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a good structure / construction as well as a fine pulpy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy cherry and small notes of wild small red fruits associated with a touch of blackberry, a fine hint of violet / cornflower as well as very fine hints of liquorice, toasted, almond, cardamom and very discreet hints of chocolate / roasting. A beautiful and gourmande persistence.

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

Azienda Agricola Cipriana - San Martino 2015 Bolgheri Superiore

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, fresh and offers a very beautiful definition. It reveals notes of flowers (lily, violet) and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of liquorice, tonka bean, discreet hints of cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of black olive and tea. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers delicacy, a beautiful definition / precision, a racy minerality, a very beautiful delicate / aerial / very slightly creamy touch, fat as well as suavity. On

the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry associated with small touches of wild raspberry, wild flowers and very slight hints of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant. A fine racy power on the finish.

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

Carpineto 2014 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power. It reveals notes of cherry, wild berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of dried strawberry, pepper, flowers as well as fine hints of incense, a very discreet hint of chocolate and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, precision, fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe strawberry, crushed wild cassis and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of flowers, pepper as well as very discreet hints of tobacco and an imperceptible animal hint (in background). Tannins are precise. Good length.

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

Col d'Orcia 2014 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a small power, gourmandise as well as intensity. It reveals notes of tonka bean, wild raspberry, cherry and small notes of small black fruits associated with fine touches of violet, spices

as well as very discreet hints of "sense of place" and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a beautiful juiciness, suavity, precision, a good structure, a fine acidulous frame, a racy minerality, gourmandise, a small tension as well as a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of berries associated with fine hints of cassis, Cuben pepper, spices and very discreet hints of "sense of the place" and cocoa / roasting.

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

Corte Pavone - Fiore del Vento 2013 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of small berries / cassis associated with fine hints of nutmeg, violet, spices as well as discreet toasted hints and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh / mineral frame, a good definition, a small tension, a good structure, a fine straightness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of cherry / wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, cardamom, spices as well as discreet hints of tobacco and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant, structuring and very slightly dry. There are hints of cocoa, toasted / caramelized and crushed almond on the persistence.

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

Il Valentiano - Riserva 2013 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose offers power, a small intensity, a small richness, a fine grain as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of tea associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, tonka bean, nutmeg / spices as well as very discreet hints of dried rose / olive tree and "sense of the place". The wine needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality, a good definition, freshness as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits as well as slight hints of tonka bean, spices, nutmeg, olive and a hint of tea. Tannins are fine, structuring and precise. Good length. Power on the finish. There is a hint of chocolate on the finish.

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



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Col d'Orcia - Poggio Al Vento 2012 Riserva Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is elegant, racy and offers deepness, a fine intensity, delicacy as well as a beautiful power (well-mastered). It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of kirsch cherry associated with touches of violet, small blue fruits, small touches of olive / "sense of place", dried almond as well as discreet hints of tonka bean and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmandise, racy, complex and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful structure, an acidulous / mineral frame as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower / violet, tonka bean, hints of purple plum, Bourbon vanilla, hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of black olive, dried leaf and toasted / caramelization. Tannins are elegant and well-built. There are slight hints of dried almond and powdery chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 18+/20 (96-97/100)

Col d'Orcia - Nostagio 2013 Brunello di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness, a fine intensity as well as power (full of elegance). It reveals notes of cassis, wild small fruits and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, Sichuan pepper as well as very discreet hints of cardamom, roasting and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers juiciness, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful minerality, a good definition, harmony, a fine freshness, gourmandise, fat as well as a beautiful and delicate touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of violet, blond tobacco, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tea. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Col d'Orcia 2016 Rosso di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is spicy and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of pepper associated with touches of spices as well as slight hints of black olive and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, black olive, liquorice and spices. Tannins are straight and structuring.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Corte Pavone 2016 Rosso di Montalcino DOCG

The nose offers power, a fine grain as well as a spicy side. It reveals notes of gray pepper, strawberry and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of blackberry, leather as well as discreet hints of almond and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, juicy / pulpy fruit, gourmandise, a small richness as well as a slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry / blackberry and small notes of fleshy cassis combined with fine touches of liquorice, tonka bean as well as a hint of nutmeg and a fine hint of Cuben pepper. Tannins are a bit dry.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Carpineto 2016 Rosso di Montalcino DOCG

The nose is fruity, powerful, very slightly tight and offers intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, nutmeg, cardamom, hints of olive as well as a subtle hint of sweet blond tobacco and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, tension, a fine acidulous frame, a fine gourman-

dise as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of plum, mocha, cardamom, olive and a fine hint of sweet blond tobacco. There is a discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Col d'Orcia - Banditella 2016 Rosso di Montalcino

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and blueberry combined with fine touches of wild strawberry as well as hints of Cuben pepper, nutmeg, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of "sens of the place". The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers deepness, gourmandise, a juicy frame, a fine minerality as well as a small suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with a touch of blueberry, violet as well as slight hints of sweet blond tobacco, nutmeg and toasted / chocolate.

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

Col d'Orcia - Nereo 2015 Sant'Antimo

The nose is fruity and offers richness as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed blueberry combined with a touch of Gariguetto strawberry, sweet spices and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful gourmandise, an acidulous frame, tension, a fine freshness as well as a small richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy blueberry associated with a touch of kirsch cherry, red fruits, hints of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla, liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of almond and black olive. Tannins are structuring and very discreetly dry. Presence of a very slight hint of roasting (in the background).

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

Col d'Orcia - Olmaia 2014 Sant'Antimo

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of kirsch cherry, wild berries and small notes of blackberry, wild strawberry associated with slight hints of liquorice stick, black olive, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of black tea (background). The

palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, a fine fat, a fine richness as well as a fine linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch cherry and small black fruits associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, dried raspberry as well as slight hints of licorice, undergrowth, black olive and dark chocolate. Tannins are slightly marked.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

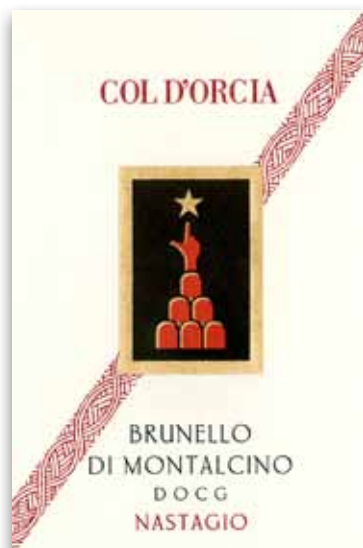
Talosa - Alboreto 2015 Nobile di Montepulciano

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, tobacco and small notes of black berries associated with fine touches of violet, spices, black olive as well as a very discreet hint of undergrowth and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers freshness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild small black fruits associated with fine touches of black olive, tobacco, liquorice stick as well as subtle hints of underbrush, spices and an imperceptible meaty hint (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Presence of a hint of dark chocolate and coffee on persistence.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Talosa - Filai Lunghi 2015 Nobile di Montepulciano

The nose is fruity, gourmandise, elegant, racy and offers richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, black



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cherry, very fine hints of sens of the place, caramelization as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper/tea and rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality, tension, freshness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with fine touches of juicy/fleshy blueberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, toasted/caramelization, a hint of toasted hazelnut, very discreet hints of dark chocolate and sens of the place/black olive. Tannins are elegant.
Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Carpineto - Riserva 2013 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano**

The nose offers a fine concentration as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild small fruits, cassis and small notes of liquorice associated with fine touches of undergrowth as well as a hint of Cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine gourmandise, a fine freshness, tension, minerality, a fine richness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of ripe / juicy wild small fruits associated with fine touches of pulpy blueberry, undergrowth, liquorice as well as a hint of olive tree / black olive and dried leaf. Good persistence.
Score : 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Carpineto - Vigneto Poggio Sant'Enrico 2010 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano**

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain as well as intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of spices, coffee / mocha, pepper, nutmeg as well as slight hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, racy and offers a juicy / mineral frame, a very fine structure, a fine grain as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of red berries associated with a touch of cherry, violet, tonka bean, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of spices, black olive, a hint of chocolate and a subtle hint of caramelization.

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

Metinella - Burberosso 2015 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano**

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful, ripe / juicy fruit, complexity as well as a very fine freshness / intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe wild cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of ripe wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper, spices, dried orange, racy minerality and very discreet hints of olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a small freshness as well as a mineral / acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe blackberry, ripe / juicy wild raspberry and small notes of ripe / juicy wild cherry associated with small touches of cassis, violet as well as discreet hints of olive and spices. There are an imperceptible toasted hint / zan, blond tobacco and a very discreet hint of dried almond on the finish. Good length. A good, aromatic, gourmandise persistence (with a very discreet firmness).

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Metinella - Burberosso 2016 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano**

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, marmalade and small notes of ripe / crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of spices, violet as well as very discreet toasted hints and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a fine tension as well as a small delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of ripe wild strawberry combined with slight hints of cardamom, spices as well as a very discreet hint of violet and toasted / caramelization. A fine suavity on the finish.

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

Metinella - I42-2 2015 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano**

The nose is aromatic and offers power, freshness as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe wild red berries, fresh wild cassis and small notes of spices, dried violet combined with slight hints of zan, Cuben pepper, discreet hints of fresh leather / dried orange as well as very discreet hints of scrubland / olive and sense of place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe raspberry and small notes of ripe small red fruits associated with fine touches of spices, toasted, juicy boysenberry, undergrowth as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, spices, black olive and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond. A very discreet / imperceptible hint of chocolate and gourmandise on the finish.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Metinella - Burberosso Riserva 2015 **Vino Nobile di Montepulciano**

The nose is quite aromatic and offers power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe wild small red fruits and small notes of spices associated with small touches of undergrowth as well as very slight hints of garrigue and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, a mineral / slightly acidulous frame, a fine grain as well as harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / very ripe blackberry, juicy / very ripe raspberry and small notes of ripe / juicy cherry associated with fine touches of violet as well as very discreet hints of zan, garrigue and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Metinella - Rossodisera 2017

Rosso di Montepulciano

The nose is fruity, ripe and offers a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with a fine touch crushed red berries / balsamic as well as very slight hints of graphite, gray pepper, a subtle hint of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of olive tree (in the background). The palate is fruity, mineral,

well-balanced and offers a small freshness, a mineral frame, fat, roundness, a very fine unctuousity as well as a fleshy / slight firmness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of small red berries, violet, licorice, minerality as well as very slight hints of caramelization, vanilla and chocolate. Tannins are fine, structuring and currently young. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Montinella - Rossardente 2018 **Toscana IGT**

On the nose notes of blackberry, varietal and small notes of small red fruits associated with touches of zan, cardamom and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity and offers a small tension, a mineral frame, a fine suavity, a good structure as well as a fine power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, wild red berries and small varietal notes associated with small touches of zan, black olive and discreet hints of spices.

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

Montinella - Ombra 2018 Bianco **Toscana IGT**

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine concentration as well as a very fine richness. It reveals notes of quince, brugnion and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of citrus as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as energy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / juicy pear and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of juicy tangerine / kumquat, small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of flowers. There is an imperceptible hint of spices on the finish.

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



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Monteverro - Vermentino 2018 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine concentration as well as a very fine almost saline minerality. It reveals notes of crunchy green peach, green apple and small notes of lemon associated with very fine hints of zests and brugnion. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy green apple, crunchy peach and small notes of crunchy/juicy pear associated with small touches of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarin) as well as very fine hints of almost saline minerality. Good length.

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

Monteverro - Verruzzo 2016 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of cherry, spices, very discreet hints of Cuban pepper as well as a subtle hint of liquorice and a subtle almost saline hint. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, a small deepness, a good precision as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of cherry as well as fine hints of liquorice and very discreet hints of copse/flowers. Sapidity and gourmandize on the finish/persistence. Beautiful persistence.

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

Monteverro - Terra di Monteverro 2014 Toscana IGT

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers freshness, a small concentration as well as intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with small touches of violet, graphite, hints of racy minerality as well as discreet hints of garrigue, very fine hints of meat and a subtle hint of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers elegance, a mineral frame, a small density, sapidity, a good structure as well as very discreetly tight matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy cassis, ripe/fleshy blackberry and small notes of small berries associated with small touches of liquorice, red fruits (cherry, wild raspberry) as well as discreet hints of liquorice, garrigue as well as very discreet hints of meat and chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant. Good length. There are very fine hints of underwood on the finish.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Monteverro - Tinata 2014 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers density, a small power, a fine richness as well as a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of juicy/fresh wild small red fruits associated with touches of garrigue, aromatic herbs as well as very fine hints of liquorice, black olive and very discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral/finely acidulous frame, tension/straightness, a small freshness, precision, power, finesse as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice, aromatic herbs, olivier/black olive as well as very fine hints of chocolate. Tannins are precise, structuring and elegant.

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



Monteverro - Tinata 2009 Toscana IGT

The nose is elegant, beautifully aromatic and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful racy minerality as well as precision. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, cherry/ripe griotte and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with small touches of garrigue, aromatic herbs, very discreet hints of Timut pepper (bring peps), violet as well as very discreet hints of underwood/mushroom. The palate is fruity, precise, well-balanced, elegant, precise, incisive and offers tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry pit, cherry and small notes of ripe cassis associated with fine touches of garrigue/aromatic herbes, very ripe wild strawberry as well as very fine hints of rosemary and underwood. Tannins are elegant, precise, structuring and offers a fine straightness.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Monteverro 2014 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic, beautifully defined, precise and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cherry/griotte, cherry pit, strawberry and small notes of spices associated with a hint of Sichuan pepper as well as a fine hint of garrigue/olivier, very fine hints of chocolate and discreet hints of almost saline minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a mineral/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, a beautiful deepness, intensity, suavity, a beautiful finesse of the grain, power, concentration, minerality, fat as well as precision. Density and richness but well-mastered/controlled.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry/griotte, cherry pit and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice, very ripe raspberry, Cuban pepper as well as very fine hints of almost saline minerality and a subtle hint of underwood/meat. Tannins are fine, elegant and precise. Good length.

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Monteverro 2009 Toscana IGT

The nose is elegant, aromatic, beautifully defined and precise. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, black olive and small notes of very ripe wild strawberry associated with very discreet hints of violet, thyme as well as subtle hints of underwood and a discreet hint of blood orange. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, precise, very slightly tight and offers an elegant acidulous frame, tension, a good definition, a beautiful grain, a racy minerality, a fine fleshiness as well as a good and elegant tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, very ripe red berries and touches of cherry pit, very ripe blackberry associated with touches of ceps/mushrooms, discreet hints of underwood, tonka bean, toasted as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization/cardamom (in the background) and black olive. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A beautiful wine !

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

Metinella - Cabernet 2016 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe small blue fruits associated with touches of ripe strawberry, slight hints of gray pepper, very slight hints of caramelization, tonka bean, olive as well as very discreet hints of flowers, spices and an imperceptible hint of tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, juiciness, precision, a good structure, a good definition as well as a mineral and slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe red berries and small notes of small blue fruits associated with small touches of violet, liquorice, spices, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of black olive and an imperceptible hint of laurel / olive (in the background). Tannins are elegant. Good persistence with hints of blond tobacco, toasted / caramelization (bring gourmandise).

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tuscany

Monteverro - Chardonnay 2015 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully balanced, precise/clean and offers a small freshness as well as a beautiful aromatic range. It reveals notes of ripe brugnion, William pear and small notes of ripe orange associated with fine touches of quince, discreet hints of zests as well as very discreet hints of yellow flowers and litchi/quenette. The palette is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise, clean, full of finesse and offers tension, a small richness, a small freshness, roundness, generosity/gourmandize as well as an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of ripe brugnion associated with a hint of pear, fine hints of small yellow fruits as well as very discreet hints of litchee/quenette, butter, yellow flowers and toasted oak/chestnut on the finish. A very discreet saline hint as well as a small salinity on the finish. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Monteverro - Chardonnay 2016 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and offers richness/power, finesse, elegance as well as harmony. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of yellow flowers/hay associated with fine touches of yellow peach, a discreet hint of apple, litchee as well as fine hints of minerality, flowers and a very discreet hint of salinity. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, precise and offers a beautiful definition, tension, minerality, fat/suavity, a small crunchiness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy green apple, quenette and small notes of quince, hay associated with fine hints of flowers, citrus, juicy/crunchy peach, a subtle hint of juicy/ripe brugnion and an imperceptible hint of toasted/caramelization. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Monteverro 2015 Toscana IGT

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness, power, deepness as well as power/concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, aromatic herbs (thym, rosemary), olive tree and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of liquorice, ripe cassis as well as discreet hints of Timut pepper and an imperceptible hint of underwood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, concentration and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame, tension, power, deepness as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of aromatic herbs associated with small touches of liquorice, cherry pits/griotte and subtle hints of cocoa, Timut pepper, nutmeg/spices and a very discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are precise and elegant. The finish is very slightly tight and offers appetite. Beautiful potential !

Score : 17.5/20 (95/100)

Montinella - Amen 2009 Vinsanto del Chianto

The nose is fruity, powerful, aromatic and offers complexity. It reveals notes of dried fig, date and small notes of caramelized orange associated with fine touches of dried apricot, caramelization as well as a touch of cedar, very discreet spice hints (in background) and an imperceptible hint of cigar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dried fig, dried apricot and small notes of caramelized orange associated with fine touches of dried citrus fruits, hints of caramelization, cedar, raisin, very discreet hint of candied pineapple, pâtisseries as well as a subtle hint of almond and date. Good length. A very discreet hint of dried apricot on the finish / persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)



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WHITE WINES

Poderi Moretti 2018 **Roero Arneis**

The nose is fruity, elegant and well-built. It reveals notes of flat peach and small notes of citrus fruit associated with fine touches of yellow fruit as well as discreet hints of flowers / varietals. The palate is fruity, suave and offers fat, tension, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon / fresh and small notes of flat peach associated with a hint of quince as well as discreet hints of flowers. Good length and good persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Poderi Moretti - San Michele 2017 **Roero Arneis**

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine richness, a fine concentration as well as freshness. It reveals notes of flat peach, quince and small notes of brugnion associated with slight hints of flowers / varietals as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmande and offers a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame as well as a fleshy / acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy lemon, fleshy/juicy mandarin and small notes of vine peach associated with slight hints of green apple as well as a discreet hint of lemon and mineral flowers.

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

Poderi Moretti - Occhetti 2016 **Roero Arneis**

The nose is fruity and well structured. It reveals notes of physalis, small yellow fruits and small notes of citrus associated with a hint of peach as well as discreet / imperceptible hints of spices. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, tension as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits, juicy / crunchy Mirabelle plum and small notes of physalis associated with a hint of yellow peach. Good length.

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

LANGHE WINES

Poderi Moretti - Nebbiolo 2016 **Langhe**

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers richness. It reveals notes of sour cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of crushed strawberry, toasted and a touch of violet, licorice, tonka bean / chocolate and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers richness, structure as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and crushed wild strawberry combined with slight touches of tonka bean and licorice.

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

Poderi Moretti **Occhetti 2015, Nebbiolo** **Langhe**

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a fine deepness, a small concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of black cherry, purple plum associated with fine touches of lily, blackberry, small berries as well as very slight hints of minty liquorice and toasted / spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness, a fine tension as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy / juicy purple plum and minerality associated with small touches of fresh raspberry as well as very discreet hints of chocolate, zan and a discreet hint of blond tobacco (in the background). Tannins are elegant. A beautiful wine!

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Poderi Moretti - Vadonia 2015 **Langhe**

The nose is fruity, balanced and offers a beautiful gourmandize, intensity, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful touch. It reveals notes of cassis, sour cherry and small notes of purple plum associated with a hint of violet as well as very discreet hints of cardamom and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful mineral frame (racy minerality), a small straightness as well as a discreet / fine saline minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of violet plum, blackberry, sour cherry and small notes of cassis associated with a discreet hint of raspberry as well as discreet hints of chocolate, liquorice and toasted oak / caramelized oak. There are a fine saline minerality as well as touches of cardamom and blond tobacco on the finish. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Beautiful potential and beautiful touch.

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

Poderi Moretti - Montevada 2015 **Langhe**

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a fine power as well as a beautiful structure. It reveals notes of blackberry, purple plum and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with slight touches of violet, Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, fleshy/juicy plum and small notes of violet combined with a touch of cassis, toasted, blond tobacco as well as discreet hints of liquorice. A beautiful wine.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Conterno Fantino - Ginestrino 2016, Nebbiolo **Langhe**

The nose is fruity and offers a small spicy side and a small power. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of black berries associated with touches of wild pepper, a touch of violet, plum, very slight hints of sweet spices / nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of laurel and tea (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, precision, a fine concentration / richness, verticality as well as a small freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, black plum and small notes of cassis associated with a fine touch of wild strawberry as well as hints of pepper, toasted / liquorice and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length. There are an imperceptible almost saline hint as well as very discreet hints of caramelization and dried almond on the persistence.

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

Monchiero - Nebbiolo 2017 **Langhe**

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, violet and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of local grove / sense of place as well as very slight hints of red berries, liquorice and discreet hints of spices / Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good tannic structure as well as a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crunchy red berries and small notes of violet / cornflower associated with slight touches of plum, local grove as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of cocoa. Tannins are structuring, slightly tight and very slightly over-extracted. The finish is slightly grainy. There are slight hints of tonka bean and sweet spices on the persistence.

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

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BAROLO WINES

Cascina Bongiovanni 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers minerality, freshness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of cherry, fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh/ripe redcurrant associated with fine touches of laurel, liquorice and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, juiciness, a fine straightness and a mineral / fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, juicy black cherry and small acidulous redcurrants associated with fine touches of rose, crunchy strawberry and very discreet varietal hints. Tannins are very discreetly marked.

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

Cantina Del Nebbiolo 2014

Barolo

The nose is fresh, aromatic, well-balanced and offers power as well as a fine captivating side. It reveals notes of crunchy redcurrant, fresh wild blackberry and small notes of crunchy cherry associated with a touch of crunchy plum, fresh rose / violet and a subtle hint of cardamom / spice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a good definition, a small gourmandise, a very fine structure, a fresh / mineral frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe cherry, juicy Gariguette strawberry and touches of fresh / juicy blackberry combined with very slight hints of violet, spices and a very discreet hint of ripe almond on the finish / persistence. Tannins are structuring and well-built.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Diego Pressenda, LaTorricella - 2014

Barolo (Barbadelchi)

The nose is powerful and offers concentration, a fine grain as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of violet / pistil / lily as well as slight hints of cardamom, spices and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of crushed raspberry, violet / lily / pistil as well as very slight hints of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Presence of a fine salinity and a fine varietal hint on the finish / persistence.

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

Cascina Dardi, Alessandro E Gian Natale Fantino - Bussia 2013

Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers juiciness, a fine concentration as well as deepness. It reveals notes of black cherry / sour cherry, juicy cassis and small notes of redcurrant, raspberry associated with very slight hints of spices, gray pepper as well as discreet hints of violet and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-built and offers juiciness, a good definition, gourmandise, suavity, a fine straightness, a good structure as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous / juicy redcurrant, acidulous / juicy blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy raspberry as well as very discreet hints of "sense of place" and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Tannins are supple, elegant and precise. Good length.

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

Renato Ratti - Marcanasco 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, powerful, racy and offers intensity, a small complexity as well as a beautiful finesse and elegance of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with slight hints of redcurrant, tea, almost saline minerality as well as very slight hints of nutmeg, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine minerality almost saline, a mineral frame, a fine freshness, a good definition as well as a fine pulpy / gourmand side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy / juicy strawberry associated with

very slight hints of redcurrants, violet as well as subtle hints of tobacco and chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and subtle.

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

Cascina Dardi, Alessandro E Gian Natale Fantino - Bussia 2012, Riserva

Barolo

The nose is fruity, precise, slightly tight and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, black cherry and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of violet. Cuben pepper and very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine tension, precision, a beautiful suavity / gourmandise, an acid frame as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fleshy cassis, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy purple plum associated with very slight hints of juicy black cherry as well as an imperceptible hint of flowers, sense of the place / local vegetations and liquorice / cocoa. Tannins are very discreetly dry. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Roberto Sarotto - Audace 2014

Barolo

The nose is elegant and offers a fine power / intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry, toasted, Bourbon vanilla and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of plum, very slight hints of cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg and caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous / juicy frame, fat, a small straightness as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy strawberry and small notes of plum, vanilla associated with toasted touches as well as slight hints of small berries, violets and spices. Tannins are precise and straight. The wine is a bit marked by the barrel.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Negretti 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, black plum and small toasted notes / tonka bean associated with fine touches of blueberry, graphite, cardamom, laurel berries and a discreet touch of Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, tension, minerality, gourmandise, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed purple plum and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of strawberry, violet, cardamom as well as slight hints of tonka bean and spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Azienda Agricola Cagliero - Ravera 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers juiciness as well as a fine racy power. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of Quetsche plum as well as discreet hints of sense of place / laurel berries, spices and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut / chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a beautiful acidulous frame, precision, a small gourmandise as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy black cherry and small notes of acidulous Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of crunchy raspberry as well as discreet hints of laurel berries and spices. Tannins are structuring and very slightly firm.

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

Palladino - Ornato 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a juicy / acidulous fruit as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of black cherry, black plum and small notes violet combined with a touch of raspberry, a hint of blueberry as well as slight hints of Bourbon vanilla, toasted and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, gourmandise, a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, precision, a good structure, a good matter, a racy minerality as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain / definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / acidulous blackberry, fleshy / acidulous black

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plum and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with a touch of juicy blueberry, violet / cornflower as well as hints of Bourbon vanilla, toasted tips, nutmeg and slight hints of dried almond on the finish. Tannins are structuring and racy. Beautiful persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Palladino - Parafada 2014

Barolo

The nose is elegant, fruity, gourmand, delicate, racy and offers a beautiful structure. It reveals notes of violet plum, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of laurel berries, violets as well as hints of caramelization, almond and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers suavity, juiciness, a beautiful racy minerality, precision, a fine tension, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, violet plum and small notes of ripe blueberry associated with fine touches of cassis, flowers / laurel berries as well as slight hints of racy minerality, almond, nutmeg, sweet spices and toasted. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Fine firmness on the finish. Beautiful grain on the finish.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Barale Fratelli - Castellero 2014

Barolo

The nose is elegant, aromatic, delicate and offers complexity, finesse, a very fine racy power and a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, cherry and small floral notes combined with touches of "sense of place" / local grove, racy minerality as well as hints of Cuben / gray pepper, spices and very discreet toasted hints / chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, mineral and offers gourmandise, precision, an acidulous frame, a fine tension, a beautiful suavity as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, juicy / acidulous raspberry and small notes of purple plum associated with fine touches of cassis, violet as well as hints of laurel berries, pepper and spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. There is an imperceptible hint of chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

Roberto Sarotto 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness, fine grain and complexity. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blue fruits and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of plum, nutmeg, blackberry as well as slight hints of chocolate, cornflower and a subtle hint of cardamom / vanilla. The mouth is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, fruit, gourmandise, fat, roundness, a beautiful freshness, sapidity, a juicy / slightly acidulous frame as well as a beautiful silky and slightly unctuous matter. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy purple plum and small notes of Gariguetto strawberry associated with fine touches of cherry, violet as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, vanilla, toasted and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The finish is very fine. There is a discreet hint of ripe almond on the finish. A wine full of gourmandise !

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

Palladino - Riserva S. Bernardo 2012

Barolo

The nose offers a small power, a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, undergrowth / mushroom and small notes of ripe plum associated with fine touches of dried strawberry, liquorice stick as well as very slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, tension, precision, elegance, a small gourmandise, a small richness, a fine grain, juiciness, freshness, suavity, roundness as well as a very slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, very ripe wild strawberry and small notes of purple plum associated with touches of undergrowth / mushroom as well as very slight touches of flowers, chocolate, slight hints of graphite, cardamom, sweet spices and a very discreet salinity on the finish. Tannins are structuring.

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

Bruna Grimaldi - Badarina 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, racy minerality (almost saline), black plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as a very discreet of caramelization (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, tension, racy minerality, juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a fine structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy violet plum, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, slight hints of caramelization, nutmeg / cardamom, racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of pepper and chocolate. Tannins are fine and very slightly firm. Good length. There is a hint of almost saline minerality on the finish.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Negretti - Mirau 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine freshness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, caramelization and small notes of Quetsche plum combined with touches of crushed raspberry, violet, cornflower as well as a hint of cherry, tonka bean and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful suavity, roundness, harmony, a racy minerality, a fine grain as well as a fine verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh Quetsche plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, hints of racy minerality (almost saline), cornflower, rose as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, tea and tonka bean. Tannins are structuring and fine. Good length and persistence. A beautiful, acidulous, suave and gourmande persistence (with toasted hints / chocolate). Almost saline minerality on the persistence.

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

Negretti - Rive 2014

Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a small power, a small richness as well as a beautiful racy grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of strawberry, violet as well as slight hints of Cuben pepper, spices, nutmeg and very slight hints of laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, freshness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy / fleshy plum associated with touches of fresh / fleshy raspberry, a hint of cornflower, cardamom as well as slight hints of nutmeg, Tonka bean and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Fine firmness on the finish.

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

Voerzio Martini - La Serra 2013

Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine intensity / concentration. There are notes of cherry, strawberry and slightly fleshy plum associated with a touch of blueberry, violet and liquorice stick tips and a subtle touch of dark chocolate / vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, elegant, racy, nicely sweet, very finely tight and offers freshness, a nice definition, a nice greed and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of raspberry, licorice as well as hints of cornflower, rose, toasted / chocolate and very slight hints of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Sapidity on the finish.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Cagliero - Ravera 2009, Riserva

Barolo

The nose is aromatic, powerful and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, very ripe wild cassis and small notes of dried blueberry associated with a touch of cornflower, tea, cardamom and very discreet hints of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, suave, beautifully gourmande and offers an aerial / linear side, a fine acidulous frame, tension, precision, juiciness as well as a good and very slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, very ripe blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry asso-

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ciated with a touch of cherry, cornflower as well as slight hints of chocolate, caramelization, toasted almond and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and very discreetly dry. Good length.

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

Cagliero - Ravera 2008 Barolo

The nose is fruity, very slightly tight and offers a fine freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, gray pepper as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, suave, gourmande and offers a beautiful definition, a good volume, a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a racy minerality as well as harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, ripe / juicy plum and small notes of very ripe blueberry associated with fine touches of ripe / juicy raspberry, hints of violet, cardamom of blond tobacco leaf, chocolate as well as subtle hints of nutmeg and dried almonds. Tannins are very fine and elegant. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Moncheiro 2015 Barolo

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight, aromatic and offers a fine concentration / power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of strawberry, violet, slight hints of cornflower, chocolate, toasted as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, tobacco sweet blonde and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, a juicy / ripe fruit, verticality, tension, an acidulous / juicy frame, a beautiful suavity, freshness, sweetness, gourmandise as well as a good and very discreetly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, purple plum and small notes of crushed cassis associated with slight touches of wild small red fruits, licorice stick, tobacco leaf as well as very discreet hints of sens of the place, crushed cocoa and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. Tannins are well built, elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of almost saline minerality on the finish. Beautiful finish on freshness, ripe / juicy fruits as well as hints of chocolate / caramelization.

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

Monchiero - Rocche di Castiglione 2015 Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a racy minerality, a very discreetly tight grain, elegance as well as delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cornflowers associated with fine touches of ripe blueberry, ripe / crushed strawberry as well as slight hints of black tea, graphite and discreet hints of sweet spices, Sichuan pepper and a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, fine, delicate, racy and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful structure, tension, suavity, a fine acidulous frame, freshness, a beautiful finesse, a beautiful guideline as well as a slight aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of ripe/fresh raspberry, fresh/ripe blueberry, hints of cornflower, tonka bean, Cuben pepper, sweet spices, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco and caramelization. Tannins are structuring and very discreetly marked. A very discreet chews on the finish. Good persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Moretti 2015 Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers power and concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberries and very ripe wild strawberries combined with small hints of small wild berries, slight hints of liquorice, cardamom as well as a hint of graphite and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a good fineness of the grain, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy boysenberry, cassis and small notes of plum associated with small touches of small wild berries, discreet touches of flowers as well as a discreet hint of local grove / sense of place and a subtle hint of licorice. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good persistence.

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

Terre del Barolo 2011 Barolo Riserva

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet, rose associated with a touch of blueberry, very slight hints of sweet spices, tonka bean as well as a discreet hint of sense of the place and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers straightness / tension, a fine concentration, a fine power, an acidulous frame, juiciness, freshness as well as a small gourmandise. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of dried wild strawberry, a touch of blueberry, violet as well as very slight hints of cardamom, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are elegant and very slightly marked. A very fine chews on the persistence (brings gourmandise). There are very discreet hints of dried almond and an imperceptible hint of undergrowth on the persistence.

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

Gianni Gagliardo 2014 Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a small deepness as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, purple plum and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of blue fruits as well as slight hints of Tonka bean, violet, a subtle hint of sense of place and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, precise, gourmande, racy and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality, freshness, a good guideline, deepness, a beautiful pulpy / juicy fruit as well as a good and very discreetly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe / fleshy plum and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with a hint of strawberry, cherry, slight hints of violet, cornflower as well as discreet hints of blond tobacco leaf and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant. There are a fine chews as well as imperceptible hints of Tonka bean and mushroom (in the background) on the finish / persistence.

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

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Poderi Moretti - Pulciano 2012 Roero Riserva

The nose is aromatic and racy (sense of place). It reveals notes of blackberry, salty minerality / grove and small notes of cassis associated with touches of black cherry as well as slight touches of sense of place, undergrowth and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, racy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good structure, straightness, a mineral frame as well as a fine juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, ripe wild red berries and small notes ripe wild raspberry combined with a hint of liquorice, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of caramelization and undergrowth.

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

Valletti 2016 Dogliani

The nose is fruity, fresh, powerful and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of fresh Quetsche plum, cassis and small notes of liquorice stick associated with touches of fresh violet, nutmeg, chocolate, graphite as well as slight hints of Ceylon tea and a discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers tension, a small straightness, a good juiciness, a good gourmandize, roundness, a fine power as well as a juicy and very slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/fresh Quetsche plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits, flowers as well as slight hints of nutmeg and Ceylon tea. Tannins offer a very discreet chew. Good length. A wine on the fruit, gourmandize and offers a small fleshiness.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

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Valletti - Vesce 2016 Dogliani Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers concentration. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, nutmeg / spices and small notes of crushed blackberry combined with slight hints of raspberry, very slight hints of cocoa as well as very discreet hints of flowers and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness / gourmandise as well as a pulpy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy / fresh strawberry associated with very slight hints of chocolate, flowers as well as slight hints of local vegetations and very slight hints of cocoa. Tannins are fine and very discreetly tight. Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Cascina Bongiovanni 2017 Dolcetto di Diano d'Alba

The nose is fruity, gourmandize and offers a small power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with very slight hints of violet / cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices (nutmeg ...) and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, elegant and offers an acid frame, a small saline minerality, a fine fat, gourmandize, a beautiful definition as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, small red berries as well as discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of toasted / caramelization. Tannins are elegant and offer a very fine chew. There are very discreet hints of almond and chocolate on the persistence.

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

Cascina Bongiovanni 2017 Dolcetto d'Alba

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers generosity as well as a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of purple plum, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with discreet hints of violet and a subtle hint of chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmande, beautifully conducted and offers an acidulous frame, precision, suavity / fat as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy purple plum and small notes of red berries associated with fine touches of licorice stick, violet and cardamom. Tannins are elegant and slightly marked.

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

Tenuta L'illuminata 2016 Dolcetto d'Alba

(La Morra) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers generosity as well as a small power / structure. It reveals notes of fleshy / juicy black cherry, juicy black plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as very slight hints of violet / flowers and a very discreet hint of pepper / varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, gourmandise, a small straightness, precision, finesse, fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy purple plum, juicy cherry and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with very discreet hints of flowers as well as a subtle varietal hint, very slight hints of chocolate and toast / roasting (on the finish / persistence). Tannins are fine and elegant. There are very slight hints of chocolate on the persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Conterno Fantino - Vignota 2016 Barbera d'Alba

The nose is racy and offers power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of ripe cherry associated with a touch of violet, small red fruits, gray pepper and very discreet toasted hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a racy minerality, a small gourmandize, freshness, suavity as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of ripe cherry associated with fine touches of small red fruits, violet, chocolate and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Chile

Carmen Do, Quijada, Semillón 2017 D.O. Colchagua Valley - Apalta

Carmen has recently taken another turn by offering a completely different range of products called Carmen DO based on terroir specificity. The Quijada is a delicate and expressive old-vine Semillón with a tremendous texture and powerful phenolics. It's bright, vibrant, full-bodied and extremely complex with aromas of almonds, wet rocks, white flowers, cantaloupe, honeysuckle, citrus and everything fresh.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Carmen DO, Mattoral Chileno, Mezcla tinta 2018 D.O. Maule Valley

Emily Faulconer, the winemaker overseeing the whole Carmen range since 2017, is leading the brand towards an exciting new vision. This blend of Carignan, Garnacha and Pais is extremely delicate, with a majority of lovely floral aromas, the likes of lavender & lilac as well as fresh raspberries. The acidity is outstanding making it, long, persistent in a very easy and pleasant way. It's ripe and structured to the core with such a decent integration.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Carmen, Gold, Cabernet sauvignon Alto Jahuel 2015 D.O. Maipo Valley - Alto Maipo

Carmen is the oldest vineyard in Chile, founded in 1850, and this vineyard in Alto Maipo is where the long-lost Carménère grape was rediscovered. The grapes destined for the Gold label come from a specific lot in a vineyard planted in 1957. This is a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with black currant and black cherry aromas, nicely integrated wood notes, good acidity and rich, youthful tannins. It's saturated in fruitiness and shows just the slightest touch of green notes.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Bodega Emiliana, Coyam 2016 D.O. Colchagua Valley

Coyam is the emblematic wine that represents Emiliana's philosophy in which organic and biodynamic agriculture is the way to obtain better balanced, healthier, and more terroir driven vineyards. This blend of Syrah, Carménère, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon & Mourvedre comes from the organic grown Los Robles Estate. Incredibly complex, with a nice harmony of concentrated berries and a blend of oak, spices, mint and game. The structure is soft and elegant with the Syrah-led personality shining brighter on the palate.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Seña Chadwick, Red blend 2016 D.O. Aconcagua Valley - Panquehue

Seña estate was already focusing on Chile's best attribute before Chile was even considered a wine country.

Chile's first icon wine was the result of a joint venture between two visionary men, two pioneers in their own field, Eduardo Chadwick, owner and president of Viña Errazuriz in Chile, and the now-late Robert Mondavi in California. Authentic to the bone, this classic Chilean blend made from the finest Cabernet Sauvignon, Carménère, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot varieties. The Carménère variety adds an evident Chilean personality to the wine. Polished in every way, the 2016 was of outstanding quality. Elegant, rich and finely textured with concentrated and pure-tasting flavors of dried cherry, raspberry and red currant, framed by medium-grained tannins.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Vina San Pedro 1865 Single Vineyard, Carménère 2017 D.O. Maule Valley

Typical expression of Carménère with a lovely aromatic approach. It has a complex nose with aromas of raspberry, Nutmeg, cherries, red pepper and a hint of cocoa powder and cedar. The palate is tart and spicier than what was announced on the nose. It is full-bodied with smooth & soft tannins.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Chile

Vina San Pedro 1865 Single Vineyard, Cabernet sauvignon 2017

D.O. Maipo Valley

Deeply purple, this wine has chunky, saucy cherries & plums. The wood character is well integrated along with chocolate, clove & spiced cedar. On the palate, we have concentration, maturity & dense, grinding, noticeable tannins. It's definitely full-bodied and textured with a fennel element on the finish almost hidden by the overall intensity.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Viña Vik, Milla Cala 2014

D.O. Cachapoal Valley

Milla Cala maintains a flawless equilibrium between aroma, body, and complexity. A wine of true elegance and harmony. The wine has incredibly vibrant, perfectly ripe red fruit aromas with also a bundle of other flavors, prune, cedar, cigar tobacco, smoke and chocolate are combined. Incredibly tasteful, the palate is a burst of savors with lingering smoothness.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Viña Vik, Vik 2013

D.O. Cachapoal valley

This vineyard established in 2006 is located in the Millahue Valley, or "Place of Gold", as named by the indigenous people. This is an excellent Chilean red blend by all standards, concentrated and deeply complex. Various ripe & cooked berries scents are combined with green olives, mint, forest floor, earthiness, black tea leaves and a savory side. The palate is saturated in terms of flavor intensity, but also have a delicate, soft touch. Oak and cocoa play a leading role within the flavor profile.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Clos des Fous Subsollum Pinot Noir 2016

D.O. Aconcagua valley

Le Clos des Fous is a beautiful Chilean project run by four viticulture enthusiasts. Clos des Fous is about terroir, the extreme terroirs in Chile, in this case a coastal expression.

In the glass, this wine offers a full expression of red fruits, which agrees with the delicate notes of forest damp and sweet spices. Completely creamy and gritty, the structure is quite compact, bold rather than fine.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Clos des Fous, Locura 1 terroir de los Andes Chardonnay 2015

D.O. Cachapoal Valley

Locura is a synonym of madness. It's a lighter-styled Chardonnay with tart and under ripe expression. The aromas include some timid orchard fruits and a wheat note. It's fresh and simple with good melon flavor, but a wimpy finale.

Score : 13.25+/20 (85/100)

Clos des Fous Itata 2017

D.O. Itata valley

Full of character and freshness, this wine shows respect to all the main qualities of its blend (Cinsault, País, Carignan & Syrah) beautiful red fruit that shine, with crunchy tannins and structure. We navigate between strawberry jam and hot stone, with a hint of spice and orange peel. It's an unusual, but charming cuvée.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Montes Alpha, purple Angel Carménère 2016

D.O. Colchagua Valley

The color is a bold opaque, inky purple. Classic, heavily wooded style, this wine shows a lot of empyreumatic aromas. Chocolate, grounded coffee, toast, smoke, charcoal and charred wood makes up the base of the aromatic profile. On the palate, the fruit is way more forward, with fleshy dark blackberries and cherries.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Montes Alpha, Montes Folly Syrah 2016

D.O. Colchagua Valley - Apalta

Folly is the adventurous range from Montes Alpha combining the steepest, highest slopes in Apalta with a bold varietal choice. Blackened in color and expression, the wine is condensed with cooked and sweet notes of blueberries,

vanilla beans and coconut. It's ripped to the core, robust and well balanced on the palate with smooth tannins and a long and pleasing finish bringing new flavors of dark chocolate, parched toast and licorice.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Montes Alpha Limited edition

Cabernet Sauvignon - Carmenère 2016

D.O. Colchagua Valley

Dark and ripe, this wine is heavily smoky with intense aromas of blackberries, black currant, saucy plums, tobacco, rubber and an overwhelming green pepper presence. It's very typical, nothing surprising, from the actual aromas to the heavy palate. It's nicely done and balanced, especially considering the amount of strength & depth to integrate.

Score : 13.25+/20 (85/100)

Errazuriz Aconcagua Costa Chardonnay 2018

D.O. Aconcagua Valley

Pleasant apple, peach and melon aromas show a coastal-based saline side note. It's overall crisp and focused with hints of more exotic flavors on the palate, papaya and mango. The finish is decent with a buttery, rounded character, but no apparent signs of oak except in the rich texture.

Score : 14+/20 (87/100)

Errazuriz Las Pizarras Pinot Noir 2017

D.O. Aconcagua Valley

Las Pizarras Pinot Noir is vibrant in every way full of raspberries, whortleberry, bilberry, rose petals, white plum, iodine and an interesting spicy character. It's racy and proudly shows its coastal character. The palate is more savory than fruity, with saltiness, earthiness and spiced boldness. It's finely textured and elegantly rich.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Errazuriz Kai Carménère 2015

D.O. Aconcagua Valley

Very saturated purple, opaque color, KAI is a mix of concentrated bramble berries, cassis and spices (grounded black pepper & paprika) with accents of mushroom and graphite that gives it a nice complexity. It's surprisingly soft and velvety, but still very firm, warm and dense in terms of structure.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Louis-Antoine Luyt, Legno Duro Carignan 2014 Chile – Vinos de Mesa

Luyt is a forward thinking, natural wine producer, with bold, colorful and very graphic labels. The Legno Duro is made of Carignan old-vines at least 70 years old. It has a purple, limpid color, nose of cherries, fresh mushrooms, earth and some spices. On the palate the fruit is pure & true. It is very straightforward, all with a great depth.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Garage wine co, Bagual Garnacha Field Blend (Lot #59) 2014

D.O. Maule Valley

Reviver of old vineyards, garage wine co has pushed boundaries in Chile by producing single parcel, lot specific wines with grapes sourced from different small parcels generally from farmers who worked with a horse and plough. One of the single parcels, Lot 59 is a blend of seven barrels of Garnacha and one barrel of Syrah from the Bagual vineyard in Caliboro in the Maule Valley. Only about 2000 bottles were made. The wine is richly textured, chiseled, layered, singular and very floral at the same time. There's a candied fruit character and a very fresh expression. The tannins are smooth and the wine feels flimsy, fragile.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Garage Wine co Cabernet Franc Pirque #80 2016

D.O. Maipo Valley

Solid expression of Cabernet Franc with close to no mintiness at all. Heavily concentrated and dense blueberries and blackberries with balsamic character. There's a lovely freshness that holds up this pure & muscular wine to make it smoothly balanced. It's a unique expression.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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Dolle - Riesling 2017, Ried Gaisberg 1ötw Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality and a beautiful fresh/crunchy fruit. It reveals notes of vine peach, ripe grapefruit and small notes of lemon associated with very fine hints of flowers, lychee and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, fat, tension, a slight acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, fleshy/juicy vine peach and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of ripe grapefruits and mesocarp. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Birgit Eichinger - Riesling 2017, Ried Zöbinger Heiligenstein 1ötw Kamptal DAC

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of crunchy flat peach, white flowers/varietyals and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of juicy mandarin, exotic fruits and discreet hints of petrol (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, zests and small notes of small acidulous plum associated with touches of crunchy/acidulous apple as well as fine hints of white flowers/varietyals.

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

Loimer, Langenlois - Grüner Veltliner 2016, Ried Käferberg 1ötw Kamptal DAC

(Bio) The nose is fruity, mineral, elegant and racy. It reveals notes of crunchy nectarine, crunchy apple and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of white flowers, quince as well as fine hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is elegant, beautifully built and offers delicacy, purity as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crunchy flat peach and small notes of juicy pear associated with fine touches of lychee, mango and flowers. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Birgit Eichinger - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Lamm 1ötw Kamptal DAC

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers freshness and a very fine richness/concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy/fresh yellow plum, quince and small notes of yellow apple associated with very fine hints of spices/nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, richness, fat as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow plum, yellow apple and small note of quince associated with small touches of pineapple, nutmeg and spices. Good length.

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

Weixelbaum - Anno Dazumal 2015, Grüner Veltliner Kamptal DAC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, elegance and deepness. It reveals notes of peach, peach flowers and small notes of apple associated with touches of exotic fruits, ripe citrus (mandarin, pink grapefruit) as well as fine hints of apricot, zests, almond and an imperceptible almost milky hint. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, finesse, a slight acidulous frame as well as a beautiful texture. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, crunchy flat peach and small notes of exotic fruits/lychee associated with fine touches of citrus (mandarin, lemon) as well as a fine hint of mesocarp, lily of the valley and almond. Good length.

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

Dolle - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Alte Reben, Ried Gaisberg 1ötw Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of juicy/fresh clementine associated with small touches of apple/brugnon as well as fine hints of small yellow fruits and discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, gourmandize, suavity, a small fat/fleshiness as well as a juicy/mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy kumquat and small notes of clementine associated with small touches of crushed yellow apple as well as fine hints of yellow flowers and a very discreet hint of almond milk. Good length.

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

Birgit Eichinger - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Wechselberg Kamptal DAC

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of quince, crushed small white fruits and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of lemon, lemon flowers and discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, suavity, a small tension, precision as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, Mirabelle plum and small notes of fresh quenette associated with small touches of lychee, exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of mango and flowers. Good length.

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

Weingut Grillmaier - Rheinriesling 2017, Ried Schenkenbichl Kamptal DAC Reserve

(bio) The nose is fresh and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, crunchy peach and small notes of rose associated with fine touches of lily of the valley, racy minerality as well as a hint of crunchy plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a juicy/mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, crunchy vine peach and small notes of crunchy apple associated with fine touches of flowers (lily of the valley, peach flowers, almond flowers) as well as hints of racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Rabl - Langenlois 2018, Grüner Veltliner Kamptal DAC

The nose is fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of fresh white fruits, racy minerality and small notes of pink lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, fat as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy apple, crunchy pear and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of quince and rose. Good length and persistence.

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

Weingut Grillmaier - 2017 Grüner Veltliner 1957 Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is mineral, finely tight and offers a small power. It reveals notes of quince, brugnon and varietyals associated with fine touches of schist. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a small concentration, a small richness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow plum and small notes of varietyal/lily of the valley associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits as well as hints of flint/beeswax.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Doll - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Rosengartl Kamptal DAC

The nose is fresh, fruity, slightly on the hold. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh quince, small wild yellow fruits and small notes of fresh zests associated with fine hints of schist/flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of apple associated with fine varietal hints and flint. Good length.

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

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RABL - Riesling 2017, Ried Schenkenbichl - Alte Reben

Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is mineral, fresh, racy and offers a very fine tension as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh quince and small notes of small crunchy yellow fruits associated with fine touches of lemon and white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, a beautiful definition as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh/crunchy nectarine and small notes of fresh/crunchy apple associated with small touches of crunchy Mirabelle plum. Good length and persistence.

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

Weixelbaum - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Wechselberg

Kamptal DAC

The nose is mineral, slightly fruity and a bit restrained. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow fruits and small notes of apple associated with a fine touch of quenette, lemon zests as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers and an imperceptible hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, fat, suavity as well as a beautiful precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy quince, small fleshy yellow plums and small notes of fleshy peach associated with fine touches of pear, quenette as well as a subtle hint of lemon flowers. Good length.

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

RABL - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Langenlois

Kamptal DAC

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine gourmandize and a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon, mandarin blossom and small notes of Granny Smith apple associated with fine touches of zests, fresh vine peach as well as hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension, straightness as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, mandarin zests and small notes of ripe white grapefruits associated with fine touches of crunchy green apple, crunchy peach as well as hints of white flowers. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

RABL - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Loiserberg, Alte Reben

Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is fresh, fruity and racy. It reveals notes of juicy apple, juicy peach and small notes of honeysuckle/white flowers associated with a touch of fresh quince, small crunchy yellow fruits as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, roundness and a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy yellow apple, juicy Mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of small flowers, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of beeswax. Good length.

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

Loimer - Grüner Veltliner 2018

Kamptal DAC

(bio) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small concentration. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of quince, yellow apple and small notes of nectarine associated with fine hints of bee wax and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe nectarine and small notes of crushed pear associated with fine touches of quince, pineapple as well as a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Dolle - Riesling 2018, Ried Brunngrasse

Kamptal DAC

The nose is aromatic, fruity, flowery and offers a good intensity. It reveals notes of lime, zests and small notes of lemon flowers, apple flowers associated with fine touches of pineapple and vine peach. The palate is fruity

and offers an acidulous frame as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, mesocarp and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with fine touches of pink grapefruit, zests as well as fine hints of mandarin flowers/lemon flowers and flint.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Weixelbaum - Riesling 2016, Ried Gaisberg - Wahre Werte

Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of quince, nectarine and small notes of zests associated with fine touches of fresh lemon and a discreet hint of fresh white grapefruit and fine hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe vine peach and small notes of pink grapefruit associated with fine touches of juicy quenette, juicy apple as well as fine hints of flowers and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Loimer - Riesling 2018

Kamptal DAC

(bio) The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality, a very fine intensity and an aromatic precision. It reveals notes of quince, brugnion and small notes of juicy mandarin associated with touches of lemon zests/lime zests as well as a hint of lemon flowers and discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, elegance as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, mesocarp and small notes of nectarine/fresh pear associated with fine hints of racy minerality and a discreet hint of quenette. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Loimer - Riesling 2016, Ried Steinmassl Iötw, Langenlois

Kamptal DAC

(bio) The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine richness and elegance. It reveals notes of pear, peach and small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of lemon, zests, flint as well as fine hints of citrus flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy vine peach, fleshy/juicy apple and small notes of pink grapefruit associated with fine touches of lemon, zests as well as hints of exotic fruits and very fine hints of lemon flowers. Good length and persistence.

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

Weixelbaum - Riesling 2016, Ried Kammerner Renner

Kamptal DAC Reserve

The nose is fruity and offers finesse, elegance and a small power. It reveals notes of quince, zests and small notes of lemon flowers associated with fine touches of pear, gouache and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension as well as an acidulous and juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe vine peach and small notes of crunchy green apple associated with touches of lemon, mandarine zests as well as fine hints of flint. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Loimer - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Loiserberg - Langenlois

Kamptal DAC

(bio) The nose reveals notes of quince, zests associated with a touch of zests, varieties as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision, tension and racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white fruits, quince associated with a touch of zests, varieties as well as schists/minerality. Good length.

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

Austria

dry white wines

Weingut Bründlmayer - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Langenloiser Alte Reben Kamptal DAC

The nose is fresh, mineral, racy. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, zests and small notes of fresh quince associated with touches of racy minerality and a subtle hint of pink pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh Mirabelle plum, fresh quince and small notes of fresh brugnion associated with touches of racy minerality, apricot as well as a subtle hint of flowers. Good length.

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

Loimer - Riesling 2017, Ried Loiserberg - Langenlois Kamptal DAC

The nose is mineral, fresh and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of ripe/crunchy peach, lemon and small notes of fresh kumquat associated with small touches of honeysuckle and fresh lychee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe lemon, fresh/ripe peach and small notes of fresh kumquat associated with small touches of racy minerality, white flowers and a subtle hint of acidulous plum. Good length and acidulous persistence.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Weixelbaum - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Gaisberg, Wahre Werte Kamptal DAC

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness and elegance. It reveals notes of quince, Mirabelle plum associated with slight touches of yellow fruits and discreet hints of orange. The palate is fruity, juicy, beautifully defined, gourmand and offers a juicy/mineral frame, elegance, a good freshness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/acidulous Mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with a touch of small yellow fruits, lychee as well as a hint of orange, discreet hints of racy minerality/schist. Good length and persistence. Appetence and sapidity on the finish.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

NIEDERÖSTERREICH DRY WHITE WINES

Weinrieder - Riesling 2015 Reserve Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, crunchy flat peach and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of apple and exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers fat, a juicy/very slightly acidulous frame as well as a very fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, crushed vine peach and small notes of quenette, lychee associated with fine touches of lemon flowers/peach flowers, exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length.

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

Weinrieder, Kugler - Lagenreserve 2013 Niederösterreich

The nose is mineral, fresh and slightly tight. It reveals notes of fresh mesocarp, zests and small notes of varietales associated with fine touches of small fresh/crunchy fruits and a discreet hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, tension, gourmandize as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, quince and small notes of small juicy yellow plums associated with touches of lychee, quenette as well as hints of flowers and a very discreet butter hint. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Zull, Grüner Veltliner 2018 - Lust & Laune Niederösterreich

The nose is slightly closed and offers a fine crunchiness. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, rose and small notes of flowers/lily of the valley associated with very fine touches of crunchy peach and fine hints of flint. The palate is fruity, beading ("perlante"), acidulous and offers fat as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy apple, crunchy flat peach and small notes of zests/citrus associated with small touches of lily of the valley. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Hirtl - Weissburgunder 2018 Exklusiv Niederösterreich

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of fresh fleshy peach, fresh ripe lemon and small notes of zests associated with touches of mesocarp, discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible varietal hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh apple, fresh peach and small notes of lime mesocarp associated with fine touches of zests, a hint of flowers/varietales as well as very discreet mineral hints.

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

Lenz Moser - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Prestige Niederösterreich

The nose reveals notes of peach and small notes of crunchy pear associated with very discreet hints of juicy apple (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of apple, fleshy brugnion and small notes of quenette associated with a fine touch of pear and a very discreet hint of lemon. Good length.

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

Souveräner Malteser Ritterorden - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Hundschupfen Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and slightly tight. It reveals notes of apple, juicy brugnion and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of lemon as well as an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, full and offers tension, fat and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe brugnion and small notes of apple associated with a fine touch of kumquat, flowers and quenette.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Hirtl - Riesling 2015, Selection Niederösterreich

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small richness / intensity. It reveals notes of quince, dried citrus and small notes of flowers associated with fine touches of juicy apricot, exotic fruits as well as fine hints of racy minerality and a discreet hint of gouache. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh / mineral frame, dynamism, a good guideline, fat, juiciness, freshness, fine richness, a very discreetly tight structure as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe citrus and small notes of passion fruits associated with a touch of lychee, juicy apricot, nectarine as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Good length. Beautiful acidulous persistence.

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

Hirtl - Riesling 2018, Exklusiv Niederösterreich

The nose is flowery and offers a fine complexity, a fine power / richness as well as freshness. It reveals notes of quince, Genêt and small varietal notes associated with fine touches of gouache as well as discreet citrus hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, suavity, dynamism, juiciness, a very slight incisal side, a good freshness as well as a fine airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, acidulous / juicy small yellow fruits and small notes of Genêt associated with fine hints of quenette, passion fruits, citrus fruits as well as discreet hints of gouache and white flowers. Good length. Acidulous persistence.

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

Austria

dry white wines

Hirtl - Chardonnay 2016, Selection Niederösterreich

The nose offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh crunchy brugnion and small notes of flowers/variety associated with very fine hints of kumquat zests, small yellow fruits as well as hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful fat, roundness as well as unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, crushed pear and small notes of lychee associated with touches of exotic fruits, quince as well as fine hints of flowers and racy minerality. Good length. An imperceptible hint of bitterness on the persistence.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Hirtl - Weissburgunder 2015, Selection Niederösterreich

The nose is aromatic, fresh and offers a fine intensity/power. It reveals notes of crunchy green peach, quenette and small notes of citrus (kumquat, lime) associated with fine touches of white fruits, white flowers (lily of the valley, lily...) as well as racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a beautiful tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, crunchy green peach and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of exotic fruits and citrus as well as a discreet hint of zests. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Pröglhöf - Tegel & Mergel 2017 Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine juiciness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, peach flowers and small notes of Williams pear associated with fine touches of quince. The palate is fruity, suave and offers fat, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, crushed brugnion and small notes quenette/exotic fruits associated with fine hints of peach flowers. Good length.

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

Weinrieder - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Alte Reben Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of dry lemon zests and small notes of small yellow plums associated with fine touches of quince and fine hints of racy minerality/flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, fat, juiciness as well as a beautiful minerality/freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy/acidulous yellow plum and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of juicy/fresh apple, crushed apricot and very fine hints of zests (in the background). Good length.

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

Pröglhöf - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Obermarkersdorfer Speisern Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine minerality as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh brugnion and small notes of fresh pear associated with fine touches of lemon flowers and a discreet hint of lime zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, crunchy/juicy peach and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of lemon flowers, lychee as well as a discreet hint of rose. Good length. An imperceptible hint of mango and almond on the persistence.

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

Zull - Riesling 2018, Ried Innere Bergen Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness, a fine power as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of nectarine, apple flowers and small notes of juicy citrus associated with a fine hint of acidulous yellow plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon juicy/ripe vine peach and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of lemon flowers, mandarin zests and hints of exotic fruits.

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

Pröglhöf - Weisser Riesling 2017 Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as richness. It reveals notes of quince, pear and small notes of yellow flowers associated with fine touches of lime zests and flint. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, dynamism as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe quince and small notes of acidulous Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of juicy green apple as well as fine hints of exotic fruits and zests. Good length.

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

Hirtl - Weissburgunder Selection 2016 Niederösterreich

The nose is mineral and offers a fine power as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of ripe yellow apple, pear and small notes of ripe/juicy lemon associated with fine touches of flint as well as very fine hints of flowers/mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe quince and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of lemon blossom/white flowers, fresh/fleshy green apple and very fine hints of mesocarp and racy minerality. A subtle varietal hint in the background/finish.

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

Hirtl - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Bürsting Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers freshness. It reveals notes of quince, fresh crunchy Mirabelle plum and small notes of pear associated with fine hints of honeysuckle as well as a very discreet hint of minerality and lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a small fat as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear associated with fine touches of lychee as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers, lemon and a subtle hint of flint.

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

Stift Klosterneuburg - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Reserve - Klosterneuburg Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, crunchy mirabelle and small notes of crunchy brugnion associated with fine touches of juicy lemon as well as a subtle hint of lime zests and varieties. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a fine suavity, an acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of brugnion, pear and small notes of Mirabelle associated with a touch of pineapple, beeswax as well as very fine hints of honeysuckle and lemon.

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

Winzer Krems - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Von den Terrassen Niederösterreich

The nose reveals notes of fresh/juicy brugnion, quince and peach flowers associated with small touches of yellow fruits as well as a discreet varietal hint. The palate is fruity, tense, well-balanced, mineral and offers an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, brugnion and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits, flowers (lily of the valley, white rose) as well as fine varietal hints. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Winzer Krems - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Edition Chremisa Niederösterreich

The nose is fresh and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of white fruits (pear, brugnion) and small notes of citrus zests associated with fine touches of quince/juicy mandarine and a discreet hint of lychee and varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a fine fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy/juicy apple and small notes of brugnion associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits and a discreet hint of mandarine zests. Good length.

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

Austria

dry white wines

Zull - Chardonnay 2017, Ried Kalvarienberg Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach, ripe pear and small notes of ripe lemon associated with a very discreet hint of flowers and an imperceptible butter hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good structure as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy quince and small notes of crushed vine peach associated with touches of ripe lemon as well as fine hints of exotic fruits and racy minerality/flint. A good persistence with and imperceptible hint of butter and ripe almond.

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

Hirtl - Cuvée One in White 2015 Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as precision. It reveals notes of quince, wild small yellow fruits and small notes of white fruits associated with fine touches of juicy lemon and very fine hints of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fat and offers a juicy frame, suavity, precision as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, quince and small notes of crushed Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of quenette, flowers and white flowers as well as an imperceptible vanilla hint (in the background).

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Malat - Chardonnay 2017, Ried Hochrain - Palt Niederösterreich

The nose offers richness, a fine gourmandize and a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of crushed apple, quince and small notes of butter associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits and a very discreet hint of vanilla/brioche. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juicy frame, tension, dynamism as well as a certain finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy brugnon, fleshy apple and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of small acidulous yellow fruits, lemon as well as fine hints of brioche and butter. Good length.

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

Zull - Riesling 2018, Ried Innere Bergen Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of white fruits and small notes of lychee associated with a touch of lime zests and discreet hints of exotic fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine richness as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon and crushed vine peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of flowers. Good persistence.

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

Weinrieder - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Schneiderberg Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity/richness. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of crushed apple associated with fine touches of pear as well as discreet hints of Mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle plum, fleshy quince and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of mandarin zests as well as fine hints of crushed brugnon and a discreet hint of white flowers. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Zull - NeuLand 2018, Gemischter Satz Niederösterreich

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness. It reveals notes of white flowers, apple blossoms and small notes of fresh apple associated with fine touches of fresh lemon as well as a discreet hint of lychee and rose. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good freshness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of brugnon, crunchy pear and small notes of lychee associated with touches of white flowers, lemon flowers as well as hints of rose. Good length.

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

Weingut Pleil - Gemischter Satz 2018, Ried Wienerfeld Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity, a bit tight and racy. It reveals notes of fresh / crunchy yellow apple, fresh quince and small notes of fresh fresh fruits associated with a discreet hint of varieties and very fine hints of fresh lemon. The palate is fruity, fresh, tense and offers dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh quince, fresh / crunchy yellow apple associated with notes of exotic fruits, fresh small fruits as well as a discreet hint of lemon flowers. Good length.

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

WACHAU DRY WHITE WINES

Domäne Wachau - Riesling 2017 Smaragd, Ried Achleiten Wachau

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon, apple flowers and small notes of fresh quenette associated with small touches of fresh/juicy citrus and racy minerality/schist. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, fat, a small deepness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, juicy flat peach and small notes of juicy quenette associated with touches of zests, exotic fruits as well as fine hints of white flowers, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of rose. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domäne Wachau - Grüner Veltliner 2017 Smaragd, Ried Achleiten Wachau

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness and a crunchy and juicy fruit. It reveals notes of vine peach, juicy citrus (mandarin, lime) and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine touches of white flowers and hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of crushed brugnon associated with small touches of pear as well as hints of exotic fruits and fine hints of flowers. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Malat - Pinot Blanc 2018, Ried Am Zaum - Mautern Wachau

The nose is mineral, fresh, racy. It reveals notes of crunchy yellow plum, brugnon and small notes of fresh lychee associated with a slight hint of flowers and lemon. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/acidulous yellow plum, crunchy brugnon and small notes of lemon associated with fine hints of lychee and apple. Good length and acidulous persistence.

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

WAGRAM DRY WHITE WINES

Weingut Schuster - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Alte Reben Wagram

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of apple, pineapple and small notes of green/crunchy peach associated with touches of lemon zests and a very discreet hint of mesocarp. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame as well as a slight beading ("perlante") side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy peach, crunchy brugnon and small notes of crunchy apple associated with touches of lemon, zests and crunchy pineapple. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Austria

dry white wines

Weingut Schuster - Roter Veltliner 2017 Reserve, Ried Berg Eisenhut Wagram

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine concentration as well as complexity. It reveals notes of vine peach, juicy grapes, juicy/ripe citrus (lemon, mandarin, lime) associated with fine touches of quenette, pink lychee as well as a very discreet hint of flowers and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, racy minerality, a small fat as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnon, quenette and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of citrus (lime, mandarine) as well as fine hints of flint/racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Josef Ehmoser - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Grossweikersdorfer Hohenberg Wagram

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small gourmandize, a fine grain as well as discreetly tight. It reveals notes of lime, vine peach and small notes of lemon flowers associated with touches of green apple, exotic fruits and hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, finesse, precision as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy vine peach, crunchy/juicy apple and small notes of sugar lime associated with fine touches of sugar pink grapefruit, quenette as well as fine hints of exotic fruits and lemon flowers. Good persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Josef Ehmoser - Riesling 2018, Vom Gelben Löss, Grossweikersdorf Wagram

The nose is finely tight. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of lemon, mandarine flowers, peach flowers and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of apricot and exotic fruits/quenette as well as fine hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good structure as well as a fine suavity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, lemon flowers and small notes of ripe/sugar pink grapefruit as well as touches of exotic fruits, crunchy peach as well as fine hints of racy minerality and imperceptible varietal hints. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

KREMSTAL DAC DRY WHITE WINES

Winzer Krems - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Kremser Goldberg, Kellermeister Privat Kremstal DAC

The nose reveals notes of lemon, kumquat and small notes of zests associated with a touch of quince, fine hints of exotic fruits as well as racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a fine suavity as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, crunchy brugnon, crunchy pear and small notes of white flowers associated with fine touches of lychee, rose and exotic fruits. Good length.

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

Stift Goettweig, Furth - Riesling 2018 Kremstal DAC

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small concentration and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of flint/schist, fresh zests, lemon and small notes of fresh/crunchy white fruits associated with fine touches of mesocarp as well as fine hints of white flowers and a very discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon mesocarp, zests and small notes of crunchy white fruits (brugnon, pear) associated with very fine hints of white flowers and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Winzert Krems - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Kremser Wachtberg, Reserve Kremstal DAC

The nose reveals notes of lychee, white fruits and small notes of honeysuckle associated with fine touches of zests. The palate is fruity, beading ("perlante") and offers a beautiful tension, a mineral frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed brugnon and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of flowers and racy minerality. Good length.

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

Winzer Krems - Kremser Pfaffenberg 2017, Riesling Reserve Kremstal DAC

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of lemon zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of zests associated with fine touches of lychee, crushed apple as well as very fine hints of flowers and exotic fruits. Good length.

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

Stift Goettweig - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Gottschelle 1ötw Kremstal DAC

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine concentration and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of Mirabelle and small notes of small yellow fruits, flowers associated with fine touches of zests, crushed ripe white peach as well as a discreet hint of grey pepper and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon, juicy ripe quince and small notes of ripe/fleshy peach associated with fine touches of juicy kumquat, mango and flint. Good length and persistence.

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

Stift Goettweig - Riesling 2017, Further Ried Silberbichl 1ötw Kremstal DAC Reserve

The nose is fresh and fruity. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of apple, lychee and small notes of nectarine associated with fine touches of fresh flowers as well as hints of schist/racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a slight acidulous frame and a beautiful guideline/definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy peach and small notes of lychee associated with subtle hints of racy minerality.

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

Weingut Stadt Krems - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ries Weinzierlberg Kremstal DAC

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh lemon and small notes of small acidulous yellow plum. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a fine fat, racy minerality as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, crunchy white fruits and small notes of white flowers associated with fine touches of schist/racy minerality and fine varietal hints.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Winzer Krems - Grüner Veltliner 2018 Kremstal DAC

The nose is fresh, fruity. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh white peach, mesocarp and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of fresh quince. The palate is very finely beading («perlante»), fruity and offers a small fat, a small roundness as well as a fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy white peach and small notes of fleshy apple associated with very fine hints of white flowers and minerality. Good length.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)

Austria

dry white wines

Türk - 2017 Grüner Veltliner Reserve, Ried Kremser Thurnerberg Iötzw Kremstal DAC

The nose reveals notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with very fine hints of lemon flowers and fresh quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, precision as well as a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe vine peach and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of apple, quenette and an imperceptible hint of flowers. Good length. A persistence on fine hints of bitterness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Weingut Stadt Krets - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Wachtberg I öwt Kremstal DAC

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a very fine richness and minerality. It reveals notes of Williams pear, quince and small notes of small fresh white fruits associated with fine touches of exotic fruits and hints of mandarin flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful suavity, a beautiful definition as well as a very slightly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Williams pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine touches of quenette as well as discreet hints of quince and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Stift Goettweig - Riesling 2016, Ried Pfaffenberg Iötzw Kremstal DAC

The nose is racy, aromatic, fresh and offers a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of dry lemon, citrus and small notes of rose associated with fine touches of rose lychee and discreet hints of sugar pink grapefruit/mandarine flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine sapidity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, juicy quenette and small notes of ripe/juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of sugar pink grapefruit and exotic fruits. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score : 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Malat - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Gottschelle Iötzw Kremstal DAC

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe apple, vine peach and small notes of quenette associated with fine hints of mandarin blossom and an imperceptible hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with a hint of apple as well as an imperceptible hint of apple flowers. Good length.

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

Malat - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Ried Höhlgraben Kremstal DAC

The nose reveals notes of brugnion, apple and small notes of lychee associated with very fine hints of fresh lemon zests and a fine hint of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame, a good definition as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion, pear and small notes of quenette associated with fine hints of lemon flowers and racy minerality. Good length and persistence.

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

Weingut Stadt Krets - Riesling 2017, Ried Grillenparz Iötzw Kremstal DAC

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of vine peach, quenette and small notes of ripe/sweet pink grapefruit associated with green apple as well as very fine hints of lemon, zests, lemon flowers and discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, a beautiful suavity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quenette, sweet pink grapefruit and small notes of ripe lemon associated with small touches of vine peach and exotic fruits. Good length and persistence.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Malat - Riesling 2017, Ried Steinbühel Kremstal DAC

The nose is flowery and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon flowers, fresh zests and small notes of white flowers associated with fine touches of dry mandarin, juicy quenette and a very discreet hint of gouache. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy quenette associated with a touch of juicy/sweet mandarine as well as very fine hints of flowers. Good length and acidulous persistence.

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

Malat - Riesling 2017, Ried Silberbichl Iötzw Kremstal DAC

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine minerality as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, pineapple associated with a fine touch of zests as well as very fine hints of passion fruit and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a slight acidulous frame as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy vine peach and small notes of quenette associated with a touch of passion fruit as well as discreet hints of zests and racy minerality. Good length.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Weingut Stadt Krets - Riesling 2017, Ried Schreck Kremstal DAC

The wine needs to be carafe. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, grapefruit and small notes of Genêt associated with a fine touch of lychee, rose and white fruit. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, a good definition, a beautiful suavity / roundness, gourmandize as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small yellow fruits, sweet grapefruit and small notes of passion fruits associated with fine touches of lychee, rose, quince as well as discreet hints of discreet hints of white flowers (in the background) and a subtle hint of varietal / dried zest. Good length and persistence. There are an imperceptible hint of dried almond, oak and curry on the persistence.

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

Türk - Riesling 2017, Ried Kremser Wachtberg I öwt Kremstal DAC

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as a very fine incisal side. It reveals notes of lychee apple and lighter citrus (kumquat, ripe lemon) associated with fine touches of ripe grapefruit, verbena, Genêt and a discreet hint of pineapple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, precision, minerality as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of ripe / juicy lemon, ripe / juicy pineapple and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of quenette, apple as well as discreet hints of verbena, ripe tangerine and apple blossoms. Good length.

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

THERMENREGION DRY WHITE WINES

Johannes Gebeshuber - Zierfandler 2017, Ried Modler Thermenregion

(bio) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small concentration/power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of dry lemon zests, peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of pink pepper, citrus as well as a discreet hint of quenette, flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, fat, beautiful, well-balanced and offers tension as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/fresh peach and small notes of fleshy apple associated with a touch of quenette, crunchy brugnion and fine touches of mandarine. Good length.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Austria

dry white wines

Johanneshof Reinisch - Rotgipfler 2018 Thermenregion

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a flowery side. It reveals notes of crushed peach, quince and small notes of brugnion associated with fine hints of zests as well as very discreet hints of minerality and flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, suavity as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of pink lychee associated with fine touches of quénette, crushed brugnion as well as a subtle hint of rose/white flowers. Good length.

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

Toni Hartl - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Hirschpoint Thermenregion

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, zests and small notes of grapefruits associated with fine touches of brugnion, mesocarp and discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, racy and offers an acidulous frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, zests and small notes of juicy/crunchy Granny Smith apple associated with fine touches of apple flowers/almond flowers and flint. Good length.

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

Gebeshuber - Rotgipfler 2017, Ried Laim Thermenregion

The nose is mineral and slightly tight. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of quince, dry almond and small notes of ripe apple associated with fine touches of white flowers, rose and very fine hints of oak. The palate is fruity, well-balances and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, tension as well as a fine airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, white flowers (lily of the valley...), rose as well as a subtle hint of beeswax and almond. Good length.

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

Stift Klosterneuburg - Rotgipfler 2017, Ried Satzing - Grosse Reserve - Gumpoldskirchen Thermenregion

The nose is fruity and offers a small richness/concentration. It reveals notes of brugnion, crunchy pear and small notes of flowers (white, rose) associated with fine touches of lemon, grapefruit and a discreet hint of pink lychee. The palate is fruity, flowery, well-balanced and offers fat, roundness, a mineral frame as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of brugnion associated with fine touches of pink grapefruit, lychee, flowers as well as hints of pear. The persistence is flowery.

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

WEINVIERTEL DRY WHITE WINES

Souveräner Malteser Ritterorden - Grüner Veltliner 2018 Weinviertel DAC

The nose is frank, fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of lemon, peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of flowers and hints of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, minerality as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, juicy/fresh peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of pink lychee and flowers. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

HIRTl - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Waldberg Weinviertel DAC

The nose is mineral, fresh and offers a fine racy power. It reveals notes of lemon zests, mesocarp and small notes of fresh pear associated with a touch of crunchy brugnion, flint and very discreet hints of white flowers. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, mesocarp and small notes of crunchy brugnion associated with small touches of crunchy apple, flint as well as fine hints of white flowers and lychee.

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

Bauer Christoph - Grüner Veltliner 2016 Reserve Weinviertel DAC

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant, beautifully built and racy. It reveals notes of ripe apple, juicy ripe quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a hint of crushed brugnion as well as discreet hints of peach flowers, bee wax, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of small dry fruits. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful freshness, precision as well as definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy/crushed peach and small notes of juicy/fresh citrus associated with fine touches of beeswax as well as very fine hints of dry fruits. Good length.

Score : 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Weingut Pleil - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Reserve Weinviertel DAC

The nose is fruity, slightly tight and offers a small minerality. It reveals notes of fresh apple and small notes of citrus associated with fine touches of fling, white flowers and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a good definition/structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, crunchy/juicy peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of zests, white flowers as well as hints of flint. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Weingut Pleil - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Sonnleiten Weinviertel DAC

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh pear, lychee and small notes of lemon blossom associated with a touch of lemon dry zests as well as discreet varietal hints and flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, fleshy/juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy lemon associated with touches of quénette, kumquat/exotic fruits as well as hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of ripe almond (in the background). Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Hirtl - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Ried Kirchberg Weinviertel DAC

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine complexity and a fine concentration/richness. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, green peach and small notes of flowers associated with fine touches of nectarine and very fine mineral hints. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers an acidulous frame, tension and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy pear, green peach and small notes of quince associated with touches of nectarine and a subtle hint of lychee. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Hirtl - Grüner Veltliner 2018, Franz Weinviertel DAC

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, rose and small notes of litchi associated with fine touches of fresh white fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame as well as a good freshness/minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of rose, white flowers as well as hints of small crushed yellow fruits. Good length.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Hirtl - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Reserve Weinviertel DAC

The nose is fruity, fresh, precise and offers elegance. It reveals notes of ripe vine peach, ripe lemon and small notes of quénette/lychee associated with a fine touch of exotic fruits and a discreet hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine suavity as well as a beautiful gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon and ripe/juicy vine peach associated with discreet hints of apple and hints of exotic fruits/quénette. Good length.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Austria

white dry wines

sweet wines

Zull - Grüner Veltliner 2016, Ried Äussere Bergen Weinviertel DAC

The nose is mineral. It reveals notes of quince, flint and small notes of yellow plums associated with very fine hints of mandarin and small notes of lily of the valley. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, freshness as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, flint and small notes of fresh mandarin associated with fine touches of zests as well as hints of small yellow fruits and a discreet hint of crunchy pear. Good length.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

CARNUNTUM DRY WHITE WINES

Netzl - Weissburgunder 2017, Ried Altenberg Göttesbrunn Carnuntum

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow plum and small varietal notes, lily of the valley associated with fine hints of zests and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandise as well as a fine unctuousity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed pear and small notes of crushed Mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of sugared mandarin and exotic fruits as well as a very fine hint of lemon flowers. Good length.

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

Netzl - Grüner Veltliner 2018 Carnuntum

The nose is fruity and offers a small juiciness. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy lemon, nectarine and small notes of quince associated with a fine touch of fresh zests as well as discreet hints of white flowers (lily of the valley...), flint and white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a very tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of nectarine, quince and small notes of small white fruits associated with fine hints of zests, racy minerality as well as a very discreet varietal hint.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Netzl - Chardonnay 2018 Carnuntum

The nose is fruity and offers a fine fleshiness as well as freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy / fresh pear, fleshy / fresh apple and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of fresh mirabelle plum as well as a discreet hint of white flowers and fresh butter. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good structure, suavity as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, quince and small notes of crushed apple associated with a touch of lychee, a discreet hint of flowers as well as a subtle hint of varietal and fresh butter.

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

AUSTRIAN SWEET WINES

Türk - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Eiswein Niederösterreich

The nose offers notes of crystallized lemon, quince and small of peach in syrup associated with fine touches of lychee, peach blossoms as well as a discreet hint of mandarin zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, fat, tension, a fine unctuousity, a beautiful acidulous side, juiciness as well as a small straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized mandarin and small notes of quince associated with touches of vine peach in syrup, pineapple, quenette as well as slight hints of flowers. Good length. Good acidulous persistence.

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

Weinrieder - Grüner Veltliner 2014, Eiswein Niederösterreich

The nose is fresh, fruity / aromatic and offers intensity / potency. It reveals notes of kumquat, lychee and small notes of exotic fruit associated with touches of peach in syrup as well as slight hints of flowers as well as a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a acidulous frame, a good structure, tension, gourmandise as well as a very discreet beading (perlant) side on the attack. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, pineapple in syrup / crunchy pineapple and small notes of mandarin zest associated with fine touches of vine peach as well as a hint of a quenette and a subtle hint of lemon blossom. Good length.

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

RABL - Gelber Muskateller 2015, Trockenbeerenauslese - Langenlois Niederösterreich

The nose is fresh, aromatic, elegant and offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as gourmandise. It reveals notes of lime zest, candied lime and small notes of crystallized grapefruit combined with touches of crunchy vine peach, lychee, fresh nutmeg as well as fine hints of fresh honey and an imperceptible hint of fresh hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, unctuousity, fat as well as a beautiful tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized lime and small notes of brugnion compote associated with touches of crystallized green apple, fine touches of exotic fruits, lychee, zest, candied mandarin as well as hints of honey and biscuit. Good length. Beautiful acidulous and suave persistence.

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

Weixelbaum - Sauvignon Blanc 2016, Auslese Ried Wechselberg, Whare Werte Himmel Niederösterreich

The nose reveals fine notes of crystallized lemon, varietals as well as discreet hints of crunchy apple, fresh pear and racy minerality. The palate is elegant, fruity and offers fat and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, crushed pear and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of flowers/varietals as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length.

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

Stift Klosterneuburg - Grüner Veltliner 2017, Eiswein Niederösterreich

The nose is fresh, mineral, racy and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of apple, peach and a touch of flint combined with touches of mirabelle plum as well as slight hints of fresh kumquat and discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandise, tension, a small fat as well as a beautiful racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crunchy / juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy Granny Smith apple combined with fine touches of crushed mirabelle plum as well as slight hints of honey, nutmeg and sweet spices. Good length. Good persistence.

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

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Austria

sweet wines

Weinrieder - Riesling 2016 Eiswein, Ried Schneiderberg Niederösterreich

The nose is mineral and very slightly tight. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of lemon, crystallized apple and small notes of pineapple associated with small touches of racy minerality / flint as well as a subtle hint of kumquat, white flowers, spices, honey and an imperceptible hint of almond. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmande, well-balanced and offers suavité, a beautiful roundness, a very fine tension, unctuousity, softness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied quince and small notes of crushed peach associated with a touch of Williams pear, pineapple in syrup and subtle hints of minerality, honey, apricot dried and with an imperceptible hint of white flowers.

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

RABL - Riesling 2016 Trockenbeerenauslese - Langenlois Niederösterreich

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of quince, dried lemon zest and small notes of crystallized tangerine associated with touches of juicy vine peach, slight hints of honey, flowers as well as a discreet hint of tea and ginger. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers a juicy frame, tension, precision, suavity, fat, gourmandise, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, crystallized quince and small notes of candied zest associated with touches of crystallized mandarin, crystallized pineapple as well as slight hints of apricot, flowers, beeswax and an imperceptible hint of tea / cedar. Good length and persistence. There is a very discreet hint of almond on the persistence.

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

Weingut Bründlmayer - Riesling 2016 Eiswein, Ried Steinmassel - Langenlois Niederösterreich

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration / power as well as minerality. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh brugnion and small notes of crushed pear associated with small touches of kumquat as well as a slight hint of lime zest and flowers. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral (racy minerality), well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful verticality / straightness, dynamism, a beautiful definition as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, quince and small notes of fresh brugnion associated with fine touches of yuzu, yellow plum jam, slight hints of pineapple in syrup as well as a very discreet hint of apricot and beeswax. Beautiful acidulous and suave persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Weingut Schuster - Riesling 2018, Beerenauslese Wagram

The nose offers concentration, a small power and a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of lime, crystallized lemon and small notes of nectarine associated with a touch of linden tree, candied pineapple, quenette as well as hints of racy minerality / shale and slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, dynamism, a beautiful racy minerality, a beautiful grain as well as a small airy side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, candied zest of lime and small notes of crunchy nectarine associated with fine touches of apple, kumquat and racy minerality. Good length.

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

Domäne Wachau - Terrassen 2017, Beerenauslese Wachau

The nose is fresh, aromatic, racy and offers a fine power as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of lemon, fresh lemon caviar and small notes of crystallized apple associated with fine touches of racy minerality (shale / flint), white flowers, fresh / crunchy pineapple and an imperceptible hint of fresh apricot (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, minerality, a beautiful dynamism, finesse, a beautiful straightness, suavity as well as a certain softness. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of nectarine, lemon caviar and small notes of crystallized lemon associated with touches of crunchy pineapple, crunchy white fruits as well as slight hints of minerality. Beautiful acidulous persistence with hints of acidulous lemon, mandarin and dried apricot.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Josef Ehmöser - Grüner Veltliner 1998, Beerenauslese Wachau

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a small deepness as well as elegance. It reveals notes of quince, flat peach in syrup and small notes of flowers associated with slight varietal touches, crunchy apple as well as hints of nutmeg, spices, candied ginger, discreet hints of honey and an imperceptible hint of cardamom. The palate is fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a small fat, a beautiful minerality, a beautiful juiciness, a good precision and verticality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, quince and small notes of flat peach in syrup associated with fine touches of acidulous yellow berries, hints of white flowers / varietals as well as very slight hints of nutmeg, honey, candied ginger and spices. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Tschida - Angerhof, Illmitzer Spätlese 2018 Burgenland

The nose is fruity and offers freshness and tension. It reveals notes of candied lemon, crystallized apple and very fine hints of flowers/fresh honeysuckle and an imperceptible hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly beading (perlante) and offer a slight acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized apple and small notes of mango associated with fine touches of pineapple in syrup as well as very slight hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of dry almond (in the background).

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

Silvia Steiner - Traminer 2017, Auslese Burgenland

The nose is flowery and offers freshness. It reveals notes of elderberry flowers, small white flowers and very fine hints of crystallized lemon associated with discreet hints of crystallized lemon flowers and a hint of lavender. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, elderberry flowers and small notes of crunchy pineapple associated with very discreet hints of crystallized yuzu as well as very discreet hints of crunchy green apple. An imperceptible hint of almond and ginger on the persistence as well as a good acidulous/zesty frame.

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

Feiler-Artinger - Traminer 2016, Beerenauslese Rust Am See, Burgenland

The nose is fresh, fruity and candied. It reveals notes of pear in syrup, peach in syrup and small notes of candied almond associated with fine hints of elderberry flowers and juicy/fresh Mirabelle plum. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension, a good definition, a beautiful fat/suavity, elegance as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, pear in syrup, peach in syrup and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with fine and discreet touches of peach flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of candied ginger and crushed apricot. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Velich - SW, Beerenauslese 2014 Burgenland

The nose is aromatic and slightly oxidative. It reveals notes of dry orange, orange flowers and small notes of citrus associated with touches of dates, coffee bean as well as a discreet hint of cumin and saffron. The palate is fruity and offers a beautiful acidulous frame and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crystallized lemon, dry orange and small notes of dry apricot associated with fine touches of dry mango as well as very fine hints of saffron and crystallized apple. An imperceptible hint of date and cigar/coffee on the finish/persistence.

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

Austria

white dry wines

red wines

Ernst Triebaumer - Beerenauslese 2015, Rust Burgenland

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers complexity, freshness and elegance. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarin, verbena and small notes of mandarin flowers associated with fine touches of crystallized pink grapefruit, a hint of white rose, racy minerality as well as a slight hint of saffron and discreet hints of vanilla/chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, clean, frank, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, tension, straightness, a slight acidulous frame as well as a fine structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied mandarin and mandarin flowers associated with fine touches of quince, hints of candied peach as well as discreet hints of saffron and rose/lilac. An imperceptible hint of coffee/chocolate/vanilla in the background. Good length.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Schwarz Johann - Strohwein 2012 Burgenland

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration, a fine minerality, precision as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of dry Bigarreau cherry, Zante currant and fine touches of plum associated with a very discreet hint of date as well as an imperceptible hint of citrus/dry orange and cigar/cedar. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision, an acidulous frame as well as a small fat, a fine richness as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/very ripe black cherry, fleshy/very ripe plum and small notes of fleshy/very ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of candied mandarin as well as a very discreet hint of dry orange, cigar and sweet spices (cloves...). A very discreet hint of almond, chocolate and a small firmness on the finish.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Gebrüder Nittnaus - Beerenauslese 2015, Grand Selection Burgenland

The nose is racy, finely tight and offers minerality and freshness. It reveals notes of dry lemon, quince and small notes of candied mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of honey, saffron and very discreet/imperceptible hints of small nut fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a good definition, juiciness, harmony, an acidulous frame as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied mandarin and small notes of candied kumquat associated with small touches of candied Mirabelle plum as well as small hints of saffron, candied ginger and a subtle hint of crunchy pineapple. Good length.

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

Kracher - Beerenauslese Cuvée 2017 Burgenland

The nose is well-built and offers freshness and elegance. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh quince and small notes of crystallized citrus associated with very fine hints of white flowers, green tea as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, straight, well-balanced, elegant and offers a slight acidulous frame as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, fresh quince and small notes of crunchy pineapple associated with small touches of crunchy vine peach, fine hints of mandarin as well as a very discreet hint of fresh mandarin zests, flowers and honey. Good length.

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

Haider - Chardonnay 2015, Trockenbeerenauslese Nektarsensenz Burgenland

The nose is elegant, harmonious and offers freshness/minerality. It reveals notes of candied lemon and candied orange zests associated with small touches of cumin, mandarin as well as fine hints of fleshy/juicy Mirabelle plum, saffron and a very discreet hint of candied lemon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers roundness, gourmandize as well as a beautiful unctuousity. Full of balance even despite the sugar level. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mandarin, candied lemon and small notes of pineapple in syrup associated with fine touches of candied nectarine as well as a hint of elderberry flowers, honey, pâtisseries and a hint of toasted almond. Good length. Great / Beautiful persistence.

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

Triebaumer Günter u. Regina, Ruster Ausbruch 2017 Burgenland

The nose is very slightly tight and offers freshness as well as richness. It reveals notes of dry lemon, dry quince and fine touches of fresh leather associated with fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension as well as a beautiful juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/crystallized lemon and acidulous/crystallized mandarin associated with touches of juicy pineapple, slight hints of kumquat, verbena as well as a very discreet hint of white flowers and honey. Good length.

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

Peter Schandl - Ruster Ausbruch 2015 Süss Prädikatswein Burgenland

The nose is fruity, well-built, rich and offers a fine freshness, a good definition, elegance as well as richness. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, mango and verbena associated with fine touches of fresh quince, a hint of fresh kumquat as well as an imperceptible hint of honey and candied ginger. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, richness, roundness, a beautiful freshness as well as an acidulous/fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apricot, candied mandarin and small notes of candied lemon associated with fine touches of candied pear, honey as well as a touch of verbena, honeysuckle flowers, honey and candied ginger. Patience! (+6/8y)

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Kracher - Trockenbeeren Auslese 2002, Grande Cuvée Nummer 7 Burgenland

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine power as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of dry orange zests, rancio and small notes of quince associated with very fine hints of cedar, toffee, bitterness as well as very discreet hints of dry hazelnut/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers a good definition, gourmandize, richness, volume, tension, a fine acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, candied Mirabelle and small notes of honey associated with a touch of jam as well as fine hints of saffron, date, discreet hints of yellow flowers and spices/cumin. An imperceptible hint of toasted almond, honey/pâtisserie and an imperceptible hint of vanilla on the persistence.

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

CARNUNTUM RED WINES

Taferner - Zweigelt 2016 Ried Bärnreiser Carnuntum

The nose reveals touches of leather, blackberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with discreet hints of red fruits, cocoa, gray pepper and an imperceptible varietal hint. The palate is offers tension and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, crunchy/juicy cherry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of dark chocolate, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as a very discreet hint of caramelized oak and fresh leather. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Trapl Johannes - Spitzerberg Blaufränkisch 2016 Carnuntum

The nose is fruity and offers crunchiness, a fine freshness and a very fine intensity/freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy cassis, crunchy wild blackberry and small notes of sens of the place associated with fine touches of zan, leather and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, harmonious and offers juiciness, a good definition, freshness, minerality as well as fatness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with small touches of crunchy cherry, fine hints of sens of the place/varietal as well as very fine hints of chocolate and nutmeg. A very fine firmness on the finish.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Austria

red wines

Lukas Markowitsch 2015 Kabinett Carnuntum

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, density but and in finesse and with a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits, zan, sweet spices as well as fine hints of racy minerality, tonka bean and a very discreet toasted hint. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, a beautiful definition, elegance as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry/cherry associated with fine touches of plum, violet as well as very fine hints of tonka bean/cocoa, toasted, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of caramelization (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built, precise and slightly firm.

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

Wiederstein Birgit 2017 Carnuntum

The nose is fruity, juicy and well-built. It reveals notes of crunchy fruits, crunchy cassis, crunchy wild blackberry and small notes of ripe wild red berries, ripe cherry and small notes of liquorice associated with fine touches of toasted and clovers/nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as a juicy/acidulous frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy/crunchy cherry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of flowers, a varietal hint as well as fine hints of nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

Artner -Kirchweingarten Blaufränkisch 2015 Carnuntum

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers concentration, a fine density/richness as well as a fleshy/juicy/ripe fruit. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe plum and small toasted notes associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of violet, camphor and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, tension, fat as well as crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, crunchy/juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet/cornflower, spices as well as very discreet hints of gray pepper. Tannins are precise and finely marked. A roasted hint on the finish. An imperceptible flowery hint as well as slight hints of cocoa and grilled on the persistence.

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

Meinrad Markowitsch - Blaufränkisch 2015 Carnuntum

The nose is slightly tight and offers density and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, wild fruits associated with fine toasted touches, red berries/ripe raspberry as well as fine hints of leather, spices, gray pepper and a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a fine unctuosité, a beautiful guideline as well as definition and a juicy/finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry associated with fine toasted touches, tonka bean, cardamom and a very discreet hint of tea. Fine hints of cocoa on the finish. A beautiful persistence with hints of dark chocolate.

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

Philipp Grassl - Ried Bärnreiser 2015 Reserve Carnuntum

The nose is mineral and offers a fine richness/concentration, a fine gourmandize and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh wild blackberry, wild/fresh red berries and small notes of crunchy cherry associated with a hint of ripe cassis, fine hints of violet/local flowers as well as very fine hints of nutmeg and sens of the place. The palate is fruity, gourmand, juicy, elegance, beautifully built and offers a good tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy wild raspberry associated with a touch of cherry as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are elegant and very finely firm. Beautiful persistence. A beautiful wine!

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

Michael Auer - Ried Aubühl 2016 Carnuntum

The nose is flowery, very finely tight and offers minerality, a small freshness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe/crunchy wild cassis, crunchy wild raspberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of nutmeg, cardamom as well as discreet hints of pepper and tea. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, racy/precise minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/ripe cassis, fresh ripe raspberry and small notes of fresh ripe plum associated with small fine touches of tonka bean/cocoa, toasted and very fine hints of caramelization/coffee.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Weingut Dorli Muhr - Prellenkirchen Ried Spitzerberg 2015 Carnuntum

The nose is elegant, fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of fresh ripe cassis, fresh ripe wild raspberry and small notes of wild cherry associated with touches of violet, cornflower, sens of the place and fine hints of spices (liquorice). The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers definition, precision, a mineral/acidulous frame, freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain/precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy/fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy/fleshy plum associated with small touches of fleshy/juicy raspberry, very fine hints of flowers as well as subtle hints of chocolate and caramelization. Good persistence with hints of chocolate and toasted almond.

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

CARNUNTUM BORDERS RED WINES

Terra Pama - Vintro Cuvée 2013 Slovákija

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers straightness and tension. It reveals notes of fresh crunchy cassis, small crunchy/fresh red berries associated with fine touches of fresh flowers (violet, rose) associated with fine touches of fresh liquorice stick, tobacco and a very discreet hint of minerality/sens of the place. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers definition, gourmand, precision as well as a beautiful tension and freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, fleshy/ripe small black berries and small notes of fleshy wild raspberry associated with small fine touches of toasted, zan and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Bott Frigyes - Kékfrankos 2017 Mužla Slovákija

The nose is fresh, slightly firm and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh Bigarreau cherry, fresh/ripe blackberry and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with a hint of rose/violet and very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, crunchy/fresh wild raspberry and small notes of crunchy/fresh small red berries associated with small fine touches of violet/cornflower, very fine hints of zan, toasted as well as a very discreet hint of chocolate and vanilla. Good length. A good persistence on chocolate.

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

VZ, Filip Mlynek - Veltlínské zelené 2018, Pod Valtickou Mikulov Czech Republic

The nose is mineral, fresh and offers intensity as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of juicy vine peach, ripe/fleshy lemon and small notes of quince associated with a touch of ripe mandarine and ripe green melon. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy ripe lemon, juicy/ripe mandarine and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with a touch of juicy green lemon. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Côtes de Gascogne

Domaine Chiroulet - La Côte d'Heux 2017
Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, mineral, precise and offers a slight straight side. It reveals notes of fresh ripe lemon, fresh/fleshy ripe apple associated with fine touches of quince as well as discreet hints of zests and a very discreet hint of flint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, fat, an acidulous frame as well as an almost saline minerality/flint. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe green apple, crunchy peach and small notes of quince associated with very discreet hints of zests. Good length and persistence.

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

Domaine Chiroulet - Grande Reserve 2016
Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity, aromatic, very finely tight and offers richness and a fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with very fine hints of plum as well as discreet hints of toasted, hazelnut and spices. The palate is mineral, fruity and offer freshness, a good definition, tension as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of plum, very fine hints of chocolate, hazelnut and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built and very finely marked.

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

Domaine Chiroulet - Terra Nostra 2009
Côtes de Gascogne IGP

The nose is fruity and offers richness and gourmandize. It reveals notes of sour cherry, crushed cassis and small notes of small red fruits associated with fine hints of underwood, coffee and very fine hints of dark chocolate/truffle associated with a very discreet hint of game, violet and black pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension and a beautiful mineral frame as well as a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed cassis, blueberry and small notes of sour cherry associated with very fine hints of strawberry, underwood as well as a subtle hint of cep and spices. Tannins are structuring and racy. Good length.

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

Domaine Lafitte 2018
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity, racy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of cherry, wild red berries and small notes of cassis associated with touches of violet, fine hints of Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, tension, juiciness as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of red berries associated with a hint of blueberry and discreet hints of violet as well as a subtle hint of spices.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Lafitte - Gros Manseng & Petit Manseng 2018
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers juiciness. It reveals notes of juicy brugnion, apple and juicy citrus associated with fine hints of juicy/fresh mandarine as well as hints of Quenette/dry fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, residual sugar and a fine/juicy acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Quenette, crushed green apple and crushed vine peach associated with a touch of quince and fine hints of exotic fruits.

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

Domaine Lafitte 2018
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy vine peach, crushed brugnion and small notes of candied lemon associated with very discreet hints of flowers. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, a small fat, tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, fleshy/crunchy vine peach associated with fine touches of juicy/acidulous mandarine as well as very discreet hints of crushed brugnion. Good aromatic persistence.

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

Domaine Lafitte - Sauvignon & Gros Manseng 2018
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers straightness. It reveals notes of flat peach, lime rests and small notes of lemon associated with a discreet hint of yellow fruits as well as a discreet hint of yuzu. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built, precise and offers freshness as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy vine peach and small notes of crushed green apple as well as fine hints of zests as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Good length.

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

Domaine Lafitte - Sauvignon 2018
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of litchee, fresh citrus and small notes of Quenette associated with fine touches of flowers/rose as well as discreet hints of crunchy peach. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/aromatic frame, suavity, a small fat as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized lemon, ripe mandarine and small notes of Quenette associated with touches of vine peach/crunchy vine peach as well as a hint of apple and flowers.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Lafitte - Rosé 2018
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, fruity, precise, straight and offers minerality. It reveals notes of brugnion, fresh cherry and small notes of fresh raspberry associated with fine hints of citrus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame and a beautiful freshness/minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed vine peach, fresh cherry, quenette and small notes of citrus (mandarine, caviar lemon) associated with a discreet hint of apple. Good length.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Lafitte - Petit Manseng 2017
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers an aromatic power. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, flowers and small notes of quince associated with fine hints of hay. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of typical fruits, quince, kumquat pate associated with fine hints of apple and very discreet hints of spices. Good length.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Lafitte - Petit Manseng 2016
Côtes de Gascogne

The nose reveals notes of quince, small yellow berries associated with fine touches of yellow peach, discreet hints of citrus and medlar/hay. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers straightness, tension, a fine acidulous frame as well as a good grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of yellow berries, quince and pate de fruit associated with fine hints of dry citrus and a varietal hint/medlar.

Score : 14.5/20 (88/100)



Côtes de Gascogne

Château Monluc - Aubaine de Goupil 2018, Blanc sec Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, crunchy / fresh peach and small notes of fresh pineapple combined with slight hints of flower and a subtle hint of zest. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, gourmandize freshness, liveliness, precision as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, crushed peach and small notes of crushed apple associated with a touch of brugnion as well as slight hints of citrus and a very discreet hint of pineapple. Good length.

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

Château Monluc - Aubaine de Goupil Rosé 2018 Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry and cherry associated with small touches of white fruits and a hint of flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good structure, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe / crushed redcurrants and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of peach and a slight hint of tangerine. Good length.

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

Château Monluc - Aubaine de Goupil 2015 Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers juiciness as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe redcurrant and small notes of strawberry associated with a hint of cassis, slight hints of zan, cardamom, chocolate as well as a very discreet hint of violet, spice and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine freshness, suavity as well as good tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe redcurrants, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of wild strawberry as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of cardamon.

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

Château Monluc - Aubaine de Goupil 2018, moelleux Côtes de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of ripe citrus (lemon, tangerine) combined with fine notes of crushed vine peach, hints of pear as well as fine hints of quenette and crushed white fruit. The palate is beautifully juicy (beautiful juiciness of the fruit), well-balanced and offers good definition, gourmandize, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed brugnion and crushed vine peach combined with touches of crystallized citrus fruits (lemon, mandarin), ripe pineapple as well as touch of Williams pear and quenette. Beautiful persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)



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Floc de Gascogne

RED WINES

Domaine de Maouhum Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a fine power, freshness and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of cherry, crushed strawberry and small notes of ripe/fresh raspberry associated with fine hints of cherry flowers/white flowers associated with a very discreet hint of spices and an imperceptible hint of mirabelle plum. The palate is fresh, fruity and offers fatness, sugar/richness, a very fine straightness, tension as well as a fine acidulous frame/freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe red cherry, ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with very fine hints of crushed plum, flowers, cherry and liquorice. Good length and persistence.

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

HDM Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness as well as intensity. It reveals notes of candied strawberry, candied raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a fine touch of cherry as well as very discreet hints of violet and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as a small fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied strawberry, candied raspberry and small notes of candied cherry as well as very fine hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of nuts fruits. Good length. A fine sugar on the finish.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine Entras Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a certain complexity. It reveals notes of juicy slightly kirsch cherry, candied/ripe raspberry and small notes of fresh/ripe blackberry associated with fine notes of cherry flowers/violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity but well-defined/precise/well-built, a beautiful guideline and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/kirsch cherry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with very fine hints of flowers as well as a discreet hint of orange (in the background) and fruits cake/spices. A good aromatic, gourmand and suave persistence on candied red fruits.

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

Ferme de Gagnet Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fruity, fresh and aromatic. It reveals notes of kirsch cherry, jammy cassis and small notes of plum jam associated with very fine hints of spices as well as very discreet hosts of liquorice and a subtle hint of violet. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, precise and offers tension / straightness, a good freshness, gourmandise, a fine depthness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch cherry, crushed / ripe cassis and small notes of jammy blackberry combined with a hint of strawberry jam as well as a discreet hint of orange marmalade, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Good length.

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

Domaine Chiroulet Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe/candied strawberry and small notes of kirsch cherry associated with very fine touches of cassis, flowers (cherry, a hint of fresh violet) as

well as very fine hints of almond and an imperceptible hint of coffee/cocoa on the finish. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity/fat, a fine tension as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of kirsch cherry, almond, cocoa as well as very discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper (in the background). Good length and persistence. A fine hint of alcohol on the first and second caudalie then a fine note of candied/kirsch red fruits and almond until the 4th/5th caudalie.

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



WHITE WINES

HDM Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration and richness. It reveals notes of crushed apple, quince and small notes of wild small yellow fruits associated with very discreet hints of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of dry fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as fine suavity and juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy peach, juicy/crystallized lemon and small notes of juicy apple associated with a subtle hint of juicy quince.

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

Domaine de Maouhum Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, fruity, precise and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of white flowers, candied apple and small notes of small yellow plum associated with very discreet hints of spices/vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine aerial side as well as richness/suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of candied apple and small notes of small yellow plum, candied peach associated with very slight hints of flowers, spices. A hint of sugar/sweetness on the finish.

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

Domaine Entras Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers elegance as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy white fruits, white flowers associated with fine hints of fresh citrus, a very discreet hint of jasmine and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The palate is fruity, elegant, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, precision as well as a very fine straightness/precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy flat peach/apple and small notes of juicy/firm small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of flowers as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality/limestone. A good persistence.

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

Domaine Chiroulet Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power and straightness. It reveals notes of quince, ripe/fleshy mirabelle plum and small notes of crunchy yellow peach associated with fine touches of white flowers and discreet hints of citronella. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers freshness, a mineral frame, a beautiful definition as well as precision and a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of pear associated with fine touches

of orange blossom as well as very discreet hints of fresh almond. Good length. A very discreet hint of toasted oak and an imperceptible hint of vanilla/chocolat (on the background). Good length. A good persistence. A very discreet hint of alcohol on the second and third caudalie.

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



Armagnac

Ferme de Gagnet Floc de Gascogne

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a fine gourmandise. It reveals notes of mirabelle plum, dried orange zest and small notes of white fruit combined with a hint of alcohol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers straightness, a fresh / acidulous frame as well as a good juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of mirabelle plum, crushed quince and small notes of yellow apple compote combined with very fine touches of marmalade, a subtle hint of dried tangerine zest as well as very discreet hints of mango/dry apricot, alcohol, flowers and an imperceptible hint of spices (in the background). Good length and good persistence.

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

ARMAGNAC

Domaine Entras 1997 Armagnac Ténarèze

The nose is elegant, fine, beautifully racy and offers complexity and a beautiful fine grain very discreetly tight. It reveals notes of dry orange, dry lemon/pot-pourri associated with fine touches of dry peach, dry quince as well as very fine hints of rancio and subtle hints of grilled/toasted bread and very discreet hints of nougatine/hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a good definition, finesse as well as tension. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dry orange, jam and small notes of dry zests associated with very fine hints of dry peach as well as very discreet hints of dry white flowers. A beautiful persistence on a hint of nut fruits (walnut, almond), honey. More than 6 caudalies and a discreet hint of alcohol on the number 3.

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

Domaine Entras Vieille Réserve Armagnac Ténarèze

The nose is aromatic, elegant, full and offers generosity, suavity, elegance and a beautifully fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe quince, dry yellow plum and small notes of ripe citrus associated with fine hints of flowers (violet, white flowers), very discreet hints of dry almond, dry orange zests as well as a hint of cake, spices and gray pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers suavity, freshness, a mineral frame, a fine as well as very slightly tight grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy/ripe orange and small notes of crushed Mirabelle plum associated with a very fine hint of juicy/ripe apple, cakes and bee wax as well as very discreet hints of gray pepper/spices. Good length with a very discreet hint of torrefaction on the caudalie number 3. Good persistence on the palate with more than 6 caudalies.

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

Domaine Chiroulet - 15 ans, Réserve Vieil Armagnac, Ténarèze

The nose is powerful, slightly tight and offers a fine richness, a fine deepness as well as a fine and racy grain. It reveals notes of dry orange, dry flowers and small notes of pot-pourri associated with very fine touches of peach, violet as well as fine hints of rancio, cigar box/mild tobacco, grilled almond, very discreet hints of spices, grilled and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine juicy/acidulous frame, precision as well as tension. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of quince, apricot in syrup, peach in syrup and small notes of jam associated with fine hints of rancio, almond as well as very discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of torrefaction. A good length and persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Chiroulet 1982 Vieil Armagnac, Ténarèze

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful fine grain and a small richness. It reveals notes of dry orange associated with fine hints of peach in syrup, jam as well as fine hints of almond, rancio, very discreet hints of pepper and dry violet as well as a subtle hint of dry mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful definition/finesse of the grain/structure, gourmandize, a beautiful definition/finesse of the grain/structure, gourmandize, a beautiful fine acidulous frame and tension. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of jam, yellow peach jam and small notes of crushed Mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of rancio, grilled almond, gray/white pepper as well as subtle hints of spices. Good length.

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

Domaine de Maouhum 1995 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is aromatic, rich, elegant and offers concentration and a racy power. It reveals notes of dry plum, prune and small notes of jam associated with very fine touches of dry zests (lemon, citrus) as well as very fine hints of ginger bread, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of nougatine. The palate is fresh, racy, fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a fresh frame, a fine minerality as well as power. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of dry lemon, jam and small notes of white fruits associated with very fine hints of pâtisseries/caramelization. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Laubade, Gascogna - Les Curiosité de Laubade 2009 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a certain suavity/sweetness as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of candied orange, dried zest and small notes of dried lemon associated with fine touches of cedar, rosewood as well as hints of potpourri, dried violet, pepper and slight hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, fat, a good definition, gourmandize, a fine richness, fine grain, a fine unctuousity as well as a slight acidulous frame. On the palate,

this Armagnac expresses notes of fresh marmalade, fresh Mirabelle plum and small notes of dried lemon associated with very slight hints of dried grapes, dried flowers, very discreet hints of caramelization, almond, cedar as well as a subtle hint of dried tobacco and gray pepper. Good length.

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

Delord 1999 Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant, beautifully-built / balanced and offers a fine richness, a beautiful fine grain, a fine richness, a fine complexity as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of crystallized mandarin, dried orange and small notes of quince associated with small touches of caramelization, gingerbread as well as discreet hints of candied white fruit, vanilla and a subtle hint vanilla. The palate is fruity, beautifully balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, finesse, roundness, freshness, a fine richness / intensity, tension, a fine acidulous frame, elegance as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of candied mandarin, crystallized orange and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of crushed apricot, candied peach, subtle hints of caramelization, Bourbon vanilla as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, cardamom, pepper and a subtle hint of chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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



Armagnac

Laubade 1999

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is powerful, racy and offers a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of dried zest, caramelized clementine and small notes of dried peach associated with fine touches of dried apple as well as fine hints of lemon / quenette, Timut pepper, very slight hints of white flowers and a discreet hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers minerality, freshness, a fine gourmandize, a small fat, tension, a fine unctuousity, a good precision as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of marmalade, crushed apple and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of jammy lemon, dried lemon zest as well as slight hints of vanilla, light tobacco and an imperceptible hint caramelization.

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

Château de Lacquy 1999

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power, a racy grain as well as a very fine tension. It reveals notes of dried tangerine zest, dried lemon and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of lychee as well as fine hints of lemon flowers, mandarin flowers, a very discreet hint of oak and an imperceptible hint of Timut pepper / nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, gourmande and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the structure, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy clementine, dried clementine, lemon and small notes of crushed apple associated with a touch of crushed brugnon as well as a subtle hint of lychee, citrus flowers (mandarin, lemon), very discreet hints of oak and an imperceptible hint of pepper. Good length.

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

Dartigalongue 1999

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is elegant and offers richness, a fine deepness as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of crushed nectarine, caramelized apple and small notes of crystallized tangerine associated with small touches of crystallized lemon, slight hints of caramelization, a discreet hint of gray pepper as well as a subtle hint of rancio / tobacco and an imperceptible hint of dried plum (in the background). The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, precision, a fine tension as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of caramelized mandarin, caramelized lemon and small notes of lemon zest, juicy lychee associated with fine touches of juicy green apple as well as a discreet hint of apple blossoms and a subtle hint caramelization / chocolate. Good length. Good persistence with a subtle hint of cedar and almond.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Unique Collection Darroze, Domaine de

Poutèou 1999

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in August 2019) The nose is fruity, juicy, racy and offers elegance as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of clementine, lemon and small notes of peach associated with fine touches of juicy apple, slight hints of dried zest, dried white flowers as well as very discreet hints of cloves, gray pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of hazelnut. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, elegance, gourmandize, freshness, a good definition as well as a beautiful grain. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy / ripe clementine, juicy / ripe lemon and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of juicy / ripe green apple, quenette, lemon flowers as well as discreet hints of caramelization, pepper, a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla and an imperceptible hint of cigar.

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

Delord 1989

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in November 2019) The nose is powerful, structured, racy and offers elegance as well as fine complexity. It reveals notes of caramelized orange zest, quince and small notes of Timut pepper associated with small touches of caramelization, stewed white fruit, hints of rancio, dried citrus fruits as well as slight hints of sweet spices and a discreet nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous

frame, a good definition, beautiful precision, tension, fine grain as well as suavity/gourmandize. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of candied lemon, caramelized tangerine and small notes of crushed apple / nugget associated with a subtle hint of Zante currant, crushed pear, caramelization and a very discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco. Good length.

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

Unique Collection Darroze, Château de Lahitte 1989

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in October 2019) The nose is elegant, fruity, fine and offers a certain power (but full of delicacy). It reveals notes of dried mandarin, dried zest and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with a touch of dried violet, dried quince as well as fine hints of sweet spices, rancio and very discreet hints vanilla (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a beautiful structure, precision, gourmandise, a certain generosity, a very fine unctuousity as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe tangerine and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with a touch of peach, jammy apricot as well as hints of vanilla, caramelization and a subtle toasted hing. Good length. Good persistence with a subtle hint of pepper.

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

Dartigalongue 1989

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, very slightly restrained and offers a fine richness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle plum and small notes of caramelized tangerine associated with slight hints of caramelization, dried blond tobacco, slight hints of Sichuan pepper as well as a subtle hint of oak and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very slightly tight and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a fine tension, a good definition, a good guideline as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of juicy / ripe lemon, juicy / ripe Mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of caramelized mandarin, pâtisseries, toasted almonds, a subtle hint of chocolate and a discreet hint of caramelization. Good length. A very discreet almost tannic sensation on the persistence / aftertaste.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château de Laubade - 1989 Brut de fût

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in November 2019) The nose is racy and offers power as well as a very fine grain. It reveals notes of dried mandarin, kumquat and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of pepper, dried flowers / violet as well as slight hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of coconut. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a fine straightness, precision, unctuousity, gourmandize as well as a small richness. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of crushed apple, crushed brugnon and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of crushed pear, Mirabelle plum, slight hints of caramelization, vanilla, chocolate as well as discreet hints of cigar and nutmeg / pepper. Good persistence. A very discreet toasted hint / toasted almond hint on the persistence.

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

Delord 1979

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in November 2019) The nose is elegant and offers a very fine grain, power as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of dried quince, dried kumquat and small notes of dried apple associated with fine touches of pear, lychee as well as discreet hints of lemon flowers, Sichuan pepper and dried flowers. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition, a fine juiciness, elegance, an acidulous frame, precision as well as finesse. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized mandarin, caramelized lemon, juicy vine peach and small notes of juicy quenette associated with fine touches of juicy apple as well as fine hints of caramelization, pâtisseries and discreet hints of coffee / chocolate on the finish. Good length and persistence. A very discreet firmness on the finish.

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

Armagnac

Unique Collection Darroze, Domaine Le Tuc 1979

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in September 2019) The nose is fruity, full and offers power, a fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of dried orange, dried tangerine zest and small notes of dried lemon associated with fine touches of crushed nectarine, slight hints of caramelization, toasted almonds as well as a very discreet hint of rancio, chocolate and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, unctuousity, fat, gourmandize, a small unctuousity, power, a fine grain, a very fine tension as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized mandarin, pâtisseries and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of crushed nectarine, caramelized lemon, toasted hints, gray pepper as well as a subtle hint coffee (in the background) and rancio. Good length.

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

Dartigalongue 1979 Selection

Bas-Armagnac

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small power as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of crushed nectarine, quince and small notes of crushed mirabelle plum associated with fine touches of pepper, apple, slight toasted hints as well as a very discreet hint of cinnamon and a subtle hint of dried tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly acidulous and offers tension, precision, fine grain, finesse as well as a juicy / mineral frame and elegance. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized apple, quince and small notes of crushed nectarine associated with fine touches of quenette, caramelized berries as well as hints of blond tobacco, caramelization, chocolate and a subtle hint cinnamon / coffee. Good length.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château de Laubade - 1979 Brut de fût

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in November 2019) The nose is fruity, powerful, racy and offers a fine freshness, a very fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of quince, dried zest and small notes of nectarine associated with fine touches of crushed pear, crystallized citrus zest as well as hints of caramelization, tobacco and discreet hints of pepper Cuben. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, fat, suavity, a small freshness, tension as well as a fine tannic sensation. On the palate, this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized mandarin, caramelized kumquat and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of peach flowers, slight hints of caramel, pâtisseries, crème brûlée as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of coconut (in the background). Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Unique Collection Darroze , Domaine de Bellair 1969

Bas-Armagnac

(Bottled in August 2019) The nose is aromatic, elegant and beautifully defined / charming. It reveals notes of caramelized peach, quince and dried zest / potpourri associated with fine touches of dried mirabelle plum, a hint of grapefruit / dried lemon as well as a hint of white flowers, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, precise, elegant and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, gourmandize, a good definition as well as a very fine straightness. In the mouth this Armagnac expresses notes of caramelized apple, caramelized nectarine and small notes of caramelized lemon associated with small touches of caramelized mandarin as well as fine hints of white flowers, pâtisseries as well as discreet hints of vanilla, hazelnut and a subtle hint of cinnamon / sweet spices.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

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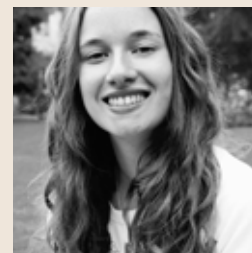
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