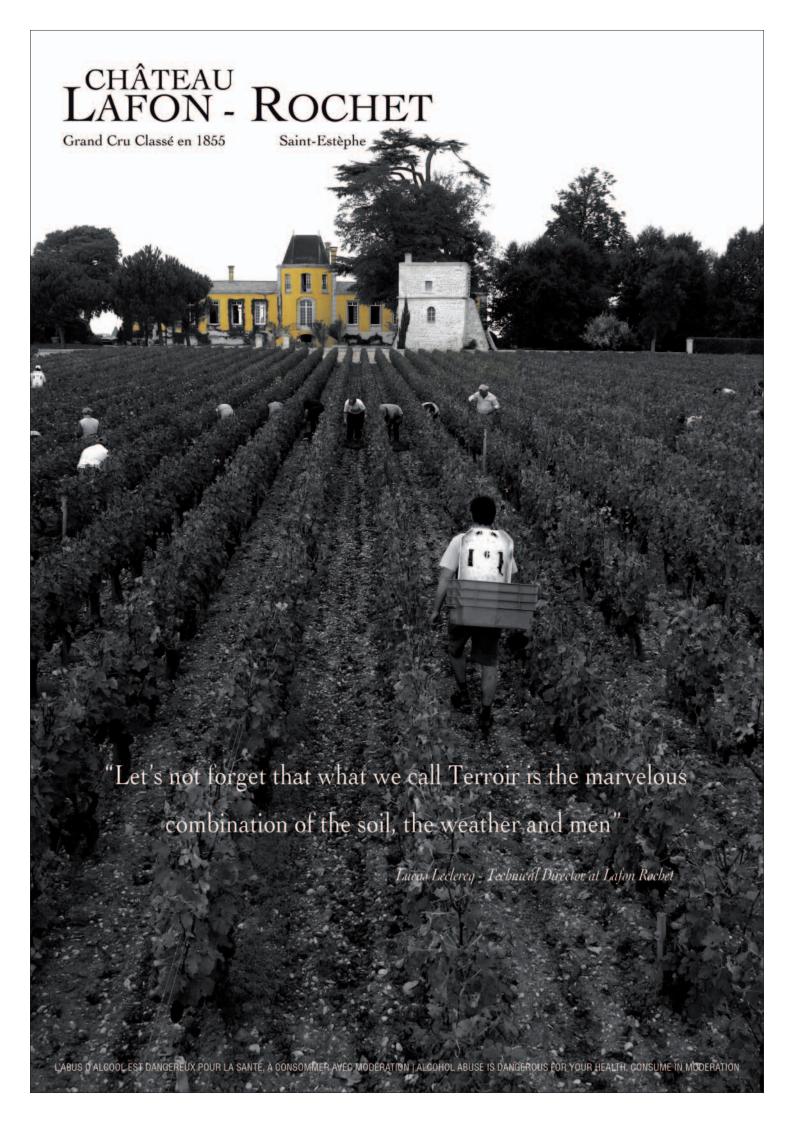
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I'm very pleased to present you the new SPRING 2020 VERTDEVIN Magazine, which is my 14th edition.

To start this new issue we chose, with Joanie and Erika, to speak to you about different winemakers and wines from France, Italy, Portugal, Australia and United-States. This magazine is the result of exhilarating trips, amazing tastings, discoveries and fabulous meetings!



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So in the first part of the magazine, in the interview session you will discover talented winemakers from Oregon, Napa Valley, Piedmont, Bourgogne and Pomerol.

After that Joanie Metivier, a talented Canadian sommelier and journalist well known thanks to her blog and Instagram will give you a spotlight on Finger Lakes grapes and speak about Penfolds, an unmistakably Australian winery (see pages 16 and 17). In pages 98 and 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 the north of Italy, close to the Swissborder to speak about Valtellina. After she will invite you to discover the Valle D'Aosta richness. To discover these articles, go to pages 18 and 19.

Following that and our Wine & Spirits Buying Guide you will have your taste buds tickled while finding 1.000 wine reviews about wines from: Médoc Crus Classés, Médoc Crus Bourgeois, Pomerol, Bourgogne (Côte de Beaune & Côtes de Nuits), Rhône, Napa Valley, Oregon, Finger Lakes, Chianti Classico (Riserva & Gran Selezione), Piemont, Douro & Porto and Argentina! A beautiful rich panel for this new issue!

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

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CHÂTEAU GOMBAUDE-GUILLOT " Bio, Rock and Pomerol " hâteau Gombaude-Guillot is a family winery in Pomerol. All this allows me to have racy wines, authentic wines. I try to ensure

It covers 7.65 hectares, of which 7.40 hectares are planted with vines (65% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec). The average annual production is 35,000 bottles divided into 4 labels: Château Gombaude-Guillot, Pom' N' Roll, Clos Plince and Cadet de Gombaude.

Currently the property is managed in Organic Agriculture by Olivier Techer, 6th generation of a winemaker family originally based in Néac.

The property was built up over time by the purchase or donation of the plot. The first plot was acquired thanks to a dowry given in the 1860s. At the time the land was not worth much and the wine market not being what it is today the estate was conducted in polyculture. However a major part of the land was dedicated to the cultivation of the vine. The house which today constitutes 'the chateau' was bought in 1920. It was nothing more or less than the old village cafe which was built in 1898 at the same time as the church in Pomerol.

Meet Olivier Techer, passionate and committed winemaker.

that barrel aging has the least possible impact on my wines. I want the wood to be there to support the wine but not to dominate it. The fruit must remain in the first place!

On my influence I was just trying to have as little as possible ... I do not want a technical wine or a wine marked by a style. I want my wines to reflect the terroir from which they come as closely as possible. Still with this idea in mind, I sulfite very little, less than 30mg.

In continuation of this logic of respect for my terroir, I lead the vineyard

in organic farming and I bave also implemented a whole strategy to limit the carbon impact of my activity. For example, I try to increase the French share of sales, I do not move on shows at the other end of the world... Note that we have been producing in AB since 1997. At the time, organic did not have the same publicity as today... many took my parents for crazy.



What makes the specificity of your terroir?

O.T.: I don't know if it's unique to Pomerol but we have a clay subsoil which varies between 0 and 1 meter depending on the places and the plots. On the sur-

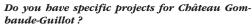
face we have gravels which will drain water well and lead it to clay. In winter we have this clay which will swell with water and store it which will allow the vine to have reserves so as not to suffer from the summer beat. With the changes in the climate we know, namely increasingly

dry and hot summers, this is a big advantage. These are fairly warm soils because the gravel captures the beat. The grapes ripen very quickly. Pomerol is one of the earliest terroirs in Bordeaux

Why did you choose to make wine?

Olivier Techer: I haven't always done this. Until 2008/2009 I worked in a completely different sector (cooking, security, etc.) but when my father told me that he was thinking of retiring, the question arose

whether to take over family activity. Not knowing if that interested me I chose to do a training (BPREA specialty viti-oeno) over a year to see if I liked it or not. I did different internships, including here and I loved it! It is in particular the smells of my childhood that reappeared for me ... they had a Madeleine de Proust effect. In 2010 I got to the heart of the matter by making my first vinifications.



O.T.: Yes, two main ones. The first is to gradually increase the proportion of Malbec and Cabernet Franc to the detriment of Merlot, in particular because of the first effects linked to climate change (increasingly hot and dry summers). The second project I would like to carry out is the development of a wine tourism offer in the area.

Where does the name Gombaude-Guillot come from?

O.T.: Quite simply from the name of two of our plots. We have one called Gombaude, probably in tribute to the Chevalier de Gombaude. The other plot is located in the sector towards Le Pin, La Fleur. It is registered in the cadastre as a place called Guillot but we do not really have an explanation on the name.

Do you have an anecdote?

O.T.: In 2010 after having made a tour of representation for my wines, an importer offered to go with him to a party which took place in a Quebec forest to taste Gombaude -Guillot. Once there, a person in his sixties came to see me saying that he knew the property well because he had come in 1994 with his wife

for their honeymoon. This person had not come there for me but it made me touched to see that our property had been remembered.

Could you define for me what wine means to you? O.T.: It is a great cultural heritage. It is a product which is absolutely not necessary for life in itself but which is like art, it can be very beautiful and quite

incredible. Wine is the product of a wild plant that is domesticated and which produces a terroir product. It must resemble the place where it was born, be its ambassador but it must also provide an emotion. I love and I always find it more interesting to taste a wine and to be able to rediscover its region, its soil... in short, its terroir!

Thanks to Olivier Techer for his warm welcome. - J.C.C.

What is the signature of Gombaude-Guillot wines?

O.T.: The more the vintages pass, the more I try to step aside in the cellar... to pick grapes on the right date (whether they are fresh and ripe) and behind them to vinify them with little artifice and a lot of rigor.

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DOMAINE DU **CLOS DES POULETTES**

A little gem nestled in a burgundy vineyard setting

he Domaine du Clos des Poulettes is a Burgundian family property and more precisely a property from the Côte de Nuits. The vineyard covers approximately 16 hectares of vines which for 7 generations have been mainly trans-

mitted by women. A story of women, yes but not only! They all knew how to surround themselves with men of value, passionate about the vine and wine. Indeed, for example, the grandfather of the current manager, Lucien Audidier was the president of the French Academy of Agriculture and Commander of Agricultural Merit ...

Currently the property can produce up to 80 000 bottles each year, mainly Nuits-Saint-Georges, Côte de Nuits Villages, Bourgogne Côte d'Or, Bourgogne but also a few rare white wines from the Côte de Nuits (one hectare out of the existing 8 enjoying that name). The Domaine du Clos des Poulettes has also vines in Vosne-Romanée.

Let's meet together Hélène Michaut, from the current generation at the helm of the Domaine du Clos des Poulettes.

Why make wine?

Hélène Michaut: Like Obelix in the magic potion I fell into wine from my earliest childhood. It

is a family story that has lasted for over seven generations. What I find absolutely extraordinary about this activity is that we produce a French product, from the earth and that we magnify it to bring it into the world of art and gastronomy. We are able to sell it all over the world to share and promote our beautiful region of Burgundy. It's crazy to think that the Côte de Nuits accounts for only 0.2% of French wine production but that it is known and appreciated all over the world. Before coming back to the property, I worked in different trades which

often better paid but I never really felt they took as much pleasure as a winemaker has to make his wine.

Why return to the property?

H.M.: Unfortunately it was a sad family event that was the trigger. My eldest sister was due to take over the family domain, but following her death in 2009 things changed. I previously worked in the IT sector in London for 6 years and then Paris but I have always been there for the harvest and especially already at the time I couldn't see myself without a bottle of Burgundy at my table. If things had changed otherwise I might have been able to manage the estate with my sister, but fate decided otherwise...



Could you describe in a few words what wine means to you?

H.M.: I would say that it is a magnificent product, that it is one of the most beautiful images of France. Finally, I would conclude by saying that it is a produce that requires a lot of work, attention and involvement both physically and emotionally.

What is the signature of the wines of Domaine du Clos des Poulettes?

H.M.: Since I took over there has been a lot of changes compared to

the style of wine my father made. He made good wines but very tannic wines which required waiting 10/15 years minimum to be drunk. Personally, I try to make wines much more on the fruit, finer, more subtle and undoubtedly more feminine. I want my wines to be able to

provide pleasure quickly, to be drunk young as well as in 10 years.

I practice the sweetest extractions possible. The idea is not to crush the grapes at harvest and especially not to crush the seeds but to keep them whole. We want to gently extract the polyphenols, the color and as just as possible the

Where does the name of the property come from?

H.M.: The name Domaine du Clos des Poulettes comes from the name of the plot that we own in Nuits St Georges (Les Poulettes, 1er Cru). Inside the walls of this plot there is only us. When I took over the domain I also made the choice to rename it (formerly Domaine de la Poulette).

There are two possible explanations for the name of the plot. The first is that the name comes from an old little house/hut where there were chickens (poulette in French). The other version is much more poetic and wants this name to have been given in opposition to Clos des Vaucrains which is next door and

which produces more structured and powerful wines.

Do you have a specific project for the field?

H.M.: Lots! But we have already done quite a few. For example in 2014 I bought a winery which is located 50 meters away from the property. We have already renovated the interior of the winery and the vat room by putting in small stainless steel vats allowing us to make microplots and equipped with a pneumatic pigeage system. Now we have to do refurbish the outside and the little house next to the winery. The

> idea is to open up to wine tourism by offering a tasting room, a gîte...

Do you have an anecdote about the property?

H.M.: In October, the first World Meurette Egg Championship took place at Château du Clos Vougeot, one of the signature dishes of Burgundy. It was a very nice, friendly, gourmet event... in short, like Burgundy! I also learned that there are different recipes for dying eggs as well as different origins.

During this event many wines were tasted on the vintages 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015? 2016 and 2017. I was very proud to see my Nuits Saint-Georges Les Poulettes 1er cru selected from the

2015 and 2017 vintages. The latter was also selected for the chapters of Château du Clos Vougeot. It is a very nice recognition for the work done! In this bonor I released a range of offbeat labels, recalling this championship.

Thanks to the family Michaut for its warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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DOMAINE HERESZTYN-MAZZINI

A young and promising Bourguignon vineyard!

omaine Heresztyn-Mazzini is a young Burgundian property and more precisely from Gevrey. Founded in 2012 by two passionate winegrowers, it currently covers 5.5 hectares of vines, mainly located around Gevrey-Chambertin. However, they also have some vines in Morey-Saint-Denis and in Chambolle-Mussigny.

I must admit that I discovered this vineyard a bit by accident last year when I stopped because the door was open. Stroke of heart I decided to-day to take you to meet this couple that wine enthusiasts have to know. Let's go together to meet Florence and Simon Mazzini.

Where does the name Heresztyn-Mazzini come from?

Simon Mazzini: Heresztyn is the female surname. When my wife's grandparents arrived from Poland after the war, they settled in Chambolle-Mussigny. Then the context was not very good they left to settle in Gevrey. They worked for other local winegrowers for a long time before creating their own domain. Actually it did not happen suddenly but gradually they brought vineyard tips to the home which currently bouses the cellar. At the time it was still possible to find vines to buy and above all at a reasonable price. It was often made elsewhere in PMU corner. At the time of the succession we took over a large part of the vineyard.

As far as Mazzini is concerned, this is my last name. Even if my family is from Champagne, it is originally from Italy. My ancestors had immigrated from Italy to Champagne to find work there. They also started working for other houses and acquired some vines.

After college I went to Beaune to study and then I worked in Mâcon and abroad. This is where I met Florence. In the year 2000 we started by working together on the domain but we quickly wanted not to work for the others but for us, to have our own domain. We started to work on the family Do-

main (2000) but was quickly felt like work only for us to have our own domain. We learned a lot by working for the family but in 2011 we said that we had to set up our own structure, my stepfather retiring. We went from 9 hectares to 5 ½ hectares. From a qualitative point of view, we were not all interested and we could not financially take everything back either.

$How\ do\ you\ manage\ the\ vineyard\ ?$

S.M.: We have always paid attention to the life of our soils but we applied for certification on part of the Domain only in 2016. The 2019 vintage will therefore be our first year labeled Organic Agriculture for some of our wines. Why in two stages? Because our Gevrey vineyard is mainly divided into two zones, a part below the national (2.5 bectares) and another part above (3 bectares). The upper part is a little more confronted with the risk of powdery mildew but it is managed well with copper. The vineyard located below the national road is mainly affected by downy mildew... a more complicated problem to manage in AB. However, here too, we have learned a lot from the last few years, so we have launched a labeling process on this part too. In 2021 we will therefore be certified on the whole property.

Organic farming in some ways is good but not enough. It's the same for biodynamics is why this year we have started to use green manure (rye, oats, canola, clover Persian...). For example, we sow after the barvest to provide nitrogen, potash and magnesium in a natural way. We also

stopped weeding but we are mowing. The idea is to no longer work the soil, that it decompresses naturally. It allows us to find a life of the soil, that nature naturally balances. The objective is to no longer bring anything from the outside but that the vine finds alone and naturally in the ground all that it needs.

In 2017, we decided to experiment another naturel way like « herbal medicine » for vineyards, then later in 2019, for the soils. We used a lots plants (nettle, horsetail, comfrey,...).

Also most of our plots are planted in mass selection, our youngest vines are 45 years old. Finally with the exception of a micro-plot of 6 acres which is two years old. It was also replanted in mass selection

(from our old vines) for balf in high density and pruned in double Guyot and the other balf in 'classic' density and pruned in Poussard. The idea is to be able to see what works best in 15 or 20 years.





What is the signature of Heresztyn-Mazzini wines?

S.M.: I would say the femininity of our wines. Pinot Noir remains a delicate, supple grape, with of course nuances to bring depending on the vintages and expressions / terroirs. When I speak of femininity I mean that these are very airy wines, very fruity, with great finesse and a nice length in the mouth. It's difficult for us to talk about it, but this is the return that we have from different tastings of professionals or amateurs that we are witnessing.

I think that making the whole barvest has a lot to do with this signature. We started making the whole barvest from 2007. We started from a simple observation, all the big names in Burgundy in the background, there must be a reason. We have very beautiful terroirs and old vines so it was only natural that we thought we should try. In 2008 the high test result on the previous vintage and despite the fact that AC was a pretty cool year, with high acidity was decided to gene-

ralize the entire harvest of all our tanks.

What I also really like in this practice is the effect on the finals. We no longer have bitterness or astringency but a small grain of tannins, very present but which will age over time. I would like to point out that we want tannins from the vine, from the terroir, so tannins naturally present in wine and not those from aging.

What do you like about this job?

S.M.: I couldn't have a job that forces me to stay locked up between four walls. What I like in the winegrower's profession is that we actually do three jobs: peasant (working the land), craftsman (we transform the fruit at the end) and trader. We touch everything. We have to be very versatile. There is also a great cultural aspect because talking about wine is talking about gastronomy, French culture and history. We touch terroirs that have been known and recognized for their exceptions for centuries

Describe in a few words what wine means to you?

I would say: Passion, Sharing, festive, family and fun. It's just fun!

Thanks to Florence and Simon for their warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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CIABOT BERTON

"We have a real passion for our terroir. We want to let the beauty and the endless facets of the Langhe area express in our wines."

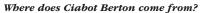
iabot Berton is a beautiful piemontese winery located in the Barolo area and more precisely in La Morra (Italy). It's a family owned domaine created and still managed by the Oberto family, the fifth generation.

Currently Ciabot Berton extends over 14 hectares mostly planted with Nebbiolo. They also have small plots of typical grape varieties like Dolcetto, Barbera and Favorita (white).

« We planted Favorita because we love the floral, minerality features and the really intense bouquet of this grape... and because it's also a part of our local wine history. » This domaine produces every year around 80.000 bottles divided in 10 different cuvées. The main part of the production is from different beautiful crus of Barolo such as Roggeri, Rocchettevino or Del Comune

di La Morra. The property also produces wonderful cuvées of Barbera d'Alba such as Bricco S. Biagio or Fisetta.

Let's go to meet Marco Oberto, owner and winemaker of Ciabot Berton and his wife Federica.



Marco Oberto: In Piemonte dialect a 'Ciabot' is a small house that you can usually see in the vineyards. It is a structure to keep the tools used in the vineyards.

Concerning 'Berton', in the past in the heart of our vigna Roggeri there was a house where the legend says it was inhabited by a Gentlemen called Berton. Surrounded by the vineyards, he used to produce wines but his other secret passion was trying to produce « home-made » fireworks. One day the roof of the house exploded because of that. So when Luigi Oberto built the new winery where it is now, he decided to change the name on the label to Ciabot Berton to connect the winery to the place where it was built

Why do you make wine?

M.O.: It was actually my father in law Luigi who started to make wine. He came from a family which was already involved in vine-growing and winemaking. By that time many farmers like his family used to sell grapes to other wineries. At the age of 25 Luigi Oberto, who was very ambitious decided to start to make wines by himself, somehow contravening his father Giovenale's wishes. He had also a great experience and knowledge of the land, of the work in the vineyards. He





wanted to do something better and more specialized out of his work.

His first wine was a Barolo, vintage 1961, a wine able to show all his sacrifices and committment in producing wine. By that time many people moved to Turin to find work in the industrial city, but he decided to stay and invest all his energy in a territory full of richness and history.

In 1991 when my husband Marco became enologist and decided to step into the family business, together with my father-in.law Luigi, they were able to enlarge step by step the vineyards surface and the production of bottles. Thanks also to the support of Paola, the sister of my husband, we have started to apply many organic farming practices such as cover crops (green manuring), sexual confusion, respect for biodiversity on the way to the non-use of chemical products.

Could you describe in a few words what wine means to you?

M.O.: Wine means to us above all passion: we love what we do and we like to do it the best way possible. Producing wine is like making a painting: it's the result of factors related to climate, soil and your experience in knowing what to do in order to achieve your desidered outcome. It requires patience, experience and tenacity.

What is the signature of your wine? How do you recognize your wines in a blind tasting?

M.O.: The aim which drives our work is to show the purity and the elegance of our terroir We vinify all parcels separately, so that we can recognize the real typical features of each single vineyard. Our primary goal is to bring to the cellar perfect high-quality grapes, because a good wine can be made only with perfectly ripe grapes. Doing this, in the cellar we can carry out the simplest and most natural vinification and ageing processes. Our wines express the fruit from which they are made, the vintage in which they are grown and our philosophy in wine making with all other elements in balance to complement the fruit. We work hard in order to be able to highlight the finesse in our wines: We want them to tell you from where they come from.

Do you have any future projects?

M.O.: We have been expanding our vineyard, planting new vineyards of Nebbiolo in La Morra, close to the winery. Through the years we have been enhacing our vineyards'management towards an approch closer and closer to sustainability and biodiversity. We want to produce a wine that can expresses a sort of synergy among the vines and the men always respecting the exposition of the vineyards and their needs...Finally we wish to bring to the glass a wine with a sense of place, a terroir wine.

For the anecdote, please can you speak about the Sun label packaging? M.O.: We choose to put the sun in our label after we saw it drawn in an ancient palace in Urbino (Marches, italy). We thought that the Baroque style of that sun was a perfect fit for a rich, complex, « sumptuous » and layered wine like Barolo. Beside this, the sun is an essential element in our work, especially during the ripening cycle of the grapes. It is something able to give strength and energy. Without Sun, there would be no life.

Thank you to Federica Balestra and Marco Oberto for the friendly hospitality. - J.C.C.

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SOCRÉ

A family history that has lasted for over 4 generations!

ocré a small Italian family property and more precisely from Piemont. It is located in the town of Tre Stelle, in Barbaresco Even though the vineyard has existed for over 140 years, the first vintage bottled under the name of Socré only dates back to 1999.

The vineyard covers a little over 4 hectares, mainly planted with Nebbiolo and located on the Barbaresco vintages: Roncaglie in Barbaresco, Pajoré in Treiso and Comune di Neive. Some small plots are also dedicated to Merlot, Freisa, Barbera, Dolcetto and Chardonnay. Each year the property produces on average 50,000 bottles, all vintages combined.

More recently, the property also acquired 6 hectares of vines on Dogliani, planted in white.

Let's go together to meet Marco Piacentino, winemaker and owner of Socré

Where does the name Socré come from?

Marco Piacentino: It was always the name of this farm, even long before my grandfather bought it. In Piedmontese it means the man who makes the booves. I guess formerly a clog maker lived here.



Why did you choose to become a winemaker?

M.P.: It is by choice but also by duty. My grandfather, my mother ... my whole family was born here in the region. They have always worked the land. However, it was not until 1869 that my grandfather acquired this estate. My parents took care of the vineyard, but when they wanted to retire the issue of continuity in was made. I come from a family of three brothers and even though my first job is to be an architect I was the only one who had an agricultural streak.

For a long time my family produced grapes for sale to large local houses but when I took over the property in 1999 I started to change that. Before that the only wines we made were for the family (Dolcetto and Barbera). Over time I gained experience, know-how but I also restructured the vineyard. I sold some plots and acquired others. I also invested in the production tools by buying equipment and expanding the cellar.



If you had to define what wine represents in your life, what would you say?

M.P.: Wine is my life, my DNA. Nothing would be possible without wine in my life, my story would be radically different. The wine is brilliant, it is never boring or off-putting...

What is the signature of Socré wines? What makes it possible to recognize them in tasting?

M.P.: I would say it is delicacy and elegance. Mine are never hard, powerful or tannic simply because I do not like this kind of wine. They also offer roundness, a beautiful racy elegance and very silky tanning.

Do you have any projects in particular Socré?

M.P.: Currently I am testing sparkling wines, using the Champagne method. I also bought a large vineyard in Dogliani for that. I would like to make a nice sparkling wine, well balanced, fresh and offering a nice finesse of bubble. Ideally I would like a zero dosage.

I taste my red wines all day long, whether with professionals or amateurs. Being able to drink bubbles at the end of the day or between tastings is what I need!

Thanks to Marco Piacentino and his wife for their warm welcome. - J.C.C.

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Explore Tualatin Valley, Oregon

Tualatin Valley is so close to Portland, yet a world away. Here in Tualatin Valley you go at your own pace...slow if you like. Explore the lush, natural beauty of our forests and nature parks. Tualatin Valley is the closest wine country to Portland with nearly 30 estate wineries. Spend less time driving and more time experiencing the unique and diverse flavors our winemakers offer. Take the scenic route along our scenic byways and cycling-friendly bikeway and routes. At the end of each day, get cozy at one of our hotels. From charming boutique stays to historic lodges, there's a fit for every taste. No matter what you choose, you'll uncover something memorable.



HAWKS VIEW WINERY

"Winemaking is a real art. Each wine has to be an expression of the place in which it was grown"

awks View Winery is a family-owned Oregon winery located in the Chehalem Mountains AVA in the northern Willamette Valley. The Domaine was founded in 2007 by Jack Kemp, his wife Willie, and their son AJ. Even though the creation of the cellar was in 2007 vines were previously planted in 1989, over 50 acres by the Benziger family.

Currently the winery extends over 22 hectares, mainly planted with Pinot Noir but on a different kind of soil that permits them to produce a range of single vineyard wines. In 2017, a few years after Jack's passing, Hawks View Winery was purchased by the Ponte Family.

I discovered this winery for the first time this year and I really enjoyed this meeting... not only meeting with the team but also with the terroir. I was seduced by the signature of Hawks Cellar wines. They are elegant, very fine, beautifully defined / precise, deep, racy and offer a beautiful ripe / acidulous fruit and an aerial side. Every different cuvée in their range offers a real identity, reflecting their terroir.

So, let's go to meet Don Crank III, winemaker of Hawks View Winery.

Where does the name Hawks come from?

Don Crank III: It's the name of the birds that I saw when I arrived in the vineyard for the first time. There are a lot here!" A variety of bawks frequent the skies and trees around the winery, including Red Tail Hawks, so it was only natural for the Kemp's to name the winery in their honor. We also catch site of the local Bald Eagles now and then!

Why do you make wine?

D.C.: What else can I do? Wine is all of my life. It's a family story for me. My father and

his family share their passion with me so I get involved. I fell in love with Pinot Noir when I was young. Then after the tasting of Oregon







wines I decided to stay here and to think out of my previous project.

Can you describe in a few words what wines mean to you?

D.C.: I would say: Surprise (the moment you are sure, in fact you are wrong), Balance (in wine, in the taste, in everything... in life!) and Grace (a feeling you have mostly with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir). My vineyard is graceful, like the wine.

What kind of terroir do you have here? What does this terroir bring to your wines?

D.C.: There is a type of volcanic soil composed by lava dating back 15 million years ago which gives iron notes and red fruitedgrapes. There is also a dust sand which gives strawberry, petal of rose and such a great aromatic imprinting on wines as well as different aromatic faces. Moreover the tannins are very soft in all our estate grapes; Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir... I've been working in these hills for 20 years and I may say there is a strong power here. Our vineyard planted pinot noir produces very concentrated wines. The east-facing slopes of our vineyard protect the vines from the heat $of the \ summer, \ while \ the \ moderate \ elevation$ ensures optimal ripening and permits it to keep freshness.

Concerning vineyard management, there are a lot of certifications in the USA, just like in Europe. I have just one, L.I.V.E. Certification. However, for me the priority in my work is always the sustainability.

Can you speak a little bit about this certification?

D.C.: L.I.V.E. Certification means Low Input Viticulture and Enology. This sustainable label is provided by a third party, including independent certification of specific sustainable practices in the vineyard as well as the

winery (team, tools and buildings).

Do you have any future projects?

D.C.: Yes we have a few. One of them is to make a sparkling wine Blanc de Noir. So, it'll be made only from Pinot Noir and follow the Méthode Champenoise. It will be launching in the next few months.

If you pass by this valley I warmly recommend you to stop to enjoy their great wines and the amazing view!

Thank you to the team for the great hospitality! - J.C.C.

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BRICK HOUSE VINEYARDS

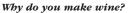
Meeting with one of the most emblematic Oregon Biodynamic vigneron

rick House Vineyards & Wine Company is an Oregon family-owned and operated winery located in the heart of the Willamette Valley in Ribbon Ridge viticultural area. The domain was founded in 1990 by Doug Tunnell and his family.

"Originally our idea was just to grow organic grapes then with 40 acres (16 hectares) we started to plantclones of Pinot Noir from Pommard in 1990. In 1992 we planter the first block of both Gamay Noir and Chardonnay."

Today the family grows and produces all their grapes, doesn't sell grapes and makes every year around 400 cases of wines, mainly from Pinot Noir. They also have a small production of Chardonnay and Gamay Noir.

Let's go to meet the fascinating people who manage this winery, Doug Tunnell (founder & Winemaker) and Savannah Mills, Assistant Winemaker and niece of Doug)



Doug Tunnell: I grew up not far from our farm.

There were no vineyards or wineries in this area when I was a kid. But by the time I returned to Oregon in 1990 there were several vineyards on Ribbon Ridge and a rapidly growing wine industry in the area. I was a TV news correspondent (at CBS) for 18 years. I was based in Paris for four years and during that time I fell in love with the

wines of Burgundy, Rhône and Beaujolais. In 1987 I read an article from New York Times Magazine about a family from Burgundy buying land and planting a vineyard in Oregon's north Willamette Valley, the zone where my relatives live. That family was the Drouhin family of Beaune. Given their generational knowledge and global world view I knew that if they were committed to buying land in Oregon for Pinot Noir the prospects for successful winegrowing were good. So I called my relatives in Oregon and asked them to begin searching for a farm that would be suitable for growing wine grapes in the region.

Could you describe in a few words what wine means to you?

D.T.: It's very hard to answer just in a few words. I mean, Wine it's my world! It's what I do from the morning to the night.

Living here, in my estate, in my farm... in this biodynamic world, the farm is to be living organism and we are part of that organism. The first vineyard block was certified organic in 1990.







How do you recognize your wines you make in a blind taste condition?

Savannah Mills: We strive for get a sufficient acidity in all the wines to complement food. I always look for that in a blind taste. I don't care to produce wine overly powerful in the sense of size but powerful in the sense of taste. The terroir where we produce has a very hard surface and deep soil. There are many variations but overall there is a low ph and high acidity, the opposite of Burgondy zone. We are more like Beaujolais: the soil has sedimentary clay and marin sediments.

D.T.: For their structure, especially for chardonnay. Indeed we pick up the grapes at 3.2 ph to preserve the natural acids. All of our wines have a well structure and the texture change every year because of the different climate trend. I can fell distinctly the flavors in every wines. We have also our laboratory to understand the proper features, our aromatic complexity are the best markers we have. Upon all in pinot noir the silky tannins and the spices we may say are typical of from ribbon ridge area.

We decided to plant Gamay Noir since the beginning in 1992 for it sense of lightness, it's easy going drinkability, just the opposite of Burgundy style. The Pinot noir grape is very importante but we need something to be different. Consider that this area is quite similar to Beaujolais we thought it was a change to plant it here.

How do you manage vineyards? Are you certified?

D.T.: We have the Demeter certification since 2005, we spread two biodynamic preparations (horn-manure) and other 6 in the compost. We use to follow the lunar calendar in a practical sense, keeping an eye on it without be slave of it. We tailor the system on our vineyards needs following the cycle of the seasons. It was natural for me to produce in organic practice.

Biodynamic schedule was not our first way. However when I realized that all things your are doing with is extracting, extracting, extracting from the land, from the terroir, I changed my way of mind. What I loved with biodynamic is to giving back being apart of that all organisms.

Thank you to Doug and Savannah for the friendly hospitality - J.C.C.

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ÉLEVÉE WINEGROWERS

Meeting with a great « Artisan Vigneron » of the Willamette Valley

levée Winegrowers is a family-owned and operated winery located in the Willamette Valley and more precisely in the Dundee Hills AVA. The vineyard includes 3.2 hectares divided between five vineyards (Madrona Hill Vineyard, Björnson Vineyard, Élevée Vineyard, Meredith Mitchell Vineyard, and

Ridgecrest Vineyard), located in five different AVAs (American Viticultural Areas), that deliver wines with very different identities.

Currently the winery produces 1,200 cases divided into 7 cuvées. The main part of production is Pinot Noir. However, they also produce a dry Riesling, a Blanc de Noir and a Rosé of Pinot noir. Let's go to meet Tom and France Fitzpatrick, owners and vignerons of Élevée Winegrowers.

Why do you make wine?

Tom and France Fitzpatrick: A lot of people would say it was a special bottle of wine they had that inspired them, but for me producing wine is something that connects me to the land and to nature. I've been making wine for 17 years. Prior to this I worked as an Analyst. My Wife, France, and I both grew up in Chicago. A love of the outdoors inspired us to move to the west coast in 1993. In

2006, I graduated from UC Davis with a Masters Degree in Viticulture & Enology. I have made wine in a variety of different places, including Washington State, Napa Valley, New Zealand, and Bourgogne France. My wife traveled and worked with me in all these locations.

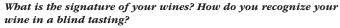
Élevée Winegrowers is a 'Study In Terroir' focused on exploring the distinct flavors of the Willamette Valley's diverse Appellations. Our wines explore terroir and allow people to discover a wine's many different personalities. Since the beginning my vision has always been focused on terroir.

Where does the name Élevée come from?

T.&F.F.: It is a French word that means 'elevated'. We chose this as our name because of it's reference to Willamette Valley terroir. All the very best vineyard sites in the Willamette Valley are planted on 'elevated' slopes, a necessity in our cool climate. In addition, it was an interest in Mountaineering and a love of the mountains that brought my wife and me to the west coast. You might say there is an 'elevation' theme in our lives.

Could you describe in a few words what wine means to you?

T.&F.F.: To me a wine is the flavor of a place and every place has it's own unique flavor. I know this is essentially the definition of terroir, but I love this idea that a place can have it's own unique personaility and that the land can create something so beautiful...



T.&F.F.: The focus with all of my wines is to capture 'purity of flavor', I really want my wines to showcase the place they come from. I believe a wine should be able to show the place where they are born. Although

my wines highlight the unique flavor profile and subtlities of each different site, I believe they all have an elegance and deliver 'purity', 'precision', and 'focus'.

What make your three terroirs so specific?

T.&F.F.: Our Élevée Vineyard is located in the Dundee Hills AVA which is a slightly warmer spot. It's South Slope, 540ft Elevation, and Jory (Volcanic) soils deliver a graceful and elegantly composed wine, displaying raspberries, fading violet petals, and silk. Björnson Vineyard is located in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA, which is a slightly cooler and windier spot. It's Southwest Slope, 530ft Elevation, and Nekia (Volcanic) soils deliver an exotic wine, displaying cherries, hints of peach, pine needles, and velvet. Madrona Hill Vineyard is located in the Chehalem Mountains AVA, which is a slightly cooler spot. It's East slope, 600ft Elevation, and Laurelwood

(Loess) soils deliver a powerful wine, displaying blackcherries, Italian spice, and plush velvet.

T.&F.F.: We have begun working with a new property called Meredith Mitchell Vineyard. It is located in the Willamette Valley's McMinnville AVA and is Demeter Certifed Biodynamic. This vineyard is located directly in front of the Van Duzer Corridor, which is a corridor that cuts through the Coast Mountain Range, allowing Marine influence into the Valley. This creates a very unique meso-climate that is much cooler and windier than our other vineyard sites. These conditions, combined with some very shallow Yambill (Volcanic) soils, generate small grape clusters with tiny berries. The wines are intensely colored, concentrated, and structured, with boysenberry fruit and savory berb aromas.

Thank you to Tom and France Fitzpatrick for the warm hospitality - J.C.C.



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LEVY & McCLELLAN

evy & McClellan is a young winery founded in 2004 by Bob Levy and Martha McClellan but vines were planted in 1999. The vineyard is located in and covers over 2,5 hectares. "When we were looking for a vineyard we limited our research to western hillsides of the valley, not on the flat but just on the beginning of the mountain."

Previously a stable and a field dedicated to horse riding, Bob and Martha had the chance to be able to start from scratch during the creation of their vineyard but also not to inherit a soil exhausted because of intensive agriculture. Currently and since the beginning they grow all grape by themselves and do not buy any grapes. Every year they produce around 6.000 bottles divided into two cuvées (only red). Let's go to meet Bob Levy, winemaker and coowner of Levy & McClellan

What does wine mean to you?

Bob Levy: Culture, friendship, experiences, something able to open up new sensorial opportunities and many other things.

Additionally my wife is a wine maker working for 4 other estates, so it's a good incentive to take care of our business and improve.

What is the signature of your wines?

B.L.: One can recognize our wine from others thanks to the freshness, ripeness, the minerality and many other features coming from the

terroir and the environment around where the vines

Personally I would add that the beautiful balance between power, richness and finesse are also good indicators. They are beautiful structures and a sense of place (racy rock minerality and biosphere aromas).

Can you tell us about your wine and your estate?

B.L.: We both have had a lot of experience in our careers, always focused on Cabernet Sauvignon grown on billside vineyard sites and became very passionate about them, for their power and concentration and even more because of their sense of place grown in such locations. In this wine growing area the biggest problem especially in my early days (around 1970) was due to many of the old school viticulture and wine making techniques use and the fact that the tannins were not ripe. Furthermore, this problem was

increased in our warm region because of a lack of proper knowledge on how to improve the tannins. So, with many years of trials from the late 70's and throughout the 80's to improve the tannins in this area, ultimately we were presented with a great opportunity to make a huge difference after the vineyards were replanted due to damage caused by phylloxera.

Previously, mostly billside vineyards were planted on terrace and the soil was worked with big tractors, the thinking at the time was that it was the best way to control the erosion of the soil. Then, in the early nineties, we changed the way we developed and managed the vineyards as far as the use of the land: we started avoiding cutting of the land, the soil to put in terraces and planted with the vine rows aligned up and down the slope of the bill. We had many ideas for how to improve the tannin quality from these special billsides grown Cabernets. Among the many practices we brought forth was the idea to raise



the vineyard, using irrigation in a manner to promote faster deep root growth while the vines are young so that by the time the cines reach 10 years of age, we can stop using irrigation at all-practicing what is called 'dry farming' because the root system had become so well established and deep rooted.

Also, with the change of trellising from essentially head trained vines to vertical shoot positioning, that happened when so many vineyards were replanted in the 90's, there was a need to respect the correct row direction for balanced sunlight and even maturity of the grapes. With a billside vineyard where you wish to plant the rows and down the slope, you need to find a site that gives you a slope that will have the right row direction. All these activities and many others were focused to get fully mature and softer tannins

Concerning our terroir, our vines are planted on volcanic soil bere known as Aiken series (a reddish colored clay-loam that varies from about 15 cm to about 60 cm deep and sits on top of volcanic ash, called Tufa). The Tufa is very soft and friable and porous. You can break it with your hands because of it having less density. Having worked with cabernet Franc in this type of soil previously and due to

it's porosity we were convinced that areas where the Tufa was exposed to the surface without any clay loam on top of it would be ideal for us to plant Cabernet Franc.

Since Cabernet Franc can have a tendency to be more vigorous than

Cabernet Sauvignon, we felt that this volcanic ash subsoil would be ideal in helping to keep control of any excess vigor and promote a more balanced growing

Do you practice any organic or have you any certifications?

B.L.: We follow the most natural farming as possible. We always use organic materials and we do not use pesticides.

To help to continually replenish and improve the soil, the ability of the vines to naturally find the nutrients they require for healthy growth and to avoid erosion in the rainy winters we use 100% native cover crops, certainly during the winter, but in an unusual manner also throughout the dry summer growing season. In this way the microflora that results in the soils and around the native plant root systems can assist the

vines in their ability to take in the nutrients from the soil without the need for adding any fertilizers into the soil or to the vines.

Do you have any new projects?

B.L.: We are passionate about what we do and consider our experience in the Napa Valley over the past 40 years as key components to be able to do what we do at a level of quality that we would like to achieve. We have always wanted to simply focus on doing the best that we can do in one location rather than spread our efforts over many different areas.

Thank you to Bob Levy for the warm hospitality. - J.C.C.

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VGS CHÂTEAU POTELLE

A vineyard where power, balance and finesse are one!

GS Château Potelle is a young family property in Napa Valley founded in 1980 by Jean-Noël Fourmeaux.

"I have come very often since the 1970s for my work but it was not until 1980 that I decided to buy 10 acres of land to plant. I saw that the Napa wines started to improve, to be refined and I told myself that there was a potential to make very good wines. At that time there was an extraordinary dynamic reach from the pioneers of Napa. Everyone was looking for beautiful terroirs, knowledge of grape varieties... in short it was great! There were only 52 wineries, we all knew each other, we were all friends and we helped each other. I then said to myself that there was something to do and so I started."

Today Jean-Noël produces two ranges of wines, the first from his own vines and the second from sourced vines on Napa but also in Sonoma. Let's go together to meet him.



Regarding VGS, one day a taster asked me bow I evaluated my wines. I replied: 'Good Shit vs. Bad Shit', He then replied: 'You're right, it's a Very Good Shit, since it stayed'... The next day I had a lot of visitors who came and said to me 'We want some Very Good Shit!'.

I find that this name also represents us quite well because despite the fact that we make good wines, that we have been two years in a row the most expensive wine of the Napa Auction nobody is interested in us. After the Napa Auction records we had no press calls... We are completely under the radar and yet each year we have significant growth.

What is the signature of your wines?

J-N.P.: The common dough is linked to the environment of Napa Valley, it is the fruit and the lightness. All my wines have a lot of acidity because I am one of the highest vineyards in Napa so we have a natural acidity which is

quite pronounced. This allows me to have dynamism in my wines that others do not necessarily have. Generally when we think of American wines we think of heavy, alcoholic, powerful and ultimately clumsy wines. I absolutely don't want that kind of wine.

Why make wine?

Jean-Noël Potelle: I didn't always do that, initially I was a development strategy consultant but I always had a taste for wine. When I got married my parents gave me some money. With that I built up a cellar... When I arrived in the early 1980s I saw an opportunity but I don't regret it. I love it, I am passionate about wine. There are two things that pushed me to become a wine grower. First of all, I consider that wine is a constantly renewed pleasure. It's like a piece of art, we never fi-

nish enjoying it. Depending on the state of the moment, emotions will be appreciated in different ways. For me wine is that, the same bottle of wine will not give the same emotions to each tasting.

I like to make wine because I have a vivid imagination and because I like to go to the end of things. For example : when we made our Fourmeaux wine which won at the Napa Auction. Of course we were very happy but the next day I said 'Ok tomorrow we will start all over again and start in a radically opposite way'. That is to say that instead of taking a base A we will take a base B and we will reconstruct the wine to see if we have understood everything about this wine.

Wine is something beautiful that expresses itself, that lives, that has a personality, a soul. All this means that the same wine will be highlighted in a barrel from cooper A or, conversely, completely extinguished in a bar-

rel from another cooper. It's a bit like us with friends. Some will pull us up, others down... some will bring out a certain aspect of our personality which, on the contrary, will be less visible when we are with others. Wine is all that and at the same time so much more too... There is so much in it that you have to be absolutely certain that you have worked everything you can. Wine is above all a school of humility. This is not a school of self-righteousness, it is really to take note of humility.

Where does the name VGS Château Potelle come from?

J-N.P.: It is the name of a family castle in the north of France (near Lille) that we have owned for over 900 years. There we do not make wines there, it is simply a place for vacations, family reunions... I took this name because it represents me and my values.

What makes the specificity of your terroirs?

J-N.P.: My vineyards are located on Mont Veeder, it's my 36th barvest there. Potelle is indisputably a mounting vineyard. Here in Napa there are big differences between the mountains. Mount Veeder is a mountain located west of Napa. It separates the Sonoma from the Napa. It

is to the west but also very southern. That is to say that if we speak in terms of latitude I am between the city of Napa and Younthville. As we know, the further south you go, the colder it gets. So I combine two factors: the elevation and proximity to the bay of San Francisco so I have a colder climate. I have on average between 10 and 15°F difference with the Valley floor. The only exception is during the nights of August when we have an inversion, we get botter than the Valley. More exactly at night our temperatures drop less than in the Valley. They will go down to 50/52°F At night while we here will stay at 58°F on average.

On Mt Veeder we have volcanic soil, so with a lot of slate. In the Valley there are 38 different

types of soil. Thanks to my different plots I bave 37! Actually the only thing I don't have is clay. This is what makes the main difference between Mt Veeder and Howell Moun-

tain. These two mountains produce very good wines. The difference of the slate compared to the clay is that on the slate the roots are forced to descend deeply to draw the water/nutrient because it is a very draining subsoil. There is also a difference in production, there we will be on average on 4 tonnes / acre while on Mt Veeder we will be around 2 tonnes / acre. I also have a vineyard on Moon Mountain in Sonoma, which is also a cold terroir.



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FINGER LAKES WINES

RIESLINGS AND MORE!

he Finger Lakes, in New York State, was established as an American Viticulture Area (AVA), the American equivalent to an IGP in 1982. It is the 4th biggest producing state in the United State. Yet, there are only 130 producers, mostly small, family owned estates. The region is known mostly for their Riesling Production, which represents about 1/10 of the total production. It's a big deal and most producers will each have various styles of

Riesling to offer, from dry to off-dry and even single vineyard expressions. In the last decade or so, they began to show Riesling enormous potential and making world-class wines showing both identity and precision.

However, when traveling in the region, you might be extremely surprised by the diversity of varietals and style actually produced there. Cool climate Chardonnay in an array of style and expressions, smoky Cabernet Franc, increasing amount of Gewürztraminer and even Grüner Veltliner are being planted along the banks of the various lakes. Sparkling wine production has also proven to be a huge success. Finger Lakes was previously known as an agriculture paradise, with a strong precedency to table grape growing, mostly hybrids. In the 1950s, Ukrainian immigrant Dr. Konstantin Frank, armed with a Ph.D. in viticulture, was the first to successfully plant Vinifera grapes in the Finger Lakes. He was the first at the time, but also pretty much the only one. Winemaking only truly began after 1976, with the passing of the New York Farm Winery Act, allowing grape growers to sell directly to the public. This was the saving grace of many struggling families in the region and led to fast development. Today, producers still sell most of their production directly to their customers, right off their front door.

offer unique and quite apparent temperature-moderating influences. It is said that Seneca Lake, the deepest of them all only partially freeze, once every hundred years.

SENECA LAKE

The effect of the Seneca Lake on the surrounding wineries is quite evident. Vineyards planted on both sides have heavily

different influences. On the West side, we'll find bigger amount of white grapes planted, with outstanding tension and vibrancy. On the other hand, the East side is kindly called the Banana Belt. Warmer overall with better exposition to the sun, vineyards are planted higher in altitude, further from the water and this is where you'll find the best expressions of Cabernet Franc and even some Meritage blends.

Half of Finger Lakes wineries have views on Seneca Lake, even if some of them owns vineyards across various lakes. You can easily go around and discover. It's your chance to see the amazing view from Atwater Estate vineyards and taste their fun skin-fermented white blend. Stop by Fox run for their world-class Chardonnay and their mature selection of Rieslings. Don't miss the outstanding precision and balance in Hermann J. Wiemer wines. Experience the fun ambiance of Hazlitt 1852 vineyards, one of the oldest and most expansive vineyards in the region. Visit the family run Lakewood vineyard, remember to taste their 3 generations Riesling and ask about their innovative approach to carbonation that serves producers all around Finger Lakes. Don't miss the sustainable approach of Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars with their reserve wine offer and outstanding selection. Take a sip at Wagner Vineyards, who's proven the poten-

tial of a Meritage blend in the Seneca Lake region as well as the aging potential of their Rieslings. There's still so much room for development from this upcoming, awakening region. Their dynamism will help them push boundaries for sure!





Finger Lakes production is mostly nestled along the benches of Keuka, Seneca, and Cayuga Lakes, the deepest of the 11 long, narrow lakes in central New York. These large bodies of water

PENFOLDS UNMISTAKABLY AUSTRALIAN

enfolds was a Pioneer in many ways for Australian winemaking, making Waves Down Under since 1844. Their innovative spirit and early push towards quality standards has gotten them to an icon level. Australian Shiraz would probably not have gotten the popularity and identity it has today without Penfolds' part in its history. Since 1844, Penfolds has played a pivotal role in the history and evolution of Aussie winemaking.

Quite young in European standard, Penfolds remains one of the first to pursue winemaking seriously in Australia. It's been 175 years now that the English founders arrived in Adelaide, only 40 years after first settlement. What few souls actually know is that Dr. Christopher and Mary Penfold actually started with a small production of medicinal port-styled wines and sherries from a 500 acres

property at Magill Estate. 40 years later, Penfolds was producing 1/3 of all South Australia's wine. That was until the legend of Penfolds Grange changed everything.



In 1948, Max Schubert became chief winemaker and started experimenting on long-lasting wines, multi-regional blends, French oak and "bin wines" named after the storage area of the cellars where they were aged. He would stash his experiments away and the first ever Grange hermitage vintages 1957 to 1959 remained a secret from his peers until Max' was instructed to re-start the Grange production in 1960. This is the history written, but it was also the very start of a tradition and Penfolds identity.

PHILOSOPHY

Grange's reputation as one of the Australia's most celebrated & looked for wine continues to grow today as is Penfolds reputation. First to believe in the potential of Shiraz, first to blend it with Cabernet Sauvignon, Penfolds now have a collection of benchmark wines with distinctive innovative style, but always with the tradition of blending and sourcing the best

> fruits from the best regions, a philosophy that goes back to their multi-sourcing fortified days. Reducing vintages variation and inconsistency was one step towards the highest quality standards, and multi-sourcing was the key factor. Today, Penfolds own 2000 acres around Australia, but mainly in South Australia. However, they're also have 5000 acres of loyal suppliers that they can source from. Some of them have cele-

brated their 100th years of sourcing already.

Alongside the revered, iconic Grange, other blends have become recognized for their constant quality. Bin 707 Cabernet sauvignon and his underrated little brother Bin 407, representing Penfold's DNA from McLaren Vale and Barossa valley Limestone Coast; Bin 289 cabernet-Shiraz, also known as the poor's man Grange, made from declassified Grange and Bin 707 grapes with the second use of the Grange Barrels; RWT Barossa Valley Shiraz, first single-region; The list goes on. As releases add up, it's become impossible to imagine Australian winemaking without the presence and influence that Penfolds had and still provides.



ABOUT JOANIE METIVIER

"Sommelier, Wine writer, Whisky ambassador, my official title is a little vague and my path rather atypical. My studies are ongoing and will probably ever be. I may be the youngest Wine writer in Quebec, but my adventures are rich and esteemed. You may read my articles on Joaniemetivier.com, and

VALTELLINA

THE NEBBIOLO OF THE ALPS

urrounded by the Alps, there is a magic, emergent wine region: Valtellina. Situated in the Rhaetian Alps (60 Kilometers northeast of Milan) at the Switzerland's borders it is one of the Italian richest region in biodiversity. It's mainly peculiarity is the presence of a special variety of Nebbiolo, here called as Chiavennasca, which shows different fragrances and aromas compared to the more well known grape we found in Langhe zone. Why? Surely because of its different DNA and, moreover, the unique temperature range that influences the ripening of the grapes which here grow at an altitude of 250 to 800 meters.

Surprisingly Valtellina have more than 500 years of history, indeed the first document confirming a wine activity is dated back to 1797. At that period the German navigator Heinrich Lehmann in its "Die Laudschaft Veltlin" claimed that the grapes had been brought by the Chiavenna Valley. That explains the etymology of Valtellina name. Other source argues the origins of the name is from the dialect term "ciu venasca" meaning a vigorous grape

variety with nice sap or "ciu vinasca", described as one of the most suitable grapes able to produce great wines. At any rate, all agree to the fact this kind of Nebbiolo has an unbelievable aging skill. The scenario in those valleys where nowadays the wine cultivating began again anew thanks some new wines projects, shows an awesome presence of terraces likewise we can see in Alto Adige or Cinque Terre. In the 1500 century, ended the period

in which all the plots have been managed by the clergy, the surface boost hugely overing 6000 hectares. Today we count 900 hectare of which 1800 terraced (2,000 hectares of Chiavennasca), beside there are also apples cultivation from the 1950s onwards. The mechanized harvesting is possibile not everywhere indeed, the high labour costs are caused by the manual and heavy work on the steep hills demanding 1400 man hours per hectares each years. As a consequences the all Valtellina players have studied the best way to reduce the costs starting from the choice to select some clones (three out of 100) to use in the production of the Valtellina Superiore (Docg from 1998) and the Sforzato di Valtellina (Docg in 2003). Those denominations cover 5

areas with the best sun exposures approved by the disciplinary like Maroggia, Sassella, Grumello, Inferno e Valgella. Speaking about the "taste of the terroir" likewise we use to do in Burgundy - we may say the wines from Sassella and Inferno have generally more fruit and structure because of the different sun exposures. Beside them the area of Grumello brings the name from it castle builded in 1373 by De Piro family from Sondrio. Here, the less

stones on the surface cause a different light reflection and less heat. The wines have usually notes of currant and strawberry matched with nuts and minerality. The body is very soft and pleasantly tannic.

Our shopping list includes the wines of Ar.pe.pe, Mamete Prevostini, Nino Negri, Dirupi and Sandro Fay.





VALLE D'AOSTA

WINES FROM THE MOUNTAINS



ocated at the northwest of Italy, this region is famous for its mountains, castles, production of cheese and obviously wine. Like happen in Alto Adige, even here since 1985 there is just one regional DOC which includes all the native and international grapes varieties as Gamay, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Petite Arvine, Priè Blanc, Cornalin, Fumin, Nebbiolo and many others.

The most peculiar Valle d'Aosta feature is the surface area under vines destined for the production of wine grapes: about 450 hectares. It is the smallest Italian viticultural region capable to offer such a graceful and velvety wines. Moreover, consider this little surface, there is an high concentration of good wines. Culturally speaking from the local dialect to all monuments furnishing the landscape, show the French influence. Starting from the Roman gates of Aosta - the capital of the region located at the bottom of the main streets.

It deserve a trip in Valle d'Aosta because it's always wondrous jump into those hills which host some ancient vineyards - more of them are developed on terraces with steep slopes at the highest elevations of any in Europe - where family of farmers but even many new young entrepreneurs and cooperatives are cultivating, in the same plot, many grape varieties. This is an oldest custom, it symbolism a sort of unwritten recipes which represent exactly the richness of the region. The wines we get from this plots offer a taste with different aromas and layers. It's like a voyager of emotions: deep, floral, salty and spicy, but also balanced and full of body. A good model to look at is the Prisonnier wine: one of the most iconic and historical cuvée of the entire region. It's very rare because of the its low production, it's born in a special vineyards which benefit from the rocks around it with a double daily temperature range.

Anyway after the consequences of phylloxera crises, since

the 1850s the Region decided to sort out by storing up the unbelievable heritage of the region. How? By setting up and manage a school called Institut Agricole Régional in order to activate some free study courses to provide the necessary skills to young people destined to become farmers.

Lastly, looking at the mountains painted by spots of vineyards we can see this historical link riding among the villages spread in seven subarea which define the different terroirs and their vocation to viticulture. A very distinctive one is the area at the feet of Mont Blanc where some producers still manage ancient vine, pre-phylloxera, from 900 to 1200 meters high. The result here is the production of the highest Europe white wine produced with Prié Blanc grapes, named as Blanc de Morgex et de La Salle. This wine can be floral, velvety, round. More important, it is always marked by a strong acidity, an essential feature for those who produce the sparkling version.

Our best shopping wine list: Chardonnay Mains et Cœur - Maison Anselmet, Fumin Vigne Rovettaz Grosjean, Petite Arvine - Ottin.

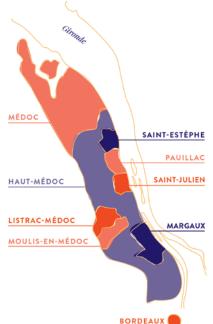


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2020 CLASSIFICATION CRUS BOURGEOIS

Focus on the much-anticipated new Crus Bourgeois du Médoc Official classification



249 Châteaux ranked 179 Crus Bourgeois 56 Crus Bourgeois Supérieurs 14 Crus Bourgeois Exceptionnels



"The new classification has been created to enable more fluid, longer-term marketing with visibility for five years. The hierarchical structure should enable a clearer explanation of this very large family of wines, and for the châteaux at the top who act as 'locomotives' to stay with us, or in some cases to come back".

Olivier Cuvelier,

President of the Alliance of the Crus Bourgeois du Médoc

fficial unveiling of the new classification: Thursday, 20.02.2020, a page turned for the Crus Bourgeois du Médoc and their annual quality assessment procedure. The new classification will now be awarded for five years and consist of three categories: Cru Bourgeois, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur and Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel. A clear, impartial, objective classification which will enable consumers to buy Crus Bourgeois with complete confidence.

A HIERARCHICAL, FIVE-YEAR CLASSIFICATION

This first classification will feature on the labels of the 2018. 2019. 2020. 2021 and 2022 vintages.

The classification also reintroduces a hierarchical structure with three levels: Cru Bourgeois, Cru Bourgeois Supérieur and Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel. The Cru Bourgeois family will now be ranked every five years.

R_{CRU} BOURGEOIS

THE NEW CLASSIFICATION: AN APPROACH THAL REWARDS PROPERTIES AND REASSURES CONSUMERS

Almost 10 years of preparation and consultation were necessary to obtain consent from the public authorities for the creation of this new classification, which recognizes the quality of winegrowers' work and gives them a longer-term view of their property's wine, thereby facilitating projects and investments. For consumers, the classification is a guarantee of quality thot enables them to choose a Cru Bourgeois in complete confidence.



SUPERVISED BY A VERIFICATION BODY, THE CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON FIVE PILLARS:

- Wine quality (blind tasting of five vintage from all Châteaux. Tasted by two commissions of five independent tasters...)
- •The environment
- Study additional criteria (technical itinerary retracing the work from the vineyard to the bottle...)
- •Traceability and authentication (QR code authentication sticker)
- Random organoleptic checks.

AN OBJECTIVE, IMPARTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Based on a schedule of requirements and a rigorous verification procedure, the entire classification process is overseen by an independent verification body to ensure a fair and honest ranking. This body ensures impartiality at all stages.

WINE QUALITY & ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Blind tasting of five vintages is the first criteria on which properties applying for classification are judged. with different requirements for each level. The higher categories of "Cru Bourgeois Supérieur" and "Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel" are assessed on two main additional sets of criteria: the technical management of the vineyard and the marketing and promotion of the property.

RECOGNITION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY WINEGROWING PRACTICES

The classification also includes environmental criteria: depending on the classification level. Properties must have or be in the process of obtaining level 2 High Environmental Value certification.

Check the full list page 56 of this magazine.

GAGLIOLE

Wines to discover... and savor!

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.



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Princesa



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, wellbalanced, 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. In the mouth, 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:€€€

Petrucci



Quinta da Côrte Princesa 2017, Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, freshness as well as harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of small blue fruits, Cuben pepper, fine hints of spices, nutmeg, sense of place, a very discreet hint of olive, of racy minerality (terroir) as well as an imperceptible hint of wild strawberry, cumin, salinity, black olive and rosewood. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, aerial, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, finesse, harmony, dynamism, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of black plum associated [...]

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Price: €

Edi Kante La Bora di Kante 2009 Venezia Giuli - Italy

In his path, Edi Kante has been able to mix its ideas with those given by the nature, like the choice to built its winery on a stone caves. The long aging here morphs the taste, endorse the salty, the freshness, enhancing all the features inside the grapes. This 100% Chardonnay is Edi's spearhead: charming, mineral and intense after 12 month of fermentation and aging in old barrique followed by other 3 years in bottle. A charismatic wine with hints of aromatic herbs and salty spine.

Price: €€€



Petrucci Podere Forte 2016 Orcia DOC - Italy Organic wine

In the heart of Val d'Orcia, beside the good restaurant Perillà the project id running a good business even with it wines. The last wine showed uo by Podere Forte comes from a biodinamic agriculture in a soil rich of clay. Its an 100% Sangiovese, brilliant, concentrated very fresh and deep. An amazing mixture of tannins perfectly melted in a solid juice pulp.

Price: €€€

Quinta da Lapa Tourigal Nacional 2015 Reserva

Vinho Regional Tejo

The nose is elegant, racy, slightly powerful and offers generosity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of fleshy / crunchy strawberry, black olive, chocolate as well as discreet touches of toasted oak / vanilla. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant, straight, precise, gourmande, generous and offers a fine suavity, fat, a fine unctuosity as well as a fine acid frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of ripe / juicy redcurrants, scrubland / olive tree, racy minerality as well as hints of flowers, chocolate, toasted / caramelized oak and an imperceptible touch of fresh almond (in the background). Tannins are a bit chewy. Good length. Fine chews on the finish.

Price: €



Wines to discover... and savor!

Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey 2017

Sauternes, 1er 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 unctuosity, 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 guince 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!

Price: €€€



Château Bélair-Monange

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, 1^{er} Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers delicacy. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of very ripe raspberry associated with touches of racy minerality/flint (terroir) as well as fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe raspberry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/crushed blackberry associated with a touch of wild strawberry, cornflower, a fine touch of small blue fruits as well as hints of clove, caramelization and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length.

Price: €€€€



Bouchard Ainé & Fils Genevrières 2008 Meursault 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and complex. It reveals notes of quince and crushed small yellow fruits and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of butter, hazelnut, cooked peach and brioche. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers juiciness, tension, roundness, fat, a beautiful racy grain as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, juicy yellow plum and apple combined with touches of butter, toasted hazelnut, almond as well as an imperceptible hint of beeswax. Good length and persistence.

Price: €€



Domaine de Suremain Clos L'Evèque 2017 Mercurey 1er 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.

Price: €€

Château Beynat, Tout en Merlot Cuvée des Lyres 2017 Castillon Côtes-de-Castillon Organic wine

The nose is aromatic, fruity, racy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as a subtle hint of sweet spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy blackberry, cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, fleshy/juicy violet plum as well as a subtle hint of liquorice. Tannins are wellbuilt. Good length.

Price: €€



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 litchee, 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.

Price: €€€



BÉLAIR MONANGE

CAIN FIVE

Wines & spirits to discover... and savor!

Montinore Estate Parsons' Ridge 2015 Willamette Valley Organic wine

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful precision, definition, a fine grain and a good guideline. It reveals notes of plum, blackcurrant and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, small wild berries as well as spices and fine hints of sens of the place. The mouth is elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful structure and power (full of finesse). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of ripe blueberry, cornflower as well as fine hints of Sichuan pepper, Ceylan tea and discreet hints of chocolate and caramelization. Good length.

Price: €€€

Darroze

ASSARMACNA

1969



The nose is fruity, a bit tight, elegant and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of dry vegetation / grove / tarweed associated with discreet toasted hints and a very discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, well-built, precise, fresh, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful acid frame, crunchiness, a beautiful freshness, a slight finesse of the grain, a slight straightness as well as a very slight unctuosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy blackberry and small notes of juicy / fresh raspberry associated with small touches of wild flowers / violet, tarweed as well as discreet hints of black olive / grove, caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are fine and a bit firm. Good length. There are a very discreet hint of tonka bean,

grilled aok and cocoa on the persistence.

A great wine! Price: €€€€



Unique Collection Darroze Domaine de Bellair 1969

Bas-Armagnac

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.

Price: €€€€€



rality 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.

Price: €€

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

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



Paul Giraud Millésime 1999

Cognac Grande Champagne, 1er Cru The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a beautiful

finesse as well as power. It reveals notes of dried orange zest, mandarin flowers, dried lemon zest and small notes of dry green apple associated with discreet hints of rancio, cigar as well as a hint of white pepper, peach blossom and saffron. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse, suavity as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this Cognac expresses notes of Zante currants, crystallized mandarin orange and small notes of dried orange zest, dried lemon associated with slight hints of flowers as well as very slight hints of coffee and grilled oak. Very beautiful persistence. There are very discreet hints of pâtisseries and toasted almond on the finish. A very beautiful cognac!

Price: €€€€



WHAT DOES WINE MEAN TO YOU?

Max Thomas

Winemaker of the Domaine Lucien Tramier (Rhône, France)

In 2005, I remember when my stepfather Lucien Tramier asked me on a Friday evening over a festive meal and good bottles of wine, if I wanted to join the family farm. And he concluded with "Of course I give you time to think... you will give me your answer on Monday". I could have answered him yes right away, as I was bonored and proud to be the 4^{tb} generation to perpetuate the know-bow of our winegrower family. But like all great wines you have to be patient. Nothing is done in a rush! So I waited until Monday to give my consent. This anecdote is for me the most beautiful vision of the world of wine: families of wine growers who are passionate and in love with their terroirs. Men and women who pass on this cultural and technical heritage from generation to generation.

Although technological advances are very present in the work of our vines and in our winery, we strive daily to keep our ancestral know-how. I saw it well during wine trips in Europe, whether the particular breeding of yellow wines in the Jura, the beauty of the landscape in Lanzarote where the vines are surrounded by dry volcanic stones or the size in "crown" "in the vineyards of the Santorini Archipelago!



"The work of the soil remains the basis of our profession"

When I drink a bottle of wine, I try to always feel the vibration of the heart and soul of the Men who have allowed the expression of the typicity and the authenticity of their soils.

On my farm, at Domaine Lucien Tramier, located in Jonquières in the Rhône Valley South, I remain concerned with preserving the quality of our soils and the diversity of our soils. I minimize my interventions in the vineyard and in my cellar as much as possible, so that the purity of nature and the character of each vintage influenced by the climate is expressedthrough our grapes and our wines. This is to maintain this heritage, and thus leave future generations a preserved environment and the heritage of a family of winegrowers.



Philippe De Poyferré Director of Château Loudenne (Bordeaux, France)

PLEASURE! Multiple pleasures. The pleasure of walking through the vineyards and seeing the grapes appear and develop every day, every week, every month until they are fully ripe. It's a pleasure to walk in the magical nature in Loudenne and to feel the true meaning of our environmental approach and conversion to organic farming. Pleasure of the barvest, the smells of the cellar $during\ the\ vinification\ and\ sharing\ of\ this\ passion\ with\ the\ teams.$ The pleasure of constantly experimenting and learning to improve its know-how, in the end, making a good wine turns out to be complex. It's a pleasure to present it, to make it discovered and to sell it by traveling around the world or by receiving in

"The pleasure of making wine and aging it, gradually transforming this grape juice into nector."

Loudenne Japanese, Americans, Canadians, Russians, Chinese, Europeans and of course French. The pleasure of drinking your wine or that of others and sharing it, in moderation but sometimes also without. The pleasure of rediscovering new flavors every time. Rare pleasure of a perfect marriage between wine and dishes that sublimates both. Pleasure, pleasure, pleasure ... Of course after 35 years of work, there were difficult moments, but thanks to all these renewed pleasures, passion always prevails. I realize bow lucky I am to work for a product whose very essence is sharing and conviviality.



Tristan Bouscasse

Manager of Château Cantinot (Bordeaux, France)

First of all, wine is about transmission. Transmission because of our family history, from parents to children: the transmission of the passion, of the 'savoir-faire' and the courage to reach our goals."

Wine is also about emotions transmission. I make wines I love, I want them to give me emotions, feelings and thrills. When my team and I create a wine, we always think with whom we want to drink this wine - which kind of moments it can create. For me, wine is a moment maker. We want wine when we have to celebrate, when we are sad, when we are with our family, when we make love... It's quite a responsibility to make wine for all of that! In addition, wine is the result of the perfect match between plants, sun, wind, soil, the human, and the Terroir.We need that good relationship and more than ever, we need to respect nature to conserve this good understanding. Wine is transmission, emotion, and it has to mean... respect.

Cory Empting Winemaker of Harlan Estate & Bond Wines (Napa Valley, California)

Wines allow us a way of transcending time. Upon tasting an older vintage, we conjure an unconscious memory of that time in the wines life. We also think of that era in the context of our own existence, last but not least we connect these abstractions to the moment in which, and the people with whom we choose to enjoy the wine. These different perspectives and times merge together into one and have the potential to create a lasting memory throughout our lives.

"They remind us of an interdependency with the natural world that has been forgotten, but fortunately not lost."



There are many definitions and levels at which wine can exist. In my opinion, the most sacred of wines are a result of the rare ability of specific places to produce meaning through their character. A meaning that captivates humans to exchange with the land in pursuit of uncovering its essence. There is something deeper these wines have to offer. When we imbibe them we are more nourished than intoxicated. They are consumed more in the soul than in the intellect.

These wines give us hope for re-kindling that latent relationship and the grace and harmony that can result from such a reunion..



 $\begin{array}{c} Stephen\ Webber\\ Head\ Winemaker-Montinore\ Estate\ Winery\ (Willamette\ Valley,\ Oregon) \end{array}$

Wine, to me, can be an amazing, alluring, complex and unique experience, pre-determined by so much history, natural and man-made manipulation, complex chemistry and a 'certain je ne sais quoi'. It can produce an experience that can be so memorable and exquisite. It is bard to think of many life experiences that can match the enjoyment of a really wonderful wine, most especially when combined with a place, special people, weather or a time in your life.

As a winemaker, when thinking about my own special experiences with wine over a 30year career, I extend these thoughts to include; beautiful vineyards, the visual moment when special batches of fruit are picked, prominent smells and tasting experiences during fermentation, and the decisions I made from them.

"I love sharing my finished wines with strangers who exhibit such enjoyment over them"

I love sharing my finished wines with strangers who exhibit such enjoyment over them, and perhaps share a story of their own special times when wine made a memorable impact for them.

In the rich tapestry of life, how lucky we are to have wine as our companion, our memory holder, our bastion of good times, and our soulmate of bad times. To all who are lucky to have these experiences with our special friend; À votre santé!





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The 2020 Wine Case of the Governor of Virginia

he Commonwealth of Virginia is one of the leading wine producers in the United States with no less than 312 vineyards registered in 2019, and the Governors of this East Coast state have always been heavily involved in the wine industry, starting with Thomas Jefferson, who brought the vine from France and tried his hand at growing grapes near his home of Monticello.

Every year for the past 38 years in Richmond has been held the **Governor's Cup**®, a competition that rewards 12 wines with a gold medal, among the 530 in competition; these 12 wines, chosen by a jury of 19 wine professionals, officially constitute the "Governor's Cup Case®" for the year.

In 2020, two estates had 2 of their respective wines awarded a gold medal: **Barboursville Vineyards** with a 2014 Octagon and a 2018 Vermentino Reserve, and **Pollak Vineyards** with a 2017 Cabernet Franc Reserve and a 2017 Smuggler. Another notable winner this year was **868 Estate Vineyards** with a 2017 Vidal Blanc Passito – a dessert white wine (a first for the Governor's Cup®).

All winners and wine profiles can be viewed on the Virginia Wine Marketing Office website www.virginiawine.org





MARGAUX CRUS CLASSÉS 2011

Château Lascombes 2011

Margaux, Grand Cru Classé

The nose offers a small power, a small concentration and a fine grain. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, cloves and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper/tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of small red fruits (cherry, red berries) associated with touches of violet, rose, minerality as well as hints of camphor, toasted and coves. Good length. A very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence. Tannins are finely marked.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Palmer 2011 Margaux, 3ème Cru Classé

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a fine gourmandize, concentration as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of spices, green pepper, rose/violet as well as raspberry, a subtle hint of tea and spices. The mouth is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful definition, tension, a fine acidulous frame, a small aerial side, gourmandize as well as concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of redcurrant, small berries as well as a subtle hint of chocolate and caramelization (in the background). Tannins are elegant, structuring and very discreetly chewy. Good persistence and length.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Château Prieuré-Lichine 2011 Margaux, 4ème Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe black and small notes of ripe wild raspberry associated with touches of lily, cornflower, sweet spices, nutmeg as well as hints of liquorice stick, Cuben pepper and mushroom. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers elegance, a beautiful definition, roundness and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of mild tobacco, violet associated with very fine hints of underwood and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant, very discreetly marked and well-built. A very discreet hint of underwood on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Dauzac 2011

Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers power and deepness. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, blackcurrant, ripe wild strawberry associated with fine hints of mild tobacco, very discreet hints of cloves and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, gourmandize and a mineral/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of dry violet as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, clove, discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of underwood (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and precise.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Rauzan-Gassies 2011 Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of small crushed red fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice, violet, rose as well as very discreet hints of pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, elegance as well as a very fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of mushroom and sweet spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and racy.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

SAINT-JULIEN CRUS CLASSÉS 2011

Château Beychevelle 2011 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a good definition, precision, a fine minerality and tension. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of violet, blackcurrant associated with a touch of crushed wild raspberry as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, lily, tea, grey pepper and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful tension and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy wild strawberry, ripe/juicy cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blackberry, nutmeg, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, tea, graphite and a discreet hint of caramelization and Sichuan pepper. Tannins are precise and well-built. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Branaire-Ducru 2011 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, a small concentration and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, blackberry and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of cornflower, small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of liquorice, mushroom and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of very ripe small berries associated with a touch of dry violet, dry rose as well as hints of racy minerality, mushroom and a very discreet hint of tobacco and cardamom. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Langoa-Barton 2011 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers richness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine hints of violet as well as discreet hints of graphite, iris, mushroom/ underwood and discreet saline hint. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, crushed blackberry and crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, mushroom as well as a subtle hint of violet plum and an imperceptible hint of graphite.

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

Château Léoville-Barton 2011 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, gourmand, racy and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of violet plum, ripe cherry, liquorice as well as hints of ripe redcurrant, Sichuan peper and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, elegant, fine, racy and offers an acidulous frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of cassis, raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of violet plum, ripe cherry, liquorice as well as hints of violet, iris, cocoa and very fine hints of sweet spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and finely tight.

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

Château Branaire-Ducru 2011 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, a small concentration and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, blackberry and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of cornflower, small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of liquorice, mushroom and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of very ripe small berries associated with a touch of dry violet, dry rose as well as hints of racy minerality, mushroom and a very discreet hint of tobacco and cardamom. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)



Château Léoville-Poyferré 2011

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fresh and offers concentration and power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with a hint of red berries as well as very discreet hints of violet, iris and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of small red berries, flowers and a discreet hint of tonka bean, wood/toasted and a subtle hint of almond. Tannins are very discreetly tight. God length.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

PAUILLAC CRUS CLASSÉS 2011

Château Pedesclaux 2011

Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small fleshiness and a fine power. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, blackberry and small notes of tobacco associated with fine hints of dry violet, dry blackcurrant and fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers roundness, fat as well as a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with touches of dry violet, dry lilac as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, grilled and mushroom. Tannins are structuring and straight.

Score: 15.5 + /20 (91/100)

Château Pontet-Canet 2011 Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fresh and offers concentration, power as well as deepness. It reveals notes of wild blackcurrant and small notes of racy minerality/sens of the place, cloves, sweet spices and grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful matter as well as a fine/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe griotte cherry, very ripe raspberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with a touch of blackberry as well as fine hints of violet, cloves and caramelization/toasted hazelnut. Tannins are elegant, structuring and racy. Good length and persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château d'Armailhac 2011 Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is racy and offers minerality and a small fruitiness. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, wild strawberry and small notes of very ripe small berries associated with fine touches of violet, cube pepper as well as discreet hints of mushroom, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of rose wood. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, a fine concentration and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, very ripe blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of racy minerality, wild strawberry as well as fine hints of toasted/caramelization, tobacco and graphite. Tannins are elegant, fine and straight. A beautiful persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2011

Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers complexity, a beautiful grain, freshness as well as a small power/intensity. It reveals notes of griotte cherry, ripe blackberry, small notes of small ripe red fruits associated with touches of fresh violet, camphor, fine hints of spices, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of spices, nutmeg and a racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/juicy cassis, blackberry, small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of ripe cherry as well as a hint of violet/lily as well as fine hints of cloves, spices and tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length.

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

Château Clerc Milon 2011

Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a certain generosity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry, graphite associated with fine hints of underwood, clove and very discreet hints of nutmeg, cornflower and tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, an acidulous frame and generosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, small blue fruits as well as hints of graphite, incense, caramelization and imperceptible hints of toasted almond. Tannins are very discreetly tight.

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

Château Mouton Rothschild 2011 Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine power and deepness. It reveals notes of ripe small red fruits, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine hints of grey pepper/Cuben, lily, discreet hints of tobacco, minerality as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a beautiful grain as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of violet, blackberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean as well as hints of caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence.

Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château Croizet-Bages 2011 Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, racy and offers deepness as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine hints of small ripe fruits as well as discreet hints of underwood, grey pepper and iris. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with very fine hints of small red berries, liquorice, tobacco leaf as well as a subtle hint of cardamom. Good length. A very discreet hint of caramelization and mushroom on the persistence. Tannins are very finely marked.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

SAINT-ESTÈPHE CRUS CLASSÉS 2011

Château Lafon-Rochet 2011 Saint-Estèphe, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers power, tension, elegance and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, blackcurrant and small notes of ripe wild strawberry, dry violet and small notes of small berries as well as hints of graphite, Cuben pepper, mushroom, dry rose and very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers finesse, fat and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/very ripe blackberry, very ripe blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of liquorice stick, underwood/mushroom as well as fine hints of pepper (in the background). Tannins are well-built, elegant and structuring.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Cos Labory 2011 Saint-Estèphe, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry, small notes of liquorice associated with a touch of cherry/raspberry, touches of underwood, tobacco as well as very discreet hints of cloves and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, racy minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quite ripe raspberry, blackberry, small notes of ripe cherry associated with touches of liquorice, underwood as well as hints of cloves and mushroom. Tannins are slightly marked. A hint of chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Phélan Ségur 2011

Saint-Estèphe

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, small notes of camphor associated with touches of griotte cherry, liquorice stick, small ripe red berries as well as fine hints of Sichuan pepper, cardamom and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a beautiful juiciness, definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe raspberry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of griotte cherry associated with touches of cornflower, violet as well as a subtle hint of juicy plum, liquorice stick, clove as well as discreet hints of tobacco, badiane, chocolate and mushroom. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A very discreet hint of crushed hazelnut on the persistence which brings a very fine chew.

Score:16.75+/20 (94/100)

MARGAUX CRUS CLASSÉS 2017

Château Cantenac Brown 2017

Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy and offers gourmandize, a fine richness as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of toasted associated with fine touches of chocolate, a subtle hint of grey pepper, spices as well as a discreet hint of lilac and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg.

The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a fine fat, a very fine density, a beautiful definition, a beautiful structure, complexity, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful and slightly creamy matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, Boysen berry, wild strawberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of iris and violet with fine touches of iris, violet as well as a very discreet hint of spices, toasted and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length. Tannis are elegant and structuring.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Ferrière 2017 Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers a small power/concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as fine

hints of violet/cornflower, fine hints of liquorice and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, fine hints of liquorice as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are structuring. A hint of tobacco, tonka bean and liquorice on the persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Lascombes 2017 Margaux, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy, aromatic, well-built and offers power, a fine concentration as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of crunchy raspberry, a discreet touch of flowers as well as fine hints of liquorice and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, tension, density, freshness as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe raspberry, juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of small berries as well as fine hints of tobacco leaf and licorice. Tannins are fine and well-built. Good length.

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

Château Prieuré-Lichine 2017 Margaux, 4ème Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power and finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, lily as well as very fine hints of small berries

and discreet hints of Cuben pepper/spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, fat, suavity and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy red cherry, ripe/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of tonka bean, racy minerality, nutmeg and small notes of graphite, tobacco and mocha. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Margaux 2017 Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a fine power/concentration but full of elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, hints of small berries / blueberry, pepper, spices as well as very discreet hints of toasted almond and camphor. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, tension as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of iris, small berries as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, nutmeg, green cardamom and very discreet hints of toasted. Tannins are elegant, racy and well-built. $\frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1$

Château Palmer 2017

Margaux, 3ème Cru Classé

(Biodynamic) The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine grain, intensity and de-

licacy. It reveals notes of cassis, strawberry and small notes of cherry, ripe raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as discreet hints of grey pepper (in the background), vanilla and an imperceptible hint of sweet blond tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize, finesse, unctuosity as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/crunchy raspberry and small notes of red currant associated with fine touches of crunchy strawberry, crunchy red cherry as well as a subtle hint of rose, violet, almond and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, well-built and structuring. Good length. A fine chew on the finish.

Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)



Château Dauzac 2017 Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness and harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of strawberry, caramelization associated with fine hints of cardamom, sweet spices, violet/lilas as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla, tea and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, suavity, a fine unctuosity, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry, violet/lily as well as hints of vanilla, toasted, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, nutmeg (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are precise, elegant and racy. Good length.

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

Château Kirwan 2017 Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and offers gourmandize, precision and a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as fine hints of violet, iris as well as very discreet hints of liquorice, sweet spices and a subtle hint of vanilla pod. The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers gourmandize, a beautiful fleshy/juicy/ripe fruit, a good definition as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, rose, red berries as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, vanilla and spices. There are fine hints of toasted oak on the 2nd and 3rd caudalie.

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

Château Rauzan-Gassies 2017

Margaux, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant and offers power and gourmandize. It reveals notes of raspberry, cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with fine hints of violet, cherry as well as fine hints of liquorice, discreet hints of chocolate, almond and caramelization. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, elegance as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, cherry, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, tonka bean and subtle hints of spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

SAINT-JULIEN CRUS CLASSÉS 2017

Château Beychevelle 2017

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a good definition, finesse, intensity as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small ripe red berries, graphite as well as discreet hints of grey pepper, liquorice, Bourbon vanilla and discreet hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / fresh frame, elegance, tension, a beautiful precision, a silky touch, a beautiful definition, density as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cherry, juicy red berries and small notes of violet, lily associated with fine touches of juicy blackberry as well as discreet hints of racy minerality/graphite, tea, cardamom, sweet spices and subtle hints of liquorice. Tannins are elegant and precise. Beautiful length.

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

Château Branaire-Ducru 2017

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a racy power as well as freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, lily, cassis, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame, precision, tension as well as suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with touches of nutmeg, violet, chocolate, small juicy/fresh fruits as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and crushed almond. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length. Sapidity on the finish.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Saint-Pierre 2017 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, power and a fine linear side. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small wild berries associated with fine hints of grey pepper, raspberry, cardamom, nutmeg and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity and a fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red berries, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of cardamom, tobacco, lily and discreet hints of racy minerality. Tannins are well-built. A persistence on tonka bean and vanilla pod.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Langoa-Barton 2017 Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a very fine concentration/power. It reveals notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, fleshy wild raspberry as well as fine hints of spices, liquorice, a subtle hint of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of iris and pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, crushed raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cassis, small hints of red berries, violet and iris. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate and almond on the persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Léoville-Barton 2017

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy, gourmand and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, red berries and small notes of red cherry associated with fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg, mild tobacco leaf as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, fat, a beautiful grain, minerality, a freshness, a small tension, delicacy, a beautiful suavity as well as power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy raspberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, sweet spices, mocha as well as very discreet hints of almond, liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly chewy. Good length.

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

Château Léoville-Poyferré 2017

Saint-Julien, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy violet plum, flint/gravely minerality as well as a subtle hint of spices, violet, graphite and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced, elegant and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize, a fine freshness as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of liquorice associated with fine touches of cherry, strawberry as well as fine hints of gravels, racy minerality, chocolate, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of grey pepper. Good length and persistence.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Château Talbot 2017 Saint-Julien. Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe red berries and small notes of crunchy/fresh blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, lilac as well as fine hints of racy minerality/gravels, discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize, fat as well as a small deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, raspberry, small notes of juicy/ripe cassis associated with fine touches of violet, lilac as well as discreet hints of racy minerality/gravels, tonka bean and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built and elegant Score: 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Château Lagrange 2017 Saint-Julien, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful grain, a small concentration as well as a fine power/intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, small ripe red berries, small notes of violet associated with a touch of ripe cherry, fine hints of camphor, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of gravels, spices and a discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, tension, a fine power as well as a fine racy concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe raspberry, cherry, small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices, toasted and discreet hints of ripe almond/cocoa. Tannins are precise and racy. A good persistence with fine notes of chocolate and liquorice.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)



PAUILLAC CRUS CLASSÉS 2017

Château Pédesclaux 2017 Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of cornflower/small blue fruits as well as discreet hints of camphor and caramelization. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Haut-Bages Libéral 2017 Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers gourmandize and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry, blackberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of cardamom, vanilla and a very discreet hints of hazelnut. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small red fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice, discreet hints of liquorice and vanilla. Tannins are elegant, structuring and very finely firm. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Grand-Puy-Ducasse 2017 Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers power, a fin grain and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, raspberry, graphite, spices as well as discreet hints of sweet spices/nutmeg and Bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of flowers (violet, iris), crunchy raspberry as well as a subtle hint of Tonka bean, Bourbon vanilla and toasted. An imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut/caramelization on the finish/persistence.

Château Pontet-Canet 2017 Pauillac, 5ème Grand Cru Classé

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

The nose is elegant, fresh and offers a beautiful finesse, concentration, gourmandize, a fine incisive side as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of fresh liquorice stick, small ripe berries associated with touches of small red fruits, iris / lilac, graphite, racy minerality as well as fine hints of violet, sweet spices and green cardamom. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame, suavity, a beautiful juicy fruit, a beautiful as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice, lily as well as hints of graphite, tonka bean, camphor, lilac and Cuben pepper. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. Very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut on the finish. Gourmandize on the finish. Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château d'Armailhac 2017 Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is well-built and offers power, a fine grain, a fine concentration as well as a good racy definition. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, grey pepper and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, elegance, a beautiful definition, a fine deepness, precision as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe blackcurrant and small notes of juicy wild raspberry associated with fine touches of lily, cornflower as well as hints of chocolate and liquorice. A beautiful acidulous persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Clerc Milon 2017

Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and concentration. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, wild strawberry and small notes of lily, lilac and small notes of blackcurrant, wild strawberry and small notes of lily, lilac and small notes of blackcurrant, liquorice associated with very fine hints of sweet spices, vanilla pod, cornflower and very discreet hints of sugared mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of crunchy/juicy blackcurrant associated with small touches of violet, lily/ cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice, chocolate, caramelization and very discreet hints of vanilla (in the background). Good length. A beautiful persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Mouton Rothschild 2017 Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fine, complex and offers a beautiful finesse as well as richness / concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry, ripe raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of very ripe blueberry as well as hints of caramelization, Cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The mouth is fresh, fruity, beautifully elegant and offers finesse of the fat, a fine unctuosity, roundness, freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a slight aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, juicy/fleshy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine hints of caramelization, red berries, chocolate, zan as well as a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut. A very discreet hint of salinity / saline minerality on the finish / back of the mouth. Good length and persistence on notes of cocoa and caramelization.

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

Château Duhart-Milon 2017 Pauillac, Cru Classé

The nose is flowery, racy, elegant and offers freshness, tension as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, lily, violet and small notes of iris, cassis associated with a touch of strawberry, raspberry as well as very fine hints of peppers and an imperceptible hint of camphor. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, freshness, finesse, fat, a fine tension, a fine unctuosity as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy small red berries and small notes of violet, iris associated with small touches of raspberry, red berries as well as discreet hints of chocolate, caramelization and very discreet hints of toasted almond and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant. Good length

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

Château Lafite Rothschild 2017

Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power, deepness, a fine freshness, a beautiful grain, harmony as well as a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of strawberry, fresh/red cherry associated with fine touches of graphite, grey pepper as well as very discreet hints of flowers, nutmeg and mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, elegant, very finely tight, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame, precision, delicacy, a beautiful harmony, liveliness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of fleshy plum as well as fine hints of liquorice, graphite, Cuben pepper, chocolate and a very discreet hint of sweet spices/ vanilla. A beautiful chew on the finish. A good length and persistence.

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

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2017

Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant and offers concentration, finesse of the grain, deepness as well as complexity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe raspberry, small notes of ripe Gariguette strawberry associated with a touch of violet, lily, small ripe fruits, gravels/terroir as well as fine hints of camphor, liquorice/liquorice stick, tea, toasted oak/vanilla, almond and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame, a small aerial side, a beautiful fat, roundness, a good definition, precision, racy minerality as well as a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry, juicy cherry and small notes of violet, lily associated with fine hints of crunchy redcurrant, toasted, toasted almond, chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of sweet tobacco and cacao. Tannins are fine, elegant and very slightly firm. A good persistence. A very discreet chew on the finish/persistence.

Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château Pichon Baron 2017 Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain, power as well as richness (but full of finesse). It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe cassis, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small

ripe berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, wild strawberry, spices, toasted as well as an imperceptible hint of badiane, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, gourmandize, definition as well as richness (but full of balance). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry, small notes of cassis associated with a touch of cornflower/lily and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant. Good length. A very discreet hint of caramelization/vanilla on the persistence.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Château Croizet-Bages 2017 Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a very fine power, a fine gourmandize as well as a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, strawberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, tonka bean and nutmeg. The mouth is frui-

ty, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as hints of chocolate, tonka bean and discreet hints of nutmeg/sweet spices. Good length.

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

Grand Vin de Château Latour 2017 Pauillac, 1er Grand Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, fine, racy, delicate and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, an aerial side, a small intensity, deepness, balance as well as a small power/richness full of richness/delicacy. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with fine touches of juicy plum, black cherry, cornflower as well as a hint of lily, crushed cassis, grey pepper, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of tea and cardamom. The palate is fruity, juicy, gourmand, elegant, beautifully defined, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, finesse, power, freshness, tension as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of violet, lilac, cassis as well as hints of nutmeg, bergamot, an imperceptible hint of hazelnut, vanilla and sweet spices. Tannins are beautifully fine and racy. A beautiful acidulous persistence.

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

SAINT-ESTÈPHE CRUS CLASSÉS 2017

Cos d'Estournel 2017 Saint-Estèphe, Cru Classé

The nose is elegant, mineral, racy and offers a fine freshness, complexity, a small richness as well as a fine grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small wild berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of raspberry, red berries, hints of black pepper, cardamom, discreet hints of graphite / terroir, very discreet hints of spice as well as an imperceptible hint of star anise, toasted and tea. The mouth is fruity, elegant, racy, structured, harmonious and offers freshness, a beautiful juiciness, gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain, suavity as well as a slightly acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of small wild red berries as well as hints of chocolate, mocha, blond tobacco and a discreet hint of flowers / cardamom. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm. Beautiful persistence.

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

Château Lafon-Rochet 2017

Saint-Estèphe, 4ème Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity and offers concentration and power. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of ripe blackcurrant associated with

> touches of small wild berries as well as hints of liquorice, Sichuan pepper and very discreet hints of dry tobacco leaf, graphite and incense. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, an acidulous/juicy frame, a very fine unctuosity as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with fine hints of small red berries, liquorice, nutmeg and Sichuan pepper. Tannins are well-built. There are slight toasted notes, hazelnut and caramelization on the finish/persistence.

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



The nose is elegant, fresh and offers power, a fine grain and delicacy. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice, bourbon vanilla pod and an imperceptible hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the

grain and a fine complexity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ crunchy blackcurrant, juicy/crunchy red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of blackberry, violet, iris as well as fine hints of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant, structuring and very discreetly tight. A very discreet hint of coffee and ripe almond on the persistence/aftertaste.

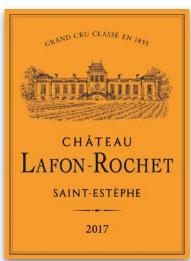
Score: 17.75/20 (95-96/100)

Château Cos Labory 2017

Saint-Estèphe, Grand Cru Classé

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine gourmandize as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe strawberry, small notes of ripe blackcurrant associated with fine touches of graphite, violet, racy minerality as well as fine hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy red berries, juicy wild strawberry, small notes of fresh cherry associated with fine touches of juicy blackcurrant, hints of graphite, violet and subtle hints of sweet spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Very discreet hints of sweet spices and caramelization/ toasted on the persistence.

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





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Château Maison Blanche 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine crunchiness and a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, ripe raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, cardamom and fine hints of pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, ripe cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of cassis as well as fine hints of violet, cassis as well as hints of toasted and chocolate.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Les Anguilleys 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandize and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe wild raspberry, small ripe red berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of spices as well as a hint of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers a small juiciness, a fine suavity as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ ripe cherry, ripe/fleshy strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of small ripe/fleshy red berries as well as hints of toasted, cocoa

and a discreet hint of green cardamom. Tannins are

Château La Ribaud 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

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

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of cherry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with very fine hints of crushed cassis, pepper as well as very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with small touches of blackberry as well as a subtle hint of crunchy/juicy cassis. Good length. A hint of toasted almond on the persistence.

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

Château Le Bourdieu 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, ripe and offers power. It reveals

notes of blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with a hint of iris, grey pepper, vanilla and toasted. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, suavity as well as a very fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry/griotte, ripe/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with a hint of small berries as well as subtle hints of violet/fresh flowers and a very discreet hint of toasted/cocoa. A hint of mocha on the persistence.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Troussas 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild fruits and small notes of ripe cherry/griotte associated with fine touches of violet, a hint of Cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, ripe/fleshy cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of violet and a subtle hint of sweet spices (in the background). Tannins are finely marked. Good length.

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

Château Clément Saint-Jean 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine gourmandize as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of violet, a hint of ripe blueberry as well as small hints of vanilla pod and green cardamom. The mouth is fresh (good freshness), fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and sweet spices.

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

Château Beaumont 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a small power, deepness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, wild blackberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with small touches of wild cassis, violet as well as very fine hints of grey pepper, nutmeg and a subtle hint of cardamom/ spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a juicy/acidulous frame as well as crunchiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of small crunchy berries associated with fine touches of fresh violet, a

hint of fresh iris as well as fine hints of cocoa/toasted. Good length. A very discreet hint of toasted almond

on the finish.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Branne 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fruity and well-built. It reveals notes of raspberry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of spices (nutmeg), fine hints of racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers juiciness, freshness as well as a good definition and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, fresh/juicy strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, violet/cornflower and fine hints of racy minerality. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Cardonne 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

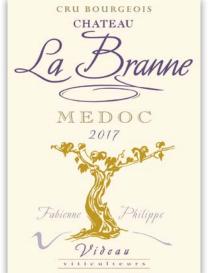
The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cherry and small notes of small ripe wild red fruits associated with fine touches of violet, Cuben pepper, a subtle hint of lilac and toasted. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy raspberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy cherry associated with fine touches of violet as well as hints of Tonka bean, vanilla pod and an imperceptible varietal hint. Tannins are slightly dry.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château La France Delhomme 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a small gourmandize and a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of cassis, fleshy/crushed strawberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine hints of sweet spices and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine richness as well as a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of crushed blueberry and a discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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



Château Saint-Hilaire 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a racy power. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and cocoa associated with small touches of roasted and a very discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of juicy/

ripe blackcurrant associated with touches of cocoa, toasted and very fine hints of nutmeg. Good length. Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Noaillac 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, gourmandize as well as power and structure. It reveals notes of wild strawberry and small notes of small crushed red fruits associated with a touch of Boysen berry, cherry as well as fine hints of violet, liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of cardamom/Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers an acidulous/juicy frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of juicy/ripe cassis as well as fine hints of violet, racy minerality/ gravels and a discreet hint of tonka bean and cardamom. Good length.

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

Château de Tourteyron 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers freshness and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small red berries and small notes of lilac/cornflower associated with fine touches of nutmeg associated with fine touches of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced

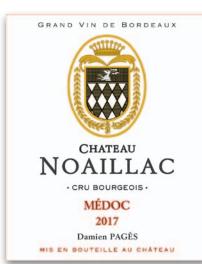
and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension and a fine fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe redcurrant, juicy/ripe cherry and small notes of crunchy blackcurrant associated with a hint of lilac/blackcurrant bud as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Tannins are structuring.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)



The nose reveals notes of redcurrant, wild raspberry and small notes of toasted, chocolate associated with a discreet hint of flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, fleshy redcurrant and small notes of small fresh berries associated with fine touches of fresh flowers as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality and sweet spices. A very discreet hint of cocoa on the persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)



Château Ladignac 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a small structure and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, flowers (iris, lily) and small notes of wild strawberry

associated with fine hints of cocoa, nutmeg and very discreet hints of sugared mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, fleshy/ripe black cherry and small notes of fleshy/ripe raspberry associated with small touches of wild red berries as well as hints of flowers and nutmeg. Tannins are very finely marked.

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

Château Lestruelle 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of small fresh red fruits and small notes of blackcurrant associated with a fine touch of wild strawberry as well as discreet hints of violet and spices/pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, suavity and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small red fruits, crunchy wild strawberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine hints of spices and a subtle hint of toasted. Score: 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Loudenne Le Château 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a very fine intensity. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of small ripe fruits associated with fine hints of grey pepper and a discreet hint of spices/nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, a good definition, a small gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of violet associated fine touches of small black fruits as well as a hint of liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are racy, structuring, well-built and elegant.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)



The nose is fruity and offers a fine power/structure and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of raspberry, cherry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of cassis as well as fine hints of violet and a hint of

> liquorice/camphor. The mouth is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers suavity, a good definition as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, cassis as well as fine hints of toasted/chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

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



The nose is aromatic and offers a fine power and intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry, violet associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, cardamom/spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a certain precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, blackberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of cherry as well as fine hints of violet and

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)



Château Poitevin 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of wild berries, wild raspberry and small notes of wild blackberry associated with a fine touch of juicy plum, fresh flowers as well as fine hints of sweet spices, toasted and a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a good precision a definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe raspberry, fleshy/ripe strawberry and small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with a hint of cherry as well as fine toasted hints, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. Good length.

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

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Château Roquegrave 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is finely tight/firm and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of small wild berries, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine varietal hints, toasted and a discreet vegetal hint. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, fat as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of juicy strawberry as well as fine toasted hints, caramelization and vanilla. Tannins are very finely dry.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Château Beauvillage 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offer elegance and a fine power. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild black-berry and small notes of small berries associated with fine hints of spices, flowers (violet, iris) as well as graphite and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black-berry, juicy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice, caramelization and very discreet hints of vanilla. Good length.

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

Château Haut Barrail 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is racy, aromatic and offers a small power, a fine richness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild blackberry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of violet,

chocolate, sweet spices and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/ripe cherry associated with small touches of toasted, violet as well as discreet hints of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

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

Château Haut-Bana 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is well-balanced and offers a fine power, intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy cherry, juicy violet plum as well as very fine hints of sweet spices, Sichuan pepper and a discreet varietal hint. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ slightly acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/crunchy cherry and small notes of small berries associated with fine hints of cassis, violet, green cardamom and a hint of tonka bean. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château La Roque de By 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry, Sichuan pepper, spices and a touch of red fruits associated with discreet hints of iris. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers juiciness, freshness as well as tension and straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of spices. Tannins are slightly firm and offer straightness. There is an imperceptible hint almost saline on the finish/persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Tour Castillon 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is racy and offers a small power, a fine intensity as well as a very fine minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild fruits and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of iris as well as fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry, small juicy berries and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of violet and chocolate. An imperceptible saline hint on the finish.

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



The nose aromatic and offers power, intensity as well as tension. It reveals notes of crunchy wild blackberry, small red fruits and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine hints of vanilla, violet and a very discreet hint of caramelized hazelnut. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small freshness, a fine acidulous frame as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with touches of crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of violet and Cuben pepper.

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

Château La Valière 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a very

fine intensity. It reveals notes f blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of small ripe/fleshy black fruits as well as hints of vanilla, caramelization and a discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, ripe raspberry, ripe/juicy cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with

fine hints of violet, sweet spices as well as a very

discreet hint of vanilla/toasted. $Score: 15/20 \ (89-90/100)$

Château Fleur La Mothe 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, power, a fine grain and a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe wild raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of grey pepper, wild strawberry, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg and toasted/grilled. The mouth is well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, fat, a good definition as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of crunchy/juicy cherry associated with small touches of small wild fruits as well as fine hints flowers, toasted, vanilla and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tanninss are well-built and structuring. Good length.

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



Château Pontey 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers power, intensity and a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, Garriguette strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet as well as subtle hints of Cuben pepper, camphor and cardamom. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition and a beautiful juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, small juicy berries and small notes of raspberry associated with fine varietal touches as well as discreet hints of violet, cardamom and spices. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

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Château des Granges d'Or 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers power and roundness. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of grey pepper, small fresh fruits and a subtle hint of leather, pepper and coffee. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, a fine tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of liquorice, leather and very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château La Gorce 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine intensity, power and elegance. It reveals notes of wild berries, cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with very fine touches of flowers, grey pepper and very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cherry, ripe raspberry as well as very fine hints of violet, chocolate and bourbon vanilla. Tannins are

well-built and finely firm. Good length. $Score: 15.25/20 \ (90/100)$

Château Blaignan 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is racy, powerful and offers structure. It reveals notes of pepper, small red fruits and small

notes of flowers associated with fine hints of crunchy berries as well as a very discreet varietal hint, sugared mild tobacco and hazelnut. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, structure as well as fatness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, small crunchy berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of flowers, a subtle varietal hint as well as discreet hints of sweet spices vanilla and chocolate.

A very discreet chew on the aftertaste.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Haut-Maurac 2017 Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of leather, strawberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with a discreet varietal hint and very fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy frame, a fine suavity as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy strawberry and small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry associated with small touches of small wild berries, a hint of violet as well as a discreet hint of sweet spices. Good length.

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

Saïkouk 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a small gourmandize and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of wild fruits associated with fine touches of cassis, spices/cardamom and a very discreet hint of green pepper (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, fat as well as a very fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy wild red berries and small notes of juicy cassis associated with small touches of crunchy cherry as well as very fine hints of spices.

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

Château Moulin de L'Abbaye 2017

Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose reveals notes of raspberry, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cocoa and toasted. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a finely saline minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild raspberry, blackberry and small notes of small fruits associated with a touch of violet/fresh flowers as well as a hint of racy minerality and fine hints of toasted. Good length. Tannins are very finely firm.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

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Château Larose Trintaudon 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a small concentration and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, vanilla and small notes of toasted almond associated with a touch of cherry as well as fine hints of blackberry and a very discreet hint of cardamom. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness and a fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh raspberry, fleshy/fresh cherry as well as fine hints of racy minerality and a

subtle hint of nutmeg. Good length. $Score: 14.5 \pm /20 \ (88/100)$



The nose offers structure, a fine power and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry, juicy/crunchy blackberry and small notes of violet, strawberry associated with very discreet hints of mild tobacco and a subtle hint of spices/Cuben pepper. The mouth is well-balanced and offers freshness and a juicy/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/

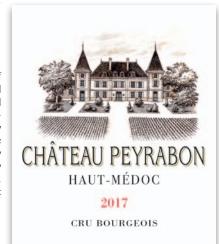
fresh raspberry, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of crunchy/ juicy cherry as well as discreet hints of liquorice, mild tobacco leaf and a subtle hint of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Peyrabon 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of strawberry, fleshy red cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with fine hints of blackberry as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, spices and a very discreet hint of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a good definition and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry as well as fine hints of violet, cornflower and discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)



Château Malescasse 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a small power, a fine intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of violet, small wild berries as well as fine hints of racy minerality and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small noes of juicy blackcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of small wild berries, Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of nutmeg. Good length.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Cissac 2017

Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers power, elegance and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of fleshy red cherry as well as very fine hints of grey pepper and a subtle hint of flowers, sugared mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a small suavity and a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe cherry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of spices, dry mild tobacco leaf and an imperceptible varietal hint (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Cambon La Pelouse 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a small power, a fine grain and a small dusty side. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, spices and fine hints of fresh leather. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision, a fine gourmandize as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy blackcurrant and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with a touch of small red berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, fresh leather and spices. Tannins are very finely firm. A very discreet hint of mocha on the persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Bibian 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/crunchy fruit. It reveals notes of crunchy/juicy red berries, crunchy raspberry and small notes of lily, iris as well as fine hints of grey pepper as well as discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/Acidulous frame and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy redcurrant and small notes of iris, lilac associated with a hint of fresh raspberry and discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly marked. Score: 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

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Château Martin 2017

Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is racy. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, small crunchy berries and small notes of flowers associated with varietal touches as well as discreet hints of rose, crunchy redcurrant as well as a subtle hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, suavity as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild red berries, crunchy berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine varietal touches as well as a subtle hint of tobacco leaf.

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

Château Bernadotte 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers notes of vanilla, cocoa and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of blackberry and a subtle hint of green cardamom. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, cardamom as well as a subtle hint of toasted and nutmeg. Good length. Hints of moka on the persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Les Gravilles Cuvée Renaissance 2017

Haut-Médoc, Cru Bour-

The nose is fresh, concentration, fruity and offers a small gourmandize as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of cherry, raspberry as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of cassis as well as fine hints of liquorice, violet and a very discreet hint of fresh leather. Tannins are structuring, finely dry and racy. Good length.

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

Château de Cartujac 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine generosity as well as a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of violet/iris, blackberry and wild red berries associated with very fine hints of spices as well as an imperceptible varietal hint. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, ripe red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and spices. Good length.

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

Château Meyre 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of strawberry, rasp-berry and small notes of grey pepper associated with touches of flowers as well as a very discreet hint of spices, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of cloves. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crunchy raspberry, crunchy strawberry and hints of small crunchy/juicy berries as well as discreet hints of mild tobacco. Good length.

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

Château Bel-Air 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, very ripe cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with discreet touches of violet as well as hints of liquorice, grey pepper and a hint of fresh leather (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension and a finely tight structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy red cherry, juicy raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of lily, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, cardamom and toasted, tannins are precise.

$Score: 15/20 \ (89\text{-}90/100)$

Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

Château Moulin de Blanchon 2017

The nose is fruity and offers a fine generosity and power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of fleshy cherry as well as a subtle hint of vanilla, green cardamom, a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness/ freshness as well as a very fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, juicy strawberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of Tonka bean, cardamom and cornflower. Good length. A very fine hint of chocolate (in the background).

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

Château du Moulin Rouge 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of small red berries asso-

ciated with very fine hints of pepper and a discreet hint of mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a small minerality, suavity as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with a fine touch of violet as well as very fine hints of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are racy. An imperceptible hint of almond on the aftertaste.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château Tour du Haut Moulin 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers freshness as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of raspberry candy as well as discreet hints of caramelization and liquorice. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as a juicy/acidulous frame and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh strawberry, fresh/juicy cherry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of liquorice, violet/fresh flowers as well as very fine hints of chocolate (in the background). Good length. Tannins are well-built and structured. $Score: 15.25/20 \ (90/100)$

Château Barreyres 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bour-

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of spices, badiane and toasted/vanilla. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy/Acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy wild blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of fine tonka bean, liquorice, small red berries as well as a subtle hint of fresh leather/spices. Good length. A very fine bitterness on the persistence/aftertaste.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château d'Agassac 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine power and a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of grey pepper, cocoa as well as a discreet hint of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, precision as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ crunchy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild strawberry and small notes of liquorice hints, cardamom and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant, well-built and offers suppleness.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château d'Arcins 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of violet, spices and very discreet hints of pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, precision as well as minerality. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, fresh/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet/rose associated with small touches of liquorice, toasted/chocolate as well as a subtle hint of zan. Good length. A subtle hint of vanilla on the persistence.

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

Château Paloumey 2017

Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, elegant, well-built and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, crushed strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of chocolat, vanilla and very discreet hints of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a beautiful matter. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry associated with fine touches of chocolate, vanilla as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Lamothe Bergeron 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, power, a very fine richness as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe redcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, spices, toasted and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine suavity, gourmandize as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy raspberry ripe/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cocoa, toasted/oak as well as fine hints of nutmeg, cardamom and a subtle hint of tea/badiane. Tannins are structuring and elegant. Good length.

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



Château Larose Perganson 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a fine intensity and tension. It reveals notes of strawberry, wild blackberry and small notes of small berries associated with small touches of Sichuan pepper, liquorice, spices as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of ceylan tea. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension and a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry, juicy blackberry, crunchy/juicy strawberry and small notes of tonka bean, toasted associated with fine touches of lilac, violet as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg, zan and sweet mild tobacco/vanilla. Good length. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Arnauld 2017 Haut-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is elegant, fruity, gourmand and offers a fine grain and complexity. It reveals notes of strawberry, ripe cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy Boysen berry associated with fine touches of flowers, red berries as well as very fine hints of blueberry, liquorice, cardamom as well as touches of sweet spices and toasted. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize, precision as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of small red berries, crunchy cherry associated with fine hints of flowers, racy gravels/racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of Cuben pepper and nutmeg. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate/vanilla on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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Château Saransot-Dupré 2017 Listrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is racy and offers power and a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, wild blackberry and small notes of wild cassis associated with small touches of violet and discreet hints of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth

ty, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of red berries as well as fine hints of liquorice. Very discreet hints of chocolate/ toasted almond on the persistence.

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

Château Fonréaud 2017 Listrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is racy, precise and offers a small power. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, crunchy red berries and small notes of lilies associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of tea. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, crunchy/juicy raspberry and

small notes of small red berries associated with touches of violet, cornflower and liquorice stick. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Lestage 2017 Listrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity and offers elegance. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry and small notes of violet/cornflower associated with fine touches of zan and very discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small fresh/ripe berries as well as fine hints of rose and spices. Good length. Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Château Cap Leon Veyrin 2017 Listrac-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a beautiful fruit and a small intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of lily, ripe blackcurrant, liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of spices (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry, crunchy Gariguette strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of blackcurrant, blueberry as well as a hint of chocolate and toasted almond. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 15.5/20 (91-92/100)

Château Caroline 2017 Moulis-En-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, slightly firm and offers a small power as well as structure. It reveals notes of wild berries, violet and small notes of small red fruits associated with very fine hints of small wild berries as well as a subtle hint of zan and an imperceptible hint of dry mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe/juicy cassis, juicy/ripe cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with

touches of violet, juicy/crunchy plum as well as fine hints of liquorice, mocha and a subtle hint of spices/dry mild tobacco. Good length.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Chemin Royal 2017

Moulis-En-Médoc, Cru Bourgeois
The nose offers a fine power/intensity. It reveals
notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry and small
notes of violet associated with fine touches of fleshy
raspberry, a hint of rose as well as very fine hints of
vanilla and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers freshness, a good definition as
well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses
notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry
and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with

small touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of violet, lily and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Paveil de Luze 2017 Margaux, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small noes of Boysen berry associated with touches of graphite as well as hints of violet, cardamom and very discreet hints of grilled. The

mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, fleshy cherry as well as fine hints of crushed blackcurrant, liquorice as well as subtle hints of vanilla and green cardamom. Good length. Tannins are elegant, fine and racy. Good persistence with very discreet hints of toasted almond.

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



The nose is fruity and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of crushed small wild red berries as well as hints of violet, lily and discreet hints of cardamom, tonka bean and tea. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize and sapidity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of nutmeg, small red berries as well as discreet hints of toasted almond. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

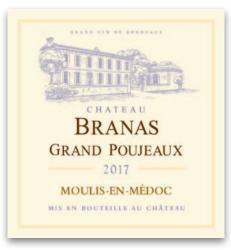
Château Haut Breton Larigaudière 2017 Margaux, Cru Bourgeois

The nose offers a fine power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, fleshy redcurrant

and small notes of violet and iris associated with very fine hints of racy and minerality as well as a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a small fat, a good definition as well as juiciness and dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy red fruits, juicy/crunchy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of iris as well as a subtle hint of liquorice and vanilla. Good length. An imperceptible hint of coffee on the persistence.

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





Château Deyrem Valentin 2017

Margaux, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, aromatic, fresh and offers power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, crunchy wild blackberry and small notes of ripe cherry/griotte associated with toasted hints, cornflowers, chocolate. Bourbon vanilla as well as a subtle hint of crushed cassis, grey pepper and

sugared mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine richness as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of fresh flowers (violet) as well as a hint of small berries, toasted, Tonka bean and a discreet hint of tea and vanilla.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Tour Saint-Fort 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy red berries, violet, cherry/griotte and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of dry mild tobacco as well as a very fine varietal hint and very discreet hints of pepper. The mouth is juicy, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/

juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of small berries, graphite/minerality as well as fine hints of mild tobacco and a subtle hint of liquorice.

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

Château La Fleur Peyrabon 2017 Pauillac, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers concentration and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice as well

as hints of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame and a fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with small touches of violet, lilac as well as fine hints of liquorice and chocolate. A fine power on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Lilian Ladouys 2017 Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power and a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of racy minerality/hot gravels as well as very fine hints of lily, liquorice and spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with a hint of strawberry, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of lily and fresh liquorice. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Tour des Termes 2017 Saint-Estèphe, Cru Bourgeois

The nose is fruity, gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a small richness as well as

a small racy power. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, ripe raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of racy gravels (sens of the place) as well as hints of violet/blueberry, small red berries and Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small wild red berries associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry as well as fine hints of violet/iris, racy gravels (sens of the place) and hints of chocolate. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score: $16 \pm /20 (92 - 93/100)$





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MÉDOC 2017

Château La Tour de By 2017 Médoc

The nose offers power, a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of violet, crushed cassis as well as fine hints of spices, Sichuan pepper, cardamom and an imperceptible hint of mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juiciness as well as a juicy/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine touches of violet/iris as well as very fine hints of nutmeg and a very discreet hint of spices/pepper. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.5/20 90-91/100)

Héritage, La Tour de By 2017 Médoc

The nose offers power, deepness as well as concentration. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small red fruits as well as a subtle hint of rose, fresh nutmeg and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine mineral/fresh frame as well as a small suppleness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/ripe

cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of small berries, violet/iris as well as very fine hints of liquorice, toasted and chocolate. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 16/20 92/100)

Château Prieuré de Blaignan 2017 Médoc

The nose reveals notes of wild berries, blackberry and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice as well as fine hints of pepper and a subtle hint of chocolate. The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers minerality, freshness, a small fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh red berries, strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of liquorice, tonka bean and very discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are supple. $Score: 14.5 + /20 \ (88/100)$

Château L'Eden 2017 Médoc

The nose offers concentration and a fin power. This wine should be put in carafe. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild red fruits associated with fine touches of pepper, iris as well as very discreet hints of varietal and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of toasted, vanilla and a subtle hint of liquorice (in the background). Good length.

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

Château Villa Carmin 2017 Médoc

The offers a fine gourmandize and a very fine power. It reveals notes of black-berry, strawberry, Cuben pepper and small notes of sweet spices associated with fine touches of toasted and very fine hints of small fleshy red berries. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, a good definition, gourmandize, precision as well as a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with fine touches of strawberry. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

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

Clos Manou 2017 Médoc

The nose is elegant, fruity, gourmand and offers a fine creamy sensation, a small richness and gourmandize. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, Gariguette strawberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with very discreet hints of vanilla, toasted as well as hints of violet, crushed quitch plum and caramelization. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with slight touches of Bourbon vanilla, nutmeg, sweet mild tobacco and sweet spices/cardamom. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good persistence with a subtle coffee hint.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château Layauga-Dubosq Cuvée Renaissance 2017 Médoc

The nose is gourmand, aromatic and offers a small richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry, crushed cassis associated with small touches of chocolate, toasted as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and a subtle hint of crunchy redcurrant. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, a good definition as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, strawberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy

blackberry associated with small touches of chocolate as well as a hint of tonka bean and a small touch of chocolate. Good length.

Score: 14.75 + 20 (89/100)



Médoc

The nose is aromatic, toasted and offers power, a fine grain and a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy raspberry, toasted and small notes of cardamom associated with touches of cherry, blackberry as well as hints of grilled bread and Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with small touches of juicy cassis as well as fine hints of cherry, fresh flowers and grey pepper. Tannins are precise, elegant and well-built.

Score: 15.75/20 91-92/100)



Château Vieux Robin 2017 Médoc

The nose is powerful and offers a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with a fine hint of blackcurrant and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a small racy minerality and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy cherry associated with a fine touch of crunchy blackcurrant as well as discreet hints of racy minerality.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Céleste, Le Temple de Tourteyron 2017 Médoc

The nose reveals notes of red fruits, lilac and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of camphor and racy minerality. the mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as roundness/fatness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of lilac, fresh/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches de zan as well as a discreet hint of camphor and a racy minerality.

Score: 14.25 + |20(87-88|100)|

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Château Prieuré-Lichine

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Le Temple de Tourteyron 2017 Médoc

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small fruits associated with a hint of cornflower and discreet hints of sweet spices/nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a fin fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, crunchy/juicy strawberry and small notes of black-currant associated with fine hints of nutmeg, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices.

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

Château Bellevue 2017 Médoc

The nose offers power, a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of violet, lily and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of raspberry, acidulous rose candy and discreet hints of pepper (in the background). The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, freshness and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of acidulous blackcurrant associated with fine touches of flowers (iris, cornflower...) as well as hints of chocolate and caramelization.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Grave 2017 Médoc

The nose is fresh and offers power. It reveals notes of flowers, blackcurrant bud and small notes of small crunchy red berries associated with a fine varietal touch as well as hints of racy minerality, rose wood and a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry, crunchy small red berries and small notes of fresh lilac associated with fine hints of blackcurrant bud, varietal as well as a discreet hint of chocolate and racy minerality. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château La Landotte 2017 Médoc

The nose offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, wild strawberry

and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and a subtle hint of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality and a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful tension and straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of wild strawberry as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and very discreet hints of sweet spices and a subtle hint of mild tobacco (in the background). A fine power on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Laffitte Laujac 2017 Médoc

The nose offers a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of lily as well as a hint of violet, graphite, toasted/caramelization and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality as well as a fine acidulous frame, suavity and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with small touches of crunchy raspberry, hints of iris, fresh lilac as well as fine hints of nutmeg. Good length. A good persistence on hints of almond and chocolate.

Score: 14.75 + |20(89|100)

Château Les Ormes Sorbet 2017 Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness and a fine fleshiness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of small red fruits associated with fine touches of violet as well as very fine hints of tea, spices and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a small tension, a fine freshness and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of blackberry, liquorice as well as fine hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut and sugared mild tobacco. Good length.

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

Château L'Or des Terres 2017

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine gourmandize and a small power. It reveals notes of crunchy strawberry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice, ripe cherry as well as a subtle hint of ripe/crushed redcurrant, discreet hints of vanilla and sweet mil tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry, juicy/crunchy cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as an imper-

ceptible hint of sugared mild tobacco. Good length.

Tannins are very discreetly firm. Score: 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

Goulée by Cos d'Estournel 2017 Médoc

The nose is elegant, aromatic, structured and offers a small spicy side as well as freshness. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh / juicy berries and small notes of cassis, fleshy / juicy cherry associated with discreet hints of flowers, leather, spices and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, precision, freshness, tension, a fine unctuosity, a fine acidulous frame, suavity, roundness as well as a beautiful fleshy / juicy fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy juicy raspberry, cherry and small notes of fine touches of fresh/juicy blackberry associated with

fine hints of small berries as well as discreet hints of chocolate, zan, spices

and tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good length. $Score: 16.25 \pm /20 \ (93/100)$

Château Rollan de By 2017 Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of grey pepper associated with fine touches of dry rose, violet and a discreet hint of leather. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced ad offers a juicy/acidulous frame, fat, a small richness and dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of dry rose, small red berries as well as hints of vanilla and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are well-built and slightly marked.

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



Château Saint-Grégoire 2017 Médoc

The nose reveals notes of coffee, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of almond and a discreet hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/Acidulous frame, tension and a certain dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy blackberry, acidulous/juicy raspberry and small notes of small red berries/cherry associated with touches flowers as well as a subtle hint of fresh tobacco, nutmeg and spices. A fine varietal hint on the finish/persistence.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Château Tour Haut Caussan 2017 Médoc

The nose reveals notes of varietal, raspberry and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of blackberry bud/lilac and fine hints of chocolate (in the background). The mouth is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, tension and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crunchy blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of lilac/violet associated with fine touches of blackcurrant bud as well as a subtle hint of pepper and sweet spices/chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Tour Séran 2017 Médoc

The nose offers a small freshness, concentration and a very fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, violet and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of nutmeg, sweet spice and a very fine hint of mild tobacco (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of red berries associated with a touch of rose, fresh violet as well as discreet hints of fresh tobacco and varietal. Tannins are finely firm.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Domaine de la Pigotte 2017 Médoc

The nose offers an aromatic power. It reveals notes of vanilla, violet and strawberry associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry as well as a very fine hint of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, a good definition, dynamism and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of rose, violet as well as discreet hints of dry rose/varietal and very discreet hints of sweet spices.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

HAUT-MEDOC 2017

Château Belle-Vue 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a small racy minerality and a fine power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small crushed blue fruits, cornflower as well as fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandize and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with small touches of cornflower/lilac as well as fine hints of sweet spices and liquorice. Score: 14.75 + /20 (89/100)

Château du Retour 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose offers a fine aromatic power. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, black-currant bud and small notes of ripe red fruits associated with fine hints of nutmeg and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, minerality and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackcurrant, crunchy strawberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with a varietal touch as well as discreet hints of mocha and toasted. Good length.

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

Domaine Perganson L'Expérience Sans Sulfites Ajoutés 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose offers a fine power. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small berries and small notes of spices associated with fine hints of leather as well as a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good definition and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of acidulous red berries, crunchy/juicy cherry and small notes of lilac/ fresh lily associated with fine touches of crunchy blackberry as well as a very fine hints of racy minerality, liquorice stick and a discreet hint of graphite. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly tight.

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

Château Saint-Ahon 2017 Haut-Médoc

This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crunchy wild blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of fresh lilac/fresh cornflower associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh and offers minerality and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/fleshy red cherry, violet and small notes of fresh cornflower associated with fine touches of fresh/crunchy blackberry as well as fine hints of racy minerality, a very discreet varietal hint and an imperceptible hint of vanilla/liquorice. A very discreet chew and firmness on the finish/persistence.

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

Le Haut-Médoc de Dauzac 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity, fleshy, well-built, precise and offers concentration as well as a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of vanilla pod associated with fine touches of ripe almond as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a juicy/acidulous fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/crunchy raspberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy blackberry associated with very fine hints of vanilla, toasted/ toasted almond and a very discreet hint of liquorice. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length. A beautiful wine on the fruit.

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

Château Bel Ormes 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry and blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, rose as well as discreet hints of gravels, small black fruits and discreet hints of liquorice and almond. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe red cherry, ripe cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blackberry, crunchy/acidulous redcurrant as well as fine hints of violet, tonka bean and vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

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

L'Orme de Rauzan Gassies 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness/suavity. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of cherry, cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice, violet as well as discreet hints of zan and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, freshness and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of ripe redcurrant associated with fine touches of cassis as well as a hint of liquorice, cornflower and vanilla/sweet spices.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

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Domaine Andron 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity, racy and offers structure as well as a small power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of iris associated with fine hints of cherry as well as discreet hints of rose and very discreet hints of sweet spices/mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, freshness, juiciness as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy/ripe cherry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet and spices.

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

Château de Cassana 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity, gourmand and well-built. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy Boysen berry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of vanilla and toasted. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small juicy/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of vanilla, zan and sweet spices/toasted. Good length. A fine saline hint on the finish

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

Château Caronne St Gemme 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, a certain power as well as a certain precision. It reveals notes of cassis, iris/varietal and small notes of violet associated with fine hints of spices/white pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy cherry, crunchy red berries and small notes of iris/varietal associated with fine touches of pepper as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean/zan. Tannins are slightly firm. Good length.

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

Château Labat 2017 Haut-Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, wild red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet and a very discreet hint of pepper. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as

well as suavity/juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of violet as well as a subtle hint of iris/tulip and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

OTHERS

Petit Verdot by Belle-Vue 2017 Bordeaux

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackcurrant, strawberry and small notes of blackberry, violet associated with fine touches of racy minerality and a hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackcurrant, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, small red berries as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Tannins are well-built.

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

LISTRAC-MÉDOC 2017

Château Mayne Lalande 2017 Listrac-Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, elegance and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, ripe Gariguette strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of toasted, ripe/crushed blackberry as well as fine hints of iris/violet, discreet hints of spices/vanilla and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension as well as a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as hints of racy gravels, sweet spices and hints of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant. An imperceptible varietal hint on the finish. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

MOULIS-EN-MÉDOC 2017

Château Maucaillou 2017 Moulis-en-Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated

with fine touches of violet, ripe raspberry, racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, minerality as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy cassis and a subtle hint of sweet spices. Tannins are precis, well-built and structuring. $Score: 16/20 \ (92/100)$

Château Haut-Bellevue 2017 Moulis-en-Médoc

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet and small notes of small red berries associated with small touches of wild raspberry and a discreet hint of iris. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a juicy/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of red berries associated with touches of minerality, violet as well as subtle hint of rose. Score: 15/20~(89-90/100)

Château Lestage-Darquier Grand Poujeaux 2017 Moulis-en-Médoc

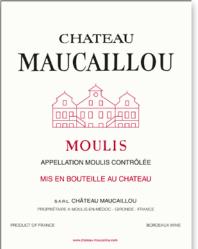
The nose is racy and offers power. It reveals notes of iris, small wild berries and small varietal hints associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as discreet hints of chocolate, tea and a subtle hint of cardamom (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, suavity and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of varietal, iris as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick and nutmeg. Good length. A subtle hint of bitterness and toasted on the finish/persistence.

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

Château Mauvesin-Barton 2017 Moulis-en-Médoc

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of raspberry, cassis and small notes of iris/ violet associated with very fine hints of bulb, black cherry and fine hints of zan and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy and finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet/iris as well as discreet hint of liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are supple.

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



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Château Duplessis 2017 Moulis-en-Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of wild red berries, crunchy strawberry and small notes of crunchy blackcurrant associated with fine touches of flowers as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, small crunchy red berries and small notes of fresh flowers (violet, lilac) associated with fine touches of racy minerality and a discreet hint of toasted. An imperceptible toasted hint on the persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château La Garricq 2017 Moulis-en-Médoc

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fine straightness. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small cassis associated with small touches of violet as well fine hints of liquorice and a very discreet hint of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of racy minerality, fine hints of crunchy strawberry, rose/iris as well as a very discreet hint of grey and nutmeg. An imperceptible hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

MARGAUX 2017

Château Charmant 2017 Margaux

The nose is racy, well-built and offers a fine power as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of vanilla and cardamom. The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers precision, freshness as well as power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of red berries, violet, racy minerality as well as fine hints of graphite and mild tobacco leaf. Good length. A very discreet chew on the persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château La Galiane 2017 Margaux

The nose is gourmand, aromatic and offers a small power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of crushed cherry and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of violet, vanilla, tobacco leaf as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean and graphite. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château La Bessane 2017 Margaux

The nose offers a fine power and a fine richness. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, wild raspberry and small notes of small wild red fruits as well as fine touches of fresh flowers as well as fine hints of zan and vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision as well as a small straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of liquorice and chocolate.

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

Château Grand Tayac 2017 Margaux

The nose is fruity, precise and structured. It reveals notes of violet, raspberry and small notes of small wild berries associated with small touches of nutmeg, green cardamom and discreet hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity,

juicy, racy and offers a good definition and a fine richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom and very fine hints of caramelization. Good length.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Gassies 2017

Margaux

The nose is fruity, structuring, racy and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, small red berries and small notes of pepper associated with fine touches of violet as well as hints of liquorice stick. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/gourmand frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. Tannins are elegant and finely chewy.

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

Confidence de Margaux 2017 Margaux

The nose is fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of small fruits, graphite, violet as well as fine hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshyl juicy wild raspberry, small crushed red berries and small notes of crushed blackcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, lilac as well as hints of juicy blueberry and liquorice. Tannins are supple and well-built.

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

Le Créateur 2017 Margaux

The nose offers a small power, a very fine richness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small crushed red berries associated with fine touches of racy minerality, vanilla, graphite and a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut and camphor. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, juicy/fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of small red berries associated with touches of coffee, dark chocolate as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg, caramelization and toasted. Good length. Tannins are precise and straight. Fine hints of chocolate/toasted almond on the persistence.

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

Pavillon rouge du Château Margaux 2017 Margaux

The nose is elegant, fruity, racy, harmonious and offers a good definition as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, strawberry, cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of plum as well as very fine hints of cassis, liquorice, a subtle hint of cardamom and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of blackberry, liquorice, tonka bean, fine hints of sweet spices, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg / hazelnut. Tannins are elegant. Good length. $\mathbf{Score}: 17/20 \ (94/100)$

La Bastide Dauzac 2017 Margaux

The nose is fruity, structured, juicy, racy and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, racy minerality/graphite and discreet hints of tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, crunchiness, a fine grain as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, crunchy/juicy red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with a subtle hint of rose and very fine hints of fresh flowers, tonka bean and fresh liquorice. A very discreet varietal hint on the finish. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

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L'Aurore de Dauzac 2017 Margaux

The nose is racy, fruity and offers a fine power and dynamism. It reveals notes of raspberry, wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of crunchy blackcurrant, fine hints of cornflower, lily, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of zan, nutmeg and ripe mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, a good definition, roundness, harmony, tension, a fine acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small red berries, tonka bean, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of lilac and green cardamom. Tannins are structuring and precise. Very discreet hints of toasted almond and vanilla on the finish/persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Alter Ego de Palmer 2017 Margaux

Brio de Cantenac Brown 2017 Margaux

The nose offers a fine power, gourmandize, harmony, freshness as well as a fine deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, discreet hints of iris, sweet spices, nutmeg violet as well as a very discreet hint of gravels (terroir), grilled, dark chocolate and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/elegant frame, a beautiful tension as well as precision, suavity, a very fine density, tension as well as a small aerial side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of raspberry, chocolate, vanilla and fine hints of grilled, tonka bean and a subtle hint of vanilla. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

Les Remparts de Ferrière 2017 Margaux

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine power and elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe red cherry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, Cuben pepper/spices and gravel. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of acidulous/crunchy red berries, acidulous/crunchy raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violat as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and sweet spices. Tannins are structuring and very finely marked.

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



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SAINT-JULIEN 2017

Amiral de Beychevelle 2017 Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of ripe blackcurrant associated with fine touches of grey pepper, racy minerality and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, gourmandize and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, fresh/juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of racy minerality, Cuben pepper, sweet spices and a discreet hint of salinity.

Score: 16.25 + /20 (93/100)

Duluc de Branaire-Ducru 2017 Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small crunchiness. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant crunchy wild raspberry and small notes of racy minerality associated with very fine touches of lily, fresh violet as well as hints of grey pepper/Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of fresh nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a good definition, gourmandize, elegance and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, small red berries associated with fine touches of chocolate, toasted, nutmeg and discreet hints of hazelnut. Good length and a beautiful persistence on notes of tonka bean.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Gloria 2017 Saint-Julien

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, a fine grain and a fine intensity. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of red berries, grey pepper and small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, juiciness and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, very ripe red berries and small notes of violet associated with a touch of small berries, lily as well as fine hints of liquorice, cardamom and nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are precise.

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

Château La Bridane 2017 Saint-Julien

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, black-berry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with very fine touches of violet and fine hints of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a mineral/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet and discreet hints of liquorice and caramelization. Tannins are very finely marked.

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

PAUILLAC 2017

Carruades de Lafite 2017 Pauillac

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize and a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of liquorice as well as fine hints of racy minerality and discreet hints of grey pepper and caramelization. The mouth is elegant, racy, delicate, precise, offers a beautiful gourmandize, a small creaminess, dynamism, roundness, a fine acidulous frame, complexity as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of fleshy/juicy cherry, juicy small red berries as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, very discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of toasted almond. Tannins are elegant, well-built and structuring. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

La Chapelle de Haut-Bages Libéral 2017 Pauillac

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of cherry, wild raspberry associated with small touches of strawberry associated with small touches of strawberry, blackberry as well as discreet hints of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, elegant and offers freshness, gourmandize, a very slight acidulous frame as well as a beautiful tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, cherry as well as subtle hints of tonka bean, chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are elegant.

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

Le Petit Mouton de Mouton Rothschild 2017 Pauillac

The nose is racy and offers a fine intensity and a fine power. This wine should be decanted. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy cherry, racy minerality and small notes of fresh gravels associated with fine touches of fresh blackberry, discreet hints of nutmeg/sweet spices as well as very discreet hint of pepper (in the background) an imperceptible hint of tea. The mouth is fruity, fresh, precise, fleshy and offers a good definition, precision, freshness, a fine unctuosity as well as a fine gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated

with fine touches of juicy blackberry as well as fine hints of caramelization, nutmeg and salinity. The tannins are fine, well-built and structuring. A persistence on notes of cocoa.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Prelude à Grand-Puy-Ducasse 2017 Pauillac

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness, a fine richness, power and density. It reveals notes of fresh leather, spices and small notes of raspberry, strawberry associated with a fine touch of blackberry, an almost saline hint and a discreet hint of chocolate. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, strawberry and small notes of crunchy cherry associated with fine touches of fresh violet as well as fine hints of gravels/minerality, toasted and a subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins are very finely marked. Good length. Score: 14.75 + /20 (89/100)

Pauillac du Château Latour 2017 Pauillac

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry, small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of fresh violet, fresh lilac as well as very fine hints of graphite, spices and subtle hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful dynamism as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh wild strawberry, small crunchy/fresh red berries, small notes of violet associated with very fine hints of cornflower, blackberry, racy minerality/terroir as well as a hint of small blue fruits, discreet hints of nutmeg and fresh liquorice stick. Tannins are fine, precise and structuring. A very discreet hint of ripe almond and a subtle firmness on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Les Forts de Latour 2017 Pauillac

The nose is elegant and offers delicacy, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as deepness and a small concentration. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, raspberry, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with touches of violet, cornflower, small blue fruits as well as hints of Cuben pepper, cherry/cherry flowers, gravels (terroir), very discreet hints of nutmeg and cardamom. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful structure, a beautiful guideline, delicacy, freshness as well as a

fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry, small red berries and small notes of violet associated a touch of juicy blackberry as well as a hint of juicy/fresh strawberry, sweet spices, nutmeg and a discreet hint of toasted/caramelization. Tannins are elegant and well-build. A very discreet hint of chocolate and sapidity on the finish.

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

Château Tour Sieujean 2017 Pauillac

This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of spices, leather and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of blackberry and pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with fine touches of violet, leather and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length. Score: 14.75/20~(88-89/100)

Château La Fon du Berger 2017 Pauillac

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet, crushed blackcurrant associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper and very fine hints of spices.

The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers an acidulous frame, tension, straightness and a fine concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crunchy blackcurrant as well as hints of racy minerality, spices and very fine hints of chocolate (in the background).

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

Alias Croizet Bages 2017 Pauillac

The nose is fruity and offers power. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild red berries and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy cassis, juicy/crunchy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of small juicy/fresh berries as well as hints of chocolate, vanilla and almond. Good length, Tannins are elegant and gourmand.

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

Pastourelle de Clerc Milon 2017 Pauillac

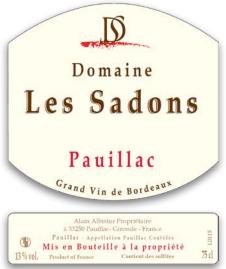
The nose is racy and offers minerality, tension and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, racy minerality and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with fine touches of violet, very ripe blackcurrant as well as fine hints of raspberry and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fresh/mineral frame, a good length and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshyljuicy raspberry, fleshyljuicy cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg, caramelization and a subtle hint of racy minerality. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

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

Domaine Les Sadons 2017 Pauillac

The nose is racy and offers power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, zan, caramelization and a very discreet hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, minerality as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, violet and small notes of strawberry associated with fine hints of blueberry and sweet spices. Good length.

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



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SAINT-ESTÈPHE 2017

Château Andron Blanquet 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity, mineral and offers a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe wild strawberry, ripe raspberry and small notes of graphite, minerality associated with touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of caramelization, toasted and Cuben pepper (in the background). The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral, wellbalanced and offers tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, liquorice, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, caramelization and discreet hints of vanilla/sweet spices.

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

Château de Pez 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose offers a fine grain, a fine concentration and power. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackcurrant, wild raspberry and small notes of small berries associated with touches of hot gravels, spices and a discreet hint of iris and liquorice. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of small berries, iris as well as discreet hints of toasted, grilled and black pepper. Tannins are structuring. $Score: 16 + /20 \ (92 - 93/100)$

Château Tronguoy-Lalande 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is elegant, fine, racy and offers power and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of juicy plum, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, cardamom and camphor/racy minerality. The mouth is fruity, racy and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine suavity and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of juicy plum, violet as well as a subtle hint of lily and cardamom. Good length. Tannins are elegant. A very discreet hint of bitter cocoa on the finish/persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

La Dame de Montrose 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is elegant, fresh, fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with a touch of fresh strawberry as well as fine hints of racy minerality, liquorice and a very discreet hint of nutmeg/cardamom. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, minerality as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cherry, juicy/acidulous raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as subtle hint of lily/cornflower.

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

Château Haut-Marbuzet 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a racy power, a small richness as well as concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of Gariguette strawberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as a subtle hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, racy gravels as well as fine hints of graphite.

Score: $16.25 + \overline{/20}$ (93/100)

Château La Commanderie 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity and slightly on the hold. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with a touch of racy minerality as well as a hint of violet and very fine hints of caramelized hazelnut/toasted. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, tension and a fine

dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/ripe Gariguette strawberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as a discreet hint of lilac, nutmeg and toasted hazelnut. Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château Laffitte Carcasset 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is finely tight and offers a fine power, richness/intensity and minerality. It reveals notes of raspberry and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with small touches of small berries, sweet spices, a very discreet hint of pepper, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, precision and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh raspberry, juicy/fresh strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy blackcurrant as well as hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of coffee/chocolate. Good persistence.

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

Château Vieux Landat 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose offers a fine freshness and a fine power. It reveals notes of varietal associated with touches of crunchy strawberry and small notes of blackcurrant bud as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with touches of varietal as well as fine hints of blackcurrant bud, chocolate and a discreet hint of toasted. Score: 14.25+/20 (87-88/100)

Les Pagodes de Cos 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is elegant and offers minerality, fine concentration as well as fine power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet / iris, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of sweet spices / tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful juiciness, roundness, racy minerality, a very fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small red berries, fleshy / juicy red cherry associated with fine touches of blackberry, rosewood, violet as well as discreet hints of iris, tonka bean, toasted and a subtle hint of mocha / cocoa bug. A fine firmness and tension on the finish / persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Le Crock 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a fine suavity, a fine power as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, fleshy/ripe cherry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, racy gravel as well as fine hints of sweet spices, vanilla pod and very discreet hints of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition and a juicy/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, tonka bean and very discreet hints of chocolate. Good length. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good persistence on notes of tonka bean.

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

Prieur de Meyney 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power as well as straightness. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild cassis and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of chocolate and violet. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine straightness/ tension. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine straightness/tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of fresh cassis associated with a subtle hint of racy gravel as well as discreet hints of mocha, toasted and vanilla, Good length,

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

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Château Martin 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is racy, quite aromatic and offers a small power and a fin gourmandize. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of hot gravels as well as fine hints of vanilla, sugared mild tobacco and an imperceptible hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers juiciness, minerality and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of rose as well as fine hints of sugared mild tobacco, nutmeg and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Fleuron de Liot 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, deepness and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe/fleshy Gariguette strawberry, cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as very discreet hints of liquorice. The mouth is fruity, mineral, racy as well as a very slight acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of violet, cassis and Gariguette strawberry associated with small touches of liquorice, nutmeg and spices. Good length.

Score: 15.5 + /20 (91/100)

Château Meyney 2017 Saint-Estèphe

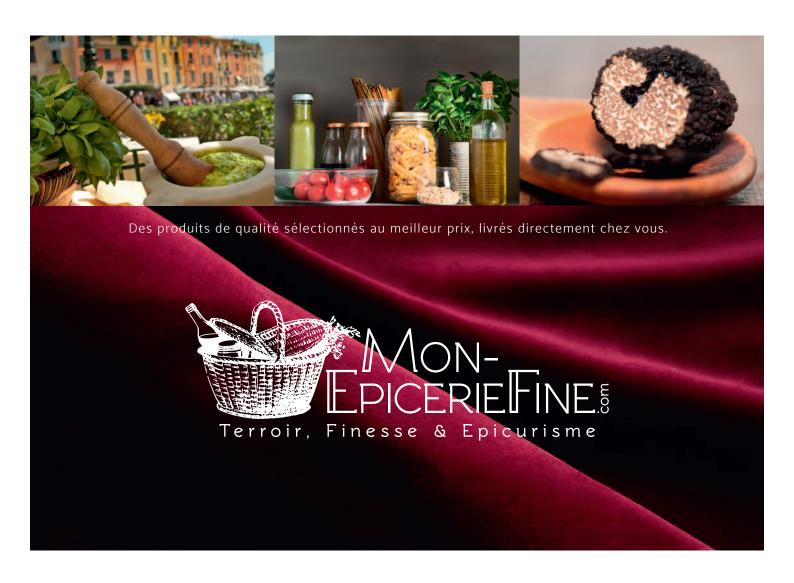
The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small richness/concentration as well as a very fine austerity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of small ripe red fruits, Sichuan pepper as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, chocolate and a hint of clove. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy/ripe cassis and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of cherry, small red berries, racy gravels as well as hints of violet, graphite and toasted almond. Tannins are elegant and gourmand. A beautiful persistence.

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

Château La Croix de Pez 2017 Saint-Estèphe

The nose offers a small power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of black-berry, wild raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, iris, a fine hint of leather as well as fine hints of dry mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe cassis and small notes of violet associated with very fine hints of lily and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)



Médoc white wines

BORDEAUX BLANC

L'Audace du Château Tour Perey 2017 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of mandarine zests, crunchy flat peach and small notes of lemon associated with a hint of lemon seed and an imperceptible hint of ripe lychee (in the background) and almond/almond flowers. The mouth is fruity, fat, well-balanced and offers a fine tension and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy white peach, crushed brugnon and small notes of crushed pear associated with fine touches of mandarine zest as well as a very discreet hint of lemon (in the background). Good length.

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

Le Blanc du Château Rollan de By 2017 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose offers a small power. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of lemon zests, white flowers and small notes of pear associated with a touch of pink lychee and a very discreet hint of tilleul. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine freshness, a racy minerality and a beautiful fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy lemon, juicy/fleshy nectarine and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of lychee as well as fine hints of lemon flowers, quenette and a discreet hint of fleshy apple.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Loudenne Le Château 2017 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of ripe apple, fresh pear and small citrus associated with very discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of zest. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good decision, gourmandise, a good acidulous frame, freshness, juiciness, fat, precision as well as a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy / fresh apple, crunchy / fresh pear and small notes of fresh / juicy citrus associated with fine touches of fresh pink lychee as well as a subtle hint of lemon zest and lemon blossom. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of vanilla / toasted (in the background), crunchiness and a fine sapidity on the finish / persistence.

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

Soleil de Mazalis 2017 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose reveals notes of candied lemon, botrytis and small notes of tilleul, flowers associated with very discreet hints of crunchy apple. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, fat and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied peach, candied lemon and small

notes of candied apple associated with fine touches of tilleul.

Score: 14+/20 (87/100)

Ailes d'Argent 2017 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine fat as well as a beautiful aromatic purity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, kumquat and small notes of fleshy/juicy peach, peach flower associated with a discreet hint of orange, pineapple and a very discreet hint of flint. The mouth is fruity, gourmand and offers precision, fat, an acidulous frame, freshness, deepness, a fine richness as well as a beautiful structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy lemon, fleshy/juicy kumquat and small notes of fleshy/juicy peach associated with fine hints of peach flowers as well as

very discreet hints of grilled bread (in the background). Good length. Score: 17+/20~(94-95/100)

Cos d'Estournel 2017

Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful intensity and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy peach, fleshy pear and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of fresh quenette as well as a discreet hint of racy minerality, rose and

flowers. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful definition, precision, suavity, roundness, a fine tension as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy peach and small notes of quenette, lychee associated with touches of flint as well as discreet hints of flowers petals. Good length.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Alto de Cantenac Brown 2017

Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is elegant, fresh, fruity and offers glow. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, fresh apple and small notes of fresh pear associated with fine touches of fresh yellow plum as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits (passion, goyava) as well as subtle hints of flowers and gravels. The mouth is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, precision and elegance. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow plum, juicy/fleshy William pear and small notes of pear associated with hints of grilled bread, exotic fruits (pineapple, passion, quenette) as well as a subtle hint of toasted, nutmeg and vanilla. Good length.

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

Pavillon Blanc de Margaux 2017

Bordeaux Blanc

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The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition and freshness. It reveals notes of nectarine, crunchy peach and small notes of juicy/fresh pink grapefruit associated with fine touches of lemon, quenette, exotic fruits as well as discreet hints of minerality. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe grapefruit and small notes of fresh/juicy kumquat associated with small touches of quenette, passion fruit, nectarine as well as fine hints of zests and racy minerality. Beautiful persistence. Good length.

Score: $18.25 \pm /20 \ (97/100)$

Le Blanc de Saïkouk 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offers a small flowery side and a small structure. It reveals notes of rose petal, lilac and small notes of fresh quenette associated with very fine hints of crunchy apple and a subtle hint of lemon. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quenette, flowers

and small notes of fresh grapefruit associated with a subtle hint of lemon/kumquat. Good length.

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

Château Saransot-Dupré 2018

Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offer structure. it reveals notes of white flowers (lily of the valley, lilac) associated with small touches of crunchy peach as well as fine hints of fresh citron and a very discreet hint of rose. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a small fat, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quenette, nectarine and small notes of sugared white grapefruits associated with fine touches of passion fruits and very fine hints of sugared citrus. Good length.

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

Elise, Le Blanc du Château Le Pey 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of ripe white fruits (pear, nectarine) associated with fine hints of grilled bread and a fine hint of citrus. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame as well as a fine unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy peach and small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of citrus, passion fruits and a very discreet hint of pepper. Good length. A very discreet/imperceptible hint of bitterness on the persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)





Château Poitevin 2018

Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, well-balanced, precise, well-built and offers elegance. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh vine peach and small notes of citrus (lemon, mandarine) associated with a very subtle hint of zests. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy quenette, juicy vine peach and small notes of crushed green apple associated fine hints of ripe grapefruit, ripe lemon and an imperceptible hint of flowers (honeysuckle). Good length.

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

Château Tronquoy-Lalande 2018

Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offers freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy peach, crunchy apple and small notes of fresh apricot associated with very fine hints of citrus, pink lychee and rose. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of quenette associated with very fine hints of ripe citrus (mandarine, grapefruit), lychee as well as a subtle hint of rose and honeysuckle. Good length.

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

Château Lestage - La Mouette 2018 Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and freshness. It reveals notes of citrus (lemon, mandarine), apple and small notes of crunchy peach associated with fine touches of grilled bread. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a slightly acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, fleshy/crushed peach and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of rose as well as very fine hints of exotic fruits (passion fruit). Good length.

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

Château Fonréaud - Le Cygne 2018

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The nose is fruity and offers a very discreetly tight grain as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of fresh apple, fresh pear and small notes of citrus associated with fine touches of honeysuckle, fresh lychee as well as a subtle hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as generosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy quenette and small notes of fleshy nectarine associated with fine touches of flowers, passion fruits and sugared nectarine. Good length.

Score: $16.5/\bar{2}0$ (93/100)

Loudenne Le Château 2017

Bordeaux Blanc

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality and a very fine power. It reveals notes of ripe apple, fresh pear and small notes of citrus associated with very discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of zests. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a good acidulous frame and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/crunchy apple, crunchy/fresh pear and small notes of fresh/juicy citrus associated with fine touches of fresh pink lychee as well as a subtle hint of lemon zests and lemon flowers. A fine sapidity on the finish/persistance.

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

VIN DE FRANCE

Les Bulles du Retour 2017

Vin de France

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of crunchy apple, apple flowers and small notes of lemon associated with fine mineral hints. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, crunchy green apple and small notes of crunchy pear associated with fine hints of flowers as well as discreet hints of ripe almond and an imperceptible hint of broche (in the background). Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)



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VINTAGE 2011

Château Gombaude-Guillot 2011 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers elegance as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, very ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as hint of spices, underwood and liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers a good freshness, definition, an acidulous frame as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with fine touches of ripe/juicy redcurrant, toasted, cocoa as well as very fine hints of vanilla, nutmeg and a subtle hint of cloves. Tannins are elegant and very finely tight. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château La Renaissance 2011

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine tension as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of very ripe blackberry, very ripe cassis and small notes of small blue fruits, cloves, tobacco associated with a discreet hint of nutmeg and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, crushed blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of small fleshy blue fruits, cornflower as well as fine hints of toasted and chocolate. Good length. A very discreet hint of cocoa powder on the finish/persistence. Score: 15/20 (89-90/100)

Clos du Vieux Plateau Certan 2011 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine freshness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of fresh plum, a discreet hint of fresh flowers (cornflower, lily), racy minerality as well as a very discreet hint of spices, cloves and a subtle hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a fine acidulous frame, minerality as well as a very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, strawberry and small notes of small fresh blue berries associated with a touch of fresh cherry, fresh flowers (cornflower, lily) as well as discreet hints of liquorice, cloves and spices.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Château St-Pierre 2011

Pomerol

The nose offers elegance, a very fine concentration/power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of pepper associated with fine touches of violet, nutmeg, spices and discreet hints of toasted/grilled. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of small fresh/ripe black fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, a subtle hint of strawberry as well as fine hints of cloves. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Clos de la Vieille Eglise 2011 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity/power as well as a very fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with a hint of crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of camphor, cardamom, cloves and very fine hints of caramelization (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with fine touches of fresh cornflower, iris, crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and cloves.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Le Bon Pasteur 2011 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, violet and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of cornflower, crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, camphor and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of juicy/ fresh raspberry associated with touches of juicy blue fruits as well as hints of violet, cornflower, nutmeg, a discreet hint of liquorice and Cuben pepper. Tannins are elegant and well-built. An imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the finish.

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

Château Cantelauze 2011 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, fresh blueberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine hints of cornflower as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, ripe almond as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry and small notes of violet/cornflower associated with touches of strawberry, blueberry as well as very fine hints of nutmeg, cloves and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco (in the background).

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

Château Hosanna 2011

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fresh, aromatic and offers a small power and finesse. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, clove and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with a touch of ripe blueberry, lily as well as fine hints of mushroom, nutmeg and very fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry, small notes of cloves associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, dry blueberry as well as a fine hint of violet/lily. Good length.

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

Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2011 Pomerol

The nose is elegant and offers a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of ripe blueberry, nutmeg, tobacco as well as very fine hints of cherry, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of underwood. The plate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, ripe wild blackberry and small notes of chocolate, liquorice associated with touches of fleshy/fresh strawberry, a fine touch of blueberry as well as hints of toasted, toasted almond and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant.

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

Château Trotanoy 2011 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of grey pepper associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits, raspberry as well as small notes of badiane/cloves and discreet hints of spices/tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandize, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with a touch of crushed black plum as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization, clove and nutmeg.

Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Château L'Evangile 2011 Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine freshness, a fine power, concentration as well as a very fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of grey pepper, underwood as well as very fine hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, very ripe cassis and small notes of underwood associated with fine hints of Tonka bean, clove, underwood and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, supple and offer a very discreet chew. Good length.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Le Clos du Beau-Père 2011 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a small power, precision as well as a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of very ripe blackberry, very ripe strawberry and small notes of dry flowers (violet, cornflower) associated with fine hints of crushed blueberry, liquorice as well as a very discreet hint of clove, cardamom and a very discreet hint of grey pepper. The palate is elegant, fruity and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of tonka bean, toasted/caramelization, toasted hazelnut and tea/cardamom. Tannins are well-built.

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

Château Gazin 2011 Pomerol

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small power, a fine grain, tension as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe small black fruits and small notes of violet associated with a touch of cornflower, strawberry as well as hints of nutmeg/clove, tobacco and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, tension as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small black fruits, grilled, toasted, hints of juicy/fresh raspberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg and toasted. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. A very discreet hint of grilled on the persistence.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Château Beauregard 2011 Pomerol

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Pom'N'Roll par Gombaude-Guillo 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity and a fine power. This wine needs aeration. It reveals notes of cassis, crunchy wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of spices, small ripe black fruits as well as a discreet hint of leather and white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, small berries, crunchy raspberry, small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of very ripe small black fruits as well as fine hints of leather, sweet spices and chocolate. Good length.

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

Château Gombaude-Guillot 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine hints of cornflower, sweet spices, small blue fruits as well as a subtle hint of iris, spices, nutmeg and varietal (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, a fine tension as well as elegance. This wine needs to be put in carafe. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, juicy blueberry, small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization, hints of iris and cornflower. An imperceptible hint of nutmeg and tonka bean on the finish/persistence.

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

<u>Clos 56, 2017</u>

Pomerol

The nose is gourmand. It reveals notes of raspberry, blackberry, small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of small black berries, violet as well as a discreet hint of lily and almond. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry, crunchy/juicy blackberry, juicy/crunchy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated fine touches of small crunchy berries, blueberry as well as a subtle hint of lilac, toasted almond, caramelization and very fine hints of cocoa.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Clos René 2017 Pomerol

The nose is flowery. It reveals notes of violet, cornflower, small notes of fresh blackberry associated with a touch of fresh wild cassis, juicy/ripe small berries as well as very fine hints of Cuben pepper, racy minerality and spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis, small notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers (lilac, cornflower) as well as fine hints of chocolate/cocoa, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built and very finely powdered.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château Haut-Maillet 2017 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, elegant, gourmand and offers harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, hints of Bourbon vanilla as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, hazelnut and an imperceptible hint of coffee/chocolate (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, straightness as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, chocolate/cocoa, caramelization as well as a subtle hint of violet and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Le Chemin 2017 Pomerol

The nose offers complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of lilac associated with fine touches of fleshy/ripe cassis, small black fruits, a hint of cornflower, Cuben pepper, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, vanilla and an imperceptible hint of white tea. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, lilac as well as discreet hints of mild tobacco leaf. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château Bourgneuf 2017 Pomerol

The nose is elegant and offers complexity, a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with touches of small wild fruits, a hint of small blue fruits, violet as well as fine hints of caramelization, chocolate, Bourbon vanilla and an imperceptible hint of roasted. The palate is fruity, juicy well-balanced and offers a good definition as well as gournandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with small touches of crunchy/juicy wild strawberry, hints of small blue fruits, chocolate, caramelization as well as very fine hints of bourbon vanilla and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are structuring and quite straight. Good length.

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

Château La Cabanne 2017

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, complexity as well as richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with touches of violet plum, grey pepper, fleshy/ripe small wild black fruits as well as fine hints of nutmeg, spices and a discreet hint of dry mild tobacco/vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/ripe blackberry and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry, chocolate, caramelization as well as a fine hint of toasted. Good length. A beautiful wine!

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Mazeyres 2017

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, beautiful grain, sensuality as well as a small power/concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe blue fruits associated with small touches of dark chocolate/hazelnut, cornflower/flowers, plum as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, exotic spices and a very discreet hint of caramelization/nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, straightness (a small linear side), tension, a beautiful grain, crunchiness as well as a beautiful touch. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy blue fruits and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers (lilac, cornflower...), a subtle varietal hint as well as discreet hints of dark chocolate, toasted/sweet spices. Good length and persistence. A subtle chew on the finih. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Gazin 2017

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers power, a fine grain and harmony. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of small wild blue fruits associated with fine touches of ripe strawberry, violet, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of camphor, spices and a subtle hint of nutmeg (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, finesse, tension, straightness as well as a juicy/finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy wild raspberry associated with touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of toasted, chocolate, caramelization and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Château La Renaissance 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associate with very fine hints of violet plum, coffee, wild strawberry as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with touches of violet as well as a subtle hint of juicy questch plum and very fine hints of chocolate. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Vieux Plateau Certan 2017

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with a touch of lily as well as very fine hints of grey pepper and a discreet dusty hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a very fine fat as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, small crunchy red berries and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with touches of violet as well as a subtle hint of lilac and racy minerality.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Le Clos du Beau-Père 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of small red fruits, cornflowers and small notes of cassis, Sichuan pepper associated with a touch of strawberry, blueberry as well as a discreet hint of graphite, black tea and light tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, juiciness, roundness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh red berries, crunchy cassis and small notes of cornflowers associated with a touch of lily, strawberry, blackberry as well as discreet hints of tobacco, hazelnut and cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Château Le Bon Pasteur 2017 Pomerol

The nose is elegant and offer a fine complexity, power as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of nutmeg, Cuben pepper, spices as well as very discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness, a fine tension as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy frame blackberry and small notes of small black fruits associated with touches of raspberry, small blue berries as well as fine hints of liquorice, cocoa, camphor and very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper. Tannins are elegant and offer a very fine chew. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Saint-Pierre 2017 Pomerol

The nose is aromatic and offers a small flowery side. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of cornflowers, strawberry flowers associated with discreet hints of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, freshness as well as a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ fleshy raspberry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cornflower as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean and cardamom. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

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

Château L'Enclos 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fine fleshiness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with a hint of cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with fine touches of cornflower, violet as well as a subtle hint of liquorice stick, Cuben

pepper and coffee. Tannins are structuring. Good length. Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Clos de la Vieille Eglise 2017 Pomerol

This wine is aromatic and offers power, a fine grain and slightly tight. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of cherry/raspberry associated with small touches of crushed small blue fruits as well as fine hints of toasted, Tonka bean and discreet hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a small concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry/crushed red berries associated with touches of liquorice, nutmeg and cardamom/chocolate. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly firm. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Château de Sales 2017

Pomerol

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine grain as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, blueberry and small notes of crunchy/juicy black berries, Cuben pepper associated with touches of violet, lily as well as hints of sugared

mild tobacco, caramelization/toasted and a fine hint of hazelnut. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a mineral frame as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blueberry, strawberry as well as fine hints of ripe almond, toasted, sugared mild tobacco and a very fine hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Château Porte Chic 2017

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, raspberry and small notes of juicy small blue fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, fine hints of Cuben pepper, liquorice as well as a discreet hint of camphor and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fresh small blue berries associated with touches of fresh raspberry as well as hints of violet, cornflower and very fine hints of caramelization. Tannins are elegant.

Score : 16.25/20 (92-93/100) Château Lafleur-Gazin 2017

Pomerol

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine richness as well as a small freshness/ racy minerality. It reveals notes of crushed wild strawberry, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of small blue fruits as well as hints of caramelization, liquorice and discreet saline hints. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, a beautiful precision as well as a good finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with a subtle hint of lilac/cornflower as well as discreet hints of chocolate/caramelization. Tannins are precise, fine and elegant. A hint of cocoa on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château La Grave 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, crunchy blackberry and small notes of small fresh fruits associated with fine hints of cardamom, Tonka bean as well as discreet hints of pepper, tea and camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, precision as well as a fine tension. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of crunchy cherry associated with fine touches of cornflowers, small blue fruits as well as hints of lily, chocolate and very fine hints of caramelization. Tannins are precise and elegant.

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

Château Latour à Pomerol 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers an aromatic power, a small intensity as well as a fine grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, wild small berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a subtle hint of crushed cassis as well as slight hints of Cuben pepper, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine fat as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with a hint of crushed blueberry as well as slight toasted hints, caramelization, chocolate and a subtle hint of almond (in the background). Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Certan de May 2017

Pomerol

The nose is flowery. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, lilac and small notes of fresh cornflower associated with touches of crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of Tonka bean and a discreet hint of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers tension/straightness, a good guideline as well as a fine mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with a touch of fleshy/ripe blueberry, small hints of chocolate, toasted,

clove as well as discreet hints of oak/caramelization and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length. A beautiful persistence with slight notes of chocolate and roasted hazelnut.

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

Château Hosanna 2017

Pomerol

The nose offers a fine grain, a small power as well as dynamism but in elegance. It reveals notes of wild small blue fruits, blackberry and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of wild strawberry as well as hints of grey pepper, nutmeg and a subtle hint of Bourbon vanilla, Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of roasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, dynamism, a very slight acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy/fresh small blue fruits associated with small touches of vanilla, violet/cornflower as well as hints of caramelization, toasted almond and a very discreet hint of nutmeg.

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

Château La Fleur-Pétrus 2017

Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, a small concentration as well as a fine freshness (in the background). It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy wild cassis and small notes of violet, cornflower associated with a hint of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of camphor and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of small blue berries, a hint of crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, toasted and Tonka bean. Tannin are elegant and racy. Good length and persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Château Trotanoy 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small power, a fine grain as well as a small aerial side. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small blue fruits, black plum as well as hints of chocolate, nutmeg and fine hints of caramelization. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, a fine tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy raspberry as well as fine touches of small blue fruits, liquorice and hints of caramelization and chocolate. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Le Blason de l'Evangile 2017 Pomerol

The nose offers power, a fine grain and freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of grey pepper, varietal and very discreet hints of camphor/spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, fat as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fresh violet associated with slight varietal touches as well as hints of fresh/crunchy red berries and chocolate. Tannins are precise. $Score: 16/20 \ (92/100)$

Château L'Evangile 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine grain as well as a fine richness/intensity. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe wild blackberry, ripe wild cassis and small notes of cornflowers, lily associated with touches of small blue berries, small crunchy red berries as well as hints of grey pepper, camphor and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of small juicy/fresh red berries associated with touches of cornflower, lily as well as hints of wild raspberry, small crunchy blue berries, Tonka bean/mocha and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built and structuring. $\mathbf{Score}: 17.5 + 20 \ (95-96/100)$

Château La Conseillante 2017

Pomerol

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a good freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, complexity as well as a fine richness/deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet, fresh cornflower associated with small fine touches of fleshy blueberry, crunchy raspberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, lilac and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandize, precision, an almost saline minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine hints of caramelization, toasted and nutmeg. Tannins are fines, elegant and structuring. Very discreet hints of chocolate and hazelnut on the persistence/finish.

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

Château Gazin 2017

Pomerol

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, richness, complexity, concentration as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet/lily and small notes of grey pepper associated with touches of small berries, blueberry, a fine touch of fleshy/juicy cherry as well as a discreet varietal hint, liquorice and a subtle hint of grilled. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a fine acidulous frame, a small tension, gourmandize, finesse, a good definition as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes of small berries associated with touches of violet, fine hints of fresh lily, spices as well as discreet hints of Tonka bean, caramelization and almond. Tannins are racy. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Beauregard 2017 Pomerol

The nose offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain and freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries, small notes of iris associated with touches of cornflower, Cuben pepper, nutmeg as well as hints of camphor, tea, varietal, liquorice and very discreet hints of sweet spices (ginger, clove, nutmeg and pepper). The palate is racy, well-balanced and offers tension, freshness, gourmandize, a fine grain as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cornflower, lily and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with a touch of raspberry, varietal as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice and very discreet hints of tobacco. Tannins are elegant. A very discreet hint of dry almond on the persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Le Jardin de Petit-Village 2017 Pomerol

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness, a fine richness/power and racy minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of liquorice, wild strawberry as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blueberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of blueberry, fleshy raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, toasted/caramelization and a discreet hint of chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

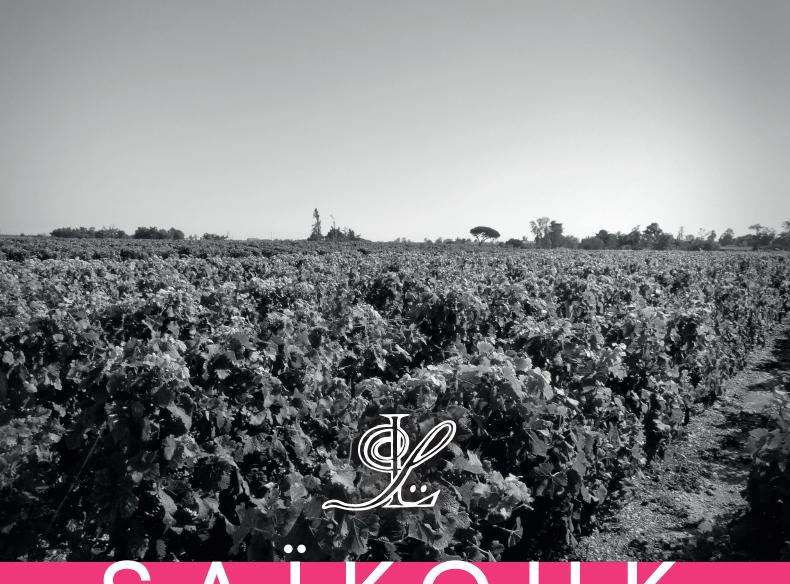
Score: 15.5/20 (90-91/100)

Château Petit-Village 2017

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, blackcurrant, small notes of blue fruits associated with touches of grey pepper, spices as well as hints of liquorice, crushed raspberry and very discreet hints of toasted/grilled (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, small juicy berries, small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of crunchy wild raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, nutmeg, cardamom and a very discreet hint of spices/tea.

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





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Camille Giroud 2018

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The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, juicy blackcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand and offers a beautiful juiciness, gourmandize, a fine racy minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of blackberry, small wild berries as well as fine hints of violet. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Camille Giroud - Clos Rousseau 2018 Santenay 1er Cru

The nose is racy and offers power, a fine grain as well as structure. It reveals notes of blackberry, Quetsche plum and small notes of small berries associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of cornflower, camphor as well as very discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers juiciness, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as fine hints of violet, cornflower and cardamom.

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

Clavelier 2018

Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with a hint of small red fruits as well as hints of cornflower, violet, liquorice and a very discreet hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of acidulous plum associated with a touch of small red berries, violet as well as discreet hints of rose, toasted and cardamom. Tannins are very discreetly firm.

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

Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut 2017 Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of red berries associated with touches of racy minerality, violet, lily as well as a hint of blueberry, toasted, roasted and hazelnut/ sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers definition, an acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, juicy/fresh plum and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with touches of racy minerality, violet as well as discreet hints of graphite, tonka bean, toasted and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. There are hints of chocolate on the finish and on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Chevalier 2017 Aloxe-Corton

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe wild raspberry, small notes of toasted associated with touches of blackcurrant, plum as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization/toasted hazelnut and a fine hint of flint. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, fat as well as length and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh violet plum, juicy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of lily, cardamom, crunchy/acidulous small red fruits as well as very discreet hints of chocolate, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut – Les Hautes Mourottes 2017

Corton Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a very fine richness, a fine power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed plum and small notes of juicy/fleshy Gariguette strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, blueberry as well as a discreet hint of graphite, camphor/tea and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers precision, a fine acidulous

frame as well as a certain purity of the fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy Gariguette strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, juicy cassis, hints of zan, violet, nutmeg as well as an imperceptible hint of camphor and tea. Tannins are well-built. An imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

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

Domaine Gaston & Pierre Ravaut Les Bressandes 2017

Corton Grand Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, elegance, a fine richness as well as a fine grain and a very fine tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy plum and small notes of violet associated with small touches of crunchy strawberry, fleshy redcurrant, cornflower as well as a hint of tea, zan and an imperceptible hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good structure, a beautiful elegance as well as a beautiful finesse of the fat/suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/acidulous raspberry, juicy cherry and small notes of cornflower associated with a touch of rose, redcurrant acidulous candy as well as a subtle hint of plum, liquorice, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of sweet spices. An $\,$ imperceptible hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Chevalier 2017 Corton Rognet Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power (full of elegance), a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as delicacy. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crunchy wild strawberry, toasted/roasted and small notes of plum, blackberry associated with touches of raspberry, vanilla, bergamot as well as a discreet hint of flowers, Sichuan pepper and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cherry, acidulous/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/ acidulous plum associated with small touches of rose, violet, juicy blueberry as well as fine toasted hints, vanilla, roasted, a subtle hint of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of clove. A beautiful finesse on the persistence.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Domaine du Château de Meursault 2017 Corton Grand Cru

The nose offers power, complexity as well as a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of leather associated with small touches of dry violet, cornflower, nutmeg as well as a hint of tonka bean and a discreet/imperceptible hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, suavity, gourmandize, a small fat as well as a fin grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy strawberry, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of blueberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, chocolate, toasted and an imperceptible hint of tea (in the background). Tannins are fine, elegant and supple.

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

Domaine du Château de Meursault 2018 Aloxe Corton

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a beautiful fruit as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of juicy questch plum, violet as well as discreet hints of tonka bean/chocolate, toasted almond, spices as well as very discreet hints of fresh leather/cloves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous, a good definition, gourmandize, precision, a fine fat as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy raspberry, juicy/acidulous wild strawberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of juicy/crunchy violet plum as well as a hint of liquorice stick, tea and nutmeg. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.5 + /20 (91/100)

Camille Giroud - Les Renardes 2018

Corton

The nose is elegant, racy, fruity and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackberry and small

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notes of blueberry associated with touches of violet, fine hints of liquorice stick, cardamom as well as a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, gourmand, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a very beautiful tension as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy Gariguette strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick, Bourbon vanilla and hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and racy.

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Albert Morot 2018

Beaune Teurons, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small concentration as well as finesse. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of strawberry, strawberry flowers associated with fine touches of grey pepper, cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat as well as definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of cornflower, lilac as well as a subtle hint of rosewood, sweet spices and a hint of vanilla. Good length.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

François d'Allaines - La Blanchisserie 2018

The nose is fruity and offers intensity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, ripe redcurrant and small notes of juicy plum associated with fine touches of cornflower, violet as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and racy minerality. It reveals notes of fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful freshness as well as a good finesse of the fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy cherry, redcurrant and small notes of lily, cornflower associated with touches of juicy blueberry, acidulous plum as well as fine hints of racy minerality, liquorice stick and a subtle hint of mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length.

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

Château de Cîteaux 2017 Beaune-Teurons, Premier Cru

The nose offers a small intensity, freshness as well as a small power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, blackberry and small notes of fresh leather associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry, spices, rose/violet as well as discreet hints of grey pepper, toasted/vanilla and an imperceptible saline hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition, an acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy red cherry, fleshy redcurrant and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, lilac, racy minerality as well as discreet hints of rose wood and fresh leather. Tannins are very finely firm. $Score: 16.25 + /20 \ (93/100)$

Domaine du Château de Meursault 2017 Beaune-Toussaints Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a small power/density. It reveals notes of raspberry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as a discreet hint of camphor, sweet spices, tea and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a small richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blueberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of acidulous raspberry, acidulous red currant, a subtle hint of rose wood, crunchy/juicy cherry as well as very discreet hints of violet, cornflower and liquorice stick. Tannins are elegant and structuring. The persistence is flowery and also offers slight notes of chocolate.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Albert Morot 2017 Beaune Bressandes Premier Cru

The nose is fine, aromatic, flowery and offers power. It reveals notes of rose, blackberry and small notes of fleshy Gariguette strawberry associated with touches of violet, small red berries as well as fine hints of racy minerality, tonka bean, toasted and a discreet hint of cocoa. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a beautiful suavity as well as a beautiful expression. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red berries, small red berries and small notes of crunchy strawberry, rose associated with a subtle hint of liquorice, sweet spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and racy.

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

Abert Morot 2018

Beaune Aigrots Premier Cru

The nose is racy and offers elegance, a fine power as well as a fine grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy plum and small notes of racy minerality/graphite associated with touches of crushed raspberry, violet, rose, a subtle hint of black cherry, liquorice as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg, cardamom and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers gourmandize, suavity as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/fresh redcurrant and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with small touches of violet, lily, lilac as well as subtle hints of zan, rose wood and tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length. A very discreet hint of rose on the persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine du Château de Meursault 2017 Beaune-Fèves Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fruity and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of berries associated with touches of plum, violet, fine hints of graphite, Cuben pepper, cumin as well as fine hints of Tonka bean and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality as well as a beautiful juicy/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/acidulous raspberry and crunchy red berries associated with a touch of blackberry, crunchy strawberry as well as hints of tonka bean, cardamom and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and very slightly firm. Good length. $Score: 17.25 +/20 \; (95/100)$

Domaine Rebourgeon-Mure Les Vignes Franches 2018

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize and a fleshy/juicy fruit. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, fleshy/juicy redcurrant and small notes of violet associated with a fine touch of plum as well as very fine hints of Cuben pepper and a subtle toasted hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy redcurrant, crunchy/acidulous cherry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of crunchy plum, rose, discreet hints of violet as well as very fine hints of tonka bean and persistence. Tannins are well-built.

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

Maison Chanzy - Les Montrevenots 2018 Beaune Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a fine grain as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, liquorice as well as fine hints of racy minerality, camphor, lily and an imperceptible hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, gourmand and offers a good matter, suavity as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry, small notes of fleshy redcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, lily, cornflower as well as subtle hints of graphite, camphor and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A beautiful wine!

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine du Château de Meursault Les Trois Journaux 2017

Beaune-Grèves Premier Cru

The nose offers power as well as fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild small fruits associated with fine touches of fresh leather, Sichuan pepper, nutmeg, spices as well as very discreet hints of crushed blueberry and zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, gourmandize, a good definition as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, small red berries and small notes juicy / acidulous cassis associated with fine touches of violet, lily as well as fine hints of spices, spicy leather and tea / cardamom. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2018 Beaune 1er Cru Les Teurons

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a racy minerality as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of violet/cornflower as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and discreet varietal hints. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of violet, ripe almond, nutmeg as well as a discreet hint of liquorice and toasted/vanilla. An imperceptible hint of chocolate in the background/finish.

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

Camille Giroud - Les Avaux 2018 Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of blackberry, violet as well as a hint of nutmeg and grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain, delicacy as well as a beautiful and slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, small red berries and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of violet, blackberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, chocolate and caramelization. Tannins are elegant.

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

Camille Giroud - Aux Cras

Beaune 1er Cru

The nose is racy and offers power and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cherry, red berries and small notes of violet associated with small touches of ripe/fleshy plum as well as very fine hints of smoke, camphor and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, ripe cherry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of red fruits, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of fresh cornflower and spices. Tannins are very fine and elegant. Score: 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

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Camille Giroud - Aux Cretots 2018 Bourgogne Hautes Côtes de Beaune

The nose is fruity, juicy and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of juicy plum, juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, elegant, juicy and offers gourmandize, a very fine firmness, a very slight acidulous frame as well as fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of plum as well as discreet hints of violet. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence on very fine almost saline hints.

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

François d'Allaines - Les Concis de Champs 2018 Chassagne-Montrachet

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a small power as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of rose, wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine hints of racy minerality, spices, small crunchy wild fruits as well as discreet hints of Timut pepper and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh black cherry, violet and small notes of crunchy will raspberry associated with small touches of crunchy/fresh strawberry as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and racy.

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

Domaine Roger Belland - Morgeot-Clos Pitois 2017, Monopole

Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers power, finesse, intensity as well as a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of lily, pistil and small notes of cornflowers, raspberry associated with touches of red berries as well as a hint of rose, redcurrant, blackberry and slight hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is elegant, silky, gourmand and offers straightness, a beautiful structure as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, rose and small notes of pistil associated with touches of acidulous candy, violet plum as well as touches of bud, cassis and toasted. Tannins are elegant, racy and structuring. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine Fabien Coche - Rouge 2018 Meursault

The nose is fresh and offers power, a fine grain as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, fresh red berries and small notes of Cuben pepper, lilac/violet associated with fine hints of tea, nutmeg and mild tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/ juicy red cherry, red berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of plum, liquorice stick, slight hints of nutmeg, mild tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of spices and chocolate. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Château de Cîteaux 2017 Meursault

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of plum associated with touches of leather, bergamot, spices as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, tension, dynamism as well as a fine acidulous/ juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy violet plum and small notes of wilted violet associated with fine touches of lily, racy minerality, mild tobacco as well as a discreet hint of tea and spices. Tannins are well-built. An imperceptible hint of chocolate and vanilla on the persistence.

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

Aegerter - Les Pins 2018, reserve Personnelle Pernand-Vergelesses

The nose is flowery, aromatic and offers a fine power as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cherry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of lily, blossom as well as fine hints of wild blueberry, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, fat, tension as well as a fine straightness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild blackberry, crunchy/fresh raspberry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of racy minerality, lily, lilac as well as fine hints of flint and wilted rose. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence. $Score: 15 \pm /20 \ (89 - 90/100)$

Louis Max 2017 Pommard

The nose offers power and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of wild small fruits associated with a touch of wild blackberry as well as hints of dry tobacco, wilted flowers and leather. The palate is fruity and offers tension, a small fat, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small crushed red berries as well as hints of liquorice stick, nutmeg and a subtle hint of cardamom. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate/cocoa on the finish/persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

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Bouchard Ainé & Fils, Hospices de Beaune -Cuvée Raymond Cyrot 2015

Pommard

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers delicacy as well as a beautiful touch. It reveals notes of violet plum, blackberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of red berries, violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick, dry tobacco leaf and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful tension as well as a beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe violet plum, juicy blackberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of violet, wild strawberry, cherry associated with fine touches of violet, wild strawberry, cherry and tobacco leaf. Tannins are elegant, very fine and racy.

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

Domaine du Château de Meursault Clos des Epenots 2017

Pommard Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a small richness, a very fine grain as well as a racy power. It reveals notes of fleshy boysenberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes violet associated with touches of small blue fruits, nutmeg, Tonka bean as well as very discreet hint of nutmeg, Brazilian pepper and crushed hazelnut. The palate is elegant, delicate and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy boysenberry and fleshy / juicy red berries associated with fine touches of fleshy / juicy / acidulous cherry as well as hints of small blue fruits, cornflowers, zan and chocolate. Good length and beautiful persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Domaine Rebourgeon-Mure - Clos des Charmots 2018 Pommard 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine concentration / density. It reveals notes of blackberry, small fruits and small notes of violet associated with touches of ripe cassis, cornflower / bud as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and zan / bergamot. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous blackberry, acidulous redcurrant and small notes of acidulous wild

strawberry associated with hints of cassis as well as fine hints of zan, chocolate and sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are well-built. Good persistence.

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

Domaine Fabien Coche - Vieilles Vignes 2017 Pommard

The nose is fresh, racy and offers a fine grain and power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, crunchy wild strawberry and small notes of bud associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of racy minerality, sweet spices and an imperceptible varietal / rosewood hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of fleshy raspberry as well as hints of zan, tobacco and a discreet hint of rose / rosewood. Score: 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Agnès Paquet - Les Combes 2018 Pommard 1

The nose is elegant and offers a small power. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, dry violet and small notes of tonka bean/moka associated with touches of juicy plum, juicy small blue fruits as well as a subtle hint of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, precision, tension as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy Boysenberry, juicy violet plum and small notes of rose associated with touches of dry violet as well as small red fruits as well as fine hints hint mild tobacco, racy minerality and nutmeg. A persistence on notes of cocoa and toasted almond.

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

Domaine Roger Belland - Les Cras 2017 Pommard

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild berries and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, rose, cherry as well as fine hints of zan, dried tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with touches of fleshy / juicy redcurrant as well as hints of juicy plum, violet, cornflowers and Tonka bean. An imperceptible hint of caramelization on the finish / persistence. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 17.25 + /20 (95/100)

Domaine Fabien Coche - La Platière 2017 Pommard 1er Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power as well as delicacy. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of ripe cassis associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, small blue fruits as well as hints of lily, pistil and discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful definition as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy black cherry, juicy / acidulous red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, lilac, pistil as well as hints of plum and of zan. Tannins are elegant, well-built, racy and structuring. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate and ripe almond on the persistence / aftertaste.

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



François d'Allaines Vieilles Vignes 2017 Pommard

The nose is elegant and offers complexity as well as fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet, fleshy Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of small blue fruits, blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, mineral and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of juicy Quetsche plum associated with fine touches

of violet, rose, cherry as well as very fine hints of sweet blond tobacco, licorice and an imperceptible hint of caramelization. Tannins are elegant, fine and

structuring. Good length and persistence. Score: 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Les Vaumuriens 2018

Pommard

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy violet plum and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with touches of violet, lily as well as a hint of a racy minerality, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of dry tobacco. The palate offers a beautiful finesse, tension, suavity as well as delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of violet plum, small berries as well as hints of liquorice/zan, nutmeg and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A fine power on the persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Philippe Bouzeron 2017 Pommard

The nose is fruity and offers power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, small berries and small notes of dry violet associated with touches of small crushed red berries, crushed strawberry as well as hints of cardamom, grey pepper and wilted rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy/acidulous red berries, raspberry and small notes of acidulous blueberry associated with touches of

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cornflower, violet as well as fine hints of chocolate/tonka bean, cardamom and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are structuring and very discreetly marked.

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

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - En Vaut 2018

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, violet, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of lilac, crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of dry mild tobacco and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, gourmandize as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy black herry, juicy questch plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as a subtle hint of lily, mild tobacco, liquorice stick and nutmeg/sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A very discreet chew on the persistence.

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

Domaine du Château de Meursault - Clos des Chênes 2018

Volnay , Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, power as well as harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes ripe cassis associated with hints of crunchy raspberry, crunchy red berries as well as hints of gray pepper and a discreet hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, gourmandize, a good structure as well as finesse.

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In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, juicy / acidulous red berries and small notes of cornflowers, small blue fruits associated with small touches of nutmeg, green cardamom as well as an imperceptible hint of racy minerality, dried leaf and chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

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

Louis Max L'Or Rouge 2017 Volnay

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of black-

berry, violet and small notes of small fruits associated with touches of leather as well as fine hints of Cuben/grey pepper and an imperceptible hint of fresh cornflower. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of small violet plum associated with fine touches of small red berries, violet/fresh lily as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and a discreet hint of tobacco.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Aegerter - Réserve Personnelle 2017 Volnay

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small gourmandize / richness. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, blackberry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of pistil, tobacco and a discreet hint of dried rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame as well as a very fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cornflowers, lily associated with a touch of small blue berries as well as fine hints of dried rose, tobacco and a discreet hint of varietal bitterness. Tannins are very slightly marked / dry.

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

Christophe Pauchard, Domaine de la Confrérie 2016 Volnay -Santenots, Premier Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a small intensity as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as hints of nutmeg, Cuben pepper, graphite / sense of place and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, juicy / fleshy plum and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with small touches of crunchy raspberry / red berries as well as a discreet hint of bud and fresh licorice. Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Christophe Pauchard, Domaine de la Confrérie 2017 Volnay - Santenots, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a fine/slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of violet, wild blackberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with fine touches of grey pepper as well as a touch of strawberry, fresh leather and very discreet hints of fresh tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension as well as a fine concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of rose, lilac associated with hints of crunchy/juicy cherry, racy minerality as well as a subtle hint of toasted/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built. Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Christophe Pauchard, Domaine de la Confrérie 2018 Volnay -Santenots

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a very fine intensity as well as a very fine tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of black pepper, lily as well as fine hints of racy minerality, sweet tobacco and an imperceptible almost vanilla hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a good definition, juiciness as well as a very fine tension. In the mouth, this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red cherry,

fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of cornflowers associated with small touches of juicy strawberry, juicy / crunchy blueberries, a subtle hint of lily as well as very fine hints of tobacco (in the background), liquorice, chocolate and a very discreet hint of varietal bitterness on the finish / persistence. Tannins are well-built. Very discreet toasted hint/ toasted almonds and cocoa on the finish / persistence.

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

VOLNAY-SANTENOTS PREMIER CRU 2017

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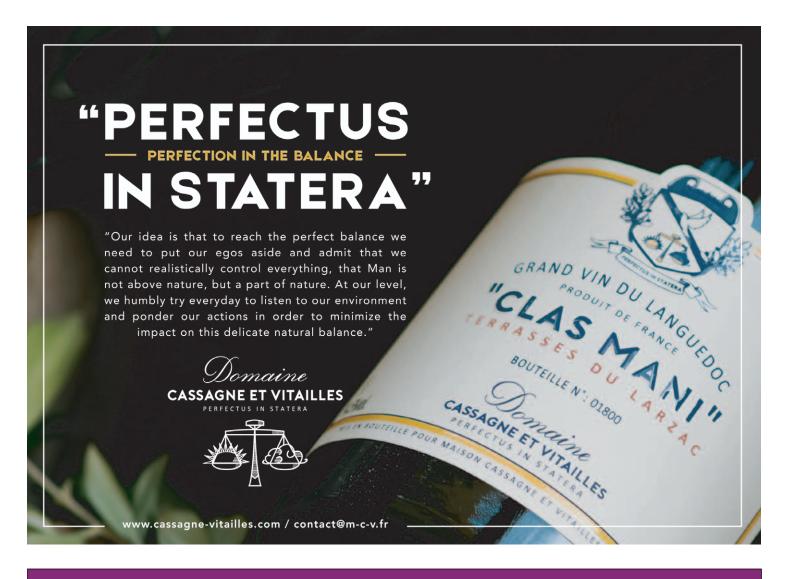
Domaine Rebourgeon-Mure - Caillerets 2018 Volnay 1er Cru

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a small power / intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and bud associated with touches of wild berries, a hint of cherry blossoms, crunchy redcurrant as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers suavity, juiciness, a good finesse of the grain, harmony, racy minerality as well as a certain dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh blackberry, juicy / fresh plum and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with touches of fresh flowers, hints of crunchy redcurrant, bud as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality (terroir), liquorice stick and a subtle hint of fresh blond tobacco. Tannins are very discreetly marked. Presence of an imperceptible hint of coffee and varietal bitterness on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Roger Belland 2018 Volnay - Santenots Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers freshness, a fine concentration/power as well as a very fine richness/gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy cherry, blueberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of lilac, lily as well as discreet hints of tea and nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition, creaminess as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, plum and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of violet, lilac, lily as well as hints of small blue fruits and hints of vanilla. Tannins are fine and elegant. Discreet hints of toasted almond and chocolate on the persistence. A beautiful wine! Score: 17.25/20 (94-95/100)



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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini 2018 Clos-Saint-Denis

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a beautiful power as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a beautiful finesse as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe blackberry, juicy/ripe raspberry and small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of acidulous Questch plum as well as touches of chocolate, caramelization, vanilla and cornflower. Tannins are elegant, fine, racy and structuring. A beautiful wine!

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Clavelier & Fils 2018 Morey-St-Denis

The nose offers power, a small richness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of strawberry, raspberry, violet and small notes of ripe cassis associated with very discreet hints of grey pepper, toasted, graphite as well as discreet hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers minerality, a beautiful definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of crushed redcurrant associated with a touch of blackberry as well as a subtle hint of violet, chocolate, toasted and an imperceptible hint of green cardamom. Discreet hints of chocolate on the persistence. Score: 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Jérôme Galeyrand - Champs des Charmes 2018

The nose is structured, racy and offers elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cherry and small notes of small plum associated with fine touches of violet and discreet hints of cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a mineral frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of small berries, a hint of iris as well as very fine hints of chocolate and liquorice. Tannins are well-built. Very fine hints of chocolate on the finish/persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Maison Chanzy - Aux Echanges 2016 Chambolle-Müsigny, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers complexity as well as a fine power/ intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small blue fruits, Cuben pepper as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize, roundness as well as a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small red berries, tonka bean, toasted, sweet blond tobacco as well as very fine hints of nutmeg, graphite and cloves. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence. Score: 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Les Millandes

2018 Morey-Saint-Denis 1er Cru

The nose is elegant and offers a fine grain, finesse as well as power. It reveals notes of boysenberry, small wild fruits and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of crunchy raspberry as well as hints of rose, violet and fine hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, acidulous and offers tension, verticality as well as a fine aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, crunchy red cherry and small notes of crunchy/acidulous small fruits associated with fine touches of violet, rose as well as hints of tonka bean and a subtle hint of tobacco leaf. Tannins offers a very fine chew. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Jérôme Galeyrand - La Combes du Près 2018 Marsannay

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very finely tight grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of violet and a hint of iris. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/ripe blackberry, acidulous plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as fine hints of chocolate. A very discreet hint of liquorice on the aftertaste.

Score: 16/20(92/100)

Domaine Trapet 2018 Marsannay

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity, a fine grain and a fine power. It reveals notes of fresh plum, blackberry, crunchy strawberry associated with touches of fresh violet as well as hints of small crunchy berries and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, tension and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum, small notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy/fleshy blueberry associated with a fine hint of rose and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are elegant. Score: 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Camille Giroud - Les Borniques 2018 Chambolle-Musigny

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small richness and a small concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, liquorice and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a small freshness, a beautiful tension, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of liquorice, toasted, caramelization as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and ripe almond. Good length and persistence. Score: 17+/20 (94-95/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Clos Village 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant, fine and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as an aerial side. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with a touch of cornflower, blue fruits as well as fine hints of caramelization, sweet spices, discreet hints of Cuben pepper, violet and chocolate. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, delicacy, freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh plum, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cornflower/violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, blueberry and graphite. Good length and persistence. Tannins are fine and elegant.

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

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Les Jouisses 2018, Vieilles Vignes Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a small power as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of grey pepper, sweet spices as well as fine hints of cherry, liquorice and cornflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a beautiful acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous cassis, juicy/acidulous plum and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of violet, cornflower and raspberry. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length.

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

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Les Songes, 2018, Vielles Vignes Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is powerful and offers a beautiful intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe/crushed small black fruits and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of caramelization, liquorice and fine hints of cornflower. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ acidulous cassis, blackberry and small notes of acidulous plum associated with fine touches of cherry, small red berries, violet as well as fine hints of sweet spices, toasted almond and a discreet hint of tobacco. Tannins are finely marked. A small chew on the finish/persistence. A beautiful wine which requires patience.

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

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Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - La Perrière 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a fine intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of violet, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of rose and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, an acidulous/juicy frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, juicy/rie quitch plum and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of ripe cassis as well as hints of chocolate, toasted and caramelization. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini - Les Goulot 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power, a very fine grain as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe/fresh small blue fruits and small notes of plum associated with a touch of small ripe red berries as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom, Cuben pepper and vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness, a beautiful tension as well as a good finesse of the structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe red berries and small notes of acidulous/fresh plum associated with a fine hint of violet, sweet spices, cardamom and a discreet hint of tea. Tannins are fine,

very discreetly tight and marked. Good length. $Score: 16.5 + /20 \ (93 - 94/100)$

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini -Les Champonnets 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is racy and offers power, a small complexity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of violet plum and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, small blue fruits as well as hints of strawberry, grey pepper and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice, chocolate and toasted. Good

persistence with slight notes of almond. An imperceptible flowery hint on the aftertaste/from the 4th caudalies.

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

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet - Vieilles Vignes 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of wild black-berry and small notes of wild plum associated with fine hints of iris, small ripe red fruits as well as fine hints of spcies and discreet hints of leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous red berries and juicy blackberry associated with a discreet hint of iris, fresh almond as well as discreet hints of liquorice, caramelization and dry almond. Good persistence with fine notes of tonka bean, juicy/ripe plum and almond.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2018 Clos Prieur Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful racy grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cherry, small notes of plum associated with small touches of fresh cornflower, cuben pepper as well as discreet hints of fresh iris and spices/varietal. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a beautiful tension as well as a fine/elegant grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe/juicy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of iris, cornflower as well as very fine hints of toasted, liquorice and cardamom. Tannins are elegant, fine and very discreetly firm. Good length.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2018 Petite Chapelle Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is fresh and offers minerality. It reveals notes of fresh cornflower, fresh red fruits, small notes of fresh iris associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as very fine hints of fresh leather and spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, richness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy red cherry, crunchy/fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh/crunchy plum associated with small touches of crunchy/juicy blackberry as well as hints of cornflower, iris and toasted. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2018 Latricière Chambertin

The nose is fruity, fresh, crunchy and offers elegance. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, small crunchy/fresh red fruits and small notes of rose associated with fine touches of fresh conflower, a hint of fresh plum as well as fine hints of racy minerality, liquorice stick and pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy cassis, crunchy raspberry and small notes of small red fruits associated with a small hint of plum as well as small hints of liquorice, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of toasted/vanilla. Tannins are very finely firm. A good persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2018 Chambertin

The nose is fresh, beautifully racy and offers a beautiful grain as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of raspberry black plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of racy minerality and a discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice and chocolate. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length. $Score: 17+/20 \ (94-95/100)$



The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry, small notes of small fresh black fruits associated with small touches of small blue fruits, raspberry associated with fine hints of fresh flowers and Sichuan pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a small freshness, tension as well as a beautiful racy grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh blackberry, fleshy/fresh raspberry and small notes of fleshy/fresh plum associated with fine touches of fresh cornflower as well as hints of ripe almond and toasted. Tannins are elegant and finely structuring. Good length.

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

Jérôme Galeyrand - Billard 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of cornflowers as well as discreet hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as density. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of small red berries, cornflower and a subtle hint of cardamom. Tannins are elegante and structuring. Good length.

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

Jérôme Galeyrand - La Justice 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is racy, fine and offers a fine freshness. It reveals notes of wild



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small berries, cornflower and small notes of cassis leaf associated with fine touches of ripe red fruits (strawberry, cherry), violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice. The palate offers a beautiful freshness, definition, an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous blackberry, acidulous plum and small notes of acidulous raspberry associated with touches of small berries, cornflower, violet as well as very fine hints of varietal and liquorice. Tannins are very discreetly firm and fine. Good length.

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

Domaine Trapet 2018 Gevrey Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain and a very fine richness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet, small notes of plum, small wild berries associated with fine touches of cherry, liquorice and very fine hints of mild tobacco leaf. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, finesse as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy plum, juicy blackberry associated with fine hints of cassis, violet/cornflower as well as discreet hints of liquorice. Good length, Tannins are fine and elegant.

length. Tannins are fine and elegant. $Score: 16.5 + /20 \ (93 - 94/100)$

Domaine Trapet - Ostrea 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity and offers deepness and elegance. It reveals notes of wild small black fruits and small notes of plum associated with touches of wild raspberry, cherry as well as hints of violet and very discreet hints of spices/Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, richness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, juicy/ripe blackberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of plum, violet as well as very fine hints of liquorice stick. Tannins are elegant and very finely chewy. A very discreet saline hint on the finish.

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

Domaine Trapet 2018 Chapelle Chambertin

The nose offers power and freshness. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as slight touches of chocolate, cornflower and a hint of tea. The palate is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a very beautiful freshness, elegance, finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, cassis, plum and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cassis as well as hints of cardamom and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Domaine Trapet - 1er Clos Prieure 2018 Gevrey-Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power/concentration and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of cornflower, small berries, small notes of crunchy cherry associated with touches of ripe black fruits and very fine hints of cardamom and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, deepness and richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of small fleshy blue fruits associated with small touches of cornflower, liquorice as well as discreet hints of bourbon vanilla and chocolate. A beautiful and elegant wine. Tannins are racy, elegant and offer a very beautiful finesse.

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

Domaine Trapet 2018 Latricière Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful tension, definition, a fine power as well as elegance. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/crunchy plum and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as discreet hints of cornflower, camphor and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, deepness as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black plum, juicy blackberry and small notes of small blue berries associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as hints of cornflower. Tannins are elegant, very fine and racy. $Score: 18.5/20 \ (97/100)$

Domaine Trapet 2018 Chambertin

The nose is elegant, racy and offers finesse as well as richness. It reveals notes of juicy/ripe blue fruits, juicy/ripe plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, liquorice as well as hints of caramelization, camphor and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackberry, crushed blue fruits and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Camille Giroud - Les Crais 2018 Gevrey Chambertin

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers precision, a fine power and straightness. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum, small notes of strawberry associated with small touches of violet, small blue fruits as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom and a discreet varietal hint. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy Garriguette strawberry associated with fine touches of crushed cassis as well as very fine hints of liquorice and Bourbon vanilla. Tannins are elegant and offer a very discreet chew. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Camille Giroud - Les Lavaux-Saint-Jacques 2018 Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a samll power and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of cherry, rose, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of ripe cassis, a hint of flowers (lilac) as well as fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers tension, richness, precision as well as a pulpy/juicy fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, fleshy/juicy cherry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of cornflower as well as fine hints of liquorice and discreet hints of nutmeg and toasted. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence.

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

Camille Giroud 2018 Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, complex and offers power. It reveals notes of blackberry, crunchy/fresh raspberry ans small notes of rose, cornflower associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy blueberry, nutmeg, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, elegance as well as a beautiful tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of blueberry, chocolate, nutmeg associated with touches of cherry as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of spices. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Camille Giroud 2018 Chambertin

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers elegant and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blueberry, cornflower and small notes of fresh/ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of plum as well as fine hints of violet/rose and liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy frame, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine racy minerality as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blueberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, violet plum as well as fine hints of caramelization, tonka bean and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

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

Bouchard Ainé & Fils, Hospices de Beaune 2008 Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru

The nose is elegant and racy. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, cherry and small notes of dry flowers associated with fine touches of spices as well as discreet hints of underwood. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, tension as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses

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notes of ripe strawberry, ripe cherry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of plum as well as very fine hints of tobacco leaf and mocha. Tannins are elegant.

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

Jérôme Galeyrand - Sur Brochon 2018 Côtes de Nuits Village

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, black plum and small notes of violet associated with very fine touches of red cherry as well as fine hints of cornflower and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicylacidulous frame, a beautiful tension as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of strawberry and fine hints of violet. Tannins are well-built. Good length

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Jérôme Galeyrand - Les retraits en 2018 Côtes de Nuits Villages

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine grain and a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of black plum, violet, small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice, cornflower and a discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers suavity, an acidulous frame as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of cassis, toasted and chocolate. A discreet chew on the finish. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Trapet - Le Meix Fringuet 2018 Côtes de Nuits Villages

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small intensity as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of fresh strawberry as well as hints of violet/iris and discreet hints of chocolate. The palate is fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with fine hints of plum, violet, rose as well as discreet hints of cardamom and tea. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Aux Saint-Julien 2018

Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small power as well as harmony. It reveals notes of fleshy plum, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed cherry associated with fine hints of violet, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of rose, crushed red berries and a discreet hint of cardamom/sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension, a good definition, a good guideline as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of plum associated with very fine touches of wild strawberry, violet/rose as well as hints of racy minerality, liquorice and spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good persistence with an imperceptible hint of ripe almond.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Clos des Perrières 2018

Nuits-Saint-Georges, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild small fruits and wild strawberry associated with fine touches of wild blueberry, violet as well as a discreet hint of cherry candy, Cuben pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of rose. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, ripe/juicy plum and small notes of fresh fruits associated with fine touches of crunchy/fresh wild strawberry as well as a subtle hint

of fresh flowers and discreet hints of spices. Score: 16.25/20 (92-93/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur - Les Crots 2018

Nuits-Saint-Georges, Premier Cru

The nose is fruity, aromatic, elegant and offers a small richness as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fleshy Questch plum and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with very fine hints of tonka bean and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers richness/juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, elegance, a fine fat as well as a fine grain. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and nutmeg. Tannins are very discreetly firm. An imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Guy & Yvan Dufouleur Les Poulettes 2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges, Premier Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers minerality as well as freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy wild raspberry, crunchy strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of rose, lily as well as very fine hints of crushed red berries, sweet spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a certain delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small red berries, rose and small notes of fresh blackberry associated with fine hints of crunchy black cherry, fresh plum as well as a discreet hint of conrflower, tonka bean and spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Aegerter - Les Plateaux 2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is elegant, flowery and offers freshness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of rose, violet and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of strawberry, plum, Timut pepper and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. The palate is fresh, mineral and offers a fine concentration, intensity, a good definition as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wilted rose, wilted violet and small notes of crunchy strawberry associated with fine hints of raspberry/small red berries as well as a hint of raspberry/small redberries and a hint of blackberry. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Clavelier & Fils 2018 Nuits-Saint-Georges

The nose is fruity and offers richness/ gourmandize as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of crushed/fleshy strawberry, ripe/crushed redcurrant and small notes of violet associated with a subtle hint of lily, blackberry as well as fine hints of graphite, nutmeg, spices and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a very fine tension as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, small fresh/fleshy red berries and small notes of tonka bean associated with touches of violet, tea and cardamom. Tannins are very discreetly firm. An imperceptible hint of vanilla/ toasted hazelnut on the finish/persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Aegerter - Réserve Personnelle 2018 Vosne-Romanée

The nose is fruity and slightly tight. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, small crunchy blue berries and small notes of rose, fresh violet associated with fine touches of blackberry, liquorice, graphite as well as slight hints of sweet spices and pink pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy red cherry, fleshy/juicy red berries and small notes of rose, violet associated with small touches of juicy blueberry as well as hints of chocolate, liquorice and mild tobacco as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are very discreetly sticky.

Score: 15.75/20 (90/100)

Côte de Nuits & Hautes Côtes de Nuits

Domaine Fabrice Vigot - Les Damaudes 2018 Vosne-Romanée

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a small intensity as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of wilted rose, lily and small notes of small wild red berries associated with fine touches of crunchy cherry, crunchy raspberru as well as fine hints of violet and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality as well as a fine tension as well as a beautiful fat. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, rose, lily and small notes of pistil associated with touches of plum, blackberry as well as fine hints of zan, tobacco, minerality/graphite and an imperceptible hint of mocha.

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

Domaine Vigot Fabrice - Vieilles Vignes 2018 Nuits-St-Georges

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine concentration as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant, cornflower, lily as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper, spices and an imperceptible hint of rose wood. The palate is fruity, juicy and offers freshness, an acidulous frame, tension as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, fleshy/ juicy red cherry and small notes of juicy/fresh plum associated with fine touches of juicy blackberry, lys, cornflower as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, an imperceptible hint of tea and cardamom. Tannins are elegant.

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

Domaine Fabrice Vigot - Les Chalandins 2018 Vosne-Romanée

The nose is elegant, aromatic, complexity as well as a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of rose associated with touches of wild strawberry, fleshy blueberry as well as toasted hints, cocoa and a discreet hint of cardamom/spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, finesse of the grain as well as fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy plum, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of lily/cornflower as well as small hints of blackberry, red berries, bergamot and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and structuring. An imperceptible hint of coffee and toasted almond on the persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Perdrix 2017 Vosne-Romanée

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as richness. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysenberry, fleshy wild strawberry and small notes of fleshy blueberry associated with touches of violet, dry tobacco leaf, Cuben pepper and dry red cherry. The palate is beautifully fine/delicate and offers gourmandize, a racy minerality, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful grain as well as harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy Boysenberry, juicy/crunchy plum and small notes of red berries associated with touches of fresh flowers (cornflower, iris) as well as hints of liquorice stick. Tannins are elegant, fine and racy. Good length. $Score: 17.75 +/20 \ (96/100)$

Maison Chanzy 2018 Clos de Vougeot, Grand Cru

The nose is aromatic and offers a small richness, power as well as a beautiful touch. It reveals notes of ripe strawberries, ripe blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of lily, sweet blond tobacco, butter as well as slight toasted hints, nutmeg, cumin and pepper. The palate is gourmand, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, structure as well as a fine richness. In mouth it expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy cherry and small notes of crushed blackberries associated with small touches of plum as well as hints of violet, nutmeg, cornflowers as well as slight hints butter and vanilla. Good length. A very discreet hint of almond and chocolate on the persistence.

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

Maison Chanzy - La Croix Blanche 2017 Vosne-Romanée

The nose reveals notes of wild strawberry, small red fruits and spices associated with touches of grey pepper as well as hints of leather. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, fat, suavity as well as roundness. It reveals notes of fleshy red berries fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of quetsche plum as well as a subtle hint of crushed cassis, cornflower, zan and grey pepper. Tannins are structuring and well-built.

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

Camille Giroud - Les Chalandins 2018 Vosne Romanée

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, straightness as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of iris, toasted and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, juicy and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous/juicy frame, finesse as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and juicy/crunchy blueberry associated with small touches of strawberry, hints of violet, cornflower as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean and caramelization. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

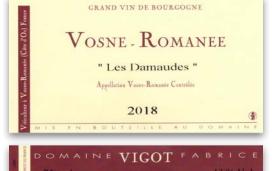
Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine des Perdrix – Du Dessus 2017 Echezeaux Grand Cru

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers crunchiness, a small intensity as well as a small deepness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of Boysen

berry, small blue berries and violet associated with touches of crunchy plum, toasted as well as slight hints of grilled bread, toasted hazelnut, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful precision, suavity, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry, juicy violet plum as well as hints of violet, lily, lilac and very fine hints of nutmeg, mild tobacco and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A subtle hint of ripe almond/toasted hazelnut on the finish/persistence.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)



Aegerter 2017 Clos de Vougeot, Grand Cru

The nose is racy and offers power, a fine grain as well as elegance. It reveals notes of faded rose, faded violet and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of wild berries, plum, cornflowers as well as very discreet hints of spices, liquorice sticks, hazelnut and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy red berries, crunchy cherry and small notes of bud, rose associated with a touch of faded violet, crunchy / acidulous plum as well as slight hints of nutmeg, hazelnut and cardamom / cloves. Tannins are slightly marked.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine des Perdrix 2017 Echezeaux Grand Cru

The nose is fruity, racy, elegant and offers a small power, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a small richness (full of delicacy). It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, crunchy plum and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, nutmeg, toasted as well as touches of toasted almond and pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, a fine richness as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy strawberry and small notes of plum, blackberry associated with a touch of cornflower, lilac, violet as well as hints of cardamom, mocha, toasted and a subtle hint of tea/sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly firm. A very discreet chew on the finish/persistence. A hint of mocha on the persistence.

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



Bourgogne & other red Bourgogne

Camille Giroud – 2018 Clos Voyens Mercurey 1er Cru

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a fine racy power. It reveals notes of ripe red berries, blackberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of violet, small black fruits as well as very fine hints of Cuben pepper and liquorice. The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers a good definition as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, juicy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of juicy blackberry as well as fine hints of violet, liquorice and a very discreet hint of dry almond. Tannins are elegant and supple.

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

Domaine Heresztyn-Mazzini – Pinot Noir 2018 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a fine intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry, small notes of plum associated with fine touches of cassis as well as hints of racy minerality/clay and cornflower. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension, precision as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous Quetsche plum, cassis and small notes of black blackberry associated with a hint of red cherry as well as touches of tonka bean, liquorice and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco/spices. Tannins are elegant and fine. Good length and persistence.

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

Domaine Rossignol-Trapet 2018 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with a hint of iris as well as very fine hints of grey pepper. The palate is fresh, fruity and offers an acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry and acidulous plum associated with fine touches of cornflower/iris as well as fine hints of racy minerality. A very discreet chew on the finish. Good length.

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

Jérôme Galeyrand – Pinot Noir 2018 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers freshness. It reveals notes of violet plum, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of acidulous violet plum, acidulous cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of violet. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine Trapet – Pinot Noir 2018 Bourgogne

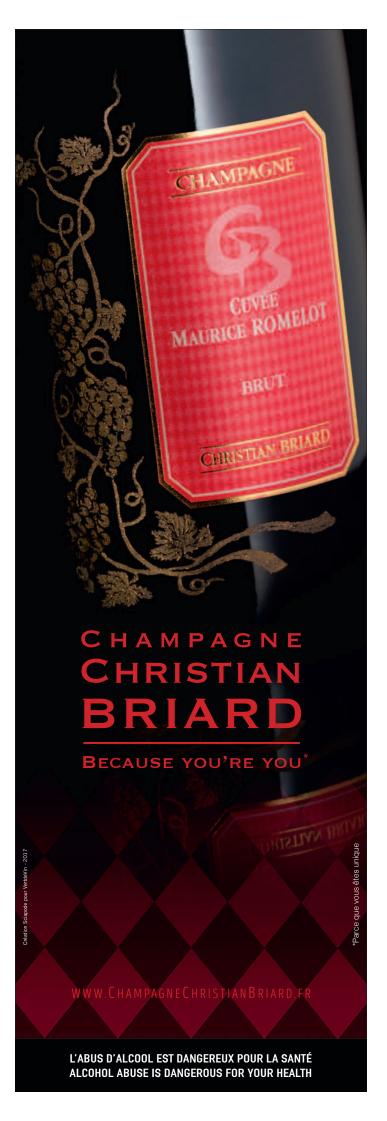
The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of cherry, black-berry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet plum as well as discreet hints of tobacco leaf. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine crunchiness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy raspberry, juicy/crunchy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of violet as well as very fine hints of cardamom, violet and a subtle hint of nutmeg.

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

Domaine Trapet – A Minima 2018 Bourgogne

The nose is fruity and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of fresh/crunchy raspberry, blackberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy plum associated with small touches of crushed strawberry as well as hints of violet and discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of plum and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of ripe raspberry, cherry as well as fine hints of liquorice, violet and chocolate (in the background).

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



Domaine Lucien Tramier 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Plan de Dieu

The nose is racy, fruity and offers tension, a small intensity and elegance. It reveals notes of crunchy wild red berries, crunchy cherry, small notes of olive tree associated with fine touches of blackberry, oleander/sense of the place as well as hints of racy minerality and very fine hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy small red berries, small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with touches of olive tree/oleander, sense of the place as well as fine hints of nutmeg and zan. Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine St Pierre 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Plan de Dieu

The nose is elegant, frank and offers power and intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry, small notes of small ripe black fruits associated with touches of liquorice, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of violet candy, garrigue and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, straightness and a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, wild blackberry and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with touches of garrigue, liquorice stick, sense of the place associated with hints of violet and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine La Banate - Vieilles Vignes 2013 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rousset-les-Vignes

The nose is fruity and tight. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, small notes of violet associated with a touch of lily, small wild berries as well as discreet hints of green pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral/ juicy frame, a good definition, a fine tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, small fleshy/juicy red berries and small notes of juicy/ crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of violet/lily as well as a subtle hint of liquorice,

green pepper and chocolate. Tannins are well-built. Good length. $Score: 16.25/20 \; (92\text{-}93/100)$

Domaine La Banate - Vieilles Vignes 2014 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Rousset-les-Vignes

The nose is fruity and offers a fine juiciness, a fine intensity/power and delicacy. It reveals notes of fleshy/ripe raspberry, fleshy/ripe cherry, small notes of liquorice stick associated with small touches of small ripe red berries, plum as well as very discreet hints of cuben pepper and thyme. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful tension as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, small crushed red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of juicy plum, crushed/juicy cassis as well as a discreet hint of flowers, tea, liquorice stick and cardamom. Good length. Discreet hints of cocoa on the persistence. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine La Banate - Vieilles Vignes 2015 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Rousset-les-Vignes

The nose is fruity and offers power and concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, plum and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cassis, sense of the place as well as a discreet hint of violet, liquorice stick and a discreet hint of pepper. the palate is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers gourmandize, generosity as well as a good volume. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of bigarreau cherry, thyme flowers and a touch of crunchy/juicy raspberry. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine de la Valériane - Les Archanges 2016 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Signargues

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration/richness and harmony. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, blackberry, small notes of small blue fruits associated with very fine touch of strawberry, cornflower, fine hints of cherry, liquorice, cornflower, lilac as well as discreet hints of liquorice, black olive and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, structure as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry, small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry, liquorice, cornflower as well as hints of black olive and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine de la Valériane - Les Cailloux 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Signargues

The nose is elegant, mineral, racy and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, blackberry and small notes of small fresh red berries associated with very fine hints of violet, thyme flowers, racy minerality as well as very discreet hints of zan, tea and an imperceptible hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, fresh, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/juicy raspberry, juicy bigarreau cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, juicy/crunchy plum, flint and mocha. Tannins are elegant, fine and very discreetly firm. A

beautiful persistence.

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

Domaine de la Valériane Les Cailloux 2016 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Signargues

The nose is elegant and offers a very fine concentration and a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of black cherry/griotte, ripe raspberry and small notes of fleshy/ripe cassis associated with touches of zan, thyme flowers, sense of the place as well as hints of vanilla. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, tension, harmony as well as a beautiful concentration/finesse. On the palate this

wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy red cherry, griotte and small notes cassis associated with fine touches of fleshy/fresh raspberry, zan as well as discreet hints of black olive, sense of the place and tea. Tannins are fine, elegant and tight. Good length. $Score: 17.25/20 \ (94\text{-}95/100)$

Domaine Guy Mousset - Les Garrigues 2016 Côtes du Rhône Villages

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, richness as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, sweet blond tobacco and small notes of flowers associated with a touch of small fruits, plum, thyme flowers as well as hints of liquorice, tonka bean, spices as well as a discreet hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, juiciness as well as a mineral / fresh structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of dried violet associated with touches of raspberry as well as hints of small fruits, licorice stick, blueberry as well as subtle hint of camphor, spices and bergamot. Tannins are structuring and very discreetly firm.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Château de Montfrin - « A la douceur d'aller »

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine richness. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of crunchy red berries, blackberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with a fine varietal hint as well as discreet hints of liquorice and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine



richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with a fine hint of juicy violet plum as well as hints of toasted. Good length.

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

Domaine St Pierre 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Sablet

The nose is elegant, fine and fruity. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy plum associated with hints of liquorice stick, pepper and garrigue. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant, mineral and offers grain as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of juicy/crunchy plum, raspberry as well as a subtle hint of thyme flowers, zan and very discreet hints of garrigue. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

Côtes du Rhône Villages 2017 par La Suzienne Côtes du Rhône Villages

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness, a small crunchiness and a fine power. It reveals notes of wild red berries, cassis, small notes of bigarreau associated with fine touches of blackberry, liquorice stick and fine hints of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small crunchy red fruits, small wild crunchy black fruits, small notes of crunchy blackberry

associated with a touch of violet, garrigue, black plum as well as discreet hints of oliver and cocoa. A hint of bitterness on the finish

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

La Suzienne, Suze la Rousse 2017

Côtes du Rhône Villages

The nose is fruity and offers crunchiness as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy red berries, crunchy cherry and small notes of lilac associated with a discreet hint of violet and a subtle hint of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension as well as a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of

fleshy/juicy red cherry, small fleshy/juicy red berries and small notes of violet associated with a hint of lily as well as a subtle hint of small blue berries. An imperceptible hint of cocoa bitterness and garrigue on the persistence.

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

La Suzienne, La Grise 2016 Côtes du Rhône Villages

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of crunchy blue berries, crunchy cherry, small notes of fresh flowers associated with fine touches of racy minerality as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a fine tension and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh red berries, small crunchy/fresh red berries, small notes of fresh flowers (violet, cornflower) as well as a very discreet hint of garrigue and a subtle hint of racy minerality and spices. Good length. Very discreet hints of toasted and coffee on the persistence.

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

Domaine Julien de L'Embisque 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Suze-la-Rousse

(organic) The nose is fruity and offers a very fine richness. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small wild fruits associated with fine touches of gray pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of garrigue (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small wild berries and small notes of violet, dry rose associated with small touches of wild fruits, grey pepper as well as hints of garrigue. Good length.

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



Domaine de la Graveirette, Julien Mus - Puy de Safre 2016

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of wild red berries, wild strawberry, small notes of sense of the place/garrigue associated with fine touches of grey pepper as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy red cherry, small juicy red berries, small notes of violet associated with a touch of juicy plum as well as fine hints of liquorice and garrigue. Good length. $Score: 16.5 + /20 \left(93-94/100\right)$

Domaine de la Graveirette 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, power and harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of cassis, iris as well as fine hints of garrigue, graphite/racy minerality as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy cassis, small notes of juicy raspberry associated with a hint of small juicy red berries as well as fine hints of violet, nutmeg, iris and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, racy and offers a very discreet chew.

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

Domaine de la Graveirette, Julien Mus - Font de Crau 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small richness, a fin grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine hints of small wild blue fruits, iris, camphor as well as hints of racy minerality, black olive and very discreet hints of cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, freshness, a beautiful definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of red berries associated with a touch of juicy/ripe black cherry as

well as fine hints of violet, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of garrigue. Tannins are elegant and racy. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Baron de Montfaucon 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity and offers power. This wine needs to decanted. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild violet plum and small notes of small fruits associated with a touch of violet, thyme as well as fine hints of graphite, cardamom, ripe black olive and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, dynamism as well as a grain fine. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy bigarreau cherry, crushed blackberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, small fruits as well as fine hints of thyme, black fruits as well as fine hints of thyme, black olive and pepper.

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

Clos Saint Michel 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose offers a fine intensity. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet/cornflower and small notes of ripe/crushed small blue fruits associated with touches of black cherry/griotte as well as a hint of raspberry, nutmeg, sense of the place and discreet hints of graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, small blue berries and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of violet, iris as well as fine hints of graphite, cocoa and a discreet hint of pepper.

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

Arnoux & Fils, Vieux Clocher - Les Ravards 2017

Beaumes-de-Venise

The nose is fruity. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with subtle hints of lily, spices and very discreet hints of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a fine salinity (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, small crushed wild black berries and small notes of iris associated with touches of spices, nutmeg as well as discreet hints of rosemary/garrigue and subtle hints of sweet spices.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Domaine de Coyeux - Sapere Aude 2014 Beaumes-de-Venise

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine power, elegance and a good finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of vanilla, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of strawberry, raspberry as well as hints of cherry blossom, sense of the place and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, a good definition as well as finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of violet, sense of the place as well as fine hints of dark chocolate, liquorice and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Good length. Good persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Cécile Chassagne 2017 Gigondas

The nose offers power, deepness and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy Boysen berry, ripe cassis and small notes of fleshy wild blue berries associated with touches of grey pepper, cornflower, sweet spices and a discreet hint of toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, freshness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, juicy wild strawberry and small notes of violet

associated with fine touches of small juicy/ripe blue fruits as well as fine hints of nutmeg and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. $Score: 16.5 \pm /20 \ (93 - 94/100)$

Domaine du Pourra - La Réserve 2016 Gigondas

The nose is fruity and offers power, concentration and a fine grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with a touch of blueberry, bigarreau cherry, liquorice as well as a fine hint of crushed red berries as well as fine hints of sweet spices, tea and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of violet, cornflower, iris as well as fine hints of camphor, liquorice stick and a discreet hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background).

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

Arnoux & Fils, Vieux Clocher - Nobles terrasses 2017

Gigondas

This wine needs to be put in carafe. The nose reveals notes of blackberry, small fruits and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of bigarreau cherry, crushed raspberry as well as hints of leather, garrigue and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as power/concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with small blue fruits as well as fine hints of liquorice, camphor and sweet spices.

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

Arnoux & Fils, Seigneur de Lauris 2016, Vieilles Vignes

Gigondas

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers concentration and power. It reveals notes of blueberry, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of crushed Gariguette strawberry as well as hints of vanilla, black olive and very discreet hints of cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a good definition, richness as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blueberry, small notes of fleshy wild strawberry associated with touches of vanilla, black olive as well as fine hints of chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

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

Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux - Prestige 2016 Gigondas

The nose offers a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, small ripe wild berries, small notes of grey pepper associated with touches of violet/flowers as well as hints of ripe cherry, garrigue as well as discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, juiciness as well as a beautiful acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of blackberry as well as a hint of small red berries, blueberry and nutmeg.

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

Domaine des Remizières - Cuvée Particulière 2018 Crozes-Hermitage



The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power, a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of small wild berries, grey pepper, small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of ripe wild blackberry as well as hints of zan and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, a racy minerality as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy black cherry, very ripe/juicy blueberry, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, small wild berries as well as a hint of very ripe strawberry, sense

of the place and liquorice. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

Cave de Tain - Grand Classique 2018 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine grain. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of violet, camphor and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, crushed small red berries as well as hints of liquorice, cuben pepper and very discreet hints of black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension, straightness as well as a beautiful tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small crushed red berries as well as hints of liquorice, tobacco and tea. Good length.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Laurent Habrard 2018 - Grand Classique Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration and a fine minerality. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, black cherry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of lilac, raspberry candy as well as discreet hints of spices and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy bigarreau cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes of small black berries associated with hints of lilac, zan, black olive as well as very fine hints of sweet spices and coffee. Good length. Tannins are elegant, precise, fine and offer suppleness. An imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the persistence. (2022/2024 +)

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

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Laurent Habrard - Kévin 2017 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a small concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of black cherry, wild blackberry and small notes of garrigue/sense of the place associated with very fine hints of camphor. 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 fleshy black cherry, fleshy/crushed cassis and small notes of violet associated with a fine touch of crushed raspberry as well as discreet hints of garrigue/olive tree and liquorice.

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

Laurent Habrard - Valérie 2016 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is racy, fruity and offers minerality. It reveals notes of wild black-berry, violet, small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of garrigue/sense of the place as well as very fine hints of lilac, cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, fat, a small suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy black cherry, wild blackberry, small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of violet, lilac as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, tobacco, garrigue/olive tree and mocha.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine des Remizières Cuvée Christophe 2017 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is gourmand and offers richess, a fine unctuosity, a fine power and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe blueberry, black plum, small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of toasted, caramelization, lilac as well as hints of black olive, vanilla and graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blueberry, fleshy raspberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of juicy/fresh plum, small juicy/fresh red fruits as well as hints of cara-

melization, bourbon vanilla and toasted. Tannins are elegant and structuring. $S_{coro}: 17/20 (04/100)$

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Domaine Pradelle - Les Hirondelles 2017 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, wild blackberry, small notes of blueberry associated with small touches of wild strawberry associated with fine hints of violet, iris as well as discreet hints of cherry blossom, liquorice and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity and offers an acidulous frame, a racy minerality, juiciness as well as a fine crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy black cherry, fleshy cassis, small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, iris as well as a discreet hint of sense of the place, cocoa and graphite. A very discreet chew on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Héritier Gambert, Les Haut du Fief - Selection Parcellaire 2017 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose offers power and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of toasted, black-berry, small notes of grey pepper associated with fine touches of grilled, ripe cassis as well as hints of crushed raspberry and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of liquorice associated with touches of crunchy/juicy raspberry as well as a hint of bigarreau cherry, liquorice and toasted. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Domaine B. Burgaud 2017 Côte Rotie

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fleshy black cherry, violet, small notes of Boysen berry associated with a fine touch of small wild ripe berries as well as fine hints thyme, Sichuan pepper, spices and a very discreet hint of badiane. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine tension as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy cassis associated with fine touches of fleshy raspberry as well as discreet hints of small red berries, liquorice, thyme and a subtle hint of sweet mild tobacco.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine Grand Nicolet - Les Esqueyrons 2014 Rasteau

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of graphite associated with touches of small wild fruits, crunchy wild raspberry as well as fine hints of thyme flowers and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of juicy wild black fruits associated with a hint of raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, Cuben pepper and spices. A very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence.

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

Domaine Grand Nicolet - Vieilles Vignes 2016 Rasteau



The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of grey pepper associated with fine touches of tobacco, small red berries as well as fine hints of garrigue, pink pepper and an imperceptible hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, very ripe/crushed cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine hints of thyme flower/iris as well as

fine hints of liquorice, mocha and caramelization.

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

Domaine Grand Nicolet - Vieilles Vignes 2015 Rasteau

This wine needs to be put in carafe. The nose reveals notes of blackberry, leather and spices associated with fine touches of small fleshy black fruits, liquorice, cardamom and a hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a good guideline as wekk as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, fleshy blueberry, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of small fleshy red berries as well as hints of chocolate, caramelization and a subtle hint of dark olive.

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

Domaine Grand Nicolet - Terre des Bertrand 2017

Rasteau

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers concentration as well as finesse/elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy black plum, crushed cassis and small notes of small wild black berries associated with a touch of liquorice as well as a discreet hint of camphor, nutmeg/sweet spices and blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, minerality as well as a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crushed/fleshy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry as well as a subtle hint of small ripe red berries, liquorice, cornflower and a subtle hint of mild tobacco. Tannins are very finely marked.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine Grand Nicolet - Les Esqueyrons 2015

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of bigarreau cherry, liquorice associated with very fine hints of garrigue and a very discreet hint of cloves, cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize and a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy/juicy black plum as well as hints of nutmeg, cardamom and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). Good length.

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

Domaine Castel Oualou - Réserve Fût de chêne Lirac

The nose is elegant and offers a small richness and gourmandize. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with fine touches of sense of the place/local copse, spices and a fine hint of vanilla. 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 fleshy/juicy raspberry and fleshy/ripe blackberry associated with touches of crunchy raspberry as well as hints of violet, thyme flowers and vanilla. Tannins are well-built and racy.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Domaine Jocelyn Raoux 2017 -Tradition Lirac

The nose offers minerality. It reveals notes of black cherry, wild cassis, small berries associated with touches of graphite, black pepper as well as fine hints of garrigue and an imperceptible hint of grilled. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, small juicy wild berries, small notes of crunchy cassis associated with touches of garrigue, black pepper as well as very discreet hints of liquorice stick, coffee, crushed/candied strawberry. Tannins are structuring. Score: $15.5/20 \ (90-91/100)$

Domaine Jocelyn Raoux 2017 -Réserve Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandize, a small power and a small concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy/ juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry, small notes of small flowers associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, garrigue as well as a discreet hint of black olive and a subtle hint of grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality as well as a good freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of rose, violet associated with small touches of liquorice as well as a hint of garrigue and tobacco. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Castel Oualou - Cuvée Signature 2018

(Brut de cuve) The nose is fruity and offers freshness, crunchiness, power as well as concentration / intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, raspberry and redcurrant jam associated with touches of rose, violet, chocolate as well as a fine hint of garrigue, dried blond tobacco, very discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension, freshness, gourmandize as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of rose, violet associated with touches of crushed red berries, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of garrigue / bay leaf and very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are precise and straight. Good length.

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



The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness as well as a small concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, wild strawberry and small notes of juicy/crunchy blackberry associated with touches of small fruits, violet, zan as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and garrigue. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a small juiciness, a fine fat as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy/ juicy raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with hints of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of tea. A very discreet chew on the finish/persistence.

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

Le Clos des Sources 2016 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, raspberry and cherry associated with touches of Cuben pepper, violet as well as touch of sage and discreet hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, juiciness as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy/crushed raspberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with a touch of violet, lily as well as fine hints of garrigue, sage, zan and discreet hints of cardamom. Tannins are well-built and supple. Good length.

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



The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small power as well as racy minerality. It reveals notes of fresh / ripe raspberry, blackberries and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with hints of wilted violet, local grove as well as hints of Cuben pepper, rose and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, juiciness, tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy strawberry and small notes of violet, garrigue associated with touches of chocolate, caramelization as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, light tobacco and dried almond. Good length. Tannins are elegant. Very slight hints of chocolate on the persistence. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Domaine du Pourra Mont Bayon 2011

Côtes du Rhône Villages, Séguret

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity and power. It reveals notes of wild redcurrant, bigarreau cherry, small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine hints of garrigue, racy minerality and a very discreet hint of pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy redcurrant, bigarreau cherry, small notes of crunchy cassis associated with very fine hints of garrigue, oleander as well as subtle hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of pepper. Good length. Tannins are precise and offer a fine straightness. Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

Domaine de l'Amauve - Laurence 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Séguret

The nose offers intensity and a small power. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of very ripe red cherry, small red fruits as well as very fine hints of olive tree, racy minerality/sense of the place as well as discreet hints of zan, white pepper and rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, ripe wild red berries, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as hints of olive tree/garrigue and sense of the place. Good length. A very discreet chew on the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant and supple.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)



Domaine de l'Amauve 2017 Réserve

Côtes du Rhône Villages, Séguret

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine grain, a certain richness but in elegance. It reveals notes of black cherry, zan and small notes of very ripe blueberry associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry, violet as well as hints of cuben pepper, cola, black olive as well as very discreet hints of the and garrigue. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a certain deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small ripe/juicy red fruits and small notes of ripe/juicy blueberry associated with small touches of black olive, zan, discreet hints of camphor. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A beautifully gourmand wine!

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Château Mourgues du Grès - Capitelle 2016 Costières de Nîmes

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of Bigarreau cherry, small red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of plum, lily/violet as well as fine hints of black olive, nutmeg, spices and zan. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, gourmandize, a good definition as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry, bigarreau cherry, small notes of small red berries associated with touches of juicy/fleshy plum as well as fine hints of flowers, spices and discreet hints of sense of the place. Tannins are very discreetly marked. Good length.

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

Château Mourgues du Grès -Terre de Feu 2016 Costières de Nîmes

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine crunchiness and a fine concentration. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of raspberry, small red berries, small notes of fleshy/juicy cassis associated with fine touches of violet as well as hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fine grain, a fine gourmandize and suppleness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, small berries, small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy plum, fine hints of racy minerality, thyme as well as very discreet hints

of spices, tobacco and a subtle hint of pepper. Tannins are very finely firm. Good length. A discreet firmness on the finish.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Pierre et Jérôme Coursodon - L'Olivaie 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity, concentrated, elegant, racy and offers power. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of ripe bigarreau cherry, wild black berries as well as hints of racy minerality, sense of the place, liquorice and a very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity and offers richness, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy black cherry, small wild black berries and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of rose laurel, iris, crushed blueberry as well as hints of coffee, mocha and spices.

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

Cave Saint-Désirat, Septentrio 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of black cherry, small wild black berries, small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with a discreet hint of liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine fat/suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small black berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of cassis, small wild red berries as well as hints of rosemary. Tannins offer suppleness.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cave de Tain - Grand Classique 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity and offers power, a small tension and precision. It reveals notes of wild red berries and crushed blueberry associated with discreet hints of roasted, grilled, black olive as well as an imperceptible hint of olive tree and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy bigarreau cherry, small crunchy red berries and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, toasted, vanilla as well as a subtle hint of black olive and tobacco. Tannins are precise and structuring.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Héritiers Gambert - Esprit de Granit 2017, Selection Parcellaire Saint-Joseph

The nose offers power, a small concentration as well as a small aromatic power. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and vanilla associated with touches of raspberry, violet, very fine toasted hints, crushed strawberry as well as a discreet hint of dry mild tobacco and Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, tension, precision as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry, plum as well as hints of black olive, sage/thyme and vanilla.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Laurent Habrard - Sainte Epine 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a fine grain, intensity as well as deepness. It reveals notes of blackberry, black cherry and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of rose, crunchy blueberry, pepper as well as hints of racy minerality and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as harmony. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry associated with touches of violet, rose candy as well as toasted hints, vanilla, nutmeg and thyme. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. Good persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)



Domaine de Rochevine - Cœur de Rochevine 2016

Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power, richness and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, Cuben pepper, nutmeg, ripe blueberry as well as hints of zan, tea and camphor. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, minerality, tension, a beautiful guideline as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis, small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of blueberry as well as hints of Bourbon vanilla, violet, rose, black olive and zan. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length.

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

Domaine Rochevine 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, intensity as well as concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of small red berries, crunchy red cherry as well as hints of racy minerality, olive tree/sense of the place and slight hints of tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy/ juicy cassis and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with touches of roasted, sage as well as hints grey pepper. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Cave Saint Désirat - Cuvée Côte-Diane 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity and offers power, a good finesse of the grain, concentration as well as tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild strawberry, wild red berries as well as hints of violet, Cuben pepper and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small crunchy wild black berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of crunchy cherry as well as hints of violet, nutmeg, garrigue and olive tree. Tannins are very discreetly marked.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Bernadette et Gilbert Colombet 2018 Saint-Joseph

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of olive tree associated with touches of crushed raspberry, a discreet hint of strawberry jam, violet as well as a hint of Cuben pepper and rosewood. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine tension, racy minerality as well as a fine freshness. On the

palate this wine expresses notes of small crunchy red berries, olive tree and small notes of bulb/violet associated with touches of crunchy raspberry, chocolate as well as hints of graphite.

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

Domaine Lucien Tramier 2018 Cairanne

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and elegance. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries, small notes of olive tree associated with touches of black cherry, crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, rosemary and chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, tension, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry, small fleshy/juicy berries and small notes of small red berries associated with touches of rosemary, violet, crunchy strawberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of spices. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Le Clos des Sources - Anaïs 2016 Côtes du Rhône

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power and racy minerality. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of grey pepper, crunchy raspberry as well as a discreet hint of garrigue and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, juiciness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, small red berries, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as hints of garrigue and cornflower.

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

Domaine de Coste Chaude - L'Argentière 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Visan

(Organic) The nose is fruity, a bit restrained and offers concentration as well as freshness. it reveals notes of small wild berries, blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of racy minerality, liquorice as well as a subtle hint of olive tree / local copse and very discreet hints of blond tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, freshness, a good definition, fine tension as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, crunchy wild berries and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of faded violet, faded cornflower, tobacco as well as discreet hints of spices. Good length.

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

Domaine de Coste Chaude - La Rocaille 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Visan

The nose is fruity, racy, fresh and offers a small crunchiness and a small intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy red berries, bigarreau cherry, small notes of grey pepper, garrigue as well as a subtle hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, fresh, gourmand and offers a good definition, suavity as well as a beautiful fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, small fleshy/juicy red berries, small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with a touch of juicy blackberry as well as discreet hints of violet and garrigue. Tannins are structuring. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine de Coste Chaude - Madrigal 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Visan

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, concentration and a small deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, violet, lily, small notes of small wild berries associated with a touch of cassis as well as a discreet hint of garrigue/ grilled thyme and grey pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, freshness and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cherry, juicy/ripe raspberry, small notes of violet

associated with touches of small fleshy/juicy berries as well as hints of liquorice and caramelization. Tan-

nins are structuring. Score: 15.75 + /20 (91-92/100)

Domaine La Visitation 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages, Visan

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine grain and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of crunchy bigarreau cherry, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of small berries, garrigue, nutmeg as well as notes of rose, blueberry and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers a good definition, juiciness, finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, juicy/ crunchy red cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crunchy blackberry, chocolate, garrigue as well as touches of fresh lilac. Tannins are elegant, structuring and offer a fine straightness. Good

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



LA ROCAILLE

RHÔNE WHITE WINES

Domaine de Coste Chaude – L'Octave 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages Visan

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, intensity as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of kumquat, ripe brugnon and small notes of mandarine associated with fine touches of zests as well as a hint of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity, gourmandize as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy kumquat, mandarine and small notes of fleshy brugnon associated with a touch of apricot, lemon as well as discreet hints of zests and elderflowers (in the background). Good length and persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Domaine de Coste Chaude – Trilogy 2018 Côtes du Rhône Villages Visan

(Organic) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small elegance, a small intensity as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of pear, fleshy vine peach and small notes of ripe mandarine associated with a touch of quince, quenette as well as a hint of mandarine flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a beautiful suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/juicy Mirabelle plum, juicy mandarine as well as a subtle hint of quenette and mandarine flowers. Good length.

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

Rhône White wines

Domaine Mourgues du Grès – Terre d'Argence 2018 Pont du Gard IGP

(Organic) The nose is fruity, fresh, well-built and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of zests, small yellow fruits, small notes of crunchy Mirabelle plum associated with touches of dry orange zests as well as small hints of racy minerality and spices. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity as well as roundness. In mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/crushed lemon, crunchy Mirabelle and small notes of small yellow berries associated with fine touches of racy minerality, garrigue as well as a discreet hint of flowers and rosemary. A hint of varietal bitterness on the persistence.

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

Cave de Tain – Grand Classique 2018 Saint-Pérav

The nose is fresh, fruity and mineral. It reveals notes of brugnon, juicy pear and small notes of fresh/juicy Mirabelle plum associated with very fine touches of flint, racy minerality, lemon as well as fine hints of zests and a very discreet hint of garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a fine tension, roundness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy/ripe pear and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with

fine touches of racy minerality and a very fine hint of zests. Good length. An imperceptible hint of salinity and sweet spices on the finish/persistence.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Héritier Gambert – Fleur de Roc 2018, Sélection parcellaire Saint-Péray

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine richness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of juicy quince, ripe/juicy lemon and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of peach flowers, fresh lychee, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of verbena. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame as well as a crunchy/finely acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy plum, quince and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of white flowers, verbena and an imperceptible hint of sage (in the background). Good length. Score: 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Cave Saint-Désirat – Cuvée Amandine 2018

Saint-Joseph

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a fine richness, a small minerality as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of quince, kumquat and small notes of apricot associated with touches of apple, mango as well as very fine hints of almond flowers and orange flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, finesse of the grain, tension, dynamism, small fat as well as fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy yellow apple and small notes of mango associated with small touches of apricot as well as a subtle hint of crushed kumquat, racy minerality and almond flowers. Good length. A very fine varietal bitterness on the finish/persistence.

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

Cave Saint-Désirat 2017

Condrieu

The nose is fruity and offers a small complexity as well as a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of Mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of crushed yellow peach associated with touches of white flowers, citrus zests, a hint of pink lychee, rose as well as very discreet hints of honey and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, roundness, fat as well as a small gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle plum, crushed yellow peach and small notes of crushed pear associated with touches of white flowers, elderflower as well as an imperceptible hint of honey and garrigue. An imperceptible hint of varietal on the finish/persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Vin de Mme la Comtesse de Montfaucon 2017 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine concentration as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of lemon, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a touch of pineapple, apple as well as discreet hints of racy minerality as well as zests. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, elegant and offers a food definition, a juicy/acidulous frame, tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy lemon, quince and small notes of small crushed yellow plum associated with touches of kumquat as well as hints of pear and honey. Good length and persistence on a discreet hint of varietal bitterness.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Château Boucarut – Cuvée Victor 2018 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers power. It reveals notes of quince, dry lemon, mesocarp and small notes of yellow nectarine associated with a hint of racy minerality and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, a beautiful tension as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of quince, yellow peach and small notes

of juicy/fleshy pear associated with touches of kumquat, citrus zests as well as hint hints of beeswax, butter and discreet hint of garrigue/rosemary and white flowers. Good length.

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



The nose is racy and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of garrigue, racy minerality and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of zests as well as mesocarp and green apple. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of lemon zests, mandarine zests as well as a subtle hint of grapefruit, quenette and a discreet hint of peach/peach flowers. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)



The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a fine power, richness, density as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes

of quince, yellow apple and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of garrigue, lily of the valley as well as discreet hints of small crushed yellow fruits. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine tension, richness as well as an aerial side. In mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy quince, fleshy Mirabelle plum and small notes of kumquat associated with a touch of apple, juicy mandarine as well as a subtle hint of yellow flowers, almond and toasted.

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

Château de Montfaucon Comtesse Madeleine 2018 Lirac

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small power as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of quince, crushed yellow plum, small notes of citrus zests associated with small touches of apple, grapefruit as well as fine hints of racy minerality and sense of the palate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy plum, quince and small notes of citrus associated with a touch of crushed yellow peach, juicy/crunchy pear as well as a subtle hint of mango, quenette and beeswax. Good length.

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





Rhône White wines

Le Clos des Sources 2018

Côtes du Rhône

The nose is fruity, fresh as well as juicy. It reveals notes of ripe pink grapefruit, acidulous yellow plum as well as small notes of lemon associated with a touch of lemon flowers. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe pink grapefruit and small notes of juicy green apple associated with a subtle hint of verbena.

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

Domaine des Remizières – Cuvée Christophe 2018 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers freshness as well as precision. It reveals notes of crunchy Mirabelle plum, juicy/ripe quince and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of racy minerality, lemon flowers, apple flowers as well as a discreet hint of fresh green apple, beeswax and hazelnut. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine tension as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle plum, fleshy quince and small notes of mandarine, zests associated with a touch of crushed apple as well as a subtle hint of sense of the place. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Héritiers Gambert – Les Hauts d'Eole 2018, Sélection Parcellaire

Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is fruity and offers minerality, freshness, a good definition as well as a very fine straightness. It reveals notes of yellow peach, crushed yellow peach and small notes of citrus associated with a touch of zests, dry green apple skin as well as a subtle hint of flowers, sage and racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame, a beautiful definition as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy Mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of lemon/mandarine associated with a subtle hint of quénette, yellow apple as well as discreet hints of racy minerality, butter and toasted. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Domaine Laurent Habrard - Grand Classique 2018 Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is fruity, precise and offers a small fleshiness as well as a beautiful, gourmand and precise fruit. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of juicy kumquat associated with a touch of fleshy / juicy peach, orange, fine hints of exotic fruit as well as a very discreet hint of flowers tangerine and sense of place. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant, well-balanced, racy and offers fat (beautiful finesse of the fat), roundness, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine tension, a fine acidulous frame, a fine racy minerality, a fine density , juiciness as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy quince, fleshy Williams pear and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of mandarin / dried zest, quenette / passion fruits as well as a subtle hint of mesocarp, flowers, sense of place and a very discreet hint of pepper. Good length and persistence.

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

Cave de Tain – Grand Classique 2018

Crozes-Hermitage

The nose is mineral and offers freshness. It reveals notes of apple, quince, small notes of racy minerality associated with very fine hints of mesocarp, zests as well as a discreet hint of peach flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/crunchy quince and small notes of juicy peach associated with fine touches of green apple and garrigue/rosemary.

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

Domaine de la Graveirette – Font de Crau 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a good definition. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh pear, small notes of juicy mandarine associated with touches of juicy vine peach, racy minerality as well as a fine hint of white flowers. The palate is fruity, racy and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition

and a fine crunchiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, mandarine and small notes of zests associated with touches of green apple, crunchy vine peach as well as a hint of juicy quince and discreet hints of toasted/brioche. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clos Saint Michel 2017

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine gourmandize as well as precision. It reveals notes of lemon, green apple and pear associated with touches of juicy/acidulous quince as well as fine hints of acidulous plum, nutmeg and a subtle saline hint. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, precision as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy pear, quince and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of zests, Mirabelle plum and toasted bread. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

RHÔNE ROSÉ WINE

Château Boucarut – Cuvée Carenren 2018

The nose is fruity and offers freshness as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of lemon, crunchy vine peach and small notes of fresh mandarine associated with a touch of fresh red cherry and fresh blackberry. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, tension, a beautiful precision as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, fresh cherry and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with a touch of cornflower as well as a discreet hint of crunchy apple. An imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut on the persistence. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

RHÔNE SWEET WINES

Domaine de Coyeux – Elegans 2016 Muscat de Beaumes de Venise

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as very fine intensity. It reveals notes of candied Mirabelle plum, crystallized orange zests and small notes of jam associated with a touch of crushed quince as well as discreet hints of white flowers/lily of the valley, honey and an imperceptible hint of lavender. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension, precision, roundness as well as a certain small dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed quince, candied peach and small notes of candied lemon associated with hints of candied Mirabelle plum, marmalade as well as fine hints of honey, biscuit and a fine hint of elderberry flowers.

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

Domaine de Coyeux – Enigmae 2018 Muscat de Beaumes de Venise

The nose is fruity and juicy. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon and small notes crystallized vine peach associated with touches of crystallized mandarine as well as a discreet hint of zests. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy, gourmandize, suavity as well as a very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crystallized red cherry, lemon and small notes of apple associated with touches of crystallized strawberry as well as a subtle hint of violet candy and discreet hints of peach flowers (in the background).

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



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CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA

Castello di Meleteo, Vigna Casi 2016

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild red berries associated with very fine spices, Sichuan pepper and a discreet hint of liquorice / black olive (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, fresh, mineral, well-well-balanced and offers a good definition, dynamism as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy red cherry, crunchy / juicy red berries and small notes of violet associated with a touch of juicy / crunchy cassis as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. Good length.

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

Tenuta Casenuove 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, a bit tight and offers concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis and small black fruits associated with a touch of wild raspberry, hints of local grove / sense of place as well as a very discreet hint of spices and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a juicy / finely acidulous frame, freshness, concentration as well as a fleshy / juicy / gourmand fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy morello cherry associated with fine touches of Boysenberry, a hint of violet, sense of place and very discreet hints of chocolate / sweet spices. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Presence of a very discreet hint of cocoa and an imperceptibility of salinity on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Castello di Meleto, Vigna Poggiarso 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a small indulgence, elegance and a certain harmony. It reveals notes of fleshy wild raspberry, fleshy / ripe cherry and small notes of ripe cassis associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, cardamom, black olive and a very discreet caramelized / toasted hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, fine straightness / verticality, suavity / fat as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy violet associated with fine touches of fleshy / juicy Boysenberry, a discreet hint of cornflower as well as very discreet hints of olive black, caramelized, chocolate and with an imperceptible hint of bitterness (in the background). Tannins are elegant

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

Castello La Leccia – Giuliano 2015

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small intensity, a fine grain as well as power. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, wild cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of gray pepper, hints of local grove / rosemary as well as a very discreet hint of black olive (in the background) and licorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers a juicy / fresh frame, minerality, a small

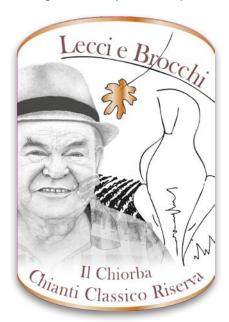
richness as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / crushed cassis, fleshy Boysenberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of black olive, chocolate, fine caramelization / vanilla pod hints as well as a subtle hint of tea and rosemary (in the background). Tannins are fine and offer a fine straightness. Good length. The persistence is delicious, powerful and offers a very discreet hint of cocoa.

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

Lecci e Brocchi – Il Chiorba 2015

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers power, concentration as well as a very fine and discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of cassis and small wild black fruits associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, fine hints of gray / Cuben pepper as well as a subtle hint of black olive and a very discreet hint of camphor. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, minerality, precision, fine straightness as well as dynamism. On the palate this



wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red cherry, fleshy / juicy wild raspberry and small notes of juicy cassis associated with fine hints of crunchy / juicy blackberry, discreet hints of fresh flowers, black olive as well a very fine hints of cocoa, a sense of place, a very discreet hint of spice and an imperceptible hint of tonka bean (in the background). Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length. A very discreet touch of caramelization on the aftertaste.

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

Carpineto 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant and offers concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis and wild berries associated with touches of fleshy Bigarreau cherry as well as very fine hints of violet, iris, Sichuan pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral / slightly acidulous frame, gourmandize, a fine fat, tension as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy black cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of raspberry, a discreet hint of

iris as well as very discreet hints of chocolate / cocoa, graphite, camphor and a hint of bitterness (in the background). Good length.

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

Fattoria di Corsignano 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers deliciousness. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, Boysenberry and more light caramelization associated with fine touches of violet, fleshy raspberry as well as discreet hints of tonka bean, docile spices and a very discreet hint vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, fine straightness, an acidulous frame as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy wild cassis and small notes of small red fruits associated with discreet hints of violet, tonka bean, Cuben pepper and a discreet hint of olive / racy minerality. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Le Regge 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of small wild berries, cassis and small notes of lilac / iris associated with fine touches of ripe red berries, morello cherry associated with hints of local grove / sense of place as well as very discreet hints of gray pepper, roasted and a subtle hint of licorice stick. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral / slightly acidulous frame, a small juiciness, a fine straightness, a fine freshness as well as a certain tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of morello cherry, ripe / juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of iris / small flowers. mocha hints, caramelization as well as discreet hints of dried black olive, cherry pit and sense of place. Presence of a very discreet hint of toast, bitterness and toasted cocoa / hazelnut on the persistence. Score: 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Frescobaldi, Tenuta Perano 2016

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, quite aromatic and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy redcurrants and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, crushed blueberry as well as a discreet hint of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful guideline as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous raspberry, juicy / acidulous cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, lilac as well as fine nutmeg, spicy and very discreet hints of tonka bean. Good length.

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

Villa Le Corti, Cortevecchia 2016

Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a fine power as well as a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of wild raspberry, violet, fine hints of local grove / olive tree as well as discreet hints of pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a fine suavitué, dynamism, a fine freshness as well as tension. On the palate this wine



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expresses notes of wild raspberry, juicy / crunchy cassis and small notes of small crunchy red berries as well as fine touches of juicy / crunchy blackberry as well as a hint of flowers, local grove, cardamom and a discreet hint of tonka bean. Good length.

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

Castello Monterinaldi 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a fine complexity, a fine power and a fine grain. It reveals there notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of sense of place, olive tree as well as fine hints of small blue berries and a subtle hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity and offers juiciness, gourmandize, a fine juicy / acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy blackberry, juicy / fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy / fleshy wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, juicy blueberry, a subtle hint of liquorice as well as discreet hints of vanilla, toasted and a very discreet hint of toasted almond. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Casa Sola 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, finely tight and offers a small freshness as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small wild berries associated with a touch of olive tree / local grove as well as a hint of dried rose, leather and a discreet hint of spice. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, fat, a fine roundness, a juicy / acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy cassis, crunchy / juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crunchy raspberry, fine hints of colas / zan, black olive as well as discreet hints of olive tree / thick tobacco grove / spices. Tannins are structuring.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

La Castellina – Squarcialupi 2015

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The nose is tight. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, pepper and small notes of spices associated with fine touches of leather. The mouth is fruity, fat and offers juiciness, a fine freshness, straightness, a small concentration as well as a fresh / mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed raspberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed small red fruits associated with fine hints of violet, nutmeg, cardamom, spices and a very discreet hint of dried tobacco (in background).

Score:14.5+/20 (88/100)

Badia a Coltibuono, Cultus Boni 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, well-conducted and offers a fine freshness, a small concentration as well as elegance. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of strawberries seasoned with a touch of cornflower, blueberry, a hint of lilac as well as very fine hints of sweet spices, vanilla, tea and black olive. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, well conducted and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a juicy / crunchy fruit, good definition, gourmandize, a fine grain as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red

cherry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of cassis associated with a touch of juicy blueberry, fine hints of violet, tonka bean / cocoa as well as a subtle bitterness, olive tree and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Good length.

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

Vigneti La Selvanella 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers a small power as well as a fine intensity. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crunchy blueberry associated with a touch of crunchy raspberry as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, suavity, a fine delicacy as well as a beautiful fleshy / juicy / ripe fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry, fleshy blackberry / juicy and small notes of strawberry / juicy red berries associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, a hint of black olive as well as fine nutmeg, sweet spices and a very fine hint of mocha (in the background).

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

Castellinuzza 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers a fine intensity as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of fresh raspberry, lilac and small notes of fresh local grove associated with a hint of olive tree as well as fine hints of red fruit and a discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fresh, mineral and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as good tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, crunchy red berries and lighter notes of fresh violet associated with fine touches of local grove / olive tree and very fine hints of sweet spices. Presence of very discreet hints of toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

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

Cavaliere d'Oro, Castello di Gabbiano 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a beautiful ripe / fresh fruit. It reveals there notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry associated with a fine touch of black olive, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy / finely acidulous frame, gourmandize, good definition, good freshness as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry associated with a hint of small fleshy / juicy red berries as well as fine caramelization, nutmeg, black olive and a subtle hint of zan. Tannins are precise and structuring. Presence of a very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Terra di Seta 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity as well as a certain purity of the fruit. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of wild berries associated with touches of gray pepper, sense of place / local grove as well as a very discreet hint of caramelization / light tobacco. The fruity, well-balanced palate offers an acidulous frame, good definition, tension, precision, fine freshness, roundness and good struc-

ture. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy red cherry, juicy / crunchy wild raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild berries, sense of place as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg, spices and very discreet chocolate hints (in the background).

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

Clemente VII 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine concentration, a fine grain as well as a fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberries, small flowers / cornflower and small notes of blue berries associated with fine touches of cassis, graphite as well as discreet hints of pepper and a subtle hint of garrigue. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy / very slightly acidulous frame, tension, a fine freshness as well as a beautiful finesse of fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of cornflower / olive tree associated with fine touches of black cherry, small blue fruits as well as subtle hint of laurel / sense of place. Tannins are structuring. Good length. Presence of very discreet hints of cocoa / roasting / almond on the finish / persistence.

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

Istine, Le Vigne 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, delicious and offers elegance, generosity and fine intensity. It reveals notes of fleshy raspberry, violet / lily and small notes of Boysenberry associated with small touches of cassis, Timut pepper as well as fine hints of nutmeg and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / finely acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize, freshness, dynamism as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of Boysenberry, small fleshy / juicy red berries associated with fine touches of flowers, a subtle hint of sense of place. / arbutus as well as very discreet toasted and nutmeg hints. Good length. Presence of very discreet / imperceptible hints of tonka bean on the finish / persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Quercia Al Poggio 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers complexity as well as a small intensity. It contains notes of blackberry, small wild red and small notes of scrubland associated with small fruits, black olive and a fine hint of vanilla, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, a mineral frame, juiciness and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry / fresh, crunchy wild raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of garrigue / black olive as well as small hints of cassis, dried tobacco, nutmeg and a subtle hint of clove. Tannins are well-built and structured, precise and very discreetly tight. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of cocoa and dried almond on the finish / persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Rocca delle Macie 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fresh and offers a fine concentration as well as a fine and discreetly tight grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberries, fleshy strawberries and small notes of violet

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associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, tea, olive tree / sense of place as well as a discreet hint of spice. The mouth is mineral, well-balanced and offers a fine fat, a mineral frame as well as a linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of raspberry, fresh blackberry and small notes of black olive associated with small touches of olive tree / sage, minerality as well as very discreet hints of blond tobacco and spices.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Bonacchi 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, a bit tight and gourmand. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed strawberry and small notes of small crushed black berries associated with fine touches of flowers, rosemary and hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality / mineral structure, dynamism as well as a linear side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of minerality as well as a touch of rosemary and spices.

Score: 14.5 + /20 (88/100)

Vallepicciola 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, blueberry and lighter vanilla associated with small touches of plum as well as fine hints of toasted, toasted almonds and an imperceptible hint of sage (in the background). The mouth is mineral, well-balanced and offers a very fine juiciness, a minerality frame, freshness, fat, a small roundness as well as a fine delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with small touches of minerality as well as hints of toasted, tonka bean and a discreet hint of sage / olive tree. Good length

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Rocca delle Macie, Sergioveto 2015

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The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of raspberry, red berries and cassis associated with touches of cherry, cherry blossoms, violet as well as fine nutmeg and a discreet hint of black pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced, finely tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, fat, a small tension as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red cherry, fleshy / juicy red berries and small notes of violet associated with small touches of cherry blossoms, crushed cassis, a subtle hint of garrigue / olive tree as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and almonds. Presence of a very discreet caramel touch on persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Castagnoli, Terrazze 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers power and a small peppery side. It reveals notes of raspberry, balsamic and small wheel berries associated with fine touches of violet, hints of camphor, black pepper as well as a discreet hint of black olive and caramelization. The palate is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine tension, a fine acidulous frame, a small fat, suavity and a racy minerality. In

the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh cherry, small fresh red berries and small notes of balsamic flavored with a touch of cassis, a subtle hint of plum, black olive, caramelization as well as a very discreet hint sweet spices, tea, rosemary and pepper. Tannins are wellbuilt. Good length. Presence of very fine caramelization and vanilla hints on the persistence.

Score: 14.75 + /20 (89/100)

Castelvecchi – Lodolaio 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a small aerial side. It reveals notes of red berries, vanilla and crushed blueberry associated with small touches of strawberry, touches of toasted, black olive as well as hints of gray pepper and very discreet hints of garigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, cassis and, small notes of, small red berries associated with fine touches of wild raspberry, fine hints of olive tree as well as discreet hints of spices and very discreet toasted / caramelized hints (in the background). Tannins are structuring. Palatability on the finish.

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

Castagnoli, Terrazze 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

(Organic) The nose offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of cherry, violet, garrigue and small notes of balsamic associated with a subtle hint of tea and fine hints of gray pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat, a fine acidulous frame, freshness as well as a very discreet almost saline hint (in the background). On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of redcurrants associated with touches of balsamic, cherry blossoms as well as a subtle hint of gray pepper and garrigue (in the background). Tannins are very discreetly marked. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Querciavalle 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is well defined and offers a fine grain as well as harmony. It reveals notes of crushed raspberry, crushed wild redcurrants and small notes of violet associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, olive tree, black olive, tea as well as a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality / a mineral frame, a fine tension, fat as well as a fine freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberries, fresh raspberries and small notes of fresh violet, fresh rose associated with touches of black cherry, black olive as well as hints of tea and an imperceptible hint of clove. Tannins are precise. Presence of a very discreet touch of chocolate on the finish / persistence. Taste and a discreet hint of caramelized almond on the persistence. Score: $15/20 \ (89-90/100)$

Vigneti La Selvanella 2014 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose offers a fine concentration, a small power, a fine grain, harmony, good definition as well as tension. It reveals notes of small wild berries, violet and Cuben pepper associated with touches of lily as well as subtle hints of vanilla, almond, vanilla flowers and black olive. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers

a good definition, gourmandize, a good definition of the fruit, an aerial side as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberries, juicy raspberries and small notes of juicy plums combined with a touch of vanilla, caramelized almonds and discreet hints of black olive, tea, liquorice, of chocolate and a very discreet hint of olive tree. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Mangiacane 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, harmony and a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, fleshy wild redcurrants and small notes of plum associated with small touches of rose / violet as well as fine hints of Sichuan pepper, liquorice and a discreet hint of fresh leather (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a juicy / finely acidulous frame, a beautiful racy minerality as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, fresh / acidulous redcurrants and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, a hint of plum as well as discreet hints of garrigue, liquorice and discreet hint of fresh leather (in the background). Presence of a very discreet hint of to-asted and hazelnut on the finish / persistence.

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

Badia a Coltibuono 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

The nose is fruity, delicious and offers a fine richness and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry, red-currants and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of Cuben pepper, cassis, balsamic, fine hints of liquorice as well as an imperceptible hint of nutmeg, vanilla, black olive and rosemary. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, good definition, minerality and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of small crushed red berries, rosemary, roasted thyme as well as a subtle hint of Cuben pepper, nutmeg and black olive. Good length and good persistence.

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

Casaloste 2016 Chianti Classico Riserva

(Organic) The nose offers delicacy, a small richness, a fine intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of black-berry, crushed cassis and small notes of tonka bean associated with a touch of crushed blueberry, camphor, black olive as well as a hint of spice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a fine acidulous / juicy frame, a beautiful finesse of grain, structure, dynamism, freshness, juiciness as well as a small indulgence. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe flesh, fleshy red-currants and small notes of fleshy cherry associated with small touches of violet, tonka bean, nutmeg as well as fine hints of cedar wood. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Very discreet hints of dark chocolate and hazelnut on the finish / persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

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Castello La Leccia – Bruciagna

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The nose reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy wild cassis and small notes of fleshy wild raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, liquorice, chocolate associated with very discreet hints zan, caramelization and an imperceptible hint of violet, thyme, camphor and coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral / juicy frame, good definition, fine freshness, juiciness and a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy / juicy black cherry associated with fine touches of violet, toasted, vanilla, discreet hints of cocoa, nutmeg and 'with an imperceptible hint of thyme and pepper. Presence of fine chocolate / vanilla hints on the persistence.

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

Carpineto 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is very finely tight and offers a certain power. freshness as well as tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crushed black berries associated with a touch of wild strawberry, pepper, hints of thyme flowers, sweet spices and a very discreet hint black olive and sweet tobacco. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, tension as well as a certain dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of crushed small black fruits associated with hints of fleshy raspberry, fine hints of violets, lilies and discreet hints of chocolate, caramelization, tonka bean and cardamom. Good length.

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

Castello di Meleto 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic and offers power, fine complexity, fine richness as well as tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of blueberry, small red berries as well as hints of Cuben pepper, local grove and cocoa. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, precision, tension, fine freshness and a certain indulgence. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, crunchy cassis and small notes of small crunchy red berries associated with a hint of olive tree / local grove as well as subtle hints of fresh flowers, green cardamom and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. Tannins are wellbuilt. Good length. A fine bitterness on the finish.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Fattoria di Corsignano 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

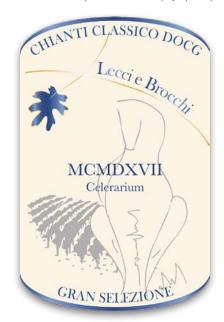
The nose is aromatic, elegant, fruity, spicy and offers a fine richness as well as a very fine concentration. It reyeals there notes of Boysenberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of blue berries, hints of caramelization, tonka bean, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of vanilla and black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, good definition, a small indulgence, a small richness, a fine freshness, minerality and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy black cherry, fleshy / juicy strawberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry, violet associated with fine hints of liquorice, caramelization, discrete hints of camphor as well as with a subtle hint of tobacco and black olive. Good length. Presence of fine cocoa hints on the persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

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Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is racy and offers a small concentration. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of wild blackberries and small wild black berries associated with fine touches of violet, iris as well as fine hints of garrigue / local grove and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, freshness, fine fat, precision and a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cherry,



fleshy / juicy red berries and small notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry associated with small touches of liquorice / zan, fine hints of local grove / olive tree as well as discreet hints of black olive, toast and cocoa. Tannins are well-built.

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

Villa Le Corti, Don Tommaso

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose offers power, freshness and a small concentration. It reveals notes of fresh blackberries, small wild berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of spices, cocoa, dried blond tobacco as well as very fine hints of camphor and sense of place. . The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a beautiful fleshy / juicy fruit, a fine acidulous frame, a beautiful purity of the fruit as well as a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy red berries and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of zan, cornflower as well as fine nutmeg. Good length. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

ZAC 2016

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose offers notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of fleshy blueberry associated with fine touches of violet cornflower hints of zan as well as a subtle hint of cardamom and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, good definition, gourmandize, tension as well as a juicy / acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous raspberry, juicy / acidulous blueberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small fleshy / juicy red berries as well as hints of liquorice and very discreet hints of nutmeg. Good length. Presence of imperceptible hint of olive tree (in the background) and caramelization / sweet spices on the finish / persistence.

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

Casa Sola 2014

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain as well as power. It reveals notes of cassis, nutmeg and small notes of Boysenberry associated with fine touches of raspberry, lilac as well as a subtle hint of sense of place and an imperceptible hint of pepper (in the background) . The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness. a small concentration, a very discreet straightness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with a hint of blackberry, lilac as well as fine hints of blond tobacco, nutmeg and licorice. Tannins are well-

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

Castellinuzza 2013

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose offers a small power. The wine needs to be put in coffee. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, violet and small notes of ripe cassis associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry as well as very fine hints of cola and a discreet hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, gourmandize, tension and a fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy blueberry associated with a hint of violet, very fine hints of zan, sweet spices as well as a imperceptible hint of coffee and vanilla (in the background).

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Castello di Verrazzano -Sassello 2016

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers gourmandize, finesse and fine power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis $\ensuremath{/}$ fleshy, fleshy raspberry / blackberry and small notes of fleshy cherry / blackberry associated with a touch of blueberry, lily, discrete hints of zan, black olive as well as a very discreet hint of camphor and sense of place. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers suavity, a beautiful gourmandize, a good definition, a beautiful ripe / fleshy / juicy fruit, an acidulous frame, finesse as well as a very discreetly tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blueberry, hints of liquorice / zan, chocolate as well as very discreet hints of vanilla, cornflower (in the background), chocolate and an imperceptible hint of

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sense of place. Tannins are fine, elegant and racy. Presence of an imperceptible hint of coffee and bitterness (good bitterness) on the persistence.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Cavaliere D'oro, Castello di Gabbiano Bellezza 2015 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity as well as a fine depth. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crushed strawberries associated with a touch of small crushed red berries as well as fine hints of violet, iris, dried black olive, graphite, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of mocha. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, fine freshness, juiciness and a fine linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy black cherry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of local grove, chocolate, vanilla as well as very discreet nutmeg and dried

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

La Castellina – Squarcialupi

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is a bit tight and offers a fine concentration. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of fleshy / ripe cherry, a fine hint of local grove as well as very fine hints of spices and an imperceptible Cuben pepper hint (in the background). The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as a fine suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, cherry fleshy / juicy and small notes of small red berries combined with juicy blackberry buttons, to fine hints of violet, nutmeg, sweet spices as well as a hint of cardamom and black olive. Fine straightness on the

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Fontodi – Vigna del Sorbo 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity / concentration. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of wild strawberries, blackberries and small notes of raspberries associated with fine touches of juicy / ripe cassis, fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg and very discreet hints of sweet spices, of violet, a subtle hint of ripe almond (in the background) and an imperceptible hint of balsamic (in the background). The palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, a crunchy finish, good freshness, a very fine richness / smoothness as well as a linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy Boysenberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy red berries associated with a touch of crushed cassis, discreet hints of violet, olive tree and with very discreet hints of sweet spices, liquorice and mocha. A very discreet chew / crushed almond on the persistence. Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Tolaini – Vigna Montebello Sette 2015

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration, a small power as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of Cuben pepper, sweet spices associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, a hint of thyme flowers, black olive and discreet hints of spices, Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of leather. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, a fine gourmandize, an acidulous frame, freshness, pretty precision, beautiful finesse of straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy / juicy cassis and small notes of crunchy wild raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, thyme flowers as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg, black olive, very fine caramel hints and an imperceptible hint of leather. Good length. A very discreet touch of bitterness on the aftertaste (2nd caudalie).

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Clemente VII 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a fine density. The wine needs to be put in coffee. It reveals notes of crushed red cherry, crushed redcurrants and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of Cuben pepper, Ceylon tea as well as a hint of balsamic, plum and garrigue. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a small freshness, tension, juiciness and a small straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red berries, fleshy / juicy cherry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of cassis, a hint of garrigue, black olive, a subtle hint of Ceylon tea, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of almond and vanilla (in the background). Tannins are well-built. Presence of very discreet caramelizing hints

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

on persistence.

Quercia Al Poggio – Vigna Le Cataste 2015

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small concentration / richness as well as gourmandize. It reveals notes of crushed blackberries, wild strawberries and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with small touches of garrigue, thyme as well as fine hints of nutmeg, hazelnut and discreet hints of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers freshness, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as a beautiful finesse of the guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with small touches of violet, juicy plum, fine hints of garrigue, black olive, sweet spices, tea as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and an imperceptible hint of chocolate. Tannins are elegant, precise and well-built. Good length and persistence. A very discreet chew on the finish / persistence.

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

Vallepicciola – Lapina 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine delicacy, a very fine richness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild strawberries, small red berries and small notes of acidulous blackberries associated with a touch of fleshy cassis as well as hints of sweet spices, caramelization, toasted, fine hints of vanilla. Bourbon, a very discreet hint of pepper and an imperceptible hint of rosemary (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, precision, dynamism, minerality as well as good finesse of the structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberries, redcurrants and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with small touches of garrigue, vanilla, toasted as well as a subtle hint of crushed almond. Tannins are very discreetly marked. Good length.

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

Castelvecchi – Madonnino Della Pieve 2015

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of balsamic associated with touches of crushed redcurrants as well as hints of garrigue, minerality and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers good definition, gourmandize, tension, an aerial side and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, acidulous blackberry and small notes of acidulous redcurrants associated with small touches of violet, acidulous plum as well as fine hints of chocolate and tonka bean.

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

Machiavelli – Vigna di Fontalle

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic and offers a very fine richness / concentration as well as a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of toasted associated with fine spices and fresh leather. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, very finely tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, freshness as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh black plum and small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of violet, black olive, hints of fresh leather, spices and a very discreet hint of tonka bean and animal. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Presence of a very discreet, almost saline hint on the in the background / end of the mouth. Score: 14.75 + 20 (89/100)

Villa Calcinaia – Vigna Contessa Luisa 2016

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(Organic) The nose is fruity and offers elegance, fine complexity, fine grain, precision and fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberries, wild berries and small notes of fleshy wild cassis associated with fine touches of gray pepper, dried blond tobacco, jammy redcurrants as well as discreet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, suavity, fine tension, freshness, juiciness, freshness, fine smoothness and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of fleshy / crushed redcurrants associated with touches of olive tree / garrigue as well as fine hints of black olive, chocolate, blond tobacco and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Tannins are structuring. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible almost saline hint and a fine chew on the finish / persistence. Score: 15.25+/20 (91/100)

Rocca delle Macie – Riserva di Fizzano 2016, Single Vineyard Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. The wine needs to be put in a carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, red berries and small notes of raspberry associated with a subtle hint of olive tree, racy minerality as well

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as very discreet hints of nutmeg and toasted. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, minerality, a fine acidulous frame as well as very fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh red berries associated with touches of minerality, fresh flowers as well as a subtle hint of olive tree, nutmeg and sweet spices. Tannins are very finely firm. Presence of an imperceptible touch of mocha and clove on the persistence.

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

Sergio Zingarelli 2015 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of raspberry, strawberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy cassis associated with fine touches of licorice stick, local grove, licorice stick as well as a discreet hint of thyme flower, olive tree and a very

discreet hint of gray pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, freshness, dynamism, precision as well as finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh raspberry, small fresh red berries and small notes of racy minerality associated with fine touches of fresh cassis, thyme flowers, rosemary, a very discreet hint of spice as well as with an imperceptible hint of tea and pepper. Tannins are very finely marked. Presence of an imperceptible hint of balsamic and chocolate on the finish / persistence.

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

Castelli del Grevepesa – Panzano 2015 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic and offers a small milky side. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of black cherry, black olive, vanilla as well as a very discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background) and an imperceptible hint balsamic. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / mineral frame, freshness, precision, a small linear side as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of cassis, hints of black olive as well as fine hints of nutmeg, vanilla, caramelization and with an imperceptible hint of balsamic. Tannins are very finely marked and very discreetly sticky.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Casaloste 2015

Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(Organic) The nose is aromatic and offers intensity, a fine power, a beautiful definition as well as elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and wild strawberry associated with small touches of purple plum, fine hints of vanilla, hazelnut, rose as well as a very discreet hint of thyme flowers and balsamic. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, gourmandize, elegance, a small tension, a certain purity of the fruit as well as a fine and finely tight grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of strawberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy redcurrants associated with fine touches of thyme flowers, garrigue / sense of place, very discreet hints of balsamic as well as an imperceptible hint of toast, chocolate and coffee (in the background).

Score: 16.75 + /20 (94/100)

Mangiacane – Z district 2015 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine grain, power, intensity and precision. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of acidulous plum associated with touches of redcurrants, fine touches of violet, toasted / caramelized as well as very fine hints of zan, sense of place and toasted / vanilla. The mouth is fruity, tense and offers juiciness, minerality, a fine power as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild red berries, crunchy raspberry and small notes of acidulous plum associated with touches of violet, iris, thyme flowers as well as very fine hints of tonka bean, caramelization and cardamom. Tannins are precise. Presence of fine hints of liquorice, mocha and a very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score: 15.5/20 (90-91/100) Terra di Seta, Assai 2015



Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

(Organic) wine wins has to be put in a carafe. The nose offers finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and fresh leather associated with hints of cloves, nutmeg as well as fine hints of garrigue, black olive and a very discreet hint of black pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, freshness, a fine acidulous frame, finesse, a fine grain, a very fine smoothness as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberries, fresh / fleshy red-currants and small notes of wild strawberries associated with a touch of acidulous cassis as well as small hints of fresh leather, tobacco, cloves and very discreet dried black olive hints. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Palatability on the finish. Presence of an imperceptible hint of almond and hazelnut on the aftertaste.

Score: 15.5 + /20 (91/100)

Losi, Millennium 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

The nose is aromatic and offers a small power, generosity and precision. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blueberry and small notes of ripe Gariguette strawberry associated with small touches of violet, Cuben pepper, black olive and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a fine acidulous frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy / ripe cassis associated with small touches of raspberry as well as hints of violet, black olive, very discreet egg-laying, sweet spices with a discreet bean hint. Tannins are precise.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

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Carpineto 2018 Chianti Classico

The nose is fruity and offers a fine delicacy. It reveals notes of cherry, raspberry and ripe cassis associated with very fine hints of Boysenberries as well as discrete hints of pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, suavity, minerality as well as a fine delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red cherry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy redcurrants associated with a touch of cassis as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of olive tree. Good length

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

Villa Saletta 2016

Chianti Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration / depth, a fine intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of red berries, bay laurel and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of olive tree, garrigue, wild strawberry associated with fine milky hints, chocolate as well as a very discreet touch dried cassis, tobacco and hot black olive. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, tense and offers an acidulous frame, a fine grain, a fine suavity, minerality, good definition as well as a linear side. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberries, small fresh wild red berries and small notes of, bay berries, olive tree associated with small touches of nutmeg, chocolate, toasted and an imperceptible hint of pepper. Cuben, tobacco and black olive. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

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Anna Maria Abbona – Castiglione Falletto 2016 Barolo

The nose offers power, a fine grain and a small freshness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fleshy plum, small notes of cornflower, small blue fruits associated with touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of cocoa and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, fat and a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black plum, blackberry, small notes of black cherry associated with touches of liquorice stick, cocoa and a subtle hint of sense of the place. Tannins are structuring and racy.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Anna Maria Abbona – Bricco San Pietro 2016 Barolo

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of black blackberry, fresh black plum, small notes of lilac associated with touches of liquorice, ripe blueberry and badiane. The palate is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a mineral/fresh frame, a good definition and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry, small notes of black plum associated with fine touches of cornflower/ lilac, liquorice and red berries. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length and persistence.

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

Attilio Ghisolfi – Ciabot Minat 2012, Riserva Barolo

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity, a certain subtlety and finesse. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small black fruits and small notes of violet associated with a hint of lily, wild red berries as well as fine hints of nutmeg, tea and sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild blackberry, wild plum and small notes of violet associated with small touches of nutmeg, small black fruits/black berries as well as hints of tobacco, cloves and underwood.

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

Attilio Ghisolfi – Bricco Visette 2015, Bussia Barolo

The nose offers aromatic power and elegance. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fresh plum and small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of wild strawberry, Cuben pepper, laurel/lilac as well as very fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness as well as a good definition as well as a fine juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy bigarreau cherry, wild blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small berries, laurel, dry lilac/dry violet as well as hints of nutmeg, mushroom and Cuben pepper. Tannins are precise and racy.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Brezza 2016 Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a very fine grain and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry,

Boysen berry, small notes of small wild fruits associated with fine touches of violet, iris/rose as well as discreet hints of cuben pepper and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, precision and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes violet associated with fine touches of plum, raspberry as well as hints of tonka bean, sweet spices and sugared mild tobacco. Good length.

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

Brezza – Castellero 2016 Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a finesse of the grain and intensity. It reveals notes of red berries, small notes of local copse associated with touches of dry flowers, nutmeg and very fine hints of liquorice stick. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize and a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild red berries, crunchy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with a hint of iris, crunchy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with a hint of iris, dry rose as well as discreet hints of sense of the place.

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



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Brezza – Cannubi 2016 Barolo

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine freshness and a good definition. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, violet, blueberry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as a hint of plum and very fine hints of liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers a finely acidulous frame and definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of small blue fruits, small notes of violet associated with fine hints of spices, cornflower and sense of the place. Tannins are precise and structuring. Good persistence.

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

Brezza – Sarmassa 2016 Barolo

The nose is racy and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, ripe blackberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of ripe raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of cuben pepper. the palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and gourmandize.

On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, violet, small notes of ripe plum associated with fine touches of local copse as well as a hint of mushroom, clove and a discreet touch of spices. Good length.

Score: $16 \pm /20 (92 - 93/100)$

Castello di Verduno 2015 Barolo

The nose is aromatic and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, bigarreau cherry, small notes of plum associated with touches of ripe redcurrant as well as hints of cornflower, liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/juicy frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, wild red berries, small notes of violet associated with very fine touches of lily as well as discreet hints of sweet spices and mild tobacco. Tannins are well-built

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

Castello di Verduno – Massara 2015

Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild strawberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small wild fruits, dry raspberry as well as fine hints of violet, liquorice and laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension and a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of juicy/fleshy plum as well as fine hints of liquorice, toasted and clove. A beautiful acidulous persistence.

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

Castello di Verduno – Monvigliero 2013 Riserva Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, a fine freshness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, ripe blackberry, small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of plum, liquorice and fine hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely frame, fat and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy red cherry, juicy/fresh red raspberry, small notes of crunchy/juicy plum associated with fine touches of violet, fresh lilac as well as fine hints of liquorice, tonka bean and sweet spices. Tannins are precise and finely firm.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Ciabot Berton – La Morra 2015 Barolo

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small spicy side. It reveals notes of wild cherry, crunchy wild red berries, small notes of cherry blossom, a hint of iris as well as very fine hints of wild blackberry, violet and a subtle hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a juicy frame and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, wild red berries, small notes of cherry blossom associated with fine touches of violet, yellow plum as well as hints of tonka bean and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are precise and well-built.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Ciabot Berton – Cuvée « 1961 » 2015

Barolo

(La Morra) The nose is fine, racy, elegant and offers a very fine grain, power and deepness. It reveals notes of cherry, violet, small notes of wild plum associated with fine touches of rose, blackberry/strawberry as well as hints of racy minerality, white pepper and a discreet hint of spices. The palate s fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy red cherry, small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of rose, lilac as well as fine hints of racy minerality, lilac and rose. Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

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

Ciabot Berton - RocchetteVino 2015 Barolo

(La Morra) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a small power as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, ripe wild strawberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small crunchy blue fruits as well as fine hints of grey pepper, minerality and liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a beautiful fat, definition, tension and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy strawberry, small notes of crushed red berries associated with fine touches of fleshy raspberry as well as hints of violet. Tannins are elegant and racy. A very discreet hint of caramelization on the finish/persistence.

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



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Ciabot Berton – Roggeri 2015 Barolo

(La Morra) The nose is aromatic, elegant, racy and offers minerality. It reveals notes of red berries, small notes of violet associated with touches of rose, cherry blossom as well as discreet hints of cuben pepper and spices. The palate is fresh, fruity, mineral and offers gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshyljuicy wild strawberry, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of plum as well as hints of violet, cornflower and cherry blossom. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length. $Score: 17.25/20 \ (94-95/100)$

Curto – LaFoia 2016 Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine concentration, a fine grain, crunchiness and freshness. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, juicy/ripe red berries, small notes of juicy red berries associated with fine touches of black-

berry, very fine hints of violet, lily as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut (in the background). The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/Finely acidulous frame, a good definition and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/crunchy strawberry, juicy raspberry, small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of juicy cherry, ripe blackberry as well as fine hints of nutmeg, almond and very discreet hints of tonka bean. Tannins are precise, elegant and structuring.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Curto – Arborina 2016 Barolo

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers complexity, gour-mandize and freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, blueberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy cherry associated with touches of violet, fine hints of comflower as well as fine hints of liquorice and coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy/juicy redcurrant and small notes of redcurrant associated with fine touches of Quetsche plum as well as discreet hints of coffee, vanilla and toasted. tannins are elegant, racy and well-built.

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

Curto – LaFoia 2011, Arborina Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness and a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of plum as well as very fine hints of tonka bean, caramelization/crème brulèe as well as discreet hints of cuben pepper, graphite and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe bigarreau cherry, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of juicy strawberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and spices. Good length.

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

Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno 2016 Barolo

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine tension, complexity and a fine power. It reveals notes of cherry, sens of the place, small notes of fresh blackberry as well as fine hints of crunchy/fresh strawberry as well as very discreet hints of grey pepper and a subtle hint of mild to-bacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a juicy/acidulous frame, finesse, a beautiful grain as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, crunchy raspberry, small notes of violet, lilac associated with fine hints of crunchy blackberry as well as fine hints of crunchy blackberry as well as fine hints of crunchy blackberry, crunchy garriguette strawberry, lilac and sens of the place. Tannins are elegant and structuring. An elegant wine!

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

Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno – Cannubi 2016 Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power as well as a beautiful and a very fine grain. It reveals notes of black-berry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of red berries associated with fine hints of wild strawberry, rose, sense of the place as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, rosewood,

grey pepper and a very discreet hint of spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, elegant, racy and offers a good definition, precision, gourmandize, power in finesse as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crunchy cherry and small notes of violet associated with very fine touches of cornflower, liquorice stick as well as a subtle hint of blackcurrant, sense of the place, graphite as well as a very discreet hint of toasted hazelnut/toasted almond.

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)



Marrone – Bussia 2016

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, Quetsche plum and small notes of lilac associated with fine touches of violet, small wild fruits as well as fine hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy garriguette strawberry, fleshy plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, juicy/ripe blueberry as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper, sense of the place and spices. Tannins are racy and structuring. A very discreet hint of cocoa/tonka bean on the 4th caudalie.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Marrone – Bussia 2014 Barolo

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers power, delicacy and a very fine aerial side. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet, small notes of small wild berries associated with fine touches of grey pepper, laurel berries as well as fine hints of coffee, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, finesse and silkiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe violet plum, small notes of violet associated with touches of small wild berries as well as hints of laurel berries, fine hints of iris and cuben pepper. Good length. A very discreet chew on the persistence

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Marrone – Pichemej 2016

The nose is aromatic and offers power, concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy blackberry, crunchy raspberry and small notes of small wild fruits associated with touches of Cuben pepper, spices, laurel berries as well as discreet hints of cornflower. The palate is fruity and offers tension, a fine freshness, dynamism as well as an almost saline sensation. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, raspberry and small notes of small wild black fruits associated with touches of iris, cornflower as well as discreet hints of laurel berries

and subtle hints of nutmeg/caramelization. Score: 16.25/20 (92-93/100)



Marrone – Pichemej 2015 Barolo

The nose is elegant, powerful, racy and offers a very fine grain. It reveals notes of quitch plum, violet, wild blackberry associated with touches of bigarreau cherry as well as hints of small wild berries, tobacco and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, juicy, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and a very fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crunchy/juicy Quetsche plum, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry as well as hints of coffee, cocoa and grey pepper. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Raineri – Perno 2016 Barolo

The nose is racy. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, small wild red fruits and small notes of juicy plum associated with a discreet hint of cornflower, lilac and a subtle hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition as well as a fine deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, juicy/ fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with a hint of juicy plum, a hint of lilac as well as a discreet hint of liquorice/spices. Good length. A very discreet hint of tonka bean on the persistence.

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

Raineri 2016

Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandize, a very fine power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crunchy plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of ripe raspberry as well as discreet hints of rose and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers gourmandize, a juicy/finely acidulous as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of rose and sweet spices. Tannins are fine and racy. Very discreet hints of cocoa on the persistence.

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

Rocche Viberti – Rocche di Castiglione 2015 Barolo

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fruity and harmonious. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, violet, small note of plum associated with touches of raspberry/small ripe fruits associated with touches of cornflower, cherry blossom as well as hints of cuben pepper, chocolate, laurel and a very discreet hint of ripe almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, gourmandize as well as a good racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry, small notes of bigarreay cherry associated with touches of violet, cornflower as well as hints of nutmeg, sweets spices and toasted almond.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Rocche Viberti – Bricco Boschis 2015 Barolo

The nose is racy, well-built and offers deepness, power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, violet, fleshy blackberry, small notes of bigarreau cherry associated with touches of lilac as well as fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla pod (in the background). The palate is elegant and offers gourmandize, tension, juiciness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy bigarreau cherry, strawberry, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of violet, cornflower as well as small touches of cardamom, nutmeg and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, very discreetly marked and offer a fine chew. Good length and persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Le Strette – Bergeisa 2016 Barolo

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers finesse and a fine silkiness. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry, small notes of ripe bigarreau cherry associated with small ripe red berries. The palate is fresh, mineral, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and a beautiful definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/fleshy plum, small notes of small red berries associated with a touch of fleshy/juicy strawberry as well as hints of violet, lily and chocolate. Tannins are elegant and fine.

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

Le Strette - Corini-Pallaretta 2016

The nose is elegant, racy and offers deepness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of small black berries, plum, small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of

violet, strawberry flowers as well as fine hints of caramelization, coffee and cocoa. The palate is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a beautiful definition as well as fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy bigarreau cherry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of caramelization chocolate, cornflower as well as subtle hints of almond. Good length. Tannins are well-built and elegant. Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Le Strette – Bergeisa 2015 Barolo

The nose is elegant, powerful, aromatic and offers finesse. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet, small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with fine touches of small fruits, fleshy cherry as well as very discreet hints of tobacco (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a fine acidulous frame and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy/fresh blackberry, fleshy/ripe bigarreau cherry, small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of small crunchy fruits as well as hints of cornflower, lilac and tea. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the finish/persistence

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

Le Strette - Corini-Pallaretta 2015 Barolo

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a certain richness. It reveals notes of ripe strawberry, wild blackberry, small notes of small berries associated with small touches of small black fruits, grey pepper as well as discreet hints of tobacco, nutmeg and hints of sense of the place. The palate is fresh. mineral, elegant and offers an elegant frame and a very beautiful freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crunchy violet plum, small notes of cornflower, lilac, lily as well as a subtle hint of caramelization, nutmeg and very discreet hints of laurel berries. Tannins are elegant, structuring and well-built.

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

Le Strette – Bergera Pezzole 2008

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a fine freshness and a certain tension. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, rose, small notes of plum associated with touches of spices, truffle as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and cloves. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a certain deepness and gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red berries/wild strawberry violet and small notes of dry rose associated with fine touches of underwood/mushroom as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick and very discreet hints of tobacco. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

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

Terre del Barolo 2015 Rarolo

The nose is fruity and offers a juicy frame. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy wild strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as pepper. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers suavity, juiciness as well as a fine gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of spices.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Terre del Barolo – Rocche di Castiglione 2011, Riserva Barolo

The nose is fruity, rather aromatic and racy. It reveals notes of blackberry, bigarreau cherry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of raspberry, blueberry as well as a hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, freshness as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of bigarreau cherry, violet as well as discreet hints of sweet spices.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

G. D. Vajra – Albe 2015 Barolo

The nose is fruity, fresh, racy and offers tension and a beautiful intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, wild strawberry, small notes of violet/lily associated with fine touches of grey pepper as well as discreet hints of liquorice and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of rose associated with fine touches of violet, lily, small juicy red fruits as well as hints of tonka bean and very discreet hints of cuben pepper. A very fine hint of cocoa on the persistence. Tannins are precise and structuring

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

G. D. Vajra – Albe 2016 Barolo

The nose is powerful, spicy and offers a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, small wild fruits, small notes of violet associated with a hint of lilv as well as fine hints of tonka bean, sense of the place and discreet hints of grey pepper. The palate is fruity and offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition, a good structure and a fine fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, small wild red berries/fleshy redcurrant, small notes of violet associated with a hint of lily, plum as well as fine hints of tonka bean, toasted hazelnut and discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are fin, elegant and precise. Good length.

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

G. D. Vajra - Bricco delle Viole 2016 Barolo

The nose is fresh, elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful freshness/intensity and a very fine grain. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, fresh/juicy cherry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as hints of nutmeg, cardamom and a hint of lilac. The palate offers gourmandize, delicacy, a fine grain and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ crunchy plum, raspberry, small notes of small juicy/fresh red berries associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and tea. A very fine chew on the persistence and a subtle hint of crushed almond and cocoa from the 3rd caudalie.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

G. D. Vajra – Coste di Rose 2016

Barolo

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild strawberry, wild blackberry, small notes of rose associated with small touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of cuben pepper, the palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of wild strawberry, fleshy/ripe cherry, small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of rose as well as very fine hints of sweet spices. sense of the place and a hint of laurel berries. Good persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

G. D. Vajra – Ravera 2016 Barolo

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers power. It reveals notes of wild berries, violet, iris, small notes of small wild red fruits associated with a hint of wild plum as well as a discreet hint of timut pepper. the palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and a beautiful finesse of the fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, crunchy/juicy plum, small notes of iris associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy wild raspberry as well as very fine hints of tea, cardamom and tonka bean. A very discreet hint of cocoa and crushed hazelnut on the finish/persistence.



Score: 17/20 (94/100)

G. D. Vajra, Luigi Baudana – Baudana 2016 Barolo

The nose offers power and minerality. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry, small notes of grey pepper associated with small touches of blackberry as well as a hint of blackberry, very fine hints of tea and nutmeg. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy blackberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of nutmeg, sugared mild tobacco as well as a subtle hint of racy minerality. Tannins are structuring.

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

G. D. Vajra, Luigi Baudana – Cerretta 2016 Barolo

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as freshness. It reveals notes of wild berries, laurel berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet plum as well as fine hints of nutmeg, spices, tea, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of clove. The palate is mineral, fruity and offers suavity, fat as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy wild raspberry, small fleshy red berries and small notes

of crunchy plum associated with small touches of laurel berries, dry flowers as well as hints of mild tobacco. A very discreet hint of dry almond on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

BARBARESCO

Castello di Verduno 2017 Barbaresco

The nose is fresh, fruity, aromatic and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of fresh red cherry and red berries/ fresh redcurrant associated with discreet hints of violet, sense of the place and very discreet hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/acidulous red cherry, fleshy redcurrant and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of violet as well as a subtle hint of blackberry and sweet spices.

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

Castello di Verduno – Rabaja-Bàs 2016

Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fin grain and a small freshness. It reveals notes of ripe cherry, ripe strawberry, small notes of Boysen berry associated with fine touches of cuben pepper, tea and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame as well as gourmandize. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous red berries, crunchy cherry and small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of fresh flowers as well as a subtle hint of sense of the place and liquorice. Good persistence.

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

Castello di Verduno – Rabajà 2016

Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize as well as a fine richness. It reveals notes of strawberry, fleshy cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. 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 crunchy/juicy cherry and juicy red berries associated with fine touches of violet, crunchy plum as well as very fine hints of liquorice. Good length and persistence

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

Castello di Verduno – Rabajà Riserva 2015

Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of wild red berries, pepper, small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as hints of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, a good definition and precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, acidulous red berries, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of liquorice, nutmeg as well as hints of mild tobacco and tonka bean

Score: $16.25 \pm /20 \ (93/100)$

Giuseppe Cortese 2017 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine richness as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy Boysen berry, wild strawberry and small notes of plum associated with a touch of cornflower, violet, Cuben pepper as well as discreet hint of sweet spices. The palate is juicy, gourmand and offers a very fine crunchiness, an acidulous frame as well as precision/ definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy red cherry Boysen berry and small notes of juicy/fresh raspberry associated with fine touches of chocolate, caramelization, sweet spices as well as a subtle hint of tea and sugared mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant. Good length and persistence.

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

Marrone 2016 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, wild blackberry, small notes of iris, rose as well as hints of grey pepper and subtle hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a good definition and a juicy/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy cherry, wild raspberry, small notes of racy minerality associated with touches of wild blackberry as well as hints of grey pepper, coffee and toasted. Good length. Tannins are fine and supple.

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

Pasquale Pelissero – Bricco San Giuliano 2016 Barbaresco

The nose offers freshness, concentration and a fine power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, crunchy wild strawberry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of iris, lilac as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper (in the background). The palate is fruity and offers a juicy/mineral frame as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of crunchy bigarreau cherry and small notes of iris, fresh lilac, varietal/bud as well as discreet hints of tonka bean. Tannins offer a fine straightness

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Pasquale Pelissero – Cascina Crosa 2016 Barbaresco

The nose reveals notes of crunchy red berries, strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of plum as well as fine hints of dry tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cherry, crunchy wild strawberry, small red berries and small notes of tonka bean associated with fine touches of nutmeg and local copse.

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

Rizzi – Nervo 2017 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a very fine richness and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of small wild red fruits, wild blackberry and small notes of lilac, cornflower associated with discreet hints of sense of the place as well as discreet hints of nutmeg. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a fine acidulous frame, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy wild raspberry, juicy wild

blackberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of cornflower as well as very discreet hints of local copse/sense of the place and an imperceptible hint of toasted/tonka bean. Good persistence, a beautiful wine! $Score: 17.25/20 \; (94-95/100)$

$\begin{array}{c} Rizzi-Rizzi~2017 \\ Barbaresco \end{array}$

The nose is elegant, fine, fruity and offers structure and a fine straightness. It reveals notes of small wild berries, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of grey pepper, spices as well as discreet hints of racy minerality and a very discreet hint of liquorice. The palate is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a mineral frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy/fresh cherry, fresh violet and small notes of liquorice stick and tea. A subtle hint of toasted on the persistence. Tannins are elegant and fine.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)



Rizzi / Photo JCC

Rizzi – Pajoré 2017 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, elegant, powerful, racy and offers tension and a certain harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe strawberry and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with fine hints of cassis, nutmeg, discreet hints of pepper and a subtle hint of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, concentration as well as a subtle hint of spices. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, small wild fleshy/crunchy red fruits and small notes of black cherry associated with touches of blackberry, comflower as well as fine hints of chocolate, nutmeg, sweet spices and a subtle hint of cardamom. Good length. A persistence on notes of cocoa. Tannins are fine, elegant and supple.

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

Rizzi – Vigna Boito 2015, Rizzi Riserva

Barbaresco

The nose is elegant and offers power, concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cornflower, iris and small notes of small wild black fruits associated with fine touches of grey pepper, graphite, nutmeg and spices. The palate is fruity, mineral, elegant and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of small black fruits associated

with touches of juicy bigarreau cherry as well as hints of black pepper, tea and sense of the place. Good length and persistence. tannins are elegant, fine and very discreetly tight.

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

Socré 2016

Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild raspberry and small notes of small berries associated with a touch of violet, strawberry flowers as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper, spices and laurel berries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, gourmandize and suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with touches of small berries, iris/lily as well as hints of laurel berries. Good length.

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

Socré 2017 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity and offers concentration and power. It reveals notes of bigarreau cherry, Boysen berry and small notes of wild red berries associated with fine hints of laurel berries, pepper and very fine hints of cocoa and lilac. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, wild blackberry and small notes of small wild red fruits associated with a hint of small wild berries as well as a hint of small black berry, dry tobacco and tea. Good length. Tannins are fine and racy.

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

Socré – Roncaglie 2015 Barbaresco

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of violet, iris as well as fine hints of fleshy/juicy plum, nutmeg and cardamom. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, gourmandize, a good definition as well as a small aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy strawberry, fleshy wild raspberry and small notes of violet associated with a touch of fleshy/juicy violet plum as well as a subtle hint of bigarreau cherry, tonka bean and sweet spices. Good length. A persistence on very discreet hint of cocoa. $Score: 16.25/20 \ (92-93/100)$

Socré – Roncaglie 2016 Barbaresco

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of crunchy/fresh plum, small notes of crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of grey pepper as well as fine hints of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a good structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh blackberry, juicy/crunchy black cherry, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small crunchy/juicy fruits as well as fine hints of caramelization and chocolate.

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

DOGLIANI

Anna Maria Abbona – Sori du But 2018 Dogliani

The nose is fruity and offers suavity and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of red cherry and ripe wild raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, fleshy violet plum as well as fine hints of grey pepper. In the mouth the wine 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 fleshy/juicy cherry, crunchy/juicy plum and small note of crunchy raspberry associated with fine touches of liquorice as well as a subtle hint of cherry blossom and varietal. Tannins are

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

Anna Maria Abbona – Maioli

Dogliani Superiore

The nose offers elegance, power and finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of violet blackberry, Quetsche plum, small notes of cornflower associated with a touch of lily. small blue fruits as well as a subtle hint of raspberry and liquorice. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, finesse and a very fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy bigarreau cherry, Quetsche plum, small notes of cornflower, lily associated with a fine touch of violet as well as a hint of raspberry and small wild berries. Good length. Tannins are elegant and racy.

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

Anna Maria Abbona – San Bernardo 2017

Dogliani Superiore

The nose is aromatic, fresh, elegant and offers power and deepness. It reveals notes of violet plum, violet, small notes of blueberry associated with touches of small wild berries as well as fine hints of lily, liquorice and camphor. In mouth this wine is fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, a good guideline and elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of bigarreau cherry, blueberry, small notes of fleshy plum associated with fine touches of cornflower as well as touches of lily and camphor. Tannins are structuring. A discreet chew on the finish.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Raineri – Zovetto 2018 Dogliani

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, a fine minerality and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of small wild blue berries, crunchy wild raspberry and small notes of fresh flowers associated with very fine hints of sense of the place/racy minerality as well as discreet hints of nutmeg/spices. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a fine fat, gourmandize and a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, wild raspberry, small wild fruits associated with fine touches of nutmeg, spices and a discreet hint of cocoa. Good length. Sapidity on the finish.

 $Score: 15.25/20 \ (90/100)$

Valletti – Vescu 2017 Dogliani Superiore

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, a fine complexity and a small racy minerality. It reveals notes of grey pepper, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of small ripe red fruits, a very fine hint of blueberry as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine concentration/richness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Boysen berry, crushed black plum and small notes of small wild red berries associated with a touch of violet/iris as well as very fine hints of cocoa. Good length.

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

Valletti – Pianezzo 2018 Dogliani

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with a fine touch of flowers as well as fine hints of liquorice, graphite and spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced et offers jutosity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy wild strawberry, crunchy cherry and small notes of crunchy/juicy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of liquorice stick and a subtle hint of spices.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

LOCAL GRAPE VARIETIES

Anna Maria Abbona - Netta 2018 Langhe

(Nascetta) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers minerality and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of white iris, white flowers, small notes of crunchy pear associated with fine touches of crunchy Mirabelle, kumquat as well as fine hints of varietal and very fine hints of aromatic herbs. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension and fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of white flowers, small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of crunchy Mirabelle plum, crunchy white fruits as well as fine hints of aromatic herbs. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno – Nascetta 2019 Langhe

The nose reveals notes of ripe grapefruit, ripe nectarine, small notes of fleshy apple associated with fine touches of mango, lemon as well as a discreet hint of orange zests and a subtle hint of quenette. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandize, tension as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, grapefruit, small notes of nectarine associated with fine touches of fleshy apple, fleshy pear as well as a discreet hint of flint. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Le Strette – Nas-Cëtta del Comune di Novello 2016 Langhe

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers gourmandize as well as harmony. It reveals notes of lemon, white flowers, small notes of crunchy apple associated with very discreet hints of yellow peach as well as a subtle hint of juicy kumquat. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as suavity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, vine peach, small notes of ripe/juicy kumquat associated with fine touches of apple as well as discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Marrone – Favorita 2018 Langhe

The nose is fruity and offers intensity, freshness and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of lychee, ripe apple and small notes of quenette associated with fine hints of apple flowers as well as discreet hints of minerality. The palate is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fresh apple, juicy lemon, small notes of quenette associated with fine touches of pear as well as hints of zests. Good length.

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

Marrone – Arneis « Tre Fie »

Langhe

The nose is racy and offers freshness and precision. It reveals notes of apple, apple flowers, small notes of zests associated with hints of lychee as well as discreet hints of crunchy pear, flowers and sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a fine suavity as well as roundness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy apple, ripe/juicy lemon, small notes of exotic fruits/ quenette associated with fine hints of flowers as well as hints of fleshy/juicy pear. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/100) 91/100)

Socré – Freisa 2017 Langhe

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and structured. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry, small notes of small wild fruits associated with fine touch of violet, grey pepper as well as hints of tobacco and a subtle hint of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, crunchy/juicy raspberry, small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, nutmeg as well as hints of nutmeg and tonka bean. Score: 16+/20 (92-93/100)

G. D. Vajra – Freisa 2016 Langhe

The nose is aromatic and offers power and freshness. It reveals notes of strawberry, strawberry flowers, small notes of violet associated with fine touches of lilac as well as fine hints of timut pepper and coriander. The palate is fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers tension and an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, crunchy raspberry, small notes of fresh flowers associated with very fine hints of crunchy blackberry as well as fine hints of toasted chocolate.

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



Argentina

Catena Zapata, Adrianna Vineyard White Stones Chardonnay 2015

Tupungato, Uco valley, Mendoza

White Stones comes from selected vines on a 2.5 ha parcel and refers to the soil made of pale rounded stones. It's an extreme altitude location of 1500 meters. Freshness, minerality and delicate spiced herbs tinge strikes first. It's definitely layered with aromas of cooked orchard fruits, lemon confit, melon, almonds and fresh mangoes. Very precise and textured.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Catena Zapata, Adriana vineyard White Bones Chardonnay 2015

Tupungato, Uco valley, Mendoza

Slightly smaller than Whites stones, White bones is only 2.2 ha. Again, the name refers to the soil filled with unique crumbly calcareous deposit and fossils. The vineyard is situated in a passage where used to be a river that is now dried up. Adrianna is showing a completely unique aromatic character. A powerful and dominant aroma of Sage and confit ginger joined by layered stone fruits, saline components and nectarine. It's full-bodied, with a bright acidity, crystal-clear purity $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ precision and a very smooth finish.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Catena Zapata, Adrianna Vineyard Fortuna Terrae Malbec 2014

Tupungato, Uco valley, Mendoza

Fortuna Terrae Malbec is unique in itself for its soft tannins, delicate first impression with its power in concentration and not in its structure. It showcased a strong floral & mushroom component with lingering plum, currant, light oak and spices. The palate reveals a silky texture with very fine tannins unlike usual Malbec. The refinement of Fortuna Terrae makes it nuanced and unique. Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Bodega Catena Zapata, Nicolās Catena Zapata 2014

Mendoza

This is a Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec blend from three different plots: La Pirámide Vineyard in Luján de Cuyo for the Cabernet Sauvignon as well as Nicasia Vineyard & Adrianna Vineyard in Uco Valley for the Malbec. Nicolás Catena Zapata 2014 has an intense, inky, deep purple color with intense flavor concentration, but also a lot of finesse. Aromas are an amalgam of everything black, blackberries, black cherries, black plums, bitter black chocolate, black pepper, black olives and a textured earthiness. The tannins are fine-grained, integrated and overpowered by the great minerality. It's an intense but also polished wine. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Zuccardi Poligonos Altamira Malbec 2015 Uco valley, Mendoza

Malbec in its purest form, luscious fruit-driven and richly concentrated with purple floral accent. It's detailed, with sharp tannins and a distinguished oak character. This vineyard is situated at about 1,100 meters' altitude, which gives it a nice tension and vibrant acidity to withstand the density and saturation of flavors.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Emma Zuccardi Bonarda Valle de Uco 2016 Uco valley, Mendoza

Emma Zuccardi was the current owner, Sebastian's grandmother and a charming and sophisticated woman. This wine is a tribute to her personality. The aromas are perfumed with tart & raw red berries, violets, herbs and a refreshing linear acidity. It's a wine full of energy, with a medium-body and lightness to it.

Score: 14+/20 (87/100)

Achaval Ferrer Finca Bella Vista 2014

Far from the usual fruit-driven Malbec, Finca Bella Vista has an unusual, complex earthiness to it. Its aromas boast of cured meats, crushed leaves, lichen, clove and charred wood. It's a firm wine with strong tannins presence and a powerful structure.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Achaval Ferrer Finca Mirador 2014

Mendoza

Big and bold aromas of spices, chili, blackberry, bitter chocolate and espresso, but also a savory layer of graphite, mushroom and leather. The palate is chewy, juicy and straightforward. This wine comes from the warmest of their vineyards and it gives a powerful, heavy wine with a toasty finish.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Bodega Colomé Malbec Autentico 2017 Salta

Bodega Colomé is one of the oldest working wineries in Argentina, and home to the highest vineyards in the word. The vineyards for the 2017 Auténtico Malbec are over 100 years old and 7,500 feet above sea level. Intense, inky purple in color, this Malbec has deep aromas of mulberry, blackberry, herbs, figs, spices and rubber. The palate is held by a crisp acidity, but also great concentration and chiseled structure.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Bodega Chacra, Barda Pinot Noir 2018 Patagonia

Bold in color and fleshy in taste, this Pinot Noir shows bright aromas of cherry, plum, brambleberry, blueberry and also some cedar and meaty components. Its crunchy and energetic palate has concentrated flavors and good

intensity, but a light-weight volume. Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Terrazas de los Andes, Las Compuertas 2013 Lujan de Cuyo, Mendoza

Silky, fruity styled Malbec with precise oak and tannin presence. The nose opens up on stewed wild berries with charred wood, mint and chocolate. The palate is massive and substantial. The volume itself is hard to take on and leaves an intense finish.

Score: 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Clos de los Siete by Michel Rolland 2016

2016 was an atypical vintage with lower temperatures than usual. The result was this red Malbec dominated blend with an impressively fresh aromatic profile, yet also a full-bodied, structured palate. Chewy, jammy fruits are on the forefront with hints of spices, dried herbs and crushed stones.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Terrazas de los Andes, Cheval des Andes 2013 Mendoza

Property owned by Pierre Lurton. This wine is full-bodied with covering, dense tannins, and a completely intense palate. Aromas are as deep and inky as the color, with graphite, leather, beef jerky, black chocolate and jammy blackberries. It's ripe and flavorful with a slight bitterness to the finish.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Trapiche, Iscay, Malbec-Cabernet Franc 2013 Mendoza

Made from Trapiche's vineyards situated in Russell, Maipú and Los Arboles, this wine has a deep violaceous color, with an aromatic, perfumed nose. Aromas include violets & lilac as well as spices, balsamic notes and luscious red fruits. The palate is powerful, yet, balanced by a nice acidity. It's full-bodied and broad, yet it doesn't feel heavy.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Viña Cobos, Bramare Malbec, Touza Vineyard

Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza

This single vineyard Malbec is from the Touza vineyard, which is at 3,444 feet above sea level. It's a bold, dark and concentrated wine, with wild aromas of thyme and black pepper, bright blackberry, cassis and dark chocolate. The Palate is powerful, energetic and concentrated with a rich, mocha and oak flavored finish.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Seneca Lake Finger Lakes - New York

Lakewood Vineyards, Chardonnay 2018

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

This chardonnay has cool climate written all over it from its aromatic profile that is zesty with undertones of green apple and a keen acidity level. However, it's been fermented and aged in oak which provides a nice plushness and creaminess as well as vanilla & caramel accent.

Score: 14+/20 (87/100)

Lakewood vineyards, 3 generation Riesling

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

3 Generations Riesling 2017 was touched by all three generations that are now running the vineyard. This bone dry, serious Riesling shows finesse and quite an aromatic style showcasing blossoms, melon, ripe peach and a delicate minerality. It's broad and nicely composed.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Lakewood vineyards, 30th anniversary, Blanc de Blancs

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake This sparkling is only made every 5 years. This limited-release is always joined by celebrations. This 100% chardonnay elaborated with the traditional method, is crisp and aerial, with delicate biscuit, toast and melon

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Wagner, Dry Riesling Caywood East vineyard 2012

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

Wagner Vineyards is one of the oldest wineries around Seneca Lake. It's a good example of the aging potential of Finger Lakes Rieslings. Centrally located on the eastern shore of Seneca Lake, they were also one of the firsts to try out single-vineyard wines. This silky smooth Riesling has clean-cut nectarine and lime aromas, mineral component and a bold voluminous body. The finish has a fine and smooth astringency to it. It is dry in style, yet with a lush, fruity finish.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Wagner, Estate Bottled Meritage 2012

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

This blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot is only produced in exceptional vintage, or to say, years with favorable growing seasons for these varietals. It's fruit-forward, rich with ripe aromas of plums, dark chocolate and young cedar. The tannins are smoothly textured, but also surprisingly dense for the region. Its low alcohol content leaves place for the actual flavors to shine through.

Score: 14+/20 (87/100)

Lamoreaux Landing, Blanc de Blancs 2007

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

The first sparkling vintage for Lamoreaux Landing was 1990. The sparkling wines, separately fermented from 20 different vineyard blocks and later blended, are all made with estate fruit. This Chardonnay based sparkling wine is a very toasty and yeasty. Even with its age, it still shows delicate orchard fruit component. The palate is broad and nicely creamy. It shows excellent balance and freshness.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Lamoreaux Landing, Yellow Dog Vineyard Riesling 2017

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

Delicate dry Riesling from a single block vineyard, it's refreshing and crisp with simple aromas of yellow apples and pears, grapefruits and citrus peel. The mouthfeel is crisp, vibrant with a textured minerality that brings added depth. Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Lamoreaux Landing, Round Rock Vineyard Riesling 2018

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

Round Rock vineyard is a five acre plot on the east side of Seneca Lake in a rather elevated situation. It's a very focused and precise wine, with a bright linear acidity level. The aromas are ripe and aromatic, showcasing tangerine,

> white blossoms, stone fruits and a persistent slate-like minerality. The palate is quite light-bodied and refreshing.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Lamoreaux Landing, Red Oak Vineyard Riesling 2017

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake Rich and rounded in style, this single-vineyard Riesling has layered aromas of honey, lemon peel, orange zest, and a spicy side to it, ginger and white pepper corn. The texture is silky, but also quite enfolding. On the palate, it gives out flinty undertones and a mastered balance between acidity and

sweetness levels.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Atwater estate, Sparkling Gewürztraminer 2013 Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

Vividly refreshing in style, the aromas linger of rose water perfume in this unusual sparkling wine. Other than the impactful floral aspect, the wine shows bright citrus flavors, white peach and very slight saline cracker autolytic note. This wine is made of 90% Gewürztraminer, 10% Chardonnay with 4 years and a half in tirage.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Atwater Estate, skin fermented Gewürztraminer/ Chardonnay 2016

Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

This equally parted blend was macerated and fermented on their skins for 15 days for the Gewürztraminer ad 18 days for the Chardonnay. The wine is cloudy, unfiltered and possess an impressive body and structure. The aromas are savory & rich with earthiness, dried fruit & orange jam. It's complex and surprising at the same time with a wild, but refreshing acidity alongside. Score: 14+/20 (87/100)

É Fox Run Vineyards Silvan



Finger Lakes, Seneca Lake

Oak fermented Riesling from a single block with a distinctive creamy richness from its off-dry character. Exuberant aromas of lime zest, aromatic herbs and hazelnuts. The palate is wide and rich with an added spicy and savory character. Overall, it's quite a complex and well-balanced wine.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)





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Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard St. Helena, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful intensity and power. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of griotte associated with fine touches of small ripe black berries as well as hints of liquorice and grey pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, mineral and offers juiciness, a fine intensity, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of raspberry, crushed Boysen berry associated with fine touches of liquorice, tonka bean and pepper. Tannins are elegant. A very discreet hint of cardamom on the persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Thomas Vineyard Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers a fine richness and a certain tension. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of small black berries associated with fine touches of wild blueberry associated with fine touches of nutmeg, cardamom as well as a hint of arbutus. The mouth is fruity, fresh

and offers density, a fine acidulous frame as well as elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of juicy/fresh blueberry, tea as well as fine hints of chocolate and sap. Tannins are elegant, racy and well-built. Good length.

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

Alpha Omega - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power and freshness. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of fleshy strawberry and very fine hints of liquorice and tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a very slight acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry as well as discreet hints of blueberry, violet and liquorice. Tannins are structuring.

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

Alpha Omega - Era 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with small touches of raspberry, cherry as well as fine hints of violet, fresh cornflower and discreet hints of chocolate. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, cherry and small notes of chocolate associated with hints of caramelization as well as hints of juicy blueberry. Tannins are elegant. A very fine chew on the persistence.

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

Alpha Omega - Proprietary Red 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small concentration and a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe/fresh blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, sens of the place and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The mouth is mineral, fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful definition as well as a fresh/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of liquorice and very discreet hints of chocolate/tonke bean.

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

AXR - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Denali Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fine, spicy, aromatic and offers a fine persistence and a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of arbutus associated with hints of cardamom, small red fruits and a very discreet hint of eucalyptus (in the background). The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful balance and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as very fine hints of violet, chocolate and a subtle hint of sens of the place and tobacco leaf. Tannins are elegant, well-built and marked. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

AXR - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, V Madrone Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a good freshness and concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and crushed raspberry associated with very fine hints of ripe plum as well as very fine hints of arbutus and anis star. The mouth is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a slight acidulous frame as well as

a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, ripe/fresh cassis and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as discreet hints of fresh violet, arbutus and anis star. Tannins are precise, fine and straight.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

AXR - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power and a certain tension. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fresh/ripe cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of ripe blueberry as well as fine touches of tonka bean, liquorice stick and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, racy and offers a good definition, an acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of leshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of small black berries associated with fine touches of blueberry as well as fine touches of violet, iris and fine hints of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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



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AXR - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Sleeping Lady Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine concentration and intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with small touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of Sichuan pepper, grey pepper and dark chocolate. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and a good structure as well as a sens of the place. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry cassis and small notes of small black berries associated with touches of fleshy raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, crushed redcurrant and chocolate. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

AXR 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power, a fine tension and concentration. It reveals notes of fresh wild blackberry, fresh/ripe cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of spices as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, cardamom and tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, structure and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of griotte associated with fine touches of crushed blueberry as well as fine hints of cornflower/lilac as well as discreet hints of nutmeg.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Bond - Melbury 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful power, freshness and a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe blueberry and small notes of cassis associated with touches of violet as well as fine hints of small blue berries, cloves and dry oak. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, suavity, a good structure as well as a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy Boysenberry and small notes of small blue berries associated with touches of juicy/fresh wild raspberry as well as hints of cocoa and sens of the place. A persistence on bourbon vanilla and coffee notes.

Score: 18.25+/20 (97/100)

Bond - Pluribus 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the wine. It reveals notes of strawberry and blueberry associated with small touches of Boysen berry as well as fine hints of violet, iris as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper/grey as well as an imperceptible hint of sens of the place and mild tobacco. The mouth is well-balanced, elegant, racy and offers gourmandize,

delicacy, subtlety as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry and small note of juicy cassis associated with touches of blueberry, oliver tree/sens of the place as well as discreet hints of arbutus fruits and a hint of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Very discreet hints of coffee on the persistence

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

Bond - Quella 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fresh, elegant and offers intensity, freshness, deepness as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fresh wild blackberry, raspberry, small red berries and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper, fresh nutmeg as well as hints of racy minerality. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful mineral frame, tension as well as a beautiful guideline and a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh red berries, cherry and small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, rose as well as discreet hints of cardamom and crunchy blueberry. Good length and persistence. $Score: 18/20 \ (96/100)$

Bond - St. Eden 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic, complex, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful persistence and finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of fresh wild cassis, fresh wild blackberry and small notes of red berries associated with touches of blueberry, spices and discreet hints of Cuben pepper and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy raspberry, fleshy/juicy red berries and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy plum as well as fine touches of violet, tonka bean and cardamom. Tannins are elegant, fine and structuring. Good length.

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Bond - Vecina 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful power and persistence. It reveals notes of fresh wild raspberry, small fresh berries and small notes of fresh violet associated with fine touches of ripe cassis as well as fine hints of cardamom, tea and star anise. The mouth is elegant, fruity, delicate and offers definition, a superb finesse of the grain and verticality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy small red berries associated with fine touches of violet, sens of

the place as well as hints of spices, tea and caramelization. Good length. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate on the persistence.

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

Cain Concept 2015, The Benchland Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe/crushed wild blueberry, liquorice and small notes of violet, plum associated with touches of strawberry, raspberry as well as fine hints of tobacco leaf associated with touches of nutmeg and Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a fresh/mineral frame as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of fine hints of tonka bean associated with discreet hints of cardamom and graphite.

Score: 16.25 + |20|(93/100)

Cain Cuvée - NV 15 Napa Valley

The nose offers power, intensity and deepness. It reveals notes of fresh wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with a

discreet sappy hint and sens of the place. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, freshness, a fine tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes juicy cassis associated with fine touches of liquorice stick, violet and rose. Tannins are precise and well-built. $Score: 16/20 \ (92/100)$



The nose is fruity, fresh and offers complexity and finesse. It reveals notes of ripe Boysen berry, cassis and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of raspberry, local vegetation and dry local forest ground. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers tension, freshness as well as a fine grain and a fine concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, fresh/juicy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of small berries, fresh flowers as well as subtle hints of cocoa.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)



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Cain Five 2015 Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

The nose is racy and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of iris, violet, tarweed associated with fine hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and a very discreet sappy hint. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy/fresh frame, a small racy minerality as well as juicy/fleshy fruits. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of small res fruits associated with small bleu fruits, cornflower, iris and tarweed as well as a subtle hint of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Caladan - Cabernet Franc 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, beautifully built and fine. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, juicy/fleshy Boysen berry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of small blue fruits as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of local vegetation. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, small juicy/fleshy blue fruits and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of chocolate, toasted as well as very discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Cardinale - Cabernet sauvignon 2011 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, aromatic and offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of ripe pepper associated with fine touches of strawberry, violet and discreet hints of graphite and Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers minerality, a good guideline, a very slight acidulous frame as well as a beautiful definition. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh and offers minerality, a good guideline and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/juicy cassis, fresh/juicy cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of small red berries, ripe red pepper as well as fine touches of nutmeg, tea and clove/sweet spices.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Cardinale - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers power, definition and intensity but full of elegance. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, fleshy blue fruits and small notes of violet, cornflower as well as touches of fleshy strawberry, fine hints of Sichuan pepper and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, fresh, wellbalanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition and gourmandize, tension as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of crunchy wild raspberry, juicy/ripe redcurrant as well as very fine hints of graphite, incense and chocolate. Tannins are elegant, fine and precise. A discreet chew on the persistence.

Score: 18.5/20 (97/100)

Caymus - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, Special Selection Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize and a fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes of liquorice associated with hints of crushed strawberry, crushed redcurrant as well as fine hints cornflower, violet and cardamom. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes

of fleshy cassis, liquorice and small notes of crushed Boysen berry associated with fine touches of raspberry, small black fruits as well as fine hints of violet and tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

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

Caymus - Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of small wild black berries associated with touches of flowers, iris, black olive as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and coffee. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, power, elegance as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black plum, fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of cocoa, coffee and liquorice stick. Tannins are precise and structuring. Good length.

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

Caymus - Zinfandel 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize and a small richness. It reveals notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of cooked blueberry associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of liquorice stick and very discreet hints of violet. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers juiciness/freshness as well as a mineral/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, black cherry and small notes of cooked/ripe blueberry associated with small touches of juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of zan, liquorice and a subtle hint of tonka bean/cocoa. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

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

Clos du Val - Estate Cabernet Franc 2016 Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers intensity and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of small red berries, cassis associated with fine touches of cocoa/mocha, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of small ripe/juicy red berries associated with fine touches of cornflower/rose, crunchy blueberry as well as fine hints of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Clos du Val - Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Hirondelle Vineyard Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition and power. It reveals notes of blackberry, strawberry and small notes of black cherry associated with small touches of wild crushed raspberry as well as hints of sens of the place, iris/lilac, Cuben pepper and discreet hints of dry tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/suave frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with small touches of raspberry, small red berries as well as fine hints of violet. Tannins are elegant and well built. Good length a beautiful

persistence.

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

Clos du Val - Petit Verdot 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, iris and small notes of crunchy red berries associated with fine touches of spices, chocolate and very discreet hints of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a good structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower/

iris, cherry, sweet spices and chocolate. Good length. Tannins are elegant and

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

Clos Du Val - SVS Estate Merlot 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of blackberry as well as a subtle hint of lilac, grey pepper as well as toasted oak. The mouth is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a good definition, a fine gourmandize as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of acidulous/juicy cassis, juicy/acidulous blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry, juicy raspberry as well as hints of tonka bean and toasted. Bonne longueur.

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

Clos du Val - Tree Graces 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, racy and offers power, finesse and deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with fine touches of raspberry, grilled oak and small notes of spices, cardamom and a very discreet hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful finesse, gourmandize as well as richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy cassis, juicy Boysen berry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of juicy Quetsche plum as well as fine touches of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A very discreet hint of grey pepper on the persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)



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Conn Creek - Anthology 2012, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of black pepper associated with fine hints of forest ground. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, small black berries as well as subtle hints of tonka bean, vanilla, toasted almond and toasted. Good length and persistence. Score: 17+/20 (94-95/100)

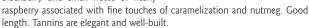
Conn Creek - Anthology 2013, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose offers power, a beautiful fine grain and a very fine freshness. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, strawberry and small notes of fleshy plum associated with fine touches of dry tobacco leaf, Cuben pepper as well as very discreet hints of underwood. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of small crushed blue fruits, violet as well as hints of mild tobacco leaf, nutmeg and very discreet hints of cardamom. Good length. Tannins are elegant. A very discreet hint of caramelization on the persistence.

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

Conn Creek - Anthology 2014, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, fruity and offers concentration and a small power. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis, cornflower and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as hints of nutmeg, tobacco leaf and a very discreet sappy hint. The mouth is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined and offers gourmandize, an acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy



Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Conn Creek - Anthology 2015, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power and a good definition. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild strawberry, small wild blue fruits as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, cardamom and a discreet hint of dry forest ground. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as fine richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small red fruits, cornflower, a subtle hint of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of cardamom. Tannins are well-built and elegant.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Conn Creek - Anthology 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain and power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small berries and small notes of liquorice associated with touches of cornflower, Sichuan pepper, raspberry as well as very discreet hints of black cherry. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, tension, a beautiful precision as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of tonka bean, nutmeg, vanilla and toasted almond. Good length and persistence on chocolate notes. Tannins are elegant.

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

Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, AVA Series

Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power and finesse. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh cassis and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, violet and fine hints of spices. The mouth offers gourmandize, a beautiful definition, generosity as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry, fleshy blueberry associated with fine touches of cocoa, nutmeg, tonka bean as well as a subtle hint of vanilla bourbon (in the background). Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence. Score: 17.25 + /20(95/100)

Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, AVA

Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, mineral and racy. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, fresh flowers and small notes of sens of the place associated with fine touches of fresh cassis, strawberry as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an acidulous/juicy frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy black cherry associated with small touches of cornflower/ iris as well as hints of sens of the place. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

Conn Creek - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, AVA Series Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant, racy and offers intensity and finesse. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, juicy/fresh black plum and small notes of strawberry associated with subtle hints of cherry, cornflower as well as discreet hints of iris. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fresh/very slightly acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of juicy

raspberry associated with small touches of juicy/fresh plum as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, nutmeg and sens of the place. Good persistence. Score: 17.25/20 (94-95/100)

Vinevard

St Helena, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine crunchiness, a fine power and elegance. It reveals notes of small berries, cherry and small notes de cassis, fresh cassis associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of mild tobacco, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers juicy/finely acidulous frame, tension as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of red berries associated with a touch of cherry, strawberry as well as fine hints of cornflower/violet and fine hints of tonka bean/chocolate/ liquorice. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good gourmand and persistence. Score: 16.5 + |20(93 - 94/100)|

Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 201 St Helena, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and elegance. It reveals notes of cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of raspberry associated with touches of cherry as well as hints of cornflower, spices and cardamom/tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity and a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as hints of tonka bean, small juicy/crunchy blue fruits and a discreet hint of nutmeg. Tannins are well-built and fine.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)



Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Kronos

Corison - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Sunbasket Vinevard

St Helena, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fleshy/juicy fruit and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy cassis, jicy blackberry and small notes of juicy small red berries associated with a hint of raspberry, violet, grey pepper as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, a good definition and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe raspberry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy/ripe cassis associated with fine touches of cornflower, strawberry, lilac as well as very discreet hints of ripe almond and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant, fine and well-built.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Corison, Helios - Cabernet Franc 2016 - Sunbasket Vinevard

St Helena, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of green pepper, cornflower as well as very fine hints of nutmeg/sweet spices and tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, suavity and a small racy power. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe wild cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as very fine hints of violet, cardamom and sweet spices.

Tannins are well-built. Good length Score: 16+/20 (92-93/100)

Darioush - Shiraz 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is racy and offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, small wild berries and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of wild red berries, very fine hints of crushed strawberry as well as hints of pepper, cloves/spices and a very discreet hints of rose. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a fine tension as well as a very fine concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe wild cassis, blackberry and small notes of crunchy wild Duckhorn Vineyards / Photo JCC

small red berries associated with small touches of grey pepper, spices as well as a subtle hint of rose. Good length and persistence. A very discreet hint of caramelization on the finish.

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

The nose is fruity and offers a small power and elegance. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, strawberry and small notes of cornflower associated with small touches of small blue fruits as well as fine hints of vanilla, mild tobacco leaf and discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of small blue fruits, cornflower as well as very fine hints of tonka bean, caramelization and a subtle hint of cardamom. Tannins are structuring

Darioush - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power (but full of finesse) as well as deepness. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh cassis, ripe/fresh blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of rose, cornflower and fine hints of graphite, chocolate and a subtle almost varietal hint. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, elegant and a beautiful finesse/delicacy as well as richness. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, elegant a beautiful finesse/delicacy as well as richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as hints of flowers and caramelization. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A good persistence on very discreet hint of bitterness.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Darioush - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers power and a fine freshness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of cocoa, grey pepper as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and cloves. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy blackberry, ripe/juicy cherry as well as fine hints of tonka bean, tobacco, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of garrigue. A very discreet chew on the persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Darioush II 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful power, a fine grain and a fine aerial side. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of violet, cornflower, small wild red berries associated with fine touches of violet, iris and hints of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis,

juicy/fleshy Boysen berry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of crunchy wild strawberry, iris as well as fine hints of tonka bean, ripe almond and nutmeg.

Tannins are elegant.

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

Dominus Estate 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful aromatic and richness. It reveals notes of ripe blackcurrant, ripe blackberry, small notes of violet associated with small touches of small blue fruits, liquorice stick, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper and a subtle hint of tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a good freshness, finesse

as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe blackcurrant, fleshy black cherry, small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with touches of small blue fruits, violet plum as well as fine hints of cornflower, tonka bean and tobacco. Good length. Very fine hints of dark chocolate and toasted hazelnut on the persistence. A very discreet hint of caramelization on the aftertaste. Score: 18/20 (96/100)



The nose is aromatic and offers a fine power, a fine grain and a small density. It reveals notes of cassis, small black berries and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of violet, zan and discreet hints of tobacco. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of small berries, liquorice stick as well as very discreet hints of violet, sens of the place and liquorice. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Duckhorn Vineyards - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration and structure. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small berries and small notes of violet, strawberry associated with fine touches of graphite, mocha and very discreet hints of mild tobacco/sweet spices. The mouth is well-balanced and offers juiciness and a small freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, Boysenberry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, iris, cornflower and hints of graphite as well as touches of Cuben pepper. Tannins are well-built and structuring.

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



Darioush - Cabernet Franc 2016 Napa Valley

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

Duckhorn Vineyards - Merlot 2016 Three Palms Vinevards

Napa Valley

The nose offers a small power/concentration and intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, fleshy black blackberry and small notes of graphite associated with fine touches of dark chocolate, violet as well as a fine hint of cornflower/ small blue fruits and an imperceptible hint of vanilla bourbon. The mouth is fruity and offers gourmandize, suavity as well as an acidulous /fine frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small nots of black plum associated with fine touches of raspberry (in the background) and hints of liquorice. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Duckhorn Vineyards - Merlot 2016, Stout Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, very finely tight and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of liquorice, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, small berries and discreet hints of tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, mineral, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a finely acidulous frame and a racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy Boysen berry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of small black berries as well as fine hints of cornflower, liquorice stick and very discreet hints of

cardamom. Tannins are structuring and racy. Score: 15.75+/20 (91-92/100)

Duckhorn Vineyards - The Discussion 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and a good definition. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of liquorice stick associated with fine touches of fresh/ripe blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of arbutus fruit. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, minerality as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black blackberry, cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of violet, ripe raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, tobacco and vanilla. Tannins are precise, well-built and elegant. Score: 16.75/20 (93-94/100)

Emmolo - Merlot 2017

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain and a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry ripe cassis and small and a fine power. Napa Valley blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of crushed red fruits as well as fine hints of violet and a discreet hint of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good juiciness, an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice stick and a subtle hint of caramelization. Tannins are well-built and racy.

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

Harlan Estate 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful minerality, a beautiful richness (but full of finesse) as well as a beautiful elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of raspberry, violet associated with fine touches of blueberry, violet as well as fine hints of cornflower, racy minerality and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, elegant, fresh, racy, suave and offers a beautiful definition / expression, a beautiful finesse, gourmandize, deepness, a beautiful density, a beautiful grain as well as a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with hints of cardamom, sens of the place, toasted as well as touches of chocolate and hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good suave and gourmand persistence.

Score: 19/20 (98/100)

Harlan Estate 2016 Napa Valley

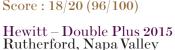
The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful freshness, deepness and a fine/racy grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, fresh cassis and small notes of small fresh wild berries associated with touches of wild strawberry, violet as well as hints of sens of the place and tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced, elegant, racy, powerful and offers a fresh frame, a beautiful definition as well as an acidulous/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/fresh cassis, fleshy/fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh cherry associated with small touches of violet, juicy violet plum as well as very discreet hints of mocha and an imperceptible hint of Bourbon vanilla (in the background). Good length. Tannins are elegant and fine. An imperceptible hint of sens of the place on the persistence. A wine you can keep.

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

Hewitt – Double Plus 2013 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, mineral, fresh and offers a beautiful deepness, a fine power and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, small blue berries and small notes of violet, lily associated with touches of cassis, cardamom as well as discreet hints of cornflower, Cuben pepper and racy minerality. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, pre-

cision, tension and a beautiful guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fresh/juicy raspberry associated with touches of lily, cornflower/blueberry as well as small hints of cherry as well as hints of chocolate and hints of bourbon vanilla. Good length and beautiful persistence. Tannins are elegant, structuring and racy.



The nose is fine, fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful quality of the fruit, deepness and a beautiful delicacy of the grain. It reveals notes of fresh/juicy blackberry, fresh/juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of racy minerality, Cuben pepper, fresh iris associated with notes of lilac/violet and very discreet hints of tea. The mouth is fruity and offers definition, richness, freshness as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry, fresh/juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of oak/toasted and discreet hints of tobacco leaves.

Good length and persistence with a fine hint of bitterness on the cocoa.

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

Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, East Elevation Calistoga, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, tension and power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of sens of the place and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of violette associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper as well as fine hints of tonka bean caramelization and a subtle hint of dry ground. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Reserve Calistoga, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition and concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of liquorice, hints of blue fruits as well as fine hints of dry oak, dry ground, racy minerality as well as fine hints of black pepper and tea. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, small wild black



berries associated with a fine touch of crushed black plum as well as small crushed wild red berries and fine hints of tobacco. Tannins are precise and very finely marked. Good length.

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

Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, West Wall Calistoga, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power, gourmandize and a very fine richness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet/iris, dry oak leaf and tonka bean as well as discreet hints of nutmeg and chocolate. The mouth is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a good definition, tension, a very fine acidulous frame as well as a juicy and ripe fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe blackberry, juicy/ripe cassis and small notes of small black fruits associated with small touches of raspberry, wild strawberry as well as fine hints of violet, spices and cardamom. Good length and persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Solaire 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power, a very fine grain and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild berries and small notes of black/

grey pepper associated with fine touches of violet, small blue fruits, spices and incense. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness and minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, small wild berries and small notes of wild blueberry associated with small touches of grey/black pepper as well as fine hints of nutmeg, flowers (rose, iris) and clove. Good length.

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

Joseph Phelps - Backus 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers power, a very fine grain and a small spicy side. It reveals Photo JCC

notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of wild strawberry, Cuben pepper as well as an imperceptible hint of clove. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/finely acidulous frame, tension, gourmandize as well as density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy small red berries, cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of rose associated with fine hints of liquorice stick, dark chocolate, caramelization as well as very discreet hints of clove. Tannins are elegant and very finely firm.

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

Joseph Phelps - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

(Estate Grown) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of cherry, cornflower and very fine hints of small blue berries as well as fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, black cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of cherry, wild strawberry as well as hints of liquorice, violet as well as subtle hints of mocha and vanilla. Good persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Joseph Phelps - Insignia 2016 Napa Valley

(Estate Grown) The nose is fruity, elegant and offers power, density and complexity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of small blue berries associated with touches of wild raspberry, cherry as well as hints of violet, rose wood and liquorice stick/tea. The mouth is fruity, mineral, fresh,

well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a slight acidulous frame as well as density/richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of crushed red berries associated with fine touches of cherry as well as hints of cornflower, lily and blueberry. Good length and persistence. Tannins are elegant, structuring and

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Levy & McClellan - Ampersand 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers subtilty as well as elegance. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of flowers, Cuben pepper and very discreet hints of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, a beautiful definition as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe cassis and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with small red berries, flowers (iris, violet and small wild flowers) as well as fine touches of tonka bean and chocolate. Good persistence. Tannins are elegant, fine and offer a subtle chew on the finish.

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

Levy & McClellan - Ampersand 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, flowery and offers elegance. It reveals notes of ripe raspberry, cornflower, iris and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cassis as well as fine hints of cardamom, sweet spices and dry oak. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize, a slight acidulous fame as well as density (but full of finesse). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and small notes of arbutus associated with fine touches of flowers (cornflower, lily, wild flowers) as well as fine hints of strawberry and small berries. Tannins are elegant and fine. Good length and persistence. A very discreet hint of dark chocolate from the 3rd



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

Levy & McClellan 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers power and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small red fruits/arbutus fruits as well as a hint of juicy blueberry, violet and dry leaf. The mouth is gourmand and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, tension as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy wild raspberry and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of juicy wild strawberry as well as hints of lily, violet and hints of sens of the place, chocolate and caramelization. A very beautiful persistence.

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

Levy & McClellan 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers a beautiful structure, complexity and a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of arbutus fruits, flowers (lilac, lily), raspberry as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg and violet. The mouth is fruity, elegant, gourmand and offers a good definition, a great structure as well as a beautiful fruit. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy raspberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with a fine touch of juicy blueberry, violet as well as hints of sens of the place and grey pepper. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly firm. Good length. A very discreet hint of cocoa and salinity on the persistence after the 3rd/4th caudalie.

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

Marston Family Vineyard - Albion 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine precision/intensity. It reveals notes of fresh yellow apple, juicy/fresh lemon and small notes of Mirabelle plum associated with fine hints of juicy/fresh pear. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of Mirabelle, lychee and a hint of jam/appricot. Good length and acidulous persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Marston Family Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers juiciness and freshness. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with touches of small crushed blue fruits as well as a hint of black plum, violet and sens of the place. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, an acidulous frame as well as a beautiful tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry as well as discreet hints of red berries, liquorice and mild tobacco leaf. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Marston Family Vineyard - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley

Marston Family Vineyard - Petit Sirah 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize and a fine generosity. It reveals notes of cherry, ripe raspberry and small notes of juicy/ fleshy violet plum associated with fine touches of violet, fine hints of blackberry and very fine hints of ripe/fleshy red currant as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg/spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful suavity/Fat as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of juicy/acidulous violet plum as well as hints of liquorice. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A very beautiful wine. $Score: 17.25/20 \ (94-95/100)$

Melka - Métisse 2016 Napa Valley

(Juming Goat Vineyard)The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of tonka bean associated with small touches of violet, crunchy red berries and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful guideline as well as a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, small juicy/fleshy red fruits and small notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry associated with hints of violet, juicy blueberry and chocolate. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Napa Nook 2016 Yountville, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and offers complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe red bell pepper, cassis, small notes of racy minerality, graphite as well as notes of iris and dark chocolate. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, tension, freshness and straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe blackcurrant, fleshy blackberry, small notes of

ripe raspberry associated with fine touches of tonka bean, chocolate as well as discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are racy and precise. Good length and persistence.

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

Opus One 2014 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful complexity and intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, cassis and small notes of cherry associated with touches of wild strawberry, violet as well as hints of Sichuan pepper, fresh herbs and a fine hint of tea. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, tension, suavity as well as juiciness as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, fleshy/ripe Boysen berry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of tonka bean, chocolate, caramelization and bourbon vanilla. Tannins are elegant and fine. Good length.

Score: 19/20 (98/100)

Opus One 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, spicy and offers power, a beautiful finesse and complexity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, cornflower and small notes of juicy/ ripe cassis associated with fine touches of wild raspberry, black plum, violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg, sweet spices and subtle hint of vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, finesse as well as a fine richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of cornflower associated with touches of strawberry, small blue fruits as well as hints of graphite, vanilla and nutmeg. Tannins are elegant. An almost saline persistence which gives suavity.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Overture Napa Valley

(NV) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine power/concentration. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of strawberry, small blue berries as well as fine hints of cornflower/ violet, touches of Cuben pepper and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, density and a very fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy blueberry associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as hints of tonka bean/chocolate, bourbon vanilla and cardamom (in the background). A very fine hint of chocolate on the persistence. $Score: 16.25/20 \ (92-93/100)$

Pine Ridge - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Stags Leap, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and a certain intensity. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe strawberry and small notes of ripe/ juicy cherry associated with fine touches of violet, Cuben pepper as well as fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition and a fine gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of fleshy red berries associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, caramelization and a very discreet hint of sens of the place. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Pine Ridge - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers freshness and a small power. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of graphite associated with small touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of cherry, sens of the place and very discreet hints of cocoa. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a racy minerality and a fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe blackberry, ripe/juicy raspberry as well as fine hints of cocoa. Tannins are elegant and racy.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Pine Ridge - Malbec 2017 Napa Valley

The nose offers power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of liquorice, cardamom as well as small berries and a hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of violet, small berries as well as hints of Cuben pepper and discreet hint of varietal/spices. Tannins are elegant, fine and structuring.

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

Pine Ridge - Merlot 2016 Napa Valley

The nose offers a fine power and a fine richness. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as very discreet hints of Cuben pepper and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension and a small power/concentration. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of violet, tobacco leaf and a subtle hint of cardamom. Tannins are well-built. Good length and very fine hints of caramelization on the persistence.

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

Provenance - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 - Howell Mountain Napa Valley

(Regional Exclusive) The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers a small richness and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe Boysen berry, small notes of plum associated with small touches of cornflower, liquorice stick as well as fine hints of lily/cornflower, caramelization and tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition and minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, small notes

of crushed blackcurrant as well as touches of ripe raspberry, cornflower, violet as well as very fine hints of tonka bean and toasted almond. Tannins are well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Provenance - Fortitude 2015, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers richness and deepness. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, cassis and small notes of blue fruits associated with touches of strawberry, cornflower as well as fine hints of iris, chocolate, nutmeg as well as hints of iris and an imperceptible hint of bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, suavity and deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of small blue fruits associated with touches of plum, dark chocolate, nutmeg and cardamom as well as very fine hints of bourbon vanilla and allspices. A very discreet hint of caramelization in the finish/persistence. Tannins are elegant, fine and structuring.

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

Provenance - Sleeping Lady Vineyard 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Yountville, Napa Valley

The nose offers freshness, a small power as well as a fine richness and deepness. It reveals notes of cassis, ripe strawberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of blackberry, ripe cherry as well as hints of cornflower, cardamom, mild tobacco leaves and an imperceptible hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a fine juiciness as well as an acidulous frame and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry

associated with small touches of violet plum as well as subtle hint of cornflower, graphite and violet plum. Tannins are precise, structuring and elegant.

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

Quintessa 2013 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, elegant and offers a fine unctuosity. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, black plum and small notes of crushed cassis associated with touches of ripe strawberry, very ripe red berries as well as hints of violet, graphite and subtle hints of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, concentration, richness, a very fine acidulous frame as well as unctuosity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed cassis, very ripe wild blackberry and small notes of very ripe strawberry associated with touches of raspberry, small red berries as well as hints of violet, Cuben pepper and Bourbon vanilla. Good length.

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Quintessa 2014 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, powerful and offers richness but full of finesse and deepness. It reveals notes of wild cassis, Boysen berry and small notes of black plum associated with touches of green pepper, raspberry as well as hints of liquorice stick, tobacco and fine hints of Cuben pepper. The mouth

is beautifully mineral/juicy and offers tension, precision, a fine acidulous frame and richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of fleshy/juicy black cherry associated with touches of raspberry, cornflower, blueberry, fine hints of fresh flowers, mocha/cocoa as well as discreet hints of sugared mild tobacco and cloves. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence.

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



The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, intensity and precision. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black

blackberry and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of wild strawberry, ripe/crushed redcurrant as well as hints of racy minerality, Cuben pepper and cornflower. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, precision, gourmandize, tension, an acidulous frame as well as deepness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, cassis and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of raspberry, cherry as well as hints of black plum, violet and fine hints of iris. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length and persistence.

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

Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, well-balanced and offers power. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, fleshy/ripe Boysen berry and small notes of rope raspberry associated with small touches of violet as well as fine hints of nutmeg and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, gourmandize as well as a fine fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with small touches of wild strawberry, small wild berries as well as discreet hints of cedar and mild tobacco. Good length and persistence. Tannins are structuring.

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

Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Spotlight Collection Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fine and offers a fine freshness and a racy minerality. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of ripe/fresh blueberry, cornflower as well as



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discreet hints of Cuben pepper and sweet spices/clove. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers juiciness, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of blueberry, violet as well as fine hints of cardamom/nutmeg and local forest ground. Tannins are elegant. An imperceptible hint of dry almond on the persistence.

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

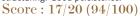
Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, The Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of violet, Sichuan pepper as well as discreet hints of sweet spices, nutmeg and a very discreet hint of mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, juicy, elegant and offers gourmandize, a good definition as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of red berries, violet as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and cardamom/nutmeg. Tannins are elegant.

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

Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015, The Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of wild raspberry, small wild red berries as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and vanilla/ mild tobacco. The mouth is fruity, gourmand and offers a fine creaminess. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and offers strawberry associated with small touches of violet, cornflower as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper, fresh nutmeg and mild tobacco. Good length. Tannins are structuring. Good persistence.





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Robert Mondavi - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, The Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers a small intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes wild fresh cassis, wild raspberry and small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine touches of small wild berries as well as fine hints of violet/iris as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and a very discreet hint of dry tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful definition as well as suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, ripe black cherry and small notes of fleshy/juicy raspberry associated with small touches of violet, tobacco leaf as well as discreet hints of cocoa/coffee. Tannins are structuring but a bit dry.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Robert Mondavi - HWC 2012 Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is elegant and offers a small power, a beautiful finesse, intensity as well as a small deepness. It reveals notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy strawberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of tobacco, vanilla and discreet hints of caramelization (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, precision as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe Boysen berry and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of plum as well as fine hints of cornflower and fine hints of tonka bean. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Robert Mondavi - Pinot Noir 2015, Reserve Carneros, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, racy and offers a small intensity. It reveals notes of fresh/crunchy red cherry, fresh/crunchy raspberry and small notes of fresh/crunchy blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as a subtle hint of cardamom and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with small touches of violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and a subtle hint of sugared mild tobacco. Tannins are well-built. A fine power on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Robert Mondavi - To Kalon 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers complexity, a fine grain and complexity. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild cassis and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with touches of arbutus, crushed strawberry as well as hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as tension (but full of richness). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with touches of arbutus and fine hints of dry almond.

A fine chew on the finish.

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

Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Franc 2015, Winemaker Series Napa Valley

The nose offers a fine power and concentration. It reveals notes of ripe/juicy blackberry, juicy blueberry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of cherry, cornflower as well as very fine hints of rose and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, tension and a fine structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, small juicy blue

fruits and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of cherry as well as fine hints of tonka bean, chocolate and very discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are very finely marked.

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

Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine power and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, black berries and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet, liquorice stick as well as a discreet hint of cocoa, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of tobacco. The mouth is fruity and offers freshness, minerality and a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of juicy/fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of cassis /violet as well as very fine hints of cardamom and cocoa. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

Sequoia Grove - Cabernet Sauvignon Atlas Peak 2015, Stagecoach Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, racy and offers a small power, a fine grain and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, cornflower and small notes of small wild blue berries associated with touches of racy minerality, strawberry as well as hints of Cuben pepper and fine hints of chocolate. The mouth is fresh, mineral, racy and offers a mineral/fresh frame and a beautiful grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of small blue fruits as well as touches of tonka bean, flowers (cornflower, violet), chocolate and discreet hints of cardamom. Beautiful persistence on cocoa hints.

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

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Sequoia Grove - Cambium 2015 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration and a small freshness. It reveals notes of very ripe blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of small ripe blue fruits associated with a touch of violet, raspberry as well as fine hints of toasted, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, density/richness and a fine guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of very ripe cassis, very ripe blackberry as well as hints of liquorice stick associated with hints of liquorice stick, cardamom and tonka bean. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Very discreet hints of dark chocolate and dry almond on the persistence.

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

Spottswoode - Cabernet Sauvingon 2016 St. Helena, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, deepness. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe cassis, small notes of small wild berries asso-

ciated with fine touches of cedar, violet/lilac as well as discreet hints of tobacco leaf. The palate is fruity and offers freshness, juiciness and a beautiful definition full of finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe griotte, juicy/ripe blackberry, small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, small blue fruits, juicy raspberry as well as very fine touches of cedar and sens of the place. Good length. Tannins are elegant.

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

Spottswoode, Lyndenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

The nose offers power, freshness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, small wild berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of arbutus, fresh ground and liquorice stick. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, elegance as well as a finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh black cherry, juicy/fresh blackberry as well as hints of liquorice, tonka bean and an imperceptible hint of mild tobacco and fresh forest ground. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Staglin Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, frutiy and offers a beautiful intensity. It reveals notes of ripe blackcurrant, wild blackberry, small notes of violet associated with touches of ripe blueberry as well as fine hints of

Cuben pepper, cardamom and a very discreet hint of nutmeg and tea. The palate is beautifully elegant, gourmand and offers a beautiful definition, precision, tension as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis, juicy/ripe blueberry, small notes of juicy Boysen berry associated with touches of fresh raspberry, small fresh/juicy red berries as well as fine hints of violet, cornflower and very discreet hints of chocolate. Good length and persistence on notes of coffee.

Score: 19/20 (98/100)

Staglin Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose offers power, complexity and a beautiful intensity. It reveals notes of wild blackcurrant, small black berries, small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of Sichuan pepper, violet and sens of the place. The palate is beautiful defined and offers tension, an acidulous/juicy frame, a beautiful tension and richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackcurrant, fleshy blackberry, small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of chocolate, fleshy raspberry as well as touches of violet/laurel, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of violet/laurel. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good persistence which brings power.

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

Staglin Family Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, structuring and offers a fine power and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe blackcurrant, blackberry, small notes of small wild black fruits associated with fine touches of violet, hints of Cuben pepper and graphite. 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 cassis, juicy blackberry, small notes of juicy plum, tobacco leaf as well as discreet hints of sens of the place and violet. A beautiful persistence with a subtle hint of caramelization and a hint clove.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - 2016 Cask 23 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, power, well-built and offers a beautiful grain, elegance and expression. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, wild cassis and small notes of ripe

strawberry associated with fine touches of cornflower, crushed ripe redcurrant as well as discreet hints of nutmeg/spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, minerality, density as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of small crushed red berries as well as a subtle hint of cornflower, local vegetation and moka. Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

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

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Artemis 2017, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition and a fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of cassis and small notes of dry local vegetation associated with fine touches of ripe cherry, strawberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ finely acidulous frame, precision, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of small ripe/juicy red fruits as well as fine hints of cocoa, liquorice stick and nutmeg. Good length. Tannins are well-built.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Fay 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers intensity, a fine concentration and minerality. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with a touch of cherry as well as hints of nutmeg, tobacco leaves and a discreet hint of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackberry, juicy cassis and small notes of wild raspberry associated with small touches of violet, small wild berries as well as fine hints of violet and a subtle hint of almond. A very fine chew and a hint of vanilla on the persistence.

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

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - SLV 2016, Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, mineral, racy and offers a fine intensity and a small freshness. It reveals notes of raspberry, strawberry, fresh cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of liquorice, juicy/ripe small blue fruits as well as hints of cornflower and sens of the place. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, fresh and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of blueberry/blue fruits as well as fine hints of vanilla, tonka bean, nutmeg and subtle hints of sens of the place. Good length.

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

St Supéry - Élu 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small juiciness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a fine touch of small blue fruits, graphite and discreet hints of cornflower. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with touches of blue fruits, cornflower as well as hints of caramelization, chocolate and bourbon vanilla. Good length.

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

St Supéry - Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Dollarhide Napa Valley

The nose is mineral and offers power and intensity. It reveals notes of black blackberry, small black fruits associated with touches of violet, grey pepper as well as fine hints of small ripe red berries and fine hints of liquorice stick.

The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers freshness, minerality as well as a beautiful definition, power as well as finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, small wild red fruits as well as fine hints of cocoa and fine hints of ripe almond. Tannins are elegant.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

St Supéry - Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers power, a fine grain and intensity. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and small notes of blackberry associated with small fine touches of cherry flowers, small black fruits as well as hints of liquorice, graphite and fine hints of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, minerality and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, strawberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of raspberry, cornflower, iris as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and sweet spices. Tannins are elegant

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

St Supéry - Merlot 2016 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, powerful, elegant and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain and power. It reveals notes of cassis, violet and small notes of blackberry associated wth fine touches of blueberry as well as hints of strawberry, fine hints of Sichuan pepper and discreet hints of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness, definition, roundness and gourmandize. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of black cherry, black blackberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of cornflower, blueberry as well as fine hints of chocolate, Bourbon vanilla and very discreet hints of caramelization.

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

The Debate - Cabernet Franc 2017, Sleeping Lady Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, powerful and offers elegance and a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cassis associated with touches of small blue fruits, a hint of iris as well as fine hints of Timut pepper and sens of the place. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of blueberry/juicy plum as well as fine hints of cornflower, crushed strawberry and caramelization. Tannins are precise, elegant and structuring.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)

The Debate - Cabernet Franc 2017, Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a beautiful power and finesse. It reveals notes of ripe/fresh cassis, fresh blueberry and small notes of fleshy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, grey pepper and a discreet hint of cardamom. The mouth is fresh, fruity, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous/juicy frame, tension as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of liquorice, dark chocolate as well as hints of cornflower, lily as well as fine hints of liquorice and graphite. Good persistence.

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

The Debate - Cabernet Franc 2017, Stagecoach Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers power and a small concentration. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild cassis and small notes of violet, fresh blueberry as well as very discreet hints of mild tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful juicy frame as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy cassis, blackberry and small notes of rip raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry as well as a subtle hint of fresh cornflower, arbutus fruit and caramelization. Tannins are elegant, racy and well-built. Good length and persistence.

Score: 18/20 (96/100)

The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Artalade Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers intensity and power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of violet, discreet hints of iris and fine hints of Timut pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a beautiful guideline as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of black cherry associated with fine touches of cornflower, violet as well as fine hints of tonka bean. Tannins are elegant, structuring and racy. A very discreet hint of cocoa and caramelization on the persistence. Score: 17.25 + 20 (95/100)

The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Denali Vineyard

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The nose is fresh, elegant and offers intensity, power and a good definition. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild blackberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of grey pepper, fresh/ripe plum and very fine hints of violet/vanilla. The mouth is fruity, fresh and offers a good definition, juiciness and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of cherry/griotte as well as hints of violet, liquorice stick as well as very discreet hints of sens of the place. A very discreet hint of coffee on the persistence/finish. $Score: 17.75/20 \ (95-96/100)$

The Debate - Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Sacrashe Vineyard Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, mineral and offers tension as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of crunchy blueberry as well as hints of zan, tobacco leaf and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, juicy cassis and small notes of ripe/juicy blueberry associated with small touches of red berries as well as fine varietal hints, fresh flowers and small hints of minerality. Good length and persistence. Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Turnbull - Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose offers freshness, a fine concentration and a small power. It reveals notes of very ripe cassis, violet and small notes of very ripe blackberry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as hints of timut pepper and very fine hints of green cardamom. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous, tension and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of very ripe/fleshy cassis, fleshy violet and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of crushed blueberry, very ripe wild strawberry, iris as well as hints of leather, tobacco and a subtle hint of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Turnbull - Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a racy minerality. It reveals notes of fresh cassis and small notes of wild fresh blackberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as discreet hints of strawberry and crushed/ripe redcurrant. The mouth is fruity, juicy, gourmand and offers a good definition, a fine grain as well as a certain finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe cassis, fleshy/ripe black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with hints of violet and tonka bean. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Turnbull - Pierra 2015 Oakville, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a small concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small blue fruits cornflower as well as hints of racy minerality, graphite, tonka bean and touches of sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced, racy and offers an acidulous frame as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, fleshy cassis and small notes of fleshy blackberry associated with touches of cornflower, small blue fruits as well as crunchy/juicy strawberry as well as subtle hints of tonka bean.

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



VGS Château Potelle - Syrah 2016 Mount Veeder, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers deepness and power. It reveals notes of small berries, cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of nutmeg, subtle hints of juicy/ripe red fruits, flowers and discreet hints of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of flowers, discreet hints of lilac/cornflower and hints of tonka bean. Good length. Tannins are elegant. Score: 15.75/20 (91-92/100)

VGS Château Potelle - Potelle Two 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, spicy and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of grey/green pepper associated with touches of small wild berries, nutmeg and spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness as well as precision and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, juicy/crunchy cassis and small notes of small wild berries associated with touches of crunchy raspberry as well as hints of cherry, sens of the place and green pepper. Tannins are precise and structuring.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

VGS Château Potelle - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Wildcat Mountain Vineyard Mount Veeder, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, racy and offers concentration, a fine grain, elegance and power. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and crushed wild strawberry associated with touches of small wild berries, Cuben pepper as well as fine hints of violet, nutmeg and tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers a good freshness, a mineral/finely acidulous frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe wild cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of raspberry, cherry as well as discreet hints of graphite, sens of the place and cocoa. Tannins are elegant. A beautiful persistence on mild tobacco/caramelization notes. Good length.

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

ZD - Pinot Noir 2018, 50th Anniversary Carneros, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers small intensity/concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, cassis and small notes of fleshy plum associated with fine touches of violet as well as a hint of strawberry, fresh cherry and nutmeg/tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, tension and juiciness as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, blackberry and small notes of plum associated with fine

> touches of fleshy raspberry. Tannins are well-built.

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

ZD Wines - Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Napa Valley

The nose offers a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis, vanilla associated with touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of violet, toasted and discreet hints of crushed small bleu fruits as well as very discreet hints of cardamom and a subtle hint of toasted hazelnut. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a fine sua-

vity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and cherry associated with touches of violet, vanilla, toasted as well as very fine hints of cornflower and a subtle hint of green cardamom. Tannins are structuring. Score: 15.25+/20 (90-91/100)

ZD Wines - Pinot Noir 2009 Carneros, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine deepness. It reveals notes of cherry, plum and small notes of ripe raspberry associated with touches of ripe blackberry as well as fine hints of cornflower and very discreet hints of humus and tea. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, finesse as well as structure and elegance. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, ripe plum and small notes of dry violet, tobacco leaves and discreet hints of racy minerality. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet hint of chocolate and toasted hazelnut on the persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

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WHITE WINES

Alpha Omega - 1155 Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and well-built. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe lemon, zests and small notes of fresh apple associated with fine touches of kumquat and a discreet hint of grapefruit. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/acidulous lemon, ripe/acidulous mandarine and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of crunchy pineapple and fresh lychee. Good length.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Alpha Omega - Chardonnay 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers intensity as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh citrus and small notes of fresh zests associated with fine touches of flint as well as fine hints of butter. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a beautiful definition as well as an acidulous/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, crushed Mirabelle and small notes of lemon associated with small touches of fresh William pear as well as fine hints of butter and bee wax. Good length. An imperceptible hint of almond on the persistence.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Alpha Omega - Chardonnay Reserve 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers gourmandize and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of yellow plum, fleshy/ripe Reine Claude plum, quince and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of lemon flower and a discreet hint of mandarine flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a juicy/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crushed Reine Claude plum, pear and small notes of fleshy yellow apple associated with very fine hints of guenette, mandarine flowers and bee wax/ butter. Good length. A beautiful persistence

with a very discreet hint of toasted/toasted almond. Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

AXR - Ganzin Chardonnay 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh/ripe kumquat and small notes of yellow plum associated with fine hints of zests and very fine hints of spices. The mouth is fruity, elegant, fresh, fine, racy and offers a beautiful definition, finesse of the grain as well as fat as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, ripe quince and small notes of fleshy/fresh yellow peach associated with small touches of ripe kumquat as well as fine hints of yellow apple and a very discreet hint of bee wax (in the background). Good length. An imperceptible hint of vanilla on the persistence. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Clos Du Val - Estate Chardonnay 2017, Gran Val Vinevard

Carneros, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of juicy peach associated with fine touches of mandarine blossom and a discreet hint of fresh grapefruit. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers fat, suavity, a slight acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, fleshy peach and small notes of fleshy/ripe lemon associated with fine touches of white grapefruit as well as very fine hints of toasted almond. An imperceptible hint of chocolate on the persistence/aftertaste. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Darioush - Shahpar 2012, Late Harvest Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied peach and small notes of candied vine peach associated with fine touches of candied orange zests and very fine hints of green apple and candied ginger. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied pineapple and small notes of candied peach associated with small touches of candied apple as well as fine hints of vine peach flowers, green apple as well as a subtle hint of toasted almond/hazelnut. Good length.

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

Darioush - Viognier 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and racy. It reveals notes of small yellow fruits, brugnon and small notes of varietal associated with very fine hints of minerality. The mouth is fruity, well, mineral, well-balanced and offers fat and an acidulous/mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, fleshy/juicy Mirabelle and small notes of brugnon associated with touches of apple, varietal as well as very discreet hints of flowers and butter. Good length.

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

Duckhorn Vineyard - Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of zests, green apple and small notes of

exotic fruits (quenette, passion fruit) associated with fine hints of fresh lychee and an imperceptible hint of flint. The mouth is fruity and offers fat, gourmandize and a very fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lychee, zests and small notes of exotic fruits/quenette, nectarine associated with fine touches of apple. Good length.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Galerie, Naissance -Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, very discreetly tight and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe

lemon, zests, small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of juicy pink lychee associated with discreet hints of racy minerality. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, tension, precision as well as a beautiful fine grain. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy mandarine, small notes of juicy kumquat associated with fine touches of fresh apple and discreet hints of juicy/fleshy vine peach.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Jericho Canyon Vineyard - Sauvignon Blanc 2018

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of fresh/fleshy peach and small notes of crunchy apple associated with fine touches of fresh pear as well as subtle hints of fresh lychee and local vegetation. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a good definition, tension, precision and a fine fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh lemon, fresh apple and small notes of crunchy/fresh peach associated with small touches of fresh kumquat as well as discreet hints of quince and an imperceptible hint of fresh eucalyptus. Good length.

Score: 15.5 + /20 (91/100)

Robert Mondavi - Fumé Blanc 2015, Reserve To Kalon Vineyard

Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small crunchiness and a beautiful freshness. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh apple, juicy pear and small notes of juicy lemon associated with fine touches of white flowers and a discreet hint of fresh kumquat. The mouth is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a small fat as well as a good

Napa Valley White

definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fresh/ripe lemon associated with fine touches of white flowers and a discreet hint of fresh kumquat. The mouth is fruity, fresh and offers minerality, a small fat and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fresh lemon, vine peach and small notes of fresh apple associated with small touches of fresh quenette. Good length. A very fine firmness on the persistence.

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

Robert Mondavi - Chardonnay 2017, Reserve Carneros, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of fleshy apple, fleshy pear and small notes of juicy/fresh quince associated with fine touches of lemon. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy pear, nectarine and small notes of juicy/fresh lychee associated with fine touches of juicy lemon. Good length persistence.

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

Joseph Phelps - Sauvignon Blanc 2018 St Helena, Napa Valley

(Estate Grown) The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity/ freshness. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, crushed peach and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine touches of lemon zests. The mouth is fruity, elegant, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse, fat and a fine grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe apple and small notes of papaya associated with a hint of toasted almond. Good length.

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

Provenance - Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a small freshness and powerful. It reveals notes of lemon, quenette, small notes of zests associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of mesocarp. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers and juicy/finely acidulous frame, fat and tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed burgnon, crushed apple, small notes of kumquat associate with touches of quenette, pink lychee as well as fine hints of racy minerality. Good persistence with discreet hints of toasted and toasted almond.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Seguoia Grove - Chardonnay 2016 Carneros, Napa Valley

The nose is slightly on the hold and offers freshness and minerality. It reveals notes of quince, Reine Claude plum and small notes of yellow peach associated with fine touches of flowers, honeysuckle and an imperceptible hint of butter. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, tension, a fine guideline and fat. In the mouth

this wine expresses notes of fleshy Mirabelle, fleshy brugnon and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a subtle touch of quince/lemon as well as fine hints of butter and toasted brioche. Good length.

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

Sequoia Grove - Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Winemaker Series

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small freshness and a fine minerality. It reveals notes of juicy/fresh lemon, juicy/fresh green apple and small notes of vine peach associated with fine touches of mandarine mesocarp and an imperceptible hint of grapefruit. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, a fine tension and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of green apple, lemon and small notes of clementine zests associated with small touches of crunchy/juicy vine peach as well as a discreet hint of crunchy pineapple and a discreet hint of fresh grapefruit. Good length. An imperceptible chew on the finish/persistence.

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

Stag's Leap_Wine Cellars - Aveta 2018, Sauvignon Blanc

Napa Valley

It reveals notes of exotic fruits, pink lychee and small notes of flowers (lemon blossom, mandarine blossom and rose) associated with fine touches of ripe lemon and ripe grapefruit. The mouth is fruity, fresh and offers an acidulous frame as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh lemon, exotic fruits and small notes of juicy mandarine associated with fine touches of crunchy pineapple as well as hints of flowers. Good length.

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

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars - Karia 2017, Chardonnay

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a small freshness and crunchiness. It reveals notes of peach pear, fleshy/juicy peach and small notes of ripe/juicy lemon associated with fine touches of quince, fresh apple and an imperceptible hint of ripe pineapple. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/

> fresh frame as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy apple, quince and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of lychee/quenette as well as fine hints of small lychee (in the background).

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

Staglin Family Vineyard - Estate Chardonnay 2017

Rutherford, Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize and a small richness. It reveals notes of juicy/Fresh Mirabelle plum, juicy/Fresh quince, small notes of pear associated with small touches of small crushed yellow fruits as well as small hints of butter, toasted and a subtle hint of flowers. The palate is fresh, juicy, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, tension, precision as well as a fine/acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous mirabelle plum, juicy quince, small notes of lemon associated with small touches of juicy lemon, juicy/fleshy pear, peach as well as fine hints of lychee/ quenette, butter and vanilla. A beautiful persistence.

Score: 17.75 95-96/100)

St Supéry - Estate Moscato 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of crystallized lemon, crystallized apple and small notes of crystallized mandarine associated with fine touches of pineapple and discreet hints of flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/gourmand frame, precision as well as a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of lemon, ripe vine peach associated with touches of crystallized apple as

well as fine touches of sugared pineapple, quenette and subtle hints of mandarine flowers.

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

St Supéry - Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers crunchiness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy/juicy peach, fresh apple and small notes of fresh lemon associated with fine hints of crunchy pear, a subtle hint of lemon flowers and an imperceptible hint of grapefruit mesocarp. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/very finely tight frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, ripe/juicy vine peach and small notes of sugared pink grapefruit associated with a fine touch of exotic fruits as well as a fine hint of mandarine flowers. Good length and persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)





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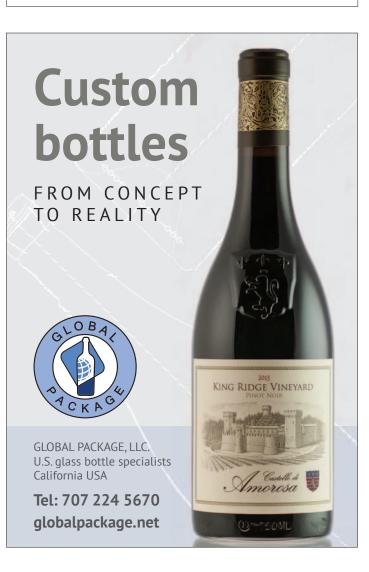


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Napa Valley White

St Supéry - Estate Virtú 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small deepness. It reveals notes of apple flowers, fresh apple and small notes of lemon flowers associated with fine touches of ripe/juicy white grapefruit as well as fine hints of quenette and mandarine zests. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness and a fine juicy/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lychee, juicy green apple and small notes of juicy vine peach associated with fine hints of quenette as well as fine hints of exotic fruits and a discreet hint of sugared pink grapefruit. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

St Supéry - Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Dollarhide

Napa Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine power and a small density. It reveals notes of crunchy vine peach, zests and small notes of apple associated with small touches of juicy/fresh lemon as well as very fine hints of quenette, flowers and subtle hints of racy minerality. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, gourmandize as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy mandarine and small notes of crunchy/juicy vine peach associated with fine touches of zests, a subtle hint of pink grapefruit as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of rose (in the background).

Score: 16.5+/30 93-94/100)

Toquade – Sauvignon Blanc 2016 Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and beautifully built. It reveals notes of lemon and exotic fruits associated with a slight touch of ripe mandarine, a slight touch of ripe / sweet grapefruit as well as a subtle hint of quenette. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a nice fat, a beautiful definition, an acid frame, a beautiful suavity, a slight unctuosity, gourmandise as well as a good matter. On the palate this wine expresses fine notes of ripe exotic fruits, ripe peach, ripe lemon and slight notes of ripe mandarine associated with a touch of sweet grapefruit, apple and a discreet note of lime zests. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Turnbull - Sauvignon Blanc 2018 - Oakville Napa Valley

The nose is fresh. It reveals notes of fresh lemon, fresh green apple and small notes of fresh mesocarp associated with a discreet hint of crunchy peach. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/slightly acidulous frame as well as a fine minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, fleshy/juicy vine peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of juicy/fresh mandarine as well as fine hints of quenette/exotic fruits. Good length.

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

VGS Château Potelle - Chardonnay 2017 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh/ripe lemon, fresh quince and small notes of juicy/fresh Reine Claude associated with fine touches of zests and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful definition and finesse/a beautiful grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy quince, ripe lemon and small notes of fleshy golden apple and small notes of fleshy/crushed yellow plum associated with fine hints of butter, toasted and a subtle hint of ripe almond. Good length.

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

ZD Wines - Rosa Lee Chardonnay 2018 Napa Valley

The nose is fresh and offers a fine tension. It reveals notes of fresh apple, crunchy pear and small notes of varietal/flowers as well as discreet hints of lemon and a very discreet hint of zests. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers roundness, suavity and a fine acidulous/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy pear, crunchy brugnon and small notes of yellow apple associated with fine touches of small yellow plum as well as hints of varietal/papaya.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

California

RED WINES

Acaibo 2015

Sonoma

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine racy minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of cherry/griotte associated with fine touches of grilled bread, violet, racy local vegetation as well as a subtle hint of sens of the place and very discreet hints of chocolate. The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a good definition, a mineral/fresh frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fresh cassis, juicy/fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh/juicy red cherry associated with fine touches of small red berries and subtle hints of chocolate and liquorice.

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

Acaibo 2016

Sonoma

The nose is fruity, structuring and powerful. It reveals notes of blackberry, cherry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of violet, pepper and a discreet sappy hint. The palate is fruity, elegant and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of red cherry, juicy/fleshy raspberry and small notes of small red berries, blueberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as a very discreet hint of liquorice, chocolate and vanilla. Good

length. Tannins are elegant. A very discreet hint of cocoa/dark chocolate and a hint of grilled hazelnut on the persistence.

Score:16.25+/20 (93/100)

Caymus-Suisun – Grand Durif 2017 Suisun Valley, California

(Petite Syrah) The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, blueberry and Bigarreau cherry associated with fine touches of small ripe red berries associated with fine hints of liquorice stick, tobacco leaf and Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes Photo AXR

of juicy cherry, juicy cassis and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine hints of violet/iris as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean. Tannins are structuring and racy. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Darioush – Pinot Noir 2017 Russian River, Sonoma

The nose is fruity, frank and offers power and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of small berries, black plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper and discreet hints of spices and racy minerality/flint. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, suavity as well as roundness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of strawberry as well as fine

hints of violet and lily. Tannins are elegant. $Score: 16.25 + /20 \ (93/100)$

Goldeneye – Ten Degrees – Pinot Noir 2016 Anderson Valley, Sonoma

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers concentration and a fine tension. It reveals notes of black cherry, black plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of ripe raspberry as well as fine touches of cornflower, a subtle hint of liquorice and caramelization/chocolate. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness as well as an acidulous/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy black cherry, juicy blackberry and small notes of juicy violet plum associated with touches of liquorice stick as well as fine touches of wild raspberry and chocolate. Tannins are well-built and finely structuring.

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

Joseph Phelps – Pinot Noir 2016, Pastorale Vineyard Sonoma Coast

(Estate Grown) The nose is elegant and offers freshness, a beautiful finesse of the grain and intensity. It reveals notes of juicy Boysen berry, juicy/ripe Quetsche plum and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of wild raspberry, cherry as well as hints of rose, cornflower and very fine hints of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, gourmandize as well as a juicy/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of Gariguette cherry as well as a subtle hint of red cherry, cornflower, lilac and very fine hints of racy minerality/sens of the place. Good length. Tannins are elegant. A beautiful wine!

Score: 16.75 + 20 (94/100)

Melka – Majestique 2016, Paderewski Vineyard Paso Robles, California

(100% Syrah) The nose is fruity, racy and offers power and finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of wild cassis, small wild berries and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small berries as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, tobacco and very discreet hints of green cardamom. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a very fine density as well as a beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe cassis and juicy raspberry associated with fine touches of violet,

cornflower and very fine hints of small blue berries. Tannins are fine, elegant and offers a beautiful structure.

Score: 17.25+/20 (95/100)



Melka – Mekerra 2015 Knights Valley, Sonoma

(La Mekerra Vineyard) The nose is fruity and offers power and a beautiful fine grain. It reveals notes of violet, blackberry and small notes of cornflower associated with small touches of juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of lilac, fresh raspberry as well as hints of liquorice stick and Timut pepper. The mouth is wellbalanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize, a juicy/acidulous frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of

juicy/fresh blackberry, juicy/fresh cassis and small notes of fresh/juicy strawberry associated with small touches of fresh blueberry as well as very fine hints of fresh/juicy raspberry and fine hints of lilac. Tannins are structuring and elegant. Score: 17+/20 (94-95/100)

MerSoleil – Reserve Pinot Noir 2017 Santa Lucia Highlands

The nose is fresh and offers a fine intensity and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of cassis leaf associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of liquorice and discreet hints of graphite. The mouth is fruity, juicy, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black plum, black cherry and small notes of wild black blackberry associated with fine touches of red cherry/raspberry as well as hints of tonka bean and liquorice stick. Tannins are well-built. Good length.

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

VGS Château Potelle – CSC 2016, Collection

Fountain Grove District, Sonoma

The nose offers concentration, deepness and power. It reveals notes of fresh Boysen berry, fresh wild cassis and small notes of violet associated with a touch of iris as well as fine hints of nutmeg, Bigarreau cherry and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, tension and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, juicy/fleshy blackberry and small notes of fleshy/juicy strawberry associated with small touches of cassis, Bigarreau cherry as well as fine hints of caramelization and a subtle hint of violet.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

California

VGS Château Potelle – Zinfandel 2016, Atlas Vista Vinevard

Moon Mountain, Sonoma

The nose is beautifully concentrated and offers finesse, power and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, black cherry and small wild berries associated with fine touches of strawberry, varietal as well as very discreet hints of grey pepper, nutmeg and spices. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse and delicacy. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy black cherry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet, small wild berries as well as subtle hints of liquorice stick and tobacco leaf. Tannins are elegant and offers a good length. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

VGS Château Potelle – Zinfandel 2017, Atlas Vista Vineyard

Moon Mountain, Sonoma

The nose is powerful, fruity and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe Boysen berry, raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with fine touches of ripe cherry, hints of violet, rose and nutmeg. The mouth is gourmand and offers a fine richness, a beautiful definition and suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses note of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of raspberry and caramelization. Tannins are elegant and fine. A very discreet firmness/chew on the aftertaste. Score: 16.5+/20 (93-94/100)

WHITE WINES

AXR – Chardonnay 2017, Ritchie Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers minerality and a good definition. It reveals notes of yellow apple, ripe Mirabelle plum and small notes of quince associated with discreet hints of flowers as well as fine hints of brioche and bee wax. The mouth is fresh, fruity, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, a fine acidulous frame as well as freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe Mirabelle, quince and small notes of fresh pink lychee as well as touches of crushed yellow apple as well as fine hints of brioche/butter. Good length.

Score: 16.75/20 (91-92/100)

Corazón – Gewurztraminer 2016 Anderson Valley, Sonoma

The nose is fruity and offers a fine richness and a fine gourmandize. It reveals notes of quenette, exotic fruits and small notes of ripe citron (mandarine, pink grapefruit) associated with a hint of lemon flowers. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a good definition, gourmandize and a fine richness and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quenette, exotic fruits and small notes of ripe pink grapefruit, ripe lemon associated with fine hints of green apple as well as subtle hint of racy minerality.

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

Darioush – Shahpar 2012, Late Harvest Napa Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small concentration and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of candied lemon, candied peach and small notes of candied vine peach associated with fine touches of candied orange zests and very fine hints of green apple and candied ginger. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of candied lemon, candied pineapple and small notes of candied peach associated with small touches of candied apple as well as fine hints of vine peach flowers, green apple as well as a subtle hint of toasted almond/hazelnut. Good length.

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

Joseph Phelps - Chardonnay 2016, Pastorale Vineyard Sonoma Coast

The nose is fruity and offers freshness and a small intensity. It reveals notes of green peach, crunchy pear and small notes of crunchy green apple associated with fine hints of juicy quince and a very discreet hint of juicy kumquat. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good structure as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy

pear, fleshy peach and small notes of guince associated with fine hints of juicy lemon and Mirabelle. Very beautiful persistence with very discreet chew. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Melka – Mekerra 2016, Block 7 Knights Valley, Sonoma

The nose is fruity, precise, straight and offers a small straightness. It reveals notes of quince, papaya and small notes of crunchy Mirabelle associated with fine touches of yellow flowers/varietal and very fine hints of citrus. The mouth offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful tension, a vine acidulous frame as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Mirabelle plum, quince and small notes of juicy citrus as well as hints of exotic fruits, yellow fruits and butter/beeswax. Good length.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

MerSoleil – Silver Chardonnay 2017 Monterey County, California

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of fresh quince, fresh zests and small notes of crunchy nectar associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits and hints of flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, juicy/ripe quince and small notes of juicy nectarine associated with fine touches of juicy/ripe plum as well as a subtle hint fresh pineapple.

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

Quintessa – Illumination 2017 North Coast, California

-The nose offers power, intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of lemon zests, dry kumquat and small notes of fleshy pear associated with fine touches of fleshy brugnon as well as fine hints of quenette. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, definition as well as a beautiful tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe lemon and small notes yellow peach associated with small touches of fleshy pear as well as hints of guava, quenette and a subtle hint of lychee. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Quintessa – Illumination 2018 North Coast, California

The nose is fruity and offers power / intensity. It reveals notes of lemon, zest and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of ripe pear, Brugnon as well as discreet hints of exotic fruits and white pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine acidulous frame, a good definition, dynamism as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of lemon, zest and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of lychee, yellow apple as well as a subtle hint of quenette, fleshy / juicy nectar as well as an imperceptible hint of lemon flowers. Good length. An acidulous persistence.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

SpottsWoode – Sauvignon Blanc 2018 California (Napa County & Sonoma)

The nose is fruity and offers elegance and a certain deepness. It reveals notes of fresh zests, fresh apple skin and small notes of fresh peach associated with fine touches of fresh citrus and very fine hints of quenette/papaya. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful acidulous frame, finesse as well as minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy green apple and small notes of vine peach associated with very fine hints of juicy pink lychee as well as discreet hints of lemon flowers. Good length.

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

ZD – Chardonnay 2018 California

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers minerality and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of crushed Mirabelle, yellow apple and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine hints of lemon and a hint of lemon flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/Acidulous frame, tension and fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of guince, yellow apple and crushed brugnon associated with touches of exotic fruits as well as a subtle hint of mandarine flowers (in the background) and ripe lychee. Good length.

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

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Apolloni - Chardonnay 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine intensity, a fine richness as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of wild vellow plum and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of small yellow berries as well as very discreet hints of citrus (kumquat, mandarine). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers tension, fat, a very discreetly tight structure as well as fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of acidulous yellow plum and crushed/fleshy pear associated with fine touches of brugnon, small yellow berries as well as subtle hints of zests and flint/racy minerality. Good length. There are very discreet hints of butter on the persistence. Score: 15/20 (89-90/100)

Apolloni - Pinot Gris 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine richness. It reveals notes of crunchy yello plum and small notes of crunchy pear associated with very fine touches of yellow flowers/acacia as well as subtle hints of racy minerality and very a discreet/imperceptible hint of quince. The mouth is fruity, racy, well-balanced and offers minera-

lity, a good definition, a fine grain, a fine tension, freshness, fullness as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy William pear, brugnon and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of lychee and flowers. Good length and good persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Apolloni - Pinot Grigio 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a very fine intensity as well as a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of crunchy yellow plum, small crunchy berries and small notes of flat peach associated with discreet hints of white flowers

The mouth is well-halanced fruity and offers a heautiful freshness as well as a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy flat peach, crunchy apple and small notes of small acidulous yellow plum associated with very discreet flowery hints (white flowers...) and a hint of racy minerality.

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

Apolloni - Sparkling Pinot Noir $2\overline{0}15$

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small power as well as a small richness. It reveals notes of pear, quince and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine touches of brioche, toasted bread as well as a subtle hint of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity fresh and offers a fine freshness. The effervescence is fine and frank. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, fresh/crunchy William pear and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with a fine hint of fresh lemon, lemon flowers as well as discreet hints of nutmeg/sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of saline minerality (in the background). Good length.

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

Apolloni - Olivia Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012

Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant and offers a fine richness as well as a

small tension. It reveals notes of violet, plum and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of strawberry, a hint of balsamic, discreet hints of sweet spices, a very discreet hint of vanilla as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom and orange. The mouth is fruity, elegante, precise, racy and offers tension/verticality as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of violet plum, violet and small notes of cornflower associated with very fine touches of strawberry, small fresh blue fruits as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, cardamom and a subtle hint of racy minerality. Good persistence.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Apolloni - Pinot Noir 2016 Estate Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power/concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of violet associated with discreet hints of cardamom. nutmeg as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and an imperceptible hint of Sichuan pepper/tea. The mouth is fruity, mineral, elegant, precise and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, fullness, a fine grain as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of violet, discreet hints of cardamom/tonka bean, a subtle hint of vanilla and a discreet hint of tea. Tannins are eleof acacia, lime as well as a hint of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, precise and offers juiciness, tension, a fine acidulous frame, a fine fat, a good definition as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of guince, small vellow fruits and small notes of citronella associated with a hint of lemon zests, acacia as well as a subtle hint of apple (in the background) and spices.

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

Montinore Estate - L'Orange 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, fruity, precise, clear and offers a small deepness. It reveals notes of mandarine, quince and small notes of crushed peach associated with discreet hint of kumquat, a subtle hint of flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful precision, tension, an acidulous frame, a small crunchiness. freshness as well as a very fine salinity (in the background). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of mandarine, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with very fine touches of zests as well as a subtle hint of pink lychee core and an imperceptible hint of spices. An imperceptible firmness and a small sapidity on the finish. Good persistence.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)



gant and structuring. Good length. A very fine power, suavity as well as sapidity on the finish. A very discreet hint almost saline on the finish.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Apolloni - Sangiovese 2013 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of blackberry, berries and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of cherry, hints of crushed strawberry as well as discreet hints of chocolate and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, suavity, an acidulous frame, a good guideline, a fine freshness as well as a good acidulous structure. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, cassis and small notes of small black berries associated with fine touches of wild raspberry as well as a subtle hint of chocolate, olive tree and an imperceptible hint of toasted. Tannins are supple. There are hints of chocolate and persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Montinore Estate - Pinot Gris 2017

Willamette Valley

The nose os fruity and offers a small power as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, small yellow plum and small notes of zests associated with a fine touch

Montinore Estate - Almost Dry Riesling 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine grain, power and finesse. It reveals notes of quince, dry mandarine zests and small notes of quince associated with very fine touches of peach, a very discreet hint of spices and gouache. The mouth is fruity, suave, full and offers tension, a fine aerial side and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/fleshy peach and small notes of apple associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits, quenette/exotic fruits as well as a discreet hint of zests. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Montinore Estate - Reserve Müller-Thurgau 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers delicacy, power, freshness, a fine grain as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of quince, peach and small notes of zests associated with fine touches of quenette. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, elegant and offers a juicy/ acidulous frame, a good definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain, delicacy, a fine tension, a good material as well as a very fine crunchiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy mandarine and small notes of zests associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits, quenette, lychee as well as an imperceptible hint of peach flowers and juicy apple. Good persistence. There is an imperceptible hint of toasted hazelnut and an almost saline mineraity after the 2nd and 3rd caudalies. Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Borealis. - Edition 2 Willamette Valley

The nose is frank and offers power. It reveals notes of quince, crunchy white fruit and small notes of exotic fruits associated with fine hints of lemon and discreet hints of flowers and minerality. The mouth is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame and fat. In the

mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, plum associated with touches of hay and very fine hints of ripe/juicy citrus, flowers and racy minerality.

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Montinore Estate - Reserve 2016 Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, fruity, precise and offers a fine grain and elegance. It reveals notes of ripe plum, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of nutmeg and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful minerality, precision and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe plum, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with very discreet hints of dry wild strawberry and tobacco. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Montinore Estate - Plumlee Road 2016

Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, fine and offers power and a good guideline. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of violet associated with discreet hints of small black fruits. black tea as well as a discreet hint of sandal wood

and Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers juiciness, elegance and a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, black tea as well as very fine hints of spices and a subtle hint of black pepper. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Montinore Estate - Parsons' Ridge 2015

Willamette Valley The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful

precision, definition, a fine grain and a good guideline. It reveals notes of plum, blackcurrant and small notes of Sichuan pepper associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower, small wild berries as well as spices and fine hints of sens of the place. The mouth is elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful structure and power (full of finesse). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of ripe blueberry, cornflower as well as fine hints of Sichuan

pepper, Ceylan tea and discreet hints of chocolate and

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

caramelization. Good length.

Montinore Estate, Rosso di Marchesi - Quinto Atto Willamette Valley

The nose is powerful and offers minerality as well as an oxidative hint. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of small berries associated with fine touches of Cuben pepper and a subtle hint of Ceylan tea. The mouth is fruity, juicy, mineral and offers elegance, a good definition, juiciness and a fine crunchiness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy/ripe blackcurrant and small notes of juicy/ripe wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, chocolate as well as a discreet hint of caramelization and sweet spices. Tannins are well-built.

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

Montinore Estate - Graham's Block 7 2015

Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, mineral and offers a very beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe blueberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of cornflower, Cuben pepper, tobacco and fine hints of spices. The mouth is beautifully juicy/mineral, elegant and offers a beautiful definition and a very beautiful finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of raspberry, cornflower, strawberry as well as fine touches of Bourbon vanilla, caramelization and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and fine. A persistence on very discreet hints of dark chocolate.

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

Raptor Ridge - Pinot Gris 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power. It reveals notes of quince, dry zests and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of spices and discreet hints of racy minerality. The mouth is fruity and offers an acidulous/juicy frame, a good juiciness and a small tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy citrus (lemon, mandarine) and a small note of



kumquat associated with juicy peach as well as fine hints of small acidulous/crunchy plum. Good length. $Score: 14.75/20 \; (88-89/100)$

Raptor Ridge - Chehalem Moutain Grunet, Veltliner 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, racy and offers a small power and elegance. It reveals notes of racy minerality, zests and small notes of fresh apple associated with a fine touch of small crunchy yellow fruits and discreet hints of flowers and racy minerality. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe lemon, ripe/juicy quince and small notes of crunchy/juicy apple associated with fine touches of small crunchy yellow fruits as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality. Good length. Very fine hints almost toasted/vanilla hints on the persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Raptor Ridge - Pinot Noir 2015 Willamette Valley

The nose offers power, a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of crunchy violet plum, blackberry and small notes of violet associated with very fine touches of small berries, Cuben pepper, tonka bean and a very discreet hint of leather and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-

balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition and a beautiful tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of violet plum, blackberry and small notes of fine touches of crushed blackcurrant as well as hints of violet, Sichuan pepper and a very discreet hint of racy minerality. Tannins are precise and structuring.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Raptor Ridge - Pinot Noir 2017 Barrel Select

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, flowery and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of black plum, violet and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of blueberry as well as a subtle hint of strawberry, nutmeg, cardamom and discreet hints of mild tobacco/sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black plum, blueberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of chocolate, toasted/caramelization and very discreet hints of dry almond (in the background). Tannins are supple. Good length.

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

Raptor Ridge - Pinot Noir 2017 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity/aromatic and offers power, elegance, deepness and a fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, hints of cornflower, black tea and very discreet hints of sweet spices/green cardamom. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition, a beautiful grain and a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of plum, violet, acidulous blackberry and small notes of wild raspberry associated with touches of cornflower, camphor as well as a subtle hint of tobacco. A very discreet hint of cocoa and sweet spices on the persistence. Tannins are elegant and racy.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Hawks View - Pinot Gris 2018 Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is powerful and offers a fine grain but intense. It reveals notes of dry citrus, zests and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of flint/minerality, grey pepper and very discreet flowery hints. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, a beautiful structure, a good definition and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quénette, apple and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of dry zests as well as discreet hints of grey pepper and exotic fruits. $Score: 16+/20 \ (92-93/100)$

Hawks View - Chardonnay 2018 Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, fine, fruity and offers a fine concentration/power and freshness. It reveals notes of fresh quince, yellow apple and small notes of yellow plum/ Reine Claude associated with very discreet hints of fresh citrus and a discreet hint of dry fresh grapefruit zests and an imperceptible hint of butter brioche. The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers a beautiful freshness, a very small aerial side, a beautiful definition, a beautiful/elegant acidity as well as tension and harmony. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous quince, acidu-

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Oregon

lous Reine Claude plum, green apple skin, a subtle hint of roasted pineapple associated with discreet hints of racy minerality and imperceptible hints of bee wax/nutmeg. Good length. An imperceptible almost saline hint in the background/finish.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Hawks View - Pinot Noir Jack's 2017

Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers elegance, power and a good definition. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, wild plum and small notes of fresh flowers associated with very fine hints of cherry, herbs as well as discreet hints of camphor and raspberry, cornflowers and fine hints of nutmeg and spices. The mouth is fruity, racy and offers minerality, freshness, an acidulous frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, crunchylfresh plum and small notes of red berries associated with fine touches of cornflower, camphor as well as very discreet hints of toasted and sweet spices. Tannins are fine, elegant and precise.

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

Hawks View - Pinot Noir rosé

Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh and mineral. It reveals notes of fresh strawberry, fresh flowers and small notes of fresh herbs associated with very discreet hints of fresh redcurrant and a very discreet hint of crunchy peach. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, an almost aerial side, a mineral and finely acidulous frame as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of crunchy strawberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with a touch of crunchy apple as well as discreet hints of white flowers. Very fine varietal/grassy hints on the finish/persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Hawks View - Pinot Noir 2018 Sparkling Rosé Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers minerality and a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of wild raspberry, fresh plum and very fine hints of small berries associated with very fine hints of fresh flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame as well as a very frank/dynamic effervescence. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of raspberry, ripe plum and small notes strawberry associated with very fine hints of sugared cherry as well as a discreet hint of flowers. A very discreet bitterness on the persistence

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Hawks View - 2017 Barrel Select Pinot Noir

Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a beautiful elegance, a beautiful power/deepness as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain, intensity and complexity. It reveals notes of black plum, blackberry and small notes of small blue fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, hints of nutmeg, mild tobacco leaf and a discreet hint of camphor. The

mouth offers a very beautiful finesse, a beautiful definition, precision as well as richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/fleshy blackcurrant, ripe/fleshy black plum, small blue fruits associated with fine touches of cornflower, violet, fine hints of camphor, wild raspberry as well as very discreet hints of nutmeg, vanilla and spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring. A beautiful persistence with a fine power and a very discreet hint of caramelization.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Hawks View - 2017 Muirfield Block Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful power, deepness, freshness and a flowery side. It reveals notes of cherry, cornflower and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of blackberry, crunchy raspberry, rhubarb as well as hints of racy minerality, sens of the place, very fine hints of Cuben pepper, rose and an imperceptible hint of Timut pepper and caramelization. The mouth is beautifully elegant and fruity and offers suavity, fat, richness (but full of elegance), power/density as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cornflower, ripe raspberry and small notes of



small blue fruits associated with fine touches of rhubarb, plum as well as fine hints of racy minerality/sens of the place, hazelnut and very fine hints of dark chocolate/ caramelization on the finish/persistence.

Score: 17.75+/20 (96/100)

Hawk Views - 2017 Hawks Attack Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is powerful and offers straightness, a fine grain and racy minerality. It reveals notes of red berries, black-currant and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of rhubarb, flowers, fine grassy hints, Cuben pepper and fine hints of camphor. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity as well as a juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes black plum, black cherry and small notes of red berries associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as touches of violet and spcies. Tannins are supple, elegant and precise.

Score: 15.5 + |20(91/100)|

Elevée - White Pinot Noir 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity, mineral and offers a fine power. It reveals notes of fresh citrus (orange, quince) and small notes of small touches of passion fruit associated with a discreet hint of flowers and small fresh berries. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous

frame, juiciness, a good definition as well as a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, ripe grapefruit and small notes of lemon associated with fine touches of passion fruit, lychee as well as very fine touches of small berries, fleshy white fruits as well as a subtle varietal hint. An imperceptible hint almost saline and a fine firmness from the 3rd caudalie.

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

Elevée - Madrona Hill Vineyard 2016 Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, fruity and offers power and a beautiful finesse. It reveals notes of blueberry, wild blackberry and small nots of wild raspberry associated with fine touches of small red fruits, cornflowers, lily as well as hints of almost saline minerality and very discreet hints of grey pepper, tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, fresh mineral and offers a beautiful acidulous/alcaline frame, suavity, a beautiful finesse, richness/density (but full of finesse) as well as a beautiful guideline and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy plum, black cherry and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of red berries, raspberry as well as fine hints of graphite, caramelization, chocolate, cornflower/rose as well as discreet hints of tonka bean and mild tobacco leaf. Good length. Tannins are ele-

gant and bring a subtle firmness and gourmandize. A very discreet chew and a hint of ripe almond on the persistence.

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

Elevée - Elevée Vineyard 2016 Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is mineral, racy and offers a fine power, a fine suave sensation and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of wild raspberry and small notes of rose, cornflower as well as hints of green pepper and spices. The mouth is fruity, elegant, suave and offers a beautiful delicacy, defini-

tion, finesse of the grain and structure but full of finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy black-berry, fleshyljuicy plum and small notes of blackcurrant associated with touches of wild raspberry, cherry as well as hints of rose, violet, chocolate, toasted and fine hints of toasted hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and fine.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Elevée - Björnson Vineyard 2016 Pinot Noir

Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine freshness and a fine power. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, Quetsche plum and small notes of wild strawberry associated with fine touches of small blue flowers/cornflowers, liquorice as well as fine hints of racy minerality, caramelization, sugared mild tobacco and a discreet hint of black peoper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful finesse, juiciness, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Quetsche plum, juicy Boysen berry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of fleshy/juicy cherry, blueberry and hints of cornflowers, violet as well as a discreet hint almost sappy and caramelization/sugared mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant, fine and supple. A beautiful persistence on touches of chocolate and a hint of caramelization.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Elevée - Riesling 2018 - Ridgecrest Vineyard

Ribbon Ridge, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers complexity and grain. It reveals notes of quince, fresh white fruits and fine touches of fresh lychee associated with fine touches of fresh flowers associated with a subtle hint of fresh kumquat and rose. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful juiciness and finesse. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of passion fruit, juicy/ripe vine peach and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of lychee, juicy quince as well as hints of juicy quenette and a subtle hint of rose/lemon flowers. Good length. A beautiful persistence on acidulous citrus and acidulous lychee.

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

Seven Springs, Evening Land -Chardonnay 2015

Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley
The nose is fruity and offers a very fine power and a
discreet creaminess. It reveals notes of quince, apple and
small notes of pear associated with fine hints of butter brioche and a very discreet hint of vanilla and ripe

almond. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers

an acidulous, fat, tension as well as a fine effervescence. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, lemon and small notes of white fruits (brugnon, pear) associated with a subtle hint of lychee as well as discreet hints of butter and toasted (in the background). An imperceptible hint of ripe almond on the finish. Good length.

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

Seven Springs, Evening Land - La Source 2017 Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is aromatic and offers power, a fine grain, freshness and a fine intensity as well as a certain complexity. It reveals notes of rise. fresh flowers, fresh blackberry associated with touches of fresh raspberry, small fruits as well as varietal/sappy hints, fine hints of Cuben pepper and a subtle hint of flint/racy minerality. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of wild fresh raspberry, wild fresh plum and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of violet, blackcurrant as well as hints of rose, minerality and discreet hints of toasted. Tannins are elegant, straight and supple. Discreet hints of toasted almond from the 3rd caudalie. Gourmandize and sapidity on the persistence. Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Seven Springs, Evening Land -La Forêt 2017

Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse, a good definition and delicacy. It reveals notes of Boysen berries, blackcurrant and small notes of crunchy Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of wild strawberry, cornflower, toasted/caramelization as well as discreet hints of sappy pine nut, discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of Cuben pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a beautiful tension/guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy Quetsche plum, juicy/ripe blackcurrant and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of rasp-

berry as well as hints of cardamom and an imperceptible hint of caramelization/toasted. Good length and definition. $Score: 17.25 + /20 \; (95/100)$

Seven Springs - Gamay Noir 2018

Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small power/intensity and a small incisive side. It reveals notes of ripe Bigarreau cherry, wild raspberry and small notes crushed ripe redcurrant associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as fine hints of cornflower, a subtle hint of lilac and discreet hints of spices. The mouth is fruity. juicy, elegant, gourmand and offers a good definition, a beautiful acidulous/juicy frame, a fine suavity as well as dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of Bigarreau cherry, blackberry and small notes of acidulous redcurrant associated with fine touches of blackberry, acidulous raspberry associated with fine touches of lilac, racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of sappy pine nut. Good length and acidulous persistence. A very discreet firmness on the finish/persistence. Tannins are fine. Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)



Seven Springs, Evening Land -PG 88 2017 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity and a fine complexity. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, black plum and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of crunchy strawberry as well as very discreet hints of Sichuan pepper and a subtle hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame as well as precision, tension and a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous blackcurrant, juicy/acidulous plum and small notes of cherry associated with fine touches of redcurrant, cornflower, rose as well as very discreet hints of cardamom and flint. Tannins are well-built. Very discreet hints of liquorice, caramelization and ripe almond from the 3rd/4th caudalie.

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

Seven Springs, Evening Land -Chardonnay 2017 Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is slightly tight and offers power, intensity and a fine grain. It reveals notes of yellow apple, small fruits and small notes of butter associated with fine touches of small yellow fruits as well as a subtle hint of brioche (in the background). The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers a small gourmandize, a small freshness, finesse as well as

tension, a fine grain and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/acidulous yellow apple, small yellow fruit associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as a hint of lemon, lemon flowers and very discreet varietal hints/pine nut. Good length and persistence.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Seven Springs, Evening Land -Summum 2017

Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, a fine/very finely tight grain and a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of quince, ripe brugnon and small notes of fleshy/juicy pear associated with fine touches of yellow flowers as well as fine hints of butter, ripe almond and a subtle hint of racy minerality. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, juicy and offers a fine density, a beautiful definition but full of finesse and juiciness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, juicy/finely acidulous yellow nectarine and small notes of lychee associated with fine touches of citrus (kumquat, lemon, mandarine) as well as discreet hints of yellow flowers and pine. Good length and beautiful persistence. Sapidity and a subtle hint of bee wax/butter brioche on the 2nd caudalie.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Seven Springs, Evening Land - Chenin Blanc 2017 Eola-Amity Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power and a very fine intensity (in the background). It reveals notes of quince, dry lemon zests and small notes of white grapefruit associated with fine touches of dry peach, a very discreet hint of hay as well as an imperceptible hint of sap and spices. The mouth is fruity and offers a fine tension, a juicy acidulous frame, a fine suavity and dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, quince and small notes of dry green apple.

associated with fine touches of fresh lemon flowers and mandarine flowers as well as hints of bee wax. Good length and persistence with a hint of ripe almond. Score: 15.25 + /20 (90-91/100)

Brick House - Cascadia 2016,

Chardonnay Ribbon Ridge, Willamette Valley

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity, fresh and offers a fine deepness and a very fine incisive side. It reveals notes of acidulous/fresh yellow plum, fresh quince and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of pear as well as very discreet hints of butter, nutmeg and pine/ local vegetation (sens of the place). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy blackberry, quince and small notes of kumquat associated with fine touches of pear as well as very fine hints of acidulous yellow plum and almond. A fine acidulous persistence.

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

Brick House - Cascadia 2014, Chardonnay

Ribbon Ridge, Willamette Valley (Biodynamic) The nose is fruity and offers intensity, a fine density and a small power. It reveals notes of quince, lemon and small notes of kumquat zests associated with fine touches of small acidulous yellow fruits, fine hints of

racy minerality and hints of nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, minerality as well as a fine suavity. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/acidulous quince, juicy/acidulous yellow plum and small notes of juicy kumquat associated with very fine touches of zests, hints of apple and an imperceptible hint of spices. Acidulous persistence.

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

Brick House - Due East 2018 Gamay Noir Ribbon Ridge Willamette Valley

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity, spicy and offers deepness, a racy minerality and a fine incisive side. It reveals notes of small black berries, wild strawberry and small notes of black pepper/Brazil pepper associated with fine touches of cherry and discreet hints almost earthy/sens of the place. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/ beautifully acidulous frame, freshness as well as a racy minerality, a good guideline and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black cherry, red berries and small notes of small crunchy wild berries associated with fine touches of lily, lilac as well as fine hints of Cuben pepper/white pepper, nutmeg and very discreet hints of sens of the place/dry tobacco leaf. Tannins are precise, fine and elegant. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Brick House - Cuvée du Tonnelier 2017, Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge Willamette Valley

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity, elegant, racy and offers power, a fine grain and a beautiful fruit. It reveals notes of red berries, cherry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of violet as well as very discreet hints of local vegetation/sens of the place as well as fine hints of nutmeg and white pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition, precision, tension and an acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red berries, crunchy/juicy cherry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of juicy/crunchy Quetsche plum as well as fine hints of tonka bean. Tannins are well-built and very discreetly

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Brick House - Evelyn's 2014, Pinot Noir

Ribbon Ridge Willamette Valley

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity and offers juiciness, a beautiful definition, elegance, density/richness and a beautiful grain. It reveals notes of raspberry, strawberry and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of blackberry, violet, very fine touches of lily, tonka bean as well as discreet hints of cardamom and mild tobacco leaves/vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers juicy/acidulous frame, density and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, fleshy/juicy plum and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of caramelization, liquorice as well as hints of cornflower, violet and hints of vanilla. Good length. Tannins are elegant and structuring.

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

Brick House - Les Dijonnais 2017, Pinot Noir

Ribbon Ridge Willamette Valley (Biodynamic) The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a beautiful racy minerality as well as a small power and a good structure. It reveals notes of red berries, plum and small notes of blackcurrant leaves associated with fine touches of cornflower as well as fine hints of racy minerality, very discreet hints of Cuben pepper/white pepper as well as a subtle hint of sappy/acidulous pine nut and spices/nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, gourmandize as well as a small suavity, elegance, freshness and a good gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small juicy/acidulous berries, raspberry and small notes of acidulous plum associated with fine touches of rise, cornflower, crunchy cherry as well as fine hints of tonka bean, cardamom and sappy pine nut. Tannins are well-built. A very discreet chew and a subtle hint of chocolate on the persistence.

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



Quaintrelle 2014 Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge Willamette Valley

(Biodynamic) The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity and power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of ripe strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, liquorice, cherry as well as very discreet grassy hints and a subtle hint of Sichuan pepper/tea. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, suavity, a good definition and a small richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe strawberry, ripe Boysen berry and small notes of ripe quitch plum associated with fine touches of cherry as well as hints of rose, cornflower and very fine hints of chocolate and caramelization.

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

Résonance - Pinot Noir 2017 Yamhill-Carlton District, Willamette Vallev

The nose is fruity and offers power, a fine grain and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, plum and small notes of wild blackberry associated with fine touches of small berries, a subtle hint of violet, discreet hints of Cuben pepper and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced, mineral and offers suavity as well as a fine fat. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with a very discreet hint of liquorice, Cuben pepper and tobacco. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A very discreet hint of chocolate on the persistence.

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

Résonance - Découverte, Pinot Noir 2016

Yamhill-Carlton District, Willamette Valley

The nose offers power, a fine/finely tight grain and a small intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, wild black plum and small notes of small wild red berries associated with fine touches of green pepper, cornflower as well as discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of lily, graphite and varietal/herbs. The mouth is fruity, juicy, acidulous, finely firm and offers a good definition, a fine acidulous frame as well as a good guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, red berries and small notes of plum associated with fine touches of blackberry, violet/cornflower as well as discreet hints of nutmeg, green pepper and spices. Good length. Tannins are elegant and very discreetly firm.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Résonance - Pinot Noir Rosé 2018 Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine straightness. It reveals notes of fresh cherry, ripe redcurrant associated with fine touches of white fruits (brugnon, apple) and a very discreet hint of citrus. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition, a balance, fat as well as suavity and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe raspberry, ripe/juicy redcurrant and small notes of juicy/fleshy vine peach associated with fine touches of citrus (lemon, mandarine) as well as very discreet hints of flowers. Tannins are finely marked. Good persistence with an imperceptible hint of bitterness.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Résonance - Hyland Vinevard, Chardonnay 2017

McMinnville, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offes a beautiful freshness, a beautiful definition as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of peach, quince and small notes of juicy kumquat associated with fine touches of fresh lemon as well as very discreet hints of honeysuckle/flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses note of quince, fleshy/juicy peach as well as pear associated with fine touches of quenette as well as hints of ripe/juicy lemon, a subtle hint of zests and fine hints of butter.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Résonance - Pinot Noir 2015 Yamhill-Carlton District, Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, racy and offers a fine richness and power. It reveals notes of plum, blackberry and small notes of very ripe blackcurrant associated with small touches of strawberry as well as very fine touches of tonka bean, graphite and discreet hints of cloves/ spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful finesse, tension as well as a good definition/guideline. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, very ripe blackcurrant and small notes of ripe/juicy plum associated with fine touches of wild raspberry small berries as well as fine hints of cornflower, chocolate. cloves as well as an imperceptible hint of caramelization/hazelnut. Tannins are elegant and fine. Good persistence on chocolate/toasted almond.

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

Résonance - Pinot Noir 2013 Yamhill-Carlton District, Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant and offers finesse of the grain, intensity, power and a certain complexity. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, ripe violet plum and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of humus, violet, green pepper as well as discreet hints of spices and a subtle hint of sappy pine nut. The mouth is elegant, juicy, suave, precise and offers delicacy, a good definition and a fine acidulous/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe violet plum, raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of rose, fine hints of cornflowers, cloves, tonka bean and a subtle hint of tobacco. Good length. Tannins are elegant and fine.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Flâneur - Revelry 2017, Pinot Noir

Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a good definition and a fine concentration. It reveals notes of fleshy/juicy plum, fleshy/juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with fine touches ripe redcurrant, rose as well as discreet hints of cloves and a very discreet hint

of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, suavity, gourmandize and precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of violet plum, blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with small touches of wild berries, cherry as well as hint hints of cloves. Tannins are elegant and fine.

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

Flâneur - La Belle Promenade 2017, Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of lemon and small notes of juicy/crunchy vine peach associated with fine touches of pear as well as a fine

hint of exotic fruits and lemon flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, fat, suavity as well as a small gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe/juicy lemon, juicy/ripe William pear and small notes of quenette associated with small fine touches of apple, juicy quince as well as a very discreet hint of lemon flowers and butter.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Flâneur - La Belle Promenade 2016, Pinot Noir Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of cherry, violet plum and small notes of cornflower associated with very fine hints of rose/black-berry as well as subtle hints of blackberry, liquorice and an imperceptible hint of sappy pine. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a good definition and a mineral/juicy frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, violet/cornflower and small notes of juicy violet plum associated with a fine touch of crunchy blueberry, blackberry as well as very discreet hints of racy minerality and an imperceptible hint of tobacco leaves. Tannins are precise. Good length and persistence.

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

Domaine Roy & Fils - Iron Filbert Vineyard 2018, Chardonnay

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness, a beautiful definition and a fine power. It reveals notes of quince, ripe yellow peach and small notes of pear associated with fine touches of quenette, lemon flowers as well as an imperceptible hint of butter and butter brioche. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, precision as well as a beautiful definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, fleshy/juicy pear and small notes of juicy brugnon associated with touches of quenette, mandarine as well as very discreet hints of grapefruit and lemon flowers. Good length. $Score: 16.75/20 \ (93-94/100)$

Domaine Roy & Fils - Quartz Acorn Vineyard 2018, Chardonnay Yamhill Carlton, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers freshness, a small crunchiness and a fine intensity. It reveals notes of pear, lychee and small notes of juicy quince associated with fine touches of juicy lemon as well as very fine hints of mandarine flowers and a subtle hint of pineapple. The



mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful acidulous/juicy frame, a good definition, elegance, a racy minerality, a beautiful precision as well as a fine density (but full of finesse). In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe quince, juicy/ripe lemon and small notes of juicy pink lychee associated with fine hints of pear, juicy/ripe pink grapefruit as well as discreet hints of racy minerality. Beautiful persistence on very discreet hints of butter/toasted.

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

Domaine Roy & Fils - Quartz Acorn Vineyard 2018, Pinot Noir Yamhill Carlton, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine crunchiness and delicacy. It reveals notes of juicy Quetsche plum, juicy blackberry and small notes of cherry associated with small touches of juicy raspberry as well as hints of cornflower, lily and discreet hints of caramelization. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers juiciness, precision, a very discreet acidulous frame, an acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry, juicy Quetsche plum and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of violet, lily as well as very fine hints of tobacco leaves. Tannins are very discreetly marked

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

Domaine Roy & Fils - Iron Filbert Vineyard 2017, Chardonnay

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is elegant, aromatic, fruity and offers intensity and a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of quince, ripe/juicy lemon and small notes of Mirabelle associated with small touches of small yellow fruits associated with fine hints of pear, lemon flowers as well as fine hints of beeswax, butter brioche and very discreet hints of hazelnut. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, a beautiful precision, a fine acidulous frame as well as a very beautiful finesse of the grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of quince, pear and small notes of ripe/juicy lemon associated with touches of juicy/ripe mirabelle plum as well as hints of butter/ butter brioche and nutmeg. Beautiful persistence.

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

Domaine Roy & Fils - Iron Filbert Vineyard 2018, Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine power and a beautiful touch. It

reveals notes of violet, ripe/juicy Quetsche plum, Boysen berry associated with fine touches of cherry, hints of graphite, cornflower, lily and small hints of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers freshness, a juicy/acidulous frame, a beautiful precision as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, blackberry and small notes of strawberry associated with fine touches of small red berries, crunchy plum as well as hints of cornflower, graphite and tobacco. Tannins are elegant and well-built. A very discreet hint of chocolate/caramelization from the 4th caudalie. Good persistence.

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

Maison Roy & Fils - Incline 2016 Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine richness, a fine grain and a fine deepness. It reveals notes of red cherry, cherry core and small notes of small plum associated with fine touches of blackberry as well as hints of raspberry, liquorice stick and fine hints of caramelization. The mouth offers a good suavity, juiciness, a fine acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of red cherry, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of small juicy/acidulous plum associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of caramelization, chocolate and mild tobacco. Tannins are elegant. Good length.

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

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APPLEGATE VALLEY

Plaisance Ranch - Sauvignon **Blanc 2019**

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, juicy/fresh pink grapefruit and small notes of crunchy vine peach associated with fine touches of crunchy pear. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/Acidulous frame, tension and a fine straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy lemon, juicy pink grapefruit and small notes of fresh pink lychee associated with fine touches of crunchy apple as well as very discreet hints of crunchy vine peach and a subtle hint of zests. Good length and persistence. Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Viognier 2019 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a racy minerality and freshness. It reveals notes of ripe banana, crunchy fresh white fruits and small notes of zests associated with very discreet hints of fresh white flowers. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness and definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of banana, ripe apple and small notes of fleshy/juicy brugnon associated with fine hints of pear and very fine hints of citrus (quince...).

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Chardonnay 2019 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity/power of the grain. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, zests and small notes of guince associated with fine touches of William pear as well as an imperceptible hint of butter/toasted. The mouth Is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/Acidulous frame, precision and a good structure/definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, quince and small notes of zests associated with touches of acidulous Mirabelle plum, acidulous pear as well as fine hints of butter and an imperceptible hint of almond.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Mourvedre 2019 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine density, freshness and raciness. It reveals notes of yellow apple, crunchy small plums and small notes of small berries associated with discreet hints of flowers and an imperceptible hint of spices. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame, a good definition, tension and dynamism. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of ripe lemon, juicy yellow apple and small notes of crunchy/ fresh pineapple associated with touches of small crunchy yellow plums and an imperceptible varietal/flowery hint. Score: 14.75/20 (88-89/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Grenache 2019 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition and gourmandize. It reveals notes of blackberry, blueberry and small notes of black plum associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine touches of raspberry. vanilla and discreet hints of tonka bean. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame and freshness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy black plum and small notes of juicy blueberry associated with fine touches of juicy raspberry

as well as very fine touches of violet and discreet hints of chocolate. Tannins are elegant. Beautiful persistence.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Chardonnay 2018, Papa Joe's Private Stash Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and well-built. It reveals notes of apple and small notes of small yellow fruits associated with fine touches of fresh guince and very discreet hints of zests. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition and fullness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of yellow apple, vellow plum and small notes of quince associated with fine touches of lemon as well as subtle hints of papaya and lemon flowers. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Pinot Noir 2017 Pearl Vineyard Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize and a fine power/intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, blackcurrant et small notes of violet plum associated with fine touches of fresh wild raspberry as well as fine hints of tonka bean, chocolate and a very discreet hint of hazelnut/mild tobacco leaf. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers gourmandize, a good definition, finesse of the grain as well as fullness and density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ripe violet plum, fleshy blackberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of cherry, raspberry as well as discreet hints of toasted and cardamom. Good persistence with an imperceptible hint of grey pepper/coffee on the aftertaste.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Pinot Noir, Eclipse 2015 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine concentration/power and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, ripe/crushed blackcurrant and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of fine touches of violet, crushed raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, chocolate and a subtle hint of bourbon vanilla. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as a fine tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of black plum, black cherry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of violet, tonka bean as well as hints of wild raspberry, violet and cardamom.

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Pinot Noir 2017, Spotted Horse Vineyard Applegate Valley

The nose is aromatic, elegant, fruity and offers a small intensity, a fine grain as well as complexity with a beautiful definition. It reveals notes of violet, violet plum and small notes of rose associated with touches of strawberry as well as fine hints of spices, Cuben pepper and a discreet hint of cornflower. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful definition, freshness and a mineral/acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry associated with small touches of raspberry, cherry, flowers (cornflower, rose) as well as very fine hints of sugared mild tobacco and a subtle hint of nutmeg. Tannins are elegant and structuring. Good length and persistence.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Mourvedre 2018 Applegate Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a fine concentration/ intensity and minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet plum and small notes of violet associated with small touches of fresh blackcurrant as well as hints of crushed redcurrant and very fine hints of minerality and white pepper. The mouth is fruity, juicy, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame and a good definition. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of cherry, violet plum and small notes of blackberry associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as discreet hints of rose. crushed redcurrant and nutmeg/sweet spices.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Caveman Cabernet 2016, GPHS Class of 1969

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a good definition and elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of violet, strawberry associated with fine touches of raspberry associated with hints of small acidulous/fresh red berries as well as fine hints of tonka bean and tobacco. The mouth is fruity, fresh, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame as well as a good definition and tension. In the mouth this wine expresses nots of juicy/ripe red berries, ripe/ juicy raspberry and small notes of blackcurrant associated with fine touches of fresh violet as well as very fine hints of crunchy strawberry. Good length, Tannins are well-built. A good persistence with a very discreet hint of dry almond.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Tempranillo 2016 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers concentration, a fine grain and a fine power. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, violet plums and small notes of violet associated with small touches of wild strawberry, small wild fruits as well as fine hints of Sichuan pepper, a fine hint of Ceylan tea and very discreet hints of fresh nutmeg. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, a fine tension and density. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, blackcurrant and small notes of violet plum associated with touches of raspberry as well as fine hints of violet, Ceylan tea and very discreet hints of flint and Sichuan pepper. Tannins are very finely marked and well-built. Very discreet hints of cocoa on the persistence.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Malbec 2017 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers deepness, a small freshness and a good definition. It reveals notes of ripe black cherry, ripe blackberry and small notes of violet associated with small touches of raspberry, small red fruits as well as a hint of rosemary, spices and very discreet hints of grey pepper. The mouth is fruity, fresh, mineral, wellbalanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, freshness and a mineral/fresh frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of juicy/fresh blackcurrant associated with touches of cherry, strawberry as well as fine hints of violet, tonka bean and caramelization. Tannins are elegant and finely marked. Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Merlot 2016 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a fine intensity and a small deepness. It reveals notes of ripe blackcurrant, small red berries and small notes of crushed wild strawberry associated with fine touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of caramelization and sweet spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as precision and a mineral frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, raspberry and small of cherry associated with small touches of violet as well as a subtle varietal hint. Good length and persistence. Tannin are well-built.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Ranch Red 2016

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, aromatic, gourmand and offers a fine richness and a very fine power. It reveals notes of strawberry, blackcurrant and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of violet as well as fine touches of tonka bean/chocolate, sweet spices and a very discreet hint of Sichuan pepper (in the background). The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good acidulous frame, suavity and a certain sweetness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with a fine touch of cherry, violet as well as very fine hints of cardamom. Good length and persistence.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Cabernet Franc 2017

Applegate Valley

The nose is aromatic, racy and offers a small gourmandize. It reveals notes of violet, plum and small notes of Boysen berry associated with fine touches of sweet spices and a very discreet hint of nutmeg. The mouth is juicy, mineral and offers freshness, a good definition and gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy plum associated with small touches of violet as well as fine hints of chocolate. toasted/sweet spices and a very discreet hint of vanilla. Good persistence. Tannins are structuring and well-built. Score: 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Petite Sirah 2017

Applegate Valley

The nose is fresh, fruity and offers a small flowery side. It reveals notes of violet, ripe violet plum, ripe violet plum and small notes of blackberry associated with small touches of tobacco leaves, caramelization and a hint of rine almond. The mouth is fruity well-halanced and offers a juicy/fresh frame, a good definition and straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, juicy/fresh blackcurrant and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of small red berries, violet as well as very fine hints of racy minerality. Good length. Tannins are precise, structuring and very finely marked.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Carménère

Applegate Valley

The nose is elegant, deep and offers a small intensity and complexity. It reveals notes of blackberry, ripe blackcurrant and small notes of blueberry associated with fine touches of wild raspberry as well as hints of sweet spices, cardamom and discreet hints of Cuben pepper, tonka bean and a subtle hint of graphite. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers juiciness, precision as well as gourmandize and a good finesse of the grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy blackcurrant and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy/juicy blueberry as well as a subtle hint of cherry core as well as hints of chocolate and toasted/caramelization. Good length. Tannins are elegant. A very beautiful wine!

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Plaisance Ranch - Syrah 2017 Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a good definition and a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry and blackcurrant and small notes



of iris, flowers associated with fine touches of fresh wild raspberry associated with fine hints of Sichuan pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/finely acidulous frame, a good definition as well as straightness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/juicy blackcurrant, ripe/juicy Bigarreau cherry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of garrigue/varietal as well as very discreet hints of tonka bean, cardamom. Tannins are structuring and slightly firm. Good length.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Mondeuse 2017

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity, well-built and offers a fine concentration. It reveals notes of blackcurrant, wild blackberry and small wild fruits associated with fine touches of Sichuan pepper, cornflower and fine hints of grass. The mouth is fruity, juicy, suave and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as an acidulous frame, tension and a fine richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of juicy/ripe blackcurrant, fleshy/ripe blackberry and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of raspberry as well as fine touches of mild tobacco leaf and caramelization. Tannins are elegant.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Petite-Petite

Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers power, a beautiful finesse of the grain and intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, violet and small notes of Cuben pepper associated with fine touches of ripe blackcurrant, wild raspberry as well as very discreet hints of graphite and spices/green pepper. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy frame, a good definition as well as precision. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of blackberry, crushed blackcurrant and small notes of fleshy strawberry associated with fine touches of small red berries as well as fine hints of violet, tonka bean and very discreet hints of caramelization. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Petit Verdot 2017

Applegate Valley

The nose offers a fine grain as well as a fine intensity/ concentration. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with fine touches of black cherry/griotte as well as discreet hints of iris, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of cinnamon. The mouth is fresh. mineral and offers a finely acidulous frame, a beautiful freshness, a good definition, straightness as well as tension. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy/ juicy blackberry, fleshy/juicy cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches of griotte as well as very fine hints of violet, iris and a subtle hint of nutmeg. A persistence with an imperceptible hint almost saline in the background.

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

Plaisance Ranch - Grande Finale 2017 Vintage Port Style Applegate Valley

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, intensity and a fine alcoholic hint. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with fine touches of violet as well as hints of nutmeg, liquorice stick and dark chocolate. The mouth is fruity, elegant and offers a beautiful definition, gourmandize as well as a fine acidulous frame and richness. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet Quetsche plum associated with touches of crushed strawberry as well as fine hints of violet and Sichuan pepper. Good length and persistence.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

The Eyrie Vineyards - Rolling Green 2012, Pinot Noir

Dundee Hills, Willamette Valley

The nose is fruity, elegant and gourmand. It reveals notes of fleshy strawberry, plum and small notes of fleshy/ crushed blueberry associated with very fine touches of blackberry, cherry as well as subtle mineral hints and spices. The mouth is fruity, well-balanced and offers a very acidulous frame, finesse as well as racy minerality. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy cherry, fleshy blackberry and small notes of plum associated with very fine touches of crunchy raspberry, caramelization, toasted as well as subtle hints of mild tobacco (in the background). Tannins are elegant.

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





Douro wine

Vale D. Maria 2017 Douro Superior

The nose is fruity and offers a fine power as well as a very fine concentration. It reveals notes of ripe cassis Boysenberry and small notes of wild strawberry associated with a touch of redcurrant acidulous candy, flowers as well as a subtle hint of spices, white pepper, chocolate / toasted and an imperceptible hint of olive tree. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, a very fine salinity (in the background), suavity, roundness as well as a small power. On the palate this wine expresses notes of ripe cassis, ripe blackberry and small notes of ripe wild strawberry associated with touches of crushed redcurrant as well as hints of liquorice, discreet hints of black olive and a subtle hint of chocolate. Tannins are structuring.

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

Vale D. Maria – Vinhas Do Sabor 2017

Douro Superior

Quinta Vale D. Maria 2017 Douro

The nose is racy and offers concentration, power as well as a racy minerality. It reveals notes of blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of local grove / sense of place associated with small touches of crushed strawberry, crushed redcurrant / cherry as well as a hint of gray pepper, eucalyptus, cornflowers, discreet hints of spices and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). The palate is beautifully gourmand, suave, silky and offers a fine tangy frame, a small richness, tension, juiciness, power as well as a beautiful finesse of fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed redcurrants associated with touches of chocolate, blueberry as well as fine hints of caramelization, cedar, violet, a discreet hint of sweet blond tobacco and an imperceptible hint of eucalyptus (in the background). Tannins are well-built and gourmand. Good length and persistence. Fine richness on the finish / persistence

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

Mafalda 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small intensity, a small power as well as a good definition. It reveals notes of red berries, ripe cherry and small notes of ripe blackberry associated with a touch of flowers, blueberry as well as slight hints of licorice stick, cardamom and very discreet hints of oleander/ local grove. The palate is fruity, juicy, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a fine aci-

dulous frame, a beautiful juicy / ripe fruit, a small fat, gourmandize, deepness, a fine power as well as a fine straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / ripe black cherry, juicy / ripe blackberry and small notes of juicy / ripe blueberry associated with touches of juicy / ripe wild strawberry, hints of licorice stick, cardamom as well as a discreet hint of sense of the place, spices and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are very slightly marked. Good length. $Score: 15.75/20 \ (91-92/100)$

Quinta Dona Mafalda – Touriga Nacional 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity, racy and offers power (full of finesse) as well as a fine concentration. It reveals notes of cassis, black plum and small notes of cornflowers associated with fine touches of wild blue berries, Sichuan pepper, black olive as well as an imperceptible hint of nutmeg and tea. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition as well as gourmandize. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of small fleshy / juicy black berries, fleshy / juicy black plum and small notes of cassis associated with a touch of cornflowers, camphor, spices as well as an imperceptible hint of coffee (in background) and olive. Good length

Score: 16/20 (92/100)

Quinta Dona Mafalda – AB 2018 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of violet, black plum associated with touches of wild strawberry, Bigarreau cherry, hints of Cuben pepper, licorice as well as a very discreet hint of mocha and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, a juicy / fleshy fruit as well as a fine and very discreetly tight grain. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy raspberry, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with small touches of liquorice, tobacco as well as a subtle hint of graphite, cornflowers, black olive, cocoa and a very discreet hint of caramel (in the background). Tannins are well-built and structuring. $\mathbf{Score} : 15.5/20 \ (90-91/100)$

Quinta Dona Mafalda – Vinhas Velhas 2017

Douro

The nose offers power, a fine grain, intensity as well as a fine tension. It reveals notes of cassis, gray pepper and small notes of Bigarreau cherry associated with touches of blackberry, small blue fruits as well as fine hints of cornflowers, spices and a very discreet hint of sense of the place. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good definition, juiciness, suavity, finesse, a fine acidulous frame, a fine tension, a beautiful definition as well as a small deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with a touch of Bigarreau cherry, violet, lilac, a subtle hint of Cuben pepper, licorice stick, spices as well as a very discreet hint of black olive and sense of place. Tannins are elegant and well-built. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of caramelization / toasted almond on the aftertaste / persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Manoella 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers gourmandize, a good definition as well as a small power. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with small touches of crushed redcurrants, hints of gray pepper as well as a subtle hint of tobacco and local grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a good definition, suavity, gourmandize, a fine grain, a fine freshness as well as a small fat. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fresh / juicy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of small wild berries, wild strawberry as well as very discreet hints of black olive, zan, tea, with a subtle hint of spice and local grove. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Fine power on the finish.

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

Ramos Pinto, Duas Quintas – Reserva 2016 Douro

The nose is fruity, powerful and offers intensity as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, crushed raspberry and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of vanilla, caramelization, cherry jam as well as a discreet hint of pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, racy, well-framed and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, precision, tension, a beautiful definition, a small freshness, a beautiful grain as well as straightness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of blueberry associated with touches of violet, wild red berries, rose as well as fine hints of gray pepper, sense of space, very discreet hints of cocoa and sweet blond tobacco. Tannins are well-built and structuring. Good length. Small power on the finish / persistrates.

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

Oscar's Quevedo 2018 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness, concentration as well as a fine power. It reveals notes of wild cassis, wild plum and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of small black berries, wild raspberry, hints of gray pepper as well as a hint of spices, violet and local grove. The mouth is fruity, mineral and offers freshness, a linear side as well as a fine acidulous frame. In the mouth this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red cherry, fresh blackberry and small notes of fresh / juicy plum associated with small touches of crushed cassis, slight hints of fresh raspberry, fresh flowers as well as a hint of tonka bean, toasted and nutmeg

Score: 14.5/20 (88/100)

Claudia's Quevedo 2017

The nose is fruity, relatively aromatic and offers freshness as well as minerality. It reveals notes of black plum, blackberry and small blue berries associated with touches of cornflowers as well as slight hints of graphite, sweet spices and eucalyptus. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, minerality, fine freshness, tension as well as fine concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy / crunchy wild black berries and small notes of licorice stick associated with small touches of graphite, Bigar-

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reau cherry as well as fine hints of cocoa, violet / lily and discreet hints of olive tree / black olive. Tannins are very slightly marked.

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

Quinta do Cabril – Grande Reserva 2017 Douro

The nose is elegant and quite aromatic. It reveals notes of crushed redcurrant, Gariguette strawberry and small notes of blueberry / blue berries associated with fine touches of lilac, Boysenberry, vanilla, a hint of nutmeg, caramelization, almond as well as a discreet hint of eucalyptus and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy / mineral frame, gourmandize, a fine tension as well as a small linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of Gariguette strawberry, Boysenberry and small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of cassis, cornflowers, fleshy redcurrants as well as a subtle hint of vanilla, woody and nutmeg. Tannins are structuring and offer straightness.

Score: 15.25/20 (90/100)

Quinta do Couquinho – Reserva 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity. It reveals notes of strawberry, black-berry and milk chocolate associated with small touches of raspberry, caramelization as well as a hint of blueberry and sweet spices / caramelization. It needs to be put in carafe. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, freshness, minerality as well as concentration. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy strawberry and small notes of vanilla, toasted associated with small touches of fleshy / juicy blueberry, caramelization and a slight hint of chocolate. Tannins are slightly marked. Power on the finish / persistence.

Score: 14.75 + 20 (89/100)

Quinta do Couquinho – Touriga Nacional 2017, Riserva Douro

The nose is fruity and offers concentration as well as a fine freshness. It reveals notes of small black berries, cassis and small notes of black plum associated with touches of camphor, black pepper, licorice as well as a hint of black tea and black olive. It needs to be put in carafe. The mouth is fruity, juicy and offers tension, concentration, power, precision, straightness as well as an acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of black cherry, small black berries and small notes of cassis associated with touches of black plum, camphor, liquorice, black tea as well as a subtle hint of almond and toasted. Tannins are structuring.

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

Ritmus – Tinta Barroca 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a small power, a fine freshness (in the background), a fine complexity as well as a small tension. It reveals notes of fresh Boysenberry, fresh raspberry and small notes of fresh strawberry associated with small touches of wild small blue fruits as well as a hint of rosemary / olive tree and a very discreet hint of Timut pepper. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, a bit tight and offers a juicy / finely acidulous frame, fine tension, straightness, freshness, juiciness as well as minera-

lity. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy red cherry, fleshy / juicy strawberry and small notes of blueberry associated with a touch of crushed red berries, a hint of rose, rosemary as well as very discreet hints gray pepper and tea. Tannins are very discreetly marked. $Score: 15.25/20 \ (90/100)$

Ritmus – Touriga Nacional 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity and offers a fleshy fruit as well as a fine intensity. The wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of redcurrants associated with hints of conflowers, black pepper as well as slight hints of spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, tension, silky, a certain finesse, freshness, a slightly tight structure as well as a beautiful crunchy / acidulous fruit. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous blackberry, juicy / acidulous plum and small notes of redcurrants associated with a touch of cornflowers, nutmeg, black pepper as well as a very discreet hint of black olive. Tannins are well-built and offer a small straightness.

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

Ritmus – Tinta Roriz 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers power as well as concentration. It reveals notes of crushed strawberry, crushed cassis and small notes of violet, licorice associated with a touch of cherry, hints of pepper as well as slight hints of olive and sweet tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, silky, well-built and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, tension, fine gourmandize, suavity, sapidity, minerality as well as a slightly tight structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of morello cherry, a hint of violet, red berries, olive tree, dried tobacco as well as a very discreet hint of licorice stick and an imperceptible hint of dark chocolate. Tannins are very discreetly marked.

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

Pintas Character 2017 Douro

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine richness, a fine grain as well as a very fine power. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of strawberry associated with a small touch of fleshy purple plum, hints of nutmeg, almond, vanilla pod as well as a discreet hint of caramelization, almond and an imperceptible hint of coffee. The palate is fruity, well-balanced. very slightly tight and offers minerality, finesse, a good definition, juiciness, tension, a small freshness, suavity as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of cherry associated with touches of violet as well as fine hints of small blue berries, nutmeg, licorice, vanilla pod and a discreet hint of toasted almond / hazelnut. Tannins are well-built. Good length. A very discreet chew on the persistence.

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

Quinta do Silval, Dorna Velha – Tinta Roriz 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers a fine gourmandize / generosity. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild

strawberry and small notes of crushed raspberry, cornflowers associated with small touches of fleshy blueberry, vanilla, sense of place as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper and toasted. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral, well-balanced and offers precision, gourmandize, elegance, a fine tension, a fine fat, a beautiful acidulous frame, a good freshness, a good definition, dynamism as well as an aerial side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy raspberry, crunchy wild strawberry and small notes of crunchy cassis associated with fine touches of acidulous plum, hints of sense of the place / local grove, racy minerality as well as a discreet hint of gray pepper (in the background) and very discreet hints of dark chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Carvalhas – Vinhas Velhas 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers richness (full of finesse). It reveals notes of fleshy wild blackberry, wild strawberry and blueberries associated with touches of comflowers, rose, juicy / fleshy plum, hints of pepper, camphor and slight hints of bergamot and spices. The mouth is fruity, elegant, well-balanced, racy and offers a beautiful definition, precision, a very fine creaminess, a fine tension as well as richness (full of finesse). On the palate, this wine expresses notes of fleshy wild blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of juicy / crunchy blueberies combined with touches of crunchy / juicy raspberries as well as hints of camphor, bergamot, toasted almonds, mocha and very discreet hints of spices. Tannins are fine, structuring, very discreetly tight and racy. Good length.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Andreza – Reserva 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity, gourmand and offers elegance, intensity, a very fine richness as well as a tight grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, plum and small notes of violet associated with touches of small black fruits, racy minerality, graphite as well as a hint of gray pepper and a very slight hint of oleander. The palate is juicy, well-balanced and offers freshness, a beautiful fleshy / juicy / fresh fruit, gourmandize, a small pulpy side, finesse, tension, deepness as well as an acidulous / juicy frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / acidulous plum, juicy / acidulous blackberry and acidulous strawberry associated with touches of acidulous blueberry, hints of liquorice, vanilla as well as slight hints of caramelization, toasted and a very slight hint of oleander.

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

Lua Cheia – Em Vinhas Velhas 2018 Douro

The nose offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, plum and small notes of crushed rasp-berry associated with touches of black pepper, fine touches of local grove as well as a subtle hint of violet and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a fine acidulous frame, tension as well as dynamism. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous redcurrants, acidulous plum and small notes of juicy Boysenberry combined with fine touches of olive tree, local grove as well as a subtle hint of small berries, spices and a very discreet hint of liquorice.

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

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Quinta do Silval, Dorna Velha – Tinta Barroca 2017 Douro

The nose is fruity and structured. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small berries and small notes of warm local grove associated with a touch of crunchy small red fruits as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper. The palate is fruity, racy, balanced, beautifully acidulous (acidulous frame) and offers precision, gourmandize, a fine tension, freshness, dynamism, a good finesse of the structure, a good definition, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as a fine deepness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crunchy / juicy red berries, juicy / crunchy blackberry and small notes of crunchy / juicy cassis associated with small touches of violet, Cuben pepper as well as very discreet toasted hints, toasted almonds and a subtle hint of black olive (in the background). Tannins are elegant and racy. Good length. Presence of an imperceptible hint of hazelnut, cedar and vanilla on the persistence.

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

Quinta do Silval, Dorna Velha – Tinta Nacional 2017 Douro

The nose is beautifully elegant, fine, racy, full of finesse and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, a fine complexity, a small aerial side, roundness, gourmandize as well as a beautiful finesse of the grain. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of juicy small blue fruits associated with fine touches of plum, sense of place as well as a very discreet hint of nutmeg, hazelnut, olive tree, salinity and an imperceptible hint of gray pepper. The palate is fruity, acidulous, full of elegance / finesse, beautifully defined, elegant and offers juiciness, freshness, a beautiful finesse of the suavity, fat, a very fine grain as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy Boysenberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy strawberry associated with a touch of ripe / juicy redcurrants, hints of violet, small local flowers, sense of place as well as very slight toasted hints, tonka bean, toasted almonds, black olive and a subtle hint of caramelization. Tannins are fine, elegant and structuring. Beautiful persistence.

Score: 17.5/20 (95/100)

Quinta da Côrte – Princesa 2017, Reserva Douro

The nose is fruity, elegant, aromatic and offers a beautiful finesse of the grain, freshness as well as harmony. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of small blue fruits, Cuben pepper, fine hints of spices, nutmeg, sense of place, a very discreet hint of olive, of racy minerality (terroir) as well as an imperceptible hint of wild strawberry, cumin, salinity, black olive and rosewood. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced, elegant, aerial, very discreetly tight and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful definition, finesse, harmony, dynamism, a beautiful finesse of the grain as well as freshness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, fleshy / juicy blackberry and small notes of black plum associated with a touch of wild strawberry, small blue fruits, violet, a hint of sense of place, olive tree. salinity, spices as well as a very discreet hint of black olive, caramelization and toasted. Tannins are elegant and beautifully fine. Good length.

Score: 16.75+/20 (94/100)

Port wine

VINTAGE PORT

Delaforce 2017 Vintage Port

The nose is fruity and offers a fine minerality. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry and small notes of wild berries associated with fine touches of crushed strawberry, grey pepper as well as hints of liquorice and an imperceptible hint of graphite. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/finely acidulous frame, a good definition, tension as well as minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed/fleshy cassis, black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with fine touches de chocolate, liquorice as well as a subtle hint of graphite and caramel. Good length.

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

Quinta do Cabril 2017 Vintage Port

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is slightly tight. This wine needs to be decanted. It reveals notes of crushed blackberry, ripe cassis and small notes of iris associated with fine hints of bud/varietal as well as a hint of raspberry,



rose and fine hints of cocoa. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, a fine mineral frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy black cherry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with a touch of small black fruits as well as fine hints of blackcurrant bud, chocolate and caramelization.

Score: 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Dalva 2017 Vintage Port

(Bottled in 2019) The nose offers a fine concentration and a fine grain. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, crushed blackberry, small notes of raspberry associated with a fine touch of blueberry, a hint of cornflower as well as discreet hints of Cuben pepper and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral frame, gourmandize as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackberry, crushed cassis and small notes of raspberry associated with a touch of plum as well as discreet hints of cornflower/iris and a subtle hint of chocolate/hazelnut. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Quevedo 2017 Vintage Port

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is well-defined/well-built and offers minerality, concentration as well as a small intensity. It reveals notes of black cherry, plum and small notes of black-berry associated with a touch of small red berries, liquorice as well as fine hints of nutmeg and very discreet hints of local copse. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a good definition as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, fleshy violet plum and small notes of fleshy wild raspberry associated with a fine touch of cornflower/flowers as well as very discreet hints of zan, chocolate and sweet spice. A very discreet hint of cocoa on the finish/persistence.

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

Quinta Vale D. Maria 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in June 2019) The nose is fruity and offers tension as well as intensity. It reveals notes of fresh blackberry, wild strawberry and small notes of cornflowers associated with touches of small blue berries, hints of Cuben pepper, camphor as well as very fine hints of spices, nutmeg and an imperceptible hint of local grove. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, an acidulous frame, freshness, a fine tension, straightness as well as a tannic structure. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy blackberry, juicy raspberry and small notes of fleshy / juicy redcurrants associated with a touch of violet, cornflowers as well as a subtle hint of black olive, caramelization, chocolate, brioche and an imperceptible hint of blood orange. Good length.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Bulas 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is fruity, racy and offers elegance, a good precision of the fruit, a small power, a fine grain as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, crushed wild blueberry and small notes of black plum associated with small touches of wild strawberry, flowers, Timut pepper as well as fine hints of olive tree, spices, almond and a very discreet hint of blond tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers suavity, juiciness, fine minerality, a beautiful definition, fruit, a small gourmandize, a fine freshness as well as a fine acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy Quetsche plum, fleshy / juicy Boysenberry and small notes of crunchy wild strawberry associated with a touch of juicy blueberry as well as a hint of blond tobacco, tea. cardamom and with very discreet hints of sweet spices. Tannins are elegant, well-built, racy and precise.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Real Compania Vielha 2017 Vintage Porto

The nose is fruity and offers freshness. It reveals notes of crushed cassis, fresh strawberry and small crushed plum associated with a touch of violet, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of vanilla and almond milk. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers an acidulous frame, tension, dynamism, power as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, acidulous redurrants and small notes of acidulous strawberry associated with touches of violet, small touches of crushed plum, liquorice, chocolate as well as a subtle hint of gray pepper and very discreet hints of liquorice. Good length.

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)



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Churchill's 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is fruity, elegant, a bit tight and offers a fine grain, intensity as well as power (but well controlled). It reveals notes of blackberry, black plum and small notes of wild berries associated with small touches of Cuben pepper, berries, sense of the place as well as fine hints of licorice, cardamom and with a very discreet hint of tonka bean. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy / acidulous frame, a beautiful juicy / acidulous fruit, gourmandize, precision, tension, a fine richness (in the background), elegance as well as a certain delicacy. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, juicy cherry and small notes of juicy strawberry associated with a touch of juicy blueberry as well as a subtle hint of cherry blossoms, licorice, toasted, almond caramelized, chocolate and an imperceptible hint of coffee (in the background). Tannins are fine and elegant. Good length.

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

Butler Nephew & Co 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose offers a small power, a small intensity, a fine deepness as well as a fine and slightly tight grain. It reveals notes of wild blackberry, small wild black berries and small notes of violet associated with touches of camphor, crunchy cassis as well as a subtle hint of tea, black pepper and a very discreet hint of toasted almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, well-built and offers juiciness, tension, dynamism, a small gourmandize as well as a very fine and slightly tight richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry, fleshy black berries and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of strawberry, fresh crushed raspberry as well as hints of black tea, tonka bean, cardamom as well a subtle hint of nutmeg, hazelnut and a very discreet hint of roasting. Tannins are racy. Good length.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Pintas 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is a bit tight and offers power (in finesse). It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of black cherry, sense of place / olive as well as hints of gray pepper and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, slightly tight and offers a juicy / slightly acidulous frame, precision, tension, gourmandize, dynamism as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of acidulous Quetsche plum, acidulous blackberry and small notes of violet associated with crunchy strawberry touches. small touches of nutmeg, tea, fine hints of olive tree as well as very slight hints of chocolate and crème brûlée. Tannins are fine and well-built.

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

Quinta das Carvalhas 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is fruity, aromatic and offers power as well as a very fine intensity. It reveals notes of blackberry, fleshy strawberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy cassis as well as hints of liquorice, camphor, Brazilian pepper and a discreet hint of black olive / grove local. The palate is well-balanced and offers freshness, gourmandize, a mineral frame as well as precision. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy / fresh blackberry, juicy / fresh cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy strawberry, fresh

raspberry as well as hints of liquorice, tonka bean and very slight hints of caramelized almond. Tannins are well-built. Good length. Presence of a very discreet hint of coffee and chocolate truffle on the finish / persistence.

Port wine

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

Seguera 2017 Vintage Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose offers freshness as well as fine power. It reveals notes of fresh violet, wild blackberry. purple plum and small notes of rose associated with fine touches of fresh / crunchy raspberry as well as slight hints of licorice stick and spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced, very discreetly tight and offers a fresh frame, a good definition, juiciness as well as minerality. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy black cherry and small notes of raspberry associated with small touches of fleshy / juicy strawberry, slight hints of violet, cornflowers, black olive as well as very discreet hints of tea and liquorice stick. Tannins are very discreetly firm. Good length. Presence of a hint of mocha on the persistence.

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

Reccua – 2004 Vintage Porto

The nose is aromatic and offers a fine intensity and a fine power. It reveals notes of ripe blackberry, violet and small notes of blue berries associated with a hint of incense, liquorice stick and a discreet hint of pâtisseries/almond. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a good structure, juiciness, a good definition as well as a juicy/slightly acidulous frame. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackcurrant, crushed cassis and small notes of Quetsche plum associated with fine touches of crushed raspberry as well as hints of violet, rose and a subtle hint of liquorice and tonka bean. There is a hint of walnut on the finish/persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Reccua - 2003 Vintage Porto

The nose is aromatic and offers a small freshness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of Boysen berry, wild cassis and small notes of zan associated with fine touches of violet, iris, fine hints of small crushed red fruits, a discreet hint of pepper, cocoa as well as an imperceptible hint of local grove and tobacco. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a fine juicy/acidulous frame, tension, straightness and a small linear side. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe raspberry, ripe cassis and small notes of small red berries associated with fine touches of violet, iris as well as discreet hints of graphite, liquorice and subtile hint of cocoa. Tannins are very discreetly marked Score: 15+/20 (89-90/100)

Ramos Pinto - Quinta de Ervamoira 1994 Vintage Porto

The nose is fruity, racy and slightly tight. This wine needs to be put in carafe. It reveals notes of blackberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of black plum as well as a subtle hint of lily, strawberry and discreet hints of toasted hazelnut. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers an acidulous frame, a good definition, freshness as well as small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy/fleshy blackcurrant, juicy black plum and small notes of violet associated with small touches of raspberry, fine hints of crunchy blueberry, chocolate, caramelization as well as a discreet hint of creme brulée, graphite and toasted hazelnut. Tannins are elegant. Good length. A fine hint of cocoa on the persistence. Score: 17.5+/20 (95-96/100)

Quinta da Côrte 2017 Vintage Porto

(bottled in 2019) The nose is elegant, powerful, frank and offers intensity, tension as well as freshness. It reveals notes of jammy blackberry, plum jam and small notes of crushed strawberry associated with a touch of jammy cherry, fresh flowers (violet, rose), hints of liquorice, cardamom, sense of place / local grove, black olive, dark chocolate as well as an imperceptible hint of cedar and hazelnut. The palate is beautifully elegant, fine, beautifully balanced, harmonious, very discreetly tight and offers an acidulous frame, tension, a good definition, precision, an aerial side (despite the richness), fat, suavity, freshness, a fine creaminess as well as a beautiful gourmandize (in finesse). On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fleshy cassis, blackberry jam, strawberry jam and small notes of crushed blueberry associated with touches of chocolate, morello cherry, fine hints of black olive, coffee, toasted hazelnut as well as a subtle hint of roasting, an imperceptible hint of sense of place and salinity. Tannins are elegant, racy and fine. Beautiful persistence with fine notes of dark chocolate, caramelized almond, jammy blueberry as well as an imperceptible hint of acidulous redcurrants (in the background).

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

LBV & COLHEITA

Churchill's -2015LBV Port

The nose is fruity and offers elegance, a fine intensity as well as a fine dynamism. It reveals notes of strawberry, cherry and small notes of cassis associated with fine touches of violet as well as fine hints of liquorice, sweet mild tobacco and discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers minerality, a good definition, a fine suavity as well as tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, juicy plum and small notes of juicy/fleshy strawberry associated with touches of cornflower, blueberry, nutmeg and a very discreet almost saline hint. An imperceptible hint of coffee on the persistence.

Score: 16.25+/20 (93/100)

Bulas - 2015 LBV Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is fresh, fruity and offers concentration, intensity (but full of finesse), deepness as well as a very fine grain. It reveals notes of blackberry, violet and small notes of cassis associated with touches of crushed redcurrants, Cuben pepper and hints of spices. The palate is fruity mineral well-balanced and offers freshness, a mineral frame, dynamism, a small power as well as tension. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fleshy / juicy blackberry, fleshy / juicy raspberry and small notes of violet associated with touches of crunchy / juicy blueberry, hints of plum, cornflowers, nutmeg as well as very discreet hints of sweet spices and an imperceptible hint of vanilla. Good length. Presence of slight hints of hazelnut on the finish / persistence.

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

Port wine

Ramos Pinto – 2014 LBV Porto

(Bottled in 2018) The nose is fruity and offers power, gourmandize as well as elegance. It reveals notes of blackberry, wild cassis and small notes of wild strawberry associated with touches of fresh flowers, small touches of blueberry, Timut pepper as well as a subtle hint of olive, orange / orange zest and spices. The palate is fruity, elegant, beautifully defined, elegant and offers gourmandize, suavity, density, fat as well as a beautiful finesse of the guideline. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of fleshy small black fruits, hints of crunchy strawberry, jammy redcurrants as well as a subtle hint of flowers, caramelized orange, nutmeg, sense of place and very discreet hints of chocolate (in the background). Tannins are elegant and well-built.

Score: 16.5/20 (93/100)

Quinta de Ventozelo - 2014 LBV Port

The nose reveals notes of blueberry, fresh cassis and small notes of crushed raspberry associated with small touches of crushed red berries, violet as well as fine hints of liquorice stick, graphite and an imperceptible almost sappy hint. The palate is fruity, fresh, mineral and offers a good definition, gourmandize as well as a small tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy/very ripe blueberry, cassis and small notes of violet associated with touches of small berries as well as hints of liquorice, chocolate, a subtle hint of almond/ cardamom and an imperceptible hint of coffee. Good

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

Quevedo – 2014 LBV Port

The nose is fruity and offers a fine freshness, a fine grain and elegance. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, crushed wild cassis and small notes of liquorice associated with fine touches of graphite, Cuben pepper and an imperceptible hint of spices. The palate is fruity, wellbalanced and offers a juicy/mineral frame, a fine tension as well as a racy minerality. On the palate this wine expresses notes of crushed blackcurrant, fleshy blackberry and small notes of violet associated with a hint of iris, raspberry, crunchy/juicy blueberry as well as fine hints of liquorice, chocolate and a subtle hint of violet. Good length. A fine power on the finish/persistence.

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

Reccua - 2007 LBV Porto

(Bottled in 2011) The nose offers minerality. It reveals notes of lilac, lily and small notes of blackberry associated with touches of wild raspberry, a hint of small crushed red herries as well as fine hints of spices and rose The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers juiciness, a mineral frame, fat as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, wild crunchy raspberry and small notes of flowers associated with a hint of eucalyptus, rose, liquorice and an subtle hint of cardamom/chocolate. Tannins are structuring. A very discreet hint of caramelization on the finish/per-

Score: 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Quevedo - 2004 Colheita Porto

(Bottled in 2019) The nose is elegant, gourmand and offers a fine complexity. It reveals notes of Boysenberry, ripe wild strawberry and small notes of cassis associated with small touches of liquorice, graphite as well as subtle hints of chocolate and a subtle hint of flowers (in the background). The palate is fruity, fresh and offers a juiciness, straightness as well as richness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy blackberry, fleshy raspberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with a touch of blueberry, small red fruits as well as a subtle hint of violet, cornflower and cocoa/coffee. A very discreet hint of small dry fruits/nut on the persistence.

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

Quinta da Côrte 2015 LBV Porto

(bottled in 2019) The nose is elegant, deep, powerful, incisive and offers a fine grain. It reveals notes of cassis, morello cherry and small notes of crushed blackberry associated with touches of crunchy small red fruits, cherry blossoms, liquorice stick, cardamom as well as very discreet hints of rose and pink pepper. The mouth is fresh, fruity, mineral, beautifully defined / precise, beautifully elegant and offers an aerial side, a beautiful finesse of the grain, a beautiful finesse of the tension, verticality, a fine acidulous frame as well as power. On the palate this Porto expresses notes of fleshy / juicy cassis, crushed blueberry and small notes of jammy cherry associated with touches of small red berries, hints of violet, fresh cornflowers as well as slight hints of dark chocolate, liquorice, coffee, caramelized almonds, cedarwood and an imperceptible hint of black tea. Tannins are elegant. Good length. Well-balanced power on the finish.

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

Dalva – 2004 Colheita Porto

The nose is fruity, elegant and offers a fine grain, power, richness as well as a fine intensity. It reveals notes of very ripe strawberry, very ripe raspberry and small notes of blackberry associated with very fine touches of questch plum as well as very fine hints of liquorice, crême brulée and tobacco. The palate is fruity, elegant, gourmandize and offers fat, roundness, richness as well as a good definition. On the palate this wine expresses notes of dry raspberry, very ripe strawberry and small notes of crushed cassis associated with a touch of plum as well as an imperceptible hint of cardamom. Good length and persistence.

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

Ramos Pinto – 2004 LBV Porto

(Bottled in 2008) The nose reveals notes of ripe cassis, blackberry and small notes fleshy black plum associated with fine touches of small wild berries, liquorice, a discreet hint of eucalyptus, raspberry, tobacco as well as an imperceptible hint of olive tree and black pepper. The palate is fresh and offers minerality, tension, an acidulous frame as well as a good guideline. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crunchy/fleshy black berries and small notes of crunchy raspberry associated with a touch of black plum, liquorice, chocolate and a fine hint of caramelization. Tannins are very discreetly tight. Good length. A persistence on notes of cocoa and caramelization.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Vieira de Sousa – 2003 Colheita Porto

(Single Harvest Tawny) The nose is elegant, aromatic and offers power, a beautiful definition as well as a small freshness. It reveals notes of kirsch cherry, candied cassis and small notes of hazelnut associated with fine touches of liquorice, tobacco, dry fig as well as touches of small red berries, nutmeg and chocolate. The palate is elegant, fruity and offers gourmandize, richness, a fine acidulous frame as well as fleshiness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of very ripe red cherry, dry strawberry and small notes of dry berries associated with touches of fig, caramelization, tobacco and nutmeg. Good length and persistence. A beautiful wine!

Score: 18.5/20 (97/100)

Quevedo – 1992 Colheita Porto

(Bottled in 2013) The nose is fruity and offers power as well as a fine grain. It reveals notes of fleshy blackberry, raspberry and small notes of cornflower associated with fine touches of crushed cassis as well as hints of grey pepper, graphite, sweet spices and discreet hints of sanguine orange. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a juicy/acidulous frame as well as a fine tension. On the palate this wine expresses notes of fleshy cassis, crunchy/juicy raspberry and small notes of juicy/ acidulous strawberry associated with small touches of violet, cornflower as well as fine hints of chocolate, caramelization and a subtle hint of dry fig/citrus. Good length. Good persistence with fine notes of fresh nut and toasted hazelnut.

Score: 17/20 (94/100)

Royal Oporto - 1977 Colheita Porto

(Bottled in 2017) The nose reveals notes of dry nut, fig and small notes of blackberry associated with a touch of strawberry as well as a very fine hint of date fruit, nutmeg and pâtisseries. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a mineral/finely acidulous frame, a good definition as well as juiciness. On the palate this wine expresses notes of juicy cassis, juicy raspberry and small notes of dry fig associated with a touch of date fruit, peach as well as fine hints of pâtisseries, almond and caramelization.

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

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